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## President's Message

# National Police Memorial: A "Must Do" For All Cops

By Gary Delagnes,  
SFPOA President

One of the most difficult things we do as police officers is mourn the loss of those who have given their lives in the line of duty. 156 law enforcement officers made the ultimate sacrifice in 2006. It was a privilege for me to attend the ceremonies that were held for those brave and courageous officers last week in Washington D.C.

It's one thing to read about them in the brochure prepared for this event. It's an entirely different perspective once you see the loved ones they left behind. And there were many.

I focused on two young children, a girl and a boy, who were participating with their mother in the services. I couldn't help but think of my own two sons. The children were much younger than my boys, but I was so impressed with their maturity. Their mother held each little girl by a hand as they walked as a shattered family in a procession surrounded by supporters.

I wanted to know more about what happened to this particular family — how their dreams and their hopes were dashed by someone who dared take the life of one of society's protectors. What will happen to these

kids, this family from here? Did they have a chance to say goodbye to their father and husband before he left for his watch that day? Did they ever have a chance to tell him how much they loved him, and did he have that same opportunity?

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As I strolled the length of the "Wall of Honor," I stopped to read a few of the cards and letters posted next to a hero's name. All were moving in their own way. Photographs, balloons, candles; the stuff of tributes from loved ones who will never recover from their loss. One letter struck me as particularly poignant. On the back of my schedule, I jotted down the words written to one of these slain officers by his son.

"Dear Dad," it read, "I wanted to tell you what a good dad you always

were to me. I always used to brag to my friends that my dad was a police officer and when you died everybody told me how sorry they were. You were always there for me and mom said we will see you in heaven. I love you."

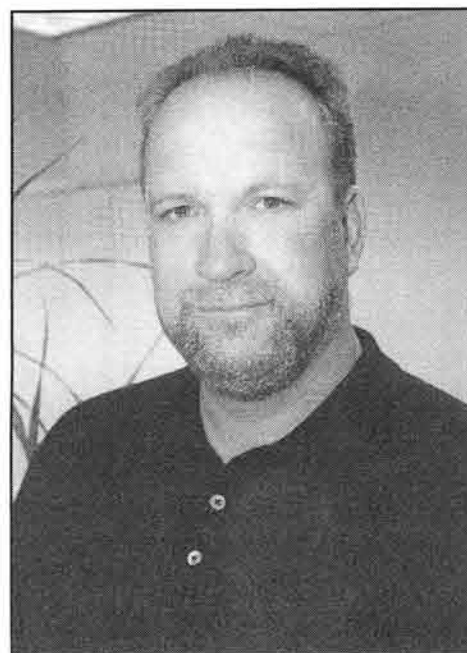
My eyes welled with tears as I

contemplated how a child could write so eloquently from such a young heart. It speaks, of course, to the bond and love that existed between a father and a son, and makes the sacrifice all the more acute, emphasizing that these families sacrifice as much or more at the death

of a much admired and loved police officer.

I was proud to be accompanied by Robin Schneider, the widow of Kurt Schneider, on our trip to DC. I trust that the experience gave her a small sense of how much her husband meant to our department and to the country. One cannot visit this memorial and not get that message.

The evening of the annual Candlelight Vigil — attended by approximately 10,000 police officers and friends, family and supporters — was



President Gary Delagnes

again an extremely emotional experience. To stand surrounded by all of the friends and families that have lost a loved one to our vital profession is very stirring. The flicker of each candle hoisted overhead cast a solemn glow upon the faces of the attendees as the stark blue beam of light pierced the darkness above this nation's capitol. It was truly a sight one cannot capture in a photograph, or in a video. One must stand in the midst of that gathering to feel the sanctity of the freedom and liberties this nation enjoys, and to feel the presence of those who died to provide them for us.

Monday night was the traditional march to the Wall by members and friends of the National Emerald Society. It was a tremendous thrill to march side by side with some 40 other proud members of the SFPD, and joining other officers from around the country in the half-mile march. The streets were lined with thousands of people from around the country who support and appreciate those in law enforcement. Earlier in the day, I also had the privilege of addressing the organization's national meeting where I had the opportunity to speak with police officers from around the country. We all may be from different cities, states, or regions, but the problems and rewards of police work appear to be pretty much universal. We really are all in this together.

Tuesday was National Police Memorial Day. All of the 147 families who lost a hero were honored at the capitol. President George Bush gave an inspirational address, then greeted each family. This took more than two hours, and the president deserves tre-

## POA, Academy of Art Forge Unique Alliance

By Kevin Martin

In November of 2006, I received a telephone call from a gentleman who introduced himself as Mr. Michael Petricca, the new Director of Security for the Academy of Art University of San Francisco. During the course of our conversation, Mr. Petricca told me he would like to meet with members of the POA Executive Board and discuss the relationship between the S.F.P.D. and the AAU. To be honest,

I was a little reluctant or skeptical at first as most of my contacts with the AAU community involved students who were expressing their artistic abilities on the side of some building with spray paint cans. However, with an open mind I invited Mr. Petricca to the POA where I gave him a tour of the building and spoke to him about our department and our association.

Mr. Petricca proved to be a great guy with a strong police background. Originally from the Chicago area,

Mike got involved in law enforcement and quickly rose through the ranks. At one point, Mike accepted the position of Chief of Police in the town of Webster City, Iowa.

From 1966 through 2006 he worked for AT&T as a manager in their Public Safety Solutions Team driving new 9-1-1 and Public Safety Core Service technologies with Police, Fire and EMS agencies across the United States. He has been with AAU since Spring 2006.

Among other goals Mike wanted to attain as the director of security was the development of a better relationship between local law enforcement and the AAU community. Mike saw the importance of improving the relationship as did AAU President, Dr. Elisa Stephens.

Dr. Elisa Stephens is the granddaughter of Richard S. Stephens, the founder of the Academy of Arts University of San Francisco in 1929 and daughter of Richard A. Stephens, Chairman Emeritus of the AAU of San Francisco.



Kevin Martin, Gary Delagnes, Dr. Elisa Stephens and Michael Petricca

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# Minutes of the May 16, 2007 General Membership Meeting

Minutes taken and prepared by POA Journal editor Ray Shine on behalf of Secretary Tony Montoya.

- 1) Call to order by Sergeant-at-Arms Chris Breen at 1306 hours.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance led by Chris Breen.
- 3) Roll call of officers and rep's by Kevin Martin.
- 4) Presentation by Sergeant Bob Guinan, Co. K, regarding upcoming events surrounding department's endorsement of and participation in the Special Olympics. In particular, Sgt. Guinan encouraged each unit and station to form running teams that would participate in the Law Enforcement Torch Run on June 7, 2007. For more information, contact Sgt. Guinan at 415-850-5726. Sgt. Guinan also appealed to the Board of Directors for fi-



Sergeant Bob Guinan

- nancial sponsorship of this worthy cause. The POA has a long history of sponsorship of the Special Olympics.
- 5) Motion by Halloran, second by Rosko that the SFPOA contribute \$5,000 to the Northern California Special Olympics. No discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.
- 6) Approval of the minutes of the April General Membership Meeting. Motion by Halloran, second by Martin that the minutes be approved. No discussion, and the motion passed with unanimous vote.
- 7) Address and update by POA Welfare Officer Mike Hebel regarding recent administrative procedures approved by the CCSF Retirement Board. The changes detrimentally affect a small percentage of future retirees who might have dependent adult children or parents listed as beneficiaries. Despite the POA's opposition to the admin changes, only one member of the Retirement Board voted in support of the POA position that the past practice of dispersal of these special situations continue. That sole vote was cast by Herb Meiberger, who was recently re-elected to the Retirement Board and who was endorsed by the SFPOA in that effort. Inexplicably, current Board President and active POA member and SFPD Captain Al Casciato did not vote to oppose the admin change. Welfare Officer Hebel encouraged the POA Board of Directors to commend Herb Meiberger for his support and lone vote against this arbitrary admin change.
- 8) Motion by Rosko, second by Halloran that President Delagnes cause a letter of commendation and apprecia-
- tion to be prepared and sent to Herb Meiberger at the earliest possible opportunity, and that the letter also be published in the next issue of the POA Journal. No discussion, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.
- 9) Motion by Gardner, second by Donati, in consideration of past financial and other support provided to Al Casciato during and for his election to the CCSF Retirement Board, that President Delagnes request in writing that brother Casciato respond to the next General Membership meeting and address the SFPOA Board regarding his vote to support the aforementioned detrimental Retirement Board administrative procedure, and why said vote was cast with the knowledge that the SFPOA opposed the administrative change. A brief discussion ensued, then the motion was passed with a unanimous vote.
- 10) President Delagnes spoke in general terms regarding the on-going contract negotiations. He is prohibited from discussing particulars and details, but he was able to provide an over-view of the status of the negotiations. Station and unit rep's can be contacted for further details of this report.
- 11) President Delagnes reported that the signature initiative drive to place a DROP proposal on the November ballot is underway. The POA has set a goal of securing 60k signatures, even though only 40K are needed to qualify the initiative for the ballot. To date, approximately 32K signatures have been gathered. The completed signature petitions must be delivered to the Elections Office by July 2007.
- 12) President Delagnes gave a brief status report regarding the SFPD Airport Bureau pension adjustment legislation. He stated that it is moving forward. Effected and/or interested members should contact the Airport Bureau rep's for further information.
- 13) President Delagnes expressed his

## Board of Directors Meeting Roll Call Wednesday, May 16, 2007

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dismay at the recent election of Commissioner Sparks to the presidency of the SF Police Commission. Nonetheless, it is the hope of President Delagnes that he and others at the POA will be able to establish a respectable and cooperative working relationship with Commissioner Sparks, and that the welfare of the SFPD members and the allaying of public concerns will be the common basis for that relationship.

14) Delagnes reported that Chief Fong recently indicated to him that an undetermined number of sergeants, and a handful of lieutenants will be appointed from the current lists before the end of the fiscal year.

15) Marty Halloran reported on the ceremonies in Washington, D.C. at the National Law Enforcement Memorial. There were 145 names added to the memorial from across the nation, including the three of our officers lost in 2006. Other highlights were the Candlelight Vigil, address by President Bush, National Emerald Society events, and a very moving visit to injured soldiers at Walter Reed Hospital by a group of uniformed SFPD members from Bayview Station. Halloran praised the hard work and dedication of Officer Val Kirwan as he organized the Sacramento and DC events on behalf of the POA and the department.

16) Kevin Martin advised the Board of an interesting new relationship being forged between the POA and the San Francisco Academy of the Arts University. The academy is offering POA members and family members full scholarships and/or summer intern programs. Refer to POA Bulletin #2007 – 26 for details.

17) Marty Halloran spoke about APB, the monthly publication of American Police Beat. This excellent publication covers national news and trends in law enforcement and is an excellent

reference and resource. Currently, the POA subscribes to the publication but receives just a single issue. That issue is left for common use in the lobby of the POA office, and often disappears very quickly. Halloran suggested that each member of the Board of Directors should receive a copy of this paper.

18) Motion by Breen, second by Mad-sen that subscriptions to the APB be provided to each member of the Board of Directors. Without discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

19) Kevin Martin addressed the Board regarding a disturbing new trend initiated by Chief Fong wherein civil claims lodged against the department (i.e., for damages from auto accident, damage to property during warrant service, etc.) are forwarded to the OCC for investigation of officer misconduct. Martin and others have speculated that this may be the administration's way of "jump starting" the newly implemented EIS system. Contact station or unit reps for more information.

20) Peter Dacre brought before the Board the dilemma of officers who have contracted staph infections while on duty being denied worker's comp. The problem is becoming more common as these strains of infective agents run through the city's population, particularly those segments most often encountered by our members. Some discussed the possibility of enacting legislation or ordinance that would make staph infection a presumptive illness for emergency workers. Delagnes will confer with Welfare Officer Hebel on the situation and report back to the Board.

21) Treasurer Halloran briefly explained the two financial requests received, one from Carol Migden, the other from Sean Elsbernd.

22) Hearing no other business, Delagnes adjourned the meeting at 1440 hours.

May 16, 2007

Herb Meiberger  
Commissioner  
CCSF Employees' Retirement System  
30 Van Ness Avenue, ste 3000  
San Francisco, CA 94127

Re: Retirement Board Policy Re: Qualification for Dependent Adult Child or Dependent Parent Continuation Benefits

Dear Mr. Meiberger:

At its meeting of May 15, 2007, the POA's Board of Directors discussed the Retirement Board's adoption of a new policy regarding qualification for dependent adult child and dependent parent continuation benefits.

It was the position of the POA, as discussed with the Retirement System staff and the Retirement Board itself, that the proposal would make it more difficult for the dependent parents and dependent adult children of public safety officers to qualify for a continuation of benefits. The POA expressed its opposition to provisions in the proposed change which would make discretionary with the Retirement Board whether the case would proceed to a hearing officer and did change the definition of dependency.

These provisions were placed in the Charter by the voters of the City and County of San Francisco in 1969. For almost 40 years, the process has worked well. It is a very small number of persons who are effected by this provision. In my 34 years of experience, I believe there has been only one dependent parent who applied and received a continuation benefit. In that same period, there have probably been about 30 dependent adult children of public safety officers who have applied for the benefit. My estimate is that these benefits are less than 1/10 of 1 percent of all persons receiving benefits through our retirement system.

While the Board approved the staff's proposal by a vote of 6 to 1, the Board of Directors commends your support for the POA position. The Board of Directors has urged that this letter be sent to you to acknowledge your support for our prospective dependent parents and dependent adult children.

Sincerely,  
Gary Delagnes, POA President  
Michael S. Hebel, Welfare Officer

POA Journal Editorial Deadlines

July 2007	Wednesday, June 20, 2007
August 2007	Friday, July 20, 2007
September 2007	Wednesday, August 22, 2007
October 2007	Friday, September 21, 2007

Calendar of Events

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings or Events

Event	Location	Date & Time	Coordinator
Meeting, Veteran Police Officers Association	3255 Folsom, SF	Second Tues. of Every Month, 11:00 AM	Larry Barsetti (415) 566-5985 <a href="mailto:larry175@ix.netcom.com">larry175@ix.netcom.com</a>
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, 8:00 PM	Rene Laprevotte <a href="mailto:rlaprevotte@comcast.net">rlaprevotte@comcast.net</a>
POA General Membership Meeting	POA Building	Third Wed. of Every Month, 1:00 PM	POA Office, (415) 861-5060
Meeting, Retired Employees of CCSF	Irish Cultural Center	Second Wed. of Every Month, 1:00 PM	Sara Johnson (415) 681-5949
Retiree Range Re-qualification	SFPD Pistol Range	First Fri. of each Month, 0730-1130	Range Staff (415) 587-2274

Specially Scheduled Events

Law Enforcement Torch Run	Union Square, San Francisco	Thursday, June 7 9:00 AM	Bob Guinan 415-850-5726
SFPD Softball Banquet	City Forest Lodge, San Francisco	Tuesday, June 12, 2007 6:00 PM	See notice in Sports Section
BALEAF Fundraiser and Raffle Benefiting Madeline and Jack Santos	SF County Fair Bldg., 9th & Lincoln	Friday June 15, 2007 5:00 PM	Kevin Abbey 415-298-0781
Law Enforcement Appreciation Night	AT&T Park, San Francisco	Wednesday, July 25 7:10 PM	Bob Guinan 415-850-5726
SFPOA Golf Tournament	StoneTree Golf Club, Novato	Monday, September 24, 2007	Marty Halloran 415-861-5060



# WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' Aid Association

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## May 8, 2007

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Vice President Dave Fontana.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:** President Rene LaPrevotte excused. Present were Vice President Dave Fontana, Treasurer Jim Sturken, Secretary Mark Hurley, and Trustee Matt Gardner. Trustees Joe Garrity, Fred Pardella, John Centurioni and Mark McDonough were excused. Also present was past President Ray Crosat. (Note that the lack of a quorum prohibited us from ratifying any vote, Pursuant to Article I, section 3 of the By-Laws. All motions passed at this meeting will be ratified at the June 12, 2007 meeting.)

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

**BILLS:** Motion by Gardner, seconded by Crosat that the bills be paid. Motion Passed.

**SUSPENSIONS:** Pursuant to Article III, Section 3, of the by-laws. (Did not complete probationary period) Patrick Crane and Harold Murillo were suspended. Vice President Fontana ordered them removed from the roles of membership.

Pursuant to Section 4, of Article III of the Constitution (Non payment of

dues for one year) Ricardo Lopez was suspended. Vice President Fontana ordered him removed for membership roles.

**REINSTATEMENT:** Pursuant to Section 5, Article III of the Constitution, with the payment of all back dues and penalties, Francis Kang was eligible for reinstatement. Vice President Dave Fontana so ordered.

**NEW BUSINESS:** We have nine retired members who have not paid their dues. Notices have been sent on several occasions to these individuals. If your name appears on the list, or if you know any of the names listed, please have them call 415-681-3660 so we don't have to suspend the person at our June Meeting. Please note that at 6 months without paying dues you will be suspended and NO MONEY PAID TO YOUR BENEFICIARY. Those members are Janet Campbell, Charles Easton, Frank Gibson, Albert Gordon, Roy Hicks, Arthur Johnson, Ricardo Labrado, Thomas Perricone and Sanford Richterman.

## We Had Five Deaths This Past Month:

**ALBERT L. SENN**, 81 years. Al was born in San Francisco and grew up in the Mission District. He attended Mission High School. He worked as an ironworker before he entered the Police Academy in 1947. His first assignment took him to the old Potrero Station. He worked there for two years before going to Southern Station. Six years later, he was assigned to North-

ern Station — the "Big E" — at 841 Ellis St. He worked various assignments and details at Northern before he went plain clothes as the Captain's Special Duty Officer. (For some of us, also known as the "Bag Man.") Al worked the detail well and pretty much knew of everything going on in the District. At that time, problems were handled at the station level and never made it downtown. Al remained at Northern for fifteen years before retiring in 1969. He was awarded several Captain's Comp's during that time.

**WILLIAM PORTER Jr.**, 84 years. Bill was born in San Francisco and grew up in the Mission. He attended Mission High school. He served our country as a Navy pilot during WW II. He returned home and entered the Police Academy in 1948. His first assignment was Richmond Station. A year later, he went to the "Big Lights" of Central District. He was there six months before he was called back to active duty in the Navy during the Korean Conflict. After his service, he returned back to San Francisco and Central Station. He made Sergeant in 1976 and was assigned to BCI. A short time later, he went to Mission Station and remained there for the rest of his career. He retired in 1978. Bill was awarded several Captain's Comp's (Some should have been Medals of Valor).

**FRANK J. JOHNSON**, 95 years. Frank was born in Wisconsin. He was educated there and upon his graduation, served our country by enlisting in the Navy. He served during WW II and, like other men of his time, upon his discharge on the West Coast he applied for the SFPD. He entered the Police Academy in 1945. His first assignment was Ingleside Station. He remained there for a couple of years before going to Southern Station for 13 years, and then on to Park Station for the rest of his career. He retired in 1972.

**WARREN W. HAWES**, 82 years.

Warren was born in Eugene, Oregon. He was educated there and upon his graduation, served our country by enlisting in the Army. Upon his discharge, he moved to San Francisco and worked as a service station attendant before he entered the Police Academy in 1949. His first assignment was Park Station. After a short time at Park, he was assigned to the ID Bureau. He then made Sergeant, and went to Internal Affairs. He was there for only a few months before he went back to the ID and BCI bureaus. Warren retired in 1975.

**MAURICE PATRICK FLYNN**, 79 years. Maurice was born in Chicago, Illinois. He spent his youth there before he entered the Navy. After his service to our country and discharge on the West Coast, he was employed as an electronics mechanic before he entered the Police Academy in 1953. His first assignment was Park Station. After two years at Park, he was assigned to Traffic and worked in various fixed-post assignments in the downtown area. He spent his entire career in his various fixed-post assignments before he retired in 1967.

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES:** Mr. Shane Hiller and Mrs. Pam Royer of Wells Fargo Bank gave their report on the state of our account. With our asset allocations all in place, our account for the last month did extremely well. No changes are to be made. We will by next month get into International Real Estate. Our account is up 12.4 % so far this year.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Vice President Dave Fontana had a moment of silence for our departed members and also for the men and women serving our country in the armed forces. He set the next meeting for Tuesday June 12, 2007 at 2 PM in the Conference room of Ingleside Station. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Fraternally,  
Mark Hurley,  
Secretary



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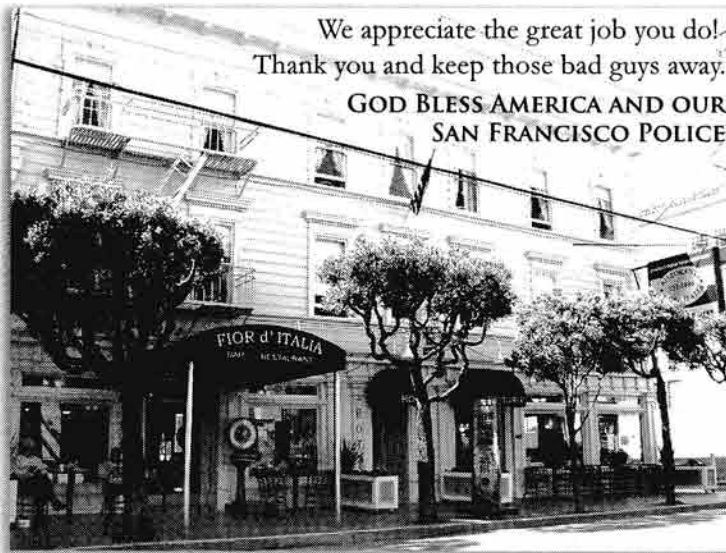
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# AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



By Al Casciato

## ...A Reminder:

**R**etiree **Tom Flippin** is terminally ill with a job incurred cancer. During his illness Tom and I have had many discussions about family, the disease and how those of us left behind would cope with the loss of a loved one. Earlier this month on the 5th of May we shared a very happy moment as he was able to talk to his daughter Christina, by cell phone, as she was in the commencement ceremony graduating with honors from Notre Dame de Namur University in Belmont, California. Later in the month, on May 18, Tom asked if he could put a few words into the column. He wanted to pass on words of wisdom and a reminder to our many new members of the Police Family. Here are his unedited words which he typed; though feeling very weak and in much pain.

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## The Police Family

I'm Tom Flippin, a retired member of the SFPD. I'm writing to remind you of a resource available to you all. I think the "Police Family" needs some publicity. What I call the Police Family are those cops who always seem to be there when one of us needs help. They are not all in official positions, but they all stand ready to help. In fact, they go that extra step without thinking twice.

People like **Mike Hebel**, **Al Casciato**, **Rene LaPrevotte**, **Kevin Martin**, and many, many more (literally, too many to name them all) stand ready to lend their expertise, their time and, quite simply, to have a strong shoulder and helping hand for you.

You younger members may not yet have had any need for such help, but believe me; when you do need somebody at your side, the Police Family will provide.

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Tom wants all to know that he is thinking about each and everyone of you. He appreciates all the visits, cards, phone calls and plants he has received. God Bless You All...

## ...Fundraiser:

The May 18 the fundraiser held for Officer **Robert Ng**, Airport Bureau, was very successful and another example of the Police Family in action. The Ng family sends their appreciation to all

who have supported them. Donations can still be sent to Officer **Barry Wood** c/o Airport Bureau – make checks to Asian Police Officers' Association. Robert is still paralyzed on his left side a result of a stroke in December. His road to recovery will be very long...

## ...Birth:

Proudly announcing the birth of their first child are **Toney Chaplin**, Gang Task Force, and **Tiffany Gipson**, District Attorney's Office – General Litigation Unit. **Taylor Yvette Chaplin** 5 lbs. 13 oz. 19 inches was born March 9, 2007 2000 hours at Alta Bates Hospital in Oakland. All are doing very well. Congrats and best wishes to all...

## ...The Hippies:

The History channel is running a special on the "Hippies" in conjunction with the 40th anniversary of the Summer of Love. In the program three members of the SFPD, Inspector **Marty Bastiani** (Sex Crimes), Lt **Jack Ballentine** (Records) and retired Inspector **Robert Donnelly** are featured sharing their thoughts and experiences of that era. If you get a chance to watch the program please do so...

## ...Contract:

Whenever we get close to a new contract there are many rumors and miscommunications. Unless you are on the negotiating committee, save your thoughts for when the actual written contract is presented to us for a ratification vote, then commence the dialogue. Study what is presented and weigh the pros and cons. Think about your family quality of life, about the future generations of SFPD that will follow us and about the foundation we will leave them. Listen to the presentations, ask lots of questions and base your decision on fact not fiction...

## ...Operations Center:

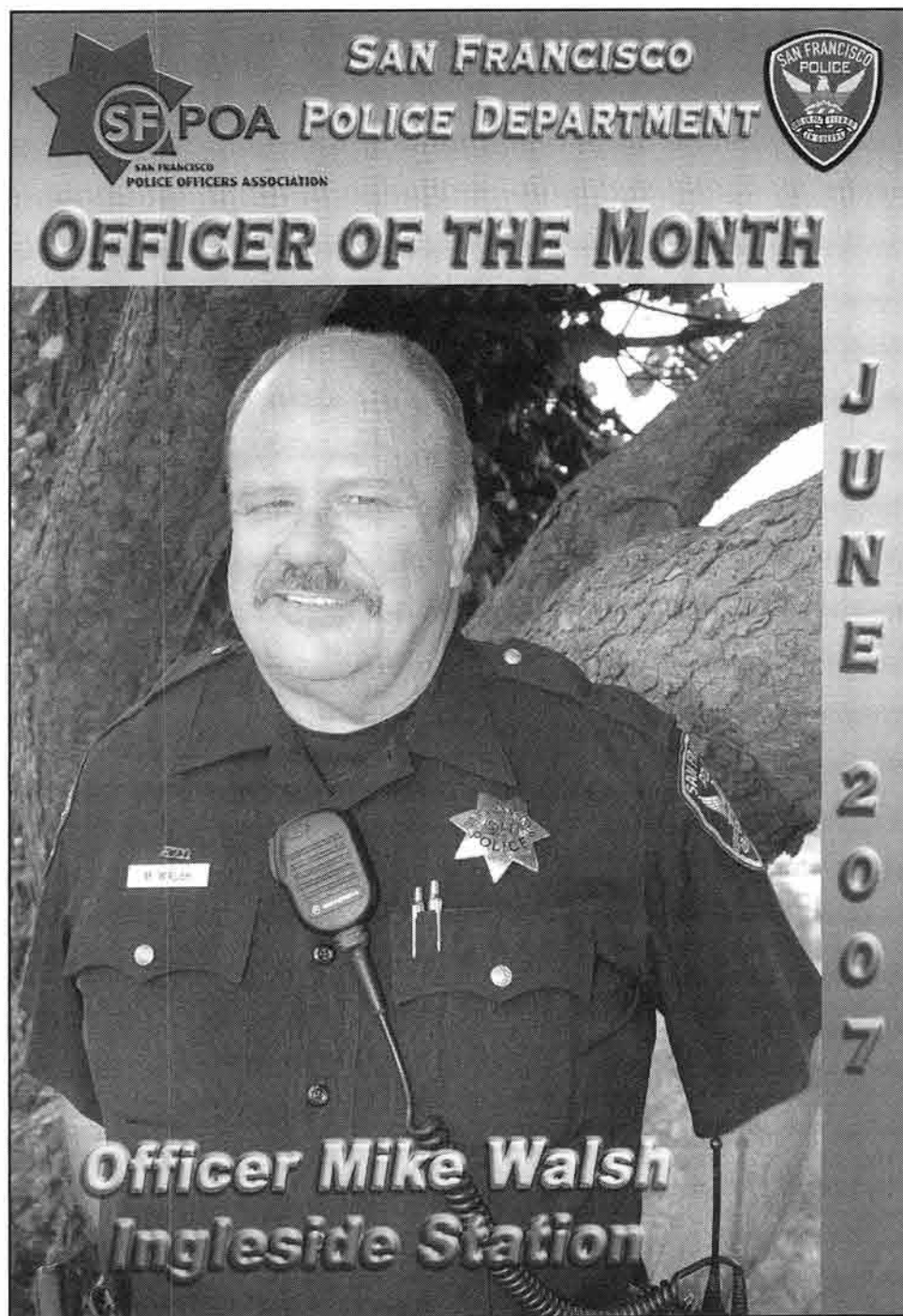
There are a lot of jobs that are not very glamorous but when you do that job you learn a lot about the department and how it operates. One of those jobs is the Operations Center which serves as the nerve center and information clearing house for everything that happens on the streets of San Francisco. **Why is it important to "notify ops a.s.a.p."?** Well it's because that is who is briefing the Chief and DC's, making the proper notifications and answering the media calls. If there were no Operations Center you and your supervisors would be handling all those calls — so be thankful of the work that the Operations Center Staff does for all and show your appreciation by timely notifying them in prompt, through and courteous manner...I wonder what ever happened to the rotation idea of everyone spending a month each in Operations, Records, Communications, Warrants/ID, CJ6, planning, Fiscal, Range? You get the picture — if we all know each others jobs it would be easier on all of us...

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# Patrol Officer of the Month



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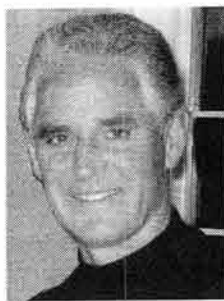
**S**eeing to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of San Francisco police officers, Police Chief Heather Fong established the San Francisco Police Department's Officer of the Month, a program that recognizes individuals who personify the admirable qualities common in all of San Francisco's finest.

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

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

The Association also congratulates Officer Mike Walsh of Ingleside Station for being chosen as the June 2007 Officer of the Month. As with all such honorees, the selection of Mike serves to exemplify the strength of character, compassion, and commitment to community that is embodied in all of the men and women of the SFPD.

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## Counsel's Corner

## Schizophrenic Jurisprudence

By John Tennant,  
SFPOA Counsel

Police union lawyer and labor law expert *par excellence*, Will Aitchison, summed up the depressing state of the law regarding officers' privacy rights in the fifth edition of Will's magisterial treatise, *The Rights of Law Enforcement Officers*: "[F]ew areas concerning the rights of law enforcement officers have seen as significant a change in recent years as the right to privacy. The growing conservatism of the federal courts has brought with it unquestionable erosion in the job-related privacy rights of law enforcement officers, in areas ranging from drug testing to grooming codes."

This sad fact of life has been brought to bear in a number of areas affecting California's finest – witness, for example, the attempts of several California lawmakers to roll back the so-called *Pitchess* statutes which safeguard police personnel files. But our police officer compatriots in Los Angeles face perhaps the most direct assault on police officer privacy yet: mandatory disclosure of all financial assets, liabilities, and all outside income sources by every officer "who routinely handle[s] valuable contraband or cash," including gang and narcotics enforcement officers. Such is one of the results of a federal court consent decree entered into by Los Angeles and the United States Department of Justice after the DOJ initiated legal action concerning

allegations of corruption in what has come to be known as the Rampart Area scandal.

Leaving aside the purported justification for LA's new and broad intrusion into the private lives of its police officers, what strikes this author is the schizophrenia that currently exists in the law governing the rights of public employees, including, of course, police officers. As Will Aitchison points out, an increasingly conservative federal judiciary has permitted public employers to penetrate their employees' privacy on the grounds of a "substantial, possibly even a compelling state interest." Those are the words of the Second Circuit Court of Appeal in upholding New York City's financial disclosure law. (*Barry v. City of New York*, 712 F.2d 1554 (1983)).

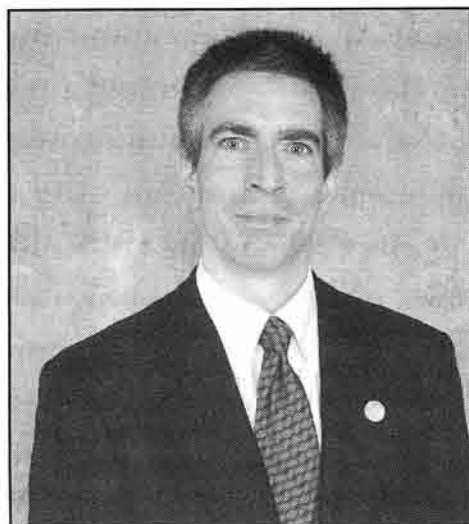
*"When a citizen enters government service, the citizen by necessity must accept certain limitations on his or her freedom. . ."*

— Justice Anthony Kennedy

But while the federal courts are, on the one hand, justifying circumventions of public employee privacy rights on the basis of a "compelling state interest," a rationale that does not exist in the private sector because private employees do not work for the "state," the federal judiciary is, on the

other hand, eroding constitutional rights formerly enjoyed by public employees on the grounds that the state acts more as an employer, rather than as a sovereign, when it manages its employees. Unlike public employees, private sector workers are not protected by constitutional rights – e.g., freedom of speech – in the workplace, as they do not work for the "state."

Let me offer myself as an example of how this works. I am a private sector attorney: I am general counsel for the San Francisco and San Jose Police Officers' Associations, two private associations. The First Amendment prohibits the government from telling me what I can and cannot say. It does not prohibit my private sector employer, i.e., the leaders of the SFPOA and SJPOA, from telling me what speech is appro-



SFPOA Counsel John Tennant

First Amendment, because in such cases, the employees speak not as citizens but rather simply as employees. (*Garcetti v. Ceballos*, 126 S.Ct. 1951). Justice Anthony Kennedy, writing for the majority, cited Justice O'Connor's "government as sovereign" rationale from the 1994 *Waters* decision and opined further, "When a citizen enters government service, the citizen by necessity must accept certain limitations on his or her freedom. . . . Government employers, like private employers, need a significant degree of control over their employees' words and actions; without it, there would be little chance for the efficient provision of public services."

The irony, of course, is that in the private sector, while employees may not enjoy certain constitutional rights like freedom of speech vis-à-vis their employer, their privacy rights are left largely intact by the fact that their employers are private, not public institutions. When, for instance, was the last time you heard of a civilian review board overseeing the discipline of Microsoft employees? Or of a Boeing assembly line worker having to disclose to the corporate shareholders his/her personal assets and liabilities?

American law on the status of public employees cannot survive long as a divided house of legal doctrine. If the government is to be afforded more control over its employees akin to that of private employers whose employees enjoy no constitutional rights like freedom of speech, then government cannot also intrude into those employees' private lives in ways no private institution ever would. Or, conversely, government must once again be made to afford public employees with their full constitutional protections.

The law cannot have it both ways. Schizophrenia is not a durable form of jurisprudence.

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appropriate in furthering their missions and what speech hinders their missions (subject of course to my professional and ethical obligations as an attorney licensed under state law to provide my clients with appropriate legal counsel, but that is another subject).

Public employees, however, unlike their private sector counterparts, do not check their constitutional rights at the door of their employer simply because that employer also happens to be the "state." Or, at least, that was the former line of jurisprudence which underlay the federal courts' treatment of public employees until the last decade or so.

Beginning in at least as early as 1994, the United States Supreme Court began rolling back public employees' constitutional rights — in particular, the right to freedom of speech — on the grounds that "the government as employer indeed has far broader powers than the government as sovereign." Those are the words of former Justice Sandra Day O'Connor in *Waters v. Churchill* (511 U.S. 661), which held in relevant part that a public employee may be fired for speech even if the employer is mistaken about what the employee actually said.

Then just last year, the Supreme Court went even farther and ruled that statements made by public employees as part of their official duties are not protected whatsoever by the

## President's Message

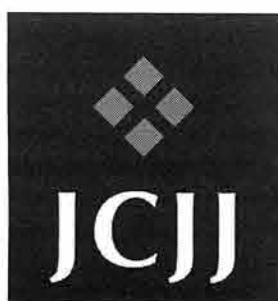
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mendous praise for giving each family such personal attention. What I took away from the ceremonies this year was very inspirational. As I close in on the end of my own career, I become increasingly more appreciative of the blessings this profession has bestowed upon my life and on the security of my family.

First, how proud I am to know and serve the finest group of men and women in this nation. Secondly, how fortunate I have been in my own life to have a great wife and two healthy

young sons on whom I have hopefully had a positive influence. Lastly, the trip once again reminded me that across this country common folks love and respect this country's police officers. The demoralizing anti-police rhetoric we hear from vocal quarters in San Francisco is the exception rather than the rule. We must remember that.

The liberal media, the goofball politicians, the amateur police commissioners are unique to this city and this time and are not the norm.



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# This and That...

By Kevin Martin,  
SFPOA Vice President

**C**ongratulations are absolutely in order to our own **Ray Shine** who celebrates his tenth year as editor for the *Journal* with the publication of this issue. Ray, a proud retiree from Co. K Solos, has turned out 120 editions of this newspaper which now has a circulation of over 6,000 readers. Ray has pretty much singlehandedly propelled the POA monthly from a good newspaper into an outstanding one. Thanks Ray for your contributions to our association and continued success with every future edition.

## For the Record...

Thanks to **Sergeant John Burke** for his outstanding letters to Susan Sward of the San Francisco "Comical," taking her on for her clearly anti-police biased articles on "racial profiling" and "use of force issues." (POA Journal, May 2007). John was quite articulate and right on point with his offerings.

**Mike Walsh** of Ingleside Station (current POA Rep) is also to be congratulated for his open letter to Commissioner David Campos for that Commissioner's attack on POA Treasurer **Marty Halloran**, also in the same issue of the *Journal*.

It's great to see our members strike back when they see an injustice being perpetrated on our members and the department. Please keep those letters coming...

Once again there was a very notable absence of members of our esteemed Police Commission at a memorial service honoring police officers who have given their lives in the "line of duty". It wasn't all that long ago that the POA chastised members of the commission for not attending the Annual Police and Fire Mass on the anniversary of 911.

This paper published a photo of an empty pew at the church. Our concerns obviously fell on deaf ears as not one member of the current Police Commission felt the need to make the 70-minute trip to our state capitol for the ceremonies. There was not a single sighting of the commission at either The Candlelight Vigil on Wednesday, May 2 or The Enrollment Ceremony the following morning.

In their capacity as Police Commissioners for a department with approximately 2,000 members and a Police Officers Association with almost as many members, you'd think that they might at least make an appearance for at least one of the ceremonies being that TWO OF OUR MEMBERS' NAMES WERE BEING ADDED TO THE MEMORIAL! WITH THEIR FAMILIES IN ATTENDANCE...For God's sake...what kind of message are they sending us or to the families whose loved one was killed in the line of duty? I wonder if they even know that the widow of one of the officers is currently a member of this department or if they care...What kind of crap is this?

San Francisco lost more officers in the line of duty than any other city in America. Do the commissioners think that an officer losing his or her life in the line of duty is just another part of the job description?

Three of our members' names were added to the Police Officer Memorial in Washington, D.C. Not one commissioner felt the need to make the visit.

Perhaps Commissioner Campos was too busy either running around

town looking for some non-existent evidence of non-existent racial profiling, trying to ruin the perfectly good reputation of an esteemed member of this department or pandering for votes for his upcoming election to even realize that we lost three of our finest last year. Or...perhaps he may believe he can garner more votes by continually treating the cops poorly...and continues to do so.

Thanks Commissioners for your continued support...it's no more than we expect.

## UCSF Visit...

Thanks to Co. J POA Reps **Kevin Lyons** and **Gavin McEachern** for leading a great group of officers up to UCSF for the monthly visit with the children and teens. Kevin and Gavin were joined by a great cast of characters including, **Mike Cesari**, **Mark Cota**, **Irene** and **Brian Michaud**, **Rosalyn Rouede**, and finally, the **GREAT Jennifer Dixon**...Thanks to all for your time, consideration and kindness. I know you guys brought a lot of smiles to some real special kids and their families that day...

## Surprise!

On Tuesday, April 24th, "Cesar's Restaurant on Bay and Powell Streets was the scene of a great and unforgettable event. On the heels of his great victory at the Police Commission, our beloved and highly respected Lieutenant **Henry Parra** was on the receiving end of a surprise party put on by Sergeant **Eddie Garcia** and **Scott Gaines**. The dinner was attended by many, many well-wishers from Central Station. Guests of honor included Henry's parents, **Mr. and Mrs. Parra**, Henry's soul mate and better half **Geralyn Kavanaugh**, Geralyn's daughter, the beautiful "**Laura**", Henry's sons **Matthew**, **Daniel** and **Michael**.

Also in attendance was Mr. **Jim Lassart**, Henry's counsel during the "Fajitagate" fiasco.

Highlights of the evening included remarks from Mr. Parra who spoke eloquently and lovingly of his son Henry, the travails Henry endured and the great support he received during this trying ordeal. The Great **Jim Deignan** aka "The Bird" brought the house down with his words that were reflective, sentimental and very inspiring...hardly a dry eye in the place...Thanks so much to Eddie and Scott for their outstanding efforts...A tremendous time was had by all...Central Station style...

## Happy Birthday!

World famous doorman **Tom Sweeney** of the Sir Francis Drake Hotel celebrated his 50th birthday at the hotel on Friday, May 18th. Tom is hands-down one of the best-known figures in town. Always with a ready smile and kind word, Tom has been a very popular man with members of the S.F.P.D. for several years. Tom is easy to spot as he sports the famous "Beefeater" uniform as he plies his trade. Happy Birthday Tom!

## Congratulations...

To our good friend **Nick Shquau** and his dear wife **Irene** on the birth of their daughter **Mary**. Nick is the very popular owner of the fine restaurant "Grab and Go" at 480 6th St. The restaurant is open for lunch and dinner and the menu is nothing short of fantastic. The meatball sandwiches

and the array of pasta dishes are the best this side of North Beach. If you're near the Hall at lunch or dinnertime, stop in and see Nick...

## Happy Retirement...

Congratulations to **John Joseph Ferrando** of the S.F.F.D. on his retirement after almost 30 years of eating smoke. John, a very popular member of the FD is father to our own **Johnny Ferrando** of Central Station, brother of **Lt. Ernie Ferrando** of GTF and uncle of **Nick Ferrando** of the TTF. John received a warm send off from the crew at Station 8 at 4th St. & Bluxom on Friday, May 18th. The highlight of the evening when "Ms. Bluxom" made a grand entrance and proceeded to tell John Sr. of the dangers of retirement. John didn't want to hear any part of it. Best of luck, John. Good luck and God Bless.

## McMillan Receives Honors...

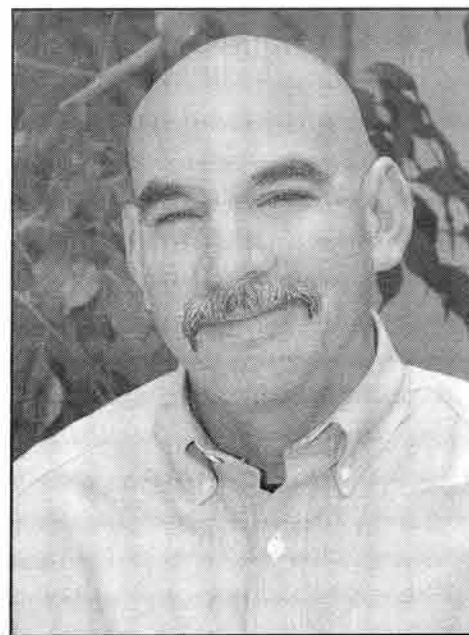
On Friday, May 4, 2007, members of The Bay Area Law Enforcement Emerald Society met at the United Irish Cultural Center to honor **Inspector Bob McMillan** of the Gang Task Force who received the coveted "Bill Davenport Memorial Officer of the Year Award." Bob was joined his lovely wife, **Patty** their children **Kathleen**, **Robert** and **Daniel**, members of the Command Staff, and hundreds of well-wishers. Bob entertained the crowd with his words and reflections. Thanks to **Mike "Bugsy" Moran** for his words and humor and to **Joe McFadden** for his usual great job as the Master of Ceremonies for the event.

Congratulations to Emerald Society President **Eddy Carew** and his lovely and talented wife **Anne** for putting on such a memorable event. Thanks to you and many others, a wonderful time was had by all...

## Unsung Deeds...

Special thanks are due to a humble member of the department and association who absolutely represents the best that this department has to offer. This officer responded to a family living in housing projects that had been burglarized. The family did not have much and the loss suffered by the family was not at all lost upon this officer. The officer seeing the dismay and disappointment of the family took it upon himself to in part make things right. After completing the report and investigation, this officer went out and purchased a television for the family's daughter. The kindness displayed by the officer touched the family to no end. Both the mother and daughter wrote letters of thanks to the officer but the officer wanted no thanks or recognition for his deed. This is the kind of act that takes place quite often by our members who insist they receive little or no recognition for their acts of kindness.

Please know that your thoughtfulness and kindnesses are gifts that



Vice President Kevin Martin

come from the heart...the gift of compassion that is a necessary ingredient in the recipe for a successful police officer. I will respect this officer's wish for anonymity and will only go as far as saying that the officer's name I'm writing about rhymes with the name of **Alvaro Shore**...good work, lad...

## Great Job on the Fundraiser...

Thanks to Central Station members **David On** and **Paul Yep** for spearheading the outstanding fundraiser for fellow Officer **Robert Ng** who suffered a stroke last December. There was an outstanding turnout for this event held at The New Asia Restaurant at 772 Pacific Avenue including members of the Command Staff. The event was filled with the great members of Central Station including recent retirees **Nelson Lum** and "The Great" **Bill Cook**. Paul did a wonderful job emceeding the event while **Adam Choy** held down the bartending duties. By all accounts, the fundraiser was a terrific success and a great time was had by all who attended.

## Mark Your Calendar...

Please plan to attend the Jack Santos Memorial Fundraiser scheduled to be held on Friday, June 15, 2007 at The County Fair Building near the Golden Gate Park entrance near 9th Avenue and Lincoln Way. The event runs from 5 p.m. until midnight. All proceeds from the event will benefit the "Madeline and Jack Santos Scholarship Fund." The fundraiser is also tax deductible and can be directly donated to BALEAF, The Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund, and P.O. Box 22325 San Francisco, Ca. 94122—telephone- 415-837-0875. Any questions or inquiries can be made to Officer **Kevin Abbey** who is coordinating this event at [KevinAbbey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:KevinAbbey@sbcglobal.net) or phone 415-298-0781. Thanks very much to Kevin Abbey and his crew for all the hard work and effort being put into this fundraiser. Let's all try and make it out there. It sounds like it'll be a great time for a great cause, for some great kids. See you there...

God bless you all and please keep up the outstanding work. Believe it or not, YOU really DO make a difference out there...

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## Academy of Art

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Mike, POA President Gary Delagnes, Treasurer Marty Halloran, and I met later in December. It was at this meeting that we learned some interesting facts about the university, such as that it operates out of thirty-two buildings in San Francisco, and has an enrollment of over ten thousand students. We also learned of the AAU's intention to develop an NCAA Division One Athletic Program to be headed by former San Francisco 49er, Dr. Jaimie "Spiderman" Williams. I was positively stunned to learn just how big and prestigious the AAU is.

As our meeting continued, Mike expressed the AAU's intention of becoming more involved with the POA and started by announcing that the AAU, under the kind generosity of Dr. Stephens, would offer 100 Summer Program scholarships to high school aged sons and daughters of our members. In addition, the AAU will offer two of our adult members a full scholarship in the AAU undergraduate program. The scholarship applications are available at the POA. Imagine...a great educational opportunity for our teen sons and daughters at a world-class university...at no cost. The tuition and all application fees have been waived. The only cost involved for you or your teen is for materials. How can you go wrong? I am very happy to see our members taking advantage of this unique opportunity.

In the next week, I will be distributing a bulletin outlining the Undergraduate Degree Scholarship Program and how our members can obtain a scholarship application. This is a great opportunity for our members who realize that there is a life after police work, and this program absolutely provides the first step in that direction.

As my meetings with Mike Petricca continued, I told him how the AAU presented a tremendous resource for not only our members but also for the Police Department. We discussed how the relationship between the POA and The AAU could be mutually beneficial to both institutions. I set up meetings between Commander Sylvia Harper and Sgt. Trenia Wearing of our Recruitment and Retention Unit, as well as with Mr. Bruce Topp and Ms. Lillie Ellison of the CCSF Human Resources Department and Mr. Jack Isgro/Mr. Curran Engel of the AAU School of Motion Pictures and Television. As a result of these meetings, The Academy of Art University is now actively involved in the recruitment process for hiring new officers for our department. Students from the School of Film are busy putting together Public Service Ads that will be seen on television. This project provides the students with an opportunity to publicize their artwork, building their resume, provide a public service, and provide an opportunity to receive compensation for their efforts out of the SFPD recruitment and retention budget.

Shortly thereafter, I introduced Commander Harper and Sgt. Wearing to Ms. Rachel Lee who is the Executive Vice-President of Marketing for the AAU. As a result of these meetings, the parties along with students from the AAU will work to establish and update a recruitment website for the department. Again this will give students an opportunity to make money and develop their computer programming and website talents and skills.

Wishing to improve our POA website as well, Gary and I met with Ms. Lourdes Livingston who is the Graduate Director of the School of Computer Arts/ New Media. This proved to be a great meeting as Ms. Livingston is a native San Franciscan and both she and Gary had a lot of friends and acquaintances in common. We are very encouraged that in short time, the POA website will be without peer. Again, the POA will pay students of the AAU to upgrade and maintain our website.

So, as you can see, a lot is happening between the POA and The Academy of Art of San Francisco. President Gary Delagnes is ecstatic over the prospects of this developing relationship. Last week the prospects became even brighter when the POA learned that the Academy of Art University of San Francisco would be among the Corporate Sponsors for our POA Golf Tournament in late September.

Students of the University also contribute quite a bit to the community. Under the direction of University Vice-President Rebecca Delgado Rottman, campus resident students donate their time once a month for eight months to assist the Department of Public Works and the S.F.P.D. to clean the streets of San Francisco, remove graffiti and plant trees to show their and the university's commitment to making San Francisco a clean and beautiful city. The university is also joining the growing "Graffiti Watch" program to show and honor their commitment to the city. The university is a "home-grown" success story which loves this city and encourages its students to do the same.

Please stay tuned for more developments between the POA and AAU of San Francisco. I would like to close this article by extending the warmest and sincerest thanks to our good friend Mike Petricca who has been a real pleasure to work with, and of course to Dr. Elisa Stephens, President of The Academy of Art of San Francisco for her overwhelming kindness and generosity to our members and their families. Dr. Stephens has committed herself, the art community and The Academy of Art of San Francisco to this association and its members. For this Dr. Stephens we are extremely grateful.

To Mike and Dr. Stephens I would only say, Thank You and welcome to our POA family. I look forward to a long and prosperous relationship.

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By Robin Matthews  
EEO Unit

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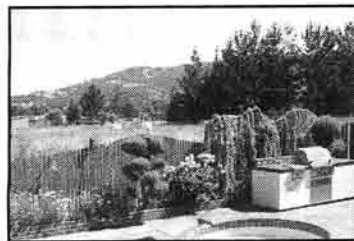
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Rule by fiat?

## Chief's Perplexing New Policy

By Kevin Martin,  
SFPOA Vice President

Many of us are stymied and mystified at the administration's latest questionable action that has turned civil claims against the city into OCC Complaints against officers. In a move that can be seen as only detrimental to the working members of the SFPD and the police association, Chief Heather Fong has directed all civil claims involving members of the police department to the Office of Citizen Complaints for investigation against the named officer.

What perplexes me and others is that there appears to be no edict whatsoever from any city and county agency to cause the chief to initiate such an action.

The Office of Citizen Complaints is charged with investigating complaints of police misconduct from citizens. The OCC maintains that their agency does not solicit complaints from citizen's but only acts when approached or contacted by citizen's with a specific complaint.

Some interested parties may view this move by the Chief's office as a way to jumpstart the newly implemented

Early Intervention System which the police administration with assistance from the Northern California Chapter of the ACLU worked so hard to implement.

One civic minded citizen being told of this move by the chiefs' office was overheard to have said, "I understand that many of these civil claims involve officers that were involved in car accidents. If that's the case, a citizen should file a claim but does an accident necessarily equate misconduct? I don't think so. It's getting to the point that soon the officers will expect to be punished just for being human. An accident is an accident. No malice. These poor working cops, how much more can they take? What's next for these poor bastards? I don't get it."

When I was asked about this new policy, all I could do was just shake my just head. The chief must have her reasons. I just don't know what they could be. A special file for these "Civil Claims/Office of Citizen Complaints" has been established, and if any member of the police association receives such a complaint, please forward it to either association counsel Steve Johnson or me.

## Catastrophic Illness Program:

### Hours Needed

The San Francisco Police Department has several recipients in the program who are in need of donations of time. The staff of the Behavioral Science Unit is asking members to please make a donation with the recipient number and the date left blank. We are attempting to ensure that everyone will have a check. Too often we have lost hours to the city-pool when we have members in need. The staff at the Behavioral Science Unit will fill in the recipient number and date as the donations are used.

We encourage everyone who is able to donate at least 8 hours or more if you can do so. With your help we can utilize the program to better serve the members in need and hopefully create a model to ensure that members do not have extra financial stress due to the lack of a paycheck.

Currently we need either SP or VA hours – please use form f2006b – Employee. Please call the Behavioral Science Unit if you have questions or need additional forms. (837-0875)

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## May 1, 2007 New York Times

## Court Backs Police in Chase That Hurt Driver

By Linda Greenhouse  
Forwarded to the Journal  
by Michael Nevin

WASHINGTON, April 30 — The police did not violate a speeding driver's rights by ramming his car and causing an accident that left him permanently paralyzed, the Supreme Court ruled on Monday by a vote of 8 to 1.

Writing for the majority, Justice Antonin Scalia said that despite the fact that the 19-year-old driver was suspected of nothing more than speeding, the decision to force him off the road was reasonable in light of the need to protect pedestrians and other drivers from "a Hollywood-style car chase of the most frightening sort."

The justices took the unusual step — a first for the court — of posting on the court's Web site the 15-minute video of the chase, recorded by a camera mounted on the squad car's dashboard.

Justice Scalia said the videotape demonstrated the danger posed by the efforts of the driver, Victor Harris, to elude the police on a narrow and winding Georgia road. Justice Scalia added that the federal appeals court in Atlanta, which ruled that Mr. Harris was entitled to a jury trial on his constitutional claims against the sheriff's deputy who forced him off the road, should have viewed the tape with more care rather than accept Mr. Harris's version of how the chase proceeded.

Mr. Harris's benign description of his actions during the chase, which according to Justice Scalia gave the impression that he was "attempting to pass his driving test" rather than fleeing the police, was "blatantly contradicted by the record so that no reasonable jury could believe it," the justice said.

The lone dissenter, Justice John Paul Stevens, said that to the contrary, jurors could well have concluded that the late-night chase endangered no pedestrians, since there were none, and no other motorists, since the police sirens warned other cars to pull off the road. "The Court has usurped the jury's fact-finding function," Justice Stevens said, adding that "whether a person's actions have risen to a level warranting deadly force is a question of fact best reserved for a jury."

With evident sarcasm, Justice Stevens referred to the other justices as "my colleagues on the jury." He said that while Mr. Harris's offense — speeding, refusing to stop and fleeing — was a serious one, "it was not, however, a capital offense, or even an offense that justified the use of deadly force rather than an abandonment of the chase."

The constitutional issue in the

case, *Scott v. Harris*, No. 05-1631, concerned the Fourth Amendment, which prohibits unreasonable searches and seizures. There was no dispute that Sheriff's Deputy Timothy Scott "seized" Mr. Harris, in constitutional terms, when he rammed his car from behind, sending it down an embankment. The resulting accident left Mr. Harris a quadriplegic.

The question, as in any Fourth Amendment case, was whether the seizure was "reasonable" under the circumstances. Mr. Harris sued the deputy for damages, and the United States Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit, in Atlanta, held that he was entitled to have his case heard by a jury. The appeals court said that a jury could find that the case was governed by a 1985 Supreme Court precedent on the use of deadly force by the police against a fleeing suspect and that the jury could reasonably find that the police behavior in this case was unreasonable.

In the earlier case, the Supreme Court found that the police acted unreasonably in shooting a suspected burglar in the back as he fled the crime scene. But that case could not govern this one, Justice Scalia said, because while the unarmed burglary suspect did not, in his flight, pose a threat to the public, Mr. Harris's behavior posed "an extreme danger to human life."

Originally clocked at 73 miles an hour on a 55-miles-per-hour four-lane road, Mr. Harris led the police on a chase over two-lane roads at speeds of up to 83 miles an hour. The 10-mile chase took six minutes.

Justice Scalia said the rule of the case was that "a police officer's attempt to terminate a dangerous high-speed car chase that threatens the lives of innocent bystanders does not violate the Fourth Amendment, even when it places the fleeing motorist at risk of serious injury or death."

In response to Mr. Harris's argument that the police had his license number and could have avoided continued danger by abandoning the chase, Justice Scalia said that such an outcome would give a "perverse incentive" to fleeing motorists who would "get away whenever they drive so recklessly that they put other people's lives in danger." In any event, Justice Scalia said, it was Mr. Harris "who intentionally placed himself and the public in danger" and gave the police "the choice between two evils" that they confronted.

It is obvious in the videotape that Deputy Scott and the other officers involved in the chase were taken aback by its devastating end. Worried voices can be heard calling to Mr. Harris and summoning an ambulance.

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# Mediating An OCC Complaint

By Mark Scafidi and Donna Salazar  
Office of Citizen Complaints

The OCC mediation program was designed to restore communication between citizens and members of the department. Over the past few years the number of mediation sessions has steadily increased. As the OCC Mediation Program continues to expand and grow, officers have more and more questions as to its effectiveness and how it affects them. We have addressed some of the more frequently asked questions, from the officer's perspective, below to help dispel some of your concerns.

## Do I have to mediate a complaint?

No, mediation is a voluntary process. Your voluntary participation in the mediation assures your willingness to hear and understand the complainant's point of view as well as to share your own perspective regarding a police officer's role and action taken in a given incident. Even when you provide your written consent to mediate, should you have second thoughts of mediating a complaint, you may withdraw your consent at any time prior to the mediation.

## Will what I say in mediation be used against me in a later administrative, civil, or criminal hearing?

No, the rules of California Evidence Code Sections 1115-1119 protect the confidentiality of communication in

mediation. For this reason, mediation sessions are not tape-recorded and the mediation participants must sign a confidentiality agreement that acknowledges their understanding and adherence to the rule that any discussion during mediation remains private and is inadmissible in a court of law. The Evidence Code, therefore, encourages a free and full exchange between civilians and officers in mediation without fear of an admission later being used against them. Further, the OCC complaint record is sealed and not subject to further administrative review.

## How does a mediated OCC complaint affect my personnel record/file?

Once an OCC complaint has been mediated, the OCC will record the allegation as having been mediated and resolved in the officer's complaint history. Officers interested in mediating an OCC complaint are encouraged to expedite the return of their written consent forms, so that the mediation may sooner occur and the complaint mediated and resolved.

## How do I know the mediators or the mediation process will be fair?

The mediators are professional men and women who are approved by the Bar Association of San Francisco. They have met a standard of training and experience set by the Bar Association. The mediation process is governed by rules approved by the San Francisco Police Commission and requires neu-

tral and independent mediators, who are randomly selected, to conduct a mediation. In those instances where a complainant or an officer wishes to remove a mediator from the selected panel, he or she may do so.

The above rules aside, we would like to emphasize that the men and women choosing to mediate civilian-officer complaints are dedicated to the mediation principles of fairness and restoring communication between the officers and the community they serve, are trained in checking any personal biases at the door, and their pro bono participation is the backbone of the OCC Mediation Program.

## What if I want to mediate the complaint but my partner does not?

In some cases, the OCC Mediation Coordinator may bifurcate, or split, a complaint so that you may mediate your complaint while your partner will be subject to an OCC investigation. However, complaints will not be mediated if the OCC Director determines the OCC investigation may be prejudiced in doing so.

## What if personal commitments (e.g., daycare) make it difficult for me to attend the mediation?

The mediation sessions are scheduled during an officer's work schedule, similar to that of an OCC investigative interview. Typically, mediations are scheduled as early as 8:30 a.m. and as late as 7:00 p.m. The length of the mediation depends greatly on the complexity of the issue(s), the number of participants, and the time it takes to reach a free flow of communication; mediations have been conducted in less than one hour and have lasted over two hours. In those instances where an officer works a third watch or hours non-compatible with a mediation being scheduled, the OCC Mediation Coordinator will arrange for the officer's work hours to be flexed or changed with the voluntary agreement of the officer and the permission of the officer's supervisor.

## If the mediation is unsuccessful, will it be returned for investigation?

No. Under the Police Commissions rules, once an officer has voluntarily and in good faith participated in a mediation, the complaint is deemed resolved and the complaint file is sealed and closed without further investigation. If either party provides one-week notice that he/she will not be able to appear, the mediation will be rescheduled. Absent sufficient notice, however, a complainant's failure to appear will result in a resolved complaint. Should an officer not appear the complaint will be returned for investigation.

## May any complaint be subject to mediation?

No, the nature of the complaint and the officer's personnel record will determine if mediation will be offered to an officer. Case eligibility for mediation is not granted to cases involving physical force and racial/sexual slurs or focused on questions of law.

Officer eligibility excludes officers from mediating a complaint if their OCC or MCD personnel record/file reveals there has been a sustained complaint of misconduct within the last 12 months, mediation within the last 6 months, or 3 mediations within the last 2 years.

Please note an officer receives a copy of the mediation rules with each mediation solicitation. Further, we strongly encourage you contact the OCC Mediation Coordinator should you have any questions regarding your possible participation in mediating your complaint. The goal of this program is to open lines of communication, clear up misunderstandings, and facilitate officers in regaining the public's trust and confidence.

Mark Scafidi is OCC's former mediation coordinator and is presently an ombudsman for Kaiser Permanente.

Donna Salazar is an attorney and mediator. Prior to joining the OCC as mediation coordinator, she had a private mediation practice and worked for Community Boards as the Director of Specialized Services.

## Two Thumbs Up for OCC Mediation

By Kevin Martin

Every so often, an officer will inform me that they received a notification from the O.C.C. that their case qualifies for mediation and the officer wonders if he or she should accept the offer. In every case presented to me so far, I have emphatically answered "Yes!"

I wholeheartedly believe that the mediation is a very practical way to resolve an O.C.C. complaint. For the most part it is relatively painless, and the best part is that even if you are unable to resolve the particular issue with the complainant, under the Police Commission rules, the complaint is deemed to be resolved and the complaint file sealed. I have participated in the process both as a named member of a complaint that has been forwarded for mediation and as a representative for others going through the process. (Yes, you as a named member are entitled to have a representative of your choice to be with you during the mediation hearing).

The mediators from Community Boards have always been very reasonable and easy to work with.

I have heard of only one instance out of maybe thirty to forty cases where the officers involved in the mediation hearing process had a negative experience.

Most officers are glad to have opted for the mediation process, especially when they realize it's a win-win situation. The officer's record can't be tarnished, and it gives the involved officer the opportunity

to talk to the other party face to face in a very neutral environment. The officer is afforded the chance to explain to the citizen why he or she took the action that occurred. It also allows the officer to explain the policies and procedures of the department and how the officer is bound to follow the General Orders of the San Francisco Police Department.

I was pleased to have recently had the chance to speak with Ms. Donna Salazar, the new O.C.C. Mediation Coordinator. Ms. Salazar takes over the program from Mr. Mark Scafidi who will be sorely missed by our members. My conversations with Ms. Salazar have been very positive and promising. I would like to see many more cases deemed qualified for mediation, as I believe it is absolutely the best way to go.

Please take a few moments to carefully read the article submitted by Ms. Salazar. If you have any questions, concerns or comments regarding this process, please feel free to contact either me at the POA office at 861-5060 or at Southern Station. You can also contact Ms. Salazar at The O.C.C. at 597-7711 or by department mail. Ms. Salazar will be happy to address your questions or concerns in a timely manner.

If you receive an O.C.C. complaint and you believe it qualifies for mediation based on the nature of the complaint, please contact Ms. Salazar or me immediately. The sooner you bring the complaint to our attention the quicker we can act on it.

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## From the District Attorney's Office...

### DA Charges Man for Allegedly Shooting at Police Officers

#### Defendant Faces 45 Years to Life

SAN FRANCISCO, District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced that Francisco Valle, age 50, has been charged with seven felony counts, including two counts of attempted murder, for allegedly opening fire at two San Francisco police officers as they attempted to arrest him for suspected burglary in the Sunset District.

The defendant has been charged with two counts of attempted murder, as well as allegations of use of a firearm; two counts of assault with a Semi-automatic firearm on a police officer; one count of first degree burglary; one count of felon in possession of a firearm; and one count of receiving stolen property.

"The men and women of the San Francisco Police Department deserve our deepest gratitude for their daily acts of courage and bravery," said

District Attorney Harris. "We will not tolerate any act that jeopardizes their safety and will vigorously prosecute this case."

The defendant was arrested on May 19, 2007, after a resident of an

apartment building on Lower Great Highway called police to report a thief stealing a bicycle from the building's garage. When officers came to the scene, they spotted the defendant on the bicycle. The defendant then allegedly opened fire, hitting the passenger side of the police vehicle three times. Two police officers sustained minor injuries while diving for cover. The defendant then fled. Officers later located the defendant hiding in bushes at Santiago Avenue and Great Highway, with the gun underneath him.

The defendant made his first court appearance in San Francisco Superior Court on Tuesday, May 22, in Dept. 9. Bail was set at \$1 million at the request of the District Attorney. The defendant faces a maximum statutory penalty of 45 years to life for each of the attempted murder counts.

The prosecution is the result of an investigation led by Inspector Michael Gaynor of the San Francisco Police Department. Gerald Norman is the Assistant District Attorney prosecuting the case.

### Defendant Convicted in Western Addition Attempted Murder Sentenced to 40 Years to Life

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced that George Yates, CTN 194844 and 193339, was sentenced to 40 years to life in state prison for shooting a 24-year-old man five times with a .45-caliber semi-automatic in the Western Addition.

After deliberating for a day, a jury convicted the defendant in February 2007 of all counts, including willful, deliberate and premeditated attempted murder and assault with a firearm in connection with the incident, which occurred on June 12, 2004. The jury also found allegations of use of a firearm, great bodily injury, personal and intentional discharge of a firearm and felon in possession of a firearm to be true. In addition, the jury convicted the defendant of being a felon in possession of a firearm, and felon in possession of a concealed firearm. The verdicts followed a month-long trial in front of Superior Court Judge Susan Breall in Dept. 24.

On Friday, May 25, Judge Breall sentenced the defendant to 40 years to life in state prison, the maximum under law, as well as an additional 2 years and 8 months, to be served consecutively. Restitution was also ordered in the amount of \$243,194.73.

"Gun violence is lethal to our communities," said DA Harris. "It will not

be tolerated, and those who unlawfully use a gun should expect to spend a long time in state prison. I thank San Francisco Police Department and Inspector Carl Bonner, and Assistant District Attorney Pam Pecora-Hansen for the investigation and prosecution of this case."

The defendant, of San Francisco, was indicted by a grand jury in the fall of 2004. The shooting took place in the West Side Housing Complex. On the date of the offense, the victim and the defendant were out in the parking lot with several others. The victim was waiting for a friend to return, when he found himself alone with the defendant. The defendant then pulled a gun on the victim and put a gun to the back of his head. The victim tried to run away, but was shot five times including once in the leg, the face, and the hand. The victim survived.

The defendant was arrested on June 28, 2004. The gun used in the June 12 shooting was found in a garbage can nearby, where the defendant had attempted to dispose of it prior to his arrest.

The conviction is the result of an investigation by San Francisco Police Department Inspector Carl Bonner. Pamela Pecora-Hansen is the Assistant District Attorney who prosecuted the case.

### District Attorney's Office Going to Trial in Gang Injunction Case

Today, the first Oakdale Mob gang member to who allegedly violated the terms of the City's first gang injunction appeared in Department 22. Defendant DeShawn Range, age 26, was arrested on February 13, 2007 for allegedly violating terms of the gang injunction as well as allegedly violating the terms of his felony probation.

A stay away order, as a condition of felony probation, designates an area that the defendant simply cannot go. The San Francisco District Attorney's Office requests stay away orders with when a defendant is convicted in most the conviction of most narcotic sales cases. This defendant has previous convictions of possession of narcotics for sale as well as assault. Maximum exposure for violation of this defendant's stay away order is 5 years state prison. After his arrest, on February 13, 2007, the District Attorney's Office moved to revoke the defendant's probation in light of the violation and to charge the defendant with allegedly violating the gang injunction, a misdemeanor.

This defendant has previous convictions of possession of narcotics for sale as well as assault.

A judge has the discretion to resolve a Motion to Revoke Probation over the DA's objection of the prosecutor. In court this morning, the judge offered the defendant 90 days in a work program and an expanded stay away order for violating the terms of his probation. The District Attorney objected to this resolution.

In regards to alleged violation of the gang injunction, a misdemeanor, the judge offered 90 days in a work

program and 90 days probation to run concurrently with the sentence for the Motion to Revoke. The DA again objected.

Since a resolution on the two issues could not be reached, the judge decided to send both the new misdemeanor case, and the Motion to Revoke to a misdemeanor trial court. The case will go to misdemeanor court tomorrow, May 2, to set a trial date. Violation of the injunction can carry with it a sentence of up to 6 months in county jail.

"City leaders are working together to rescue this neighborhood under siege," said District Attorney Kamala Harris. "The City Attorney's Office, District Attorney's Office and the Police have worked together to protect this neighborhood by asking for and winning stay away orders and now a gang injunction. We need all of the members of the criminal justice system to hold offenders accountable and keep our communities safe. We will take this case to trial and we will once again ask the court to hold this defendant accountable."

"The permanent injunction secured just last November has vastly improved the area in and around the designated safety zone," said City Attorney Dennis Herrera. "To continue that success the entire criminal justice system must demonstrate its seriousness in fighting the injustice of gang violence in San Francisco. I applaud District Attorney Kamala Harris for her success in prosecuting this case criminally and the efforts of the San Francisco Police Department to enforce the terms of this injunction."

### Defendant Sentenced to 50 Years to Life in State Prison for Elder Abuse

SAN FRANCISCO, District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced that Gary Johnson, aka, Tommy John, age 47, was sentenced to 50 years to life in state prison for robbing elderly women after using a ruse to get into their homes and threatening them with sexual assault.

After deliberating for approximately one day, a jury convicted the defendant in April 2007 of two counts of P.C. 368(f), or false imprisonment of an elder by violence, menace fraud or deceit. The jury acquitted the defendant of one count of false imprisonment of an elder. The guilty verdicts followed a month long jury trial before Superior Court Judge Mary Morgan in Dept. 13. Judge Morgan also found Defendant Johnson's prior convictions for first-degree burglary to be true. On Friday, May 4, Judge Morgan sentenced the defendant to 50 years to life in state prison.

According to the charges, in May and August 2000, and February 2002, the defendant used a ruse to enter the homes of three different elderly women (ages 74, 78 and 86) during daylight hours. The incidents occurred on Van Ness, 20th Ave and Pacific Ave. Defendant Johnson pretended either to be a writer for an architectural publication, a landscaper or a PG&E

employee as PG&E was doing work on one victim's street. Once inside, the defendant forcibly pulled, pushed and dragged his victims through their homes, tied them up, and demanded money and valuables. The defendant robbed two victims of a total of more than \$500 in money and jewelry.

In 2000, San Francisco Police Inspectors Ronan Shouldice and Bob Totah recovered a partial fingerprint in the home of one San Francisco victim but were unable to identify the print. In 2002, SFPD matched the print to the defendant, who had been arrested in Los Angeles for crimes against elderly women. The defendant was subsequently convicted in Los Angeles of 22 felony counts, including multiple counts of forcible oral copulation, sexual assault, elder abuse, and first-degree burglary.

The defendant, formerly of Los Angeles and Philadelphia, was arrested and brought to San Francisco in July 2005.

The conviction is the result of a lengthy investigation by SFPD Insp. Bob Totah and the Los Angeles Police Department. Sean Do is the District Attorney's victim services advocate in the case. Cheryl Matthews is the Assistant District Attorney who prosecuted the case.

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May 14, 2007**

Being half French and half Irish, I always face a dilemma. My Irish roots have given me a tremendous appreciation for alcohol, and my French roots have always given me thoughts of surrender, so to balance out my great heritage I have chosen to surrender to alcohol.

As most of us in this room realize, our country is a great combination of so many different races, countries, and continents. We have all learned to coexist, and because of the strength and resiliency of our parents and their parents before them, we have managed to create and maintain the greatest countryman has ever known.

Obviously, the Irish people have played a tremendous role in the foundation of this great place we call home and I, as many of you in this room, take great pride in my Irish heritage. No culture in the history of this country has contributed more than the Irish. No culture has gone through

more and risen above it then the Irish, following the potato famine of the mid 1800's and the fighting for acceptance in a new world. It is no wonder that so many from Irish heritage entered law enforcement in an effort to help those that cannot help themselves.

I entered the San Francisco Police Department in 1978. I had just graduated from college and had no police roots. I took the test on a whim and passed the exam and now years later when people ask me if I regret becoming a cop, especially in a city as crazy as San Francisco, I tell them it is the greatest decision I have ever made because it has given me the opportunity to spend the past 29 years with some of the finest people I have ever known.

I have shared my time with men and women of tremendous character, courage, dignity, and integrity. In a world where so many people stand for nothing. In a world where so many people can only seem to derive pleasure from tearing down and criticizing everything our parents worked so hard to build, we as police officers stand for what is right every day of our lives.

We work the front lines in the domestic war on drugs, guns, and gangs that threaten to tear our cities and neighborhoods apart. When every newspaper and liberal organization stands in judgment of everything we do, when the ACLU second-guesses every decision we make, we still keep showing up. We still keep doing the right thing. We are the last line of defense in a world gone mad. We have far more courage than those who judge us. We are better than them, and we need to remember that.

I come from a city where this past Tuesday a transsexual owner of a "sexual device" store was elected the

new president of the Police Commission. I told the press that our cops will continue to do the job because that is what we do. We can't let outside forces dictate to us the way we do our job which is to protect the safety of our citizens. We know that in all of our cities there is no more convenient political football than police officers. Everybody knows a better way of doing things the day after they happen, especially the cowards in the press that wouldn't have the guts to put on a uniform.

A retired colonel put it best in a speech to military personnel some years ago when talking about our military and police officers.

He said the most common people in our society are sheep. They are not bad people but they just don't want to believe there is evil in the world and convince themselves that intrinsically evil people do not exist.

The second type of person in our society is the wolf who preys on the sheep without mercy. There are evil men in this world capable of evil deeds and when you pretend it is not so you become a sheep.

Luckily there is a third group of people and this room is filled with them. We are the sheepdogs who live to protect the flock and confront the wolf.

If you have no capacity for violence you are a sheep. If you have a capacity for violence and have no empathy for your fellow man you are a sociopath or a wolf.

When you have a capacity for violence and a deep love for your fellow man you are a sheepdog, a warrior who walks the hero's path. Someone who can walk into the heart of darkness and walk out unscathed.

This week we meet here in Washington DC to honor those who confronted the wolf and lost their lives for the greater good. We lost 3 officers in San Francisco this past year and it has taken a piece of our soul.

But we also meet here for another reason. To remember that we must have each other's back. Whether we are police officers in San Francisco, New York, Boston, Detroit, or Chicago we share the common bond of police officers trying to do the right thing every day and night regardless of what our critics may say. I salute you all my fellow sheepdogs, my fellow police officers, and my fellow Emerald Society members.

The three words that General Douglas McArthur uttered many years ago have never been more appropriate than they are today.

Whether a military man or women protecting us from the evils of terror or a police officer protecting his or her city from the evil within our own shores, those words resonate in my heart and soul.

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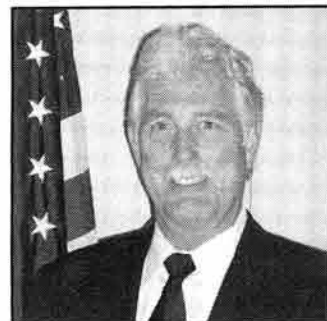


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# National Police Week in Washington, D.C.

By Ray Gee

The week of May 15 is National Police Week. President John F. Kennedy signed the bill authorizing it on October 1, 1962. This year's ceremonies were scheduled from Saturday May 12, to Thursday May 17. The ceremony was especially poignant this year as the names of Darryl Tsujimoto, Nick Tomasito Birco and Bryan Tuvera were among the names of the 145 officers who were killed in the line of duty last year. The fallen officers represented forty-five different states, the District of Columbia, several federal agencies, and the military police. Their names were all added to the National Law Enforcement Memorial at Judiciary Square in Washington D.C. For those who have never attended one of these national ceremonies, they are very moving and emotional events. It is a somber sight to see the scores of different colored uniforms of officers from most of the 50 US states. I also saw the red tunic of the RCMP, and a

group of British Constables wearing their famous "Bobby" helmets. We walked over to the Memorial Saturday morning and waited for the Police Unity Bicycle Riders to arrive. At approximately 1430 hours several squads of solos escorted almost one thousand Unity Riders into Judiciary Square. It took almost half an hour for all the cyclists to ride past where I was standing. I know several members from TTF and the dog unit participated in the ride, but I was only able to see and take pictures of Rollie Canales and Ron Banta as they rode by. The Unity Riders raised a little over one million dollars this year. They were the single largest contributors towards the funding of the planned construction of the National Law Enforcement Museum. The Museum will be built across the street from Judiciary Square. It is projected to cost around eighty million dollars and should be completed in 2011. A big hand to all who took part in the 11th Annual Police Unity Tour. Good job, everyone!

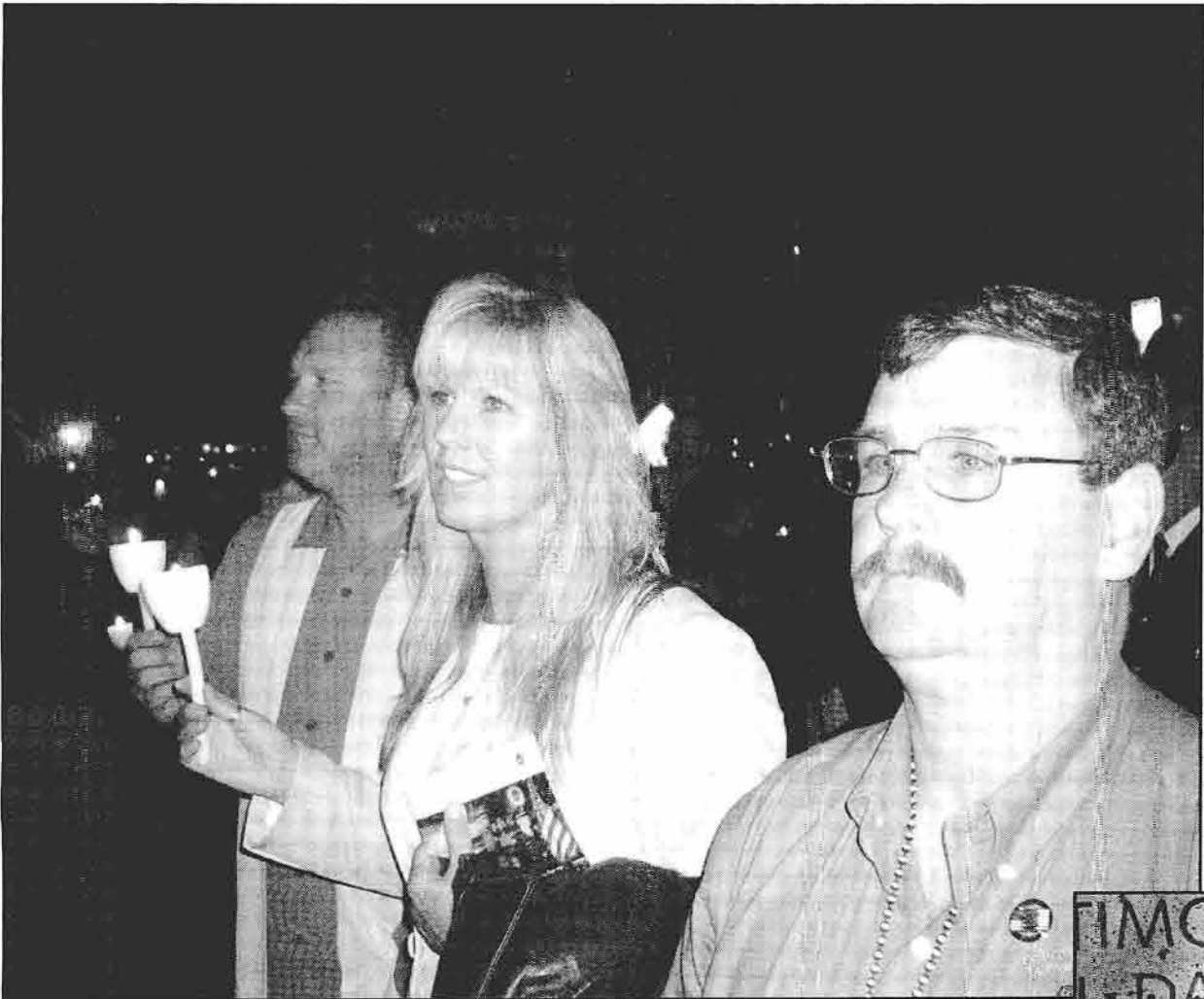
The next evening we returned to the Memorial for the 19th Annual Candlelight Vigil. Several buses arrived carrying the family of the fallen officers. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales delivered the keynote address. The service was so packed that we were lucky to just find a small patch of grass to stand on for the entire night. It was very moving to look out over the square and see nothing but raised lit candles. A blue laser was shot over the square, which represented the thin blue line. On Monday afternoon, May 14, I finally met up with everyone from the SFPD who flew in for the ceremonies. Prior to this, I didn't know who or how many Department members were attending. I was happy to see that I wouldn't be the only one there to represent the S.F.P.D. There were about thirty members in attendance including Chief Heather Fong. Together, we marched the seven blocks over to the Memorial for the Emerald Society and Pipe band March and Service. There's

nothing like watching and listening to over a dozen different bag pipe bands as they march and play. Tuesday morning saw everyone who came to D.C. for National Police Week walk over to the U.S. Capitol for the 26th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Day Services. Several thousand officers, all in their class A uniforms, and family members filled the lawn in front of the Capitol building. President Bush was the keynote speaker for the service. President Bush then met with all the family members of the fallen officers. This brings to a close of another memorable week in D.C. It would be nice if no other name were ever added to the memorial. The yearly services should only bring together officers and family to reflect on the lives and memories of the fallen. Carved in marble at the entrance to the memorial are these words: "IT IS NOT HOW THESE OFFICERS DIED THAT MADE THEM HEROS, IT IS HOW THEY LIVED."



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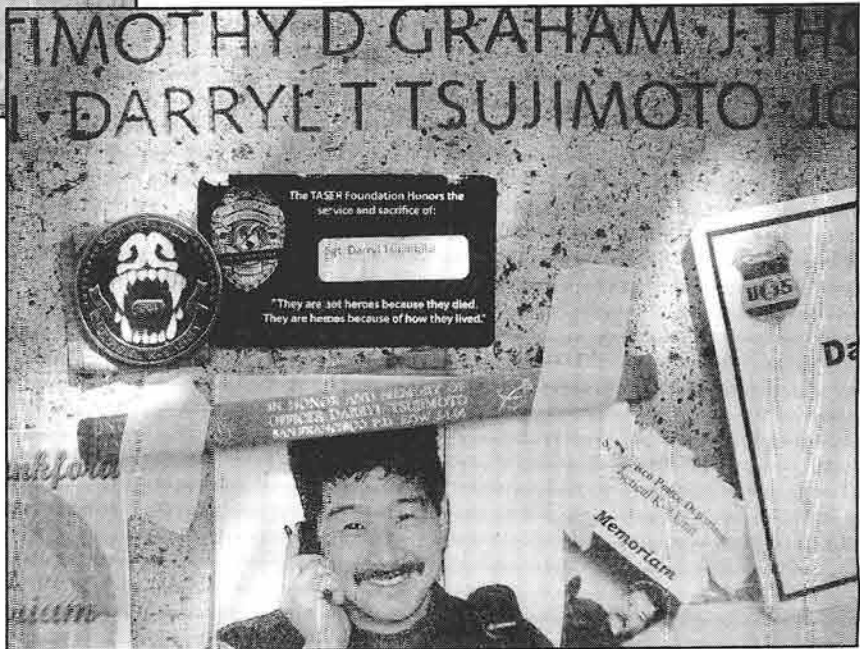
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## POA MAIL



### For the Record...

#### Editor –

I came across an article from your *Journal* (Community Praises Perverse 'Heroes', 3/1/2007) about the murders of Police Officers during the 1970's while conducting an Internet search. This article mentions the murders of NYPD Officers Thomas Curry and Nicholas Binetti. Neither of these Officers were killed that day. They were both wounded but continued to serve until their mandatory retirements at age 63 in 1997. Coincidentally, Officer Thomas Curry actually died yesterday at the age of 73. ([http://www.nydailynews.com/news/2007/05/15/2007-05-15\\_cop\\_who\\_survived\\_71\\_assassination\\_try\\_dihtml](http://www.nydailynews.com/news/2007/05/15/2007-05-15_cop_who_survived_71_assassination_try_dihtml)). The man convicted of the attempted murder unfortunately had his conviction overturned in 1990 and was subsequently rewarded by the city of NY to the tune of 490,000 dollars. Great, ain't it? Bell recently came up for parole and have been denied for now, but it will be a fight every few years to keep them behind bars.

Its good to see some people don't forget. Hopefully the NYS parole board won't. Now, if only we could dust off the chair for that Mumia fellow...

Chris Poppe  
New York

### To the Chronicle...

#### Dear Gary –

The following is a letter I wrote that was published by the S.F. Chronicle on May 20, 2007. You might have seen it. What you didn't see was the last sentence that was edited out. The other letter submitted about "The Badge", a new feature written by ride-along journalists, was about four times longer than mine but, given its gratuitous detail, appeared to be intact. It was critical of the actions taken by Officers Ray Vargas and Nate Stegar yet displayed no understanding of basic police work.

As you are well aware, The Chronicle strives to provide balanced opinions in its editorial pages whenever possible. Apparently my last sentence

tipped the scales entirely too far and was deleted. I can only conclude that my 40 words were four times weightier than those that propagate negative myths about the SFPD. [Ed. Note: the "last sentence" referred to by Mr. O'Shea appears in the letter that follows.]

#### To: S.F. Chronicle Editor:

The Chronicle's new Monday feature, "The Badge", is long over due. Finally you have someone reporting on the SFPD from the street level, not sitting at a computer assembling Freedom of Information data into another cop scandal. If only Susan Sward and Seth Rosenfeld would volunteer to be "embedded"; they could experience real police work – not the "based-on-fact" fiction they've been writing lately.

John P. O'Shea  
SFPD, Ret.

### Thank You...

#### Dear President Delagnes and Vice President Martin –

Thank you for being there for us during the loss of our friend Toni Hardley. You all arrived with food in hand and entire CIRT team to take care of our staff. We appreciate your open hearts and arms for our members.

Eternally grateful,  
Janice Madsen,  
Ted Deressegne  
Annette Goley  
Audrey Hillman  
Heather Grives  
Lynn Feeney

#### Dear POA –

On behalf of our COPS Chapter, I want to thank you for letting us use a room at your facility and the wonderful lunch you provided.

Sincerely,  
Toni MacDonald  
President, Northern California Concerns  
of Police Survivors

#### Dear Friends –

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With gratitude,  
Trish Morgan  
Executive Director  
Pathways Hospice Foundation

#### Dear POA –

On behalf of my family, I would like to thank you for your donation to Pathways Hospice in honor of Grace Lehane. Your kindness is appreciated.

John [Lehane] & Family

#### Dear friends –

I don't know which is most meaningful to me — your compassion or your generosity. Please know that Barbara's family — her sister Nancy, brother David, and I — are honored by your caring for Barbara and extremely grateful for your financial support toward our travel expenses. That will be a tremendous help. The San Francisco Police Officers' Association and the Police Department deserve special recognition for your concern and support for families touched by tragic criminal events.

Some of my closest friends, who have given me emotional support during the past four years while the case was barely moving in the criminal justice system, are overwhelmed when I have told them the news of your financial assistance. Three of these women were Barb's friends, and they are very grateful for your support and caring on Barbara's behalf. You definitely are a very special group of police officers. I look forward to meeting many of you, perhaps in the near future.

Sincerely,  
Elsa Martz  
Barbara's Mom

#### Dear APRI Supporters and Friends—

I would like to thank you for your sponsorship and generous contributions to our 2007 Annual Fundraising Dinner. With your support, APRI will be able to continue to provide community outreach within the African American communities in San Francisco.

Our organization would like to assure you that your contribution would be used to help improve the quality of life for our African American communities. For example, APRI will continue to provide outreach services for the Bay-View Hunters Point area while the PG&E power plant is being dismantled. We also will keep watch on the Water treatment plant as discussions continue on the issue of replacing or removing that nuisance from our community.

APRI will also continue to provide summer basketball tournaments in association with the San Francisco Housing Authority. These events provide a "Violence Free Zone" in the public housing residential areas like Hunters View and other Bay-View public housing sites. Finally, APRI will continue our exciting tradition of Christmas toys giveaways for public housing children.

Once again, thank you for all your support and hope to see you again next year.

Sincerely,  
James A. Bryant  
President  
A. Philip Randolph Institute

#### Dear POA –

Thank you so much for the scholarship funds. This money was a big help with expenses for my first term at college. Thanks again.

Brianna Phipps

### Enough is Enough...

#### Editor –

Enough is enough. Can we be real for just one minute? Let's just cut the crap and ask the obvious: Who really is in charge around here? There are still seven members of this department facing their fate with the Police Commission for their participation in the Bayview Comedy Video, and

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that means seven officers NOT out on the streets. Someone please remind the Chief that there is as much a shortage of police officers in the SFPD as there is leadership...oops, was that my outside voice? I know that our Chief is not the most popular with the Rank and File, and it is even said that she is the single major cause for the demise of this department, and its morbid morale and minimal productivity, but I can't, for a single second, believe that she would be so vindictive and callous to her own officers, let alone the people of San Francisco, as to keep this political charade continue as it has. When is enough, enough?

When the murder rate in San Francisco is heading towards an all-time high and the recruitment (and moreover the retention rate) is dismal at best, the Chief and the politicians need to get off of their high horses and make some decisions that will prove responsible and effective.

Now, where was I? Oh yes. As it has been mentioned time and again, the Bayview Comedy Video was not — and is not — anything other than an attempt to make folks laugh at themselves during a very difficult time. This is a fact and this type of thing is nothing new to this department. It isn't sexist or homophobic or racist. It just simply isn't. Who cares what the Mayor thinks of it, or why he even said it in the first place?

He'll have to deal with the fallout from his actions when asked, as we unleash the salivating media unto his misdoings. We have waited and endured long enough. Let's just say, "the gloves are off" — (I am sure you know what I am speaking of, this letter is gonna come out after the fact) — Thanks Dan!

The Chief might consider separating herself from this puppeteer, immediately! She ought to make some independent decisions to right this ship, if she can even do so under the constraints of her remaining time. This ship is sinking and it's sinking fast. The Police Commission might also consider the damage that has already been caused by this debacle and do the only thing that is just: Throw this damn thing out...now! Don't try and save face. Don't try to find a creative political solution to this, there is no need; throw it out!

It doesn't matter what Kelly O'Hare (MCD) thinks about this video, (she is merely the messenger for some other genius down at the big, bad MCD office)...or...maybe, just maybe, and more likely than not, the marching orders are coming from a higher, perhaps Deputy Chief level, of political muscle. None of this is rocket science. We know too much. The walls have eyes and we have friends. We will not allow those involved to get away with such corruption. So get this; Kelly

comes waltzing into the recent "Pre-Conference Hearing" with counsel and Commissioner Sparks present, stating, matter of factly, that MCD is willing and prepared to make deals for almost every member facing the Commission, not including however, you guessed it, Cohen. (Gosh, if I were given a dime for every time my name showed up in the investigation report/discovery, I would be a wealthy man) Can you say CORRUPTION? What about DOGMA? SCAPEGOAT? Let's just cut to the chase: B.S!

Do you really want to bring attention to the corruption that is so prevalent in this Administration? Just look out your fifth floor win-

dows, the media is rabid and impatiently starving for a morsel of info to pounce on, and they know that we are anxious to give it to them. Everything about this BS stinks and everybody knows it. Now it's too late to try and cover it up. Your hands are bloody and exposed. Now it's our turn. Have some dignity, show some good morals and do the right thing. Just know that you can't go around treating people as if they don't matter. We do matter. Change is on the way. In the future, be careful who choose to wage war with.

...Stay tuned.

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## Book Reviews

### The Hard Way

By Lee Child

Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

Lee Child has been enormously successful at writing what is usually referred to as thrillers. I have in the past read the descriptions of his books on their covers or perhaps in a collection of reviews and had decided to avoid him. I came across *The Hard Way* while traveling and was in need of something to pass my time as I had devoured everything else I had brought with me. I have to grudgingly admit that Child can tell a whale of an exciting tale. I use the modifier "grudgingly" because his main character, Jack Reacher, a former Army M.P., seems to me more of a cartoon come to life than anything or anyone real, but Child makes up for this by creating a fun piece of escapism; just right for summer-time relaxing.

The settings bounce around frequently, from the famous Dakota apartment house in New York City, to the West coast of Africa, to not so merry-old-England, as Reacher is lured into the mystery disappearance of the wife of an ex-Special Forces colonel. The colonel and his posse of soldiers-of-fortune bring an ominous

tension to the book, but Reacher and his over-the-top macho abilities are more than their match as the reader, and the posse, soon learn. The story has many twists which I found fun trying to figure out and the plot left me with more than one surprise. Child's descriptions of torture in foreign settings was quite graphic and probably should be required reading for anyone thinking of becoming a mercenary.

In spite of my reluctance to read Child in the past, this story of mystery, violence and military daring-do convinced me that when the writer knows how to handle his or her craft the reader will be taken along where the writer directs them. Child occasionally mixes in some humor and will take time out to give detailed descriptions of the little things: Reacher's rather large shoes and where and why he buys them, or what constitutes a good cup of coffee.

If you're looking for a fast read to while away a few hours Child seems to be a good bet. He has numerous other books out, and this is his tenth Jack Reacher novel, so should you like what you read there's plenty more in store to get caught up on.

### The Miracle of Castel Di Sangro

by Joe McGinnis

Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

I received this book as a gift from a friend who has no interest in soccer and only a slight interest in things Italian. But this particular friend does have a keen interest in good writing and knows that I love to read, am fascinated with Italy and have become a fan of soccer, which in Italy is called Calcio. Since finishing the book I am thankful for such a friend.

Joe McGinnis, a successful writer, is most likely known to readers for his books *Fatal Vision* and much earlier, *The Selling of the President*, published in 1969 about the 1968 presidential race. This is his first foray into a sports-related subject but his enthusiasm for the sport of soccer/calcio is that of a long-standing fan. He is also a friend of Alexi Lalas, an American who played for the U.S. Soccer Team during the 1994 World Cup.

It is McGinnis's writing and observations of the human condition that will snare the reader into reading this book, cover to cover, without interruption. He is open with his emotions, often too open with his opinions, especially to his hosts, and hilarious when you least expect it. While reading reviews of this book I noticed that his amazing arrogance had put other readers off quite stiffly. I found, however that by the mere writing of his arrogance the reader should be laughing with and at him. With very little knowledge of soccer and even less of the Italian language, he describes himself as shouting out recommendations on how to improve a team that has performed what was being called a miracle long before his arrival. And yet, the Italians accepted him.

Castel di Sangro is a small village in the Abruzzi region of Italy that few, if any, tourists visit. McGinnis gives a description that won't create a tourism explosion. The hotel he stays in at first seems almost empty but he's given a room on the fourth floor, required to carry his own numerous pieces of luggage up many stairs. The hotel has heat but the manager explains that the heat is not allowed on until October, no matter what the temperature. But

the reader gets a picture of Italy that needs to be presented; a part of Italy that is poor, underdeveloped, unlike Rome or Milan where powerful people own juggernaut soccer teams and make headlines world-wide. Castel di Sangro's team had played in the lowest level of professional league play possible, *terza categoria*, but through determination, great fortune and a coach with a personality out of a novel, they find themselves being promoted through the complex Italian league rules to playing at Serie B, the next-highest level of play in Italy much like AAA baseball in the U.S. This requires them to play in much larger cities and against much more well-known players while gaining national attention. I confess to never having played the game but I do watch matches whenever I have the chance, so my knowledge is limited to that of a fan, or *tifoso*, to use the Italian word. I found the descriptions of the matches interesting but lacking the fire that McGinnis gives to his descriptions of the players, the people of Castel di Sangro, the politics involved and, ultimately, the corruption of not just one person, team or league but of the whole system, as made evident at the end of this past year's league scandals.

A secondary benefit of reading about a year in the life of an Italian soccer team was learning new Italian vocabulary. I have been studying the language for several years but learning how to really cuss, how to use profanity as it is used in the country is not something schools or private teachers spend any time on. Not that I want to use such base language myself, heavens no, but it's good to know when you're being cussed out by others, and perhaps one could mutter such curses quietly to oneself. But quietly would not be too Italian and certainly not a Joe McGinnis practice. His pomposity overcomes him and gives the book a less than happy ending, realistic as it may have been. The book won several awards but was published several years ago so you may have difficulty finding it in a major bookstore, but the internet and used books stores will have plenty of copies.

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*China Reflections — March 2007***Buzzing Our Way Across China**

By Jim Hennessy  
SFPD Retired

You may remember an article I wrote that appeared in the January edition of the *POA Journal* describing the tour I led to China the previous November. Since that article appeared, another 34 people joined me for a tour in March of this year. In fact, once the article appeared the trip sold out in 12 days and included eight return travelers.

Once again we had a great trip with a very diverse group of participants. A number of retired SFPD members with spouses, the parents of an active SFPD police officer, SFPD fire fighters and their spouses, nurses, restaurant owners, and bankers. Many were word of mouth referrals. I couldn't have asked for a better, more courteous, flexible, easy to get along with group. This made my job a lot easier when it came to a few glitches we experienced along the way.

This trip left on March 10 when we boarded a United Airlines nonstop flight to Shanghai. As is the usual custom our national guide, Josie Ying Li along with our local guide Eric, met us at the airport. We went to the brand new five-star Millennium Hongqiao Hotel where we were provided luxury rooms and an outstanding buffet breakfast each day. The hotel had only been open two weeks, but they had already worked out any kinks prior to our arrival.

The next morning we were on an all day tour of Shanghai and saw all major attractions and sights. That evening we attended the Shanghai Acrobat show and were very impressed with the first class entertainment. The following day was a free day and the bus was made available to the 24 people who wanted to visit Suzhou whose many canals have caused it to be called the Venice of the Orient. We boarded China's answer to a gondola and motored through the beautiful waterways

fog in Yichang. An hour later, we were told it would be an additional delay of one hour. After two hours, the flight was canceled. We had a cruise to catch! Our guide Josie went to the ticket counter and began to passionately complain regarding our situation. She attempted to get us on a plane to another destination closer to Yichang that was not fogged in. That was Wuhan. However she was informed that all flights to Wuhan were filled. After about fifteen minutes more of arguing, Josie came over to me and told me to collect all the ID cards from the police and fire fighters on the trip. I did as she requested and gave them to her. She then made a call that lasted about ten minutes. She returned and gave me the ID cards to return to their owners. At last she said, "It's done. We are on the next two flights, 35 minutes apart to Wuhan." We were pleasantly surprised when 50% of the group was upgraded to first class. Josie and I each took a group and arrived in Wuhan to board a bus that took us to Yichang and our cruise boat with time to spare. When asked how she accomplished this, Josie told me that she called Beijing and had our tour declared an official San Francisco Police Department delegation to China. Without her knowledge and connections, we would surely have missed our boat.

No trip to China is complete without a trip on the spellbinding Yangtze River and its Three Gorges. The East King is a five star deluxe cruiser that lives up to its reputation and has the best-trained and attentive crew members I have experienced. Everyday the ship pulled in and we took day trips, including the Snow Jade Cave and a trip with local oarsmen.

Three days later, we disembarked in Chongqing and took a tour of the Flying Tiger Museum that included a very informative twenty-five minute lecture by Professor Yu Guihua of Chongqing University about Japan's invasion of China prior to our involve-

the world where humans can sit in a chair and hold a baby panda. Those that chose to do so were thrilled with the experience.

Late that afternoon, we flew to Xi'an and stayed at the lovely Sofitel Hotel. We spent the next two days in Xi'an touring the Terracotta Warriors, Huaqing Hot Springs, the Wild Goose Pagoda and the ancient city walls. Every time I go to China, most of the groups agree that Xi'an is one of their favorite cities.

Next stop was Beijing where we stayed at the JW Marriott. The capital city of Beijing is one of the most interesting stops on the trip. We visited all the highlights such as the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, the Temple



Mary White, retired OCC, and her friend sharing sugar cane at the Panda Reserve.



Pandas, pandas everywhere.

the group participants thanking me and telling me how much they enjoyed the trip. One card that sums up the prevailing sentiment says that they had a great time and could not imagine going to China without the knowledge and connections that were evident on this trip. My last 12 trips to China, and ability to engage the same guides along with my interest in this area, are definitely an advantage in planning these trips.

Now I have been back a few weeks, and I am planning another trip to leave on Friday, November 2, 2007 flying non-stop to Beijing from San Francisco. Each trip is a little different from the one before and is adjusted for the time of year and the availability of accommodations, but we always stay in five-star hotels and visit first class restaurants. I was talking to my contacts recently and they told me that the November trip will be the last one available at these discounted rates as the American dollar has lost 20% of its value in China in the last six months. Additionally, with the upcoming Summer Olympic Games in 2008, prices are expected to rise dramatically. So, if you are thinking of joining this trip, the time to act is now.

If you are interested, or have any questions, please feel free to call me at Sayang Holidays at (888) 472-9264 or you can reach me at my home in the evenings at (415) 242-1489. I am always happy to talk about China and enjoy telling others about our trips.

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Josephine and Jack Parker celebrating Jack's 75th birthday on the Great Wall of China.



Jim Hennessy, Alex Fagan, Josie the Guide, Eddie St. Andrew and Jim Brown celebrating Dynasty Night aboard the East King.

for a few hours. This is truly a unique experience. We also visited the famous Tiger Hill Park in Suzhou where we saw a leaning tower that leans more than the Leaning Tower of Pisa. We then stopped at a local hotel for a delicious lunch before returning to Shanghai. Those who did not join us went exploring on their own in Shanghai with its many museums, places of interest and shopping areas.

The following afternoon, we were scheduled to board a flight from Shanghai to Yichang to board the East King, our five-star cruiser for the Yangtze River cruise. When we checked into the airport, we were told our flight had been delayed for one hour due to

ment in World War II. This talk was extremely interesting and presented information we had never heard before. We also saw the General Stillwell Museum and visited the Civic Center area. We left for Chengdu in the late afternoon via bus and arrived in early evening at the Sheraton Hotel.

After breakfast the next day, we toured the Panda Reserve where pandas are protected and bred. First, they gave us a talk about the pandas and then we toured the nursery where there were 17 baby pandas, four to five months old. Members of the group were given the opportunity, for a donation, to actually hold a baby panda. This has got to be the only place in

of Heaven and took a trip to the Great Wall. We also drove past, many of the sites being prepared for the 2008 Olympic Games, including the new Opera House, the Track and Field stadium and the huge swimming complex. These were all under construction and nearing completion.

The day we went to the Great Wall was also the 75th birthday of Jack Parker who was on the trip with his wife Josephine. He told me that all his life he had wanted to visit China and see the Great Wall. Our guide, Josie Ying Li, was able to arrange for champagne up on the wall itself. This was a fantastic surprise for Jack who thoroughly appreciated the uniqueness and fun of celebrating a milestone on top of the Great Wall of China. Later that night, we had a delicious 15-course dinner at the Xiao Wang's Restaurant that was topped off with the largest round double-decker, exquisitely decorated birthday cake any of us had ever seen. Every time I visit Beijing, I make it a point to have a banquet at the Xiao Wang's Restaurant that is the only five star, five-diamond establishment in China. The owner, Mr. Wang is always present to make sure that the food and service are without equal. Most people who attend comment, "This is the best meal I have ever had!"

The last day in Beijing was a free day and people chose a variety of activities. Some people visited the Chinese Military Museum, some went to the counterfeit shopping area, other returned to Tiananmen Square to visit the Chinese National Museum and some just explored the hotel neighborhood.

We left Beijing at 12:00 pm on Sunday March 25th and flew non-stop to San Francisco, arriving four hours before we left! It was a great trip!

Since returning home, I have received a number of calls and cards by



September 23-27, 2007

# 45th Annual IAWP Training Conference, Denver, Colorado

By Robin Matthews

It's that time of the year again to start making plans to attend this year's 45th Annual International Association of Women Police (IAWP) Training Conference. This year's conference, "Taking Policing to the Highest Peaks," will be held September 23-27, 2007 in Denver, Colorado at The Adams Mark Hotel at 1550 Court Place in Denver, 800-444-ADAM. When making reservations, ask for the IAWP special discounted rate of \$149.00 for single and double occupancy or \$164.00 for triple or quad occupancy. If you would prefer sharing a room with someone, the Conference Coordinator, Kim Covert, will do everything she can to accommodate anyone who would like to share a room. Contact her by email at kimcovert95029@msn.com if you're interested.

United Airlines, along with its Star Alliance partners, is offering a discount for IAWP members to attend the conference — 20% off business class tickets, class J, and 10% off all other business class seats. They are also offering 15% off Y/B economy class seats and 10% off of all other class seating. Delegates from the United States can obtain the discount online by typing in the event code UA017S7. Don't forget that all fees relating to the conference — airfare, hotel, registration, etc. — are all a tax write off!

Conference registration fees are \$450.00 for IAWP members from January 1-March 30, 2007 (non members \$500.00), \$500.00 for IAWP members from April 1-June 30, 2007 (non mem-

bers \$550.00), and \$550.00 for IAWP members from July 1-September 23, 2007 (non members \$600.00). Registration fees include transportation to and from Denver International Airport and the hotel, all training, the Opening Ceremonies, the Awards Luncheon, and the Final Banquet. One day registrations (maximum two day limit) are also being offered on September 24th, 25th, 26th, and 27th. Fees for daily registration are \$100.00 per day, however, that does NOT include meals. Extra tickets for the Awards Luncheon and the Final Banquet are available for companions or other guests - \$50.00 for the Awards Luncheon and \$60.00 for the Final Banquet. Registration forms and other information on the conference can be obtained by going

Luncheon, or the Final Banquet. (NOTE: the tour of the Denver Mint will include a behind the scenes tour on the Mint floor that tourists don't get. In order to participate, the Companion Coordinator MUST have the names and dates of birth of everyone who wants to go at least 30 days out to be able to obtain security clearance. If they don't have the information in time, they will be excluded from the tour. Contact the Companion Coordinator at [kringr@ci.denver.co.us](mailto:kringr@ci.denver.co.us) for more information).

A post conference tour to Glenwood Springs will also be offered for just \$175.00, which will include a two night stay at the Best Western Antlers Resort, tickets to the hot springs, the Iron Mountain Tram, and a cave tour

Analysis/Don Rabon, Characteristics of an Armed Person/Paul Brown, Street Leadership/Upside Training, Leadership/Carol Sletner, The Police Role in Urban Planning/Grace Ekeke, Animal Cruelty and the Link to Violence/Diane Balkin, Life Management/Upside Training, Blood Splatter Evidence/Jon Priest, The Gender Agenda/Jane Townsley and Liz Owsley, Calibre Press Female Officer Safety/Betsy Bratner, Productivity and Managing Lifestyles/Laura Stack, Child Internet Luring, DNA/Cold Case Investigations, Personal Wellness/Tina Cahill, Leadership/Les Wallace, and Critical Incident Training. For more details on the training and the instructors, go to the conference website. Check it frequently, as it is being updated on a regular basis.

For those of you who have never been to an IAWP Conference before, it is a powerful experience and one you won't soon forget. The training is fantastic and the networking between women (and yes, some male) officers from around the country and around the world is well worth the money spent to attend. Membership in the IAWP is just \$40.00 a year and includes a quarterly magazine called "Women Police". (See application below). For applications to the IAWP or to the Denver Conference, go to the IAWP website at [www.iawp.org](http://www.iawp.org), or contact me at the EEO Office at 553-1093 or by e-mail at [RLM2214A@aol.com](mailto:RLM2214A@aol.com) and I'll be happy to send you the information.

Hope to see you there!

*The tour of the Denver Mint will include a behind the scenes tour on the Mint floor that tourists don't get.*

to the IAWP website at [www.iawp.org](http://www.iawp.org), then click on the drop down box for conferences and go to the 45th Annual Conference.

A companion program is also being offered. Some of the tours being offered are a behind the scenes tour of the Denver Mint, a tour of the Coors Brewery, a trip to the Garden of the Gods, and a trip to Estes Park. Companion registration fees are \$150.00 and include a two day maximum limit. Fees do not include meals, the Awards

through Glenwood Canyon. Other events offered at additional costs include rafting, hiking, horseback riding, as well as shopping at nearby Aspen and Vail. You can also book other events separately.

Some of the classes being offered include a School Violence Panel, Leadership/Joe Schumacher, Interview and Interrogation/Don Rabon, Fatal Accident Investigation for Street Officers/Mike Farr and Tilo Voitel, Risk Management/Gordon Graham, Statement

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## Mixed Martial Arts Event

By Rich Cairns Capt(ret SFPD)  
and Jeff Cairns Deputy (SFSO)

July 27 2007 is the next Mixed Martial Arts show at the Kezar Pavilion, San Francisco.

The first ever MMA show in San Francisco in March was a fabulous success and this next fight titled "BATTLEGROUND" will be even better.

Gladiator Challenge/Full Contact Promotions will have a host of local emergency services represented. SFPDs own Bryan Lujan is returning, with SFSO Deputy Sal Alcala, San Bruno Firefighter Ben Minikin and the Sunsets own John Devine (heavyweight) are making their debut fights with us.

Returning again and promising to be even more exciting will be Alexander Crispim, Kurt Osiander, Kyle Rideau, Nick Theotokis, Ricardo Moreira, and Eric Lawson.

Added to the card will be Marin County's own Bon Kim, San Francisco's favorite bartender Katrina Alendal, Ky Hollenbeck, Bobby Stack and Michael Fonseca. There are also

numerous other fighters who are being signed at this time and they will be named in next months article.

To round out the card a Gladiator Challenge Middleweight Championship Fight is also scheduled.

The last show was rampant with excitement and drew rave reviews for the venue as well as the fights. The July show is set to be our biggest and most exciting yet! Make sure to mark your calendars, July 27th is a FRIDAY! Plan on coming straight from work there will be tons of food, beer & sodas as well as a new added attraction of music to entertain the fans before the fights begin. Last but not least our favorite Full Contact Promotion Ring Girls will be there taking pictures with the fans and signing autographs and because of their growing popularity we have added a few new ones!

Hope to see you all at the Kezar Pavilion for "BATTLEGROUND" on FRIDAY, July 27th, 2007. Gates open at 5:30 pm!

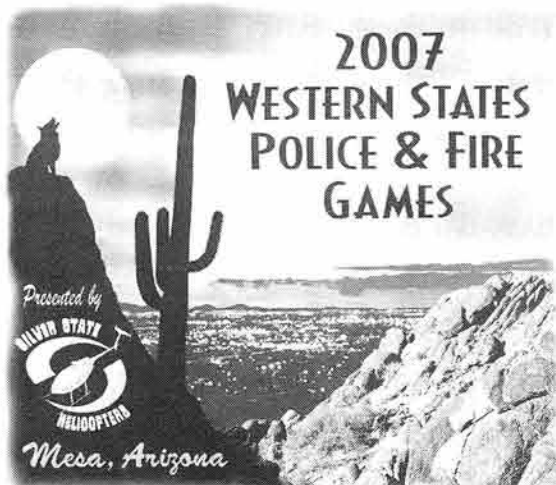
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For those with a competitive spirit and an interest in sports, there is an event for just about anyone. There are traditional Olympic style events such as basketball, cycling, running, boxing, swimming, power lifting and more. There are also other competitions such as body building, shooting, paintball, flag football, softball, roller hockey, golf, motocross, and the TCA (Toughest Competitor



Alive) to name just a few.

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## Department of Veterans Affairs Opens New National Cemetery

Forwarded by Ray Allen  
Retired Members Representative

The Department of Veterans Affairs has announced the opening of its newest National Cemetery. It is named the Sacramento Valley VA National Cemetery and it is located at 5810 Midway Road, Dixon, California.

Burial operations began on Oct. 16, 2006. The 561-acre national cemetery in Solano County will serve veterans' needs for the next 50 years. The cemetery is 27 miles southwest of Sacramento along Interstate 80 between Dixon and Vacaville. About 346,000 veterans live within the service area of the cemetery.

Carter & Burgess, an architect/engineering firm from Sacramento, was awarded the contract to produce the master planning and design documents.

The construction contract calls for the development of an initial area of 14 acres, which will provide 8,466 gravesites consisting of 4,712 full casket and, 3,754 in-ground burial sites for cremated remains. Initial operations will be conducted utilizing a temporary office, committal service shelter, and equipment shed.

Sacramento was one of 10 areas VA identified in a report to Congress in 1994 as having a large veteran population not served by either a national

or state veterans cemetery within a reasonable distance. In 1999 and 2003, with the passage of two laws, Congress directed VA to establish 12 new national cemeteries. Five have opened in the areas of Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Atlanta, and Sacramento. The rest — one in Alabama and California, three in Florida, one near Philadelphia and one in South Carolina — will be located near large populations of veterans who currently do not have access to a burial option.

Including the new Sacramento Valley VA National Cemetery, there are seven national cemeteries in California. Three of these national cemeteries, Riverside, San Joaquin Valley and Sacramento Valley VA National Cemetery are open. Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery currently has space for the burial of cremated remains. The other three, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Golden Gate National Cemeteries can offer burial only to family members of those already interred. In addition to the Sacramento Valley VA National Cemetery, VA is planning another new national cemetery in the Bakersfield area.

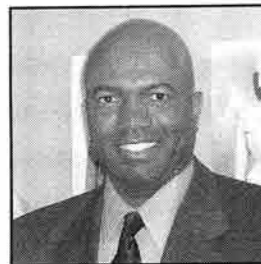
Contact the cemetery staff at (707) 693-2460 for additional information about burial and eligibility. To schedule burials call 1-800-535-1117. More information about VA's National Cemetery Administration is available on the Internet at [www.cem.va.gov](http://www.cem.va.gov).

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# Sports



## Nick's Notes

By Nick Shihadeh,  
Journal Sports Editor

### Lujan Scheduled For Another Fight

**C**HECK IT OUT: Well folks, it looks like Bayview's **Bryan Lujan** is going back into the ring (or rather the cage) for another Mixed Martial Arts bout to follow-up his pro debut that took place back in March. The event is Battleground which will take place at Kezar Pavilion on the evening of Friday, July 27th (see article on page 21 for more details). Bryan is training now to try and bounce back from his previous defeat, and use his new found experience to really take it to his next opponent. Good luck to Bryan in this next fight, and it would be great to get another great turn out of department supporters to this event.



The playoffs for the B Division are also the first week of June with third place playing sixth place and fourth playing fifth on June 5th. On June 7th, the first place Ingleside Station team will play the winner with the worst regular season record surviving the first round. Whoever finished in second behind Ingleside will also get a "bye" in the first playoff round and will play the other surviving team on June 7th. The winner of the second round will of course meet in the championship game also taking place at Silver Terrace on Tuesday, June 12th (10:00 am starting time). Good luck to all the teams involved.

Also taking place on Tues. June 12th in the evening is the always popular softball banquet that will be at Ron Dumont's City Forest Lodge on Laguna Honda (see flyer in this same sports section). In addition to the first and second place trophies being handed out for both leagues, four very special awards will be presented. These four are: the Mike O'Brien Memorial Softball Award for longevity in department softball; the Layne Amiot Memorial Softball Award for most inspirational ball player during the season; the Brian Olcomendy Memorial Softball Award for manager of the year; and, of course there is the Isaac Espinoza Memorial Award for the MVP of both leagues. Please plan on being there.

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

### Department Softball

The SF Police Softball League's regular season is winding down as of the writing of this column with the playoff picture being a lot clearer as can be seen in the standings below. With four out of six teams making post season play in the A Division, the Bayview Pitbulls, the Park Islanders, the Mission Diablos and Southern Station are all looking pretty good. The Airport Bureau and the Inspectors need a lot to happen even if they win the rest of their games. The playoffs will take place the first week of June with first place playing fourth place and second place playing third. The winners of those contests will then be in the A Division championship game scheduled on Tuesday, June 12th at noon at Silver Terrace field (Silver and San Bruno).

The B Division has six of the nine remaining teams eligible for the playoffs with the first two teams having a "bye" in the first round. The top four teams consisting of Ingleside Station, Taraval Station, Traffic Co. and Central Station are looking very good. The Tenderloin Rats along with the SF CHP, the Northern Bulldogs and Daly City PD will have battled for the last two spots with no chance for the Sheriffs to make it.

### Softball Standings

#### A Division

TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB
Bayview Pitbulls	5	3	.625	
Park Islanders	4	3	.571	½
Mission Diablos	4	3	.571	½
Southern Station	4	3	.571	½
Airport Bureau	3	5	.375	2
The Inspectors	3	6	.333	2 1/2

#### B Division

TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB
Ingleside Station	7	0	1.000	
Taraval Station	4	2	.667	2 1/2
Traffic Co.	4	3	.571	3
Central Station	4	3	.571	3
Tenderloin Rats	3	3	.500	3 1/2
SF CHP	3	4	.429	4
Northern Bulldogs	2	4	.333	4 1/2
Daly City PD	2	5	.286	5
SF Sheriffs	1	6	.143	6
Richmond Station Nothing's changed...They're still out of the league!				

## Letter to the Sports Editor

May 4, 2007

Dear Nick,

My issue of the *Journal* came today while I am at home recovering from foot surgery.

You are a man of honor. I couldn't help but chuckle when I read your column. Everything you wrote was

so nice. It is reassuring to know that there are still people in this world who keep their word.

It was fun seeing you at The House of Prime Rib and you and your friends helped to make my 70th birthday just that much more special.

Fondly,  
Pat Celaya

## 2007 S.F.P.D. SOFTBALL BANQUET

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**When:** Tuesday, June 12th 2007

**Cocktails:** 6:00 pm...Dinner: 7:30 pm

(Hosted Cocktails until 10:00 pm)

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# THE LOONS NEST REPORT

By Ed Garcia,  
Co. A

## Loons Make First Trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Mid-April saw thirty-six members of the Loons Nest Golf Club make our first trans-continental trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The Loons made a comfortable nest at the Holiday Inn in North Myrtle Beach, our center of operations. Myrtle Beach is the eastern seaboard's golf capital, featuring over one hundred and forty golf courses within a one-hour drive (each open everyday of the year). The Myrtle Beach area has over thirty miles of beach, which is split by the border of North and South Carolina.

Highway 17 is the primary business road that serves the area and an interesting ride it is. As one proceeds up the road you see numerous churches, nightclubs, fireworks stores, golf cart dealerships (larger than many car dealerships), beach supply stores everywhere, and the Bass Pro Shop.

Fireworks stores occupy modern one and two story buildings and they offer everything that you could imagine in pyrotechnics. These stores are open seven days a week until ten o'clock every night. What do those people do with all those fire-works?



As Loons drove through the Carolinas, they noted a true southern tradition known as the "Waffle House." This is a chain of small, fast food outlets that seem to be spaced every five miles down the road. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served, with no item over three dollars. There were no Loon landings at the Waffle House to report.

Heading out onto the road for our first course, we proceeded north on Highway 17 to Calabash, North Carolina and the Crow Creek Golf Club. This was a 7,101-yard layout with a maximum slope of 130. This complex featured the largest all grass driving



range the Loons have encountered and it was in perfect condition. Crow Creek was a fine course and the Loons enjoyed a morning round, lunch, and then a second round of golf. We completed thirty-six holes of golf, ate lunch and were done by six o'clock in the evening. The opening day medalist was current Club Champion Steve Moss, who fired a seventy-seven in his opening round.

The second and third courses played by the Loons were in Sunset Beach, North Carolina where we found the "Big Cats" golf complex, which are referred to as "plantations" down there.

On a damp morning, the Loons played the Panther's Run course, which boasts a slope of 148 from the championship tees, and 133 from the white tees. This course is listed as one of the ten toughest courses in the Myrtle Beach area. Ed Anzore was not intimidated by the course's reputation, as he led the Loons with a score of seven-nine.

Our third course was the Tiger's Eye at the Big Cats plantation. The Big Cat courses, like many courses in the area, have "waste bunkers". These are sand traps that may run along the side of a fairway for one to three hundred yards. These traps have no rakes and are minimally maintained. The player who lands a ball in one of these traps does get to ground their club in the sand, unlike a standard sand trap. At times cart paths will actually run through the length of some of the more massive waste bunkers. It's an interesting concept; luckily they don't seem to have caught



on in California. Steve Moss and Ed Anzore tied as medallist at Tiger's Eye with rounds of seventy-eight.

The fourth course in our program was Carolina National Golf Club in Bolivia, North Carolina. This is a Fred Couples Signature course set along the Lockwood Folly River in the low-country marshlands. Golf Digest rates Carolina National as one of the "Finest courses on the Eastern Seaboard." The complex has twenty-seven holes and we played them all. The first Loons foursomes teed off around 11:00 am and the groups were in an hour before dark, as there was no slow play at any time in our trip. Once again Steve Moss set the pace with a round of seventy-nine for the first eighteen holes of the day.

Through ninety-nine holes of golf we had sunny days, with one day of drizzle and wind, but the golf experience was something to remember. The revelry and comradeship of the evenings was something this Loon will never forget. The Loons traveled in groups to several good restaurants around the area, such as the Fishbone Restaurant, and Gregg Norman's Australian Steakhouse; but, the favorite was Humberto's in North Myrtle Beach. We found the prices for food and beverage in Myrtle Beach very reasonable, compared to the Bay Area and the food very good.

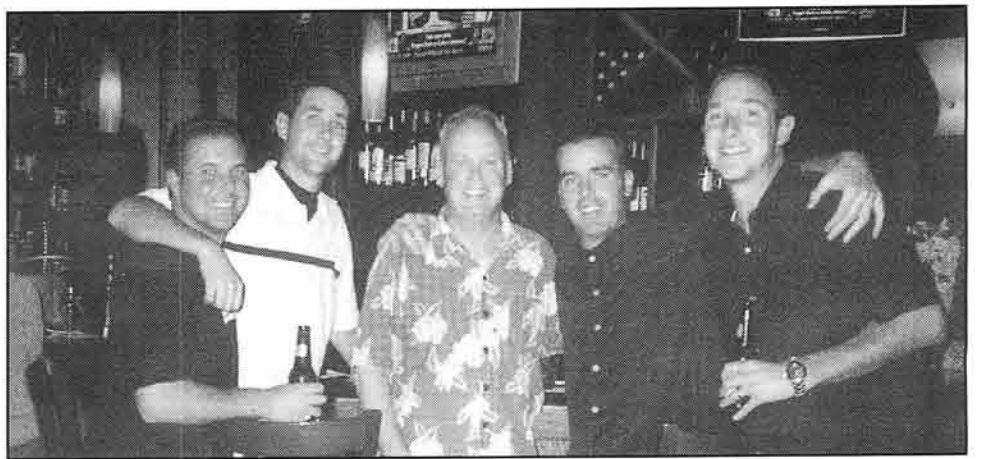
On Wednesday night, all thirty-six Loons gathered at Humberto's to dine together and celebrate Loon Kirk Edison's birthday. Humberto's offers family style dining on Wednesdays and among the entries was their signature twenty-four ounce pork chop. You have to see it to believe it. Six loons ordered the pork chop and there was a contest to see who could actually consume their entire chop. It was a close contest, but Al Miranda of the Hondas beat out Dan Shiu from the

Tenderloin Task Force by a bite.

Humberto's was a very friendly place where the Loons were treated with real southern hospitality. The restaurant featured one Elizabeth King singing and playing piano through the evening. As the Loons were just about to finish dessert, Ed Anzore approached Ms. King at her piano and advised her that we were a group from the San Francisco Police Department. Ed then asked if she knew the words and music to "I left my heart in San Francisco." Miss King laughed and advised Ed "I went to Galileo and San Francisco State, I think I know the words!" The entire restaurant joined in the song and the Loons went to the cocktail lounge from there and to many other adventures through the southern night.

As we flew out on a Friday morning, we just beat an incoming storm that dropped two inches of rain on the area on Saturday while winds hit 60 mph. As the Loons flew west into the storm, there was substantial air turbulence and the members had to do some strong flapping over the Rockies, but we all made it back in one piece.

Our next event will be the Summer Golf Classic at Bethel Island in June. This will be a shotgun following a breakfast buffet. Hope to see you there.





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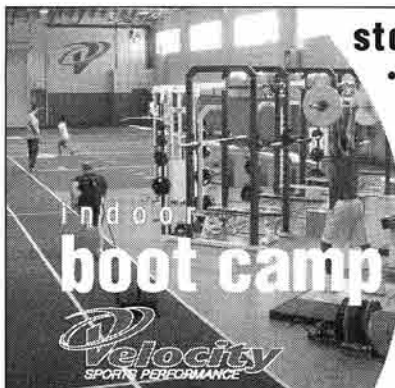
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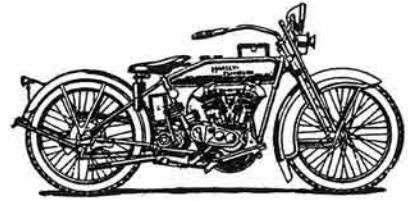
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**September 10, 2007**

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*Get your foursome together for a great golf getaway before it's too late.  
Players of all skill levels are welcome*

**WHEN: Monday, September 10 through  
Thursday, September 13, 2007**

**WHERE: Atlantis Casino Resort, 3800 So. Virginia St., Reno, NV;  
(800) 723-6500**

**Sunday, 9/09/07:** This is the first day of the 4-night package for those who want to arrive early; you're on your own for dinner, etc.  
**The 3-night golf package starts with golf early Monday morning!**

**Monday, 9/10/07:** **WOLF RUN GOLF CLUB.** Individual stroke play using course handicap. This is a SHOTGUN start @ 8 AM! If you're on the 3-night package, check in after golf.  
**5:00 PM: MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL (2-hr. hosted bar & tailgate buffet).**

**Tuesday, 9/11/07:** **LAKERIDGE GOLF CLUB.** Team best ball; team handicap is one-half of the course handicap of the lowest within the foursome. This is a SHOTGUN start @ 8 AM!

**Wednesday, 9/12/07:** **D'ANDREA GOLF CLUB.** Team scramble; the team handicap is again one-half of the course handicap of the lowest within the foursome. SHOTGUN start @ 8:30 AM.  
**5:00 PM: 2-hr. hosted bar; Awards dinner @ 6:00 PM (includes wine).**

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# San Francisco Police Officers Association

## 16th Annual Golf Tournament

*This is your invitation to play in the 16th Annual San Francisco Police Officers Association Golf Tournament on Monday, September 24th, 2007.*

*We are returning to glorious StoneTree Golf Club this year at 9 StoneTree Lane, Novato. This 7,000-yard, 18-hole championship course plays throughout oak-forested hills and valleys and across lush meadowlands with magnificent views of Mt. Tamalpais.*

*This year's tournament is a scramble format, with a shotgun start. Prizes will be awarded for low gross; hole-in-one prizes on selected holes, includes a new automobile; and longest drive. Fabulous tee prizes and raffle prizes will be featured.*

*Tournament activities include a chipping contest, a barbeque lunch, refreshments on the course, concluding with the awards dinner in the Course Club House. Complimentary wine will be served with dinner.*

*Additional guest may be added to the Awards Dinner for only \$50.00 each.*

*Your support of this tournament provides the funding for the Police Officers Association support of worthwhile charitable contributions, which might otherwise go unassisted; community based organizations; and provides scholarship money to deserving youth.*



### Tournament Schedule:

10:00 AM	Registration
10:30-12:00	Chipping Contest & Lunch
12:00 PM	Shotgun Start
7:00 PM	Dinner

### Entry Fees for this year's charitable fundraiser: (Includes golf, barbeque lunch, dinner and a Special Tee Prize)

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# 6th Annual Guns And Hoses Charity Tennis Challenge

By Robin Matthews  
EEO Unit

The 6th Annual Guns and Hoses Charity Tennis Challenge is in the books and from all accounts, it was once again a resounding success. This annual event is now in its sixth consecutive year. It has always been an enjoyable way for the members, family and friends of the San Francisco Police Department and the San Francisco Fire Department to come together for a fun, competitive evening of tennis, as well as a way to support two fantastic organizations - BALEAF, the Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund, and the San Francisco Firefighter's Toy Program.

BALEAF was founded in 1999 and provides support to law enforcement families in the Bay Area who have had members killed in the line of duty, have been seriously injured, or have experienced a catastrophic event. The San Francisco Firefighter's Toy Program provides toys to disadvantaged children during the holiday season. Both have 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, as does the entire Guns and Hoses event. All proceeds from the event will be split evenly between the two organizations.

The Charity Tennis Challenge was held on Saturday, April 28th at the San Francisco Tennis Club at 5th Street and Brannan. Over 40 players of all levels



The San Francisco Police Credit Union was one of the event sponsors.

of tennis played from 4 to 7 PM, with dinner following. Ongoing throughout the afternoon and into the evening was a silent auction, free beverages, and a good time meeting old friends, making new ones, and cheering on their favorite players. Raffle winners were drawn after dinner.

I'd like to thank a number of people and organizations that were instrumental in making this event a success. First, I'd like to thank the San Francisco Tennis Club for hosting this event once again. It's such a wonderful facility, and it's an honor to have our charity event held there. I'd also like to thank the San Francisco Police Officers Association, the San Francisco Firefighters Union Local 798, the San Francisco Police Credit Union, and the San Francisco Fire Credit Union for their continued support of this event. All are major sponsors of the tennis tournament and have continued to be so from the start. Both the Police and Fire Credit Unions had tables had the event again this year. Thanks for being there!

Thanks to our court sponsors this year — the San Francisco Asian Peace Officers Association, the National Latino Peace Officers Association, the Officers for Justice, the San Francisco Police Officers Pride Alliance, I.N.G. Financial, Annie's Bail Bonds, the Quesada Family and North Beach Restaurant. Banners were hung court side for them and for our major sponsors, as well as were listed on informational pages that were placed at all of the dinner tables so that everyone could see who had supported the event.

Thanks to the companies and individuals who donated to our silent auction and raffle — the Asian Arts Museum, the Bay Park Hotel in Monterey, Beach Blanket Babylon, the Bonanza Restaurant, Bonfante Gardens in Gilroy, Burlingame Pilates, Burlingame Prime Rib, Capp's Corner, Crow Canyon Golf Course in San Ramon, the Double Play Restaurant, Electronic Arts, the Fairmont Hotel in San Fran-



cisco, Fior D Italia Restaurant, Granite Bay Golf Course in Rocklin, the House of Prime Rib, the J.W. Marriott Hotel in San Francisco, the Punchline Comedy Club, Korbel Champagne Cellars, Lucchetti's Restaurant in San Mateo, Macaroni Grill at Hillsdale Shopping Center, the Men's Warehouse, Personal Chef Palak private dinner, Prime Time Athletic Club, the San Francisco 49er's, the San Francisco Police Credit Union, the S.S. Jeremiah O'Brien Liberty Ship, the San Francisco Giants, San Francisco Tennis Club Pro Weston Reese, the San Remo Hotel in San Francisco, Lynette Thompson/San Francisco Fire Department, Lieutenant Lynette Hogue/San Francisco Police Department, Sees Candy, Southern Wine and Spirits, Station 9 San Francisco Fire Department, the Terrace Cafe in Millbrae and Tres Agaves Restaurant. Please support those businesses that supported our event and let them know you appreciate them supporting the Guns and Hoses Charity Tennis Challenge.

Thank you to everyone from both the San Francisco Police Department and the San Francisco Fire Department who sold raffle tickets for the event. Special thanks goes out to Sergeant Mark Solomon from Mission Station who was the top raffle ticket seller! Mark blew me away when his FIRST 100 raffle tickets and money were sent back to me within 3 days of me sending them to him to sell! I told him he did such a great job, how would he like ANOTHER 100 tickets. Without hesi-

tation, he said sure, and he promptly sold all of those, too! Thanks, Mark. You and Mission Station have set the mark to beat for next year!!

Thank you to the Guns and Hoses Committee Members — Bob Lopez, Geoff Quesada, Tony Hampton and Annie Hoddinott from the San Francisco Fire Department, myself from the San Francisco Police Department, and Weston Reese and Claudia Vlasak from the San Francisco Tennis Club - who organized all the details over the course of several months to make this event happen.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help out at the event itself including set up, registration, the silent auction, selling raffle tickets, and anything else that popped up that needed to be done throughout the course of the evening - Lieutenant Anna Brown from the San Francisco Police Department, Marianne Hampton, Yvonne Hampton, Judy Holmes and Melissa Lerma.

And finally, thank you to everyone who played in the event. Without you, this charity event wouldn't have happened. Please keep Saturday, April 26th, 2008 on your calendar for next year's event for the 7th Annual Guns and Hoses Charity Tennis Challenge. The more people that participate and the more money that is able to be raised, the more that we can help both BALEAF and the Firefighter's Toy Program do what they do best — help others.

## Guns And Hoses Raffle Winners!

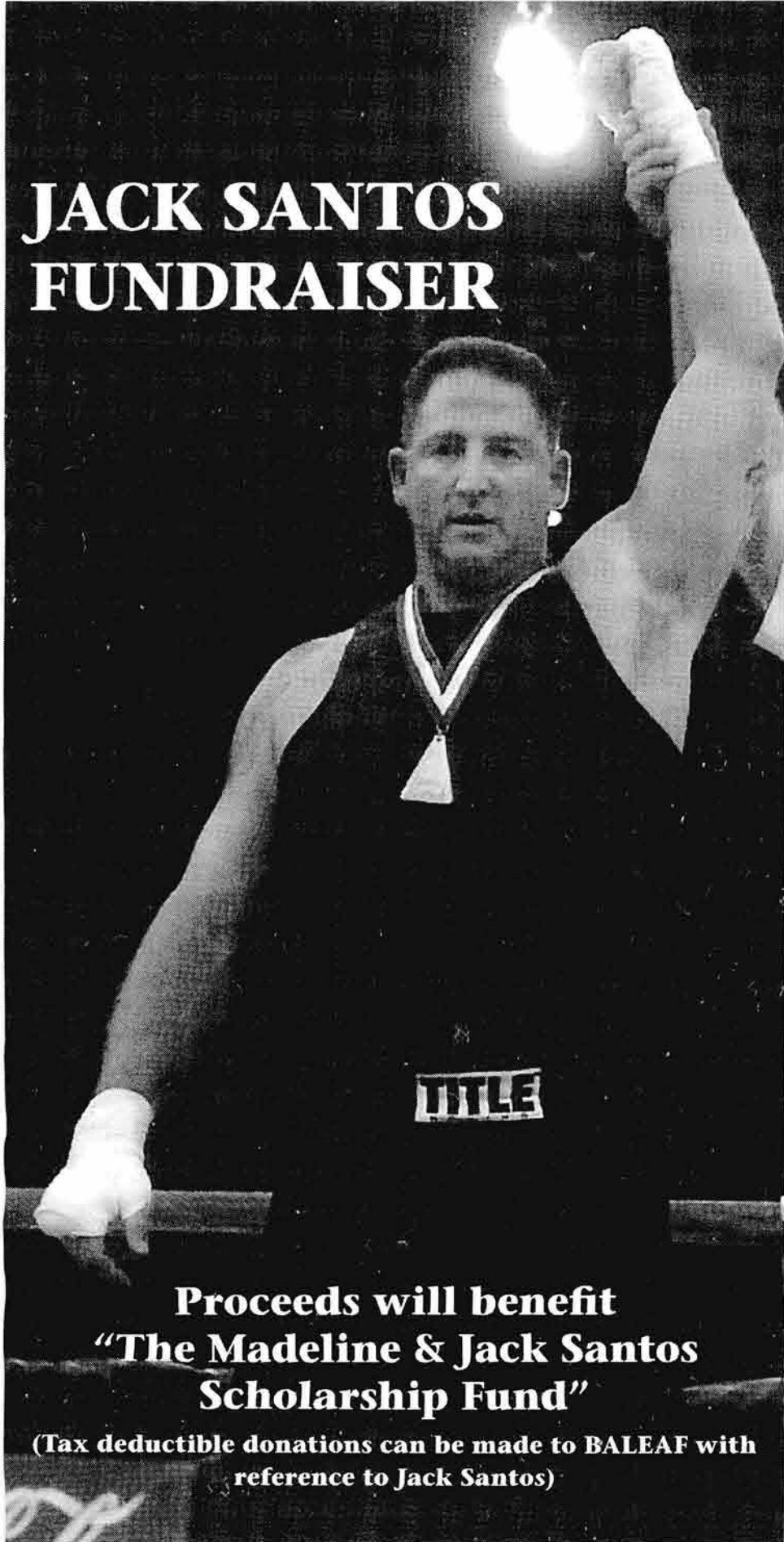
- One night stay at the J.W. Marriott Hotel — Lt. Lynette Hogue/MCD
- Dinner for two at the House of Prime Rib — Rico Valdez
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- Dinner for four with wine at Capp's Corner — Officer Mike Kangranga/Central Station
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## Guns And Hoses Silent Auction Winners!

Those who attended the 6th Annual Guns and Hoses Charity Tennis Challenge were able to participate in a silent auction. The winners of the silent auction are as follows:

- Overnight stay at the Bay Park Hotel in Monterey — Sally Casazza
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- Prime Time membership — Karen King
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- Burlingame Pilates/2 sessions — Melissa Lerma
- Foursome at Granite Bay Golf Course — Bruce Dykstra
- Tennis clinic for 8 at the S.F. Tennis Club with 2 pros and 2 courts — Melissa Lerma
- Foursome at Crow Canyon Golf Course — Captain Steven Tittle
- 2 Night stay at the San Remo Hotel and dinner for 4 at Fiore D Italia — Abraham Fahim
- 3 Litre Bottle of Covey Run Sirrah wine — Theresa Musser
- Private dinner by personal chef Palek for 2 — Captain Steve Tittle
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- X-Box 360/4 games — Bob Lopez
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- Jerry Rice autographed framed picture — Weston Reese
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- Maria Sharapova autographed framed picture — Bob Lopez
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Enjoy this relaxing and fun-to-solve puzzle! If you've never solved a puzzle like these before, it's a good idea to read this before you begin.

Each puzzle has a grid of letters that

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

ACTION	LOCAL	SCRUFFY
BRAVE	LORD	SOLD
CHARM	NEMESIS	STARS
EXPERT	OUTFIT	TIME
FIGHT	PLOT	VARIETY
HORSES	REPORTER	VETERANS
IMITATE	RIVAL	

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# Close Encounters

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For whatever reason, the Department Administration has decided to send all civil claims made against the SFPD to the Office of Citizen Complaints (OCC). That's right – civil claims.

That means that every time you get into a minor fender-bender with a citizen while you're responding to an emergency call for help or when you have to force a door open to save a life, you will face an additional risk of receiving an OCC complaint. Because if the citizen files a claim to repair their car or fix their door then the SFPD will send that claim to the OCC... are we making any progress here??

So we thought that once the OCC received the civil claim they would contact the claimant and see if that individual wanted to pursue an OCC complaint against the officer. That's not what's happening. We have several cases on file now where officers who were named in civil claims have received OCC complaints. And we have proof that the OCC didn't even bother to contact the claimant – they filed an OCC complaint without the claimant's permission!

We brought this to the attention of the Police Commission and they were mildly shocked... we can only surmise that they weren't more upset because after they read the recent Controller's Audit (available on the POA website) that addressed the manner in which OCC handles investigations, well, let's just put it this way, there's not much left that's going to cause them alarm. This type of behavior by the OCC is certainly not unusual... but it is unfortunate. Unfortunate because these "complaints" will serve as "indicators" in the 'new and improved' Early Intervention System.

It would have been nice for the Department Administration to meet and confer with the POA prior to initiating a new procedure (i.e. forwarding civil claims to OCC) that substantially impacts the working conditions of the men and women of this Department. I think it's even illegal to do otherwise...

The husband and wife had an argument and she left with their 6-year old daughter. The husband feared for his daughter's safety as his wife was extremely distressed. Officer Maria Donati, Officer Ed Marchand, Officer Howard Brown, and Officer Tom Abrahamsen responded to where the husband last saw his wife and daughter. They finally located them out by Lake Merced. When the wife saw the officers approaching, she grabbed her 6-year old daughter and moved into some bushes nearby. The officers advanced only to find that the woman was armed with a 10" butcher knife that she had no problem using. She would actually go after each officer

while they were trying to calm her and convince her they would get her the help she needed. She kept screaming, "Go ahead and shoot me – I'm not going to drop the knife." And then she would retreat into the bushes and hide. Then the officers heard the little girl the woman had a firm grip on scream, "Please don't cut me." – but she did. She cut her daughter's neck with the knife. It was at this point that the officers moved even closer to the armed suspect so that she would go after them as a distraction and, as she did, Officer Marchand grabbed the 6-year old and pulled her to safety while Officer Donati utilized her less-than-lethal weapon and successfully disarmed the woman. The officers were now busy trying to stop the bleeding from the wound the little girl sustained... that's a long day.

The three suspects with criminal records far exceeding their years of formal education followed a young couple leaving a nightclub in the Ingleside and waited till they got to their car when they confronted them. One of the suspects asked them what gang they claimed. The man and woman didn't claim any gang – they were citizens of San Francisco. Nevertheless, the suspects now started to beat the young man and, not satisfied once they knocked him senseless, they then shot him in the back several times. Fortunately, Officer Jason Jefferson, Officer Leonard Morrow, and Officer Erice O'Neal just happened to be 2 blocks away when they heard the gunshots. They raced to the scene and managed to corner the suspects as they were getting into their car. All 3 suspects in custody along with the guns they used.

Probably not a good idea to make a pest of yourself by screaming obscenities at people walking by – could be Mr. Booze had a part in this sad chapter... the suspect in question was stopped by Officer Craig Tiffe and Officer Shawn Phillips – turned out he was wanted on a no-bail felony assault warrant – probably something he really didn't want the officers to know.

The stabbing victim was fading fast but witnesses managed to give Officer Robin Odum and Officer Robert Kolbold a good description of the armed suspect who was responsible for the felony assault as well as the location last seen. That's all they needed – they managed to track the felon down within two blocks of the crime and made the arrest.

In the best of all possible worlds, we wouldn't need a larger juvenile facility for the young men/women of San Francisco who have problems 'adjusting' to reality... but the facts speak for themselves. Let's look at just 10 days in the Mission District:

4/27/07: 9:15p.m. Dolores/Hidalgo Streets – Aggravated Assault & Robbery

Suspects arrested: Juveniles ages 13, 13, 13, and 15 years old.

4/28/07: 10:22 p.m. 200 Block of Bryant Street Possession of a Loaded Firearm

Suspect arrested: Juvenile 14 years old.

4/29/07: 4:20 p.m. 2700 Block of Mission Street – Warrant arrest for Attempted Robbery

Suspect arrested: Juvenile 15 years old.

4/29/07: 9:33 p.m. 400 Block of Castro – Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Hate Crime

Suspects arrested: Juveniles 14, 16, 14, and 15 years old.

5/02/07: 11:19 p.m. 17th/Hampshire Streets – Robbery with a replica gun

Suspects arrested: Juveniles 15 & 16 years old.

5/06/07: 00:46 a.m. 24th/Mission Streets – Loitering while carrying a firearm

Suspect arrested: Juvenile 17 years old.

I think San Francisco has a little more to worry about than 'exit exams'...

Just because you're 6'6", and 285 lbs doesn't mean you can slam your door into the parked car next to you. And there's really no justification for beating on the driver of the other car simply because he got out to check for damage. But that's what happened at FoodsCo in the Mission the other day

when the giant suspect got a little hot. Officer Karen Jeske and Officer Jamie Hyun got the "lucky call" and found their suspect inside the store still in a rather glum mood. So glum that he acknowledged both officers using several phrases that were somewhat less than respectful – you could actually say they were far from respectful... and he really didn't want to be bothered with any police investigation. Great. Those are the days when you really wonder if this job is everything you imagined. Anyway – Karen and Jaime managed to get control of their subject of interest, as they say, and removed him from any further opportunities of making someone's day...

You really shouldn't try working this side of the Bay for robbery victims, at least not in the Tenderloin Task Force District. Chances are you'll get arrested. Just like the parolee from Oakland who came to town armed with his .40 caliber Smith/Wesson. He quickly picks out his tourist-type prey, robs them, and then tries to get away. He didn't plan on Officer Sylvia Petrossian, Officer Jason Garden, Officer Nick Donati and Officer Dennis Lai being on-duty. But they were. Not his lucky day... after a 2-block long foot chase, the suspect finally gave up. Of course, if the suspect, who was still armed with the loaded weapon, happened to fall and injure himself during the chase and then decided to file a civil claim for damages as a result of that chase...

We actually have an opportunity, along with the management of OCC, to turn matters such as personnel investigations around so that the officers, and the complainants, will feel as though they were treated fairly. That balance is not there yet. But we have a Police Commission in a leadership transition along with the anticipated appointment of a new OCC Director so all we really need now is a little common sense... something that's been in very short supply lately.

## Sergeant Bob Guinan Named Police Officer of the Year

By Don Moorehouse  
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On March 20, 2007, SFPD Sergeant Robert Guinan was honored as Police Officer of the Year by the San Francisco Rotary Club. Along with honorees from other emergency services in the city, he received his award at a luncheon hosted by the Rotarians and attended by police, fire, and sheriff administrators. A US Coast Guard Officer was also included in the group of recipients.

Sergeant Guinan received his award for his cumulative work promoting and facilitating local events on behalf of the Special Olympics. He is a 30-year veteran of the department, and is currently assigned to the Traffic Company, Solo motorcycle detail. His specific duties within the company are to supervise the Special Enforcement Unit, coordinate DUI checkpoints and enforcement efforts, and administer and monitor traffic enforcement grants issued by the California Office of Traffic Safety.

Sergeant Guinan is dedicated to the Special Olympics, and he considers his work with the special athletes a "labor of love." Selfless community service is highly regarded by the Rotarians.

Congratulations to Sergeant Robert Guinan and to all of the 2007 emergency Service honorees. The honorees are: Sgt. Robert Guinan, Police Department; Deputy Renee Bruneman, Sheriff's Department; Firefighters Eric Tanimura and Marciel Rivera, Fire Department; Petty Officer Justin Parker, US Coast Guard.



Bob Guinan