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### President's Message

## I Hate to Bunt

By Gary Delagnes,  
SFPOA President

I hate to bunt. No matter how long I played baseball, I always hated it when the coach gave the sign to bunt rather than swing away. I always had a lot of confidence in my own abilities and hated to give up an out when I thought I could do more by swinging away. So, one time I just ignored the coach's obvious bunt signal. Okay, maybe it was more than just once . . . But the one time I do remember "missing" the signal, just about cost us the game. My coach at the time made sure I spent the next couple of games on the bench so that I would remember I was playing a "team" game. All he said was, "Gary, it's not about you and it's not about me - it's all about the team."

That one comment put a lot into perspective for me, especially after I joined the San Francisco Police Department. Being a cop in this City is a never-ending challenge, and the only

score that counts in the end is how you treated the people who depended on you.

But the role you play is just as important. When I was playing ball, I didn't have a care in the world when I was on that field. Only later, when I had the opportunity to coach my sons, did I suddenly realize the responsibility I owed the rest of the kids on the team to make sure they all progressed and that the best decisions for all of them, for the team, were always made.

So every time, for the past 17 years, when I stepped into the room where labor negotiations would be held, I had to think for everyone, and my motto has always been "The Most for the Most".

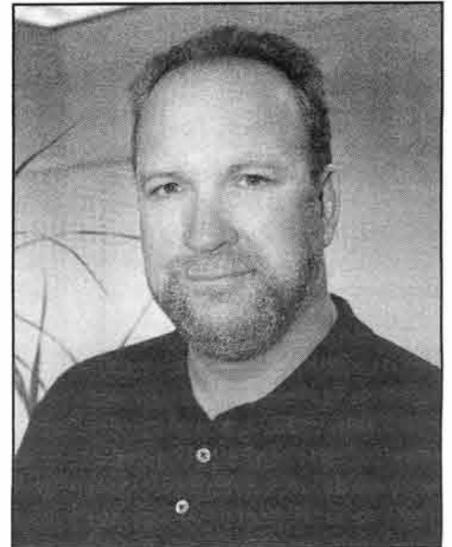
This 2007 Memorandum of Understanding — which will carry us through the year 2011 — was the fifth package I have helped negotiate and, I like to think, one of the best. But, it is never a simple thing to do. The City's position, unlike what many people think, is not just to "take things

away." That's not the role of the City's lead negotiator, Micki Callahan. Micki had the challenge to see what working conditions we could fine-tune to make sure we were within the "comparable" range with other large cities.

Understand that I'm not crossing over here, I just wanted to make a point that the people on Micki Callahan's team were extremely professional throughout the talks. Professionalism is always appreciated.

And that is not to take anything away from the superb team that we assembled. George Rosko, Central Station, is a veteran member of negotiations — he's been with me during some very tough times — and I constantly counted on his counsel when we were at odds with the City.

Carrie Lucas, Mission Station, has also been there "through the wars" so to speak. Carrie offers a unique balance and perspective that could only be acquired through many years at a busy station listening to what the members believed was important to



SFPOA President Gary Delagnes

them.

Dennis Callaghan, Administration Bureau, is a tough, no-nonsense committee member who will sit through hours of research and come up with the most logical conclusion that the rest of us might miss.

Leroy Lindo, Investigations Bureau, served us best as the "devil's advocate." Leroy has all the uniqueness of someone who has served in just about every facet of police work from the trenches on up and is not shy about expressing his opinion — we needed that.

Peter Dacre, Park Station, was a new addition to the committee but definitely not new to the issues that were most important to the rank and file.

Rob Imbellino, Park Station, was another newcomer to the process. Rob expressed a desire to be part of the negotiation team after the last contract and he never let me forget about his interest. He's the type of person we need, and he gave us a different insight with his expectations of where he thought the Department should be down the road.

Pierre Martinez, Investigations Bureau, is another veteran of tough negotiations over the years, and he is more than capable of dissecting the City's proposals and making everything work, making it all look way too easy.

Matt Castagnola has an ability to bring key issues into focus and lends another steady hand to the negotiations.

Matt Lobre was another first timer who certainly received an education into the reality of labor negotiations.

Ed Browne from Central showed tremendous insight and dedication. Nobody is prepared to fight harder for the rank and file than Eddie.

Chris Breen was my right arm during these negotiations, and calmed me down more than once when I was ready to snap. Chris gained valuable experience to lead this membership

## Former Editor Tom Flippin Succumbs to Cancer

By Ray Shine  
Editor

On Monday, July 9, 2007, former POA Editor and SFPD retiree Tom Flippin died following a valiant fight with cancer. Tom died at his home in Quincy, California where he had relocated after his service retirement. He was 60. In cryptic editorial parlance it can be said that Tom missed his final deadline; that being the doctor's prognosis that he would not live past December of last year. Thankfully, Tom missed that deadline and continued to enjoy as much of his life as possible until he was finally claimed by the terrible disease.

Tom was a well-known and respected member of the department and the POA. Tom was a 30-year veteran of the SFPD, having served at Muni, Park Station, and the Traffic Company. Prior to entering the department, Tom had served honorably in the United States Air Force. Upon his retirement in 2003, Tom was serving proudly as a Co. K Solo Motorcycle Officer.

Most members will recall Tom as the tireless editor of this official POA publication — known during his tenure as *The Policeman*, and then *The*



*Notebook*. Tom was also a talented sketch artist, cartoonist, and columnist whose material graced each issue of this publication for more than ten years. Tom served as Managing Editor from June 1987 until June 1997. Prior to that, Tom served as Assistant Editor and he was a regular contributor to this paper before and after his tenure.

Tom's sketch work and cartoons were among his most enduring contributions. Regular *POA Journal* readers will recognize two of his best-known drawings; one is the old-time police officer ringing-in at a call box, this sketch sits at the head of each one of Al Casciato's *Around*

*the Department* columns; the other the cartoonish Loon winging a golf club above each installment of the Loons Nest Golf Club reports by Ed Garcia.

Retirees and senior officers will recall the panel cartoons Tom drew and which were usually found at the top of the back page. Each cartoon featured one or more uniformed SFPD officers, and poked fun at the daily foibles that each of us has experienced during a career of street work in this sometimes exasperating police department.

Tom also penned a regular column titled *Funny But True* in which he chronicled the unique and odd experiences of uniformed street officers. It was a popular column that was certain to draw smiles to a reader's face. Tom drew directly from his own experiences walking a footbeat in the Haight and Divisadero neighborhoods for much of the material in the cartoons and column.

On behalf of President Delagnes and all of the members active and retired of the San Francisco Police Officers Association I extend condolences to Tom's family and many friends. We will certainly miss Tom and his selfless service to this organization.

# Minutes of July 18, 2007 Board of Directors Meeting\*

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

## Donation Request

Officer David Gin of Personnel gave a presentation to the full Board of Directors regarding a bust of Harvey Milk that will be placed in City Hall. David explained that the bust has been paid for through donations, and that the Harvey Milk Committee was now soliciting donations to sponsor the unveiling of the bust. David requested a \$2500 donation through the POA Community Service Committee, however the amount exceeded what the Community Service Committee can approve. David was referred back to the full Board of Directors.

After much discussion, Bob Johnston (Co. E) made a motion that the matter be tabled until the August 2007 meeting. The motion was seconded by Dan Gardner (Inv) and a roll call vote was taken. The motion failed with (1) Yes and (31) No votes.

Seeing that the Community Service Committee is not allowed to donate more than \$2000 to any one organization or fundraiser without the full Board of Directors approval, Mike Nevin (Co. B) made the following motion: That a donation for \$2500 be authorized to the request by David Gin, and that matter be referred back to the Community Service Committee to conduct the transaction from its Community Service account. The motion was seconded by Pete Dacre (Co. F) and passed unanimously by way of voice vote.

## Approval of Minutes

Bob Chapman (AFOB) made a motion that the June 2007 minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Halloran and passed unanimously by way of voice vote.

## President's Message

President Delagnes talked about the results of the recent MOU vote by the membership. After much discussion on this topic, Joe Engler (Inv) made the following motion:

The Election Committee shall not gather polling information on membership voting results by unit. The number of individuals who voted may be counted, however voting results will be determined by the Election Committee without regard to how individuals units votes (yes or no).

The motion was seconded by Bob Johnston (Co. E) and a roll call vote was taken. The motion failed with (6) Yes and (25) No votes.

President Delagnes talked about the Airport Pension inequity matter. The matter will appear on the November 2007 ballot. If passed, President Delagnes and the Airport Pension Committee will meet with each affected member to discuss each members situation as it relates to the individual members cost.

President Delagnes announced that the company hired to gather signatures for the DROP program did not receive the required number of signatures to place the DROP on the November 2007 ballot. Due to the unforeseen lack of signatures, the DROP program will now appear on the February 2008 ballot. If passed, the DROP still takes effect on July 1, 2008.

President Delagnes announced that the new MOU between the POA and CCSF was passed by the Board of Supervisors (10-1) on July 10, 2007. A copy of the new pay scale is being sent to all units, station and details. There will also be hard copies of the MOU available by late August.

President Delagnes said that in

talking with Chief Fong about promotions, Chief Fong anticipated promotions will be made very soon.

The POA will be hosting a candidate's night on July 26, 2007 at 1800 hours at the POA. The POA is inviting all candidates who are seeking a POA endorsement for the Mayor's Race, District Attorney's Race and the Board of Supervisor's Race.

## New Business

POA General Counsel Tennant talked about a FLSA "donning and doffing" issue affecting the Airport K-9 Unit. Counsel Tennant advised that members of the Airport K-9 Unit are having discussions with outside counsel to see if there are any FLSA violations that are specific to the du-

ties of the Airport K-9 Unit. Members will be kept apprised regarding this matter.

## Financial News

Treasurer Halloran provided each Board Member with a printed copy of the POA's YTD budget. There was no other financial news to report.

Meeting adjourned at 1550 hours.

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
**Tony Montoya**  
POA Secretary

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

## Board of Directors Meeting Roll Call Wednesday, July 18, 2007

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*Counsel's Corner*

# Of Power and Politics

By John Tennant,  
SFPOA Counsel

A near disaster in the state legislature and a disturbing conversation with a San Francisco politico have led me to muse on the nature of power and politics, specifically, how they relate to our terribly important business of ensuring that the working police officer has the best wages, benefits, and working conditions possible. The triggering event in Sacramento was the Senate's approval of Senator Gloria Romero's bill (S.B. 1019) because of what the senators perceived as a threat from law enforcement political muscle if they voted for Romero's bill to re-open police disciplinary hearings (which had been closed as a result of the California Supreme Court's *Copley Press* decision last year). While Romero's bill ultimately failed in the Assembly, she and her supporters have vowed to continue their fight.

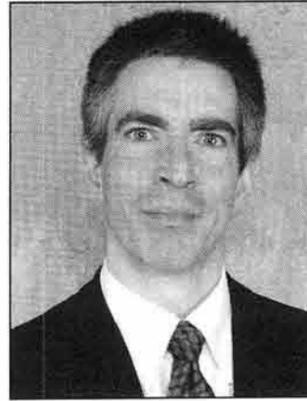
case, it was "Might" that triumphed, not "Right."

For my own part, I would much prefer to be a righteous David than a mighty Goliath. Some would say that this is too naïve a view, too idealistic, too unrecognizing of the world's stark and brutal realities, beset with primal struggles for dominance.

Well the first retort is obvious: It was David, after all, who slew Goliath. In other words, the strength that stems from being right on the merits of a particular issue far surpasses political and legal muscle. History abounds with examples of the right but comparatively weaker side defeating the wrong but comparatively stronger opponent: Mahatma Gandhi and the movement for Indian independence versus the British Empire, Rosa Parks and the civil rights movement versus the legal and political forces behind Jim Crow, the collective peoples of Eastern Europe versus the Soviet Union, etcetera. Given those lessons from history, one

the cause which motivated him in the first place.

Only a man drunk on power in and of itself could have uttered the line former State Department Official and purported Soviet spy Alger Hiss made after observing the Moscow show trials put into effect under Stalin's brutal reign. Hiss is reported to have said admiringly, "Joe Stalin certainly plays for keeps." Such unabashed admiration of pure, unremitting power contradicts and undoes the purpose for which the power was sought to begin with. As columnist Murray Kempton wrote, this "is to feel the thrill of fascination in recognizing that Joe Stalin plays for keeps. It is . . . to have a very good friend and then to cut him from your consciousness because he has left the



Party. It is to give full play to your hates because they are necessary hates. . . . [It] is the conduct of people most of whom had an active conscience and most of whom now feel a particular virtue."

No one should take pride in being told they wield a lot of power in Sacramento, for that is no compliment. If we are to carry the day in convincing state legislators that Romero's bill is bad for Californians, it will be because we are right on the merits of the issue, not because of our political strength. It will be because we have convinced the people of California, through their elected representatives, that Romero's legislation is bad public policy, pure and simple. It will be because we have demonstrated that the public's right to know the facts behind police actions of concern does not equate to a ringside seat at the disciplinary process in a way that undermines officers' due process, which is the upshot of Romero's bill.

Power does not make us right. On the contrary, it is only by being in the right, by serving a righteous cause, that one can ever hope to attain anything approaching real power.

*"Roll the Union On . . ."*

*A prominent San Francisco official opined that the Assembly Public Safety Committee's refusal to move forward with S.B. 1019 had far more to do with police union clout than with the merits of the arguments against the bill.*

The disturbing conversation occurred in the wake of the ultimate failure – for the moment, at least – of Romero's bill. A prominent San Francisco official opined that the Assembly Public Safety Committee's refusal to move forward with S.B. 1019 had far more to do with police union clout than with the merits of the arguments against the bill. This is disturbing because of its implication that in this

would be well-advised to cast his lot with the former historical examples rather than the latter.

But there's another, more subtle point to be made to the hard-nosed realist who sees things only through the lens of power politics and asks only the question "Who can crush whom?" Power too often becomes an end in its own right, causing the wielder of the power to forget the meaning of

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in future negotiations.

Our labor attorney, John Tennant, was magnificent. A veteran of many contract battles in the past as lead counsel for the San Jose POA, John was definitely up to the task. A graduate of Georgetown and Harvard Law School, John could make a lot more money in private industry but instead he chose to represent police officers, and for that I will be forever grateful.

It was a team effort and our mission was accomplished. We will now finally approach our mission of 17 years ago when we vowed to be the highest paid major police department in the country. When that last raise kicks in on

July 1st, 2010, I believe we will have reached that goal.

This whole contract process wasn't about Gary Delagnes, or the Negotiation Committee members, it was about each and every one of you. Is it easy to satisfy each and every one of your needs? It is not. It would be impossible to please everyone with one negotiated instrument — it just doesn't happen. And that's why we try to come up with an agreement that's fair and one that should meet our needs to build an even stronger foundation for the future.

I still hate to bunt — still love the long ball — and, as I mentioned earlier, I really think we hit one this time.

## 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 larry175@ix.netcom.com
Meeting, Widows & Orphans Aid Association	Ingleside Police Station, Community Rm	Second Tues. of Every Month, 2:00 PM	Mark Hurley (415) 681-3660
Meeting, American Legion SF Police-Fire Post	Old POA Building 510-7th Street, SF	Second Tues. of Every Month, 6:00 PM	Rene Laprevotte rlaprevotte@comcast.net POA Office, (415) 861-5060
POA General Membership Meeting	POA Building	Third Wed. of Every Month, 1:00 PM	Sara Johnson (415) 681-5949
Meeting, Retired Employees of CCSF	Irish Cultural Center	Second Wed. of Every Month, 1:00 PM	Range Staff (415) 587-2274
Retiree Range Re-qualification	SFPD Pistol Range	First Fri. of each Month, 0730ñ1130	

### Specially Scheduled Events

Retirement Luncheon Honoring Charlie Mahoney	Cesar's Restaurant 2295 Powell St., SF	Fri. Sept. 7, 2007 11:30	Dan Gardner (415) 553-1201
SF Italian-American Athletic Club Golf Tournament	Richmond Country Club Richmond, CA	September 10, 2007, 12:00	John Ferrando (650) 438-1218
SFPOA Golf Tournament	StoneTree Golf Club, Novato	Monday, September 24, 2007	Marty Halloran (415) 861-5060
Buzz the Fuzz Fundraiser	Justin Herman Plaza, SF	Thur. September 27, 2007, Noon	Bert Siebert (415) 553-1141
Retirement Dinner Honoring Lt. John Carlin, Co. K	Italian-American Athletic Club 1630 Stockton St., SF	Thur. October 4, 2007	Matt Gradner or Larry Chan (415) 553-1245
Archbishop Riordan HS Golf Tournament	Harding Park Golf Club San Francisco, CA	Monday, October 15, 2007	
Co. K Reunion Dinner	Italian-American Athletic Club 1630 Stockton St., SF	Fri. December 7, 2007	Steve Landi (415) 553-1245

# WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' AID ASSOCIATION

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July 11, 2007

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Fred Pardella.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:** President Rene LaPrevotte was excused. Trustee Fred Pardella served as President. Present were: Treasurer Jim Sturken, Secretary Mark Hurley. Trustees Joe Garrity, Mark McDonough, Matt Gardner. Excused were: Vice President Dave Fontana and Trustee John Centurioni.

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

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:** A \$25 donation from David and Lois Borstel in memory of Michael Maloney.

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES:** Representatives from Well Fargo Bank, namely Shane Hiller, Pam Royer and Janet Walker gave a report on our account. She covered our Asset Allocation Overview, Cash Flow summary and our account performance. With the Market down a little last month our

holdings in both the Hedge Funds and Endowment kept us above water. The Bank had no recommendations to buy or sell. With mid and small cap stocks outperforming large cap stocks for most of the year that gap is narrowing.

**We Had Three Deaths This Past Month:**

**EDMUND De MARTINI**, 87 years. Ed was born in San Francisco and grew up in North Beach. He attended Poly High and was employed as a machinist before he entered the Police Academy in 1947. His first assignment was Potrero Station. Ten years later he was transferred to Company "K" and worked in the warrant detail and CWB. He went back to Potrero until 1972 and was then transferred to Southern as a like work like pay Sergeant. Later, he was sent to Taraval and City Prison. Ed retired in 1976. During his career he received several Captain's Comp's.

**DANTE R. DEL CHIARO**, 78 years. Dante was born in San Francisco and grew up in the Mission. He attended Mission High School and served his Country in the Army during WW II and Korea. He worked as a toll collector before he entered the Police Academy in 1958. His first assignment was Central Station. Eleven years later he went to Mission for two months before making Sergeant and going back to Central. He worked Potrero and BCI before going to Northern. He went back to the Hall and worked BCI before making Lieutenant where he was assigned to Park and Potrero. Dante retired in 1983. Dante received several Captains Comps. and a Bronze Medal of Valor. He and his partner arrested two armed robbery suspects who resisted arrest

and attempted to flee but were arrested a block later. Dante enjoyed his retirement and was a regular with only a couple other swimmers who made a daily swim at Oyster Point in South San Francisco.

**PAUL A. CAVAGNARO**, 88 years. Paul was born in San Francisco and grew up in North Beach. He attended Commerce High School. He was an amateur fighter and won several AAU titles and the 1940 Golden Gloves at 175 lbs. He turned pro and fought several fights before WWII broke out and found himself serving his country as a proud member of the Coast Guard. He put four years in and upon his discharge he traveled to L.A. and continued his boxing career. His loving mother in San Francisco did not want her son fighting and this gave Paul a choice he had to make. His old boxing coach, Joey Fox, had a lot of friends in the San Francisco Police Department and talked him into taking the test. Paul entered the Police Academy in 1947 and found his first assignment to be Park Station. Three months at Park and he was off to Northern. He was then transferred to Central where in 1958 he was assigned to the Inspectors Bureau. He was appointed Asst. Inspector in 1961 and full in 1965. Paul worked the Fraud Detail for almost his entire time in the Bureau. He was considered among the best-dressed Inspector in the Bureau. Everyday a different suit or sport coat combination. With his size 51 jacket and small waist and porkpie hat he was a very impressive figure anywhere he went. Paul and his wife were regulars at the Old Police Athletic Club at Hunters Point. One summer he trained a young man who was at the Naval Academy. In eight weeks he put his experience to good use and the following year while back at the Naval Academy he won his class boxing championship. Paul loved looking at the picture with the referee holding his hand up in victory. Paul also was a very fine artist. His work with pencil sketches of all types, especially boxers were seen by all at The Police A.C. Paul retired in 1977 and a few years ago he moved to Wisconsin to be with his wife's family.

**SUSPENSIONS:** Pursuant to Section 3 of Article III of the Constitution. (Non-payment of dues for six months) Andre Fontenot, Arthur Conger, Joseph Finnigan and Roy Hicks. If you know these individuals please have them call us at 415-681-3660 and with payment of back dues we can get them back.

**REINSTATED:** Pursuant to Section 5 of Article III of the Constitution. With payment of back dues and fines Sean Padilla is reinstated.

**DROPPED FROM MEMBERSHIP:** Pursuant to Article III of the by-laws. (Did not complete probationary period) Ricci Guzman, Matthew Horn, Randy Sevilla and Jamie Torres. President Fred Pardella ordered them removed from the roles.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Members of the 213th Recruit Class. Deniz Akrnese, Allan Agustin, Stevan Balian, Milen Brewster, Kevin Brugaletta, Antonio Carrasco, Gustavo Castaneda, Angus Chambers, Eileen Cooper, Danillo Cruz, Ariana Daggett, Robin Delos Reyes, Paul Dominguez, Beau Dumont, Virginia Finley, Philip Gordon, Christina Hayes, Shaun Hewison, Joel Hornstein, Theodore Lattig, Joseph Leonardini, Johnson Leong, Michael Li, Rommel Mallorca, Tiffany Martin, Havin Mum, Wilson Ng, Chris Olson, Anthony Orge, Eugene Paras, Brannon Smith, Joseph Toomey, Michael Tursi, William Tam, Frank Villanueva, Kathy Wong and Nathaniel Yuen. Acting President Fred Pardella ordered them in as new members.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Acting President Fred Pardella had a moment of silence for our departed members and also for those men and women serving their Country. He set the next meeting for August 14, 2007 at 3 PM in the Conference room of Ingleside Station. We will then go downtown to a 5 PM meeting with Wells Fargo Bank. Meeting was adjourned at 3 PM.

Fraternally,  
Mark Hurley,  
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## Memorial Dedication to Officer Bryan Tuvera

On Tuesday, August 7, 2007 at 11:30 AM family, friends, co-workers, and department and community dignitaries will gather at Taraval Station for the dedication of a memorial plaque for Officer Bryan Tuvera. Officer Tuvera was slain while attempting to arrest an armed fugitive on December 23, 2006.

All members are encouraged to attend to honor this hero officer.

The dedication will take place in the Community Room of Taraval Police Station located at 2324 24th Avenue near Taraval Street. A small reception will follow the unveiling.

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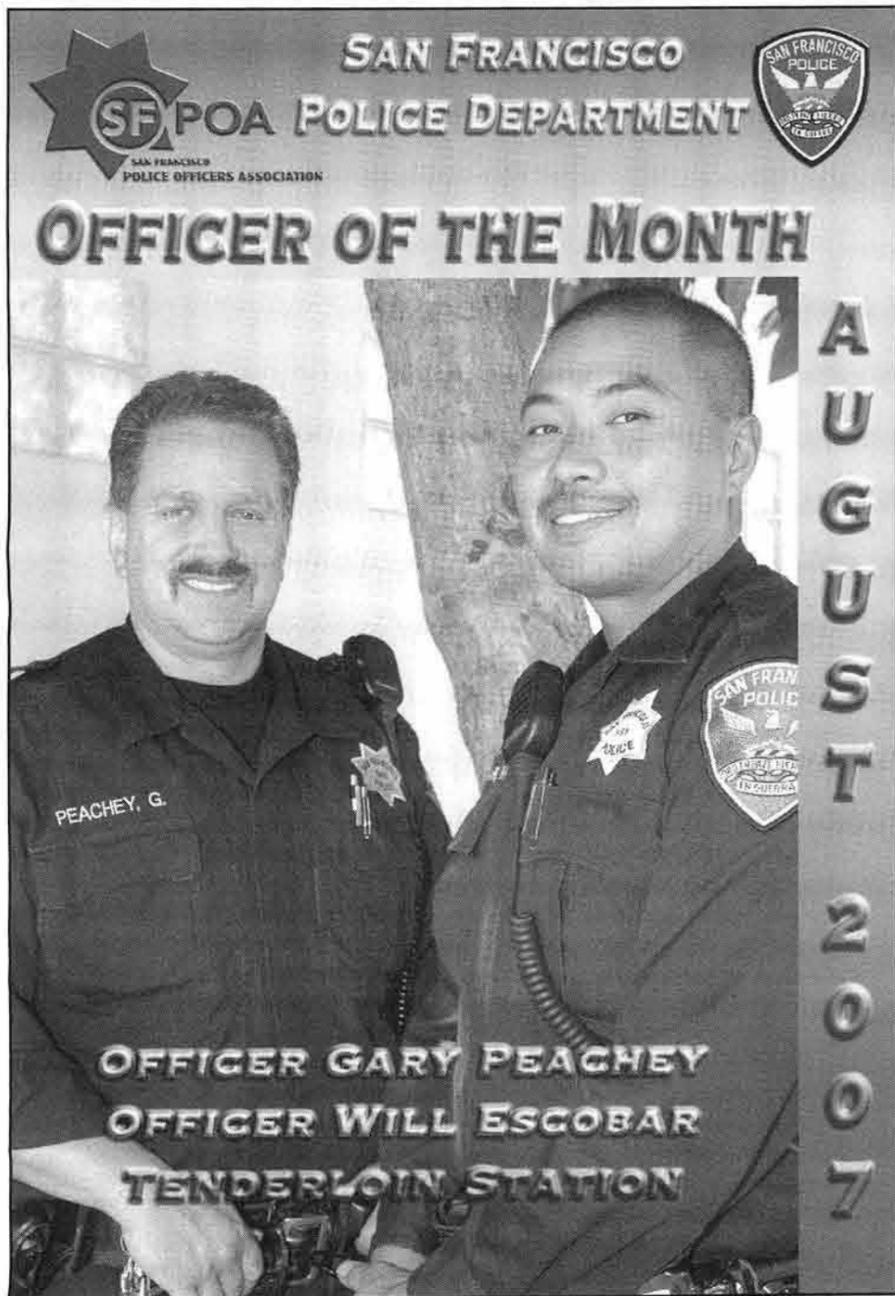
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# Patrol Officers of the Month



COLLAGE BY SHERRY HICKS

By Ray Shine,  
Editor

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

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

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

The Association also congratulates Officers Gary Peachey and Will Escobar of Tenderloin Station for being chosen as the August 2007 Officers of the Month. As with all such honorees, the selection of Gary and Will 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.

# AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

By Al Casciato



### ...Loss of a Friend:

On July 9, retired Solo Tom Flippin, 60, passed away after a valiant battle with a job incurred cancer. As I talked to his family that evening I told them that his passing was very sad. They responded that he was now at peace after being ravaged by the disease and that it was not sad for him. My response was that I was not sad for Tom but rather sad for us. We all lost a friend who believed very strongly



Al Casciato and Tom Flippin

in the Police Family something he wrote about in last month's issue of the *Journal*. Tom served as a longtime editor of this publication and was the managing editor of the City Employees retiree *Bulletin* until shortly before his death. For me Tom was a co-worker, a sounding board, a great cartoonist and most of all a good friend. If Tom were still alive I would be inviting him to visit Northern Station and chronicle the adventures and misadventures of Company E in cartoon. Cartoons which would enable us to laugh and remind us not take ourselves to seriously. Tom you have left a great void as you journey to join your fellow Squad 3 member, Bernie Sullivan, where the angels soar...

### ...Mark Your Calendar:

On Friday December 7, the Traffic Company will have a Reunion Christmas Party at the Italian Athletic Club in North Beach. Many mementos of Company K will be on display such as the memorial pictures of those killed in the line of duty, the cartoons of Tom Flippin and much more. All past members of Company K (Solos, 3 wheelers, fixed post, hit and run and courts) are invited to attend. Seating is limited to 280, contact Steve Landi at Co. K to reserve a seat. Those wishing to lend items for display should contact Bob Guinan at Co. K, 415-553-1245 M-F 0600-0900 or send an e-mail to this column...

### ...Thanks to ALL:

A big thank you to all who worked on the All-Star Game and made it such a huge success for the City. The more successful our conventions and ASG type events are, the better our contracts. The name of the game is to fill the City's coffers so we can all share the wealth. So a big thank you to all...

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

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# News From The Front Lines:

## SFPD's extended family serving our country

By Tom Flaherty,  
Northern Station

The San Francisco Police Department's extended family includes sons and daughters, and brothers and sisters, who are courageously serving our country with the armed forces in Iraq and other parts of the world. And for those of you who have been wondering about these far-flung men and women, here is a little bit of news about one of them.

**Who:** Spc. Christopher T. Dowke (son of SFPD Officer Jay Dowke of the Tactical Unit).

**Age:** 22

**Enlisted in Army:** April 2005

**Current Assignment:** Member of the 82nd Airborne Unit 1-505 Parachute Infantry Regiment Delta Co. He arrived in northern Iraq in August 2006 — and has since experienced numerous combat situations (fire fights, sniper attacks, mortar attacks and IED attacks).

**Return Date:** Due to get out of the Army in September 2008. However,

his unit may deploy for an additional 15 months in 2008.

**Future Plans:** Plans to join SFPD when he gets out of the Army. And he may have recruited a few of his Army buddies as well. Some of them also have expressed interest in joining SFPD.

We wish Spc. Dowke well and thank him for his tour of duty. If you, too, have a family member who is serving our country in Iraq or another part of the world, please send some information and photos (and an e-mail address for the soldier, if available) to Sgt. Tim Flaherty at Northern Station. And we will try to include a write-up in an upcoming issue.



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## American Legion Names Officer Fabian Fowler "Law Officer of the Year for Valor"

On June 21-24, 2007, The American Legion had its state convention in Palm Springs, CA. The awards ceremony was on June 21st at the Palm Springs Convention Center. Awarded the State Law Officer of the Year for Valor was our own Officer Fabian Fowler from Bayview Station. Officer Fowler has also been awarded the SFPD Gold Medal of Valor Award for the same incident.

The incident for which Officer Fowler was awarded his plaque and medal occurred on August 27, 2006 in the Bayview District. Officer Fowler and his partner responded to a report of "shots fired" just a few blocks from their location. Unknown to them, the suspect they found had just moments before murdered two innocent victims, by shooting them in the backs of their head. The suspect opened fire on the two officers and a furious gun battle ensued. Officer Fowler mortally

wounded the suspect while his life was in constant jeopardy during a prolonged gun battle. His outstanding courage and fighting spirit reflect great credit on the San Francisco Police Department.

The American Legion's Law and Order Commission chose Officer Fowler to be the recipient of their highest award for Valor over some very stiff competition from all over the state of California. We should all be very proud to have co-workers such as Officer Fabian A. Fowler in the San Francisco Police Department.

Attending the awards ceremony in Palm Springs were Captain Greg Corrales, Inspector Liane Corrales, Officer Bob Belt, Officer Fabian Fowler and his wife Shareena Fowler. Officer Belt made the speech and presentation to Officer Fowler at the ceremony with dignitaries, Legionnaires and convention attendees from all over the state.



L to R, Shareena Fowler, Officer Fabian Fowler, Captain Greg Corrales and Officer Bob Belt.

## Buzz the Fuzz Returns

Hey Baldies, or those willing to be baldies, "Buzz the Fuzz" is returning to your City by the Bay. On Thursday, September 27th., we will attempt to match the weather and festivities of the event held two years ago. The last event was held on beautiful day in the Justin Herman Plaza, and raised over \$100,000 for the kids.

The last "Buzzing" was attended by a horde of San Francisco Unified School District's students. These honor roll students earned their way to a day at the movies, courtesy of the Sony Metreon, and lunch by the Buzz the Fuzz volunteers. Soon as the students were fed and the shaving began, the students got into the action and started collecting donations from the crowd.

The day not only included a head shave, it also showcased the tools

utilized by the SFPD. Our department provided the horses, dogs, boats, motorcycles, dirt bikes, an entry vehicle, and the some other of tools used throughout the Department. An officer or sergeant assigned to the unit providing apparatus stood by to explain the function of these tools to the kids — and observers to the event.

It has been two years since the department has seen the bright reflecting heads attending line-ups. The baldies are about to return. If you have love for the children, at UCSF or want to help the Wish Upon A Star Foundation grant wishes to terminally ill children, then sign up with Inspector Siebert at the General Work Detail.

Contact Insp. William "Bert" Siebert at General Work Detail 415-553-1141 or Pierre Martinez at Domestic Violence 415-553-9225.

## This and That...

By Kevin Martin  
SFPOA Vice President

### Kudos to the Negotiation Committee...

As the dust is starting to settle after the long and arduous contract negotiations, I would like to extend my deepest thanks to the members of this extremely important committee.

The contract talks began nearly one year ago. Contract negotiation is never an easy proposition because so much is stake for so many people. We not only have ourselves and our careers to consider, but also the welfare and security of our families and loved ones.

It is important to keep in mind that we all look at these negotiations through a somewhat jaundiced eye. Our more veteran officers who are nearing retirement have different concerns with a contract than does a member who is just starting out in his or her career and looking to start a family and buy a house. Both perspectives are legitimate and reasonable and it is the job of the contract committee to be mindful of these and all other concerns.

It is also important that the process is a negotiation, not a demand. The individuals from the Department of Human Resources representing the city have to be able to go back to their people at City Hall and make their case that this is a fair and equitable contract, just as our committee members have to do for us. I hope most of you can realize just how difficult this process can be. The committee is at times in a no win situation because of all that is at stake, and because they know they will not be able to make everyone happy.

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*It is also important that the process is a negotiation, not a demand.*

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There are certain units or details within this department who are afforded additional compensations because of the nature of their assignments. This may cause dissention among other members who may feel they're getting short changed. Then you have the "hue and cry" over give-backs and how we're getting screwed and how the committee is selling out to the city. Although unavoidable, this sentiment makes for bad feelings and all too often volumes of misinformation are thrown to the wind for one and all to hear and talk about. I guess it's just human nature and the human condition at work. This being said, I think the committee did a tremendous job and I believe we will come to really understand and enjoy the hard work and wisdom of this committee for some time to come.

I personally want to thank the following members who served on this committee for their dedication, courage, and selflessness. I appreciate the long hours you spent putting this contract together and I want you to know your efforts have not gone unnoticed. Thanks to President Gary Delagnes, Sgt. at Arms, Sgt. Chris Breen and POA

Labor Counsel, John Tennant as well as to the following: Matt Castagnola, Captain Richard Corriea, Sgt. Dennis Callaghan, Ed Browne, George Rosko, Pierre Martinez, Sgt. Carrie Lucas, Matt Lobre, Sgt. Peter Dacre and Robert Imbellino.

### All-Star Extravaganza...

Well, the 2007 Major League All-Star Game has come and gone with a flourish. The festivities began Sunday, July 8 and ended Tuesday, July 10th as the American League once again defeated the National League. You don't need me to tell you just how upside down this town became with a flurry of baseball fans and tourists. All of us, from Chief Fong on down, made their best effort to facilitate the historic event, and it can be said that we all hit a home run.

The planning for this game began more than one year ago. Many were involved in the planning, and hundreds in the execution of the event. Certainly, Chief Fong and Deputy Chief Shinn were instrumental in the planning, as was Captain Denis O'Leary of Southern Station, the police district where AT&T Park is located, and Captain Al Casciato of FOB.

Lieutenant Greg McEachern was at the helm of the field operation and he took reins of this overwhelming project last July when the All-Star Game was held in Pittsburgh, Pa. Lt. McEachern surrounded himself with very capable and experienced hands including Sgt. Bill Roualdes, Sgt. Gene Galeano, Sgt. Dan Linehan, Sgt. Danny Lopez, Officer Tad Yamaguchi, and officer Lou Glaser all of whom had pivotal roles in the effort. Captain Dan McDonagh of the Crime Prevention Company provided very competent and ready resources. Sgt. Dean Marcic and his crew did their usual outstanding work. Along with uniformed and plainclothes personnel, Lt. McEachern coordinated his efforts with Major League Baseball and The San Francisco Giants personnel. Greg worked closely and effectively with Vice-President of Stadium Operations, Jorge Costa and his valued assistant Gene Telucci (Sacred Heart High School, class of '75), Tinie Roberson and Tom Zorn. Together, this group did an outstanding job with many other law enforcement agencies, Major League Baseball, Fox Sports and other media, and all the other "stuff" that goes into this major undertaking.

Many of us will never know just how much time and effort was put into the All-Star game but needless to say, we had the right people for the right job. Major League Baseball owes a great debt of gratitude to Chief Fong and all members of the San Francisco Police Department for all their outstanding work.

Glenn Ortega (Co. D, Solo), the sure-handed infielder for the SFPD Olympic hardball team, got a tip of the hat from none other than Boston Red Sox (yecchhhh) first baseman David "Papi" Ortiz during the American League batting practice. After Glenn barehanded a sharp grounder headed directly for the Met shortstop's son who did not see the ball heading his way, Ortiz smiled and congratulated Glenn on the good play.

Our own Johnny Ferrando (Co. A) experienced quite a thrill of his own when he was tossed a baseball from arguably the greatest ball player of all time — Willie Mays. Mays was chaperoned around the ball yard before

the All-Star game in a pink Cadillac. John was situated down the left field line where Willie tossed John the ball. The connection? John was a batboy for the Giants for a few years as he was paying his way through Sacred Heart High School.

Let's not forget to pay a long overdue debt of thanks to Sara Kelly and Pauline MacKenzie who handle the department's dispatching and clerical duties at AT&T Park during the games. These two dedicated hardworking women are too often forgotten but their work is essential to keeping us on the air and safe at the ball games. You two gals certainly make our jobs a lot easier, and that's no easy task. Thanks for all that you do.

### Stalled Contract Heats up Oakland PD...

The long-stalled contract impasse between the union representing Oakland police officers and the city may be at a critical breaking point. It looks as if some patrol officers might be taking out their frustrations on hapless, ordinary citizens, if an ugly event that occurred last July 4th is any indication.

Word from SFPD's Kevin Edison, Southern Station, is that his brother-in-law and several other uniformed Oakland officers (identities withheld) responded to an exuberant block party deep in East Oakland where illegal fireworks were being set off in the street. The celebrants became increasingly agitated after the officers ordered all of the fireworks be seized. Several of the miscreants then challenged the cops to a "winner-take-all" volleyball game, to be played there and then, to decide who keeps the explosive contraband.

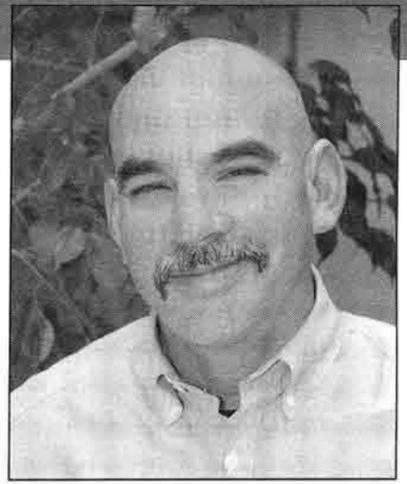
After several moments of consideration, the frustrated officers took up the challenge and a do-or-die game started, three against three. Clearly the officers wanted to not only beat the other team, but to humiliate them so mercilessly that there would be no question as to who owned that block of Oaktown. Even though hampered by bullet-proof vests and gun belts complete with handgun, baton, and PIC radio, the unrelenting Oakland cops beat the baddies not one, but several games straight before declaring victory and claiming ownership of that corner of the 'hood. It was an ugly, brutal scene. Game upon game, the unrelenting cops pounded away at the locals with vicious super-sonic serves and death-like over head spikes, even as bewildered families and innocent children gathered about to witness the impromptu showdown. No quarter was given, no mercy shown. No doubt that OPD community policing was set back for years to come.

"Sure, they had been drinking all day," Kevin's brother-in-law later conceded, "but we were in full uniform. It was a fair fight. And anyway, win or lose, we still would have taken the fireworks."

Shameful. Absolutely shameful.

### UCSF Visit...

My thanks to Inspector Joe Engler, POA Rep from the Investigations Bureau for assembling a great group to visit the kids at UCSF on Wednesday, July 12. Joe was joined by Spencer Gregory, Denise Fabbri, Julie Lazar, Sid Saurai (from the "Fightin' 162nd" academy class) and Gerry Schmidt. My sincerest thanks to one and all for your time, kindness and consideration. Great job, Joe!



Vice President Kevin Martin

### Special Olympics Torch Not Quite as Bright...

Once again, Bob Guinan, Co. K, and his crew planned an extraordinary fundraiser event on behalf of the Northern California Special Olympics. See the photos and text in the center spread of this issue.

On a sad note though, one notable face was missing from the annual event. From the beginning, recently deceased member Bernie Sullivan, Co. K, Solo, became involved in the Special Olympics efforts with the SFPD/POA. Bernie was always a very popular person at the events and gave so much of himself to the athletes and their dreams. I trust I was not the only one out there who missed seeing Bernie's smiling face. We miss you Bernie...

### Tom Flippin...

For many of us, the passing of our dear friend and colleague, Tom Flippin marked the end of an era. Tom was one of the all time greats. Many may not know how generous Tom was in life. At a fundraiser for Bernie Sullivan's surviving children, host Corrado Petruzzella announced to the crowd that Tom Flippin and his wife Anna had donated \$2,000. Corrado later intimated that he had initially turned the donation down remarking that it was too much in light of Tom's cancer prognosis. However, Tom and Anna insisted that he accept the money. That's just the kind of selfless guy Tom Flippin was.

Tom served the department and the POA with class, distinction and honor. Tom was born in Corvallis, Oregon on December 14, 1946 and passed through our midst this past July 9 in Quincy, Ca.

Tom finished his career with the SFPD as a member of Co. K, Solos. It was only fitting then that on Wednesday, July 18, 2007, Tom's former squad of uniformed solos made the trip to Quincy to act as an escort as he was laid to rest. Under the direction of Captain Greg Corrales of Traffic Company, Captain Al Casciato, Sgt. Bob Guinan, Sgt. Gile Pursley, Jimmy McGinnis, Eddie Dare, Charlie Lyons, Frank Achim and Paul Schlotfeldt proudly acted as escort for Tom.

A second memorial service was held on Sunday, July 22, 2007 at the Mariner's Community Church in Half Moon Bay. A celebration of Tom's life was led by Tom's friend and pastor Paul Richardson. I attended the touching service along with Captain Al Casciato, Sgt. Jeremiah Morgan and Chief Heather Fong. Al spoke fondly and eloquently of his dearly departed friend and Jeremiah quoted a poem by Lowell.

Tom was an honorable and loving man to his wife, children and family. Tom was a man of courage who served others with devotion. Tom was a cop. May he rest in peace.

# Academy of Art Scholarship Awards



Dr. Elisa Stephens and Kevin Martin

By Kevin Martin

On Friday, July 6, 2007, The Academy of Art University of San Francisco, under the direction of university president Dr. Elisa Stephens, hosted the first POA Scholarship Award Dinner. The event was held at 79 New Montgomery Street and to say the least, the evening was wonderful.

Nearly every one of the POA scholarship award winners was present to celebrate the evening. Dr. Stephens gave an inspiring speech welcoming the new students to the university. Chief Heather Fong also addressed the crowd, as did AAU Athletic Director and former San Francisco 49er tight end, Dr. Jamie Williams.

Dr. Williams spoke eloquently about the desire and commitment of the students to the university, as well as to themselves and their family.

I was very honored to present Dr. Stephens and Mr. Mike Petricca, AAU Security Director, plaques of appreciation from the SFPOA.

After the welcoming speeches, the students and their families were treated to a delicious dinner. I was very pleased to see such a strong turnout by our members and their families for this event. I could not be happier for our Summer Art Experience students. Each had nothing but raves about the classes they were taking. One proud parent of an award winning student told me that how pleased she was that her son was able to take advantage of this program. In her estimation, the education was more than just a classroom experience; it was a life



Commander Sylvia Harper and Chief Heather Fong with Dr. Elisa Stephens.

experience. Her son now had more responsibilities to tackle, and was handling them very well.

I once again extend my most sincere gratitude to Dr. Elisa Stephens for incorporating the POA into the Academy of Art University family. We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship. I would also like to thank Mr. Mike Petricca for his continued support, and Ms. Erin

Romeo who did an outstanding job coordinating the awards dinner.

Please keep your eyes on *Journal* issues published next spring when we announce application openings for the 2008 AAU Summer Art Experience for our high school sons and daughters, as well as the four year undergraduate degree for two of our members in good standing.



Academy of Art Scholarship award winners

## Address of Dr. Elisa Stephens to the attendees at the SFPOA/SFFD Scholarship Reception/Awards Dinner, July 6, 2007

Submitted to The Journal  
by Kevin Martin

Good Evening. I am Elisa Stephens, President of the Academy of Art University. I am so thrilled you are able to join us this evening as the Academy of Art University recognizes your dedication to making a difference in our community.

Tonight, we are here to honor the Police Officers and Firefighters Association's of San Francisco.

In a tradition started over 80 years ago by my grandfather, the Academy of Art University gives scholarships every year to high school students and their teachers interested in defining their artistic talents.

Tonight, we are so honored to be able to offer Pre-College and 4-year

scholarships to the sons and daughters of San Francisco Police Officers and Firefighters. It is our way of saying thank you for making a difference in our community. Thank you.

At this time I would like to give my sincerest thanks to Mike Petricca, a former member of the Police Association, and the Academy of Art University's Director of Campus Security. His extensive knowledge and professionalism has allowed our students to move about our urban campus safely and securely. Thank you Mike for your commitment to our university.

I would like to thank President Gary Delagnes and Vice-President Kevin Martin of the Police Association for collaborating with the university on this important endeavor.

And now, it is my great pleasure to introduce Heather Fong, San Francisco Chief of Police to say a few words.

*(Heather Fong Speaks)*

Thank you Heather.

Without further adieu, I would like to congratulate the recipients of our Pre-College High School Scholarship program. Please come up to the podium:

Shayna Celaya  
Erica Dean  
Meagan McNaughton  
Alyssa Juco  
Allison Spillane  
Daniele Ferrigno  
Yessenia Jimenez  
Carlo Parra  
Erin MacFarland

Jacqueline Guerrer  
Cameron Lopez

And now, the recipients of our 4-year Bachelor program scholarship. Please come to the podium:

Annette Barreto  
Julia Selchau  
Joshua Espinoza  
Leslie Forrestal  
Let's give these students a round of applause.  
Thank you.

I would now like to introduce Dr. Jamie Williams, a former 49er and Superbowl Champion, and our very own Director of Athletics.

*(Jamie Speaks)*

Thank you Jamie.  
Enjoy the rest of the evening!

# Why I Want to Attend the Academy of Art University

By Josh Espinoza

As a native San Franciscan, I have an understanding of the long and rich history of the Academy of Art University. To become a member of the university's student body would be the first step into a much larger world.

When I was a freshman in high school, I could remember how I loved the art of photography. I was able to save money from my job at Baskin-Robbins to buy a used Mamiya-Sekor from the father of a friend. The light sensor was broken and I did not have the money to repair it, so I would take along a note book and copy down the ISO, shutter speed, and aperture so I can evaluate the pictures later (When I had enough money saved up to pay for development).

There I was tugging along with my vintage camera and my notebook and began to teach myself how to take pictures. One night, I was at home and watched a documentary on Ansel Adams and how he turned the world of nature photography on its ear. I began to understand his zone system and the composition of his photographs but what really stopped the show for me is that he was born in San Francisco! On of the most influential nature photographers of the early twentieth century was born here in my home town.

Coming from a conservative and pragmatic home, I was convinced that I needed a career that would pay the bills and that was to be computer engineering. I loved computers but the idea of being inside a cubical all day scared the pocket protector out of me.

Then came the calling, as a priest to the collar, I knew what I wanted to be...a police officer. Not just any

city police officer, but a San Francisco Police Officer.

I would recall with great nostalgia, the old reruns of "Adam 12", CHIPS, "The Streets of San Francisco", and my all time favorite "Hills Street Blues". The contact I had with police officers was always positive. I had found my calling like a whale to water.

As time marched on and I married and had my beautiful babies, I never lost sight of my photography. Everywhere I went I would size up the scene and make mental notes of composition, light and color. I would yearn for it. The day had come that I needed to put this fever to rest one way or another. I purchased a camera, lens, printer and I was off running. I soon found myself taking thousand of pictures, going for a drive and see what I would find on the way. Stay up for long hours in the dead of night, freezing every inch of my body to make that star trail shot.

As my interest grew and my technique refined I wanted more, I wanted to reach that next level.

My patrol duties would invariably take me past the Academy of Art University, gosh how I wanted to go to that school. At one point I even tried to enroll but found the cost of attending prohibiting.

I want to be the next Ansel Adams the next native San Franciscan to achieve what he did. I wanted to learn the craft in one of the most prestigious art schools in America.

When I saw the bulletin that was posted at the station, I knew then it was no accident, if I wanted to take myself seriously in the art of photography I needed to try.

Try this one time...a step into a much larger world.

# Why Art School? Why the SF Academy of Art University?

By Leslie Forrestal

Twenty three years ago I closed my eyes, stuck out my right forefinger and touched it down to a map resting on my lap. My mind was set that I had to move from everything I knew in order to begin to grow as an adult. The city my finger landed on was San Francisco.

Until then I don't believe I had ever heard of San Francisco. Oh I had a vague idea of California — a place of sun, surf and summers without rain—that I had gotten from songs on the radio, songs like America's "Ventura Highway" and The Beach Boys' "California Girls." So, I went to a bookstore and bought a guidebook: Fodor's San Francisco. The cover showed a cable car topping the Hyde St. hill and I immediately recognized the scene from Rice-A-Roni commercials I had seen on T.V. Photographs of SF's landmarks (The Golden Gate Bridge, Coit Tower, Transamerica Building, Ghirardelli Square, Cliff House, Alcatraz, etc.) and colorful street scenes from Chinatown, the Castro, North Beach, Union Street, Fisherman's Wharf, Golden Gate Park, etcetera, etcetera, etcetera, filled the guidebook. No wonder it was proclaimed "America's favorite city" in bold italics.

Little did I know then that I was moving to one of the most interesting and open places on Earth. It has become for me the standard by which all other cities are measured. It is a city in complete equilibrium with itself; a dynamic place full of energetic and passionate people who celebrate the

past and embrace the future. It is also an immensely urbane and cosmopolitan city that honors its diversity through street fairs, parades, cultural events, festivals and museums.

I can speak about San Francisco and San Franciscans in grandiose terms because I live, work and serve in this city. I am constantly inspired by its generosity and it is time for me to give something back. My vision of *that something* would be an expression of the city and environs, its customs and people of every description, its high points and low points, its geography and landscape and its inescapable resilience. I would choose photography as the medium with which to pursue that creative expression.

There is much I can bring to the photographic studio at San Francisco Academy of Art University: maturity, experience and an especially unique perspective on the city's urban life. I have worked in the Bayview-Hunter's Point and Tenderloin as well as Pacific Heights and the Richmond. I have seen the best and worst of this city and believe there is an equal opportunity to learn from both perspectives.

I also believe the education and opportunity the San Francisco Academy of Art University can give to me would enhance my abilities as a public servant in law enforcement. Public safety and law enforcement require special problem solving skills. A mind that is open to creative expression functions better in stressful situations, viewing the world through its myriad possibilities, turning the eye from a magnifying glass to a telescope.

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Throughout the year, SFPD Better Halves will meet as an organization to establish goals and keep in touch. We are currently in the midst of planning a few social gatherings for members and their spouses or families.

If you are interested in participating in the SFPD Better Halves or would like more information, please send an email to [SFPDBetterHalves-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:SFPDBetterHalves-subscribe@yahoo.com). If you don't have access to email, please call Jackie Lyons (wife of Officer Gerald Lyons, Bayview Station) at (707) 363-2639.

## Retired Police Dogs Get Long-Term Care

By Chuck Squatriglia  
Reprinted from the SF Chronicle  
Sunday, July 1, 2007

Retired police dogs received a pension of sorts on Saturday, thanks to a \$1 million donation to Pets Unlimited in honor of Sgt. Darryl Tsujimoto, who died last year during a training exercise.

The donation by San Francisco philanthropist Nina Ireland to the city's oldest nonprofit animal shelter and veterinary clinic will help provide care for countless animals, including retired police dogs, officials said.

Ireland made the donation in honor of Tsujimoto, who led the San

## Keep Those Empty Ink Jet Cartridges Coming

By Robin Matthews  
EEO Unit

Thank you to all who have been sending me empty ink jet cartridges. Bob Kim of FOB leads the way with 111 cartridges donated! Way to go Bob!

Whether you donate in large quantities like Bob, or a few at a time, please keep those used cartridges coming! Not only does your donation help reduce pollution by recycling, it also is helping the International Association of Women Police foundation, (the International Association of Women Police Foundation, Inc.) raise much needed funds so that they can continue the charitable and educational needs and activities of the organization.

IAWP Foundation, Inc. has teamed up with a recycling and fund raising partner who will make a donation to them for every empty ink jet cartridge that is turned into them.

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Thank you for your continued support, and please pass the word to your family and friends that we will gladly welcome their ink jet cartridge donations, as well.

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Francisco police Canine Unit until he suffered a heart attack and died May 1, 2006, during a training exercise. He was 41.

The Canine Unit won numerous gold medals in national competitions under Tsujimoto's leadership. He also had served at several stations around the city and on the narcotics and vice units during his 15-year career.

"The San Francisco Police Department is gratified and honored by this wonderfully generous endowment that will also go toward helping our retired Canine Unit dogs after their years of dedicated and tireless hard work," Chief Heather Fong said in a statement.

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## Retirements

The San Francisco Police Officers' Association congratulates the following POA members on his or her recent retirement from the SFPD. These veterans will be difficult to replace, as each takes with them decades of experience and job knowledge. In alphabetical order by last name, the most recently retired POA members are:

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Officer John Flaherty #1365 from Traffic Company, Solo  
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Inspector David Letsch #1485 from Medical Liaison  
Officer Michael Lujan #2053 from Traffic Company, Solo  
Sergeant Tom Martin #705 from Fleet Management  
Officer Rose Meyer #1100 from Southern Station  
Officer John Mino #771 from Medical Liaison  
Officer John Parenti #2198 from Medical Liaison  
Lieutenant Richard Reyes #1996 from Medical Liaison  
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## 2004 Workers' Compensation Reform:

# Employers Save, Insurers Profit, Injured Workers Suffer

By Mike Hebel,  
Welfare Officer

In April 2004 Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed SB 899 – that most drastic change in the California Workers' Compensation System since its creation in 1913. The Governor positioned this legislation as the crowning accomplishment of his first term in office. With its enactment he promised that he would not cut benefits for injured workers. Instead the "reforms" were meant to create more consistency and less friction and litigation in the system. Savings were supposed to come from fewer rubs in the system, not from a reduction in injured workers' benefits. Permanent disability benefits were to be based on empirical wage loss and employer selected doctors were supposed to decrease the disputes over appropriate medical care.

On March 28, 2007 the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO issued its landmark report entitled *Workers' Compensation Reform: Employers Save, Insurers Profit, Injured Workers Suffer*. The report concluded: "But Governor Schwarzenegger's reform has failed in its intended goals. Instead, it has resulted in historic insurer profits, generous employer savings, slashed benefits, and denied treatment for workers. The effect has been increased pain and misery for injured workers in California."

### Insurers Profits Swell, Injured Workers Benefits Collapse

California, the largest state in the nation with 37.5 million residents, has the largest workers' compensation system as well, covering more than 15 million workers. Each year about 650,000 workers suffer a reportable work injury, about half of which require only medical attention and involve no time off work. More than 200,000 involve some time off work and qualify for temporary disability benefits. Each year as many as 100,000 workers suffer a permanently disabling injury. The workers' compensation system is a no-fault system, in which injured workers gave up the right to sue negligent employers; in return employers agreed to provide certain, but limited, benefits.

What has been the impact of the 2004 "reform" legislation? For employers, insurance rates have dropped by



Mike Hebel

more than 50% from 2003 levels when the average rate was \$6.47 per \$100 of payroll, to about \$3.25 in 2006. For the insurance industry, writing workers' compensation insurance, its profits are at record-setting levels for the last three years in a row. *It pays out for all benefits – including medical care – only one-third of every dollar it collects in premiums.* It now has about \$6.5 billion in excess reserves. For injured workers, however, the Governor's administratively adopted regulations have slashed permanent disability benefits by 50%; this slash has been confirmed by the state's Commission on Health and Safety and Workers' Compensation.

From 2004-2006, insurance carriers have reaped \$27.7 billion in profits. They are not passing the savings along to employers, and injured workers are being forced to give up their rights and desperately needed benefits. Injured workers are clearly inappropriately paying the price for the financial success of the insurers. As seen in our workers' compensation system, when insurers in this system of mandatory coverage were left unregulated, they took advantage of the changes in the system to increase their profits.

Despite the Governor's commitment not to financially harm injured workers, his regulations implementing SB 899 have slashed indemnity benefits for injured workers, delayed and denied medical treatment, and failed to provide much increase in the number of injured workers returning to work. The Governor now says he is committed to work with the Legislature to make good on his original promise not to cut benefits to injured workers.

### Key Findings of the California Labor Federation Study

The Federation's Study highlighted several key findings which will be used this legislative year in Sacramento to seek needed changes in the workers compensation law to protect injured workers and to hold the Governor to his promise not to cut benefits of injured workers.

1. The frequency of workers' compensation claims has dropped almost continuously over the last 15 years. Workers' compensation changes have made it harder for injured workers to access benefits and have pushed the frequency of claims even lower.
2. Deregulation of the insurance market caused the crisis in workers' compensation. The repeal of the minimum rate law in 1993 resulted in predatory pricing and the insolvency of 32 insurance companies.
3. Insurers are now making historic profits. In 2005, their loss ratio was 30%. That is for every dollar collected in premiums, insurance companies are only paying out 30 cents in benefits. These insurance companies have never enjoyed such large profit margins.
4. Employers are saving \$11-12 billion a year in workers' compensation costs out of a total system cost of \$29 billion.
5. Permanently disabled workers face 50% cuts in permanent disability (PD) benefits. Total PD dollars have been slashed by two-thirds.
6. Temporarily disabled workers face strict time limits on their benefits. They are being forced to rely on group health insurance and state disability insurance (SDI) — a benefit they pay for themselves. Note: public safety officers are not eligible for SDI since they do not pay into this system.
7. Medical treatment is being delayed and denied by insurance companies applying utilization review and strict interpretation of medical treatment guidelines.

8. Incentives to return injured workers back to work are inadequate. The law needs a stick that will encourage employers to keep injured workers on the job.

### Recommendations For Change

The Federation's report had specific recommendations for legislative change. Several of these recommendations are already incorporated in bills now under discussion in various legislative committees in Sacramento

1. Adjust the Permanent Disability Rating Schedule for already over 30,000 injured workers have faced cuts up to 50% in their benefits.
2. Increase the window of opportunity to use temporary disability benefits to five years and extend the current limit to beyond 104 weeks. Prohibit an employer/carrier from profiting in their delays to provide prompt and adequate medical care.
3. Conduct audits on Medical Provider Networks; educate employees about their right to pre-designate a treator; augment the ACOEM guidelines with other evidence-based medical guidelines; limit utilization review on MPN approved doctors.
4. Penalize employers who refuse to take injured workers back to work. Allow a doctor's release back to work to stand
5. Regulate insurance rates since workers' compensation is the only property casualty insurance line that does not require prior approval for rate increases from the Insurance Commissioner. Limit the loss ratio so that insurance companies pay out a much larger percentage of premiums received.

The pendulum has swung too far. California's unions and workers' associations are committed to restoring fairness for injured workers by pursuing legislative and regulatory changes. The Police Officers' Association will pursue legislation that restores benefits, provides timely and appropriate medical care, and creates oversight on insurance companies.

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## Part Two: Martin Burke

# Chinatown Squad: Policing the Ethnic Underworld

By Kevin J. Mullen

In February 1859 Police Chief Martin Burke, in company with four police officers and an interpreter, "made an attack . . . upon a Chinese gambling house on the east side of Dupont (Grant Avenue), between Washington and Clay streets, and arrested sixty-seven Chinese gamblers." The February 25, 1859 *San Francisco Bulletin*, which carried the story described how the gamblers had nailed up the usual entrance after a previous raid to give the appearance that the rooms were unoccupied. They had created another entrance at the rear of the building, ostensibly to a tailor shop, where two "tailors" sat sewing continuously. "There were three doors in this house," the report continued, so arranged to slip readily on rollers, so as to shut up in a moment, and at each of these doors was a guard . . ." On the night of February 24, Chief Burke and his posse entered through the rear alley, rushed the tailor shop, beat down the doors which had been bolted against them, and forced their way into the game room where they found four fan tan tables in play. (In later years Chinese gamblers would improve their defenses by studding the heavy oak doors with metal spikes making them impervious to blows from police axes.) All 67 of the arrestees were marched a block to the City Hall police Station at Kearny and Washington streets. The next day, charges against all but five were dismissed.

Numerous descriptions can be found of similar police raids of Chinese brothels about the same time. Chinese vice — prostitution and gambling, and to a lesser extent opium use — were to be major preoccupations of the nineteenth and early twentieth century police department.

When news of the California gold discovery of 1848 spread outward in ever widening circles, gold seekers flooded in from all corners of the globe. First to arrive were those from Oregon and the Pacific ports of Mexico and South America. By the time news arrived and verified in "the States" on the eastern seaboard, the word had also made its way to Europe and the Far East. Most of those who came to seek gold were men. Of the 10,000 seaborne gold seekers who arrived in San Francisco in the first six months of 1849, "The vast majority," reports the *Annals of San Francisco*, "were adult males, in the early prime of manhood." Two hundred of the newcomers were women. "This circumstance," observed the *Annals* "naturally tended to give a peculiar character to the aspect of the place and habits of the people." That's the Victorian Era way of saying that the extreme gender imbalance resulted in a thriving prostitution industry. "There were also some honest women in San Francisco," wrote French visitor Benard de Russaihl in 1851, "but not very many."

The first prostitutes to arrive in the very early months originated in the ports of Mexico and South America. Next came American prostitutes from eastern and southern cities and later the demimonde of Paris. Chinese prostitutes came as well. In the early years, gambling and prostitution by any of the groups were pretty much openly tolerated. When future Chief of Police

Malachi Fallon stepped ashore from the Steamer California in February 1849, Portsmouth Plaza was ringed with gambling and drinking saloons. Prostitution was practiced openly in the tents of Chiletown on the South-eastern slopes of Telegraph Hill.

In 1851, the town council passed an ordinance licensing gambling as a revenue source. A similar measure was considered for prostitution but not followed up on. From the early 1850s the principal gambling house in the city, the El Dorado, was immediately adjacent to the City Hall Police Headquarters.

If other women were scarce in Gold Rush California, Chinese women were even more so. By Chinese custom and law, women were discouraged from accompanying their men to overseas worksites. By one account there were only five Chinese women in San Francisco in 1850, and of the 18,000 Chinese who had arrived by August 1852, only 14 were women. As the white gender imbalance began to even itself out a bit by the late 1850s with the arrival of miner's wives, that between Chinese men and women would remain pronounced. As late as 1870, Chinese men outnumbered women by 20 to one.

Some modern feminist writers have tended to sentimentalize gold rush prostitution, casting the women as entrepreneurial equivalents of male "boomers." That may be true in some cases, but the fact of the matter is that there is an element of involuntary servitude in the sex worker business even today. It's not for nothing that prostitution was called "white slavery" in earlier times. Accounts exist of Australian women being auctioned off the decks of arriving ships in San Francisco Harbor to brothel keepers in the early 1850s to pay for their passage. Mexican women were spirited off ships as well, to shore side cantinas where they were sold for a term of servitude in brothels. Young teen-aged German girls were rented out by their families as hurdy-gurdy girls in the city's dancehalls. Even today, young women are kidnapped or deceived into involuntary prostitution from Mexico, Eastern Europe, and Asia.

But nothing begins to approach the level of sex slavery which persisted in the Chinatowns of America well into the twentieth century. The very first Chinese prostitutes to arrive in San Francisco were independent contractors it seems. Notable among them was Atoy, a young woman who set up business in an alley off of Clay Street opposite Portsmouth Square where she entertained miners who lined up noisily on the street outside. Atoy earned a measure of local fame in the early 1850s from her frequent press-reported forays into court in her efforts to gain recompense from patrons who had bilked her by substituting brass filings for gold dust. But Atoy was to be the exception.

Economic conditions were hard on everyone in mid-19th century Guangdong Province but they were particularly harsh on girl children. Boys were prized over girls in the first place in the Confucian scheme of things and when the economy soured the girls were expendable. Many were abandoned to starve on the roadside or were sold into what was supposedly a life of indentured service.



Martin Burke. Chief of Police 1858-1866

Martin Burke was born in Galway, Ireland in 1811. He attended the London College of Surgeons and practiced for a time as a physician. He came to San Francisco in 1850 where he operated two drug stores. He played a prominent part on the Police Committee of the 1856 Committee of Vigilance and in 1858 he was elected city Chief where he served until 1866. Following his retirement, he resumed his partnership in the Madison and Burke Real Estate Company where he made a great financial success. He died in Los Gatos in 1906 at the age of 95.

Out of this grew an industry run by the Triads/tongs to feed the brothels of America's Chinatowns. Triad gangsters would scour the Chinese countryside to buy or kidnap young women who they would transport on American steamers to San Francisco where the girls would be introduced into brothels serving Chinese and American men. Nominally their term of indenture would be for from four to six years, but as a practical matter few lived long enough to earn their freedom. It has been estimated that 90 percent of the Chinese women in California in the 1860s and 1870s were prostitutes. Compare this with the three to five percent of white and African American women who were engaged in prostitution at the time.

Much of the murderous violence which would plague Chinatown in the coming decades can be traced to the competition among the fighting tongs for the ownership of sex slaves. We can mark the conversion from in-

dependent to tong run prostitution at about 1851. It was then that notices of extortion attempts of Chinese brothels first began to appear in the press, and in March of that year, Norman Assing, the prominent merchant and Triad affiliated brothel keeper — the same who had presented mayor Geary with the testimonial a year earlier — tried to get the courts to deport Atoy back to China on the grounds that she was some kind of a moral menace. Assing was unsuccessful in his effort to deport her but the writing was on the wall for independent contractors. Indeed, Assing himself was soon put in the shade as the other, more violent operators moved into the prostitution racket.

By the mid-1850s, with the arrival of increasing numbers of white women, "God's own policemen" in the usage of the time, attitudes toward vice began to shift. The frat-house civic attitude was one thing when San Francisco was a men's club, but when respectable women began to show up, they took decided exception to having to share the streets and shops with prostitutes. And they let their men know about it.

An ordinance nominally prohibiting prostitution had been passed earlier at the urging of William Taylor, a popular street preacher who nagged the police to enforce the law without much success. Legislation prohibiting gambling was enacted in 1854 but enforcement was definitely spotty. The Eldorado continued in operation next to the City Hall Police Station until 1856. The State Legislature passed a stronger law against prostitution in 1854 as well. A few months later a committee of the city council counted 100 brothels within three blocks of City Hall.

Gradually though, if not completely extirpated, gambling and prostitution were at least driven from the main thoroughfares into the alleys and behind closed doors. In the early years, Chinese vice was seen as just another exotic manifestation of the general social climate. But, as other types of vice declined, and as the evidence about extortion of the brothels accumulated, it became clear that that Chinese vice was a matter apart.

It was only at Chief Martin Burke's ascension to office in 1858 that the authorities — or at least Chief Burke — got serious about vice control, Chinese or otherwise. It was shortly after his election that Burke made his February



Police officers escorting Chinese women to "companies to which they had been consigned." 1869

1859 raid on the Dupont Street gambling house. And in his first annual report that month, Chief Burke reported that when he took office there were 520 Chinese prostitutes in the city and 631 of other races. "It is impossible to suppress (prostitution) altogether," he wrote, "yet it can and ought to be regulated to limit the injury done by it to society as much as possible." Burke, like other enlightened thinkers of the time, subscribed to what has been called the "Victorian Compromise," by means of which vice was tolerated as long as it didn't impinge on regular family life. Of the more than 1,100 prostitutes, Burke continued, "many have been removed from the city and a number have been removed from Clay, Washington, Stockton, California, Bush, and other streets, where families reside."

For all his recognition of the inevitability of prostitution, Burke drew a distinction between Chinese and mainstream vice. "With regard to Chinese prostitutes," he wrote, "common humanity dictates that the law should be made to minister to the protection of these miserable beings — who, whether sick or well, willing or unwilling, are compelled by their degraded owners to submit to every pollution dictated by corrupt minds and sanctioned by the avarice of these unfortunates." Some have criticized Burke for assigning a double standard to Chinese vice; in fact, as we look at the totality of the vice industry at the time, he comes across as a bright spot in comparison to contemporary law enforcement generally.

Chief Burke kept it up. In 1864 we find Police Captain William Y. Douglass, under Burke's instructions and with a the support of the heads of the Chinese Six Companies, seizing 19 Chinese slave girls and placing them aboard ship for return to China. Whatever their previous association with criminal gangs, by the mid-1860s the Six companies were foursquare in support of suppressing prostitution.

In 1865 Burke asked that the Board of Health be authorized to devise a plan to remove the Chinese prostitutes from Jackson and Dupont streets "to some locality where they may herd themselves and not offend public decency." The same year he importuned the property owners in the area to place visual barriers at the mouths of the alleys "which should hide the vice and degradations of those localities from the view of women and children who patronize the street cars, and of the multitudes who daily pass through our public thoroughfares." It wasn't just the vice that offended sensibilities it was that it was that it was occurring in the rapidly gentrifying downtown.

The Board of Supervisors passed



Captain William Y. Douglass

an ordinance that year to remove the Chinese brothels from downtown and "persons interested for the Chinese women" (read tong gangsters) were informed of what was coming. About the same time the State Legislature began to entertain a bill for the "Suppression of Chinese houses of ill-fame." The legislation foundered on the legal point that the law couldn't be enforced against one ethnic group alone. And the white owners of the highly profitable properties on which the brothels were located who would be subject to penalties for violating the provisions of the law, opposed it as well. Earlier Burke had proceeded with the prosecution of a brothel keeper on Jackson street "though a number of property owners seem to be averse to it, having their own gain more at heart than any consideration of decency or the common good," according to one press account.

After the removal legislation failed, Burke began to arrest Chinese prostitutes as common prostitutes. It was then that the Board of Supervisors intervened and placed the subject of prostitution under the entire control of a panel of doctors. The 1865-66 annual report was to be Burke's last; in 1867 he was replaced as the candidate of the dominant People's Party by Patrick Crowley who went on to electoral victory. We can perhaps begin to understand how Burke's hard-nosed enforcement posture in a climate ambivalent about vice contributed to his departure from office. In the closing sentence of his report on Chinese prostitution, Burke reminded the Board of Supervisors that they had handed the problem to two doctors, "who have not as yet advised me of what plans they intend to adopt." As it was, there was no plan, and in Chief Crowley's report the following year there was no mention of Chinese prostitution.

By 1869, the climate had definitely changed. Captain Douglass, who in

1864 had escorted the prostitutes outbound, was now escorting them into town. On February 23, 1869, according to an account in the *San Francisco Examiner*, the Pacific Mail Steamer *China* arrived, carrying 396 Chinese women. Police Chief Patrick Crowley detailed Captain Douglass with 18 regular police officers and a number of special officers to meet them at the dock at First and Brannan. There the officers searched the women for contraband and placed them aboard a line of hacks and express wagons. In the meantime a large numbers of Chinese men had gathered at the wharf, and it required, according to the *Examiner* account, "the united strength of the whole police force to prevent them from getting hold of the women." Then the officers mounted the wagons and proceeded with them up Second Street and on to Chinatown "until the load of human freight was delivered at the destination fixed by the Companies."

A few months later, the scene repeated itself. On October 20, 1869, the Pacific Mail Steamer *America* arrived, this time with a cargo of 246 women. Again there was a rush of Chinese to the wharf, and again Captain Douglass showed up with a posse of police officers to search for contraband, to protect the women from kidnappers, and to escort them to the companies "to which they had been consigned."

A couple of days later the *Examiner* revisited the story, editorializing that there had of late been a large and unwanted increase in the importation of Chinese prostitutes. And why, the editor wondered, "no matter when a steamer arrives from China there is a certain Captain of the Police Depart-

ment always in attendance." "Whether on duty or off at the time makes no difference," the paper continued, "His duty appears to be to be on hand at the arrival of each steamer, and assisted by a posse of 'picked' men, see that these Celestial Cyprians are safely handed over to the keeping of their proprietors."

"We are not prepared to make any specific charge," continued the paper, "but we aver that this is a matter for investigation by the Police Commissioners and should be attended to at once."

The next day, the competing and more police-friendly *Chronicle* entered the lists with a mocking rejoinder which replayed the *Examiner's* assertions. Summing up, the *Chronicle* editor said, "The *Examiner* seems to insinuate that the Captain gets a liberal *honorarium* for these services to the Chinese parties concerned in the importation of the Celestial frail ones, and suggests that the Police Commission should 'at once' investigate the matter." In the end, as the *Chronicle* editor put it, "we shall unite with Captain Douglass (of the police force) in deliberately and boldly protesting against any such investigation as that called for by our termagant contemporary." And there the matter rested for the time.

Retired deputy chief Kevin J. Mullen has written several books about the city's criminal justice history, most recently *The Toughest Gang in Town: Police Stories From Old San Francisco*. See [www.sanfranciscohomicide.com](http://www.sanfranciscohomicide.com). For criticism or comment contact him at (415) 883-0217 or [km870@aol.com](mailto:km870@aol.com)

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# Northern California Special Olympics Law Enforcement

By Kevin Martin

On Thursday, June 7, 2007, The San Francisco Police Department under the direction of Sgt. Bob Guinan, Co. K Solo, held its 12th annual Northern California Special Olympic Torch Run through the streets of San Francisco. This event has grown since the partnership between the SFPD, the SFPOA, and the Northern California Special Olympics was developed. This year's event was Bob's fifth as Department Coordinator, and the third such event held at Union Square.

Bob and his trusty crew of Deborah Neil and Ana Morales must put in hours of hard work to ensure that an event of this magnitude runs smoothly. Of course, Bob relies on many people, corporations and businesses for the success of the event. I hope more members become involved with the Special Olympics effort.

One of the thrills of the day came in the afternoon when members of our SFPD Marine unit exchanged the Special; Olympic Torch with the Oakland Police Department with the help of the U.S. Coast Guard.

The exchange was made on the high seas and in mid-air. It was quite a sight with the SFFD Fireboat along as an escort.

Obvious thanks go to all the runners who braved the treacherous heat to run through the streets of San Francisco. Your efforts and generousities coupled with the kindnesses and considerations of our sponsors and donors raised over \$25,000. I thank and congratulate one and all for such a tremendous

effort for a very special group of courageous youngsters — the athletes. It is so rewarding to see the beaming smiles on the athletes and their families as they participate in events that strengthen their meaning for life.

On behalf of Bob Guinan, Gary Delagnes, Chief Heather Fong, and the Directors and representatives of the Northern California Special Olympics, I would like to thank the following persons and organizations for their invaluable assistance in raising more than \$25,000 to support the special athletes of Northern California. They are (I apologize for anyone whose name I might have missed):

**The members of Co. K**, some of whom came in on their own time to volunteer their services and effort. Captain Corrales, Sgt. Gile Pursley; Officers Paul Schlotfeldt, Frank Achim, Bobby Gin, John "Mambo" Mambretti, Gordie Clark, John Centurioni, Felix Sung, Greg Neal, Don Moorehouse, Jordan Hom, Jim O'Shea, Art Gaybac, Matt Gardner, Steve Glickman, Jimmy Gan, Joe Coggan, Steve Landi, John Schmolke, John Anton, Val Kirwan, Eddie Dare, Edie Lewis, Hoyt Wong, Charlie Lyons, Larry Chan, and Sgt. George Carrington.

**Members of the 215th and 216th SFPD Academy classes** and their Tac staff and commanding officers; Captain Richard Corriea and Tac Officers Ryan Seto; Amy Bartholomew; Al Wong and Bob Herrold.

**Ms. Linda Mjellen**, Executive Director of the Union Square Association, for once again providing the beautiful and spacious Union

Square for our use for the third consecutive year.

Radio personality, participating runner, and event emcee **Sue Hall of WOLF Radio** in San Francisco.

**The SFPD Lion Dance Team**

Former and newer members of SFPD's own **RWS (Release When Sober)** rock band; Veteran members Roland Tolosa, Mike Morley, and Dave Garcia were joined by department members Ed Wynkoop, Yvonne Pratt, Buddy Siguido and Ivan Sequeira. These fine musicians were joined by Ned Tellez, Steve Antes, Cece Valencia and Robert Ramirez. (Look for this great group to perform again soon.)

**Bauer's Transportation** once again provided the motorized Cable Cars and drivers.

**Mark Darius of Signo Graphics** for the signs and banners.

**Marty Schwartz and Del Monte Meats** for the delicious food and lunches.

**The San Francisco Wholesale Produce Market** for fresh fruit.

**Boudin Bakery** for the delicious sourdough bread.

**Head Chef Spencer O'Meara of The Paragon Restaurant** at 2nd and Townsend Streets was once again in the forefront of major sponsors/donors.

**Rodney Bastian** and our old friends at **Matagrano Dist. Inc.** for refreshing beverages.

**The San Francisco Ice Company.**

It goes without saying that we really appreciate all our sponsors and donors and we urge all of our

readers patronize these fine, local businesses.

The race was once again led by the aforementioned Solos as well as our friends from **The San Francisco Antique Car Club**. What a stunning collection of automobiles.

The race was assisted through the help of many of the **SFPD contingent of bicycle officers** including Sgt. Vince Catanzaro, Craig Brandolino, Gary Constantine, Cesar Perez, Dave Householder among many others. Thanks very much for your assistance and please forgive me if your name was missing from this group. (No slight intended).

Of course, **Lou Seal of the San Francisco Giants** was on hand for the festivities and we thank the local ball club for their continued participation.

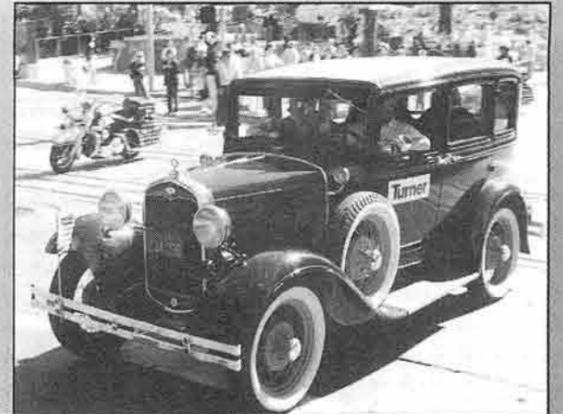
Thanks to Sgt. Danny Lopez and his **SFPD Marine Unit** crew including Nick Bettencourt, Mark Laherty, Capt. Dan McDonagh, Greg Latus, and John Broucuret.

The gracious assistance of local members of the **California Highway Patrol**.

Members of the **San Francisco Fire Department**

**The United States Coast Guard**  
**The Oakland Police Department**

Thanks also to Chief Heather Fong and POA President Gary Delagnes and the **entire membership of the POA** for their continued and tireless efforts in this most noble of ventures. Sgt. Bob Guinan is the mastermind of this event and puts in countless hours and does so much "behind the scenes" work that it boggles the mind. I am proud to have worked along side Bob.



PHOTOS BY BRENDA WALKER



# ent Torch Run a Huge Success





## POA MAIL



### With sincerest gratitude...

Dear SFPOA —

I would like to say thank you, from the bottom of my heart, to Kevin Abbey and his crew, who went above and beyond to organize the Maddy and Jack Santos Scholarship Fund fundraiser. This event proved to be extremely successful and fun because of Kevin's hard work and dedication. Thank you to every police officer that participated in this event. The kids and I cannot begin to thank you enough and feel so grateful to be a part of your community. We genuinely appreciate each and every one of you!!! Big Jack would be so proud.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Santos

Greetings Inspector Delagnes —

On behalf of the Rio Dell Peace Officers Association, I would like to extend my sincerest thanks and appreciation to you and your organization for the recent assistance provided to Jim Hale and his family. When I called my friend Sergeant Jim Miller to explain the situation, never in my wildest dreams did I imagine the Hales would receive the amount of kindness, compassion, and care shown by members of your organization. I was personally very moved by this, and professionally; I felt a deep sense of pride watching as police officers rose to the occasion to help out those in need.

I would like to also mention two of your members individually. Firstly, the members of the RDPOA and I would like to thank Sergeant Jim Miller for all that he did to help the Hales. He went well above and beyond the call of duty on this one. Sergeant Miller kept me informed of the developments with the situation by both email and cell phone calls. Secondly, the members of the RDPOA and I would like to thank Officer Kevin Martin. Though I've never met Officer Martin, I know he is outstanding person. Sgt. Miller and the Hale family had rave reviews for the outstanding works accomplished by Officer Martin.

I hope this letter finds you, your association, and your families in good health. Without the efforts of your colleagues, I'm certain the Hale family would have had a significantly worse experience. I hope you find the time to share my thoughts with your fellow association members. My association and I look forward to the opportunity to return the favor. Please feel free to contact us if there is anything we can do to assist you. Stay safe, and have a good watch!

Sergeant Joshua Wiener,  
President  
Rio Dell Peace Officers Association

Dear SFPOA —

On behalf of the Torrance Police Department and Officer Steve Kroesen, I would like to thank the San Francisco Police Officers' Association for their donation of \$500 to the Steve Kroesen Fund.

It is during difficult times such as these that the bond of law enforcement shows itself and the encouragement given by your Association will help give Steve the courage to continue his fight towards good health.

Sincerely,  
John J. Neu  
Chief of Police

### Demise of my city...

Hi Gary —

I just got through reading your front-page article titled "The Demise of My City."

I was born and raised in San Francisco, and I too went through the Alioto, Christopher, Chief Cahill, and Nelder era.

I joined the Police Department in 1963 and retired in 1990. When you were a youth sneaking out to the Haight-Ashbury to watch the Hippies in action during the Summer of Love and discovering a whole new generation of peace and love, I was a police officer.

I began walking Haight Street in February of 1968 when most of the love was gone and the drugs had taken over the peaceful people and made them a war and cop hating mass. In the ten weeks my partner and I walked the street, we had over fifty legitimate 148 PC resisters and had made at least a hundred arrests for drugs. There was still a segment of the population in the area that believed in peace and love, but they were overwhelmed by the lawless.

We also had dealings with the Panthers, BGF, Black Muslims and other groups that didn't like cops.

My years with the department were the greatest time of my life. I was and still am proud to call myself a member of the S.F.P.D. I got to see every faction of society, from tourist, to peacenik, to revolutionary.

This was also a time when the S.F.P.D. was a proud and respected department. You could rely on the bosses to back you up and be there when you needed them.

Over the years as you described, I began to see a decline in leadership and respect from within.

I began to see politicians worry more about special interest groups than the majority of the populace, especially the police.

When I get the P. O.A. paper and read some of the things that go on within the department (OCC, the Police Commission and the board of Supervisors) I wonder how the

people within the Thin Blue Line can still function and protect the people of the City.

Keep your head held high and continue to Protect and Serve.

John L. Sheveland  
Retired SFPD

### Great contract...

Gary —

Thank you very much, and thanks also to the Negotiation Committee for all the hard work put into this contract.

Andy Blackwell  
Richmond Station

Dear Gary and the POA Negotiation Committee —

Thank you for the incredible contract. Having some direct exposure to the daily operations at the POA, I am well aware of the difficult and arduous task each of you had in negotiating, ratifying, and inking the final deal. It is certainly one of the best contracts in POA history, and you all deserve the enduring gratitude of every POA member, whether they are active or retired.

Fraternally,  
Ray (and Kathy) Shine,  
Retired SFPD

Hey Gary —

I thought this might be of interest to you for all of those "whiners" out there who voted against the contract.

This is the current wage contract for employees of United Airlines. A friend of mine is a mechanic for United, and gave this to me after hearing about our four-year deal.

Other issues regarding his contract/employment:

- In 2004 was making \$32.00 per hour
- Lost \$115,000 in retirement when the employee Stock Option Program went bust.
- Currently paid 75% for every sick day taken up to 10 days, paid 100% on 11th day.
- Retirement currently being paid by the Federal Govt.
- Eligible to retire at age 55 and would receive \$800 per month as retirement benefit
- Was laid off for 2 years before being recalled.

These are employees who are entrusted to work on planes that we utilize for some of our transportation/vacation needs.

Leroy Lindo

### Thanks for your assistance...

Dear Marty [Halloran] —

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the Police Officers Association for your generous donation of \$750 for the Traffic Safety Patrol picnic. Without your help, this event would not have been the success it was.

Best regards,  
Officer John Centurioni  
Traffic Company

Dear SFPOA —

Thank you for your recent gift in support of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. Your generous gifts of \$500 in support of Jessica Schafer

and \$500 in support of Kate Schafer in AIDS/LifeCycle will provide a wide range of HIV services that help prevent the spread of the epidemic while enhancing the health and well being of people living with HIV.

AIDS/LifeCycle 6, which took place June 3-9, 2007, and involved more than 2,200 cyclists and volunteer roadies traveling 545 miles through the heart of California — brought together an incredible community of people to focus on raising funds and HIV/AIDS awareness.

With sincere appreciation,  
Mark Cloutier  
Executive Director  
San Francisco AIDS Foundation

Dear POA —

Thank you so much for your generous contribution! With your help, AIDS/Lifecycle 6 was the most successful AIDS fundraiser ever! Together, we raised over eleven million dollars!

Thank you for your support.  
Kate and Jessica Schafer

Dear POA —

On behalf of the board, staff, volunteers, and especially the youth participants of the San Francisco Police Activities League, I would like to thank you for the generous donation of \$10,000.

This year our golf tournament raised more than \$30,000, enabling us to continue to provide affordable, safe, healthy activities for San Francisco kids. We are currently working to resurrect our boxing program in Bayview Hunters Point to provide a safe haven for kids challenged with living in one of the highest crime areas of the City. Your support will get us closer to that goal.

We especially want to thank our MVP sponsor — the San Francisco Police Officers Association who once again stepped up to the plate to be a major supporter in the golf tournament.

As you know, the SFPAL serves more than 5,000 children and youth annually by providing safe and structured programs that channel their energy while building self-esteem and confidence. Each year hundreds of volunteer coaches act as mentors to our kids and help them realize the value of being part of a team. Here's what some of our participants have to say:

Sincerely,  
Maureen Carew  
Executive Director  
SF Police Activities League

Dear POA —

Thank you for your support by sponsoring a table of 10 at the San Francisco Cork Sister City event honoring The Lord Mayor of Cork, Ireland, and State Senator Ellen Corbett at the United Irish Cultural Center on Friday, April 20, 2007. The evening was a wonderful success and the proceeds will help the committee to carry on the work for which it was established.

Oh behalf of the San Francisco Cork Sister City Committee, I want to thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
Diarmuid J. Philpott  
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San Francisco - Cork Sister City Committee

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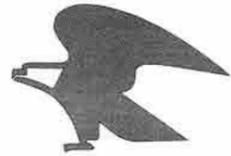
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# POA MAIL



Dear SFPOA —

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous donation of \$2,750 to this year's Police Unity Tour. Your generosity will benefit the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC.

Sincerely,  
**Patrick P. Montuore**  
 CEO/Founder  
 Police Unity Tour, Inc.

Dear POA —

Thanks so much for the \$1,000 donation for The Seventh Annual OMI International Family Festival. Your generous donation will assist us in paying for some of the entertainment for the event.

Sincerely,  
**Maria Fe Picar**  
 Executive Director  
 OMI Cultural Participation Project

Dear POA —

Please accept our deepest gratitude for your generous donation. We gratefully acknowledge your gift of \$300 to St. Anthony Foundation.

On behalf of all those we serve, thank you for your kindness and generosity. Your support helps us welcome our brothers and sisters into a loving network of support that we all need to truly thrive.

Gratefully,  
**Fr. John Hardin, OFM**  
 Executive Director  
 St. Anthony Foundation

## Told you so...

Exoneration or Termination? I believe the adage goes "If you don't stand for something, you will fall for anything".

In the past year and a half I have gone through many stages of my personal fight with the SFPD Administration, MCD and the Mayor's office. From the onset I was told directly and indirectly to "shut the f--- up" from different factions of this department as well as a few jabs from the community, although it seems that the public in general has been quite supportive. As time has gone by and the fight has continued in its ever increasingly heated state, it seems that the hecklers have come around to our side and now I am hearing "keep up the fight", and "don't let them shut you up"; quite a turnaround.

Although many battles require stamina and perseverance, we are prepared to stay the course and we shall be relentless until we prevail. This department has a history of corrupt behavior and screwing over their detractors, most of whom end up begging for mercy with their tail between their legs and accepting anything in lieu of termination. We

are not so easily swayed. Why should we? We are not guilty of the accusations brought upon us. Ironically, in the Administrations attempts to find wrong doing in our little comedy video, they in turn violated many of our Civil Rights, Police Officer rights, General Orders and perhaps even a Penal Code or two along the way. It is this Administration who should be facing the Police Commission, not us.

"United we stand, divided we fall". This is another appropriate cliché, for this department, let alone this city, isn't prepared to fight against a united front. Power in numbers is how we prevail as police officers while out on the streets, and there is no reason to believe that this concept wouldn't work in a battle against "City Hall".

So, with this said, I am quite disappointed with the apparent lack of support from the various union leaders within our department. It would seem that this ridiculous video debacle would be the perfect catalyst for change; a platform for the betterment of the Rank & File; to stand up against the Administration and to say "we are NOT going to allow you to treat our members in this manner!" Instead, all we heard was the sound of crickets. I have my guesses as to why this was the case, but I'm hoping that I am wrong.

I had heard that many of these union heads had been "ordered" to attend the original press conference on that fateful day in December '05, but that they had stood their ground and told the Mayor that they felt he was making a hasty mistake. (He probably wishes he had listened to them now) According to these sources, the Mayor had basically told those who chose not to support his actions, to wait in an adjoining room until after the press conference. (What's a matter Gavin, you don't want anyone to get in the way of your rogue plans to use the SFPD as a catalyst to raise your political standing while you destroy the morale of your Police Department?) This was apparently the first and last stand against this regime in regards to "VideoGate". If I'm wrong about this, and I don't think that I am, I would certainly welcome any feedback that you may have.

As the truth continues to unfurl and the responsible parties are brought forward, they will be held to answer. When this fight is over, a small batch of us are going to be able to say that we fought 'em, and we fought 'em on our own. Makes one wonder why we have the unions in the first place.

To quote Gary Delagnes from a recent interview with Dan Noyes, "Drew is just trying to keep this thing alive." My response to that is:

- 1) Somebody has to stand up to

these thugs. Apparently you and your comrades would rather make some sort of deal to clean up the mess -that you helped make, rather than fight back for what is right. What is it exactly that the POA does for its members again?

2) If I hadn't kept this fight in the media, which is the equivalent of kryptonite to this Administration, we wouldn't have won our first victory in the Appellate court, and we wouldn't have gained as much support as we have now.

3) You won't shut me up until we are exonerated!

The ironic thing is that IF the POA had done the right thing, and had supported me in the way of representation, which is their duty and my right, you can pretty well bet that none of us would be looking at getting our (illegal) suspensions overturned ever. In fact, the POA hasn't done anything worthwhile in our attempts to fight back for this corrupt behavior exercised by the Admin. Moreover, they currently appear to be scratching their heads and trying to negotiate "deals" for us, when we are continually demanding exoneration. That word does not coincide with the word "deal".

Did you all hear that? We are not going to make a "deal". We are innocent, and they are wrong and corrupt! We know what goes on in those silly little backroom talks that you politicians engage in. Remember, I used to be invited to sit in on them. It made me sick then and it makes me sick now. Heck, if you keep up these shenanigans, we may have to look into a RICO complaint.

Perhaps you should just set a date for the hearings to commence and prepare to be embarrassed. You might also consider setting this date sooner than later due to the long list of witnesses that we plan to ques-

tion. These hearings will be open to the public and mark my words; the media will have full access to everything they are entitled to. Stop playing juvenile games. Stop belittling our intelligence! Stop trying to make a DEAL!

NO DEAL!  
 EXONERATION OR TERMINATION!

What is wrong with the people in power in this city? When are you going to concede? The longer you drag this thing out, the more we are going to ramp up and flex. In the end there are only two remedies: exonerate or terminate. If you attempt to do the latter, you are going to cost the taxpayers a lot more money. You are going to have to hire even more cops to replace us. You are going to have to explain your decision to the higher courts, the media and the public, and, in the end, just like with the appellate decision that pissed so many of you off, you are going to lose, be ordered to reinstate us, and pay us for all of the lost wages. Why? Because we are innocent and we intend to prove it!

In the mean time, we will be relentless! We will be ruthless! We will leave no stone unturned in regards to all of the mistreatment done to us, and we will bring forth any and all charges against anybody and everybody who is culpable. This department has never seen the likes of what we are prepared to launch, and I have been true to my word on all of my promises thus far.

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Officer Andrew Cohen  
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## News from the District Attorney's Office

### Defendant Convicted of All Counts in Gun Case

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced that Edwin Camas, #2311106, was convicted of being a felon in possession of a firearm, carrying a concealed weapon with bullets, and violating a stay away order.

The jury, after deliberating a little over a day, found the defendant guilty of penal code sections 12021, 12025, 12316, and 166. The guilty verdict

The maximum statutory penalty for the violation of 12021, 12025, and 12316 of the Penal Code is sixteen months, two years, or three years state prison. The violation of the stay away order is a misdemeanor. The sentencing of the defendant is scheduled for August 23, 2007, before Judge Meeks, in Department 24.

"It's basic to public safety to get guns out of the hands of criminals," said DA

*The conviction is a result of an investigation by San Francisco Police Officer Heppler and Inspector Rich Daniele.*

followed a one-week jury trial before Superior Court Judge Meeks.

The defendant was arrested on April 7, 2007, at a bar at 1060 Geary, between Van Ness and Polk. According to court documents, the defendant walked into a bar holding a shirt. He then said he had a gun and put the shirt on the bar. When the shirt hit the bar, it sounded like a gun. Frightened, the bartender left the bar and located a special patrol officer nearby. He came back and saw the gun in the defendant's shirt on the bar. The bullets were recovered next to the shirt in a glove.

### Defendant Convicted in 1976 Homicide

*DA Secures Two Murder Convictions in Two Days*

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced that Darrell Sweigart, CTN 2181002, has been convicted of stabbing 19-year-old Wanda Baun to death in 1976.

After deliberating for three days, a jury convicted the defendant on Tuesday, July 3, of one count of 2nd degree murder. The verdict followed a month-long trial in front of Superior Court Judge Charles Haines in Dept. 19.

According to court documents, the victim was a 19-year-old prostitute whose body was found on July 5, 1976, in the Tradesman Alley, where the defendant lived. The victim had been stabbed more than 50 times. Police got a lead on the case when a 23-year-old woman who was working as a prostitute came forward in 1976 and gave information about an alleged sexual assault against her by the defendant three weeks before the murder. However, charges were not filed at the time due to lack of evidence.

In 1981, the defendant pled guilty to two rapes and three robberies, for which he was sentenced to 25 years to life in state prison. In 2002, DNA found at the scene of the 1976 crime was linked to the defendant, and he was subsequently indicted by a grand jury. The then-23-year-old woman, who is still alive, testified at the trial. Sentencing has been scheduled for July 23 in Dept. 19.

The conviction is the result of an investigation by Inspectors Michael Mullane, Kelly Carroll and Michael Gaynor of the San Francisco Police Department. Eric Fleming is the Assistant District Attorney who prosecuted the case.

This is the second homicide conviction secured by the DA's Office this week. On Monday, a jury convicted Marcos Campos Reyes, 21, of shooting Luis Fuentes to death in June 2004 as the victim was walking with his 6-year-old son.

#### Local crime statistics:

*The San Francisco Police Department seized 1,158 guns in 2005 and 1,104 guns in 2006.*

### DA and SFPD Announce Conviction of Man in Brutal Gang-Related Murder

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced that Marcos Campos Reyes, 21, CTN 2170342, has been convicted of shooting Luis Fuentes to death in June 2004 as the victim was walking with his 6-year-old son.

After deliberating for nearly three days, a jury convicted the defendant on Monday, July 2, of murder in the second degree or 187 PC, gang allegations or 186.22 and also found true allegations of gun use or 12022.5 PC and 12022.53. The verdicts followed a nearly two-month trial in front of Superior Court Judge Jerome Benson in Dept. 21.

The DA made the announcement at a press conference, where she was joined by Inspector Tom Cleary of the San Francisco Police Department.

According to court documents, the defendant is a Norteno gang member who shot the victim six times, once in the face, twice in the back of the head and three times in the back with a full capacity revolver on 24th and Hampshire streets. The incident took place at approximately 7:40 p.m. on June 26, 2004.

The victim was a Salvadoran immigrant and Sureno gang member. The defendant was detained and arrested by the San Francisco Police Department in less than half an hour after the shooting. A woman parking her car heard the first shot, and saw the defendant run after shooting the victim. She then followed the defendant, and saw him throw the gun into some flowerpots. A man also saw the defendant running after hearing the

shots, and also followed the defendant. Both individuals saw the defendant run into a laundromat. The man called 911 on his cell phone and waited at the laundromat for police, while the woman returned to the scene of the shooting, alerted police that she knew where the shooter was and led them to the laundromat.

Police discovered the defendant hiding in the back of the laundromat. The weapon with the defendant's DNA was also recovered. The defendant also made statements to another person in custody shortly after the shooting.

"I thank the jury for their decision," said District Attorney Harris. "The help of two good Samaritans provided to SFPD in nabbing the defendant is unparalleled. I commend their actions as well as the work of the SFPD and Assistant DA Pecora-Hansen in bringing this killer to justice."

The defendant faces a maximum statutory penalty of 50 years to life in state prison.

The conviction is the result of an investigation by Inspectors Cleary, Spillane and Officer Molina of the San Francisco Police Department. Pam Pecora-Hansen is the Assistant District Attorney who prosecuted the case.

From 2004 to 2006, the District Attorney has filed charges in 87 percent of homicide cases presented to the Office by the San Francisco Police Department. From 2004 to 2006, the Office sent 216 identified gang members to serve a sentence behind bars, securing a 43 percent increase in convictions for gang crimes since 2003.

### DA Sends Man to Prison for 61 Years to Life for Robbing Elderly Victims

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced today that Dan Banh, age 38, CTN 2147617, was sentenced to 61 years to life in state prison for a series of robberies against elderly Asian victims at knifepoint.

On Thursday, June 28, Superior Court Judge Anne Bouliane sentenced the defendant to 61 years to life state prison. A jury convicted the defendant in February 2007 of two felony counts of robbery and assault with a deadly weapon. The verdict followed month-long jury trial in front of Superior Court Judge Bouliane in Dept. 624. The jury found the defendant not guilty of one count of assault with a deadly weapon and one count of attempted robbery.

The defendant was charged with carrying out a series of robberies at knifepoint in August 2003 against elderly Cantonese-speaking victims. According to court documents, on August 24, 2003, the defendant approached a 50-year-old man who was delivering newspapers in the Tenderloin, robbed the man of \$90 and a necklace while threatening to kill him. He also threatened to find the victim if he reported the crime to the police.

On Aug. 31, 2003, on Ninth and

Clement, the victim grabbed a 70-year-old man from behind with a knife, and robbed him of money and his ID. The defendant also threatened to find the victim if he contacted to the police.

The defendant had seven priors for robbery against Cantonese speaking victims at knifepoint. In his last commitment, he served 12 years in state prison.

The defendant was arrested on September 2, 2003, for a parole violation after an extensive police investigation, including undercover surveillance of his place of residence. A booking photo from that arrest was shown to the victims, who identified him as the perpetrator.

"This defendant will no longer be able to prey upon and terrorize vulnerable victims," said District Attorney Harris. "I thank SFPD and Assistant District Attorney Clark for ensuring that this criminal will now spend the next 61 years where he belongs, behind bars and not on our streets."

The sentence is the result of an investigation by San Francisco Police Officers Troy Carosco and Todd Brothers. Binh Trinh is the Victim Services Advocate in the case. Andrew Clark is the Assistant District Attorney who prosecuted the case.

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## Book Reviews

### The House Of Mondavi

By Julia Flynn Siler  
Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

How could something that looked so perfect, that seemed so large and powerful as the Robert Mondavi Corporation (perhaps empire would be a more accurate word), become such a tangled and tragic mess? The author, Julia Flynn Siler, set out to find the answer to that perplexing question. For two-and-a-half years she interviewed more than 250 people which took 525 hours. If that weren't enough she probed through court documents that counted into the 10s of thousands of pages. She acknowledges that there were instances where the interviews of people clashed with what others who were interviewed said, so she tries to give both sides of the story and let the readers decide for themselves. The result sometimes gives the reader a sense of too much hearsay, but upon completing the book one cannot but be impressed with her hard work, her writing style and the saga of life in the Napa Valley vineyards. In one sense, the story defines hubris, that arrogant pride or presumption that is featured in many of the classical morality plays of western literature.

Cesare Mondavi arrived in the United States in 1906 where he worked in mines in Minnesota. He returned to Italy, courted a young woman, Rosa Grassi, married her and brought her to the United States, with the promise that their lives would be much easier here than in Italy. Such was not the case at first as they both worked long days with little rest. When their family grew to four children Cesare stopped working in the Minnesota mines and became partners with other Italians in his neighborhood, first, in a grocery store and then a saloon. As the Volstead Act was passed in 1919, the small Italian community was allowed to continue to make their home-made wines, but Minnesota was not known for grapes.

Cesare was selected to go to California to buy grapes for the community. He readily agreed. He quickly discovered that Lodi was less prejudiced towards Italians and had an ideal location for not just growing grapes but also transporting them via rail. Considering these factors, it made sense for him to relocate his entire family. This part of the story reads like an immigrant fairy tale, but through hard work and seizing opportunities, the Mondavis became comfortable and to a moderate degree, wealthy. Their two sons, Robert and Peter, were sent to Stanford for their education, with Peter following up with a graduate degree at U.C. Berkeley in enology. Robert had a natural head for business and promotion, Peter was much more conservative and retrospective. These differences would later erupt into serious and lasting fissures.

The disputes became so heated that legal intervention became necessary. A friend of the family at the time was Joseph Alioto, who was asked to intervene. Alioto found himself aligned with the younger son, Peter, and the mother Rosa. Robert took another path. The elements of the dispute are too involved for this review, but a comedic element informs the reader that not only did Alioto lose in court, he lost to John Martel, a lawyer whose side job at the time was that of a rock

and roll musician. The vitriolic behavior between these brothers was a harbinger of what was to come. Robert's off-spring continued the contentious behavior.

Michael is the oldest of Robert's children, Marcia the middle child and Timothy the youngest (there is a useful genealogy on the inside of the cover page). Michael comes across as an over-reaching, up-and-coming CEO, who was spoiled by his father's wealth while at the same time never pleasing his father. Marcia is discussed the least but is the most sympathetic. I recently met a restaurant owner, with whom I was discussing wine and this book. He told me he knows Timothy well enough that he had received gifts of wine from him personally. I told him that I doubt that Timothy liked his portrayal in the book. His response was that Timothy was "a tough read." The description in the book sounded quite close to the description given by this food and wine aficionado. My confidence in the writer was reinforced by this chance encounter.

There are many colorful tales in the book. Robert's charm, energy and business acumen played an integral role in changing the way Napa and Sonoma Valley wine makers viewed premium wines versus jug varieties. It eventually changed the way Americans viewed and enjoyed wine. The Mondavis combined forces with international wine makers such as the Baron Phillippe de Rothschild of France, the Frescobaldi family of Italy and powerful figures in the South American wine industry. These stories reveal a high degree of intelligence, supreme confidence and focus on one hand, and obdurate, arrogant greed on the other.

*How important was Robert Mondavi? After all, it was only a beverage he was selling to America.*

How important was Robert Mondavi? After all, it was only a beverage he was selling to America. In 2005 Robert was given an award from the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation as a distinguished descendant of immigrants. Receiving the award that same day was: General Colin Powell, Astronaut Scott Parazynski and Nobel Prize-winning physicist Murray Gell-Mann. A few days later, the French ambassador to the U.S. gave Robert one of the most coveted honors in the world: the medal of the Legion d'honneur, an honor bestowed on very few Americans, but those include President Ronald Reagan, General Colin Powell and David Rockefeller.

At the end one might find the tale a sad one but it is hard to feel too much sadness for a family that destroyed its own gold mine while ending up wealthier than most Americans ever dream of becoming. In November 2004, the Robert Mondavi Corporation was sold for approximately \$1.5 billion dollars. But is it worth your family and your good name? Something tells me that the founders, Cesare and Rosa, would have preferred the latter.

### Plato And A Platypus Walk Into A Bar: Understanding Philosophy Through Jokes

By Thomas Cathcart & Daniel Klein  
Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

Have you ever wondered what's so special about studying philosophy? Have you ever felt intimidated by the subject and all the snobbery surrounding the subject? Do you like to laugh? If you answered some of these questions in the affirmative, have I got a book for you. The dedication page features this grand tract: "To the memory of our philosophical grandfather, Groucho Marx, who summed up our basic ideology when he said, 'These are my principles; if you don't like them, I have others.'"

First, don't expect to get enough meaty material here to qualify you for a degree from even the cheesiest degree factory in the United States but you will likely learn what the subject of philosophy is really about. You will read some memorable hints to help you recall what is meant by certain high-brow titles like Metaphysics or Meta-philosophy. Along the way you will find yourself laughing out loud. If you don't laugh more than once

while reading this little jewel someone should check your pulse. I will give you one small example in hopes of tempting you to give the book a try: In a section on Aristotle, contrasting between "essential" and "accidental" properties, Cathcart and Klein offer this illustrative joke:

"When Thompson hit 70, he decided to change his lifestyle completely so he could live longer. He went on a strict diet, he jogged, he swam and he took sunbaths. In just three months' time, Thompson lost 30 pounds and reduced his waist by six inches. Svelte and tan, he decided to top it off with a new haircut. Stepping out of the barbershop, he was hit by a bus. As he lay dying, he cried out, 'God, how could you do this to me?' And a voice from the heavens responded: 'To tell you the truth, Thompson, I didn't recognize you.'"

I sent copies of this book as a gift to two family members who both stated they truly did not want the book to end as they were enjoying it so much. I suggested they read it twice.

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# Lateral Program For Dallas County Sheriff's Office Falls Flat

From Dallasnews.com, June 24

DALLAS COUNTY, TX — The Dallas County Sheriff's Department announced a big change in hiring in 2002.

For the first time since 1981, the department said, it would begin looking outside for deputies instead of exclusively promoting jailers.

But that never happened. Jailers who wanted the opportunity to become deputies objected, effectively derailing the plan.

Lupe Valdez became sheriff in 2005, and in May 2006, her spokesman made the same announcement. The sheriff would begin recruiting deputies from the outside to find more experienced and qualified candidates for a growing freeway patrol initiative.

It was easier said than done.

Only five of at least 36 deputies hired since the announcement were from outside the department, and three of them previously worked as Dallas County jailers.

Some blame that number on lackluster recruiting efforts. Other reasons cited are poor pay and benefits as well as a requirement that all recruits, even experienced peace officers, go through the department's academy.

Dr. Mattye Mauldin-Taylor, the county's human resources director in charge of recruiting and hiring for the Sheriff's Department, said recruiting has largely consisted of placing newspaper advertisements.

She said people may still believe the county sheriff only hires from within. But she didn't believe pay was a big issue.

Her office and sheriff labor organizations disagree about the quality of pay at the department.

Dr. Mauldin-Taylor said she conducts a salary study each year, using a formula agreed upon by county commissioners and the labor associations.

That involves averaging the pay of about 20 area cities and the largest counties.

"I'm finding no major disparities in pay based on what the county said the formula should be for paying deputies," Dr. Mauldin-Taylor said.

But the Dallas County Sheriff's Association has done its own salary studies that show Dallas County salaries rank at the bottom of surveyed agencies, said Stan Thedford, the group's president.

The starting pay for a deputy is \$41,059, while the Dallas Police Department starts officers at \$41,690.

But the Dallas police also offer a \$10,000 hiring bonus.

Mr. Thedford said while the sheriff's pay is close to Dallas police at the starting point, it begins to diverge

as an officer moves up the pay scale. He said the association's salary study shows Dallas County pay rates are 12 percent behind other agencies in starting pay.

*The county jail has failed four state inspections in a row mainly because of a failure to meet the state's minimum staffing requirement of one guard for every 48 inmates.*

The Sheriff's Department has about 375 deputies. It is now hiring to fill new positions added for its expanding freeway program. Deputies began patrolling freeways in the county's southern cities in 2001, and the department is currently working on an agreement with the city of Dallas to patrol its freeways. The department plans to eventually patrol freeways countywide.

### Small academy class

But a deputy academy class that began in March doesn't have any outside applicants. In fact, it only has three students, all of whom work for different law enforcement agencies.

Deputy classes typically hold up to 35 students. About that many jail guards had signed up to take the March class. But they were held back at the time because of a jail staffing crisis, said Capt. David Mitchell of the training and personnel division.

The county jail has failed four state inspections in a row mainly because of a failure to meet the state's minimum staffing requirement of one guard for every 48 inmates.

But because police departments in Highland Park, Lancaster and Duncanville had already reserved space in the academy class for their recruits, a decision was made to go forward with it, Capt. Mitchell said.

To offset costs, the Sheriff's Department trains other police agencies' recruits for \$1,300 a seat.

"Because we already committed to these agencies, we elected to go along and hold the class," Capt. Mitchell said. "Peace officers can't do anything before they go to academy and take the [licensing] exam."

The current class of three will graduate in August.

Another deputy class is beginning July 9, Capt. Mitchell said. Three applicants who have already signed up are from outside the department and have no law enforcement experience, he said.

Having a larger pool of deputy applicants to choose from is critical for Dallas County.

Every time the Sheriff's Department promotes a jailer to deputy, it creates a vacancy in the jail. With an already understaffed jail, that's the last thing the county needs.

### Civilian jailers

Most other large sheriff's departments in Texas use sworn peace officers as jailers. Dallas County saves money using civilian jailers, known as detention service officers (DSOs), who are paid less than \$31,158 to start and don't carry firearms. And the county can hire them younger, beginning at age 19. Deputies must be at least 21.

It's also quicker to train DSOs. Deputies have to undergo a six-month academy, while civilian jailers are trained in just four weeks.

Many seek employment as jailers as a career path to becoming a deputy. So when a deputy test is announced, the department gets plenty of applicants from the jail.

As a result, the county has never had to beef up its recruiting efforts for outside applicants. Nor has the county had to offer hiring bonuses like the Dallas police.

## Dallas Uses Houston Billboards To Recruit Officers, While Houston Needs 400 Officers

From Click2Houston.com, July 9

HOUSTON, TX — The Dallas Police Department is boldly recruiting in the Houston-area for new officers, KPRC Local 2 reported Monday.

The north Texas agency is using local billboards to advertise its need for 350 new officers who will receive a \$10,000 sign-on bonus.

Dallas is recruiting in an area that already has a manpower shortage.

The Houston Police Department has 400 to 500 officer vacancies while the Harris County Sheriff's Department is short 140 deputies.

"Our pool of candidates — I would encourage them to take a good hard look at us before going to Dallas," said Hans Marticuic with the Houston Police Officer's Union.

The local police union president does not fault Dallas for its recruiting tactics.

"It doesn't surprise me. We try to go and steal from other places, too," he said.

So when the Sheriff's Department announced in 2002 that it would begin seeking applicants from outside the department, labor organizations objected, saying it wasn't fair to the jailers who were hired with the expectation of eventually being allowed to take the deputy test.

"These people came to work here with the understanding that they had an opportunity," Mr. Thedford said.

Changing the rules after 25 years wouldn't have been fair to them, he said. But they have since been given a chance to take the deputy test, and the association no longer opposes hiring from outside, he said.

Capt. Mitchell said his bosses are evaluating whether to change the rule requiring that even experienced peace officers attend the academy. He said one alternative might be to offer those candidates a shorter refresher course like some other agencies do.

It's not unusual for retired police officers to end up working for the Sheriff's Department as court bailiffs or chief deputies.

But Senior Cpl. Eddie Crawford, vice president of the Dallas Police Association, said he hasn't heard of any Dallas officers leaving to become deputies.

He said he wouldn't do so because of the academy requirement and the county's inferior retirement plan.

"Absolutely not. You'd be starting over again," he said.

The city of Houston hired a marketing agency to help compete against other recruiting campaigns.

"We've recruited officers from other agencies. It's just the nature of the beast," Gabe Ortiz with the Houston Police Department.

Once a top recruit, Thomas Warnkehad, 22, had his choice of agencies to work for in law enforcement.

"I had several police department I was eligible for," he said. "You always shop before you buy something. You always want to get the best deal for your money."

The new officer eventually chose to work for the Pasadena Police Department.

Houston City Council recently budgeted for a seventh Houston Police Department cadet class.

The police union, though, said it's a little upset with the city for not paying \$7,000 bonuses for officers who were recruited to the department from other agencies.

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# South of Market has New Neighbors!

## SF SAFE Assists the Federal Building with Safety Concerns

By Oona Gilles-Weil,  
SAFE Crime Prevention Specialist

The New Federal Building at 7th and Market has opened its doors, consolidating nearly 1600 federal workers from five buildings. The 600,000-square-foot project includes two distinct buildings separated by a plaza cafeteria. One stated goal of the project is to serve as a catalyst for redevelopment of the mid-Market area that

has been dominated by porn theaters and drug dealers for decades.

As with all big transitions, people often feel a good deal of stress and fear around the changes. In the case of the new federal building, many of the workers were concerned about their new environment. They felt safe in the building and around the complex which is Federal Property and actively patrolled by Federal Officers – but on the street and getting to and from

work raised some concerns about personal safety.

SAFE was contacted by Doug Hintze from the Department of Labor to put together a series of Personal Safety Presentations for the employees. Crime Prevention Specialist, Oona Gilles-Weil facilitated customized presentations. Due to the level of interest in the presentations the series was extended to include Sgt. Washington and Ofc. Pedroza from SFPD. Topics covered Street Safety, Best Practices on MUNI and BART, Staying Aware and How to Observe and Report Suspicious Activity. The feedback was very positive. One employee voiced, "It was helpful to hear from the officers how their patrols work and to also be able to direct my concerns to the people who are on the street protecting us."

On June, 26th the Federal Building held a SAFETY FAIR for all its employees to receive materials, access resources, talk to organizations and participate in workshops. SAFE assisted with planning and was happy to attend the fair. The momentum produced through the workshop series and the fair has generated interest from other departments. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has requested similar presentations for their staff and the newly created day care center, Kids By The Bay will receive training for staff, parents and children.

It is SAFE's hope to continue to work together to create safer streets and communities in the 7th street and Market corridor and throughout the city. The new federal building serves as a model to other businesses whose employees have concerns about safety.



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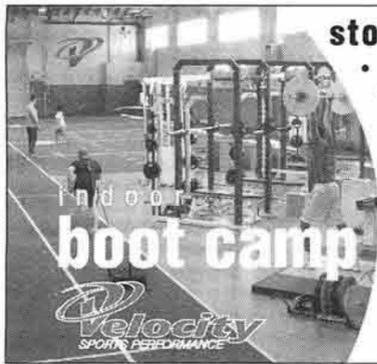
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Now that the World Police and Fire Games, held this past March in Adelaide Australia, is over, competitors are setting their sights on Mesa Arizona where the Western States Police and Fire Games is scheduled for October 6th through 14th.

The Western States Police and Fire Games is an event that has taken place each year since 1967 and draws thousands of competitors from the law enforcement and fire fighting communities. During this particular week in October, police officer and fire fighter athletes will gather to test their strength, endurance and skill in nearly sixty different sporting events.

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# Sports



## NICK'S NOTES

By Nick Shihadeh,  
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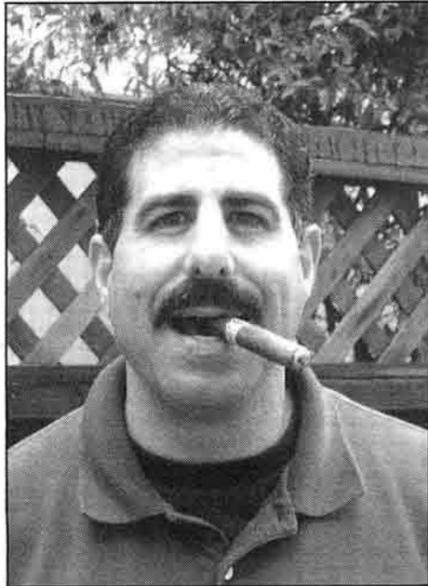
### All Star Game A Bust!

**C**HECK IT OUT: Yeah, I said it; and, I'll say it again: Major League Baseball's All Star Game on July 10th at A.T. & T. Park was a bust as far as I'm concerned. I feel this way because they didn't allow our own Sgt. Jerry D'Arcy (TTF) to sing God Bless America despite a push by our brass to have him do so. As anyone who has heard Jerry sing that song (or just any song in general) knows that his voice, style and grace can't be matched by anyone, as he puts more heart into his singing than anyone could imagine.

It would've been so fitting to see Jerry perform during the seventh inning stretch while standing big and tall in his impressive class A uniform in front of a national audience. I think the rest of the country would've appreciated seeing SF's finest, as I know that many in our anarchist city couldn't have cared less. Oh well, I guess Jerry singing the National Anthem at Law Enforcement Night before the Giants/Braves game on Wed. July 26th will of course do for now.

### Bassey Obot Wins Triathlon

The Tactical Unit's Bassey Obot competed in the Tri For Real Triathlon on Sun. July 15th near the very hot and dry city of Galt, Ca (north of Stockton) and came away the winner of the intense race. Obot competed in the "Clydesdale" (over 200lbs) category in this event that officially took place at the Rancho Seco Rec Center, and he had a time of 2hrs 36min. which was tops amongst a thin field. This was a decent time for him in the tough summer conditions of the region and according to Bassey; he was competing



as much against the course and the weather as he was against the other competitors.

This event was sponsored by Total Body Fitness, which puts on a Tri For Fun race as well. For anyone not sure of what events are included in a triathlon, it's as follows: there's a 1 mile swim, a 24.8 mile mountain bike ride, and if that's not enough, a 6.2 mile run has to be completed. Bassey was very proud to have finally won a triathlon after four years of competing — his last race was the San Jose International Triathlon on June 24th where he placed 3rd out of 24 competitors, which "isn't too shabby."

"I was very excited to have won," Bassey said. "What made it even more satisfying was the fact that my family was there to see it." Bassey then added jokingly, "Having trained out at Building 606 in the Hunter's Point Ship Yard during the waste clean up, I was definitely prepared to compete in that area that is right at the decommissioned power plant. I even think Homer Simpson used to work there." Anyway you look at it, it was an impressive performance by Bassey Obot and I congratulate him for the feat.

### Loons Nest Report

Take a look at Ed Garcia's Loons Nest article including pics in this same sports section, as he's provided another captivating descriptive of an exciting golf tournament that this time took place at the Bethel Island Golf Club & Resort. The event took place the second week of June and the Canine Unit's Bobby Byrne came away the overall winner in a field of stiff competition. Read about all the action (which also includes other players winning different legs of the tourney) when you get a chance.

### Softball Wrap Up

There was a nice spread of pictures in last month's sports section of not only the championship games, but of the softball banquet later that evening. I wanted to once again thank Raffy Labutan and Marc Marquez taking and providing those pics. As far as the first and second place teams for both the A and B Divisions, in addition to the large team trophy that was already given to each club, each player will receive a snazzy long sleeved t-shirts that will have the POA Softball emblem on it. These t-shirts are provided by Promotional Edge, which is run by Michael Spranger who is the brother of Steve who has been retired out of Ingleside Station for some time now.

### More Golf News

Speaking of Steve Spranger, I was with him and other retired guys (as well as many seasoned veterans) at a San Francisco Police Golf Club event

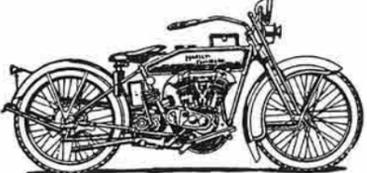
that took place in Carson City, Nevada, the last week of May. Jerry Cassidy (Ret.) and Larry Minasian (TTF) do a fine job running the SF Police Golf Club, as we were offered a chance to play three fine golf courses in three days, stay for two nights at a decent hotel/casino, and enjoy an exceptional banquet all for a minimal fee. It's a great group of people to not only play golf with, but to break bread with as well; so, if anyone is interested in hearing more about future events (for cops only), contact Lt. Minasian on day shift at Tenderloin Station.

### Upcoming Sports Events

The fourth annual Isaac Espinoza Memorial Softball Tournament and Fundraiser will be taking place Aug. 17th, 18th, and 19th at Balboa Park in The City (contact Marc Marquez of Southern or Kevin Worrell of Central Station). Also, the sixth annual Bay Area Emerald Society Golf Tournament will be taking place on Aug. 27th at the Lake Merced Golf Club also in The City (contact Brian Philpott of TTF or Ed Carew of Mission Station). I finally want to remind everyone about the SFPOA Golf Tourney scheduled for Sept. 24th at the Stone Tree Golf Club in Novato (contact Tim Hettrich of Narcotics as well as Gary Delagnes or Marty Halloran of the POA Office). Flyers with more information on these events should be included in this same sports section.

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





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# THE LOONS NEST REPORT

By Ed Garcia, Co. A

## Bob Byrne Sizzles in Delta Heat — Wins Summer Golf Classic at Bethel Island

The second week of June saw two major golf events as the U.S. Open was played at Oakmont Country Club and the L.N.G.C. played its 20th Summer Golf Classic at Bethel Island Golf Club & Resort. Although the U.S. Open got more media coverage there was exciting golf competition in the far delta country of Contra Costa County. As the Loons arrived for a breakfast buffet at the clubhouse the temperatures were in the high seventies. Luckily a shotgun start had all the Loons on the course by 0900 hrs. and play completed before the mercury got past one hundred degrees, as a high of one hundred and two degrees was hit at 1437 hrs.

Front nine play was dominated by two longtime power hitters; Scott Warnke of Northern Station, and John Schmolke of Central Station. Scott and John matched each other with front side scores of thirty-eight, the only players posting less than forty strokes on the side. Four players were clustered in second place with a score of forty strokes. These players included current Club Champion Steve Moss from SFO, former Club Champion Ed Anzore from Central Station, Bob Byrne of Tactical (Dog Unit) and Robbery's Tim Brophy.

Heading into the back nine the mercury was climbing and liquid refreshments were limited, as the lady who drives the beverage cart had to leave to drive the local school bus. She would have made a lot more cash had she stayed on the course when the temperatures made it into the middle and upper nineties. Two players responded to the challenge and brought out their desert games, as Byrne and Anzore kicked it into high gear. Byrne fired a one under par thirty-five on the backside, which included back to back birdies on the 15th, 16th and 17th holes. A check of the Loon archives shows this to be the first triple birdie run in Loon tournament history.

Byrne finished with a three over par round of seventy-five. Ed Anzore made a strong run at Byrne, as he posted eight pars and one bogey, finishing



with a score of seventy-seven. Scott Warnke made a valiant charge on the backside, finding birdies on the 13th and 15th holes. Unfortunately, Scott ran into a triple bogey on the 12th hole that cost him dearly. Scott finished in third with a round of seventy-nine. Ed Anzore took second low gross in the first flight and Bob Byrne was crowned Summer Classic Champion.

This was Bob's first win in Loon tournament play as he recently joined the flock last fall. Byrne is a 1989 product of Sacred Heart H.S. where he played football and soccer and a single season of golf. Bob worked several years in the Bayview and now serves as a dog unit with his partner Roddy, a Dutch Sheppard. One expects that we will be hearing more of Mr. Byrne in the future.

In first flight, low net play, John Schmolke of Central Station took first place with a three-stroke victory over Mission Station's Rob Vernengo. Schmolke fired an eighty-one, giving him a net sixty-five. Schmolke combined his power off the tee with some fine putting on the greens that seemed to slow as the day progressed as the blades grew rapidly in the hot sun. Vernengo posted a net score of sixty-eight after making a back nine charge of thirty-nine strokes, which included a birdie on the 17th hole. Vernengo remains a loon who has always been somewhere in the money in each event, season after season.

Third low net in the flight went to Robbery's Tim Brophy who fired two very steady sides of forty for a score of eighty and a net score of sixty-nine. Tim picked up a birdie on the 5th hole, but then got slammed with back-to-back double bogies on the 6th and 7th holes. Local sports writers from the Bethel Island Delta Review picked Brophy as a player to watch for the rest of the season.

Second flight low gross saw a three-way battle between three members of

Central Station. Joe Porta of the midnight shift posted sides of forty-six and forty-five for a ninety-one, despite suffering a quadruple bogey on the par three 3rd hole. Kevin Richins of the swing shift had a two-stroke lead over Porta heading into the 17th hole, but was knocked back by a triple bogey 8th hole. Kevin rallied with a par to finish the round, but this left him also with a score of ninety-one. Central Station Captain Jim Dudley was in the hunt until he suffered a double bogie on the treacherous 17th hole and finished with a ninety-two. Employing the U.S.G.A. tiebreaker, Porta was awarded first place, Richins took second and Dudley finished in third place.

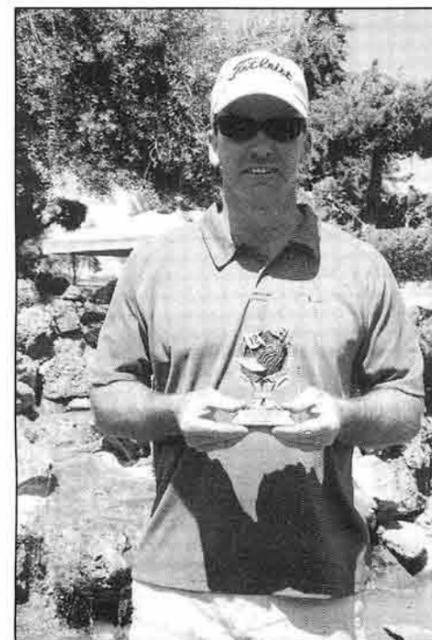
Second flight low net was dominated by retired Burglary Inspector Lou Bronfeld. Lou had been showing big improvements in his game while on the recent Loons' Adventure in Myrtle Beach, and he put it all together for this event. Lou had matching sides of fifty-one for a score of one hundred and two, leaving him with a net score of sixty-seven. It should be noted that Lou suffered double bogies on the first three holes, but did not lose his cool. Lou put his game together under pressure and moved forward unto victory. The mark of a true tournament player.

Second place went to Benny Fong of the Hondas. Benny started the day with a fine front side of forty-eight, but ran into back-to-back triple bogies at the 14th and 15th holes. Ben finished with a net score of sixty-nine, leaving him one stroke ahead of Traffic Company's Gile Pursley. Gile had opened his day with a front side of fifty-two, but fought back with a strong back side of forty-four. Gile finished with a score of ninety-six and a net seventy. Gile's backside performance allowed him to move from 14th in the flight, to 3rd place low net, some outstanding play.

The day's long drive champion was Mark Yesitis, as he unloaded a drive of two hundred and ninety-four yards on a shot that split the middle of the fairway. The drive was measured by a laser device, as technology seems to be coming to the Loons.



Schmolke and Bronfeld, Low Net champs



Robert Byrne, Summer Classic Champion

The "Close to the Hole" winners were Bob Byrne (2' 1"), Ed Anzore (30'), George Gulbengay (30' 4") and John Schmolke (32'). The second place winners were Norm Rice (12' 2"), Darren Nocetti (36' 10"), Bob Byrne (46' 8") and once again Bob Byrne (51' 4").

The Loons had their awards ceremony and it then became time to depart on what for many was a long drive. It is rumored that a few Loons made the acquaintance of some members of the local traffic officers. As always, polite conduct and courtesy was the rule of the day and all contacts were positive. Just a hint: in Brentwood 50 MPH means 50 MPH, and one should never even think of speeding on Vasco Road.

## Loons Nest Scoreboard

Player	Front	Back	Total	Player	Front	Back	Total
Byrne	40	35	75	Wismer	46	47	93
Anzore	40	37	77	Gulbengay	52	42	94
Warnke	38	41	79	Rice	49	45	94
Brophy	40	40	80	Sullivan	46	49	95
Schmolke	38	43	81	Pursley	52	44	96
Vernengo	42	39	81	Yesitis	46	50	96
Moss	40	41	81	Cuizon	47	50	97
Morimoto	42	40	82	Fontana	53	44	97
Doherty	46	40	86	Fischer	49	49	98
Nocetti	45	41	86	Cooke	47	52	99
Hanacek	44	43	87	Johnson	50	50	100
Garcia	43	45	88	Boyett	50	51	101
Mahoney, M.	46	44	90	Fong	48	53	101
Wyman	45	45	90	Boyd	51	51	102
Porta	46	45	91	Newlin	55	47	102
Richins	45	46	91	Edison	47	57	104
Sorgie	47	44	91	Tom, L.	53	51	104
Dudley	44	48	92	Boyett	55	50	105
				Torise	54	60	114

### Long Drive Winner

Mark Yesitis 294 yards

### Close to Hole Winners

Player	hole #	Distance from Hole
Gulbengay	3rd	30' 0"
Nocetti	3rd	36' 10"
Schmolke	8th	32' 0"
Byrne	8th	51' 4"
Anzore	14th	30' 0"
Byrne	14th	46' 8"
Bryne	16th	2' 1"
Rice	16th	12' 2"

# San Francisco Police Officers Association 16th Annual Golf Tournament

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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

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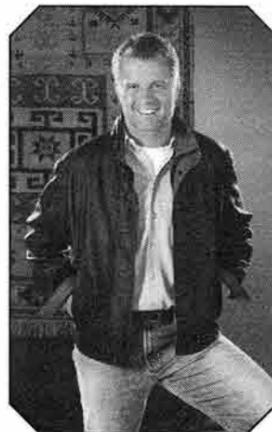
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- Monday, 9/10/07:** **WOLF RUN GOLF CLUB.** Individual stroke play using course handicap. This is a SHOTGUN start @ 8 AM! If you're on the 3-night package, check in after golf. 5:00 PM: MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL (2-hr. hosted bar & tailgate buffet).
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

**IRONMAN SENIOR** (40 and over)

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Each puzzle has a grid of letters that

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# Close Encounters

By Steve Johnson  
SFPOA

I believe we had a little over 350 robberies in San Francisco in June of this year. 350 of anything criminal is outrageous. And, of course, it's no news that we've had a few shootings in the City. I believe we're way ahead of last year . . . So we should leave 6 full-duty police officers inside the Hall of Justice answering phones . . . ??

These 6 police officers were involved in various roles in the infamous Videogate "scandal" that was, according to some, "the darkest day in the history of the SFPD" . . . ?? Give me a break.

All 6 of the officers being held in the Department's "Investigative Detention" purgatory are extremely conscientious and professional. I can't get into the specifics involving each officer because of the rules of confidentiality but all you had to do was tune in to just about any news report back in December of 2005 — YES, December 2005!!, to witness the case against them. These officers were involved in a number of videos that were made for a send-off Christmas Party for the Captain they revered — **Captain Rick Bruce**. Rick was the Captain who backed them, the Captain who was there for them day in and day out. The Captain that understood exactly what they were going through. The Captain who would make decisions . . . remember those??

So, why aren't they back on the street where they have always wanted to be? That's a damn good question. Especially after the Mayor and the Chief said that, in this particular case, "Justice would be swift" . . . Oh, really?

All of the officers involved in the Videogate 'scandal' worked at Bayview Station. Bayview Station is one of the most difficult and dangerous districts the San Francisco Police Department has to offer. And yet 99% of the police officers who work there volunteered to do so — the rest are in training. And, for so many years, the only people the police officers at Bayview Station had to depend on were each other. The constant shootings . . . the mayhem . . . the injustice . . . a Dad and his 2-year old son shot and killed by gang members who are still out there killing people . . . And who responded to each one of the calls and had to deal with the carnage? Well, it wasn't the Mayor, and it sure as hell wasn't the Chief of Police. It was handled by police officers with maybe 2-3 years experience. Police officers who never knew if they'd go home at the end of their watch. Police officers like **Officer Fabian Fowler** who had to shoot it out with a deranged suspect who had just killed 2 other people and who now had to kill Fabian to make good his escape. Fabian was only 8 feet away when the killer engaged him in a gun battle. Both men emptied their weapons. Fabian went home that night . . . barely.

Is there anyone out there who doesn't think that the constant exposure to death doesn't take a toll? The officers from Bayview knew it did, but

they put up with it anyway.

And then **Officer Isaac Espinoza** was killed.

That changed everything.

The officers felt the loss only a family member could. A tribute video for Isaac was prepared but it couldn't start to heal the pain. And then the officers heard that their leader, **Captain Rick Bruce**, was going to retire. They wanted to give him something that would, possibly, help everyone forget the fear and pain that they endured every day.

So, many of the officers of Bayview had an opportunity to participate in a video, as mentioned earlier, that would honor Rick, the one who was there when Isaac was killed. And they did. They spoofed themselves. If one of them was known to write a number of citations, then that was what the video would highlight. If another officer was known to be a little more outspoken than others, then that was the focus. Was it a brilliant work of cinematography? Not quite. Was it designed to insult the people of the community the officers served? Absolutely not. You're going to have to read the letter at the end of this column for a better understanding of what the officers were going through at the time and exactly how they felt — the writer of the document I quoted pretty much summed things up.

Immediately following the showing of the video our Internal Affairs unit conducted an investigation and now 6 officers are facing charges at the Police Commission level.

I can only hope that each and every one of the Police Commissioners hearing this case first have the opportunity to participate in a ride-along with the Bayview officers. I used to think it would be best for them to do so on a Friday/Saturday evening, but lately, it doesn't really matter since the gangs are shooting people 24/7 . . .

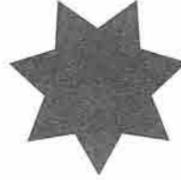
And there needs to be closure in this matter. 19 months and still counting!?

There must be a way to set-up a meeting with the 6 officers involved and the Commissioners for the purpose of reaching a reasonable settlement in this matter — no matter how long it takes. Can't we do something without a full-blown, formal hearing? Trials in this matter would take months.

So let's say that we do have the informal meeting . . . Would the Police Commissioners have specific questions of the officers as to why this video was made? Certainly. Will the officers have answers to their inquiries? Definitely. So let's give it a try . . . Isaac would have wanted that.

It's late at night in a bar on the 4400 block of Mission Street and Mr. Booze has taken over most of the conversation between several individuals

arguing over something as important as the latest reason why **Chris Daly** had a temper tantrum . . . Words are exchanged and, the next thing you know, a gun comes out. The 9-1-1 call is made and **Sergeant Greg Dare** and **Officer Vincent Pedrini** respond. Now they have to enter a bar with very poor lighting, occupied by many, trying to figure out who the armed and dangerous suspect is before he tries to take advantage of his cover. They find him, take his gun, and remove him from the equation. How many people would do the same — that is, place their lives on the line not knowing whether or not the judgment of the person who had the gun is so impaired that he would just shoot a police officer out of madness . . . ? I would guess very few.



And, just a few miles away, in the Mission District, we have an individual involved in a domestic violence case who leaves the house armed with a gun. **Officer Sergio Lopez**, **Officer Lauro Baca**, **Officer Rain Daugherty**, **Officer Brendan O'Connor**, **Officer Matt Kenney**, and **Officer Nick Chorley** respond to search for the armed suspect. And they do so keeping in mind that domestic violence cases are some of the most unpredictable and volatile you can possibly deal with as a police officer. But these young officers never hesitated to pick up the call because they knew that the longer something like this goes on, the greater chance there could be a worse

outcome than what already occurred. In this case, it worked out. The suspect and the fully-loaded, 9mm semi-automatic weapon were taken into custody without incident (sounds like a local news bite . . .) — However, you know every call like that wears on a police officer and takes a personal toll.

I think the sacrifice these officers are making every day is best described in a letter that **Captain John Goldberg**, Commanding Officer at Mission Station, received. It was written by an individual who lost a good friend in an extremely violent incident. She wanted to thank the police officers who responded. She wrote:

*"Although it has been more than one year since the incident, I would like to offer my deepest gratitude to the police officers who tried to rescue my partner. I believe it was **Officer Matthew O'Leary** and **Officer Elmer Najarro** who were on the scene. There may have been others.*

*I wonder sometimes about the persons whose job it is to respond to such events. How well prepared they are to encounter death on their shift. How long does it take them to shake off the trauma, if it is traumatic for them. Do they wonder about the family or loved ones of the victims. And how do they manage to hold on to their own humanity without letting it affect their professionalism.*

*I realize that it takes a hero's heart to do what they do. They don't know the outcome beforehand when they respond to a call. Sometimes they save lives. Sometimes they are not able to. But that doesn't matter as much as the fact that they put themselves out there each day, willingly, to meet whatever fate might bring them. Thank you all.*

*May God bless you all."*

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