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Myths About The SF Homicide Rate

By Gary Delagnes
SFPOA President

Myth #1: Police Departments Can Most Effectively Reduce Homicides

The latest scapegoat trend popular with progressive politicians and other civic leaders is to hold the local police department accountable for the city's murder rate — a statistic commonly tagged as the *rising* or *escalating* or *soaring* homicide rate. San Francisco's pols are no exception. It is much more convenient for officials to point the finger at the police department and ignore the real factors that affect the local murder rate.

Unlike drug dealing, burglary, robbery, and other crimes committed by a habitual criminal, most people who are so inclined usually slay just one other person in his or her lifetime. The operative word in that last sentence is "slay." The lawful killing of another human being committed in self-defense, or justified by duty and service (i.e., military or law enforcement service) is not a slaying.

The two major causes of murder or manslaughter are acts committed in the "heat of passion." Cold-blooded murder is committed deliberately, and culpability can be more readily measured against the standard of "malice aforethought."

Spontaneous murder that involves a family member, relative, friend, or coworker is committed on the spur of the moment and there is absolutely nothing law enforcement can do about it. Vicious murder, on the other hand, often involves retribution to settle a score, or cunning to advance a scheme. Typically, such murders involve disputes over family matters, money, drugs, or gang turf. Short of an officer being present through happenstance for the former, or having inside intelligence for the latter, there is very little that any police officer can do to prevent these crimes from occurring.

Expecting the police to stop murder is the equivalent of asking a physician to cure terminal cancer because the patient waited too long to seek treatment. As far as "heat of passion" homicide is concerned, we can look at two of life's eternal absolutes:

1. People will kill other people.
2. There is very little a beat cop can do to abate Rule Number 1.

The number of murders occurring in San Francisco has little to do with the daily tasks and regular duties of a police officer. Certainly an officer will investigate such incidents after each has occurred and strive to his or her fullest to arrest the guilty parties. But, apprehension is not prevention. Rather, it is the rest of the criminal justice system that could be most effective in reducing



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the number of these crimes. If every perpetrator of a lesser offense were more vigorously prosecuted and properly imprisoned instead of dealt a boilerplate offer and released on probation, one less petty criminal or adolescent thug would be free to roam our streets and degenerate into a heartless killer.

The root cause of street-kill homicide in any major city is a lenient criminal justice system that will not acknowledge its ineffectiveness. If the public were more aware of the number of instances where suspected murderers had been arrested and released for very serious crimes before they ever commit a homicide, they would be appalled.

When a major city thumbs its nose at immigration laws with an absurd sanctuary policy what does one expect? When you tacitly encourage drug dealers to commute by BART into your city to ply their product with little fear of criminal conviction, please don't blame the cops. When the city attorney attempts to enact "gang injunctions" against known killers and is thwarted by the Public Defender as well as other community groups, how can the finger be pointed at them or us?

By the time a murderous hooligan is finally imprisoned for the remainder of his life, some poor victim has lost his because a potential killer had not been sent away at the first opportunity. In San Francisco, as well as most large urban areas, the system is much too lenient on criminals who enter it through the proverbial revolving door.

Myth #2: San Francisco Has One Of The Highest Homicide Counts

The second myth is that the San Francisco homicide rate is out of control and has for the past several years rocketed past the national average. Nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, we are far below the national average for a city of this size.

While any murder is tragic, the dire statistics need to be put into realistic perspective.

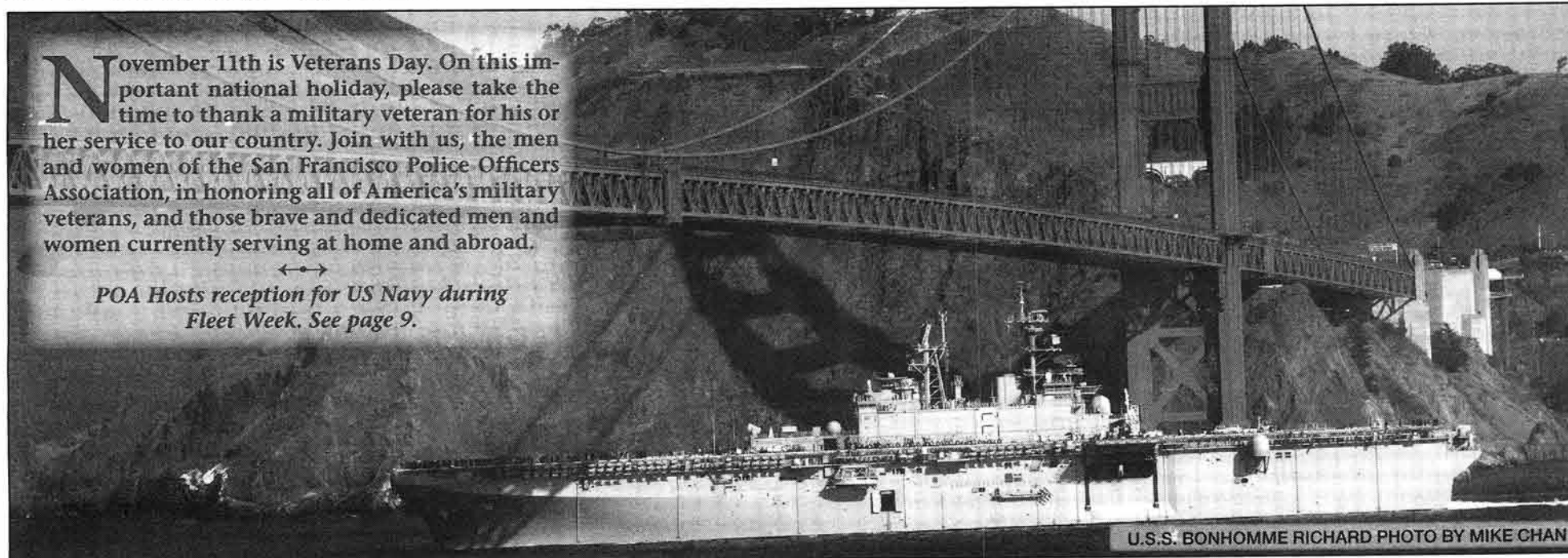
The United States Department of Justice statistics for the year 2006 show that San Francisco was 38th in the US for homicides per capita in cities with populations in excess of 250,000.

Murder rates are routinely quantified based upon the number of victims per 100,000 residents. By comparison, Detroit, Michigan had the highest murder rate in the country at 47.3 murders per 100,000 residents. Simply put, the city of Detroit, which has 917,000 residents, suffered 432 homicides in 2006 while San Francisco, with a population of 746,000 suffered only 11.5 per 100,000 residents, or 86 homicides. Baltimore, which has 100,000 less residents than San Francisco, counted 287 homicides or 43.3 for every 100,000 residents. San Francisco's homicide rate was smaller than cities such as Oakland, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Miami, Houston, Phoenix, Boston, Los Angeles, and even Sacramento and Stockton.

The point is that while no homicide rate is acceptable, the reality is that police officers can do very little when one human being decides to kill another. However, if the other elements of the criminal justice system were to properly prosecute, incarcerate, deport, and supervise repeat offenders, the homicide rate would decrease significantly.

November 11th is Veterans Day. On this important national holiday, please take the time to thank a military veteran for his or her service to our country. Join with us, the men and women of the San Francisco Police Officers Association, in honoring all of America's military veterans, and those brave and dedicated men and women currently serving at home and abroad.

POA Hosts reception for US Navy during
Fleet Week. See page 9.



U.S.S. BONHOMME RICHARD PHOTO BY MIKE CHAN

POA Awards Ceremony

By Kevin Martin

The SFPOA will hold its 4th Awards Ceremony on Thursday, November 20, 2008 at The POA Building, located at 800 Bryant Street (Note — Enter the POA offices at the 6th Street door, take the elevator to the third floor Atrium). The Awards ceremony will include the presentation of POA Medal of Honor to four (4) members of Taraval Police Station involved in the San Francisco Zoo incident last December 25, 2007. Also receiving the POA Medal of Honor is an Officer from Richmond Police Station who was able to stop a deranged motorist from continuing to wreak great havoc and further injuries upon people in a popular San Francisco neighborhood.

The POA is also proud to announce the presentation of POA appreciation plaques to two citizens who have been very strong supporters of the POA, its ideals, and goals. The two citizens are Dr. Elisa Stevens of the Academy of Art University of San Francisco, and Ms. Ethel Newlin, a longtime community activist and friend of the POA.

The reception and presentation of awards will begin with cocktails and delicious appetizers provided by the outstanding "Elite Occasions" with Allison Owens, Chef de Cuisine. The reception will begin at 6:00 PM with the awards conferred at approx. 7:00 PM.

Honored guests are kindly asked to RSVP with the number of persons in their party no later than Monday, November 17, 2008.

Courtney Dickson and I will keep all involved parties abreast of the plans as the date draws near.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kevin Martin at 925-642-9681.

POA Board of Directors Meeting October 15, 2008*

1. Sergeant-At-Arms Breen called the meeting to order at 1210 hours and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Secretary Montoya conducted the roll call of the Executive Board and Board of Directors.

3. President Delagnes presented Officer Mike Rivera with a \$6000 check for the SFPD Wilderness Program.

4. Edwin Stephens of The Stephens Group gave a presentation to the Board of Directors regarding investments and assets management. Contact your representative for Mr. Stephens contact information.

5. Treasurer Halloran made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 2008 Board of Directors meeting. The motion was seconded by Representative Donati (Co. I) and passed unanimously by a voice vote.

6. The next meeting of the Civil Service Commission is scheduled for October 20, 2008.

7. Treasurer Halloran provided each Board Member with a current copy of the POA profit and loss sheet.

8. Treasurer Halloran advised that the Executive Board approved \$10,000 to support Proposition O.

9. Representative Mammone (HQ) made a motion that the POA give \$2500 to the Marine Unit to purchase gym equipment. The motion was seconded by Representatives Madsen (TAC) and Ferraez (Co. C). Results of a roll call vote were 32 (yes), 0 (no) and 0 (abstained). Motion carried.

10. President Delagnes made a motion that the POA give \$15,000

(our annual donation) to the UCSF Pediatric Center/Child Life Center. Motion was seconded by Vice President Martin and Representative Dacre (Co. F) and passed unanimously by a voice vote.

11. Meeting adjourned at 1410 ours.

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, October 15, 2008

			Vote #1				Vote #1
President	Gary Delagnes	P	Y	Co. H	Maris Goldsborough	P	Y
Vice President	Kevin Martin	P	Y		Mike Walsh	P	Y
Secretary	Tony Montoya	P	Y	Co. I	Tessa Donati	P	
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Sergeant-At-Arms	Chris Breen	P	Y	Co. J	Kevin Lyons	P	Y
Editor	Ray Shine	P			Brian Philpott	P	Y
Co. A	Ed Browne	P	Y	Co. K	Matt Gardner	P	Y
	George Rosko	P	Y		Corrado Petruzzella	P	Y
Co. B	Larry Bertrand	P		Hdqtr.	Dennis Callaghan	P	Y
	Bill Roualdes	E			Bob Mammone	P	Y
Co. C	George Ferraez	P	Y	Narcotics	Dave Falzon	P	Y
	Liam Frost	P	Y		Larry Mack	P	Y
Co. D	Martin Covarrubias	P	Y	Tactical	Dan Laval	E	
	Nate Steger	A			Mark Madsen	P	Y
Co. E	Dermot Dorgan	P	Y	Invest.	Joseph Engler	P	Y
	Tim Flaherty	P	Y		Dean Taylor	P	Y
Co. F	Patrick Burke	P	Y	Airport	Bob Chapman	P	Y
	Peter Dacre	P	Y		Joe Finigan	P	Y
Co. G	Sean O'Leary	P	Y	SRO	John Scully	A	
	Dominic Yin	P		Retired	Ray Allen	P	Y

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Keeping Your Head

By John Tennant,
SFPOA Counsel

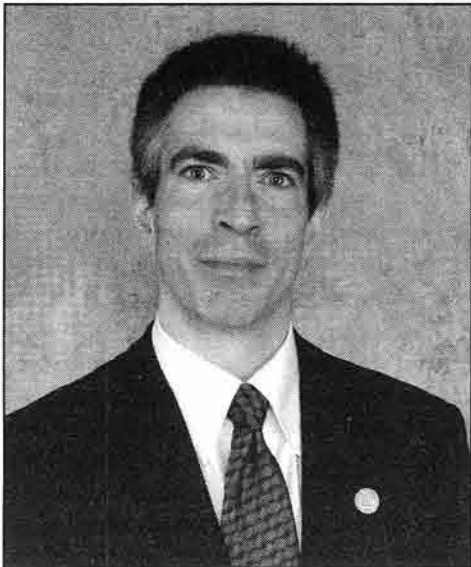
In director Frank Capra’s unforgettable film, *It’s A Wonderful Life*, the one truthful observation offered by the story’s money-grubbing villain, Henry Potter (masterfully played by Lionel Barrymore), to the earnest, hard-working George Bailey (portrayed by Jimmy Stewart in a role that would make Stewart an American icon) is contained in the following exchange where Potter attempts to trick Bailey into coming over to his side:

Potter: “You have beaten me, George, and as anyone in this county can tell you, that takes some doing. Take during the Depression, for instance. You and I were the only ones that kept our heads. You saved the Building and Loan, I saved all the rest.”

Bailey: “Yeah, well most people say you stole all the rest.”

Potter: “The envious ones say that, George, the suckers.”

That exchange — particular Potter’s correct observation that Bailey “kept his head” during the Great Depression — has been in my own head over the past several weeks as we confront the worst economic crisis to face the country since the Depression. And predictably, the current economic debacle has been accompanied by the



efforts of our own present-day versions of Potter to tempt the Baileys of the world into capitulating. Here it is worth remembering that people sometimes make the wrong economic decision less out of fear of genuine financial undoing than from fear of being tagged a “sucker.”

Our challenge is to recognize the current crisis for what it is — a severe economic downturn, occasioned by the subprime mortgage fiasco, with profound consequences for credit and spending in the larger, global economy — without losing our heads. For police labor, this means casting a dispassionate, objective eye over a public agen-

cy’s true financial condition and then stacking up that condition against the reality of the comparable market for police wages. This, of course, means neither overreaching nor under reaching but rather simply doing our best to ensure that wages and benefits are equitable. Indeed, this is always the task — in good times and in bad.

One thing the public understands is equity, fairness. Hew to the side of fairness and you cannot fail. Exploit another’s weakness or take advantage of a singular event in economic history to drive another down, and history will expose you as the bully you in fact are. Just as the public values fairness, so too does the public abhor a bully.

In San Jose, mediation failed to resolve the impasse in contract negotiations largely because of the City’s reliance on the bad economy to support its steadfast refusal to afford police officers any retirement enhancement. Thus, the SJPOA is now preparing for binding interest arbitration. In San Francisco, the SFPOA was fortunate to have secured its MOU last year before the downturn, but an unabated economic crisis carries with it the potential to pose challenges which all police agencies may have to face in the

coming years. Again, our mission, as the standard bearers for police labor in Northern California, is to “keep our heads” — to remain steadfast during a time of severe economic uncertainty. And we should not rule out the possibility that a silver lining may as yet be revealed behind the presently dark economic clouds.

American cinema’s iconographic portrait of the triumph of workingman George Bailey in the midst of the Great Depression may ring true for so many Americans partly because of its resonance with historical reality. During the bleakest period of the 1930s, labor witnessed not its demise from the pages of history but, instead, the single greatest triumph of the workingman in the saga of American law: the enshrinement of labor’s ideals in the passage of the National Labor Relations Act, which gave unions the right to exist, organize workers and bargain collectively, thereby setting the stage for the legislation of the 1960s that would, in turn, give public employee unions like our own SFPOA and SJPOA the right to exist in the first place.

“Roll the Union On . . .”

POA Journal Deadlines

December 2008	November 20, 2008
January 2009	December 18, 2008
February 2009	January 23, 2009
March 2009	February 20, 2009
April 2009	March 20, 2009

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The first on-line POA vote casting will be for the SFPOA Board of Directors Election in January 2009.

In order to participate in the on-line process, each member must activate his or her member account.

See back page for details on activating your account.

Calendar of Events

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings or Events

Event	Location	Date & Time	Coordinator
Meeting, Veteran Police Officers Association	3255 Folsom, SF	Second Tues. of Every Month, 11:00 AM	Larry Barsetti (415) 566-5985 larry175@ix.netcom.com
Meeting, Widows & Orphans Aid Association	Ingleside Police Station, Community Rm	Second Tues. of Every Month, 2:00 PM	Mark Hurley (415) 681-3660
Meeting, American Legion SF Police-Fire Post	Old POA Building 510-7th Street, SF	Second Tues. of Every Month, 6:00 PM	Rene Laprevotte rlaprevotte@comcast.net
POA Board of Directors Meeting	POA Building	Third Wed. of Every Month, Noon	POA Office (415) 861-5060
Meeting, Retired Employees of CCSF	Irish Cultural Center	Second Wed. of Every Month, 11:00 AM	Reyna Kuk (415) 681-5949
Retiree Range Re-qualification	SFPD Pistol Range	First Fri. of each Month, 0730 – 1130	Range Staff (415) 587-2274

Specially Scheduled Events

Annual Memorial Service For Probation Staff, HOJ Staff & Families	St. Michael’s Ukranian Church 345 7th Street, SF	Friday, November 7, 2008, Noon	Office Staff (415) 553-1706
Anniversary Dinner SFPD Youth Fishing Program	Aquarium of the Bay, Pier 39	Saturday, November 8, 2008 6:30 PM San Francisco, CA	(415) 674-7503
Retirement Dinner Inspector Jim Zerga	Italian-American Athletic Club	Friday, November 14, 2008 7:00 PM	Pete Siragusa (415) 320-2569
Co. K Christmas Party	Italian American Athletic Club	Friday, December 5, 2008, 6:00 PM	Matt Gardner, (415) 553-1245
Co. F Christmas Party	Italian American Athletic Club	Saturday, December 6, 2008 6:00 PM	Park Station (415) 242-3000
Co. I Holiday Party	Basque Cultural Center 599 Railroad Ave., So. SF	Tuesday, December 16, 2008 6:00 PM	Taraval Station (415) 759-3100
Co. B Christmas/Promotional Party	Palace Hotel, San Farnciso	Friday, December 19, 2008	Dan O’Shea (415) 553-1373

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October 14, 2008

The regular meeting of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association of the San Francisco Police Department was called to order by President Dave Fontana at 1:55 PM in the Conference Room of Ingleside Station.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by President Dave Fontana.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Present; President Dave Fontana. Vice President Joe Garrity, Treasurer Joe Reilly, Secretary Mark Hurley Trustees Mark McDonough, Bill Gay, and Bob Mattox. Excused; Matt Gardner and John Centurioni,

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. Motion by Gay, seconded by Mattox with the change to put him present. The change was made. The motion carried.

BILLS: Treasurer Joe Reilly presented the usual bills. Motion by Mattox, seconded by Garrity, that the bills be paid. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Thank you note from Joan Rosset for our help and encouragement in her time of need.

We Had Three Deaths This Past Month:

EMILE D. DOLAN, 61 years. Emile was born in San Francisco and grew up in the Sunset. He attended Washington High School and proudly served his Country in the Army. He entered the Police Academy in 1971. His first assignment was Park Station. After

a year at Park he was transferred to Richmond. After a year at Richmond, he was back at Park Station for twelve years before going to the Property Clerk Office. While assigned to the Property Clerk, he was given the nickname of "Hawkeye." Emile remained at the Property Clerk's Office until he retired in 1997.

JOSEPH L. ROSSET, 67 years. Joe was born in San Francisco and grew up in the Excelsior District. He went to Jefferson High School. He worked at Tom McCann shoe store and worked his way up to manager. Joe entered the Police Academy in 1963. His first assignment was Ingleside Station. After three years at Ingleside, he was transferred to Mission. After a couple of years at Mission, he was assigned to Traffic, Solos. In 1973, he made Sergeant and stayed at Traffic but moved over to the AIB. He was able to move back to the Solos as a Sergeant four years later. He made Lieutenant and remained at Traffic. During his time on the bikes, he was often used during the late 1960s and early 1970s for the great number of demonstrations, escorts, and such. He knew what was needed at these various needs for police service. He was given the job of Special Events Planning. Joe put together escorts, VIP security, the Pope's visit, and escorts for heads of state. These folders are still used today. He did a great job and saved the Department many man hours in future needs of the Traffic Bureau.

KENNETH A. MANLEY, 88 years. Ken was born in Oakland, California. His family moved to San Francisco in his youth and lived in the Mission. He attended Mission High School and proudly served his Country in The Navy. In 1939 He played on the Base Navy Football team. When the war broke out in 1941, he was assigned to a destroyer in the Pacific. He was a master mechanic and made the rate of Chief Petty Officer. Upon his discharge, he came back home and worked for Kenworth Motors as a head mechanic. Ken entered the Police Academy in 1950. His first assignment was Ingleside Station. Three years later, he went to the "Big E". Three years later he was assigned to BSS. In 1960, he made Assistant Inspector, and Full Inspector in 1964. He was put in the Homicide Detail. He remained there for the rest of his career. Ken was awarded many Captain's Comp's. He was also awarded three Silver Medals of Valor; one for his arrest and taking a loaded firearm from suspect; another for the arrest of two armed suspects who robbed a liquor store (one of the suspects shot himself and died). Ken and his partner worked eighteen months on a homicide, made an arrest and also got his accomplice. Ken's fellow homicide dicks called him "lockjaw". He never said much but knew exactly what was going on with his cases. Ken served as the technical adviser to Steve McQueen in the great movie "Bullet." He also was the advisor on the Clint Eastwood movies "Dirty Harry" and "Magnum Force." Ken even had an appearance in the movie. Ken retired in 1975 and moved to Santa Rosa and built a beautiful home for his family. Ken's son Mike Manley was also a member of our Department. We lost another spoke from the wheel from the old homicide detail, which was considered the best in the Nation.

NEW MEMBERS: Maureen Leonard.

SUSPENSIONS: Pursuant to Article III, section 3 of the Constitution, (non-payment of dues for six months), Mitchell Lang and David Oberhoffer. (If you know these two officers, have them call us @ 415-681-3660).

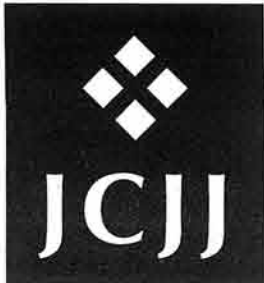
Pursuant to Article III, section 4 of the Constitution, (Non- payment of dues for one year), Douglass Kidd. President Dave Fontana ordered him dropped from the roles of membership. Pursuant to Article III, Section 3, of the By-laws, (Did not complete probationary period), James Callaghan, Flavio Cadenazzi, Ziad Hadi, Paul Lucia, Michael Sousa, Benejamin Danielson and Nicholas Baker. President Dave Fontana ordered them dropped from the roles of membership.

REINSTATED: Pursuant to Article III, Section 5 of the Constitution. Having paid back their back dues and penalties Steve Gudelj and Louis Clark.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES: Shane Hiller and Pam Royer introduced Mark Fredenburg of Wells Fargo Bank. Its not good news on our investments. Mark Fredenburg stated this was the worst market since the Depression in 1933. Simply put, Banks do not trust each other and are not lending to each other. The longer this goes on the worst off we will be with our investments. The Market and our account are down in every sector of our investments. We really can't do anything to change it without cementing our losses in for years. The Trustees will study if we can keep our benefit at \$17,000. We are having figures put together for our December meeting. This is the worst market I've seen in my 35 years as Trustee and President and now Secretary, but everyone from individuals to Cities, States and our Nation are in the same fix. We have confidence in our advisors and trustees to keep us on the right track.

ADJOURNMENT: President Dave Fontana had a moment of silence for our departed members and all members of the Armed Services serving their Country. He set the next meeting for Tuesday November 11, 2008 at 1:45 PM in the Conference Room of Ingleside Station. Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Fraternally,
Mark Hurley,
Secretary



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AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



By Al Casciato

...PERF Report:

The Organizational Assessment of the San Francisco Police Department final report, conducted by the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) will be released sometime in December. The "Draft Final Report" was released to the media and public on October 23rd and is currently being reviewed by stakeholders. —I have had the opportunity to review the document, which deals with the infrastructure of the department. Many of the recommendations proposed by PERF are expensive and will require a rethinking by San Francisco's body politic. All officers should take time to review the report; at least the Executive Summary and recommendations sections in order to stay abreast of the document that will serve as the department road map for at least the next 10 years...

...Crime Victim:

Since June I've spent quite a bit time in court being frustrated as a crime victim. In the last three years twice I've been a victim of auto boosters. In both cases I managed to catch the perpetrators. In the first case the criminal was already on probation for boosting and the court put him on probation again — double probation. In the second case, from June 12, the DA and Public defender wanted to negotiate Drug Court for a criminal who was already in Drug Court and on felony probation for burglary. I argued for this not to happen and have managed to keep the case alive and will eventually get to a prelim on November 3rd. Needless to say it has been a long and convoluted process which is why most crime victims just give up and walk away letting the system have its way.

Sitting in court listening to cases and talking to other victims who ask; what can we do to make San Francisco safer? My answer to that question is: (assuming a 2400 member department)

1. Assign 300 officers to concentrate on parolees and probationers. We know that most of the crime is committed by repeat offenders.
2. Assign 300 officers to concentrate on traffic enforcement. This will set a tone city wide that we are watching and violators will be caught. We know that most criminals are more afraid of having their cars towed than being arrested. Besides a visible traffic presence will have a crime deterrent affect on the public at large and will reduce accidents thus reducing emergency room costs.

3. Adopt Police Commissioner Thomas Mazzucco's beat officer proposal, which would bring back retirees to walk the beats with active officers. Thus providing a sense of security to our neighborhoods and providing a forum for our retirees to pass on their institutional memory.

4. Ask the courts to impose a bail schedule that is 10% higher than the highest Bay Area County. We know that San Francisco is a magnet for the "commuter criminals" because they can readily get out of jail in the City because of the lower bail.

5. Form as many SAFE groups as possible. We know that an organized community sets a tone that crime will not be tolerated.

If we adopted these proposals; maybe parolees, probationers and others would be deterred from committing crimes in the City. Just thinking out loud...

...Caretaker wanted:

Solo, Al VanBuskirk has a friend who owns a large property near Bodega Bay. They are looking for someone (preferably) a retired officer who has an RV and would like to live on the property as a caretaker. If interested; e-mail Al at alvanbush@aol.com...

...Births:

Patrick and Sara Griffin (Northern Station) proudly announce the birth of their first child. **Brooke Isabella Griffin** 9 lbs 6 oz was born October 7, 2008 at Kaiser San Jose.

Retired range master Mickey Griffin and wife Ann are the proud grandparents. Sean Griffin, GTF, is the beaming uncle.

Central Station's Damien and Megan Fahey proudly announce the birth of their first child, **Eamon Patrick Fahey** 8 lbs was born on October 13, 2008. Congratulations to all we wish you the very best...

...Wedding Bells:

On October 17, 2008, **Christine Arndt** and **Patrick McCormick** (Bayview Station) exchange marriage vows at the V-Sautui Winery in St. Helena, California. The happy couple reports that all had a goodtime. The especially send out a big "thank you" to the members of Company C for their attendance and support. Congratulations and best wishes from all...

...Retirement System:

Quote from, **David Kushner**, the Deputy Director of Investments for the Retirement System, "We have plenty of liquidity, pensions are secure and we are a long term investor." To follow the system go to www.sfgov.org and click on employees retirement system under departments...

...Combined Charities:

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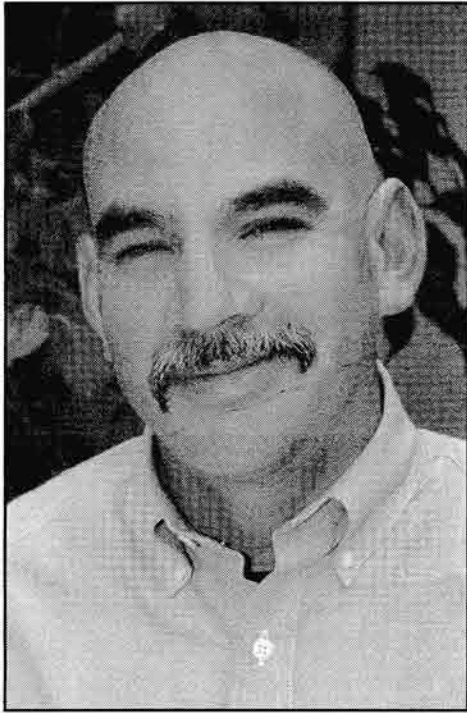
Although SURROUNDED may read like a novel, the stories are all true, from her Cinderella-like journey from the Philippines to the United States, to the challenges of becoming a San Francisco Police Officer at age 22, to her undercover work and narrow escape from death. Her sometimes funny, sometimes sad, often inspirational and always entertaining stories, offer readers a remarkable glimpse into on-and-off-duty life. Officer Beth is an SFPD Veteran Cop, 2-Time Combat Marine Mom, Billionaire Bodyguard, and was the friendliest Dealer in Las Vegas until she got tired of taking people's money.



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This & That ...



By Kevin Martin
SFPOA Vice President

This year has just flown by. Where has the time gone? It seems that summer just started and here we are in November. Whew! So many things have been happening in the department and as such there has been a flurry of activity at the POA.

Recent promotions...

First and foremost, I'd like to congratulate the members of the department and this association who were recently promoted to the ranks of Sergeant and Lieutenant. I along with so many others were genuinely pleased to see such a fine group of officers deservedly promoted after the long and often painful examination process. Tremendous amounts of time and personal sacrifice are required from each testing candidate hoping at the end of it all to have scored well enough to grab and hold onto the proverbial brass ring. For that alone, I tip my hat to each and every member that took the exam.

I have not taken a promotional exam for quite a few years, and have no plans whatsoever to take any future exams. I cannot honestly say "I know how you feel" to all those currently involved in taking the departmental promotional exams. I can say, however, that I certainly empathize with those involved in the examination process as it may affect a member for better or for worse. It is no secret that the City and County of San Francisco Police Department examination process has been an abomination for at least thirty years.

When I had enough service time to take my first promotional exam I was somewhat mystified. At the time, I had completed three years in the department and was already qualified to take a Sergeants exam, but in order to become a Field Training Officer, I had to have five years on the job. It just didn't seem right. But, what the heck? After all, this is "The city that knows how" isn't it?

It is also no secret that these promotional exams have been a nightmare for the POA as well. The POA is thrust into a very difficult bind when it comes to the matter of promotional exams. I have always believed that the POA is in a no-win situation and should absolutely stay clear of the promotional examination debacle, except in an incredibly rare and overwhelmingly compelling reason to get involved with a particular case. I have also strongly maintained that the POA

cannot actively "push" for the promotion of one member without adversely affecting the promotional chances of another member.

Of course there are some candidates you'd like to see get promoted for any number of reasons, and all of them sound. I always get a real kick and great pleasure when someone I trained as an FTO or worked for as a subordinate gets promoted. At the end of the day, however, these same people would have been promoted on their own outstanding merits and qualifications. End of discussion.

That said, I wish each and every promoted member nothing but the warmest and sincerest congratulations and good luck in your new assignments as Sergeants and Lieutenants.

Chinatown Squad...

Thanks so much to retired Deputy Chief Kevin J. Mullen for his appearance at the POA on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 when he discussed his latest book, *Chinatown Squad — Policing the Dragon: From the Gold Rush to the 21st Century*. Kevin gave a wonderful lecture complete with a slide show depicting the characters and images of those who make up the stories within Kevin's book. Kevin also signed copies of the book for all those who attended the event. Among the attendees was Sgt. Mike Nevin, Jr. whose grandfather, Ed, was a celebrated member of the once famous "Chinatown Squad" of the San Francisco Police Department. Also in attendance was "The Great" Jack Cleary, retired S.F.P.D. Homicide Inspector who also served with great distinction while as an active member of the squad.

This fine book, along with Kevin's other outstanding book, *The Toughest Gang in Town — Police Stories from Old San Francisco* can be ordered through Noir Publications, 44 Ignacio Blvd. #200, Novato, California, 94949 or by going online and contacting Kevin directly at KM870@AOL.com

BALEAF Fundraiser...

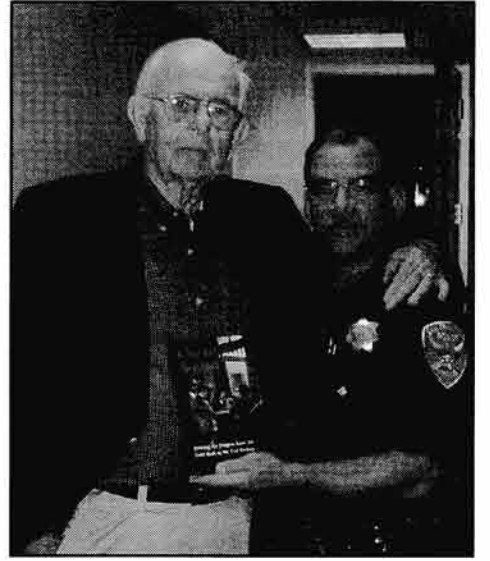
On behalf of the Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (BALEAF) Board of Directors and the amazing Brenda Walker, thank you all so very much for your overwhelming support for this wonderful event. Through your thoughtful generosity almost \$9,000 was raised for this outstanding foundation that does so much for so many in such little time. BALEAF has been in operation for nine years now and continues to be a critical lifeline for those of us in need.

The fundraiser was the vision and wisdom of Officer Brenda Walker of the Academy. Brenda and I met on a couple of occasions and kicked a few ideas around until Brenda made the compelling and wise choice to proceed in the manner in which we did. The fundraising event took place on Friday, October 17, 2008 at the POA Building where approximately 100 people gathered over the course of the evening to show their support for BALEAF. The highlights of the event were the outstanding performance by local comedian Will Durst who entertained the crowd with his brand of witty and unabashed political rhetoric and satire and the raffle with the Grand Prize trip to Hawaii going to our own Inspector Jennifer Forrester of the Hit and Run Detail. Congratulations, Jenny!

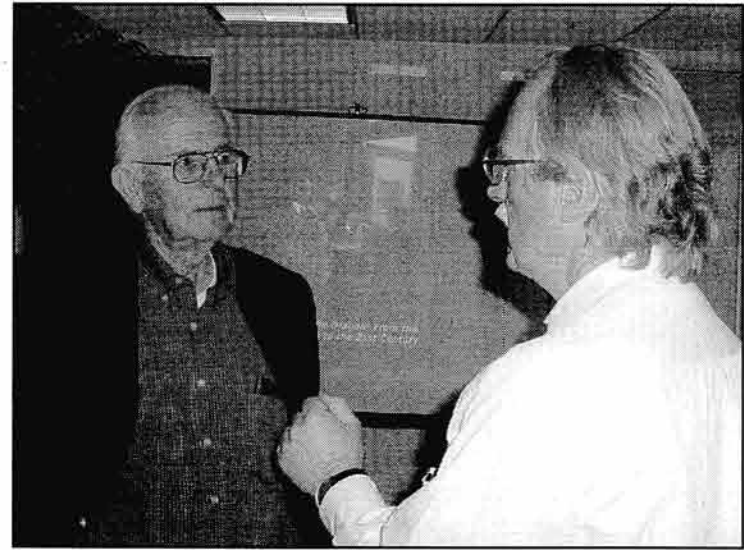
I want to offer my sincere thanks to all those who attended the fundraiser in spite of all your busy schedules. I es-

pecially want to thank Chief Heather Fong, Deputy Chiefs David Shinn, Charles Keohane, and Morris Tabak, as well as Commanders Sylvia Harper, Leroy Lindo, and Kathryn Brown. The presence of each and every one of you was greatly appreciated, and I thank you for your time, your consideration, and your generosity.

A fundraising event such as this does not happen overnight, nor does it take place without the help of many hands. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank some outstanding people who were greatly instrumental in making this event such a success.

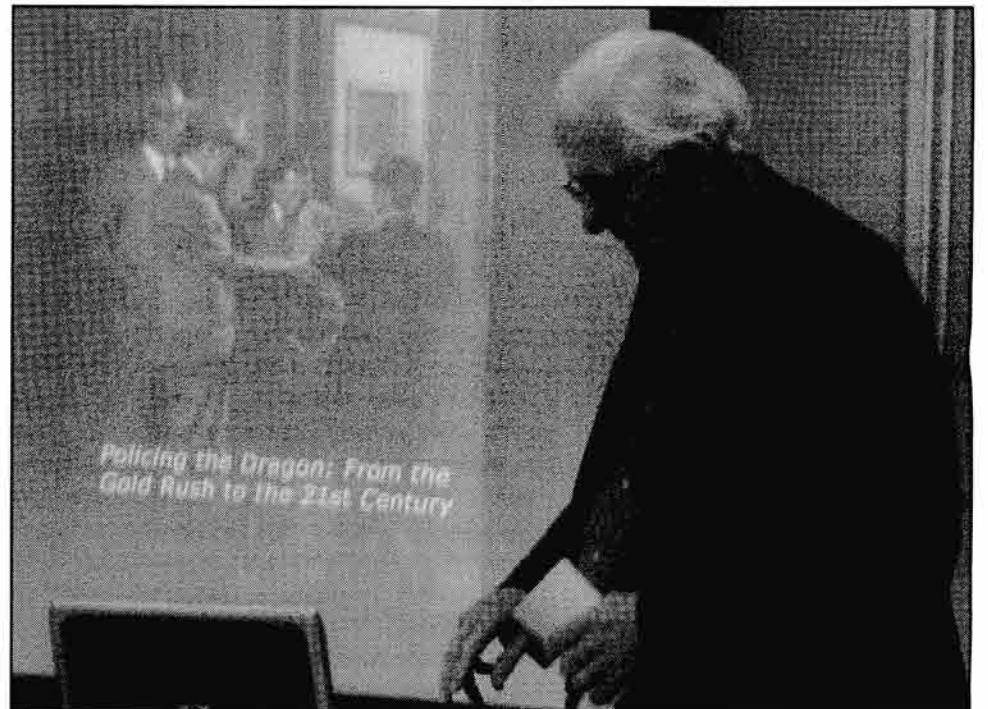


Above: Author Kevin Mullen and VP Kevin Martin



Left: Kevin Mullen and POA Welfare Officer Mike Hebel

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JOHN EVANS



Retired Deputy Chief Kevin Mullen discusses his latest book, *Chinatown Squad — Policing the Dragon: From the Gold Rush to the 21st Century*.

First of all, I'd like to thank Dr. Elisa Stephens and the Academy of Art University of San Francisco for their very generous donation. We appreciate the outstanding continued support from Dr. Stephens, Director of Security Mike Petricca, and the Academy of Art of San Francisco community for the police department and for the Police Officers' Association. A big "Thank you" to Ms. Kelley O'Brien of the University of California Medical Center, Director of Special Events and Public Relations, for her and the University's generous donation to BALEAF. Thanks go to Kim Scurr, RN, Director of the UCSF Child Life Center for her appearance and support.

Thanks so very much to Mr. Ray Bobbitt, Executive Vice-President of S.F. Clubs, Inc. Ray and his entire staff have been long time supporters of the POA and other Police Employee Groups. Ray is a very proud former Marine who enjoys a solid reputation with many members of our department. Ray is an outstanding man, and a mentor to many successful youths in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Thanks to POA Board member Dave Falzon for his kindness and generosity in this effort. You came through for us again, Dave. We really appreciate it.

I also want to personally thank POA Administrative Asst. Courtney Dickson for all her help during yet another project. Courtney, you're the best!

A big "Thank you" to the various police employee groups. Without their help and support, this event would not have occurred. To Inspectors Julian Hill and Kevin Whitfield, along with Lt. John Sanford, all of the Officers For Justice; To Vice-President Maria Oropeza, and President Hector Basurto of the National Latino POA; To Dave Tambara, and members of the Asian Peace Officers' Association, all of us at BALEAF thank you very much. We really appreciate your help and generous support.

A big "Thank you" to President Eddy Carew and members of the Bay Area Law Enforcement Emerald Society for your generosity and unwavering support.

A very special "Thank you" to Sgt. James Bosch for coming through in a very big way! Jim, you single-handedly made this event exactly what we were hoping for. I really appreciated your efforts in this matter.

Very special thanks to the members of the San Francisco Police Officers' Pride Alliance for their incredible generosity for providing the Grand Prize trip to Hawaii for our raffle. I am sure

Jenny will have a great time. Have a Mai Tai for us while you're there, Jen.

And last but certainly not least, I'd like to thank my co-conspirator in this caper, Brenda Walker. As I stated before, it was the vision and wisdom of Brenda that carried the day from start to finish. Brenda put together all the art-work and publications for this event through her wonderfully artistic talent. Brenda was bound and determined to see this fundraiser through to its successful conclusion, and she most certainly did. Even when a family emergency fell upon the shoulders of Brenda and she was called away, she kept in daily contact and did what she could do to help continue the effort. Brenda showed remarkable resilience and perseverance by forging ahead through her own personal distractions, all in the name and effort of helping others. Brenda, I want to publicly thank you for all your hard work and dedication. BALEAF will always be indebted to you.

Proposition G...

City voters, please vote "YES" on Proposition "G", the proposed charter amendment that will allow active police officers and firefighters the opportunity to purchase service credit for unpaid time resulting from parental leave. Further, it allows current qualified safety employees the opportunity to purchase service credit for unpaid periods which related to parental leave prior to the enactment of Charter Section A.8.365. (July 1, 2003). This Charter Amendment has been determined to be cost neutral to taxpayers. Thank you and a tip of the hat to Sgt. Leanna Dawydiak, Lt. Belinda Kerr, Inspector Sally DeHaven, Officer Patty White, and Officer Diane Stokes for their dedication and hard work in relation to this important ballot measure. I will also take this opportunity to thank Leanna for her work to elect candidate Sue Lee as Supervisor for District 1, and her generosity as Leanna was also a major contributor to the BALEAF Fundraiser. Leanna, your kindness and your hard work do not go unnoticed.

Hearing Tests...

Earlier this year, POA Welfare Officer Mike Hebel and I met with Representatives Robert Miley and Mr. Phil Ohloane (a University of Notre Dame graduate) of the San Francisco Kaiser Permanente Hospital Audiology Department. The gentlemen presented an offer to conduct free hearing screening tests for POA members and their families. After a series of meetings, an agreement was made to hold the hearing screenings on Monday, November 10, Tuesday November 11, and Wednesday, November 12, 2008. You DO NOT need to be a member of Kaiser Permanente to attend the screening. This screening is available to all POA members and their families. (Please, no screenings for children under seven years of age). The screenings will take place from 1000-2000 hours on the days and dates indicated on the third floor of the POA Building. Mike Hebel and I strongly recommend that as many people and eligible family members take advantage of this great offer. Police work, especially in the downtown areas of this city where the sounds of sirens just bounce off skyscraper buildings can take its toll on one's hearing. How many times a day do you hear an ambulance or a fire truck blaring its sirens and horns at a very high volume? Over an extended period of time isn't it reasonable to think that maybe ones hearing has



Ensign John Chan with family and friends.

been affected after being exposed to such a constant barrage of noise? Please, do yourself, your family, and co-workers a favor by coming in for a free screening. Your ability to hear in the coming years could depend on it. IMPORTANT NOTE: The screening is very confidential. The results will only be made available to the individual taking the screening.

Great Story...

Recently, Recruit Officer Ryan Daugherty #123, who is in the third phase of Field Training under the watchful eye of "The Great" Neil Cunningham, found himself in Department 20 testifying in a shooting case which occurred early in his training near the Southern/Mission Station borderlines. Under questioning from the Asst. District Attorney, young Daugherty testified as to what he saw once he arrived at the scene. In part, Ryan testified that he saw a vehicle at the scene with a couple of bullet holes in the left rear side. With that, the overzealous Public Defender jumped up and objected vigorously that Officer Daughter was certainly no expert in the area of ballistics and how can he make such an assertion as to the bullet holes?

After pondering over the objection, the Judge looked down upon the obviously inexperienced and certainly coddled youngster and gently asked the officer as to his knowledge of ballistics. Taking his time and speaking in a loud, clear, and strong voice filled with pride, Officer Ryan D. Daugherty, brother of Tenderloin Station's Rain Daugherty, offered that before entering the San Francisco Police Department he was a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corp and had served three (3) combat tours in Iraq. Officer Daugherty further told her honor that in fact during the course of his military service combat duty that he had become quite familiar with a variety of arms and associated ballistics. Without reservation the Judge allowed the testimony of the fine young officer. The Public Defender was last seen sheepishly slumping down into his seat. Quite possibly he was rightly concerned that the Judge might ask him of his knowledge of ballistics or, even worse, about his own military experience, one that I am sure pales in comparison to our own Off. Daugherty. Good job, kid!

Columbus Day...

Thanks to Steve Landi of Co. K Solos and President of the Italian Athletic Club in North Beach for taking such good care of the troops this past Columbus Day. As usual, Steve made sure that the blue suits had plenty of calamari, salad, sausages, and polenta. Thanks again, Steve. As usual, the food

was great.

Fleet Week Festivities...

On Sunday, October 12, 2008 the San Francisco Police Officers Association proudly sponsored a luncheon for sailors in honor of Fleet Week. A great reception was held at Francisco Middle School in honor of the sailors aboard the U.S.S. Bonhomme Richard (CHD 6), a multi-purpose amphibious assault ship and the U.S.S. Pinchey (DDG 91), a Destroyer. The reception was attended and enjoyed by over one hundred and fifty Officers, Chiefs and Sailors. The event was also attended by approximately 40 members of the SFPD, including officers and Sergeants from various stations. A tremendous thank you goes out to retired Lt. John Carlin who, along with Sgt. John Colla from Central Station, coordinated this very special event. Special thanks as well go to Officers Stewart Ng, Steve Mathias, and all the other officers involved for all their hard work to make this function simply outstanding.

I also wish to thank the teachers and staff of Francisco Middle School and in particular, Vice-Principal Ken Lee who made this great event possible. The reception was made even more special for retired S.F.P.D. member Mike Chan whose son, Ensign John Chan is assigned to the USS Bonhomme Richard, which completed a tour of the Persian Gulf in November of 2007 and is now home-ported in San Diego. Ensign John Chan is a graduate of De La Salle High School in Concord where he starred on some outstanding football teams. An outstanding scholar-athlete, John accepted an appointment to the United States Naval Academy after being recruited to play football. John played on the Navy Football Team that played in the San Francisco Emerald Bowl just a few short years ago. Congratulations, good luck and a huge thank you to all our Fleet Week guests as well as to all those who currently serve or have served in our country's military service. May God Bless and protect each and every one of you and your families. Godspeed.

Sick Call...

Please keep our good friend and former Patrol Special Officer Johnny Candido in your thoughts and prayers. John suffered a medical setback recently and is confined to California Pacific Medical Center. I have been in contact with John's dear wife Antoinette and have assured her that we are at her service for anything at any time. God Bless you John and get well soon.

My article this month is dedicated to Johnny Candido. John, I pray for a full and fast recovery for you. You still owe Gary and me a pasta and meatball dinner at your house and we mean to collect. Get well soon, John. Te amo.

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Suicide by Cop: Inducing Officers to Shoot

Submitted By Sgt. Mary Dunnigan

Suicide by Cop, or SbC, has been defined as "Incidents in which individuals, bent on self-destruction, engage in life-threatening and criminal behavior to force the police to kill them". A suicidal person may use many methods to carry out their plan, including Suicide by Cop. This issue is rarely discussed, but the incidents such as these are more prevalent than we might think.

Studies by the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department, between 1987 and 1997 covering 437 shootings, revealed that 11 % were classified as suicide by cop. However, in the last year of the study (1997), the percentage increased to 25% classified as suicide by cop. It is believed, that more effective investigations, and a better understanding of the psychological phenomenon may have led to the dramatic increase. Perhaps, it would help to understand the psychological components and evidence of a suicide by cop incident.

Researchers found four definable criteria specific to the behavior and mental state of the SbC subject. The criterion were as follows:

- A wish to die and ask the police officers to kill them
- Evidence of written or verbal suicidal communications to a friend or family member
- Possession of a lethal weapon or what appeared to be such

- Evidence of intentional escalation of the incident or provocation for officers to shoot them (the outrageous act)..

The principal point for the police officer to remember is that this is a suicide. The only difference is the weapon of choice. In a regular suicide the weapon may be a gun, drugs, knife or car etc. In an SbC, the weapon is the police officer. There are many reasons that people decide to use the officer as their weapon. Their religion may prohibit suicide. They may wish to be seen as a martyr. They may be afraid that they will mess up the suicide and have this as one more failure in life. The negotiators, to resolve these types of incidents, must rely on their crisis intervention training.

There are seven warning signs of suicide:

1. Previous suicide attempts
2. Talks or thoughts of suicide or death
3. Changes in personality or mood
4. Changes in eating or sleeping patterns
5. Withdrawal from friends and activities
6. Substance abuse
7. Final arrangements

Certain interpersonal or social stresses are particularly common in suicide. They include:

1. Social isolation
2. Estrangement
3. All kinds of loss, including bereavement or concerning finance,

status, esteem, separation, divorce, or religious belief.

The Crisis Negotiation Threat Assessment Scale

The Crisis Negotiation Threat Assessment Scale diagnostic criteria, now part of the FBI's HOBAS scale, is a dynamic tool that can be used and modified. Discrete factors were found that existed in Hostage/Barricade/Suicide incidents. If three of the five history factors and eight of the twelve event factors are evident, there is a high probability that the subject is likely to attempt and involve the police in an SbC incident.

History (3 of the 5 required)

1. May have a history of diagnosed/undiagnosed mental illness
2. May be intoxicated or under the influence of a controlled substance
3. Low social economic background
4. May have previous suicide attempts
5. Criminal history/extensive interaction with the police

Events (8 of 12 required)

1. Incident initiated by subject or third party
2. Event to ensure police response
3. Subject forces confrontation
4. Initiates aggressive action
5. Threatens officer with weapon
6. Advances towards officer
7. Refuses to drop the weapon
8. Threatens citizen with harm
9. Presence of deadly weapon/implicit or otherwise
10. Recent stressor/recent crisis or catalyst for the suicide
11. Injured officer or citizen/subject will attempt to harm them
12. Retreat by officers

Two building blocks of suicide are: (1) The subjects are in crisis, and (2) They are not thinking rationally; they are thinking with their emotions. Until such time as they return to rational thinking, they are unable to problem-solve. The longer it takes them to return to rational thinking the more likely they are to successfully commit suicide. Remember, a successful suicide in this instance means having the police kill them.

When negotiators are intervening with a subject, they need to avoid giving him or her the decision to make. The subject is in there because his or her decision-making process has been overloaded. The intervener need only work on one stressor. The objective is not to resolve all the issues at this time, but to assist the subject in moving to a rational state of mind.

In the aftermath of a "suicide by cop" shooting, there are many people who suffer.

Obviously, the deceased subject's friends and family are left with the pain and unanswered questions. Not so obviously, so are the involved police officers and their loved ones.

Involved police officers may have a variety of reactions, and are always left with questions and emotions about the incident. One of the more difficult things to deal with is the public's perception. Often the public and/or media can unfairly characterize the involved police officers as perpetrators rather than victims. Involved police officers may even feel that the administrative investigation is a judgment by their own department. Hopefully, beginning to understand what "suicide by cop" is and how to begin to recognize and investigate it will help with answering everyone's questions.



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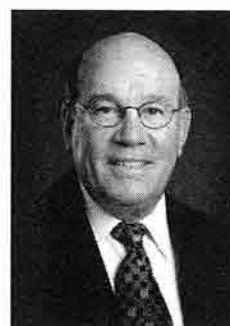


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POA Host Sailors as San Francisco Celebrates Fleet Week

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October 9, 2008 brought the 28th annual Navy Fleet Week back to the City by the Bay. The weather cooperated and it was a beautiful week for watching the Blue Angels in their Hornet F/A-18s as they practiced and put on their usual awe-inspiring shows on Saturday and Sunday afternoon. The local press announced that the event drew almost a million spectators into town for the weekend.

This year, the parade of ships under the Golden Gate Bridge was a lot smaller than usual. According to the Navy, San Diego held their annual Navy Fleet Week the week prior to ours. Due to the rough weather at sea between San Diego and San Francisco, the fleet decided to sail around the weather, thus delaying their arrival to the city.

The USS Pinckney and the USS Bonhomme Richard were the only two ships that sailed into the bay Saturday afternoon. The P.O.A. hosted a hospi-

tal event for the sailors of the two ships at Francisco Middle School on Sunday afternoon—just a little something to say thanks to those who serve our country. Plenty of food and drinks were provided in the school's auditorium. From the looks on their faces, everyone who attended had a great time. Many thanks to Sgt. Mark Colla (Co. A) and to retired Lt. John Carlin (Solos) for coordinating the event.

Just a little footnote: As I surfed the web for the names of the two Naval ships, I came across quite a few unfavorable postings by people who made comments regarding how San Francisco doesn't deserve to host Fleet Week and the Navy because the City is so anti-military. Hopefully, the P.O.A. event showed the Navy that members of the Board of Supervisors don't speak for the entire city. The majority of us and the nearly one million people who came to watch the Blue Angels, support our men and women in uniform and will continue to do so regardless of what some the Supervisors may say or do.



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November 11 is Veterans Day

Submitted by Pat Burke
Park Station

A forwarded e-mail from retired
Master Chief Mike Hobbs.

I put my carry-on in the luggage compartment and sat down in my assigned seat. It was going to be a long flight. I'm glad I have a good book to read. Perhaps I will get a short nap, I thought. Just before take-off, a line of soldiers came down the aisle and filled all the vacant seats, totally surrounding me. I decided to start a conversation.

"Where are you headed?" I asked the soldier seated nearest to me.

"Great Lakes Air Base" he replied. "We'll be there for two weeks for special training, and then we're being deployed to Iraq."

After flying for about an hour, an announcement was made that sack lunches were available for five dollars. It would be several hours before we reached Chicago, and I quickly decided a lunch would help pass the time.

As I reached for my wallet, I overheard soldier ask his buddy if he planned to buy lunch. "No, that seems like a lot of money for just a sack lunch. Probably wouldn't be worth five bucks. I'll wait till we get to Chicago."

His friend agreed.

I looked around at the other soldiers. None were buying lunch. I walked to the back of the plane and handed the flight attendant a fifty-dollar bill. "Take a lunch to all those soldiers."

She grabbed my arms and squeezed tightly. Her eyes wet with tears, she thanked me. "My son was a soldier in Iraq. It's almost like you are doing it for him."

Picking up ten sacks, she headed up the aisle to where the soldiers were seated. She stopped at my seat and asked, "Which do you like best — beef or chicken?"

"Chicken," I replied, wondering why she asked.

She turned and went to the front of plane, returning a minute later with a dinner plate from first class. "This is your thanks."

After we finished eating, I went again to the back of the plane, heading

for the rest room. A man stopped me. "I saw what you did. I want to be part of it. Here, take this." He handed me twenty-five dollars.

Soon after I returned to my seat, I saw the Flight Captain coming down the aisle, looking at the aisle numbers as he walked, I hoped he was not looking for me, but noticed he was looking at the numbers only on my side of the plane. When he got to my row he stopped, smiled, held out his hand, and said, "I want to shake your hand."

Quickly unfastening my seat belt I stood and took the Captain's hand. With a booming voice he said, "I was a soldier and I was a military pilot. Once, someone bought me a lunch. It was an act of kindness I never forgot." I was embarrassed when applause was heard from all of the passengers.

Later I walked to the front of the plane so I could stretch my legs. A man who was seated about six rows in front of me reached out his hand, wanting to shake mine. He left another twenty-five dollars in my palm.

When we landed in Chicago I gathered my belongings and started to deplane. Waiting just inside the airplane door was a man who stopped me, put something in my shirt pocket, turned, and walked away without saying a word. Another twenty-five dollars!

Upon entering the terminal, I saw the soldiers gathering for their trip to the base. I walked over to them and handed them seventy-five dollars. "It will take you some time to reach the base. It will be about time for a sandwich. God Bless You."

Ten young men left that flight feeling the love and respect of their fellow travelers. As I walked briskly to my car, I whispered a prayer for their safe return. These soldiers were giving their all for our country. I could only give them a couple of meals. It seemed so little...

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Blind Babies Foundation

60 Years Of Service To Our Community

By Mark Hernandez
Central Station
Member, Board of Directors, Blind Babies Foundation

Friends and colleagues, as we once again enter the holiday season, we are provided the opportunity to pause and reflect in appreciation for what we have. In these troubling economic times, we are fortunate to have stable, gainful employment that all but assures our ability to pay for housing and keep our families fed. As employees of the City & County of San Francisco, we will be asked to donate what we can to a charitable organization

of our choice through the Combined Charities Campaign.

Blind Babies Foundation (BBF) was founded in 1949 in response to an epidemic of blindness among premature infants. The primary purpose of BBF is to provide early intervention services to children and families that encourage the child's development to the fullest degree possible within the home environment. Family-centered services are provided at no charge to children from birth to five years old.

At the core of BBF's efforts are its Vision Impairment (VI) Specialists. These VI Specialists work intimately with families, helping parents to better understand their child's visual impairment. VI Specialists provide parents with a strategy to engage the child in developmental activities that stimulate

any available vision and to encourage development of other faculties and skills. BBF VI Specialists also accompany families on medical visits and act as liaison to medical and educational professionals. They provide crisis intervention, and assist children and their families with the transition into preschool. Among its other services, BBF provides a resource lending library and sponsors many family events throughout the year, including an annual Beeper Egg Hunt.

My 18-year old daughter, Caitlin, and her guide dog, Lancaster, recently began their freshman year at UC Santa Cruz.

My 18-year old daughter, Caitlin, and her guide dog, Lancaster, recently began their freshman year at UC Santa Cruz. I can never forget the

critical role that Blind Babies Foundation played in her early development. Having a Vision Impairment Specialist visit our home to "work" with Caitlin was not only invaluable for her, but provided relief to her mother and me, knowing that we were not alone in the endeavor of rearing and educating a blind child.

I would like to thank all of you that contributed so generously last year to this worthy organization. To find out more about Blind Babies Foundation, please visit their website at www.blindbabies.org. Please consider Blind Babies Foundation this year when choosing a recipient for your donation to the CCSF Combined Charities Campaign. Blind Babies Foundation can be found under the umbrella group of "Local Independent Charities."

Consider BALEAF For Your Combined Charities Donation This Year

By Robin Matthews
BALEAF Treasurer

By the time this *Journal* issue comes out, this year's Combined Charities drive should be in full swing. This year's Combined Charities drive is going to be more important than ever, especially with all of the problems that have been occurring recently with the economy. People are being more careful with how they spend their money, and some may be even be considering not donating to the Combined Charities program this year. Even though some of you may not feel comfortable giving the amounts you may have donated in the past, let me assure you that even small amounts donated to your favorite non-profit organizations will still be most appreciated, and some amount donated is better than not donating at all. Remember, your donations are also a tax deduction for you.

I'd like to invite you to consider making your Combined Charities donation this year to the Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (BALEAF). BALEAF, as most of you are probably aware from my regular articles in the *Journal*, is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1999 that provides support to the law enforcement family who have had members killed in the line of duty, have been seriously injured, or have suffered a catastrophic event. Our Board of Directors includes both current and retired members from the San Francisco Police Department, the San Francisco Sheriff's Department, and the Contra Costa Sheriff's Department, a psychologist, a spouse of an officer and a sister of an officer

both killed in the line of duty, as well as other individuals that work with law enforcement personnel and their families. Annual donations made by our Board of Directors absorb ALL operating expenses for the organization, so 100% of your donations go directly to assisting law enforcement officers and their families.

I hope that you never need BALEAF for yourself or your families, but it's good to know that we're here in case you do. A donation made to BALEAF can literally be an investment in your future. Thank you again to those of you who have donated to BALEAF in the past through the Combined Charities program; we hope that you will continue to do so this year. For those of you who haven't donated to BALEAF before, I encourage you to consider doing so.

When making your donation to BALEAF, please make it through LIC (the Local Independent Charities). LIC has the lowest administrative fees from all of the agencies involved with the Combined Charities program (single digit fees instead of double digits) which ensures the maximum amount of money donated to BALEAF actually gets to the organization. More money to the organization gives us that much more to help law enforcement members and their families. You'll find LIC on the lower part of the Combined Charities form. Check the box, go to the listing of agencies covered under Local Independent Charities, and find BALEAF's code number. Then just write it in on the form and you're set!

Thank you for your consideration. Stay safe and enjoy the upcoming holiday season.

Thanks For The Support

This is just a quick note to thank EVERYONE that was involved in the October 17th fundraiser for the Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (BALEAF) at the POA Building. It was a wonderful event, and all funds raised will be used to assist law enforcement officers and their families in our Department and throughout the Bay Area.

Special thanks go out to Brenda Walker from the S.F. Pride Alliance who came up with the initial idea of hosting a benefit for BALEAF. It was all the more special because all of the Department's employee groups were involved in, and supported, the event. Special thanks also goes out to Kevin Martin from the POA, who was instrumental in facilitating the benefit and provided the venue.

Also, for those of you who provided food for the event, entertainment (Will Durst was a hoot!), bought and sold raffle tickets, volunteered your time and energy, and attended the event, we are most grateful. Thanks also to Gina Wood, who pulled the raffle tickets and made a LOT of people happy!!

From the Board of Directors of BALEAF

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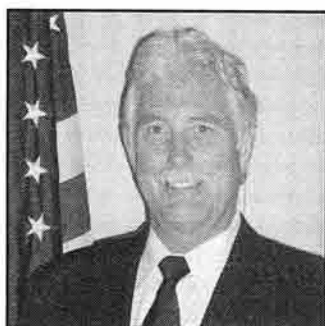
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Book Reviews

City of Thieves

By David Benioff

Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

There is a competitive game played by book lovers that involves identifying a book by the first line of the first page. I will never forget this book's opening and I think most of you won't either. "My grandfather, the knife fighter, killed two Germans before he was eighteen." And thus, Mr. Benioff begins the narrative of his grandfather's surviving the siege of Leningrad.

Lev Benioff was too young to be conscripted into the Russian army during World War II but he was doing his duty as a plane spotter when a German aviator fell to his death. Lev, along with a few of his friends began going through the remains but are interrupted by the Russian regular army, who take Lev into custody for not notifying and turning over the spoils to them. Young Lev, however, has managed to secrete a knife which he secures to his leg. Shortly, Lev meets Kolya, a boastful, handsome young Russian soldier who has been accused of desertion. They are placed in a cell together and Lev is sure they will be shot the next morning. To their great relief they are spared but given the most unusual of assignments; the colonel of the outpost has a daughter who is getting married and his wife insists that a wedding cake must be made. In order that the cake be made properly Lev and Kolya must find a dozen eggs within five days or face their death. Remember, Leningrad has been devastated by air and tank attacks and supply routes have been cut off. The countryside is bleak, not just with the Russian winter but also by the combination of the German

attacks and the Russians destroying assets valuable to the German army. How can this be the basis for a 258-page novel? I suggest you read it and you will see.

The people that Lev and Kolya encounter are fascinating and, occasionally, fantastic. The research done by Benioff was extensive but he gives the most credit to *The 900 Days*, by Harrison Salisbury, which is considered the best English-language book on the siege of Leningrad. So when Lev and Kolya encounter two cannibals, the reader, although perhaps stunned, or skeptical, should know that, yes, indeed, cannibals were roving about Russia and other parts of Europe hard hit by World War II. The protagonists meet all types of hardships and Kolya's immense confidence and bravura seem to make matters so much more potentially worse. Instead, it is just that confidence that keeps the two going forward and keeps the reader amused. Yes, amused. How Benioff managed to write such a bleak tale, about impossible odds and at times so violent and messy and still manage to make it humorous shows off his great talent.

Benioff has created quite the villain in Einsatzgruppen commander Abendroth, a truly evil man who very much enjoys chess, a game at which Lev had once been considered a prodigy. The match makes for great tension and a bit of surprise for all involved. The plots are written with just the right amount of suspense to keep the reader flipping through the pages madly. I finished it in two days and wanted more. Fortunately, Benioff has written others which I will eventually track down and read.

The Prophet Murders

By Mehmet Murat Somer

Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

Some months ago I was seeking advice from Kevin Mullen regarding writing. He made a few suggestions but one I wish to dwell on here is that a writer must know his audience. The writer should understand who he or she is writing to and make it a point of reference. With that in mind, the following review is something I suspect is outside the normal reading material of police officers and their families. It is, however, one heck of a good "whodunit," and provided me with a look into a different culture, that of Istanbul, Turkey, and the subculture of transvestites, particularly in a Muslim country.

The narrator of the book remains nameless but during the day seems to solve computer dilemmas for people and works out in a Thai boxing gym, where she excels. At night, however, she owns and runs a bar where numerous transvestites work. Some of them are turning up murdered in what appears to be a ritualistic manner. The nameless amateur detective uses all of her assets and contacts to do what the local police can't, or won't do; find the killer. Although there are scenes which some might find a bit too intimate or

exotic there are also plenty of opportunities to learn about Istanbul and Turkish culture. The title of the book comes from the discovery that all the transvestites had names of Islamic prophets. It takes the nameless sleuth a while to put together that the circumstances of each death also relates to the fate of prophets as read in the Koran. As an example, the prophet Yunus disappears into the belly of a whale. The transvestite Yunus has disappeared, likely into the sea. The Old Testament identifies the same prophet as Jonah. Fortunately, the author has included a list of those prophets, and their Biblical counterpart names, as well as a glossary of Turkish words at the back.

This book is one of a series of six and the first to be released in the United States, but selling very well in Europe. Its release date is December of 2008. The cleverness of Mr. Somer's humor is always on the stage but the book is nonetheless a serious murder mystery, which I enjoyed thoroughly. Quoting a reviewer from London, Stella Duffy, "This is what we need our Europe to be: sexy, clever and dressed in better clothes than your average Prime Minister's wife. Turkey can only move on from here." I agree.

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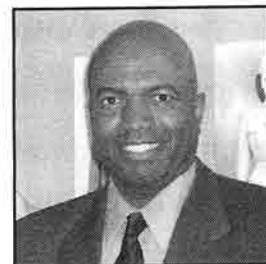
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The Dogs That Didn't Bark

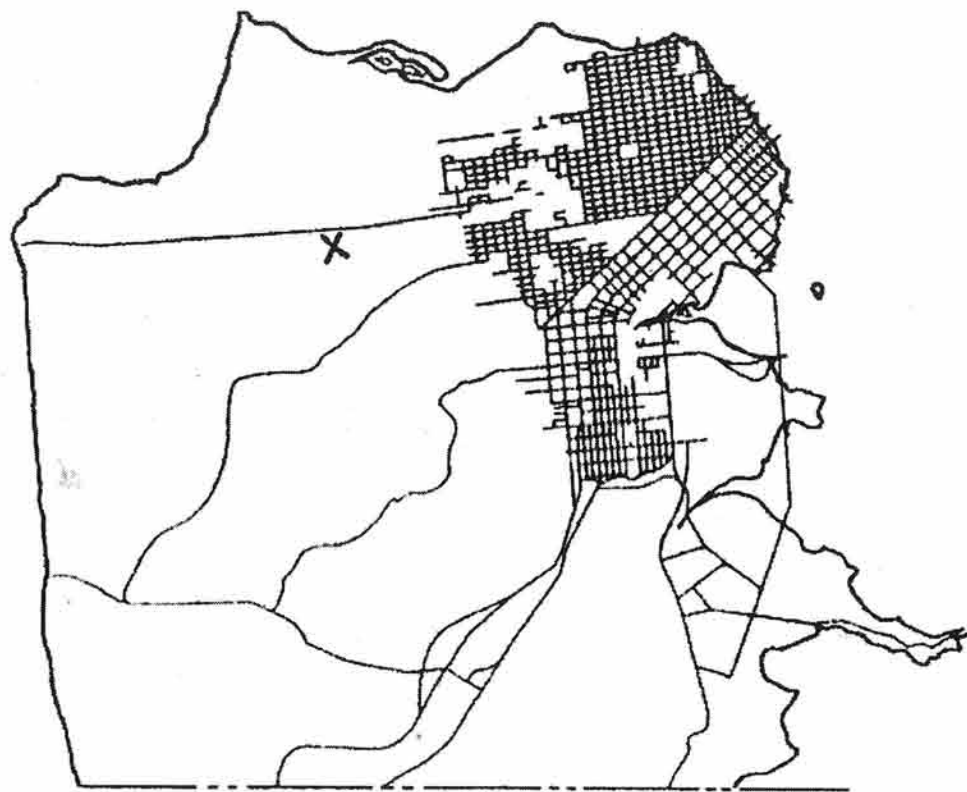
By Kevin J. Mullen,
Retired

David Johnston, the 14 year old son of Henry and Margaret Johnston, returned from school to the family home on the south side of Point Lobos Road (Geary Boulevard) near what is now Stanyan Street in the late afternoon of October 23rd, 1860. Inside he found his mother unconscious in a smoldering bed and his 13 year old sister, Anne, dead on the kitchen floor. Both had with massive head injuries from a bloody axe found lying nearby.

The Richmond District was a very different place in 1860 from what it is today. San Francisco was then a city of 56,000 people with most of its population concentrated in what is now the downtown area with extensions into the Mission and Western Addition. The Richmond District was largely uninhabited at the time, at least by the living.

By the mid-1850s the growing city had begun to engulf the Yerba Buena Cemetery (on the site of the current Civic Center) a movement was begun to relocate San Francisco's burying grounds west of the city's outskirts. First was Lone Mountain Cemetery, which occupied what is now Laurel Village on California Street. In 1860 Calvary Cemetery was dedicated on 49 acres to the south across Point Lobos Road. Other cemeteries would be added later further out along the road.

Sharing the lower slopes of Lone Mountain were a number of dairy ranches—then called "milk ranches"—where many of the city's dairy products were produced. Dairies were to remain a prominent feature of the Richmond District into the 20th Century.



San Francisco circa 1870 showing developed areas. The straight horizontal line near the top of the figure approximates the line of Point Lobos Road (Geary Blvd.). The X marks the approximate location of the Johnston property near Stanyan Street in 1860

When he realized what had happened to his mother and sister, young Johnston hastened to Martin Marron's milk ranch that adjoined the Johnston property to the east. Marron returned with Johnston, helped extinguish the flames and dragged the victims outside. The two aroused the neighborhood and Johnston borrowed a horse from Marron on which he set off to notify his father who worked in a stable at Geary and Dupont (Grant Avenue). Along the way he was thrown

by the horse and passersby carried the word to police Chief Martin Burke at his residence.

From the start, suspicion centered on William Cook, Johnston's 24-year-old hired hand who was nowhere to be found. According to one early account "He had been observed to act in a strange and suspicious manner for some time, and is now suspected to have had designs on the persons of either the mother or the daughter."

Double homicides of this sort were rare at the time—indeed any time—and Chief Burke pulled out all the stops. He posted guards at all roads leading out of town and put a watch on the waterfront so that the suspect could not board an outbound ship to escape. The chief also mobilized the rest of the police department, including all the special police, and formed a rough skirmish line with which he swept the entire western area of the city in hopes of turning up the missing farmhand. Residents of the neighborhood lit a giant bonfire on the Johnston property to light the area through the night.

Cook was eliminated as a suspect at first light when his body was found with its skull crushed a couple of hundred feet from the Johnston house. Nothing but a pair of small boots was taken from the house so robbery did not seem to be the motive. "It would seem," said one contemporary news account, "that the only possible cause for the murders must have been revenge, or the savage demon inspiring some insane man."

There was the usual pressure on the police to solve the case and the leads began to pour in. The police quickly picked up an East Indian man who had been seen wandering shoeless at the nearby Lone Mountain Cemetery the previous Sunday threatening people.

Prescott, an anti-religious fanatic who let loose with a shotgun blast at people leaving mass at St. Mary's cathedral might have had something to do with the murders.

The captain of a San Francisco-based brig, a man given to fits of insanity it was said, had been reported as wandering in the chaparral in the western portion of the city. He finally turned up at the family home on Bush Street days after the killing in a disheveled, mud-spattered condition. Duncan Stevens, "a colored man, who," a contemporary news account related, "imagines himself a lawyer, and is therefore considered insane," was also arrested and placed in the station house for safe keeping. All those arrested were investigated and cleared one way or another.

By late November all the leads had run out. Then in December, just after a \$1,000 reward was posted for information on the case, a man named Brittingham came forward and charged Marron, the Johnstons' next-door neighbor and his hired hand, Thomas Hineberg, with the crime.

Both men were arrested and brought before the Police Court for examination on a charge of murder. Brittingham's testimony left much to be desired. His informant, who had supposedly witnessed the killing from nearby bushes, never did come forward.

Over the next several days several witnesses testified for the prosecution. Enough evidence was brought out about suspicious actions and statements by Marron to weave a circumstantial case against him.

Evidence was given that there had been hard feelings between Cook and Marron and it was shown that the axe blows had been delivered by a left-handed assailant. Marron was left-handed. When young Johnston asked for the loan of a horse from Marron to go notify his father, Marron gave him a half-broken horse that only he could ride and the horse had duly thrown the young boy. Marron was reported to have gone around the night of the killing asserting that Cook must have done the deed. Inconsistencies were pointed to between the statements of Marron and Hineberg.

One telling piece of evidence that pointed to Marron was that no one had heard the Johnstons' dogs bark on the afternoon of the murder. The Johnstons were new to the neighborhood and the only people the dogs were familiar with were the Johnstons, and Marron and his handyman, Tom, and would bark violently if any strangers came around. Yet no one, Tom included, could recall the dogs having barked on the day of the murder.

It is unlikely that Arthur Conan Doyle had learned of an obscure murder case in San Francisco decades earlier and half a world away when he composed "The Adventure of Silver Blaze". In that story he has his hero, Sherlock Holmes, deduce the identity of the man who stole a valuable race-horse from the fact that the stable dog did not bark and awaken three men sleeping in the loft at the time of the theft.

The story that emerged from the testimony was that Marron had had a bitter feud with Cook, the Johnston's hired hand. Cook had previously worked for Marron who had fired him for stealing \$5. Cook in return was threatening Johnston with legal action if he didn't receive \$30 in back pay owing to him. Furthermore, Cook had

told Marron that Johnston proposed to go into the dairy business himself and that Cook intended to steal Marron's customers with whom he was familiar.

According to this theory, Marron killed Cook and was forced to kill Mrs. Johnston and her daughter because they had overheard the argument leading to the killing. Marron's plan was to come back later that night, bury Cook, and blame the Johnston murders on the missing Cook. He was stymied, however, by the giant bonfire that made it impossible to retrieve the body without being seen.

It was a cohesive theory that provided means motive and opportunity, and after five days of testimony the court released Hineberg and held Marron on a charge of murder. For some reason the Grand jury declined to bring a bill of indictment against Marron. It wasn't until 14 years later that the reason became evident.

The murder was brought up again in November 1874 when the San Francisco Bulletin revisited the unsolved case. In its October 21st edition the paper reviewed the case and offered two possible suspects. One was Marron and the other was the ship's captain who had been wandering around in the sand dunes. The second man had been seen washing himself on the day of the murder in Mountain Lake (now 12th and Lake streets) not far from the scene of the killings. He, according to that version, had been taken east by his family and placed in a lunatic asylum.

There was some disagreement among police department detectives, some holding with Marron as the perpetrator and others the insane man. Marron had been indicted by the Grand Jury, said the Bulletin, but had never been tried.

A couple of days later, a correspondent identifying himself as "Sigma" wrote to the Bulletin correcting the editor. "Sigma" said that Marron had never been indicted, and that it had always a matter of profound astonishment to him that the Grand Jury had ignored the bills charging Marron with the murder. The only explanation, said "Sigma", was that the jury failed to grasp the connection between the various threads of circumstantial evidence.

This account brought forth another version of events, most likely from Henry Hiram Ellis, who had served as the lead detective in the original case.



Henry Hiram Ellis, a Maine native, was the lead detective in the Johnson murder case. His explanation for the case makes the most sense. He was later elected chief of police in 1876

A week before the Johnston Murder, Captain Pinkham, the man who had been wandering around the area near the murder at the time of the crime, had been brought to San Francisco in chains on his own vessel. On a cruise from Oregon, he had been observed by one of the seamen sneaking up behind his mate with an upraised axe in his hands. It was only by the intervention of the crewmember that Pinkham was prevented from bringing down the axe on the mate's head.

On arrival in the port of San Francisco, Pinkham was turned over to his wife and taken to the family home on Bush Street. The day before the Johnston killing, the captain seemed to be normal so he was released and returned to his boat to see to the discharge of the cargo. Pinkham left the vessel that night and was not seen again for three days.

The night of the murder, a man fitting Pinkham's description was seen waist deep in water at Mountain Lake apparently washing himself. The next day a man fitting the same description chased Mrs. Baker and her children at the Baker's ranch near the ocean. She barricaded her family in the house. The man had been carrying a pair of boots. Police found a portion of the tally sheet Pinkham had received for his load of lumber in Mountain Lake. A few days after Pinkham's return home he was put aboard the steamer by his family to return to Augusta Maine.

The authorities knew about Pinkham's behavior about the time of the crime but did not seem to pursue the matter, doubtless because of his standing in the community. It was a widely held belief at the time—in the

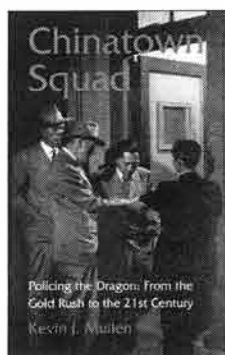
face of what must have been evidence to the contrary—that people of good family simply could not commit vicious crimes. Nobody bothered to call the police about the man on the ferry who had produced the affidavit attesting to his insanity because "his good dress and his gentlemanly looks discredited his assertions and he was not taken care of." Similarly, Pinkham's odd behavior was known about and reported in the press at the time of the murders but his "gentleman's character precluded such things as murder."

In 1869, Detective Ellis apparently went on a visit to his native home in Maine. There he found that Pinkham's family had indeed placed him in an insane asylum. It seems, according to the account in the Bulletin in 1874, that Pinkham's father and brother had both died in lunatic asylums, having been placed there after committing multiple murders.

That would seem to be the most reasonable explanation for why Marron was released without being indicted and the case was not otherwise pursued.

But what about the dogs that didn't bark?

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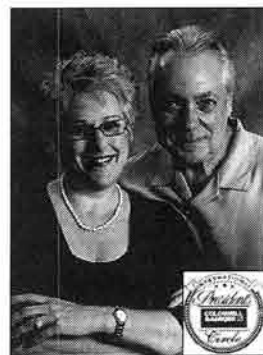
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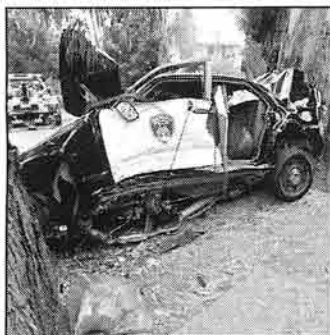


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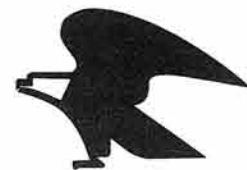
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POA MAIL



Editor's note: the following letters were recently found in an envelope that I had absent-mindedly misfiled. I am deeply sorry, and I apologize to all of the authors for this untimely publication of his or her correspondence to the POA.

—Ray Shine

August 26, 2008

Dear SFPOA—

On Saturday, August 23rd I opened your letter. To my absolute delight I laid eyes upon the most magnificent word, "Congratulations." I was both elated and ecstatic to read your letter. Thank you so much for your generosity and constant service to our community. You have truly filled me with the confidence to do anything in life, in college and beyond.

Forever Grateful,
Lauren Chu

August 24, 2008

Dear SFPOA—

Thank you very much for choosing me to receive this scholarship. I greatly appreciate the opportunity.

Thank you for taking the time to evaluate my essay and transcript. This scholarship will help me with my college education.

Again, thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Aaron Martinez

August 26th, 2008

Dear POA—

On behalf of my family, I would like to thank you for the support you and the P.O.A gave us after my mother's passing last week. The Association has always been there for me in the past, and once again you came forward and assisted us in a sad and difficult time. We all appreciated the floral arrangement and your presence at the memorial service. It meant more to me than I can express.

We also appreciated your help in arranging for a bagpiper to play at the service. My mother always loved the bagpipes and would have loved hearing her favorite bagpipe songs played so well.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to Officer Larry

Chan for playing the bagpipes at the memorial. Great piping Larry; my mother would have loved it!

Once again thank you Kevin and everybody at the P.O.A for your support and assistance. I have been a member of the San Francisco Police Department, and of the P.O.A, for almost twenty nine years and when I have needed you, you have always stepped up to the plate. You did so once again and I am eternally grateful for it.

Sincerely,
Kevin E. Phipps
Tenderloin Station

Dear POA—

On behalf of the Donato Family we wanted to give you guys a sincere thanks for the beautiful flowers you provided. The flowers stood out, and were very impressive. My father could not get over how supportive the Police Department was in our time of need. The Police Department is a true brotherhood.

Thank you!
Tony Donato

To the SFPOA —

Thank you kindly for your donation to VNA Hospice in memory of the passing of our father, Morton J. Thoshinsky. We are honored by your gesture, and appreciate it very much.

Sincerely yours,
Peter Thoshinsky and Family

Dear POA —

Thank you for the beautiful flowers — the red roses were lovely. Your kindness and generosity of spirit on behalf of my family is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,
Petra DeJesus

Dearest SFPOA —

The Bologna Family would like to thank you so very much for your kind contribution. It is greatly appreciated.

It really has helped my family get through at this time. Please keep us in your prayers. We are all doing the best we can at this time.

Dear POA—

Please extend our sincere gratitude to Officers Marc Marquez and Kevin Worrell for their outstanding work putting together the 5th Annual Officer Isaac Espinoza Softball Tournament. We appreciate all they have done for our son and all the players in the game.

It was an uplifting and great weekend.

God bless you,
Isaac Sr. and Carol Espinoza
and the Espinoza Family

Dear SFPOA —

Thank you very much for generously considering my essay. I am very grateful to have been chosen for a scholarship. College tuitions are very expensive and this scholarship has helped reduce some of the burden on my parents. I am having a great time here at Gonzaga University so far, and this scholarship is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Molly Delahunty

Dear POA —

I just want to thank for giving me the chance to apply and participate for this scholarship and thank you for awarding me with the scholarship. I greatly appreciate the time and effort you put into reading my essay. GO DONORS!

Sincerely,
Cassandra Cottura
University of San Francisco

Dear Gary Delagnes —

Today, 10/2/08, I saw a video of a man representing the San Francisco Police Department. This man spoke to the media candidly, directly, and from the heart. I was star struck as I watched the video. My heart rate climbed, and I could feel my pulse rate going faster and faster. I said "This man is saying everything that I feel about the media; everything that I think about the media; and everything I think about our criminal justice system!" I said, "Now this man is a true leader, and it's about time somebody stood-up to these clowns." "If only we had a man like this representing every Police and Sheriffs department across America".

I had to research who this man was. And my research led me to you. You are that person that I admired in the video. The video that I am referring to is the statement you gave to the media regarding the unfortunate death of Officer Nick Tomasito Birco, who was heroically killed in the line of duty on 7/26/06. I hope the Officers you represent realize how fortunate they are to have such LEADER like you representing them.

Please keep the good work, and whenever you are ready for a change, please make your way down south. You can represent me and my fellow officers anytime!

Respectfully,
Chance Koerner

Dear SFPOA —

I would like to take this opportunity to commend San Francisco Police Officer Troy Peele, for his selfless dedication, hard work and support for the cause of blood donation.

The blood drive chair since 2005, Officer Peele has worked diligently in ensuring the success of the SFPD blood drives. He increased the number of blood drives held per year from two to four. In addition, he has increased the average number of donors at each drive from 60 to 90! To date, he has brought in 1015 pints of blood, which means he has helped save 3,045 lives (one pint saves three lives) ... and that number continues to grow!

A true champion in our eyes, Officer Peele is onsite at his blood drives to personally welcome and thank all blood donors for giving the gift of life. He also goes above and beyond by involving all departments to join in the cause of blood donation, including the District Attorney's office, Department of Parking and Traffic and the Sheriffs. And as if that weren't enough, Officer Peele also barbecues for his donors at his drives!

BCP is so thankful to Officer Peele for promoting and supporting our cause and of course, to all the blood donors in the SFPD for their generosity and commitment.

Sincerely,
Nora Hirschler, M.D.
CEO/President
Blood Centers of the Pacific

Dear Gary and the Band —

Thank you for your contribution to the Prop G campaign. We've been out leafletting whenever we can with the help of SEIU folks. We've also been helping out in the District elections important to our POA.

Thank you again.
Leanna Dawydiak

Dear Mr Johnson,

My husband, George Luedtke, an officer at Bayview station, is currently deployed overseas for his 2nd tour in Iraq. I was wondering if the POA could send him copy of the *Journal* to him there? I am sure he would love to keep up with events in the department. I would also like to comment that the officers of Bayview station have gone out of their way to make sure I am taken care of and safe in his absence. SFPD is truly my second family. Thank you so much.

Cat Luedtke

Dear SFPOA —

Thank you for supporting the Irish Cultural Centre of California (ICCC) through the 2008 Brick Campaign. Established in 2007 by the United Irish Cultural Center's Board of Directors, the mission of the ICCC is to celebrate and promote Irish culture and heritage for the benefit of the community. Your brick purchase is an everlasting testament to our Irish and Irish-American community. Funds raised through this campaign will support the operation of the ICCC, including the Patrick

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J. Dowling Library, the Leo T. Walsh Scholarship Program, new cultural and educational programming, and the eventual renovation of the building itself. The best is yet to come!

Anne Cassidy Carew
ICCC Brick Campaign Chair
Theresa Flynn Houghton ICCC President
Irish Cultural Centre of California

Dear SFPOA —

On behalf of the Positively 6th Street Community Fair Planning Committee, we would like to express our deepest appreciation for making a contribution for \$500.00 to our Fair! Your contribution was used to purchase over 1,000 hot dogs and hot dog buns that were distributed free of charge to our community! Thank you! In addition, SF Police Officers Association has been displayed as a Silver donor on our web site:

The primary goals of our community fair is to connect local residents, many of whom are homeless or formerly homeless, to tools for personal change, improve the image and reality of the neighborhood through positive celebration, demonstrate that 6th Street is home to a viable community support the local economy, provide positive role models and sources of entertainment for inner-city youth, and increase community cohesion. Your contribution helped us realize these goals through the successful production of the seventh annual Positively 6th Street Community Fair on August 2nd, 2008.

Approximately 2,000 people enjoyed the festivities that unfolded on Minna Alley off of 6th Street this year. Hair cutters from the Bay View Barber College and Elle Mc Beauty Studio provided over 60 free hair cuts. San Francisco police officers from Southern Station donated their barbeque, the Police Officer's Association donated \$500 toward purchasing hot dogs, and City Team

with the help of several community members, grilled over 1000 hot dogs given away free of charge to community members. TODCO with the assistance of City Team Ministries gave away 100 grocery bags filled with fresh produce donated by the City Team Ministries. The children's play area featured games, snow cones, cotton candy, face painting, and a bounce house, all donated especially for this event. Our fair featured brilliant jazz and Motown performances on the main stage, including KPOO radio personality Bobbie Webb and his Smooth Blues Band. Local youth spoken-word artists, hip-hop dance troops, and rappers performed on a second stage, while up-and-coming local rock-n-roll bands entertained on a third. Fairgoers had the opportunity to interact with representatives from over 40 community-based organizations who staffed tables throughout the event.

We are grateful for your support of our ongoing efforts to maintain the 6th Street corridor as a safe and thriving residential and business community and we look forward to continuing our relationship as the fair grows. Please mark your calendar for the seventh annual Positively 6th Street Community Fair, which will take place on the first Saturday in August 2009.

In service to our community,
Meital Amitai
2008 Fair Chair
Positively 6th Street Community Fair

Dear POA —

Thank you very much for your support and taking the time for attending our Scholarship & Promotional Dinner that was held at the Far East Cafe on Friday, September 5, 2008.

At the dinner, we were able to celebrate our members' promotions and acknowledge our scholarship awards to the recipients of the:

Sergeant Alan Lim Scholarship
Lauren Chu
Lau Family Perpetual Scholarship
Briana Wing
Washington Wong Perpetual Scholarship
Sabrina Fong
Asian Peace Officers Association Scholarship
Katherine Hofmann
Adriana Choy Memorial Scholarship
Cassandra Wu

Once again, the dinner was a great success because of your support and friendship to our Association and for that, we will always be grateful.

As always,
David Tambara, President
SF Asian Peace Officers' Association

Dear Friends—

Thank you for sponsoring this year's Irish Invitational Golf Tournament at the Green and Blue Sponsor level. I greatly appreciate your generous support of this event.

It is largely because of people like you that our young men and women are able to share in the rich tradition that is Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory. All the proceeds from this tournament will benefit SHCP's efforts to secure off-site athletic facilities for our students throughout the year.

Sincerely,
Franco Finn '95
Director of Alumni Relations
Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory

Dear POA —

On behalf of the board of directors of the Joanne Pang Foundation, I would like to thank you for your generous sponsorship of the upcoming "Red Kite Gala: Journey of Hope" fundraiser. We are grateful for this public display of support for our

mission to establish the first public, non-profit umbilical cord blood bank in Northern California. Your contribution provides vital start-up funding for our lifesaving work.

Thank you so much for your support at this generous level. Please let us know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,
Lisa Napoli
Vice President, Grants
Joanne Pang Foundation

Dear POA—

During my daily readings of Jean Vanier, the founder of L' Arche Communities for those who are handicapped by developmental disabilities, my heart was moved by his words:

By one of those mysteries of life, I was drawn to people with disabilities. Through living with them, sharing with them, laughing with them, struggling with them, praying with them and working with them I have been transformed.

These precious people have been the greatest teachers in my life since I was fourteen years old.

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Dinner, DJ, & Dancing

When: Saturday, December 6, 2008

Where: Italian-American Athletic Club

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Cocktails at 6:00 PM

Dinner at 7:00 PM

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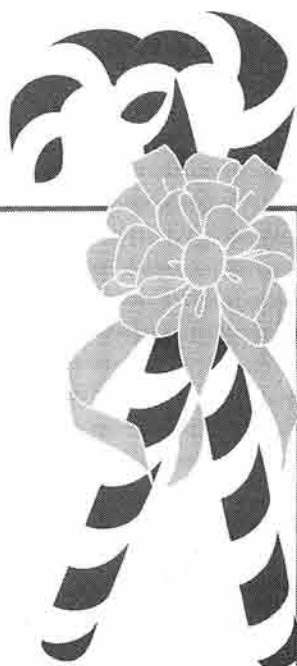
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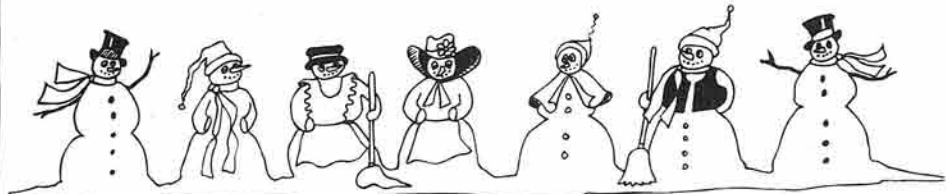
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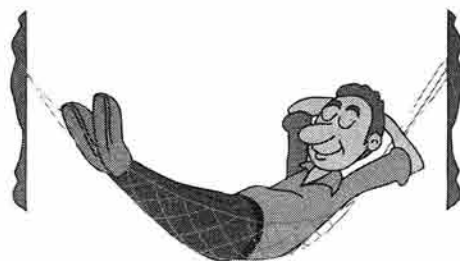
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Retirements

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

- Officer Freddie Ghaffar-Kassim #1483 from Legal Division
- Officer Richard Huey #135 from Medical Liaison
- Officer Daniel Murphy #2238 from Support Services



Special Notice For SFPD Retired Members

Chief of Police Heather Fong has issued Department Bulletin 08-168, dated 09/03/08, regarding the purchase of flat stars by active and retired SFPD members.

In regards to retired members the bulletin reads:

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By Robin Matthews
EEO Unit

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Thank you.

Don't Throw Away Those Empty Ink Cartridges!

By Robin Matthews
EEO Unit

I've been approached several times this past month by people asking me if I'm still collecting empty ink cartridges for the International Association of Women Police (IAWP). I wanted to let all of you know that YES, I'm DEFINITELY still collecting them, and would LOVE to take any of them that you have off of your hands.

The IAWP has partnered up with an organization that will send the IAWP Foundation money for each ink cartridge that is donated to them. Not only does this help raise funds for the organization, but it also helps reduce pollution by recycling. ONLY INKJET CARTRIDGES WITH A PRINT HEAD QUALITY QUALIFIES FOR PAYMENT. That includes most Hewlett Packard, Lexmark, Compaq, Canon, Dell, Brother, and Apple cartridges. Remanufactured cartridges or cartridges without a print head do not qualify, which includes all Epson cartridges. SOME laser toners can be accepted, as well, including some brands from

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For those of you in the Department, cartridges can be sent to me at the EEO Unit at 850 Bryant Street, Room 577-4. For those of you who are not in the Department, please give me a call or send me an e-mail and I'll work with you on making arrangements to get them from you.

I encourage everyone to ask their spouses, domestic partners, friends, neighbors, schools, and places of worship to save their empty ink cartridges, as well. You'll be helping out a great cause, and helping the environment, too. Thank you to everyone who has donated cartridges in the past and have continued to do so. It's very much appreciated.

Stay safe.

From the DA's Office

50 Years to Life in State Prison for Cold Hit Rapist of Homeless Woman and Tourist

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced that Larry White, age 50, CTN 203489, was sentenced to 50 years to life in State prison for the cold hit rapes of a homeless woman and a female tourist.

The sentence was handed down by San Francisco Superior Court Judge Carol Yaggy on October 16, 2008. Michael Swart is the Assistant District Attorney who prosecuted the case. Inspector Pam Hofsass of the San Francisco Police Department's Sexual Assault Unit led the investigation.

"Thanks to the diligence of Michael Swart and the fine members of law enforcement this defendant will spend the rest of his life behind bars for his crimes," said District Attorney Kamala D. Harris. "This sentencing and conviction puts the predators on notice. Anyone daring to violate someone on the streets of San Francisco should know they will be held accountable."

On October 15, 2008 Judge Yaggy sentenced the defendant to 25 years to life in State prison for each of the rape convictions. The sentences were ordered to be served consecutively, resulting in a total sentence of 50 years to life in State prison. Judge Yaggy also handed down a life sentence for the kidnapping for purposes of rape conviction to run concurrently. The defendant was ordered to begin serving his sentence immediately.

The sentence stems from defendant White's March 5, 2008 conviction, in which after two days of deliberation, a jury found defendant White guilty of the January 1998 rape of a homeless San Francisco woman and the unrelated kidnapping, beating, rape and robbery of a 19-year-old tourist visiting from Japan in December of 1998. Both rapes occurred in the South of Market area.

The defendant was convicted of two counts of rape by use of force in violation of Penal Code section 261(a)(2) and two counts of kidnapping for the purpose of rape in violation of Penal Code section 209(b)(1). The defendant was also convicted of one count of kidnapping for the purpose of robbery in violation of Penal Code section 209(b)(1) related to one of the two separate attacks.

"We've fought to bring the appropriate resources and technology to San Francisco to ensure that predators are brought to justice," said DA Harris.

In 2006, DA Harris worked with Senator Dianne Feinstein to secure \$400,000 in federal funding to create a coordinated unit dedicated to the investigation and prosecution of "cold cases" using the latest in DNA technology. Defendant Larry White, a resident of San Francisco, was arrested in April of 2005 after DNA testing confirmed that his DNA matched crime scene samples taken from both victims.

Defendant Sentenced to 60 Years to Life in State Prison for Series of Restaurant Robberies

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced that Gregory Garrett, age 54 and CTN 2299658 was sentenced to 60 years to life in prison for a series of restaurant robberies and attempted robberies.

"We're prosecuting 34 percent more robberies than a year ago," said District Attorney Kamala D. Harris. "So anyone out there even thinking about robbing somebody, especially with a gun, should be clear that the consequences will be swift and severe."

The prosecution of defendant Garrett was the result of a year-long investigation by SFPD Inspector Rob Lynch and lead police officer Aaron Pera. Assistant District Attorney Gerald Norman prosecuted the case. "Assistant DA Norman and the SFPD team did an excellent job with the investigation and prosecution of this case," said District Attorney Harris.

The sentence was handed down by Superior Court Judge Loretta Georgi following a three-and-a-half-week jury trial that ended on July 8, 2008 with defendant Garrett being convicted of three counts of robbery in violation of Penal Code section 211, two counts of attempted robbery in violation of Penal Code section 664 and one count of burglary in violation of Penal Code section 459.

Judge Georgi sentenced the defendant on October 29, 2008 to 60 years to life in prison and a fine of \$1,200. The defendant will begin serving his sentence immediately.

"Violent robbers will not be allowed to invade our businesses or intimidate us in our homes any longer," said DA Harris. "This defendant's sentence of 60 years to life should tell the thieves preying on our homes and businesses that they will be caught, convicted and sent to prison — for a very long time."

Defendant Gregory Garrett of

Hayward was arrested on January 14, 2007. He was charged with three counts of armed robbery, two counts of attempted armed robbery and two counts of burglary. The jury convicted the defendant of all but one count of burglary.

The restaurant robbery series began in January 2006, but the major break in the case came on January 14, 2007 when defendant Garrett was caught in the act. Defendant Garrett and a co-defendant, Allan Cook, attempted to rob Trader Vic's at noon on January 14, 2007. However, their robbery attempt failed because the victim could not open the safe and had no money in her wallet.

On the same day, at 5:00 pm the defendants carried out a takeover robbery at a Subway Sandwich restaurant located in South of Market Street. Defendant Garrett roughed up the owner while Cook held the employees. On defendant Garrett's order, defendant Cook bound the owner with a phone cord. Both defendants then forced the employees into the store's walk-in freezer and blocked the door with a heavy table. When the two defendants could not get the safe or the cash register open, defendant Garrett then found and took about \$240.00 in petty cash.

At this time, another employee, who was changing into his work uniform in the bathroom, heard the defendants' demands for money and called police. When police arrived, defendant Cook fled from the scene, but defendant Garrett was arrested while still inside the restaurant. Defendant Garrett was caught with the stolen money in his pockets. Several weeks later, defendant Cook was arrested. Defendant Cook was convicted in a separate trial and will be sentenced on November 21, 2008.

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46th Annual IAWP Conference

An Experience of a Lifetime

By Yvonne Alexander
Assistant Superintendent of Police
Commonwealth of Dominica

All the preparation for my trip to Darwin, Australia where I was to receive this prestigious Award really did not prepare me for the reality of the moment. As part of my preparations, I had the good fortune to email Mrs. Ann Duncan, our Regional Coordinator to obtain some basic information about what to expect since this was going to be my first IAWP Conference. Scholarship Chair and Co-Chair Linda and Cindy also kept in constant touch to ensure preparations were going according to plan. With the help of Ann, Linda and Cindy I felt I had a fair idea of what to expect.

The reality was beyond my wildest expectations, from the Official Opening Ceremony and Parade of Nations to the Gala Dinner and all the other educational and social activities that were part of the event. I left Australia truly enriched. As I indicated to my Commissioner of Police on returning home, this was the single largest conference I had attended in my over 30 years career and the experience was as overwhelming as it was rewarding. Undoubtedly an experience of a lifetime.

Mere words really do not adequately express the tremendous sense of plea-

sure that I feel to have been afforded the opportunity to be part of this truly wonderful experience. Meeting and interacting with so many like minded individuals and hearing women in leadership positions from police agencies across the world will for me be one of the greatest sources of inspiration and motivation I have encountered in my career.

I found the event to be a tremendous source of learning, and I was particularly excited about the four main areas of focus for the training workshops all of which I found to be extremely relevant. I was often torn between some of the sessions that were conducted concurrently. I however attended as many of the ones that I considered beneficial to my personal needs as well as that of my organization and intend to share the learning gleaned with my colleagues locally and regionally.

To say that I have been inspired is an understatement. I am still very excited about the experience and I am pregnant with ideas for increasing the understanding and awareness of the roles of women in law enforcement and criminal justice both locally - in my country and regionally - with the Caribbean Association of Women Police. I have already established the initial contact to allow for this to happen



From left to right Linda Mayberry, Yvonne Alexander (in uniform) and Cindy Shain. Cindy and Linda are the IAWP International Scholarship Committee Chairpersons.

and will be happy to share our plans with the IAWP as they unfold.

As I indicated in my acceptance remarks, this achievement reinforces my conviction that no matter whom we are as individuals in terms of our region of birth, physical features economic standing and other similar extraneous and often superfluous characterizations that we sometimes use to categorize each other, ultimately with the right combination of faith and belief in the Creator, confidence in self, determination, hard work, perseverance, and other similar traits, we CAN succeed. I met some truly wonderful women with whom I intend to keep in touch. Let me encourage all of us to continue the networking so that we can be sources of motivation and inspiration to each other.

I feel extremely blessed and empowered to continue to strive for excellence and indeed to assist in whatever

way possible to improve the lot of the most unfortunate in our midst of which women and children make up a very large percentage.

My heartfelt thanks to the International Association of Women Police for providing me with this opportunity of a lifetime and to the Scholarship Committee for your vote of confidence in me.

Thanks Commissioner Paul White, Conference Coordinators and other personnel of the Northern Territory Police Force for being such gracious hosts.

Thanks Motorola — the event could not have been a success without your sponsorship.

Thanks to everyone who attended — we have all contributed to the success of Darwin 2008. God-speed and see you all in Seattle.

IAWP Greetings From Darwin

By Robin Matthews

Greetings! This year's International Association of Women Police (IAWP) Training Conference was held in Darwin, Australia September 7th through the 11th. It was an amazing experience, as those that were able to attend can attest. The training that was given was second to none, and the connections made between women law enforcement officers from all over the world was powerful and afforded many opportunities for networking. Over 500 women (and some men) attended the Conference from 34 countries.

I have the privilege of not only serving on the Board of Directors of the IAWP, but I am also a member of the International Scholarship Committee, which reviews dozens of applications from law enforcement officers from around the world who apply for the IAWP's International Scholarship Award. The Award is given to one deserving woman, and I can assure you that it is extremely difficult to choose a winner because all of the applicants are extremely qualified.

This year's winner is Assistant Superintendent of Police, Yvonne Alexander, from the Commonwealth of Dominica

Police Force. I thought that I would share with you an article that Yvonne has written, that will be published in the next issue of the organization's magazine, "Women Police," so that you can get a feel of the impressions of someone who was not only this year's scholarship award winner, but was the first time that she had ever been able to attend an IAWP Conference before.

Her impressions are similar to most of us attending the annual Conference, and in particular, the first Conference. When you attend one, you'll never want to miss another one. It's an extremely powerful experience and I encourage those of you who can to try to come to the Conference next year in Seattle. (For more information on both the IAWP and the upcoming Conference in Seattle, please go to the organization's website at www.iawp.org.

Enjoy.

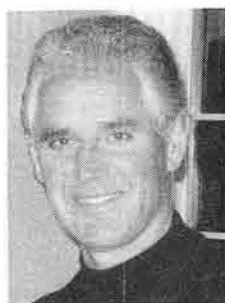


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Sports



Nick's Notes

By Nick Shihadeh,
Journal Sports Editor

More Results From Boise

CHECK IT OUT: I received more articles with results from the Western States Police/Fire Games that took place in Boise, Idaho back in August. In this same sports page, Central Station's Ed Anzore writes about department members that participated in the golf portion of this competition. The likes of retirees **Bruce Lorin** and **Dennis Meixner** along with **Steve Moss** (Airport), **Scott "Buddy, Buddy" Warnke** (Robbery), **Jeff Brogan** (Investigations), **Steve Morimoto** (Burglary) and even Anzore himself did very well in the "potato state".

Read **Lt. Dom Celaya's** article about our baseball teams that competed and did very well. The SFPD Blues #1 team that is run by Northern's **Rob Fung** took silver while the SFPD Blues #2 team (run by Celaya) took bronze. Congratulations goes to those ball clubs. An extra "congrats" goes to



Pablo "The Joker" Ossio (Juvenile) for hitting his first home run ever in Police/Fire competition for Blues #1 during the week. He hit his over the left field fence as part of a "back to back" feat with **Greg Buhagiar** (Southern) who had just blasted one of his own.

The SFPD Seals softball club put together by **Kevin Worrell** (Central Station) took a gold medal in the "open rec" category, and they did this

in stifling heat that not many from the Bay Area are used to. Check out Worrell's article that is in this sports section as well.

More On Department Softball

Kevin Worrell's softball article also discusses the SFPD Seals' recent mastery of the "industrial league" that is part of the SF Park and Rec Adult Softball League. It's good to see a high caliber all star team representing the department in softball these days as it's been a long time since we've dominated like this. And this is dating back to the days when guys such as **Dave Herman** (Backgrounds), **Gary Delagnes** (POA) and **Steve Collins** (Northern) played on an all star team that dominated everywhere they played.

Espinoza Memorial Softball Tourney

Still on the subject of Worrell's article, he writes about the 5th Annual **Isaac Espinoza Memorial Softball Tournament** that took place the week-

end of Oct. 4th and 5th. **Worrell** has been running this tournament very well (along with Southern Station's **Marc Marquez**) to help raise money for **Isaac's** family which, of course includes his lovely widow **Renata** and precious daughter **Isabella**. It's a special tournament in the memory of a special member of our police family.

Even More Softball News

While still on the subject of softball, I want to announce that I'm handing over the reigns of the SF Police Softball League to who else? **Kevin Worrell**. He's got a good head on his shoulders and is young enough and motivated enough to keep the torch going in this league that can be complicated at times. He will of course be running the show with help from **Marc Marquez** and **Glenn Ortega**. I won't totally bow out and will of course contribute when needed. Wish **Kevin** Luck.

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

Warneke & Anzore Defend Gold at Boise Summer Golf Games

By Ed Anzore (Central Station)
Loons Nest Golf Representative

The Police Western Games committee (this year in Boise, Idaho) sent golfers to three very different golfing venues. The quirky little course called **Quail Hollow Golf Club** was one of the most unique golf courses we played. We then traveled 100 miles north to one of the most scenic courses in Idaho called **Jug Mountain Ranch**; and, we were back to Boise for a very nice course called **Falcon Crest**. These courses brought out challenges for all golfers of all levels. It wasn't a surprise that **San Francisco Police**, both active and retired, brought home some hardware.

Let's start with the retired guys. **Bruce Lorin**, retired out of the Permits Section, teamed with **Shaun Guardanapo** (unknown outside agency), to capture the bronze medal in the team net division. **Bruce** had to battle with kids much younger than himself and put up a good fight. **Bruce** showed the kids a little magic on the course. **Dennis Meixner**, retired out of **Ingle-side Station**, came home with his first Gold Medal. **Dennis** has taken this game very seriously and his hard work paid off. Congratulations on the Gold **Dennis**.

Now the active cops. **Scott Warnke** (Robbery) teamed up with **Ed Anzore** (Central) for a second year in a row, and they defended their Gold Medal in the Team Net Division. This duo has been seen on many occasions discussing strategy at **Café Grecco** over some of the finest lattes in town. **Steve Moss** (Airport Bureau) teamed with **Bob "Brisbane Bob" Meisner** (Brisbane

PD) for a Bronze medal in the same division.

In the Individual Net Division, **Warnke** was able to capture a bronze in his flight. **Tim Brophy** (Robbery), making his debut in the summer games, captured a Bronze Medal in his flight. If you ever get the chance to play with **Tim**, he is definitely a short game guru and a tenacious pit bull of a player as well. Seems that the Robbery Detail is spending a lot of time at the driving Range.

In the scratch division, **Anzore** captured a bronze Medal. Two golfers who gave it their all representing **San Francisco** well, but coming up just short were **Steve Morimoto** (ex Robbery and currently Burglary) and **Jeff Brogan** (Investigations); otherwise, there was plenty of good food and drink had by all.

Results:

Team Net: **Bruce Lorin** (6)
Shaun Guardanapo (5) 204 (69/67/68) Bronze
Scott Warnke (11) & **Edward Anzore** (5) 193 (59/69/65) Gold
Steve Moss (6) & **Robert Meisner** (13) 195 (60/69/66) Bronze

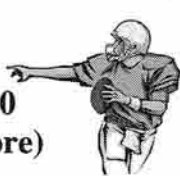
Individual Scratch:
Edward Anzore (5) 235 (75/83/77) Silver

Individual Net:
Scott Warnke (11) 220 253 (66/80/74) Bronze
Timothy Brophy (10) 214 244 (66/76/72) Bronze & **Dennis Meixner** (23) 210 279 (75/69/66) Gold

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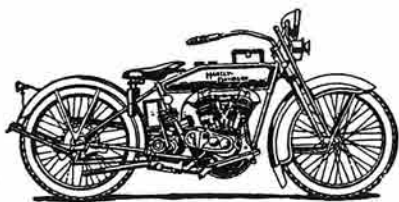


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THE LOONS NEST REPORT

By Ed Garcia,
Central Station

Loons Travel to the High Sierra for 8th Annual Charlie Anzore Memorial

The Red Hawk Resort Lakes Course and the Thunder Canyon Country Club played host to the eighth playing of the Charlie Anzore Memorial tournament. This event remains dedicated to the memory of our lost fellow officer and Loon Brother Charlie Anzore of Richmond Station. As the Loons arrived in Reno on Sunday, October 5th we found blue skies and enjoyed temperatures reaching the low eighties for each day of golf. The Atlantis Resort & Spa was our host hotel again this year, as their hospitality remains the reason we continue to use this resort on South Virginia Street in Reno.

The first day of golf found the Loons at the Red Hawk Resort where we have previously played the Lakes and Hills courses. The Red Hawk layout was in excellent shape and maintains the high standards of conditioning that



one finds though out the Reno/Sparks golf industry.

Our current Spring Champion Steve Moss (Airport Bureau) was the first round leader in the first flight, and he was the only player to break forty on the front side. Steve posted a front round of thirty-seven, followed by veteran Loon Tom Hanacek at forty strokes.

Moss finished the first day with a back side of thirty-eight for a round of seventy-five. Hanacek got fired up on the backside after a birdie on the thirteenth hole and fired a thirty-seven; thus finishing with seventy-seven which was two strokes behind Moss.

In the second flight Gregg Watts (Tenderloin Station) opened with a round of eighty-seven which was a six-stroke lead over Central Station's Joe Fischer who posted a ninety-three. Watts was making his return to golf after suffering a crime fighting injury that had him out of competition over the past two seasons.

The second day of golf found the Loons in the City of Washoe Valley at the Thunder Canyon Country Club.



2008 Anzore Memorial Champ Tom Hanacek (seated front) with hostess Joyce. Flight winners Watts, Garcia, Muselman, Anzore, Fischer, Moss and Johnson

This is an area with many trees and natural beauty as well as great views of the Washoe Valley from the elevated areas of the course. This is a Robert Muir Graves designed course with a par of seventy-two, and it plays out to 7,166 yards from the back tees.

First round leader Steve Moss was moving well through his second day of play, maintaining a three-stroke lead over Tom Hanacek until Steve reached the fifteenth hole. The fifteenth hole is a 535-yard par five hole with out of bounds stakes on both sides and Moss ran into disaster. Steve posted a score of ten on the hole, only to have Hanacek pick up a birdie on the thirteenth hole. Hanaeck had birdied the thirteenth hole of each course, as thirteen was clearly a lucky number for Tom. Hanacek finished the day with a score of eighty-three and a two-day total of 160, giving him a two-stroke edge over Moss and three strokes ahead of Ed Anzore at 163.

Moss posted a net 156, which gave him first low net in the first flight, allowing Anzore to slip into second low gross. Ed Garcia posted a net 166 to take second low net in the first flight.

Gregg Watts continued to completely dominate second flight low gross, as he posted a round of ninety for a two day total of 177, leaving him ten strokes ahead of Joe Fischer at 187. Fischer's net score of 165 gave him first low net in the flight, allowing Tenderloin's Chris Muselman to move into second low gross with his score of 201. Second place in second flight low net went to Homicide's Mike Johnson. Mike had a two-day net score of 184, leaving him three strokes ahead of playing partner John Newlin.

The Long Drive winners were Gregg Watts at Red Hawk with a drive of 269 yards and at Thunder Canyon Chris Muselman ripped one of the top ten long drive shots in Loon's tournament history with a drive of 318 yards (measured by laser device). A check with the staff at the Loon's archives indicated that the longest contest drive was by Scott Warnke when he blasted

a shot of 325 yards at the Presidio Golf Club in the 2002 Club Championship. Tom O'Connor recorded a shot of 321 yards in the 2001 Club Championship at Lincoln Park. Muselman's drive of 318 yards at Thunder Canyon ties George Brown's drive of 318 yards from the 2005 Club Championship at Presidio Golf Club.

In the Reno Adventure of 2000, Glenn Mar fired a shot of 317 yards at Lake Ridge Golf Club, which was matched by Scott Warnke's 317-yard shot in June of 2005 at San Ramon Golf Club. Warnke also recorded a shot of 314 yards in the 1999 Club Championship at Oakhurst. Ed Anzore has contributed shots of 313 and 312 yards posted at Del Monte Golf Club in March 2005 and Rooster Run in December of 2004. Harry Pearson took the prize with a shot of 311 yards at Rancho Solano in the 2004 Two-Man Championship. There have been many winners between 300 and 310 yards and Scott Warnke's six Long Drive titles leads the pack.

While visiting the casino at the Atlantis, Burglary's Steve Morimoto (2007 Holiday Classic & 2003 Anzore Memorial Champion) was clearly the most prosperous of the Loon's gamers. Steve did very well at the tables and machines and generated so many food and beverage points that he and Loon Oscar Ochoa were able to treat all of the Loons to a fine Monday night dinner at Toucan Charlie's Buffet at the Atlantis Hotel.

On Tuesday night after the completion of the play the Loons enjoyed an awards banquet in a private room with hosted cocktails and a choice of prime rib or salmon for dinner. This bought our event to a very good close as the Loons checked out on the next morning for their rides back to the Golden State. The Loon's site committee is currently considering changing the location for the Anzore Memorial to Las Vegas for 2009; otherwise, our next event will be the Holiday Classic in December, so watch your mail.



Sullivan, Carlson, Newlin and Johnson

Loons Nest Scoreboard

2008 Charlie Anzore Memorial at Reno

First Flight

Player	Red Hawk	Thunder Canyon	Gross	Index	Net
Hanacek	77	83	160	13	147
Moss	75	87	162	6	156
Anzore	81	82	163	4	159
Garcia	87	89	176	10	166
Morimoto	84	93	177	9	168
Carlson	87	95	182	11	171
Sullivan	94	92	186	14	172
Ferrando	88	00	188	14	174

Second Flight

Player	Red Hawk	Thunder Canyon	Gross	Index	Net
Watts	87	90	177	30	147
Fischer	93	94	187	22	165
Muselman	10	91	201	18	183
Johnson	104	100	204	20	184
Ochoa	95	109	204	18	196
Newlin	96	113	209	22	187
Ryan	112	106	218	30	188
Trierweiler	108	122	230	23	207

Long Drive Winners

Red Hawk — Watts 269 yd Thunder Canyon — Muselman 318 yds

Close to the Hole Winners

Red Hawk

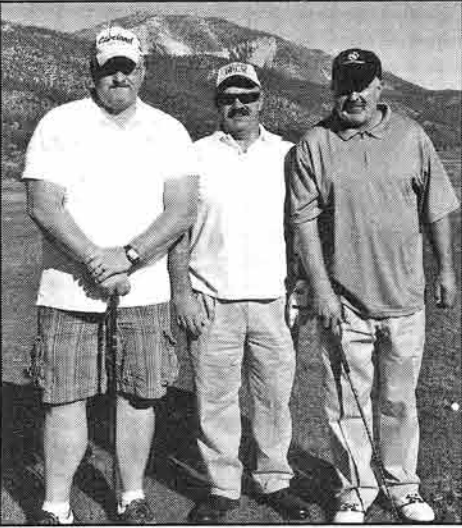
Hole # 3	Sullivan	3'1"	Hole # 8	Carlson	7'6"
Hole #12	Muselman	13'11"	Hole # 17	Anzore	9'1"

Thunder Canyon

Hole # 2	Fischer	8'8"	Hole # 8	Watts	12'4"
Hole #12	Muselman	17'11"	Hole #17	Garcia	25'9"



Hanacek, Fischer and Morimoto



Watts, Ryan and Muselman

Sports



Blues Baseball Called "Most Exciting" at Boise

The Blues #2 Baseball Team went into its third Police & Fire Games in August with some challenges and questions that needed answering. This year we only had two players who were playing in a league prior to the games, we didn't play in any warm-up tournaments, and we had five players that were unable to make the trip. This left voids in all facets of the game, but especially pitching. However, with lots of optimism, the Blues #2 team looked forward to the challenges and felt they had some answers with the addition of three new players.

This year's games were held in Boise, Idaho. There were supposed to be seven baseball teams; but, three flamed out at the last minute and only four were left to compete. This meant we would be able to play more games, but a lack of pitchers also meant virtually everyone might see some mound time. It was too bad those other teams didn't show because Boise turned out to be an exceptionally nice venue. We played at a real nicely kept complex, and Boise had a great downtown area,

with that fresh, small town feeling, but with plenty of restaurants and other nightlife activities (so the team told me).

With only four teams, three would leave with medals and one would go home empty handed. We didn't want to have that distinction, but we knew we would have it tough. We would first have to play against our own Blues #1 combo team (a perennial top three finisher), and second a Sacramento Combo team made up of the best from former Gold Medal winners from Sac PD, Sheriff and Fire. The third was an unknown combo team representing the area of Spokane, Washington. Being a combo team though, we expected a competitive group.

This year's theme for Blues #2 turned out to be, "If only we could've started in the second inning..." as we gave up 37 first inning runs out of a total of 79 runs allowed over six games. We played our Blues #1 team to start things off and we had our traditional slow first game start. But even with the 6 first-inning runs we allowed, we had

our chances. We loaded the bases twice and had runners on in most innings, but we were unable to get the big hit and lost 10-0.

Next came the Spokane team and the answer to our first question in the person of newcomer pitcher Dan Owens (Ingleside Station). Owens pitched in his first official game in a few years and gave us the best first inning we would have, giving up only 2 runs and continuing to pitch a great game. We kept pace the whole way but ended up losing a heartbreaker, 9-8.

The third round-robin game saw us playing the powerhouse Sacramento team. First inning runs hurt us again as we ended up losing 15-9. (We actually beat them 9-8 from the second inning on, thus our recurring theme.)

Bracket play for medal rounds then came next and we knew we would need to win one of those games to have a shot at a medal. We drew the Sac team first and promptly lost 18-9, but our second question was answered with a resounding explanation point in newcomer catcher, David "The Claw" Colclough (Northern Station). The Claw hit not one, not two, but three "big fly" homeruns! What was most impressive was that each of the three went to different parts of the park: an "oppo" to right, a bomb to Left, and a line drive shot to the power alley in left center. The Claw had to admit that while a "natural," this was a first time three-dinger feat for him!

We were down to a "do-or-die" game to see if we would advance to play for a medal, but like last year a curious situation presented itself. It was apparent that the two powerhouse teams were SF Blues #1 and Sacramento, both teams having beaten us and Spokane (though it took extra innings for Sacto to beat Spokane). A lot of baseball had been played in a short time and everyone was feeling it physically. Without trying to disrespect the Spokane team, the organizers offered to eliminate two games and letting the two teams with best records play for gold and silver. This would leave us and Spokane playing for Bronze, thus saving all teams from any possible injuries and trying to ensure a quality level of play. I personally said that I didn't think Spokane would go for it since they had beaten us (though only by a run) and came close with Sacto. Sure enough, that's exactly what they said. They felt they could beat Sacto and, "oh yeah," us. We'll just say they were really looking ahead to Sacto. Hey, we couldn't blame 'em. That's what makes baseball great--anything is possible.

Unfortunately, not for Spokane. In a thrilling game, the "never-say-die" Blues #2 team came from behind and tied the game in the last inning. We played two extra innings, came from behind again, and defeated the shocked Spokane club. Hey, the Spokane team was a good group of guys;

but, let's face it, the look of disbelief and disappointment on the faces of a team and their fans that really didn't consider us worthy opponents was really satisfying. Yeah!

A Bronze was now secure, but we were pretty much spent and had to immediately play the Sacto team again. Our goal now was to try and really tire them out for what the odds-makers assumed would be a match-up between them and our Blues #1 team, who had a bye to the gold medal game. We still didn't let go of "anything's-possible-in-Baseball."

Being down by 12 runs after the first inning wasn't something we planned. Amazingly by the third inning, we had tied the score. We then went up by a couple, but the tough Sacto team came back also. Our third question then was answered with new outfielder/pitcher Glen Wilson (Park Station). Wilson inherited a tough situation, gave up a couple of runs, and then absolutely slammed the door for about three innings. He gave us a great chance to win. On the other hand, their pitcher held it together too, and we ended up losing 17-14 with the tying runs on base and winning run at the plate. The two teams were like Rocky Balboa vs. Apollo Creed at the end of the movie "Rocky" — both so tired from the slugfest that they had to hold each other up, but with mutual respect gained by both.

When it came to the gold medal game between SF Blue #1 and Sacramento Combo, Sacto won an exciting game that went extra innings. by a score of 8-7. Not a bad effort by Rob Fung, Pablo Ossio, and the rest of that Blue #1 team by winning the silver in Boise.

As opposed to last year, our medals were presented in a nice little official on field presentation, with the Idaho Mountains in the background. Another worthwhile Western Games! The baseball organizers told us they voted us (unofficially) the most exciting team to watch. We only won one game; but, in Blues #2 fashion, we won when we had to which was in the clutch. That always makes it sweeter. The team takes pride in the fact that we are still an "all SFPD" team, and we played well against three talented combo teams. We feel we are only a pitcher (maybe two) away from doing some serious damage, so anybody out there with pitching experience, think about it! (Jake and Jimmy P, you know you're welcome!).

Lastly, our traditional Blues #1 and #2 team dinner was a huge success, as the veterans thought this was the best one yet. It will be hard to top as gag gifts were given to all with a lot of camaraderie and laughs. And a thanks of course goes to the SFPOA for its continued support. We looked and felt sharp out there!

Department Softball Update

Western States Police/Fire Games in Boise in 90 Degrees

By Kevin Worrell (Central Station)

I'd like to start off by saying what a beautiful city Boise, Idaho is. The residents were all so overly friendly. I'd like to thank the POA, Bar None, City Clubs and Mike Dunne (father of Ingleside Station's Chris Dunne) of T & B Sports (San Rafael) for all of their help and support. Though it was an outstanding tournament, it would have been nice if more departments would have participated in the men's open softball as only eight teams were there. You can bet there will be more next year which is in the LA area.

The SFPD Seals were placed in a tough bracket facing Culver City PD, Glendale/Burbank PD and Canyon County Sheriffs. We played each team twice over two days. We played four closely fought games against Culver City and Glendale/Burbank, but losing each one of the match-ups. We did manage to defeat Canyon County twice, though. The third day brought on double elimination and the Medal games. We were placed in the B bracket with Canyon County, ABC and Boise Fire. It should be noted that Glendale/Burbank defeated Culver City in the A bracket Gold medal game.

Game #1 was against Boise Fire and it went into extra innings. We could not put up a run in the eighth and we lost by one run...tough loss! Game #2 was a "win or go home" situation and we had to play a determined ABC club. ABC had a 12 run lead on us going into the 3rd inning and they started taking walks. I can tell you I don't usu-

ally get fired up about something like that, but I as well as a few other guys had a few choice words for the ABC guys. Those actions lit a fire under our rear ends and we ripped off 23 runs in four innings. We shut down ABC the rest of the way and moved on to game #3 which would be against Canyon County (again).

Canyon County was playing much better that day but we still had their number and won the game. Game #4 was vs Boise Fire; they were undefeated up to this point and we needed to beat them twice. We took game #4 from Boise Fire, and you could hear their fans asking us to let the home team win. We didn't go all that way to give sympathy to the home team. We continued mashing the ball in game #5 and won convincingly. Gold Medal Baby!!!

We played in eleven games in three days in 90 degree weather with lots of humidity as well. The Seals gold medal team as follows: MVP Tim Reynolds (Southern Station) had 14 home runs and played solid defense in left field; Andrew Lucas and Marcial Marquez also from Southern Station; Matt Sullivan (Central Station); Chris Olson and Glenn Ortega from Mission Station; Glen Wilson (Park Station); Kevin Coleman and Steve Spagnuolo from Northern Station; Eric Letsch, Rafael Labutan, and Gary Mendribil of Richmond Station; Chris Dunne (Ingleside) and myself Kevin Worrell (Central Station). Good job to everyone and thank you Boise PD

At Moscone Playground

Isaac Espinoza Memorial Softball Tourney Oct. 4-5

By Kevin Worrell (Central Station)

This was a tough task — Marc Marquez (Southern Station) and I had two weeks to plan a softball tournament; but, it happened. Special thanks goes to Captain Al Casciato (Northern Station). Without his help, this would not have been possible this year. Now for the participants: the SF Sheriffs, the Northern Station Bulldogs, the SFPD Seals, Local 6 Electricians Union, Finn McCools Bar, Shannon Arms Bar, The Horseshoe Bar, and Rapid Transportation (last year's champs).

Each team played three games and there were two brackets. The top two teams from each bracket would make it to Sunday. Sunday's teams were Rapid Transit, The Horseshoe (which were mostly family members of Nelson Ramos (Southern Station), the SFPD Seals and Finn McCools. Rapid Transit defeated the Seals and The Horseshoe club dispatched Finn McCools. The Horseshoe then made up for a tough loss to Rapid Transit (on Sat.) by beating them in a hard fought game on Sunday. The Seals dispatched Finn McCools and were on to play Rapid Transit.

Rapid Transit proved too tough for the cops and beat us 8-1. We'll get them next year. Now, The Horseshoe had to be beaten twice. These were two "very" good teams; evenly matched as well. Rapid Transit won the first game, which forced a championship game, as they were trying to be the first team to repeat in tournament history. It wouldn't happen this year. It was The Horseshoe's time, but it didn't come easy. Rapid Transit fought until the end but they could not outlast The Horseshoe. Congratulations to The Horseshoe Bar as 2008 Champions of the Isaac Espinoza Softball Tournament.

This year was the first year we went to wooden bats (just like our league) and I think it was quite a success. If anyone or any station is interested in ordering one of the commemorative tournament bats (game ready), send me a check in my name for \$70.00 and I will place an order for you (Kevin Worrell at Central Station). Otherwise, here are tournament past champions: Year #1 were the SFPD Blues, Year #2 was Yard Sale, Year #3 was Chuy Gomez.com, Year #4 was Rapid Transit, and Year #5 of course was The Horseshoe Bar.



From left to right: Isaac's sister Regina Espinoza (with family), Marc Marquez, Kevin Worrell, and Isaac's Mom Carol Espinoza with his daughter Isabella.



Carol Espinoza throws out first pitch.

SF Seals Adult Softball Reach Playoffs

This year we decided to enter a team into the SF Parks and Rec Adult Softball League. We played every Tuesday night at Jackson Plgd. in the "industrial league". As the season wore on, it was difficult some weeks to field a team even with 16 guys on the roster. Such is Life!

We made it into the playoffs finishing third overall. We crushed the second place team in our first playoff game. Now we had to play the first place team and beat them twice for the championship. Sound familiar? We split the season series against these guys (golf is for Chakas). As in Boise, we were up to the challenge and took the first game easily. The second game

we stayed hot and were ahead 24-9 in the sixth inning. The "15 run rule" was put into effect, the game was called, and the "industrial league" championship was ours.

The team members were as follows: Greg Latus (Marine Unit), Mike Hara (TAC), Tim Reynolds (Southern), Andrew Lucas (Southern), Glenn Ortega (Mission), Kevin Worrell (Central), Danny Reyes (Southern), Mike Tursi (Northern), Marcial Marquez (Southern), Nelson Ramos (Southern), Kevin Coleman (Northern), Glen Wilson (Park), Steve Spagnuolo (Northern), Chris Olson (Mission), John Ferrando (Central), and Eric Letsch (Richmond).



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2008 SFPOA Ironman Competition

By Ed Yu
Gang Task Force

This year's 2008 SFPOA Jeff Barker/ Isaac Espinoza Ironman Competition took place on Wednesday, October 1st, at the Hall of Justice police gym.

In the Men's Open Division, Johnny Burke (GTF) dominated the field once again and won his 6th straight Men's Open Division title with a combined score of 3900 points. Burke compiled an impressive score by performing 46 (920 pts) pull-ups and 200 (1000 pts) sit-ups. With stats like those he was just too tough for other open division competitors. Once again, the closest race was between Malcom Anderson (TAC) and Dien Ha (TTF) who took 2nd and 3rd place respectively. Even though Ha had impressive numbers on the pull-ups (47), Anderson was steady and consistent in all events and wound up edging Ha by 97 points, with a total score of 3463 points. Dan Silver from GTF completed his first overall competition with a 4th place finish and a combined score of 2955 and posted impressive numbers in pull-ups (49)

and sit-ups (155).

In the Open Team category, this year's event brought out 7 teams to challenge for the coveted title. In the 225 bench press competition, Damon Keeve (TAC), Kevin Rightmire (Co.C), E.Guin (TTF), J.Newman(GW) and Louie Wong (Co.B) all challenged to be the top "Kahuna." All competitors posted very impressive numbers, but Keeve (1st)(TAC) once again came out on top with 27 reps followed by newcomer Guin(2nd)(TTF) with 25 reps, and Rightmire(3rd)(Co.C) with 24 reps. In the 100 rep event, Tiffe (Co.D) posted impressive numbers for a newcomer with 69 reps. Gardener (SPEC) was a last minute fill-in for Burkes' all-star SPECIALLIST team, and as usual the junk-yard dog fought for every rep to give his team an impressive 70 reps for the bench competition. In the pull-up competition, Silver (GTF) cruised his way to 49 reps, followed by Ha (TTF) with 47 reps and tied for 3rd were Knoble (SPEC) and Vintero (Co.B) with 41 reps.

Our next two events were at Lake Merced. In the 50-yard shoot, Spagnoli

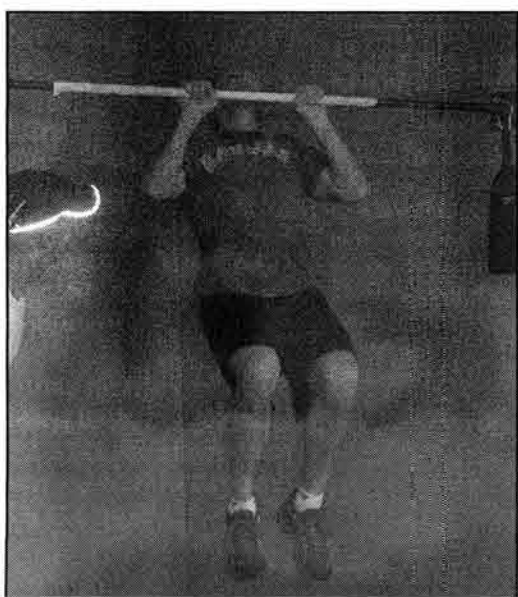
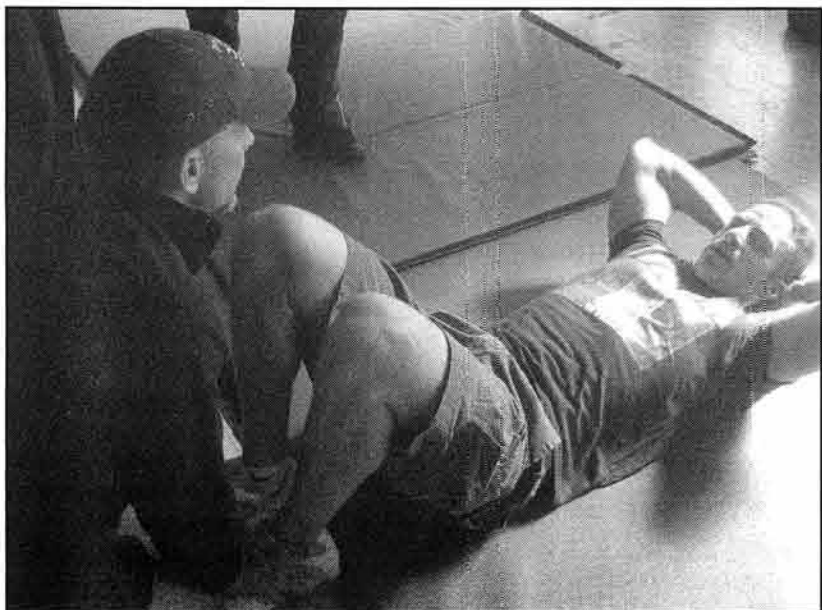
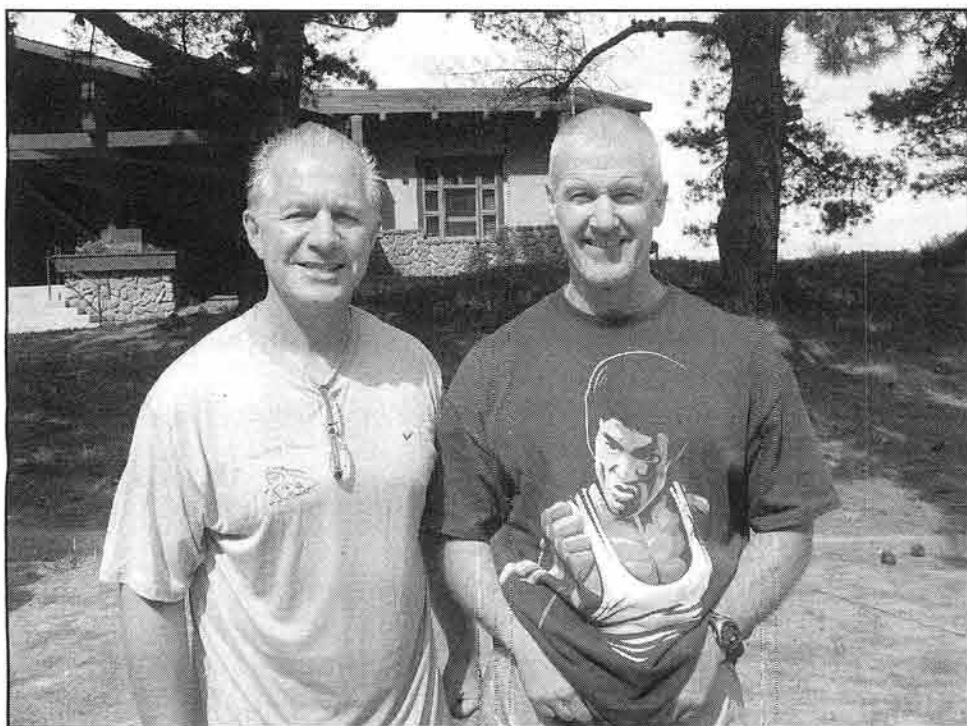
(TAC) showed off his "World Class" shooting skills with an impressive score of 845 to lead all competitors. Matt O'Leary also posted the same 845 score on the shoot, but Spagnoli was awarded the 1st place finish with more holes in the X-ring. Phil Pera (Spec) was close behind for 3rd with a score of 835. The last and final event was the 4.7 mile run around the lake. This year's event brought out some new runners to challenge Sean "The Kid" Griffin. These runners included Tursi (Co.B) and Esparza (Co.D). The race was close for the first 1.5 mile, but at the end Griffin crossed the finish line a full 3 minutes ahead of the closest runner which was Burke (SPEC). The time of 28:30 around the lake gave GTF their 4th straight Ironman team title. GTF posted a score of 4070 points barely edging the SPEC score of 4058 by 12 points. TTF finished 3rd with a very respectable score of 3842.

The "Over 40" team led by J. Newman (GW) once again dominated the field and came in 1st place. Newman did bring a ringer for his pull-up event, and, with permission from the

Ironman Commissioner, Matt Hanley (Auto), was given the thumbs up to participate. The last time Hanley participated in this event was in 1985. In an epic battle with Rick Bruce for the Ironman title, Bruce edged out Hanley with a score of 3178 to 3068. Hanley, who is 50 years old, cranked out 29 reps on the pull-ups. This 2008 score actually exceeded his 1985 score of 22 reps on the pull-up portion of the competition.

In the "Men's Over 50" competition, Hoffman (CSI) and Moylan (TTF) battled through the entire competition, and at the end Hoffman came out ahead with a score of 2180 over Moylan's 2015.

In all, this year's event was a great success. Thanks go to the SFPD P.O.A, Les Smith (TTF) for the t-shirt design, "T-Shirt Fever" for putting together the shirts and "Café Roma" for catering our luncheon. Special thanks also go to Kevin Dempsey and "Sports Basement" for supplying Ipods, speakers, and gift certificates for our Ironman competitors.



2008 SFPOA Ironman Results

Men's Open

	Bench Press	Pull-ups	Sit-ups	Shoot	Run	Total Score
1. J. Burke	66(640)	46(920)	200(1000)	610	31:30(730)	3900
2. M.Anderson	66(660)	42(840)	143(715)	665	33:57(583)	3463
3. D. Ha	71(710)	47(940)	128(6400)	585	35:25(495)	3370
4. D. Silver	46(460)	49(1000)	151(755)	470	39:10(270)	2955
5. E.Vintero	54(540)	41(820)	133(665)	540	39:25(245)	2810
6. G. Festa	46(460)	23(420)	82(410)	385	37:25(375)	2090

Men's over 50

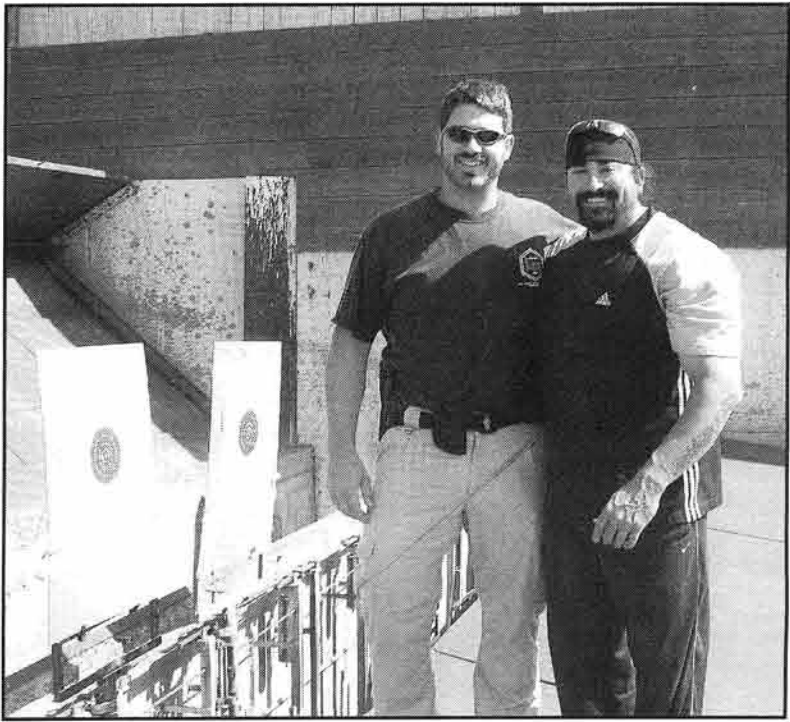
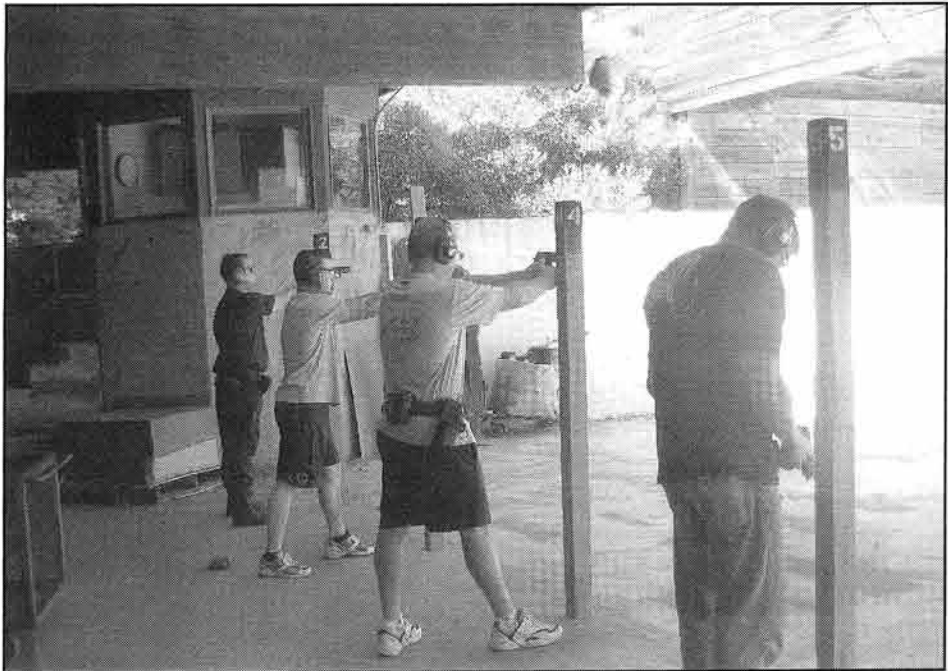
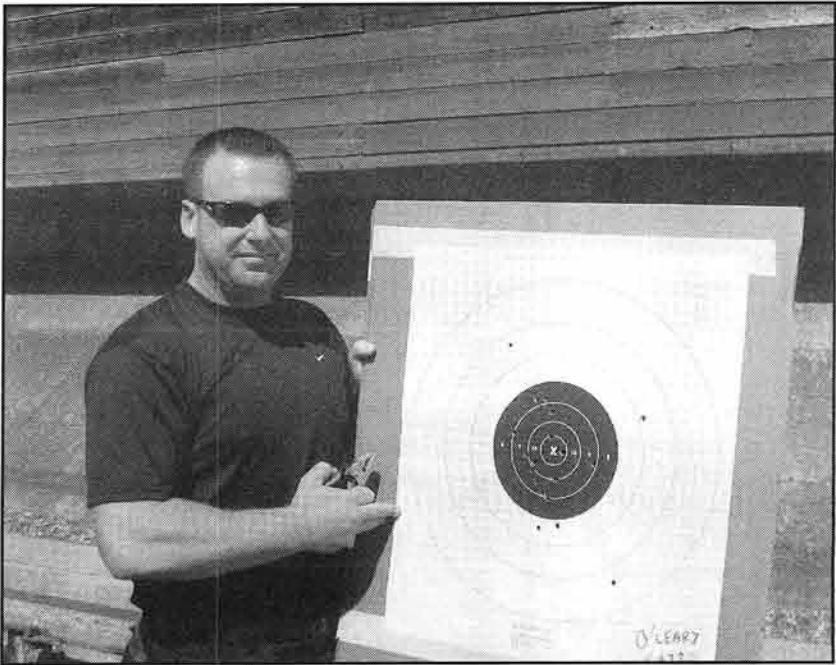
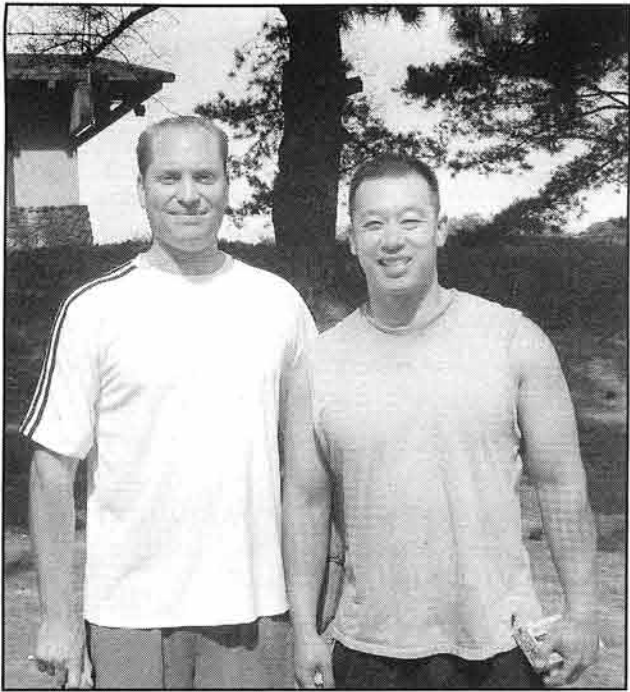
	Bench Press	Pull-Ups	Sit-ups	Shoot	Run	Total Score
1. H.Hoffman	53(530)	18(360)	128(640)	250	37:00(400)	2180
2. K.Moylan	64(640)	30(600)	91(455)	320	0	2015

Team Open

	Bench Press	Pull-Ups	Sit-Ups	Shoot	Run	Total Score
1. GTF	E. Yu 92(920)	D. Silver 49(1000)	J. Kumli 134(670)	S. Lau 570	S. Griffin 28:30(910)	4070
2. SPEC	J. Gardener 70(700)	K. Knoble 41(820)	J. Burke 200(1000)	P. Pera 835	M. McKinley 31:57(703)	4058
3. TTF	E. Guin 25x225(1000)	D. Ha 47(940)	E. Lederer 89(445)	M.O'Leary 845	D. Cole 33:28(612)	3842
4. Bayview	K. Rightmire 24x225(960)	K. Dempsey 39(780)	R. Doherty 165(825)	J. Kirchner 795	G. Festa 37:25(375)	3735
5. TAC	D. Keeve 27x225(1000)	N. Chan 28(560)	G. Newbeck 125(625)	A. Spagnoli 845	M.Anderson 33:57(583)	3613
6. Southern	L. Wong 18x225(720)	E. Vintero 41(820)	Campell 127(620)	Street 620	Tursi 31:55(705)	3470
7. Mission	C. Tiffe 69(690)	R. Trujillo 17(340)	P. Richardson 168(840)	J. Emmanuel 715	A. Esparza 31:55(715)	3300

Team over 40

	Bench Press	Pull-ups	Sit-Ups	Shoot	Run	Total Score
GWJ. Newman	M. Hanley 18x225(720)	A. Meehan 29(580)	P. Cadigan 128(640)	R. Velerade 510	35:20(500)	2950



Letter to the Sports Editor

Editor's note: Due to a misfiled envelope in my office, this letter, and several others printed in the Mail Section, did not appear in the POA Journal in a timely manner. I apologize to Alex for this oversight.

—Ray Shine

Track And Field 2008 In His Name Editor —

On Monday, 08118108, I drove to Boise, Idaho to compete in the CP AF Games.

My preparation for the Games started in 02/08 after my 63rd birthday. This early start has become necessary for me, since I carefully condition my body for the stress of my events. At the start of my training, I desired to find a motivational point in my life. A profound belief in what I'm about and what I do and who inspires those traits. I didn't have to look too long. I decided that Jesus the Christ, the Nazarene, the Son of God is the center of my life. He is my help and my strength. I then decided that I would represent Him by training and running in "His Name." It's my way of giving Him the credit and the thanks and praise that He deserves. I have a desire to be an example of His goodness, that others might see Him in my life and give praises to His Name.

During Apostle Peter's Pentecostal Sermon he said, "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21). That's good to know. Something to remember. I believe His words are true.

In addition, I wanted to represent three of my late fellow officers who died of natural causes in the following years: Sgt Raymond Dane, 2006, Officer Charles Taylor, 2007 and Lt. Raymond Westbrook, 2007, respectively. I was also hoping that while they were alive that my life touched theirs as theirs did mine.

During the Memorial Services of Sgt R. Dane, the Chaplain spoke to the congregation, about Lazarus of Bethany, whom Jesus raised from the dead. Lazarus had been dead for four days. He was the brother of Mary and Martha. When Martha saw Jesus, she said, "Lord if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died." Jesus said unto her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die" (John 11: 17-26). That is inspirational and good to know as we live out our lives.

By the way, I did run. I won a gold medal in the 100 meter run in a time of 13.74 seconds. I guess that's not too bad for a person who is 63.5-years-old. I was unable to continue after that race, because of a pulled groin muscle. Thus, I did not compete in the 200 or the 4X100. Nevertheless, I give God the thanks and praise for having delivered me. I'm grateful.

I met Officer Michael (Ironman) Simmons of the Southern Station at the track. He ran in the first heat in the 100. I was in the second. The track and field events were held at the Northwest Nazarene University Track, approximately 20 miles Southwest of Boise. Mike, ran his event in 13.26 seconds. As always, I was very proud of him. I later met him on the track as he was wrapping his right hamstring and getting ready for the 4X100 meter

run. Mike ran that 13.26 with a slightly injured right hamstring. He told me that he was disappointed in his time and had hoped to run in the 12.8s. Yes, he's just that tough and positive. Unbelievable! I told him that I injured myself in the 100. This time, he was sympathetic. He didn't say, "Wrap it up Jack and leave it on the field! We are here to compete and win! Let's do it!" He simply replied, "Okay, I understand." He did ask if I were going to run the 4X100 with them. I was honored, but declined. That meant that he has not given up on me and still has confidence that I can manage the first leg of the 4X100. Thanks, Mike. You are an inspiration to all of us. I then left the track and returned to my hotel to start icing my groin. Additional info will come from Officer Simmons.

Well, I guess that's all I have to report. I hope that I've said something that will be uplifting to your lives. Officers, continue to stay dutiful, positive and strong. Continue to "Protect the innocent from deception, the weak from intimidation and oppression, the peaceful against violence and disorder...dedicating yourselves before God and your chosen profession, Law Enforcement" (Excerpts, Code of Ethics 1955). May God's blessings be upon each of you and your families for all eternity. Remember this: Give God some of your time. Pray to God and ask for things in His Son, Jesus' Name. Bye.

Alex Jackson
Airport Bureau, Retired

First Annual Brad Moody Memorial Glock Shoot

Submitted by Robin Matthews

As many of you know, Richmond Police K-9 Officer Brad Moody was killed in the line of duty last month. The 1st Annual Brad Moody Memorial Glock Shoot will be held on November 30, 2008 at the Richmond Rod and Gun Club. See the attached flyers for registration and further information. All proceeds to this great event will be placed in a college fund for Officer Moody's two daughters. The shooting match is sponsored by Team Glock, Bullseye Indoor Shooting Range & Firearm Store, Baunfire and the Richmond Rod and Gun Club. There will be 5 courses of fire, civilian and law enforcement divisions and a HUGE Raffle.

Raffle tickets are on sale now!!!! The price is \$5 per ticket, a few of the raffle prizes are:

- Several Glock Pistols
- 5 day pistol class from Gunsite, Paulden, AZ
- Golden State Warriors tickets
- 2 ipod Nanos
- Dinner for 2 at Hotel Mac, Richmond, CA
- Dinner for 2 at the Outback Steakhouse
- Movie passes

Please call or e-mail me with any questions and I hope to you on November 30th.

Detective Michael Rood, Homicide Unit, Richmond Police Department (510) 620-6625
mrood@richmondcpd.net

1st Annual Brad Moody Memorial Glock Match FAQ's

Q: What is the date of the match?

A: Sunday November 30th. IF there is an overwhelming response, there is a possibility of us ADDING a day which would be Saturday the 29th.

Q: What is the start time of the match?

A: That is still TBD. Start times will depend on how many people register to shoot. Please plan on a full day, 0700 to 1700. Exact start times will be emailed to those that register.

Q: What is the location of the match?

A: The Richmond Rod & Gun Club

in Richmond California

Q: What is the cost of the match?

A: \$50 per shooter payable to: Officer Brad Moody Memorial. Mail to: 551 Dimm St. Richmond, CA, 94805

Q: Is there a registration deadline?

A: Yes. ALL registrations must be received by November 19th.

Q: What type of handgun can I use?

A: You can use whatever handgun you're comfortable with. The Range Officers have the right to disqualify a pistol if they deem it unsafe.

Q: What type of belt, holster and magazine holders can I use?

A: You can use whatever belt and holster equipment you're comfortable with. The Range Officers have the right to disqualify equipment if they deem it unsafe. Duty belts and retention holsters are fine.

Q: How many courses of fire will there be?

A: We currently have 2 plans and it depends on how many people register. Plan "A" is to have 5 courses of fire that will be a combination of move and shoot and static. Plan "B" is to use 3 courses of fire that are low round count and static. Plan "B" will only be put in place if we get an overwhelming response and need to move a large amount of shooters through the range.

Q: Is this match affiliated with the Richmond Police Department, the City of Richmond, RPOA, USPSA, IPSC, IDPA, GSSF or any other group?

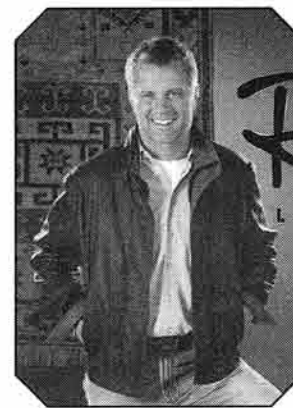
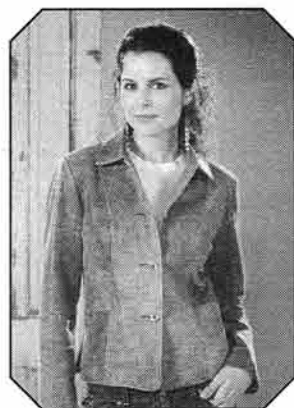
A: NO!!! This is a memorial match to raise college funds for 2 little girls who lost their father in the line of duty. The goal is for you to have FUN while raising money for a good cause!

Q: What vendors and sponsors can I expect to see at the match?

A: So far, the Richmond Rod & Gun Club has donated the use of the range, Glock Inc. and Bullseye Gun Shop have donated guns for the raffle, Glock will have an Armors Bench at the match, Bullseye Gun Shop will have a small store set up, Fear No Felon will have their Officer Brad Moody memorial T-Shirts for sale, the El Cerrito Police Explorers will sell drinks at the match. Expect many more!

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Wanted:

"OLDER" MODEL COLT GUNS. Contact Thomas Moore at 415-648-4332.

Free Classified Advertising Available for POA Members

The POA Journal has free classified advertising, a no-fee service available to our active and retired members. Buy, sell, or trade in the Journal and reach 5500 readers each month. The following rules apply to Classified Ads:

- To place a free classified ad, you must be an active or retired POA member.
- A member may run only one classified ad per issue. However, a member may repeat the same ad in three consecutive issues. An ad may run for three additional issues upon request of advertiser.

Ads must be typewritten and submitted to the POA, attn: Journal Advertising in any of the following ways:

US Mail, to the POA office; Interdepartmental mail, to the POA office
Email to journal@sfpoa.org

Word Search

Created by Officer Michelangelo Apodaca
Chief's Office

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

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

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- BOOK
- CANDIDATE
- DEMOCRAT
- EARLY
- FAIR
- GREEN
- HIGHER
- IDEA
- JUSTICE
- KELLOGG
- LIBERAL
- MAINLY
- NEWER
- OPEN
- PRIVATE
- QUESTION
- REPUBLICAN
- STABLE
- TURN
- UNITED
- VICTORY
- WINNER

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Close Encounters

By Steve Johnson
SFPOA

Thanksgiving is a great time of year. It's just a little confusing for police officers. Here you have individuals who do things for others, day in and day out, and never, ever, expect a thank you. So here's a holiday that is designed just for that but the officers are still working it without a safety net . . .

And, when we say San Francisco Police Officers do things for others, they do . . . they put their lives on the line. Which means that they leave their families every day not knowing whether/not they will return. Sure, there's a paycheck involved, but what athlete today would sign a contract that says, "the employee will risk all, above and beyond what would normally be expected, to include serious injury/death"? Not many. (Probably not any.)

So, for the public reading this article, we would appreciate a brief inclusion in your Thanksgiving Blessing . . . "God protect those who protect us."

Now, I know I'm going to get in trouble for this, because all of the people in the next 2 stories have always told me not to write about them. They insist. I promised not to . . . o.k., I lied. But you will have to admit, after reading about Mary and Jim Petrie and Kevin Martin and Kim Scurr, they are special. So there's a method to my madness. It's Thanksgiving and they definitely deserve the recognition.

Mary and Jim Petrie:

There are thousands of them in the Ukraine. Homeless children left on their own, left to fend for themselves. There are now 3 less in that predicament thanks to Lieutenant Mary Petrie and her husband, Jim. (Jim is retired SFPD.) Mary and Jim heard about the situation that was taking place half-way around the world where the fortunate few children who can make their way into an orphanage are tossed out on the street as soon as they turn 16. No training, no skills, no future, no hope.

Mary and Jim were already the proud parents of a 23-year old daughter, Shelley, born and raised in San Francisco, before they made the huge decision to adopt three orphaned children from the Ukraine. Shelley now has a new sister, Natalie, age 12, and a pair of brothers, Anya who is 11 and Nicholas who is 8. When adopted, none of the children spoke English, none had ever been driven in a car and they had definitely never flown anywhere. So the trip home was, to put it mildly, a challenge. But the children have been mainstreamed into City schools and are doing fantastic.

Mary, Jim, Shelley, Natalie, Anya, and Nicholas are going to have a great Thanksgiving because they, more than anyone else, realize what there is to give thanks for . . .

And the giving continues . . .

We always mention to our members that whenever they feel that they are having a bad day, they should contact

SFPOA Vice-President Kevin Martin. Kevin oversees the SFPOA visitation program at University of California Hospital children's pediatric ward. The program was the brain-child of Kim Scurr who is the Director of the Pediatric Heart Center and Perinatal Services and Kevin Martin. Kevin and Kim are kind of like Mary and Jim Petrie. If it's a challenge that will benefit the children, then let's go for it. And they did.

The program consists of San Francisco Police Officers volunteering to visit children who have extremely serious medical conditions and who are being treated at UC Hospital. The officers are given the opportunity to read to the younger children — the children who can make it to the play room to hear the officers do so — the ones who are too ill to make that short trip have the officers' reading piped into their rooms via video.

So when you think you are having a bad day, volunteer for something that really counts. And, we guarantee you, your bad day will be insignificant compared to what these very special children are going through.

It's 7:30 a.m. and Officer Richard O'Reilly and his partner, Officer Danny Barajas are patrolling their beat in the Tenderloin watching over the young children on their way to school. The stop their police car, letting a young man in his early 20's continue with his jaywalking ways. After all, it's way too early to cite someone who is probably just a little late for work — we've all been there. But then Rich and Danny notice that the young man suddenly stopped and tried to recover the object he dropped — the object that was previously concealed in his waistband . . . yep, a loaded gun. Gonna be a little late for that job . . .

Officer Kathy Pubill found a suspect who had been part of a larger group of cowards who were beating a man who was now unconscious. She summoned medical help for the victim while following the suspect on foot. Next thing she knew she had the backing of Officer Anthony Larocca, Officer Ignacio Martinez, Officer Oscar Padilla, and Officer Kirk Yin who helped with the capture of the fleeing felon who turned out to be armed with a fully-loaded, semi-automatic. No one was surprised that the suspect had a previous record for the exact same crime . . .

The 1400 block of 37th Avenue in the Sunset District was no place to be for the 2 armed burglary suspects who thought they could break into a home and get away with it. Captain Paul Chignell, the Commanding Officer of the Taraval District, takes this type of activity personally. So do all of his officers. So they all showed up and locked down the perimeter at 37th/Judah. The suspects apparently split up, one jumping over fences with the other making his way over rooftops. Officer Herman Chu and Officer Joseph Everson recovered the fence guy and Officer Aaron Foltz and Officer Moli Finau took the high ground and found the other suspect trying to hide on a rooftop in broad daylight . . . Duh!

The suspect had made his way into his former girlfriend's apartment. They had split up a few weeks earlier. The suspect wasn't happy that his romantic overtures had been rejected so he pulled a gun, put it to the head of his former lover, and threatened to kill her in front of her 2 young children. The woman barely escaped death and reported the threat immediately. Several days later Officer Craig Wilson, Officer Michael Androvich, Officer James Trail, and Officer Michael Peregoy went to contact the victim with information they received from the Inspector who had the case. They found the suspect hiding in the apartment, armed with a gun, waiting for his former girlfriend to return from work. He had forced his way inside and had no plans of giving up this time. Things happen . . .

The suspect hit a jewelry store on Union Street. Made a pretty good haul but didn't know about the silent alarm that alerted the officers of Northern Station . . . I guess if you're a thief, you must really hate things like that. So this guy has the latest burglary outfit on and no idea that a perimeter has been set up by Officer Matt Mason, Officer Stephen Collins, Officer Andrew Froines, Officer Richard Aceret, Officer Karen Jeske, Officer Tom Maguire, Officer Murray Daggs, Officer William Toomey, and Officer Joseph Cavanaugh . . . So now he figures he's got to pull a 007 ending to this thoroughly botched job and he jumps 20 feet to the ground. Totally zero points for style, no possible chance of a movie ever being made over this fiasco, and he didn't have an AFLAC disability insurance policy . . . now that's a bad day.

Sergeant Chris Creed is at the intersection of Turk and Jones Streets when, all of a sudden, he hears what sounds like several 'get out of town' rounds going off. He sees an individual running away from the gunshots and follows him to the point of detention. The man claims innocence . . . says he was the target this time. That probably would have worked to his advantage if he wasn't still armed with a fully-loaded, 9mm semi-automatic weapon and a pretty good amount of narcotics that he apparently bought from Canada since there was no local prescription explaining their existence in the City and County of San Francisco . . .

Now, the exact same area a few days later had Inspector John Keane working in an undercover capacity conducting a buy/bust operation. John matched up with a suspect trying to push a poor excuse for crack cocaine. John tried to let the guy down easy telling him his 'product' was simply not the quality he was used to . . . the suspect, no doubt knowing that he was pushing bunk, actually took offense. (Don't these guys have any sense of propriety? Apparently not.) Anyway, instead of going away, the frustrated bunk vendor pulled a box cutter on John and started going after him. Now we are in serious territory here. John's back-up, Officer Dave Nastari, was right there to help John disarm the felon and he's now the subject of the criminal justice system which he's already way too familiar with . . .

If you're wearing a 7-pointed star or are related to someone who does . . . Have a great Thanksgiving — you deserve it!

Activate your POA On-Line Membership and Win a Gift Certificate

The membership recently approved our new Bylaws. One of the most significant changes in the new bylaws is the requirement that all POA elections be conducted on-line.

On-line voting will better serve the membership. Having no need for costly mail out ballots means that the elections will be considerably cheaper. On-line tabulation of votes means that we will know and publish the results almost immediately following the voting deadline.

Members who do not have access to the Internet, or who find it more convenient to vote directly from the POA office, may cast his or her vote from one of the computer terminals at the POA.

The first on-line POA vote casting will be for the SFPOA Board of Directors Election in January 2009. In order to participate in the on-line process, each member must activate his or her member account. **Your email address will remain confidential and will not be provided to any other person or organization.**

As an added incentive to get you "acquainted" with the new POA web site, we will be randomly drawing from a generated list of all members who have logged in and activated his or her account five hundred, \$25.00 American Express gift certificates. To qualify for that drawing, one must log in to the **Members Only** section of the SFPOA Website between now and January 1, 2009.

For those who have yet to activate your on-line member account to our web site, just follow these simple steps:

1. Go to www.sfpoa.org
2. At the top on your right hand side you will see "POA Members." Under this tab click on "Member Log In."
3. Scroll to "Web Site Activation," you will then type in your e-mail address, your date of birth (i.e. 10/23/2008), your ID # which is your last four digits of your Social Security Number.
4. Then Click "Activate My Account."
5. Within a few minutes you will receive an e-mail with a USERNAME and PASSWORD.
6. Follow directions 1 and 2, and then scroll down to the "Member Log In."
7. Under "SFPOA Account Member Log In" type in your USERNAME and PASSWORD.
8. Then Click "Log In."
9. You will then be taken to the Members Only section of our website. Where you can find information about Legal Defense, Member Bulletins, SFPOA Bylaws, SFPOA MOU, and much more.
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