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Harrowing Christmas at SF Zoo

One Unforgettable Day

By Steve Johnson,
SFPOA

I don't think anyone in our Department ever knew just how big the San Francisco Zoo really was until Christmas Day, 2007. That's the day, at just around 1700 hours, when the calls started coming into the SF Emergency Dispatch Center which, confusing as they might have been at the beginning, eventually resulted in one of the most difficult and terrifying calls for service in a very long time.

The officers who started to respond to the zoo were being informed that there was a very good possibility that 3-4 Siberian tigers had escaped from their enclosure and were attacking people still on the grounds. The response from the members of Taraval Station, as well as many other units in the City, was swift and purposeful. A major part of the reason was because Lieutenant Mike Favetti, the Tactical Commander of the operation, immediately locked the perimeter down and took charge of the responding units on the Sloat Boulevard entrance to the zoo.

The other part of the equation was Sergeant JaHan Kim. Sgt. Kim had positioned himself just opposite Lt. Favetti on the back side of the zoo and he had obtained enough information to know that something had to be done immediately to secure the safety of those civilian visitors who may still have been left on the zoo property. He formulated a plan that involved Officer Scott Biggs and his partner, Officer Chris Ishita placing them in the lead car of a convoy that was to enter the zoo premises, along with a zoo employee who knew the terrain, to look for victims. An ambulance followed Scott and Chris' car, which was then followed by the rest of the convoy,

consisting of Officer Joe Chang, Officer Rolando Escobar, Officer Nathaniel Manalang, and Officer Eric Borghe-sani. They entered through the south gate and proceeded cautiously because they had no idea how many tigers may have escaped and they were further hampered by the fact that it was now dark and there were no lights on the zoo property.

The zoo employee in Scott and Chris' car directed them up a small path to where he believed there were victims. Unfortunately, there was one. They came upon a person laying unconscious on the trail who had been severely mauled. The paramedics went to check his vital signs, but there was nothing they could do. Sergeant Kim and Officer Chang left the ambulance and stood guard over the body on the trail, armed with nothing more than their .40 caliber weapons. Not knowing where the tiger(s) may be, they stood their ground in the dark.

Meanwhile, Dispatch was being told that it was now confirmed by zoo officials that one or more tigers had escaped their pen and were somewhere on the 1,000 acre zoo property — great.

Scott and Chris hear the broadcast but still continued searching, directed by the zoo employee in their car to a café about 100-200 yards up the trail. They arrived to find nothing short of bizarre. A 350-pound Siberian tiger was sitting in the middle of the path, right in front of a young man who was bleeding from his wounds — the bloodied man was calling out to Scott and Chris for help. Scott and Chris had no shot because of the position of the tiger. Just a few seconds later, Officer Kevin O'Leary and Officer Daniel Kroos arrived on the other side of the

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A Quick Look Back, A Long Look Ahead

By Gary Delagnes,
SFPOA President

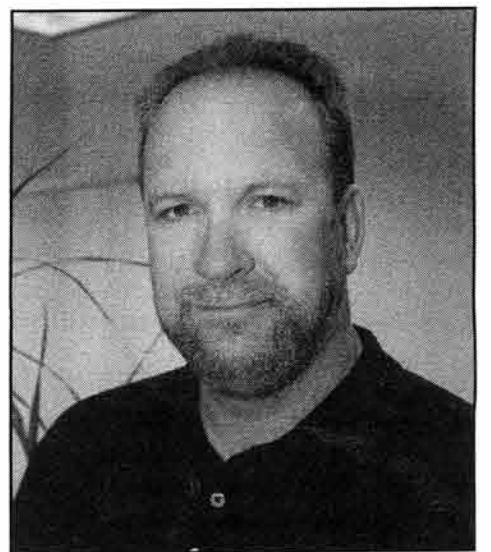
First, I would like to thank everyone who took the time to vote in the POA Executive Board election. Only the members' participation can make this organization credible and effective, and voting for the leadership is fundamentally the most responsible thing any member can do. Of course, I am particularly grateful to those of you who cast your vote for me, and for my team; Kevin Martin, Marty Halloran, Tony Montoya, and Chris Breen. We consider your votes and our victory as a mandate to continue our hard work on your behalf. We are honored to do so.

We have enjoyed phenomenal and unprecedented success over the last several years. Just over the past few months our accomplishments have been nothing short of incredible. While the city of Vallejo contemplates filing bankruptcy and has asked their police officers to agree to a 15% wage reduction, while the police officers in Oakland remain in arbitration, now going on two years without a wage increase, while New York's Finest now face their 4th year without a pay increase, we were able to negotiate a 23% increase over 4 years. As I have stated in the past, this is the highest wage increase for a major police department in the United States, and we are very proud of what we were able to accomplish for our members and their families.

We were also able to pass not one, but two charter amendments since last November. The "merged" airport officers will now have the opportunity to enjoy the "3% at 55" retirement benefit, and the recently adopted DROP program will allow many of our senior officers to take part in a program that will enable them to significantly bolster their financial future.

So, what does the future hold for the SFPOA? Financially, we have accomplished virtually all of our goals. We have endorsed a "charter amendment" that the miscellaneous employees will be bringing before the voters in June. This measure will not only give San Francisco's miscellaneous workers a long overdue pension upgrade, but will also correct our "Tier 2" pension inequity by mandating a 2% compounding of future COLA increases while potentially increasing the maximum COLA from 3% to 3.5%.

We are currently in the process of restructuring our antiquated by-laws and will be asking the membership to vote on the issue in 2008.



SFPOA President Gary Delagnes

I have personally taken ownership of a new and improved web site that will be introduced sometime in April. We have a goal of holding all future POA elections on-line by late 2008.

We are optimistic that our relationship with OCC will continue to improve under the leadership of the new director, Joyce Hicks. We believe she is smart, innovative, and open-minded and will continue to work with the POA to repair a broken process and make it more equitable for our members while remaining responsive to the people of San Francisco.

We anticipate more positive change on the Police Commission in 2008. We are optimistic that further changes will be made to ensure a more level playing field and diminish personal agendas from the oversight process.

My commitment to you remains the same. To be an aggressive, outspoken leader that represents your interests with no hidden agenda. I gave up promotional exams 20 years ago because I believed then, and now, that one cannot properly represent the membership while pursuing a higher rank. I owe nothing to anyone but the members I represent. If politicians or the media attacks us unfairly, the response will be quick and severe.

We will use our influence and our resources to denounce politicians who attempt use us as political pawns, and do everything in our power to remove them from office. We will always prefer communication and diplomacy, but we will not be intimidated or used as political scapegoats. The security and wellbeing of our members will always trump political expediency.

Serving the members over the past two decades has given me great personal satisfaction, and I looked forward to doing it for another three years. Thank you for that opportunity.



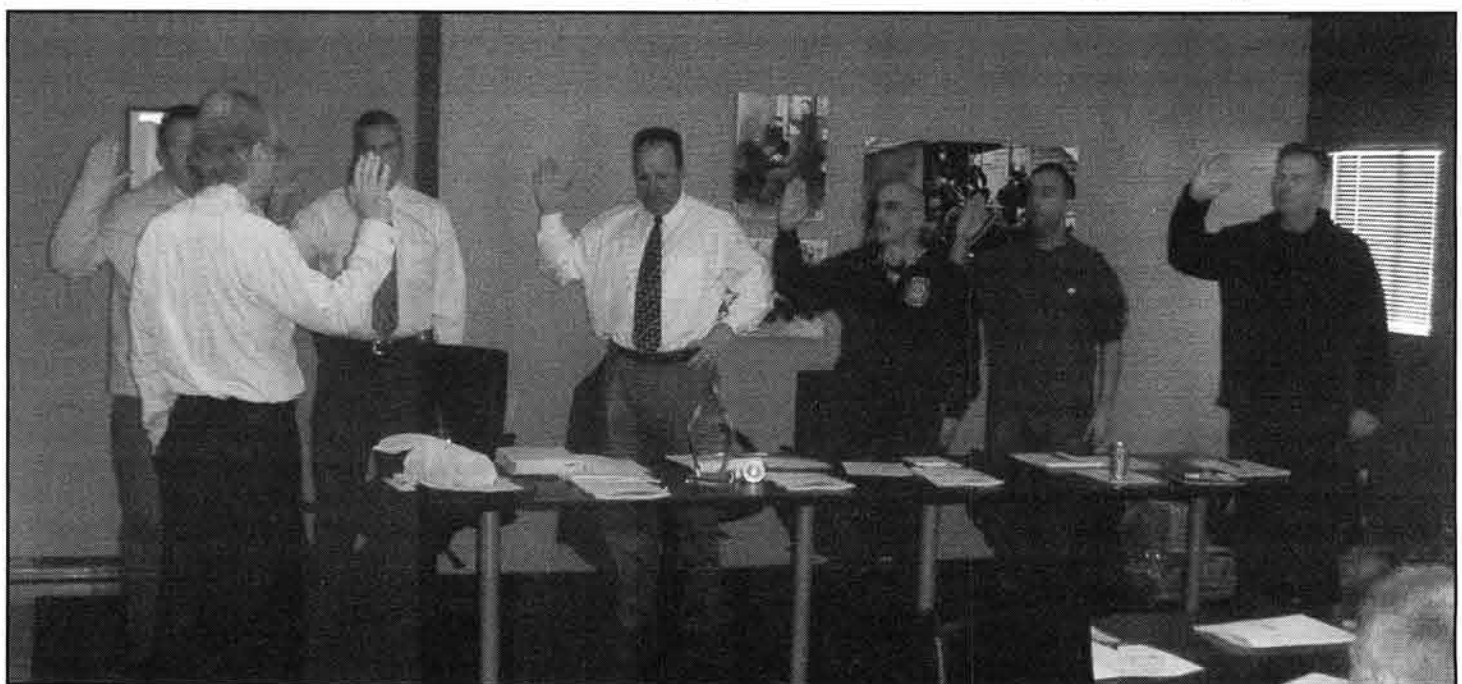
POA Election, 2008: The Delagnes Team thanks you for your confidence and your votes. We won't let you down.

POA Board of Directors Meeting, February 20, 2008

1. Meeting called to order by Sergeant-at-Arms Breen at 1210 hours, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Secretary Montoya conducted roll call of the Executive Board and Board of Directors.



Laura Leale and Gary Delagnes



Parliamentarian Mike Hebel administers the oath of office to Northern Station Representative Dermot Dorgan, Treasurer Marty Halloran, President Gary Delagnes, Vice President Kevin Martin, Secretary Tony Montoya and Sergeant-At-Arms Chris Breen.

3. Mrs. Laura Leale who represents the Alliance for Lupus Research presented the POA with a plaque of appreciation. The POA has been a major sponsor for two years which includes \$15,000.00 in donations.
4. Parliamentarian Hebel administered the oath of office to the Executive Board and Northern Station Representative Dermot Dorgan.
5. Inspector Frank Lee (Sex Crimes) addressed the Board of Directors regarding the interview process for entering the Homicide Detail. Inspector Lee believes the process is flawed and should no longer be a requirement to transfer to the Homicide Detail. Inspector Lee supports the P-1 process and believes P-1 should be the only requirement to transfer to the Homicide Detail.
6. Supervisor Gerardo Sandoval addressed the Board of Directors regarding his candidacy for Superior Court Judge. After a brief presentation including a biography and qualifications, Supervisor Sandoval sought an endorsement from the POA.
7. Representative Browne (Co. A) made a motion that the January 2008 minutes be approved. Motion was seconded by Representative Mack (Narcotics) and passed by way of voice vote.
8. President Delagnes talked briefly about the DROP program and advised that the POA will be holding informational meetings at the POA on 2-20-08 and 2-21-08.
9. President Delagnes advised that the recently passed Airport Legislation is working its way through the final City Government process.
10. President Delagnes advised the POA election is finished and he thanked all who supported his re-election.
11. Representative Engler (Inv) requested a copy of the written document involving the Inspector to Patrol/Sergeant to Bureau Pilot Program.
12. Mr. Joe Nation addressed the Board of Directors regarding his candidacy for Senator. After a brief pre-

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Board of Directors Meeting Roll Call Wednesday, February 20, 2008

President	Gary Delagnes	P	Co. G	Sean O'Leary	E
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- sensation including Mr. Nations' biography and qualifications, he sought the POA's endorsement.
13. Treasurer Halloran provided each Board Member with a copy of the POA year to date budget.
14. Treasurer Halloran then talked about an oversight that occurred during the December Board Meeting. During the December Meeting, the Board of Directors approved a raise for the Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms and station, unit, detail representatives. During this process, the Vice President was overlooked.
15. Representative Rosko (Co. A) made a motion that the POA Vice President receive a \$250.00 per month raise. Motion was seconded by Representative Browne (Co A) and passed by way of voice vote.
16. Superior Court Judge Tom Mellon addressed the Board of Directors regarding his re-election for Superior Court Judge. Judge Mellon gave a presentation including his biography and qualifications. After the presentation, Judge Mellon requested the POA's endorsement.
17. President Delagnes requested a donation be made to the Dante Bennedetti Foundation. Mr. Bennedetti was very active in the UCSF athletic league and a longtime UCSF Baseball Coach. The foundation was established to help educate youth and to raise funds for the purchase of sports equipment. Representative Rosko (Co A) made a motion that the POA donate \$5000.00 to the Dante

- Bennedetti Foundation. The motion was seconded by Representative Ferraez (Co C) and passed by way of voice vote.
18. President Delagnes advised that the POA By Laws Committee continues to meet. The By Laws should be completed in the coming months and then will be voted on by the Board of Directors. After the Board of Directors vote, the By Laws will go to a full membership vote.
19. President Delagnes advised that the new POA website should be complete in 3-4 weeks.
20. Representative Mammone (HQ) advised that he has reorganized the POA uniform shop at the old POA building. Any member needing uniforms should contact Bob Mammone at the POA.
21. Representative Finnigan (AFOB) gave an update on Gina Wood and the status of the fund raiser. Raffle tickets for the April 11, 2008 fund raiser are still available. To purchase tickets, contact the POA or your representative.
22. Meeting adjourned at 1345 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tony Montoya
POA Secretary

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

POA's Recycled Uniform Program Up and Running

By Bob Mammone
Program Coordinator

Between 1971 and 2003, uniforms were provided to members by the Police Department.* Every year one could get new pants and shirts and other uniform items from the department without cost to the employee. Now, we must buy and maintain our own uniforms, and we are paid money annually to do so. Even though the stipulated Uniform Allowance is pension-able and therefore is more valuable than it appears, it seems like regular salary to most of us and we resent having to spend it on uniforms.

Most people retiring these days will have a few uniforms that have plenty of wear left in them. Some may even have items that were never used. These uniforms can be recycled through the POA Uniform Shop. Donated uniforms will be sized, racked, and displayed at the shop, which is currently located on the ground floor in the "old" POA building at 510 7th Street. These uniforms will be available to all POA members for a nominal fee. Everyone will still need to buy new uniform items from time to time, but the POA Uniform Shop can enable officers to have a couple of extra uniforms for peace of mind.

The Uniform Shop has had a couple of false starts and minor set backs since its original concept, but I am coordinating the program now and I will do my best to make it user friendly for the membership. As of this writing, the Uniform Shop will be operated in the following way.

I will try to have it open every Wednesday from 1400 until 1800, but until I get an idea of how many people are going to avail themselves of

this I will ask that officers call first to make an appointment. If after you've called you can't make it, phone me again and we'll re-schedule. My cell number can be obtained by calling the POA @ 415-861-5060. Once you identify yourself to the office staffer who answers, explain that you need Bob Mammone's cell number for the Uniform Shop. Also, you might be able to get my cell number from your POA Representative. Hopefully, the response will be significant, and I will be able keep the shop open without scheduling an appointment. Let's see how much interest there is before I commit to that. Please call me. Don't know me? Don't like me? Don't worry! Phone me anyway because I'm happy to do this for any of my brothers or sisters in blue.

At this time we are not pre-cleaning the uniforms. You will most likely need to get them cleaned and pressed. Also, there will be a \$5.00 per piece charge for each uniform item one takes. This money will be used for operating costs and to upgrade the room. If there is extra, it will go into the community services fund of the POA. A logbook will be kept that records each transaction.

If you have uniforms to donate, call my cell and we'll make arrangements for a drop off. I am also looking for volunteers to help with this worthwhile project. If anyone would like to help out give me a call.

**Prior to 1971, all members were required to provide their own uniforms and equipment at their own expense as a condition of employment. From 2003 to date, the city provides a Uniform Allowance as per negotiated MOUs.*

POA Journal Deadlines

To appear in...	The deadline is ...
April 2008	March 20, 2008
May 2008	April 18, 2008
June 2008	May 22, 2008

Calendar of Events

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings or Events

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

Specially Scheduled Events

Co. K Retirement Dinner Honoring eight recent retirees	Italian-American Athletic Club Stockton/Union, SF	Wednesday April 2, 2008, 1700 hours	Corrado Petruzzella, (415) 279-0538 Matt Gardner, (415) 309-8849
Fundraiser: Officer's Family The Gina Wood Relief Fund	POA Building 800 Bryant St., SF	Friday, April 11, 2008, 7:00 PM	POA Office, (415) 861-5060
Fundraiser: BALEAF/ Firefighter Toys Guns And Hoses Charity Tennis Challenge	SF Tennis Club, 5th at Brannan	Saturday, April 26, 2008, 4:00 PM	Robin Matthews (415) 553-1093
Emerald Society Dinner/Dance	United Irish Cultural Center	Friday, May 2, 2008, 7:00 PM	Ann King, (415) 999-2058
No. Cal Retiree Luncheon	Hunter Steakhouse; 3785 Cleveland Avenue; Santa Rosa, Ca	Tuesday, May 27, 2008 Noon	Joe Giacomini (916) 939-2060 joethejock612@sbcglobal.net

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' Aid Association

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February 12, 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 2:05 PM in the Conference room of Ingleside Station.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by President Dave Fontana.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: President Dave Fontana, Vice President Joe Garrity, Treasurer Jim Sturken, Secretary Mark Hurley, Trustees John Centurioni, Mark McDonough, Bill Gay and Bob Mattox. Excused Matt Gardner. Also in attendance was Past President Ray Crosat.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING: Motion by McDonough, seconded by Centurioni that the minutes be approved as published. Motion carried.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: Donations made in memory of Jasper Starkie: Eunice Danli, \$40; Sol Weiner, \$25; Jim Sullivan, \$100; David Starkie (son) \$6,000; Lee Spiro, \$15; Patricia Huff, sister of Jasper \$150. The 214th Academy Class donated the remaining funds of their class account \$1,199 in memory of James Gustafson. Randy and Isabel Holliday \$50 in memory of Frank Ryan. Wells Fargo Bank \$500 for mailing expenses.

We Had Two Deaths This Past Month.

WILLIAM A. KEARNEY, 72 years. Bill was born in San Francisco and grew up in the Sunset. He attended Riordan High School and served his country as a member of the Air Force. After his discharge, he returned to San Francisco and worked as an ironworker at Hunters Point Shipyard. He took the Police examination and entered the Police Academy in 1960. His first assignment was Park Station for a year, then a year at Mission, then onto Taraval for four years before being assigned to Co. K, AIB. He made Sergeant several years later and went to Legal. A few months later, he was assigned to the new Muni Detail. He made Lieutenant and worked Potrero for a couple of months before going on the Solos. He was on the bikes for the rest of his career until he retired in 1991. Bill was awarded several Captain's Comp's and a Bronze Medal of Valor for his work in the arrest of three armed robbery suspects. Bill retired to Las Vegas, Nevada and was very active with the Civil Air Patrol and received the rank of Lt. Colonel.

ROBERT E. HOCH, 58 years. Bob was born in San Francisco and grew up in the Sunset. He attended Wash-

ington High School and served his country in the Army. He was employed as a grocery clerk before he followed his father, who retired from SFPD, and entered the Police Academy in 1971. His first assignment was Ingleside Station for two years. He was transferred to Park for a few months before going back to Ingleside. Three years later, he went to CSTF, and the Tactical Unit. He worked at CSTF for four years before he was forced to retire on a D.P. pension in 1981. In his ten years on the force Bob was awarded three Medals of Valor. He received a Silver for work as a member of the SWAT team who arrested a barricaded suspect who fired several rounds from a shotgun killing one man and wounding several others. He received a Bronze Medal for disarming a suspect who was in an altercation with another man in a grocery store who attempted to shoot and had to be taken down disarmed and subdued. He was awarded a Bronze Medal of Valor for apprehending two armed suspects who had just robbed and shot a cab driver.

SUSPENSIONS: Pursuant to Article III, section 3 of the by-laws (did not complete probationary period) Moises Hernandez, Susan McKean and Joshua Perez. President Fontana ordered them dropped from the roles of membership.

REINSTATED: Pursuant to Section 5, of Article III of the Constitution. With payment of all back dues and fines: Joyce Watkins. President Fontana so ordered.

NEW MEMBERS: Members of the 216th Recruit Class. Antonio Austin, Antonio Balingit, Eric Borghesani, Azarias Castro, Winnie Chu, David Colclough, Ryan Crockett, Jeremy Cummings, Kyle Davis, Duncan Duffin, Wayland Gin, Fidel Gonzales, Jose Gonzales, Elbert Guin, Joseph Gummo, Jennifer Hennessey, Chandra Johnson, Alan Jou, Chahrnal Kerow, Zahid Khan, Wayne Lang, Thomas Lee, Oliver Lim, Andrew Lucas, Thomas MacMahon, Vincent Masilang, Allen Mulliken, John Norment, Dwen Obot, Eduard Ochoa, Anna Patterson, Tim Reynolds, Pearl Rogers, Jeffery Rosenberg, Robert Rueca, Terrance Saw, Raymond Shao, Eric Tindall, Tina To and Abdullah Wazwaz.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES: Mr. Shane Hiller and Ms. Janet Walker from Wells Fargo Bank gave a report on the condition of our account. Although we are down in our account, we are still doing better than the S&P 500. Unemployment is the highest in two years. Weak home sales. Loan problems, the falling dollar against other world currencies. Our economic growth is likely to remain modest over the months ahead. Our Investments with our current as-

set allocation of 43% in stocks, 40% Fixed, 16 % Alternatives and 1% Cash seems to be holding on, we can only wait until the Market comes back. It looks like we might have to wait until the 3rd quarter.

ADJOURNMENT: President Fontana had a moment of silence for our de-

parted members and all the members of the Armed Forces. He set the next meeting for Tuesday March II, 2008 at 2 PM in the Conference Room of Ingleside Station, Meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Fraternally,
Mark Hurley,
Secretary

Summary Annual Report for the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association of the Police Department of San Francisco

This is a summary of the annual report for the death benefit program (the "Plan") for the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association of the Police Department of San Francisco (the "Association"), EIN: 94-0981411, for its plan year ending December 31, 2007. The annual report has been filed with the Internal Revenue Service, as required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

The Association has committed itself to pay all claims under the terms of the Plan.

The value of plan assets after subtracting liabilities of the Association was \$8,453,443.00 as of December 31, 2007 (the plan year), compared to \$8,459,043.00 as of January 1, 2007 (the beginning of the plan year). During the plan year covered by this report, the Association experienced a decrease in its net assets of \$5600.00. This decrease includes unrealized appreciation and depreciation in the value of the Association's assets; that is, the difference between the value of the Association's assets at the end of the year and the value of the assets at the beginning of the year or the cost of assets acquired during the year. During the plan year, the Association had a total income of \$699,531.00, including member dues of \$196,895.00, direct contributions of \$5220.00, and net gains from investments after fiduciary fees of \$497,416.00. Plan expenses were \$624,000.00 in benefits paid to beneficiaries, \$1214.00 in refunded dues, \$14,645.72 in payroll taxes, \$25,300.33 in net payroll, \$24,212.75 in legal and accounting fees, \$5480.90 in administrative fees, and \$10,277.30 in other expenses.

You have a right to receive a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, on request. The items listed below are included in that report.

An accountant's report; Assets held for investment; Fiduciary information, including transactions between the plan and parties-in-interest (that is, persons who have certain relationships with the Plan); Loans or other obligations in default; Leases in default; and Transactions in excess of 3 percent of plan assets.

To obtain a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, write or call the office of The Widows and Orphans Aid Association of the San Francisco Police Department, P.O. Box 880034, San Francisco, California 94188-0034, telephone number (415) 681-3660. The charge to cover copying costs will be \$5.00 for the full annual report, or \$.25 per page for any part thereof.

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statement of income and expenses of the Plan and accompanying notes or both. If you request a copy of the full annual report from the plan administrator, these two statements and accompanying notes will be included as part of that report. The charge to cover copying costs given above does not include a charge for the copying of these portions of the report because these portions are furnished without charge.

You also have the legally protected right to examine the annual report at the main office of the Plan (350 Amber Drive, San Francisco, California, at any other location where the report is available for examination, and at the Department of Labor in Washington, D.C., or obtain a copy from the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C., or obtain a copy from the U.S. Department of Labor upon payment of the copying costs. Requests to the Department should be addressed to: Public Disclosure Room, N4677, Pension and Welfare Benefit Programs, Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C., 20216.

We had 36 deaths reported in 2007. They are: Alfred Aguilar, Ronald Akers, Anatole Balmy, Rex Benson, Charles Brewster, Michael J. Casey, Paul Cavanaugh, William Cooke, Robert Crowley, Dante Del Chiaro, Edmund De Martini, Donald Drake, Emile Dutil, Charles Ellis, Thomas Flippin, Maurice Flynn, Robert Fogerty, James Gustafson, Robert Hankins, William Hardeman, Joseph Hatstrup, Warren Hawes, James Hegarty, Thomas Horan, Frank Johnson, Noel Nash, Francis O'Leary, William Porter, Robert Rames, Andrew Rutherford, Joaquin Santos, Albert Senn, Michael Siegfried, Walter Turchen, Bryan Tuvera and Gordon Wyatt.

The current slate of Officers and Trustees for the current year of 2008. President Dave Fontana, Vice President Joe Garrity, Treasurer Jim Sturken, Secretary Mark Hurley, Trustees John Centurioni, Matt Gardner, Mark McDonough, Bill Gay and Bob Mattox.

We were able to make all our obligations this past year and come up with a loss of \$5600.00. The Death benefit remains at \$17,000.00. The dues are at \$72.00 per year. Wells Fargo Bank is handling our investments and even with the poor state of our economy we still did better than the S&P 500. We have our asset allocation in such a way that one sector of our investment could go down and the other go up and dollar cost average our account. It is extremely important that we have your current beneficiary in our files. We want the benefit to go to the person(s) YOU want. If you have a change of address, let us know. Call our office phone at 415-681-3660.

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AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



By Al Casciato

duplicating and faxing memos, CADs and reports which will never be read and if truly needed could be extracted from the computer...

...COLA:

At the time of this writing it is unknown whether or not a Charter Amendment will appear on the June ballot which will affect the COLA (cost of living adjustment) for all current and future SFPD retirees. The amendment needs to be approved by the majority of Unions representing City Employees. Currently the amendment has been approved by SEIU 1021, Professional and Technical Employees Local 21, Machinist Local 1414 and disapproved by IBEW Local 6. To read the full charter amendment, side by side comparison and see the voting results of all the unions you can go to www.seiu1021.org...

...Museum:

Hopes for a Public Safety Museum (Fire, Paramedics and Police) at 20th and 3rd Streets are still alive. Inspector Liane Corrales, Juvenile, continues to work with SFPD's Paul Barry on this project. They are now hoping that the Mayor steps in and pushes the project through the bureaucratic red tape so fundraising can finally start...

...1906 Earthquake Commemoration:

The '06 commemoration will again take place on April 18 at 0500 hours. Those wishing to work on the event should contact Inspector Liane Corrales at 415-558-5500...

...St. Patrick's Day:

The Hibernian Club will hold its 59th Annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon on Friday March 14, 2008 at the Burlingame Sheraton Hotel at 600 Airport Blvd. in Burlingame. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased by calling Frank O'Neill at 415-371-1000 or writing him at fconeill@sbcglobal.net. Funds raised by the event are donated to scholarships and charities throughout the Bay Area. To date \$271,000 has been donated...

Congratulations Mike Hebel...

POA Welfare Officer Mike Hebel was recently selected by the Consumers' Research Council of America for inclusion in its 2008 edition of "Guide to America's Top Financial Planners." The Consumers' Research Council is an independent research company based in Washington, D.C. that evaluates professional services throughout America. Mike is both an attorney and a certified financial planner. This selection by the Council recognizes Mike's expertise in the field of retirement planning.

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

One Unforgettable Day

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tiger. All of the officers tried to distract the animal from its victim but the tiger viciously attacked the man again. And then, suddenly, the tiger spun around and started coming at Officer Biggs and Officer Oshita. Shots rang out and the animal dropped.

But the nightmare still wasn't over. Lieutenant Favetti had his hands full. There was no way to tell whether or not there were more victims the officers hadn't yet found or, for that matter, whether some of the other tigers who allegedly escaped had made their way into the nearby neighborhoods. Mike had units patrolling the streets directly adjacent to the zoo just to make sure. Then he took charge of several squads of police officers who had entered the zoo on the Sloat Boulevard side and worked their way south, on foot, with only flashlights and handguns, looking for an animal turned predator that had the advantage of darkness.

It wasn't until later that zoo officials finally announced that the other tigers were still in their enclosure.

The phrase "you had to be there" comes to mind at this point. Because there is no way to describe exactly what the officers who responded were up against. But try to imagine having to search an unfamiliar terrain, knowing that there was already one fatality as a result of a tiger attack, knowing also that at least one other person had been seriously injured, not knowing how many other civilians could still be vulnerable, searching in total darkness, all the while attempting to track an extremely dangerous animal

armed with nothing but a .40 caliber, semi-automatic handgun that was no way near capable of dispatching the 4-legged, 350 pound threat . . . so, I guess the next phrase that comes to mind is "Medal of Valor".

The following is a list of all the officers who entered the San Francisco Zoo under the most dangerous set of circumstances possible, placing their lives on the line:

Lieutenant Michael Favetti, Lieutenant Edmund Cota, Sergeant JaHan Kim, Sergeant Frederick Schiff, Officer Michael Androvich, Officer Gerard Arquero, Officer Eric Batchelder, Officer Arnold Borgen, Officer Eric Borghe-sani, Officer Gregory Buhagiar, Officer Samson Chan, Officer Joe Chang, Officer Robert Chew, Officer Eric Chiang, Officer Thomas Chu, Officer Matthew Cole, Officer Rolando Escobar, Officer Douglas Farmer, Officer Moli Finau, Officer Gared Hansen, Officer Victor Hui, Officer Andrew Johnson, Officer Andrew Kofman, Officer Dean Lee, Officer Aaron Lozada, Officer Nathaniel Manalang, Officer Vincent Masilang, Officer Matthew Mason, Officer Philip Papale, Officer Arshad Razzak, Officer Patrice Scanlan, Officer Buddy Siguido, Officer Daniel Toomey, Officer James Trail, and Officer Michael Wolf.

There was a loss of life during this incident and that was extremely unfortunate. But it will also be unfortunate if we have to wait another 1-2 years before these officers are appropriately recognized and awarded the medals of valor they deserve.

Let's hope not.



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Counsel's Corner

A Tale of Two Cities: San Francisco Voters Approve DROP for SF's Finest While San Jose Mayor's Task Force Toys with Eliminating Interest Arbitration

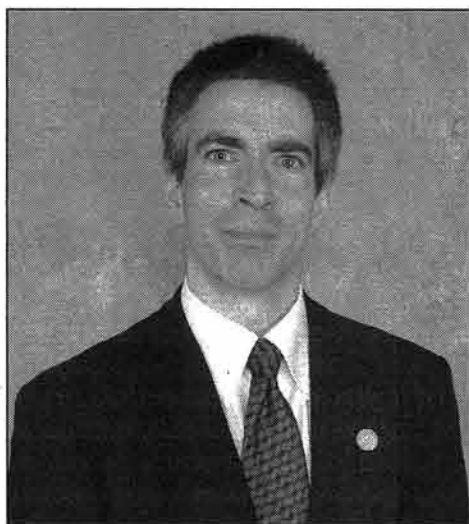
By John Tennant,
SFPOA Counsel

The events of the past month call to mind the famous opening lines from Charles Dickens's *A Tale of Two Cities*: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness . . . it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair. . . ." The stark contrast between how San Francisco and San Jose have chosen to address the looming crisis in police staffing truly is a tale of two cities: citizens of the former voted overwhelmingly to keep more cops on the beat by passing a Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) while elected officials of the latter proposed eliminating the sole guarantor of equitable wages and benefits needed to attract new recruits, namely, binding interest arbitration.

Let's start with the good news: in San Francisco, almost universal recognition of the fact that a DROP benefit would ease police staffing shortages by encouraging veteran officers to stay on the job resulted in victory at the ballot box on February 5th. The overwhelming support for the DROP measure puts, at last, the lie to the fiction that the public somehow doesn't support retirement enhancements for police officers — if (and this "if" is crucial), such enhancements are needed to ensure that a city has enough officers to protect its citizenry.

Indeed, even the *San Francisco Chronicle* — a paper one could hardly accuse of pro-police sympathies — was unabashed in its support of the DROP. In an editorial on December 21st, the *Chronicle* described DROP as a "win-win system" and rightly concluded that "even though the city would be paying [DROP-participating] officers both a salary and a retirement payment, the overall cost should be less than recruiting, training — and paying — new officers to replace retirees."

San Francisco now stands, along with Los Angeles, San Diego, and Fresno, as one of the premiere cities in California with a DROP program. And this enormous success was a di-



SFPOA Counsel John Tennant

rect result of the singular, unwavering vision of the SFPOA President, Gary Delagnes. I worked alongside Gary over the past year as he devoted countless hours to the Herculean task of making DROP a reality for the SFPOA rank and file. Gary was tireless in his commitment to the betterment of his members and has, by all rights, single-handedly altered the comparability universe for police officers across the state who might be seeking DROP. Gary remained convinced throughout the entire process — at times, when the chips seemed to be stacked completely against us — that the voters would ultimately support DROP once they learned just how critical it was to having enough officers on the street. He was right in the way that all great leaders have their greatness confirmed: their vision aligns precisely with that of the people.

But what a difference a mere fifty miles or so makes. In San Jose, a city that only recently lost its much-vaunted mantle of being "the safest big city in America," the Mayor's Budget Shortfall Advisory Group has gone so far as to call for the elimination of binding interest arbitration for police officers and fire fighters in its list of so-called "strategies" to address San Jose's budget woes. And the Mayor's Task Force has done so despite having voiced publicly (in practically the same document!) its commitment to reclaim "our status as the safest big city in America." The mind reels at

the prospect that leaders who ought to know better have somehow missed the contradiction in their stunningly incoherent message.

Most people understand that when public safety unions (like the SJPOA) lack the right to strike possessed by their private sector counterparts, the possibility of having anything even approaching a level playing field in the collective bargaining process is remote in the extreme. And collective bargaining parity is, in turn, what produces the competitive wages and benefits needed to attract the most capable candidates for a job. For many years now, parity at the bargaining table for public safety unions has been guaranteed by binding interest arbitration. Without arbitration, a public agency can simply go through the motions of collective bargaining and, in the end, impose its final offer on the union. Absent binding interest arbitration, a public safety union is reduced to "collective begging" and, in the words of a decades-old labor decision, negotiation becomes "little more than an exercise in sterile ritualism." (*School Comm. V. Westerly Teachers Ass'n*, 111 R.I. 96, 108 (1973)).

Understanding well the importance of interest arbitration for bargaining

parity and its guarantee of competitive wages and benefits, the citizens of San Jose voted to enact it for San Jose's police and fire fighters back in 1979. In that nearly thirty-year history, the SJPOA has utilized arbitration only twice. There is no evidence that the compensation afforded San Jose's finest under a bargaining regime with interest arbitration as its dispute-resolution method has resulted in the usurious levels of wages and benefits one could be forgiven for thinking exist in light of the mayoral task force's full-throated attack on the process.

In our own "Tale of Two Cities," both San Francisco and San Jose stand at a crossroads. As public agencies across the state battle over the ever-dwindling candidate pool for new police officers, the great northern urban centers of California and their citizens must decide how best to ensure the continued safety of their communities with a sufficient number of officers on the street. To date, San Francisco and its citizens have made all the right moves. Sadly, the present course of action taken by San Jose's leaders is hardly a profile in political courage. "The best of times, the worst of times," indeed.

"Roll the Union On . . ."



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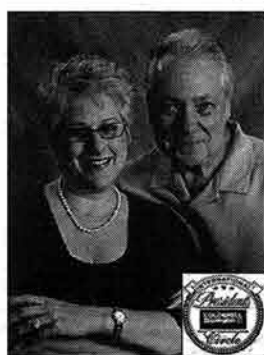
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This & That...

By Kevin Martin
POA Vice President

Election Results...

I would like to take this opportunity to graciously thank all members who supported me during my campaign as the incumbent candidate for Vice-President of this wonderful organization, the SFPOA. I am very grateful and humbled by your overwhelming support during the campaign and election. I am gratified that all incumbents were re-elected to represent our members over the course of the next three years. The campaign was grueling and left me drained, but in the end all very much worth it. I am looking forward to serving on the Executive Board for the next three years.

Add to this point that our team, under the guidance and leadership of **President Gary Delagnes**, **Secretary Tony Montoya**, **Treasurer Marty Halloran** and **Sergeant-at-Arms Chris Breen**, has been very busy and productive, but we do not for one moment expect to rest on our laurels. It is time once again to roll up our sleeves and get back to the important business of representing our members both on an individual and collective basis.

I tip my hat to my most worthy opponent, **Pat Cadigan** of the General Work Detail. I have known Pat for the better part of twenty-five years and he is an honorable, distinguished, and "straight-up" man and an outstanding cop. I am proud to call Pat Cadigan my friend, and I admire him tremendously for his outstanding effort during this past campaign. Pat handled himself very professionally during the campaign, and I was inspired that he cares enough about our association to throw his hat into the ring. Pat has an awful lot to be proud of, and I continue to look forward to many more years of friendship with him. Thank you, Pat for being my friend.

Heroes and Hearts...

On Thursday, February 14, 2008, **Sergeant Bob Guinan** of Co. K Solos was one of five San Francisco community "Heroes" honored by the San Francisco General Hospital Foundation. Bob was a distinguished award winner for his tireless work with The Special Olympics and the Special Olympic athletes. He has served for the past several years as the SFPD's coordinator for the Special Olympics, and has done an outstanding job in that capacity. He has spent countless hours working to make the lives of the athletes and their families as rewarding as possible.

Bob has been instrumental in coordinating various activities benefiting the Special Olympics such as "Tip a Cop", The Law Enforcement Torch Run, The Cable Car Pull Competition, and the "Motorcycle Run." He was also the lead coordinator of the International Special Olympics Convention held in San Francisco a few years ago, which was considered the best ever held.

Bob has also been the lead in the very popular and successful "Law Enforcement Memorial Tribute Night" which honors fallen Law Enforcement Officers killed in the "Line of Duty" and their families. There have been two Law Enforcement Memorial Night events held at AT&T Park in conjunction with the San Francisco Giants Baseball Club. Most recently, this event occurred this past November in Oakland at the Oracle Arena where the

Golden State Warriors hosted and defeated the New Jersey Nets in a tightly contested basketball game.

Bob has also been an active participant in several Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund efforts. He has worked closely with BALEAF President **Marilyn Rosekind**, (whose husband **Barry R. Rosekind** was killed in the Line of Duty as a San Francisco Police Officer in 1958), **Sergeant Mary Dunningan** of SFPD The Behavioral Science Unit, retired San Francisco Police Lieutenant **Richard Reyes**, **Captain John Ehrlich** of the Tactical Division along with **Inspector Robin Matthews** of the EEO Unit.

Bob is very reluctant to talk about his accomplishments. He is quick to point out the many people that work with him in these virtuous efforts. Officers such as **Sergeant Gile Pursley**, **Officer Frank Achim** and the dearly departed **Bernie Sullivan** of Co. K work/worked very closely with Bob on many of these events.

Bob was joined at the Union Square Luncheon by his lovely wife **Patricia**, and son **Ryan**. Also present were: **Darlene Hong** of the San Francisco Credit Union and her very talented award winning Special Olympic Athlete **Kevin** who is also a proud member of Jr. ROTC; **Corrado Petruzzella**, **Jordan Hom**, **Frank Achim** and **Sgt. Gile Pursley** of Co. K; **Officer Deborah Neil** of The Youth Services Unit; **Captain Al Casciato** of Northern Station; as well as the Commanding Officer of Co. K, **Greg Corrales**. I was also fortunate to be part of the group to honor and support Bob. Congratulations to Bob and his family for receiving this much-deserved award. You make us very proud.

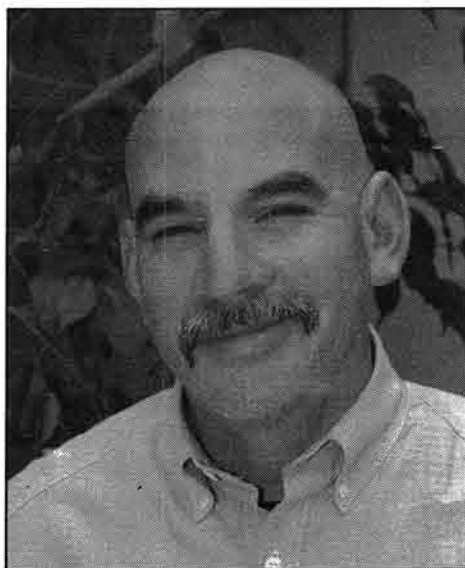
Prop "B" The D.R.O.P. Program...

Congratulations are in big order for P.O.A. President **Gary Delagnes** who was the driving force behind the overwhelming victory of Prop "B." The voters of San Francisco approved the measure by a margin of nearly 65%. DROP will give veteran officers of our department more options upon attaining retirement eligibility, and will provide the city with several additional years of experienced service from each participating member. A tremendous amount of work went into the campaign, and the victory is clearly due to the vision and experience of POA President **Gary Delagnes**. We are also very grateful to POA Labor Attorney, **John Tenant** and POA Welfare Officer **Mike Hebel** for their very instrumental assistance in this winning effort.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the fifty or so association members who helped in posting "door hangers" throughout various neighborhoods in San Francisco on the weekend just before Election Day. It was quite gratifying to see dedicated members volunteer their time for an effort that will benefit so many of their peers. Some members showed up on both days to give of their time. Again, I sincerely thank those of you who were able to give of themselves for the betterment of this association.

Summer Art Experience...

Soon, the POA will put out a bulletin announcing the "Summer Art Experience" Scholarship Program offered by the Academy of Art University of San Francisco to the high school aged son's and daughter's of our members. 2008 will mark the second year



Vice President Kevin Martin

of this program that offers a unique opportunity to attend a world-class art university free of charge. As was the case last year, enrollment fees will be waived, and the only costs to the students will be for class materials.

Last summer, approximately 50 students took advantage of this program and we would like to see even more participate this summer.

SFAAU President **Dr. Elisa Stephens** and her talented staff make this scholarship program possible. I strongly encourage any high school student interested in art to apply for this tuition free program. The feedback from the students who were fortunate to have participated last summer was overwhelmingly positive, as was the gratefulness of their parents.

The Academy of Art University will also once again offer a full four-year tuition-free program for two of our members who will be awarded scholarships based on an essay contest, as was the case last year.

Last year's winners, **Josh Espinoza** of Southern Station and **Leslie Forrestal** of Richmond Station are thoroughly enjoying working towards obtaining their respective degrees.

A corresponding bulletin with respect to this full scholarship will be issued soon. Interested POA members are encouraged to apply.

UCSF visit...

On Wednesday, February 13, several POA members paid another monthly visit to Child Life Center at UCSF. The following officers made the early afternoon pilgrimage to visited with and played "Quiz Show" with approximately twelve very sick children, along with their visiting brothers and sisters. **Officers Kim Koltzoff**, **Peter McLaughlin**, and **Cathie Daly** of Central Station joined **Officers Jean Echeveste** and **Patti Camion-Healy**, (Scrappy's wife) of Ingleside Station along with UCSF frequent flyer **Officer Nelson Ramos, Jr.** of Southern Station and **Sgt. Russell Gordon** of the Juvenile Bureau joined in on the fun and a great time was shared and had by all.

The highlight of the afternoon visit was when officers participated in "The Charades" portion of quiz show that had both the kids and officers laughing. I sincerely thank all the above named officers for their time and efforts dedicated to bringing a ray of sunshine into the lives of some very special children. Sick children who were confined to their beds were also able to participate in the activities by way of the center's closed circuit television capacity. I want to send special thanks to **Lt. Larry Minasian** of Central Station for offering without any hesitation three of his finest officers to make the visit.

Later that same evening, off-duty **Sergeant Richard Ernst** of Southern

Station and retired officer **David Southern** spent time with a group of teenagers in the "Teen Lounge" to play video games and decorate cookies just in time for Valentine's Day. I really appreciate **Richard** making a special visit on his off day and it was great to see **David** once again. The time and efforts of the above named officers is truly reflective of the dedication of some outstanding police officers who realize that there is so much more to this job than meets the eye. You folks are in part of what makes us, "San Francisco's Finest"! Great job, guys and gals...

Sick Call...

By this time, most members of this department are aware of the terrible fall suffered by **Kevin M. Cleary** of the General Work Detail. The accident landed him in the ICU unit of a local hospital. Kevin's progress has been slow but steady to the point where he can now open his eyes and it clearly appears that he is responding to people's voices when spoken to. He will also at times raise his eyebrows as a form of communication. The Cleary family has just been overjoyed with the overwhelming outpouring of support for Kevin during these most difficult of times. Kevin is an extremely popular member of this department and the association as evidenced by the stream of visitors to Kevin's bedside and family visiting room. We can all rest assured that Kevin is receiving the best of care from some of the very best doctors and nurses that this particular hospital has to offer.

The Cleary Family is quite a legacy within this department starting with father **Jack** who served the department for thirty years before serving as the Chief Investigator for the District Attorney's Office for almost ten years. **John Cleary** has been with the department for twenty-eight years and is presently assigned to the Homicide Detail along with his brother **Tom** who has been with the department for twenty-five years. Brother **Mike**, twenty-three years with the department is the Lieutenant in charge of the Property Control Division after being recently transferred there from Co. B. Kevin, the youngest of the crew has been with the department for almost eighteen years. That makes a total of one hundred and thirteen years of dedicated service to the San Francisco Police Department and the citizens of this city and county and an overall total of one hundred twenty-three years service. That certainly ranks up there as some kind of family record in this department or very near to it.

Please keep Kevin and his family in your thoughts and prayers as we all wish for a speedy and full recovery.

Phil Gladstein, a retired Police Service Aid who served at the Hall of Justice for many years is now in the ICU Unit of California Pacific Medical Center battling cancer. Phil's daughter **Kim** also worked at the Hall of Justice when "Auto Return" was operating out of room 145. Phil suffered a terrible auto accident back in 1996 but recovered enough to return to work at the "Hall" providing security at the entrance hallway on the first floor. During his years of work, Phil befriended many, many employees of the Police Department, the District Attorney's Office and many other employees who worked at the Hall of Justice in one capacity or another. Many cop's loved Phil for his quick wit and wry sense of humor. For those of you who remember Phil, please keep in your thoughts and prayers as well.

Civil Claims and the O.C.C.

By Kevin Martin
POA Vice President

Not too long ago, I was contacted by one of our finer O.C.C. Defense Reps, Officer Theresa San Giacomo of the Tenderloin Task Force regarding a civil claim case that somehow or another made its way into the waiting and welcoming arms of the Office of Citizen Complaints. After describing the merits of this case, (or tremendous lack thereof) you will see just how unfair and detrimental the inclusion of civil claim cases and O.C.C. intervention is.

Starting from the beginning, an individual was arrested in the Tenderloin District of downtown San Francisco for a felony drug/narcotics charge, (possession of methamphetamine) on January 7, 2007. The suspect was booked into custody at the Tenderloin Station without incident and during the course of his booking, signed a property receipt that included all inventoried property that the booked subject reviewed before signing. The property receipt did not indicate that a cellular phone was either inventoried or booked into evidence as a part of the arrest case.

The suspect in this case on February 2, 2007 filed a civil claim with the City and County of San Francisco for a missing cellular telephone to the tune of \$175.

The civil claim was subsequently

forwarded to the Office of Citizen Complaints on March 7, 2007. The principal arresting officer in this case received a Member Response Form from the O.C.C. on August 24, 2007 that the officer answered and returned to the O.C.C. in a timely manner. The same officer received a second Member Response Form from the O.C.C. on October 2, 2007, which leads a reasonable person to question what was not asked or answered on the initial MRF, which required a second MRF from the O.C.C.?

The officer once again dutifully answered the second MRF and returned same to the O.C.C. in a very timely manner.

All of this not being good enough or satisfactory to the O.C.C., the officer received a Notice To Appear for an O.C.C. interview this past February 12, 2008.

Once the interview began and the officer was asked if he was ready to proceed with the interview, O.C.C. Defense Rep. San Giacomo went on record and asked the O.C.C. investigator if there was a signed O.C.C. 293 Complaint Form by the litigant and the investigator responded, "No, there is not."

Rep. San Giacomo then asked if the civil claim litigant who filed the claim with S.F.P.D. Legal Division also file an O.C.C. Complaint to which the investigator responded, "No, he didn't."

Representative San Giacomo then

stated, "So you are telling me that you are interviewing an officer at O.C.C. for a case in which no O.C.C. Complaint has been made by ANY citizen?" The investigator replied, "Yes," then also admitted upon further questioning that in fact the investigator had NOT MADE ANY CONTACT with the litigant!

No contact whatsoever!

This certainly implies that there was absolutely no police misconduct on the part of this particular officer as there could be no corroboration made that any police misconduct had ever taken place.

Representative San Giacomo then made the following objections to the very nature of the interview:

1) That the O.C.C. is quite beyond their jurisdiction in investigating this case as The City and County Charter clearly states; "CCSF 1996 Charter Codified through ordinance 127-07, File number 070082, approved May 31, 2007, Section 4.127 "...the Office of Citizen Complaints shall investigate all claims of police misconduct, or that a member of the Police Department has not properly performed a duty, except those complaints which on their face clearly indicate that the acts complained of were proper and those complaints lodged by other members of the Department..."

2) The O.C.C. is ONCE AGAIN violating their own written policy in this particular case in many ways. The O.C.C. Operational Manual has in place a process for dealing with civil claims that have been forwarded to them, which is as follows:

"Claims Against the City Regarding S.F.P.D.

Individuals who file claims against the City that involve the Police Department will be notified of the O.C.C. process. When claims are forwarded to the O.C.C., management staff will attempt to determine if a case related to the incident has already been opened. If a case has been opened, the claim form will be merely added to the case file. If the claim does not involve an existing investigation, the following steps will be taken:

1) The claim form will be given to the investigator for follow-up.

2) The investigator will assign the claim an O.C.C. number and complete a 293 Complaint Form. The narrative need only be filled out if the claimant responds and gives a statement of complaint to the O.C.C. Otherwise, write "see attached claim" in the narrative section.

3) The investigator will complete the attached letter and send

it to the complainant along with an O.C.C. brochure.

4) If the complainant does not respond, close the case as "NF" (No Finding) after 15 days. If the claimant does respond and is interested in pursuing an O.C.C. Complaint, then take a statement and proceed with the investigative process.

The O.C.C. failed to follow its own line protocol. The O.C.C. Policy Manual states that "investigations not disposed of within thirty (30) days the Director shall notify the complainant (in this case, the Legal Division) and the accused member of the delay, the reason for the delay and a new timeline shall be established. The new timeline shall not exceed thirty (30) days and if it does, the notification shall be made again."

Essentially, the O.C.C. is way out of bounds and way out of their jurisdiction in this particular case especially when you consider and realize that NO OCC COMPLAINT WAS EVER FILED! This Civil Claim was filed through the S.F.P.D. Legal Division, which indicates that the officer in question probably should have been contacted by Legal but never was. Just WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE? Now this fine hardworking officer has a non-O.C.C. Complaint on his record as a valid O.C.C. Complaint. It is also my guess that this questionable "complaint" will adversely affect this officer in terms of the Early Intervention System.

This is yet another example of the incompetence on the part of the civil claims process and the O.C.C. involvement in such matters. IS ANYONE FROM THE POLICE ADMINISTRATION TAKING NOTICE OF THIS? How much longer will our members be subjected to this unmitigated nonsense?

I absolutely believe that our administration has to take a long hard look at these issues and DO SOMETHING to protect its members.

The POA is out in front fighting this battle but could sure use some back-up from the Police Administration as well as the City Attorney's Office.

Note to our readers: A meeting between the POA and the City Attorney's Office scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2008 was cancelled in which this particular matter was going to be brought to their attention. This meeting has not been rescheduled but we will keep our members apprised of the results of said meeting.

I want to thank O.C.C. Defense Representative Theresa San Giacomo for her hard work, diligence and tenacity when it comes to the defense of our members. You can be assured that she and all other O.C.C. Defense Representatives are ON THEIR JOB IN PROTECTING YOUR RIGHTS! —KM

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O.C.C. Report

By Kevin Martin
POA Vice President

Recently, many of our members have received a rash of reported complaints from the Office of Citizen Complaints that date back as far as 2005. It is terribly disturbing that our members are being subjected to complaints in such an untimely manner, and which adversely impacts our members in terms of possible disciplinary actions and negatively affects them in terms of The Early Intervention System. Additionally, our members are often restricted from movement from one assignment to another, restricted from becoming a Field Training Officer or being promoted to a higher rank because of an open O.C.C. investigation. Equally troubling is the fact that now, we have documented evidence that The Office of Citizen Complaints is attaching 2008 Complaint Case numbers for incidents that go as far back as three to four years ago.

It is the understanding of the POA that a citizen can file a complaint against an officer whenever they see fit, regardless of when a particular incident occurs. However, once the O.C.C. receives this complaint, except in rare cases, the O.C.C. by its own written policy and operating procedure must notify the officer(s) involved, investigate the complaint and adjudicate said complaint within one year of receiving said complaint.

With this in mind, I forwarded the following letter to the new Executive Director of The Office of Citizen Complaints, Ms. Joyce Hicks with these justifiable concerns:

Friday February 15, 2008

Ms. Joyce Hicks
Executive Director
Office of Citizen Complaints
25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 700
San Francisco, Ca. 94102

Dear Director Hicks,
I am writing to you regarding two

(2) specific O.C.C. cases that have recently been brought to my attention that has raised concerns to both the named officers involved in the complaints as well as the Executive Board and Board of Directors of the San Francisco Police Officers Association.

The first case I refer to is an O.C.C. case in which several officers received a complaint from a citizen in an incident that occurred on November 12, 2005 and subsequently filed the complaint with your office on Tuesday, February 6, 2007. The involved officers named in this case were served with O.C.C. Member Response Forms just this past week that were dated Tuesday, February 12, 2008 by one of your investigators.

It is certainly the intention of the officers to fully cooperate with the Office of Citizen Complaints as directed by the General Orders of the San Francisco Police Department but there are serious concerns as to the timeliness (or rather, the lack of) of this service date as well as Government Code 3304 considerations as to possible disciplinary implications. In this case, the Member Response Form questionnaires are to be returned to the O.C.C. investigator no later than Tuesday, March 4th 2008.

The second cause of concern on our behalf involves an O.C.C. case in which an incident took place on Monday, July 11, 2005 and the complaint was received by your office on Tuesday, July 12, 2005. The officers named/involved were recently served by one of your investigators dated Thursday, February 7, 2008 in the form of O.C.C. Member Response Forms. Again, we are very concerned and somewhat disheartened as to the lack of timeliness in this case and once again, Government Code 3304 considerations involving disciplinary actions are of great concern. Responses to the Member Response Forms are due no later than Friday, February 29, 2008 as directed by your offices' investigator.

I am forwarding copies of each complaint to you for your review and considerations as to which (if any) direction the officers should take as to these matters. At our most recent meeting, the issue as to the timeliness in such particular cases where such a disparity in the date of occurrence, the date your office receives the complaint and finally the date in which the officers are served are of great concern to the POA.

I would be most grateful for your review, consideration and feedback as to your point of view as to the manner in which these cases are in fact being handled.

Thank you for your kindness, consideration and attention in this matter. Please do not hesitate to immediately contact me if I can be of

any assistance regarding these issues.

Kevin Martin
Vice President
San Francisco Police Officers
Association

Note: This reprinted letter has been modified as to its original content as to case numbers and the names of parties involved as to protect their privacy.

Director Hicks contacted me on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 and addressed the Association's concerns involving these matters. Director Hicks assured me that she will give her immediate attention to this issue and see to it that future cases are handled in a more timely manner.

This issue was also a topic of discussion at the most recent POA General Membership meeting on Wednesday, February 20, 2008. —KM

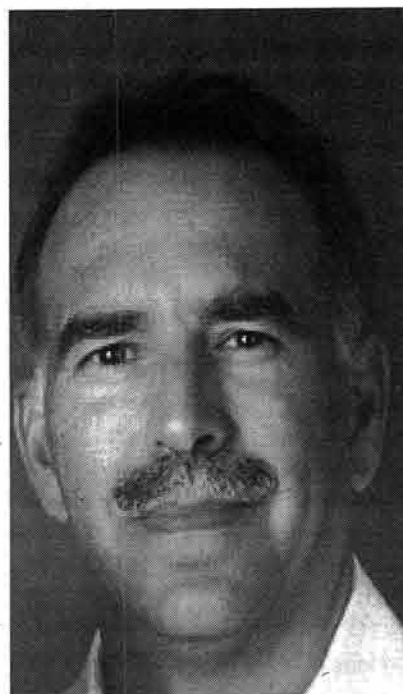
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News from the District Attorney's Office

DA Announces Man Sentenced To 50 Years To Life For Brutal Gang-Related Murder

SAN FRANCISCO, District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced that Marcos Campos Reyes, 22, CTN 2170342, received the maximum sentence of 50 years to life in prison for shooting Luis Fuentes to death in June 2004 as the victim was walking with his 6-year-old son.

"This defendant committed a brazen and horrific crime," said San Francisco District Attorney Kamala D. Harris. "I can think of no better place for this man to spend the rest of his days than behind bars. I applaud everyone involved in this case for their diligence and thank the witnesses who came forward during the police investigation and court proceedings for their courage in bringing this defendant to justice."

The sentence was handed down by Superior Court Judge Jerome Bensen on February 7, 2008 in Dept. 21. On July 2, 2007, the defendant, a resident of Daly City, was convicted of murder in the second degree or 187 PC, gang allegations or 186.22 and the jury also found true allegations of gun use or 12022.5 PC and 12022.53 after nearly three days of deliberation. The verdicts followed a nearly two-month trial in front of Judge Benson in Dept. 21.

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

Salvadoran immigrant and Sureno gang member.

The defendant was detained and arrested by the San Francisco Police Department less than half an hour after the shooting. A woman parking her car heard the first shot, and saw the defendant run after shooting the victim. She then followed the defendant, and saw him throw the gun into some flower pots. A man also saw the defendant running after hearing the shots, and also followed the defendant. Both individuals saw the defendant run into a laundromat. The man called 911 on his cell phone and waited at the laundromat for police, while the woman returned to the scene of the shooting, alerted police that she knew where the shooter was and led them to the laundromat. Police discovered the defendant hiding in the back of the laundromat. The weapon with the defendant's DNA was also recovered. The defendant also made statements to another person in custody shortly after the shooting.

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

From 2004 to 2006, the District Attorney has filed charges in 87 percent of homicide cases presented to the Office by the San Francisco Police Department. From 2004 to 2007, the Office sent 286 identified gang members to serve a sentence behind bars.

Defendant Convicted of Theft in Bayview Undercover Operation

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced that Shakka Clyde Jones, 48, 2339355, was convicted of Penal Code 487(c), grand theft, by a jury. The jury deliberated a full day before finding Mr. Jones guilty of the crime. The guilty verdict came in at the end of the day on Friday, February 1, 2008, following a week-long jury trial before Superior Court Judge Perker Meeks.

Mr. Jones, of San Mateo, was arrested on October 23, 2007. He was charged with stealing \$20 from a police officer during an undercover operation in the Bayview District designed to combat robberies and other street crime.

The defendant was approached by an undercover officer asking for his cigarette to be lit. As the defendant was lighting the undercover officer's cigarette, he snatched a \$20 bill from the officer's pocket, resulting in the

defendant's arrest.

"Having one less thief on our streets is important because the impact theft has on its victims is greater than loss of money or possessions," said District Attorney Kamala D. Harris. "These attacks rob victims of their sense of safety and freedom to move about the community without anxiety and fear."

The maximum statutory penalty for each count in violation of PC 487(c) is three years in state prison. The sentencing of Mr. Jones is scheduled for March 21, 2008 before Judge Meeks in Department 22.

The conviction is the result of an investigation by San Francisco Police Officers Kevin Healy and Sgt. Kevin Dempsey. Karen Catalona is the Assistant District Attorney who prosecuted the case.

Congratulations, DA Harris, And Thank You for Your Support

By Gary Delagnes
POA President

As most of you are certainly aware, the relationship between the SFPOA and new-elected District Attorney Kamala Harris got off to a pretty rocky start four years ago. The discord sprang from a decision by Ms. Harris not to seek the death penalty for the killer of Officer Isaac Espinoza.

Though the wounds from that decision will never fully heal in the eyes of the membership, the reality was, and is today, that a respectful and professional relationship between the DA's office and the police department is essential in prosecuting criminal cases and ultimately incarcerating individuals who are a threat to the public safety of all San Franciscans.

Over the past four years the POA has developed solid lines of communication with DA Kamala Harris and her hard-working deputies. Her office works with our department to develop strategies and implement plans to target the worst offenders in our city.

We know that the relationship will always be tested, as the DA's office will never file on every case we believe has merit. But in the end, our two departments will do what's best for the citizens of this city.

I congratulate Kamala Harrison on her re-election to another term as our District Attorney, and I pledge to work with her office in making this a better and safer city in which to live. I also deeply appreciate her invaluable endorsement of Proposition B, the DROP program. I have no doubt that her support contributed to the election success of that crucial campaign.

Defendant Sentenced to 18 Years for Sexually Abusing Daughter

District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced that Eduardo Naval, age 50, CTN 2244516, was sentenced to 18 years in state prison for sexually assaulting his daughter for nearly five years.

"Child sexual assault is one of the most outrageous and damaging offenses an adult can commit against a child," said District Attorney Kamala D. Harris. "Having been found guilty, I am extraordinarily grateful that the Judge agreed that this perpetrator should spend the better part of the remainder of his life behind bars. I applaud the courage of this victim and her mother in coming forward."

The sentence was handed down by Superior Court Judge Charlene Padovani Mitchell on February 21, 2008 in Dept. 24. On October 31, 2007, the defendant, a resident of San Francisco, was convicted of continuous sexual abuse of a child or 288.5 PC, criminal threats or 422 PC, intimidating a witness or 136.1(c)(1) PC and assault with a deadly weapon or 245(a)(1) PC, after nearly three days of deliberation. The verdicts followed a five-week trial in front of Judge Mitchell in Department 24.

The defendant was arrested on November 28, 2005, in Daly City. According to court documents, the defendant was charged with sexually assaulting his daughter from the time she was eight-years-old to 13-years-old. On April 9, 2004, the victim disclosed the sexual abuse to her mother. When confronted by the mother, the defendant threatened to kill the entire family if they told anyone or if they left him.

The mother took the victim and her little brother into the bedroom and locked the door. She also called 911. The defendant broke the door down with a hammer, taking it off its hinges. The defendant fled after hearing approaching sirens, and was arrested 18 months later.

The conviction is the result of an investigation by SFPD Inspector Liane Corrales of the Juvenile Division. Sean Reynolds was the District Attorney's Victim Services Advocate. Michon Martin is the Assistant District Attorney who prosecuted the case.

"We know how difficult it is to prosecute these cases," said Kathy Baxter, Executive Director of the San Francisco Child Abuse Council. "It's why we've created specialized programs such as CASARC and MDIC and the DA's Office is crucial and instrumental in the success and implementation of these programs."

Under DA Harris' leadership, the San Francisco District Attorney's Office has created a Child Sexual Assault Unit to handle all physical and sex crimes against children. The San Francisco District Attorney's Office has also created the first on-site therapy program for child victims of sexual assault, physical abuse and witnesses of domestic and neighborhood violence and established a Safe House for victims of child sexual exploitation. The DA's Office regularly works with partners in the child victim advocacy community to encourage reporting of these crimes and to provide additional support for survivors and their families.

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POA Journal

Q&A with San Francisco District Attorney Kamala D. Harris

Edited by Ray Shine

Editor's Note: No two San Francisco law enforcement divisions work more closely together than the Police Department and the Office of the District Attorney. Indeed, the effectiveness of one is almost wholly dependent on that of the other.

Historically, The San Francisco Police Officers Association has often been at odds with the DA's office. Mostly due to the finagling and political agendas of the sitting District Attorney at the time, the relationship has often been acrimonious. No more egregious example of that acrimony, and probably the low point in POA/DA relationships, was the blatant and shameful abuse of the rights of a few of our members by a campaigning Terrence Hallinan in the notoriously manipulated "Fajitagate" incident.

In that election, Hallinan lost his reelection bid to relative newcomer Kamala Harris. Since taking office, Ms. Harris and the POA have had their share of differences — most notably over her early decision not to seek the death penalty in the case against the murderer of Officer Isaac Espinoza. Nonetheless, the relationship between the office run by Ms. Harris and the POA has been good, both from a prosecutorial and political perspective.

Early on in her administration, Ms. Harris established a Public Affairs desk within her office. The coordinators of that desk reached out to the POA Journal seeking space in the paper to print articles about successful prosecutions of significant cases. The idea was to demonstrate to the POA readership and the public at large that the SFPD and the DA's office are cooperative and work closely together to combat serious crime in San Francisco. All of us at the POA saw this as a great opportunity to develop a stronger tie to the DA. In particular, Steve Johnson and me saw it as an opportunity to highlight the great police work of our members, and we readily agreed to provide a regular section in the Journal for News from the DA's Office. That section still runs to this day.

Realizing that our members do not know Ms. Harris as well as they might, we took an opportunity to learn a bit more about her by way of the question and answer forum that follows. It is an interesting read, and does shed light on Ms. Harris, her leadership, and workings of her busy office. The Office of the District Attorney is always receptive to the concerns of our members. If you have a question for Ms. Harris, it can be submitted through the POA Journal, or you may contact the DA's Public Affairs Office at Erica.Derryck@sfgov.org — RS

Q: What was the work environment like in the DA's Office when you began your first term four years ago?

A: The District Attorney's Office I inherited from my predecessor was without many of the basics required for an office to function professionally. Attorneys lacked computers. There was not a proper email system in place. Access to functional copiers, fax machines and printers was spotty, at best. Support staff was scarce as well. Paralegals were hard to come by, leaving attorneys to not only try cases, but also to do the lion's share of the clerical work required to support their efforts in the courtroom. Overall, the essential office infrastructure required for us to prosecute cases was sorely lacking and what was available was broken and out of date and had been so for years.

As you can imagine this poorly equipped work environment had taken a toll on morale among the attorneys and staff. I spent much of my



District Attorney Kamala Harris

first term literally working on building up the Office so attorneys would have the support they need to effectively and efficiently try cases. We've been able to make improvements over time that have bolstered the work we do as prosecutors and the overall spirit of the DA's Office.

Q: How would you characterize the working relationship between the working police officer and the DA's Office?

A: I am a career prosecutor. My entire adult career has been spent working shoulder to shoulder with police officers. I know that every day as they patrol the streets, police officers come face-to-face with crime and violence in a way that is markedly different from what we face as prosecutors charged with ensuring that dangerous criminals end up behind bars. While cops and prosecutors operate on two different playing fields, I am ever-aware that we are working to achieve a common goal. It is with this in mind that I approach my work as District Attorney.

We're all working with scarce resources. ADA's are stretched thin and the police force is as well. That's why I fully support Mayor Newsom, Chief Fong and President Delagnes in adding more classes at the Academy because the more San Francisco police officers there are on the streets the better for all of us.

I think the relationship between the DA's Office and the average police officer has come a long way since I first took office four years ago. There is more trust and a better understanding that the DA's Office is committed to working with the Police Department to get dangerous criminals off our streets and make San Francisco a safer city.

The ADA's in my office who work side by side with PD inspectors know how critical the inspectors are in ensuring that the evidence needed to proceed at trial is thorough and properly obtained. They work together on a daily basis to make sure that witnesses are prepared and able to testify. I've seen officers come out of retirement to appear at trial or to work with ADA's to bring reluctant witnesses to court years after the initial arrests were made. This type of quiet cooperation doesn't always make headlines, but it helps win cases and that's what our work is all about.

Spending more time working together learning about the ins and outs required for each of us to reach our common goal of public safety is hugely important. It's why I've dispatched Jeffrey Ross, the Chief of the Criminal Division in my Office to spend time at the stations, learning more about the challenges officers face in dealing directly with crime on the streets.

It's also why I've personally spent time at the stations across the City during evening line-ups. I've had the opportunity to listen to rookie cops and patrol officers tell me how eager they are to work with the ADA's to help build solid cases so that when we bring these cases to court, we have all the evidence needed to secure a conviction. I know how important it is to the ADA's who try the cases and the officers who make the arrests to see justice served.

The best way to achieve that end is by continuing to strengthen the working relationship between our City's cops and prosecutors. This relationship is absolutely essential to effective law enforcement in our City. Since I took office, I have been focused on identifying ways to improve the collaboration between the DA's Office and Police Department, especially when it comes to investigations.

This has also meant working closely with Chief Fong and other members of the top brass to ensure that we're all fully aware of the policies and procedures under which both the DA's Office and the PD operate. We've been successful in identifying areas in which we can work more collaboratively to investigate and prosecute cases.

Q: What are some recent examples of cases where the SFPD and DA have worked together to achieve a positive outcome?

A: A great example of the increased collaboration between the PD and the DA's Office is the work we're doing together reviving cold cases.

So far we've had three of these cases successfully prosecuted thanks in large part to the outstanding work that the PD inspectors have done in tracking down defendants, working with witnesses and collaborating with the ADA's on the investigations.

The most recent case was the conviction of John Puckett for murder in a case dating back to 1972. ADA David Merin and Inspector Joe Toomey did an outstanding job of bringing that case to a positive conclusion.

Going forward, we will be looking for other opportunities to work more closely with the Police Department in investigating specific areas of prosecution. When it makes sense we will pull in other City agencies to help support the work we do as law enforcement. One example of this wider collaboration is the work we are doing together with the PD and Department of Aging to tackle the issue of elder abuse and neglect with the formation of the Elder Abuse Forensic Center.

We're really excited to have the entire San Francisco criminal justice family focus more manpower and other resources on these types of joint efforts.

Q: What can the SFPD and the DA do to address the issue of violent crime in our City?

A: As any officer who has ever investigated a murder case knows, one of the hardest parts of handling these cases is getting witnesses to come forward. The DA's Office has made a concerted effort to do more to address the issue of witness intimidation. We've worked to change the state law surrounding witness relocation so that we have more resources to safely relocate witnesses and victims whose testimony may put them in harm's way.

We've also beefed up the services we are able to provide these individuals so that those witnesses and victims who

do come forward know that if they have to be relocated, they will be given the support to resume their lives in a new and safe location.

We've also tried to draw as much attention as possible to the increase in murder convictions, especially in those cases where a successful prosecution hinged on great police work in tracking down and securing the testimony of courageous eyewitnesses. So when you see us gathering for press conferences to announce verdicts it's not about showboating, it's about sending a clear signal to the public that when they come forward in cooperation to aid police and prosecutors with their testimony, we can and do bring criminals to justice.

The numerous murder convictions the ADA's and police have achieved by working closely together over the last four years, and the average length of sentences imposed on those convicted of homicide, show that we've made great strides together in this all-important area of prosecution.

We've had similar success in our efforts to address the issue of gun crime, work that is critical to the safety of our citizens and police officers alike. When I first took office, we put together a special team of prosecutors to work specifically on gun-related cases. This effort has yielded strong results. Felony gun trial convictions have risen from 43 percent in 2003 to 90 percent in 2007. We would not have been able to prosecute any of these cases if the police had not risked their lives arresting these gun-wielding perpetrators.

Wherever possible, we work to link our efforts with the Police Department in such a way that we are able to better use limited resources to investigate and try cases involving drugs and gangs as well. Drug sale case prosecutions have gone from 56 percent in 2003 to 74 percent in 2006 and of the 287 gang convictions secured in the last four years, all but one of the perpetrators was put behind bars.

Q: What do you think are the most pressing issues we're facing when it comes to law enforcement in San Francisco?

A: Our number one priority should be getting illegal guns off our streets. It's why I've worked within my office to fortify the work we do around the prosecution of gun crimes and it's why I have pushed legislatively to strengthen the laws that keep guns out of the hands of criminals.

I understand that a great many police officers spend the bulk of their time handling misdemeanors, infractions and quality of life issues — the types of crimes that don't grab headlines or seldom go to trial — but the work you do is absolutely vital to our City and it's equally important to the DA's Office that we work together to address these issues.

Resources are stretched thin across the City, but we all need to work collaboratively, now more than ever. That includes every criminal justice department, the Courts, our health and social service systems, schools and the private sector. I'm committed to working with our criminal justice family and leaders across our City to make sure that the work police officers do everyday on our streets isn't in vain.

Special thanks to Erica Derryck of the DA's Office, and Steve Johnson, SFPOA, for assisting with this Q&A. — Ed.

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Emerald Society Debuts New Web Site

By Ed Carew,
Emerald Society President

I am very excited to announce that our new website is up and running. Thanks to John Crudo and Joe McFadden, we now have an Emerald Society website to keep members informed of upcoming events and informa-

tion about your Emerald Society. The site is still being tinkered with, but we should have all the bugs out of it soon. For those who are interested in joining the Emerald Society or current members who want to find out what's going on please go to www.sfemeraldsociety.org.

San Francisco Bay Area Law Enforcement Emerald Society

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Honoring

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And

Jim Fogarty

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Friday, May 2, 2008

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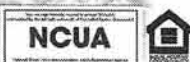
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*The National Latino Peace Officers Association
San Francisco Metro Chapter
Presents*

The Annual Scholarship And Toy Drive Dinner Dance

When: Saturday, June 14, 2008

6:00 p.m. No-Host Cocktails

7:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner catered by
"Los Jarritos"

9:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. Dancing

Where: Treasure Island, Casa De La Vista

Price: \$45.00 Per Person (tickets on sale mid-March)

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Proceeds to benefit the LPOA Youth Scholarship Fund and Christmas Toy Giveaway. For scholarship application, please contact Hector Basurto at 415-420-5206 or email lpoasf@yahoo.com. Call Maria Oropeza at 415-269-4483 for further info.





St. Patrick's Day Parade

All S.F.P.D. members are invited and encouraged to participate in the St Paddy's Day Parade. This is the 156th Anniversary of the St Patrick's Day Parade in San Francisco. Let's continue this fine tradition with a good showing of members.

When: Saturday 03-15-08

Where: Market St/2nd St @ 1100 Hours

Class A uniform for all non-commissioned officers and
Class AA uniform for all commissioned officers.
Gore-Tex jackets if rain is imminent.

*There will be a hosted reception for all uniform
S.F.P.D. & Emerald Society members and their
families at the conclusion of the parade.*

**Contact Marty Halloran for tickets to the reception.
(POA) 861-5060 #14 or (pg) 804-3662.**

No Ticket! No Entry! No Exception!

The Emerald Society


*By Ed Carew Central Station
Emerald Society President*

Calling all Irish, and those who want to be Irish for a day. The 156th St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Saturday, March 15th, 2008. I am encouraging everyone to march in this year's parade. Last year we had a small turn out, and as a result the Fire Department finished ahead of us in the judges voting. This is unacceptable! We will be having a party after the parade for all uniform officers and their families. The location for the party will be disclosed at a later date. We will also be announcing our Officer and Citizen of the year at the parade.

For Emerald Society members who need to update their dues, you can do so by mailing \$20.00 with your updated information to P.O. Box 355, 236 West Portal Avenue, San Francisco, California 94127. You can also renew your dues the day of the Parade at the party. A \$20.00 donation is requested for members and their immediate families attending the party. We will also have flyers posted at the stations with information about the St. Patrick's Day events.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the parade showing your Irish Pride!

Erin go Bragh



The Hebel Economic Forecast For 2008

By Mike Hebel,
Certified Financial Planner to the Stars

- Dow Jones Industrial Average range: 12,125 to 13,800, with much volatility
- Inflation (CPI): easing to 3.1%
- Real growth of domestic production (GDP): slowing to 1.7 %
- Price of barrel of crude oil: \$103
- Average yield on money market funds: 2.5%
- Unemployment: 4.9 %
- 30 year fixed rate mortgage: 6.4 %
- 10 year treasury notes yield: 3.7 %
- Interest rate trend: continuing downward adjustments
- Increase in S&P 500 corporate earnings: 5.5%
- Expected real, total return on equities: 5.5% to 7% over next 5 years

Volatility returned with a vengeance last year and has continued into 2008 giving bulls and bears alike the opportunity to celebrate. The BRIC (Brazil, Russia, China, and India) countries expanded, oil prices shot over \$100 a barrel, the housing boom went bust with ugly consequences for holders of mortgage-related debt, big banks took huge write offs while the Fed chopped rates, and the stock market retreated from an October 9 peak of 14,164.50 (Dow Jones Industrial average). The U.S. economy sure took a punch in 2007: the worst real estate crash since the Great Depression; oil prices up from \$50 to over \$100; a subprime mortgage mess metastasizing into a full-blown credit crisis; and banks swallowing billions in losses and cutting back on loans. And the economy is either now in recession or darn near. The specter of stagflation – recession combined with high inflation – looms over the U.S. economy for the first time since the 1970's. Despite this gargantuan tub of bad news, for 2007 the DJI was up 8.9%, the S&P 500 up 5.5%, and the NASDAQ 9.8% for the year.

But I believe that this is a great time for an individual investor – if your attitude is that the market is here to serve you, not to guide you. As a long term investor, I am looking to buy assets cheap. I have noted that some of the great fortunes made in the last 200 – 300 years, were made in times like now – when the U.S. is at or about recession. This is a real-estate driven downturn which usually takes longer to unwind than those caused by financial assets. I am looking to own the best businesses with the highest quality at the best prices. These will be the first to rally. Savvy investors have historically looked to recessions and downturns as opportunities. This is a great time to pick from among the merchandise to select great long-term businesses. You just don't get these opportunities that often.

What's New With Deferred Compensation

Leadership Award

Our Deferred Compensation Plan received a 2007 "Leadership Recognition Award" for outstanding achievement in the field of government defined contribution administration. The award was given by the prestigious National Association of Government Defined Contribution Administrators. The award was received by Carol Cypert, our CCSF deferred compensation manager. Carol was given the award in September 2007 in Palm Springs. Our deferred compensation plan was singled out from amongst over 1,000 nation-wide public plans. Good job Carol!

RFP's For New Deferred Compensation Contract

The CCSF current 5 year deferred compensation contract with ING will expire in February 2009. Requests for proposals (RFP) will soon issue asking those interested in the business to respond. And the competition will be fierce since our plan now exceeds \$1.6 billion in assets. I expect bids from Citistreet, Great West, Valic, ICMA, Nationwide, and Hartford in addition to our current provider – ING.

I hope and trust that the RFP will prohibit market value adjustments and contingent deferred sales charges. I hope the RFP process will evaluate our current "Morningstar grid" system of boxes to determine if that remains the best offerings for participants. And I hope the RFP process will consider alternative asset classes such as: precious metals, basic materials, energy, and agriculture.

Importantly, the RFP process will give our Deferred Compensation consultants an opportunity to examine the current 3 Lifestyle Portfolios (long, mid, and short term) and determine if the participants would be better served with 3 or more Target Date Portfolios. With lifestyle portfolios a participant needs to consider/make 3 decisions; target date portfolios are one decision and therefore simpler to execute. Target date funds simplify long-term investing. Choose the year you wish to begin plan distribution, and then pick the fund with the date closest to your target. These funds include a mix of domestic stocks, emerging-markets, international, real estate, bonds, alternative assets, and cash equivalents. The funds become more conservative in their investment process as the target date approaches.

Target date funds are bound to rise thanks to a recent ruling by the U.S. Department of Labor that placed target funds on the shortlist of approved default investments in employer-sponsored retirement plans. These funds are designed to provide a one-stop portfolio for an individual's entire financial portfolio for retirement. They are designed to be a complete all-in-one investment. Excellent, low-fee, target date funds are now offered by Fidelity, T. Rowe Price and Vanguard.

While ING's three lifestyle funds have served participants well, I believe that target date funds would do a better job at simplifying a participant's investment decisions.



On a recent trip to Scotland, Mike and Gity Hebel visited the Canongate Church in Edinburgh. In the rear of the Church there is a graveyard with the final resting place of economist-philosopher Adam Smith (1723-1790). He is considered the father of modern economics and was the first comprehensive expounder of capitalism. His 1776 book *The Wealth of Nations* ushered in the modern era of free-market economics. This book is considered the capitalist's Bible. His is a book that changed the world.

Recently, *Money Magazine*, as part of its 35th year celebration, asked prominent individuals for a forecast of their financial future. John Bogle (founder of the Vanguard mutual fund family that introduced the first index mutual fund) said: "Thirty-five years from now, the way we put our money to work will be radically different. We'll learn from experience to focus on the wisdom of investment rather than today's foolish (and costly) focus on the folly of speculation. Most of us will hold a diversified portfolio of corporations for the long term...Look for the Dow Jones Average to reach around 70,000 in 2042 – but realize that's only about 28,000 in today's purchasing power, a modest double. As the economies of China, India, and Southeast Asia surge, the U.S. share of the value of the world stock market, now nearly 50 percent, will decline to 25 percent. That means your investment portfolio will no longer be largely local, but truly global."

The Hebel maxim:

There is no safe, quick and easy way to build wealth. A firm commitment to a well conceived long term investment strategy using a well diversified portfolio is required to accumulate wealth over time. This endeavor is best viewed as a marathon rather than a 100 yard sprint. Within the context of alternating bull and bear markets, the main long term forces of the market have historically favored the bull.

The Tale Of The Early Investor vs: The Late Investor

It's better to be early than to be smart in investing. That's the conclusion of a recent study by Neuberger and Berman Management, a mutual fund firm. Neuberger and Berman calculated the results that would have been achieved by two hypothetical investors in the stock market following two different strategies.

One investor, Early Bird, invested \$20,000 via 10 annual \$2,000 purchases from 1967 to 1976. Early Bird's timing was terrible, since she invested her \$2,000 every year at the market's high. In other words, her market timing was the absolute worst it could be.

The other investor, Late Bird, put up \$40,000 in 20 annual increments of \$2,000 each from 1976 to 1995. Late Bird was also a better market timer. Indeed, his annual \$2,000 was invested at the market's low point every year for a perfect 20-year timing record.

So which bird had the bigger nest egg at the end of 1995 (using the Standard and Poor's 500 as a yardstick)? Surprisingly, Early Bird's portfolio had a value of approximately \$320,000 compared with Late Bird's \$270,000.

The Investment Moral: It's hard to overstate the importance of time in an investment program. Even with investing twice as much and having perfect timing each year for 20 years, Late Bird came out in the short end because of a later start.

City and County of San Francisco
457 Deferred Compensation Plan

Plan Assets by Investment Option

Options	Assets as of 12/31/07	Percentage of Total
SFDCP Stable Value Portfolio	\$ 572,895,565.86	34.02%
SFDCP Large Cap Growth Equity Portfolio	\$ 280,820,636.15	16.67%
SFDCP Mid Term Portfolio	\$ 218,943,125.89	13.00%
SFDCP International Equity Portfolio	\$ 161,534,577.13	9.59%
SFDCP Large Cap Core Equity – S&P 500 Index	\$ 99,507,731.15	5.91%
SFDCP Long Term Portfolio	\$ 74,568,692.21	4.43%
SFDCP Mid Cap Core Equity Portfolio	\$ 51,402,055.22	3.05%
SFDCP Core Bond Portfolio	\$ 44,023,625.93	2.61%
SFDCP Small Cap Value Equity Portfolio	\$ 36,196,508.22	2.15%
SFDCP Large Cap Core Equity-Active Portfolio	\$ 30,608,491.27	1.82%
SFDCP Large Cap Value Equity Portfolio	\$ 26,122,197.21	1.55%
SFDCP Mid Cap Value Equity Portfolio	\$ 19,213,592.88	1.14%
SFDCP Small Cap Growth Equity Portfolio	\$ 17,932,804.51	1.06%
SFDCP Near Term Portfolio	\$ 12,662,163.56	0.75%
AmeriTrade-Self Directed Brokerage Account	\$ 11,122,807.23	0.66%
SFDCP Real Estate Portfolio	\$ 10,367,819.04	0.62%
SFDCP Large Cap Social Equity Portfolio	\$ 6,013,593.61	0.36%
SFDCP Mid Cap Growth Equity Portfolio	\$ 5,389,805.75	0.32%
SFDCP Small Cap Core Equity Portfolio	\$ 4,884,229.22	0.29%
Total Plan Balance	\$1,684,210,113.04	100.00%

Active Participation by Department
(as of December 31, 2007)

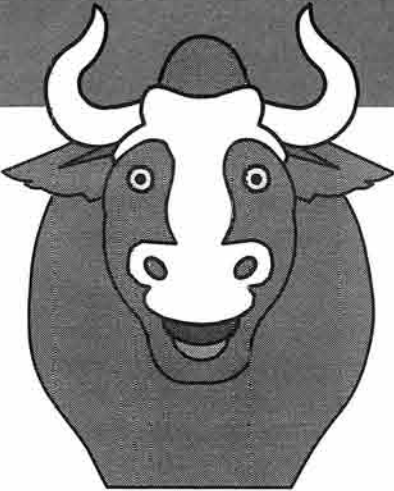
Community Health.....	2,815
Police	1,931
Muni Railway	1,744
Fire.....	1,289
Human Services.....	1,001
Dept. of Public Health.....	811
Airport.....	677
Public Works.....	614
Sheriff	493
P.U.C.	454

Number of Funds Utilized per Participant
(as of December 31, 2007)

# of funds	# of participants	percent
One.....	8,287.....	35.30%
Two.....	3,,931.....	16.74%
Three	3,534.....	15.05%
Four	2,897.....	12.34%%
Five.....	1,872.....	7.97%
Six.....	1,244.....	5.30%
Seven	791.....	3.37%
Eight.....	403.....	1.72%
Nine.....	225.....	0.96%
Ten or more.....	293.....	1.25%

Participants with an account balance as of 12/31/07 = 23,477

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Age 50 and over in 2008:
additional \$5,000
Accumulated lump sum
payments in last year of service
Catch up provision for 2008:
\$31,000

Calendar Year	2007	5yr	10yr/Inception	Total Expenses
Stability of Principal				
Stable Value Portfolio (F)	5.19%	4.80%	5.19%	.79%
Not part of the Separate Account				
Bonds				
Active Fixed Income				
Core Bond Portfolio	9.05%	5.31%	6.73%	.43%
Asset Allocation				
Lifestyle/Asset Allocation				
Long Term Portfolio	11.53%	–	14.32%	.64%
Mid Term Portfolio	10.17%	–	11.77%	.64%
Near Term Portfolio	8.85%	–	8.12%	.59%
Large Cap Value				
Large Blend				
Large Cap Core Equity	5.48%	12.82%	5.95%	.05%
Large Value				
Large Cap Value Equity	–	–	-4.33%	.35%
Large Cap Growth				
Large Blend				
Large Cap Core Equity	17.59%	17.91%	10.58%	.66%
Large Growth				
Large Cap Growth Equity	10.41%	–	13.79%	.72%
Large Cap Social Equity	-2.20%	10.21%	-0.49%	.12%
Small/Mid/Specialty				
Mid-Cap Blend				
Mid Cap Core Equity	15.63%	21.70%	18.99%	.68%
Mid-Cap Growth				
Mid Cap Growth Equity	7.70%	19.79%	13.45%	.75%
Mid-Cap Value				
Mid Cap Value Equity	10.50%	22.66%	15.35%	1.20%
Small Blend				
Small Cap Core Equity	2.73%	–	9.39%	.59%
Small Growth				
Small Cap Growth Equity	3.77%	14.60%	12.33%	.38%
Small Value				
Small Cap Value Equity	.52%	18.90%	11.58%	.80%
Specialty – Real Estate				
Real Estate Portfolio	-16.63%	20.81%	12.17%	.87%
Global/International				
Foreign Stock				
Int. Equity Portfolio	18.87%	22.75%	12.07%	.87%

Miranda Investment Warning: Past performance cannot guarantee future results.

Part Seven

History of the Chinatown Squad: The Sack

By Kevin Mullen, Deputy Chief
Retired

George Burns, in *Gracie* — his tribute to his San Francisco-born wife, Gracie Allen — mentions that Gracie's uncle by marriage was "Papa [Martin] Burke... a very wealthy chief of police. 'If I had ever asked Gracie,' Burns writes, 'if that was redundant, she would have told me, No, silly, that was his job.' Burns makes his joke in a typical Burns and Allen exchange — and adds to the widespread stereotype of police officers as somehow inherently corrupt.

Actually, Burke was a bad choice for Burns' humor. Compared to the standards of the time Burke seems to have been something of a bright spot in terms of professional propriety. And he had ample time to create a fortune by other means. Half of his life still lay ahead of him when he retired in 1866 and went into the real estate business where he made a great success. He died in Los Gatos in 1906 at the age of 95.

That said, it seems to be part of the human condition that governmental functionaries everywhere, if left to their own devices, will soon figure out a way to exact "contributions" from those under their regulation, to grease the wheels of government as it were. In Mexico, it is *mordida* (the little bite); in Arabic countries it's *baksheesh*; and in Chinese treaty ports it was *cumshaw*. In nineteenth century San Francisco it was "the sack" for the metaphorical receptacle into which graft collections were accumulated.

From very early on in the history of the police department, frequent rumors were heard about irregularities in the relationship between the police and Chinese vice operators. On the occasion of an 1856 raid on a gambling house, the *San Francisco Bulletin* offered an explanation of how the gamblers protected themselves from prosecution. "They [the gamblers] have one or more American citizens supposed to be acquainted with law and police matters who look out for them, and in consideration of services, receive a weekly stipend, which the Chinese gambling operators are very willing to pay. It seems to be a matter of mutual benefit, or value received on both sides."

Twenty years later it was more or less an open secret that there was graft in Chinatown. A testimonial from the Six Companies to President U. S. Grant in 1876 at the time of the congressional investigation into Chinatown claimed "If officers would refuse bribes, these unprincipled men [the vice operators] could no longer purchase immunity from the punishment of their crimes."

In its criticism of the special police system that same year Thistleton's muckraking *Jolly Giant* claimed that there had always been a secret understanding between the Chinese special police and the police chief and police court judge. If ever an officer made himself useful by raiding gamblers or prostitutes, said Thistleton, he would be moved to another beat. One witness in 1876 testified that fan tan operators paid the police \$5 a month, and lottery operators \$8, for the privilege of keeping their businesses open.

That's what lay behind the provisions of the 1878 law reorganizing the police department. The Chinatown specials were abolished to get rid of

their part of the problem. And to diminish the temptation for regular officers it was ordered that members of the Chinatown Squad be rotated every few months. It didn't work.

On April 16, 1894, seemingly out of nowhere, Chief Patrick Crowley recommended to the Police Commission that they summarily dismiss Chief Clerk William E. Hall and three patrolmen members of the Chinatown Squad. The Commission promptly complied. In response to press inquiries about the dismissal of his chief deputy, Chief Crowley said he didn't have to give any reason beyond the fact that "we just don't want him," but the contemporaneous summary dismissal of members the Chinatown Squad intimidated strongly that things were not as they should be in Chinatown. (Chief Crowley was quoted as saying that he would rather fire a man incorrectly than permit an officer he believed to be dishonest on the force.)



7.1 William E. Hall was appointed to the Police department in 1878 and in 1879 was made assistant to Clerk of the Chief of Police, Alfred Nobby Clarke. The clerk's position was somewhat akin to that of an executive officer in the military. He managed the day-to-day affairs in the Chief's office which included assigning criminal cases to detectives for investigation at the chief's behest and, significantly, the assignment of raiding missions to officers of the Chinatown Squad. Upon Clarke's retirement in 1887 Hall was promoted to the Clerk's position

Because the chief and commission were less than fully forthcoming about the specific charges against the officers, the press was left to speculate about exactly what had occurred. It soon came out that the investigation had been ongoing for some time. The *Chronicle* opined that the dismissals were the first step in breaking up a corrupt ring in the police department that had been operating for a long time. According to one account, the lid blew when "Big Jim," a notorious Chinatown gambler, had gone to the Chief openly a few weeks earlier figuring he was in on the deal, and tried to discuss graft with him. Another version had it that the chief had overheard "Big Jim" berating Detective Christopher Cox for not getting the exemptions from the vice enforcement that he had paid for.

The story inside the department was that Henry Robinson, who had recently been appointed Sergeant and assigned to head the Chinatown Squad, blew the whistle about what was going on there. By all reports,

Chief Crowley was astounded by what he discovered. He said that he had thought the rotational system had been working just fine. When he got wind of the corruption, the chief contracted with the Pinkerton Detective Agency to have its operatives investigate and report, not just on Chinatown but on other vice districts in the city as well. The chief was so upset by the revelations that he became physically ill and was restricted to his home. The results of the Pinkerton investigation led to the dismissal of Hall and the other officers.

On the theory that the best defense is a good offense Hall said that he was fired because he had complained too much to the chief about corruption in Chinatown. He said that when Robinson had made sergeant a month earlier, he had been the one to approach Hall with an offer to make some money together. Crowley wasn't buying that one.

It's difficult to see how the Chief and Commission didn't have an inkling that something was going on. There had been some tell tale incidents in the past which must have aroused suspicion. In 1889 Sergeant George Gano had been indicted by the grand jury and dismissed from the department for taking bribes from Chinatown gamblers. Maybe the fact that other members of the squad had denounced him as a "hog" had something to do with his downfall.

There were other suspicious incidents. In 1892 Chief Crowley walked in on Corporal William Nelson who at the moment was berating clerk Hall about Sergeant Price and Sergeant John Spillane taking money from Chinese gamblers. When Hall noticed the chief's presence, he clammed up. An investigation was mounted with Commissioner Richard Hammond promising that the Commission would get to the bottom of the matter. But Nelson left town and was formally dismissed from the department the following year.

When the scandal blew up in 1894 several officers and sergeants who had been dismissed from the department in preceding months and years came forward and reported how their departures from office were engineered by Hall because they would not participate in the bribery scheme. One of the officers was William Donnelan who had been dismissed the previous

August. He said that he was downed because he wouldn't cooperate with Hall. "Whenever a raid was ordered," reported Donnelan, "Hall would delay the order until he could send word to the sergeant. . . ." If the sergeant could not be found, word would be given to Lee Yung at the tailor shop at 813 Washington Street. Hall seems to have had inordinate control over who was fired and who was retained.

The managerial climate in the department at the time can perhaps best be viewed in the career of Arthur "Nobby" Clarke, Hall's predecessor as chief clerk. No formal charges of Chinatown graft were ever lodged against Clarke but it is clear from the events surrounding his tenure that at the very least he was pulling the wool over the chief's eyes, and from the office right next door. Clarke was appointed to the department in 1856. He studied law while he worked the streets, earning a law degree and the sobriquet "Counselor Clarke." He was appointed Chief's Clerk in 1868 during Crowley's first tour as chief.

He survived the departmental turn-overs in the 1870s and was there waiting when Crowley returned in 1879. It was well known at the time that Clarke ran an extensive loan shark operation in the office next to the Chief. He would loan officers money at 5 percent monthly interest and each payday his office was inundated with officers making their payments. The proximity of his operation to the Chief's office forces one to wonder what the chief knew and when he knew it. Clarke retired suddenly in 1887 due to some irregularities with the budget for the police telegraph system. His assistant, William Hall, was appointed to replace him at that time, and picked up the responsibility for assigning cases to detectives and ordering raids on vice operations.

As the investigation proceeded, daily revelations showed how the long-suspected graft system worked in practice. There were three "sacks," according to one report: one for white gambling, one for Chinese gambling, and one for the "fallen sisterhood." Chinatown was purportedly broken up into five divisions headed by Chinese vice lords who would collect from prostitutes, gamblers and brothels according to a fixed schedule. The sack, amounting to \$1000 weekly by some estimates, would be turned over to



Arthur "Nobby" Clarke's 40 room "retirement house" on the 200 block of Douglass where it can still be seen.

the Chinatown Squad Sergeant who would then dole it out: \$50 to each of the patrolmen on the squad, \$300 to the sergeant, and \$500 to chief clerk Hall, of which, it was rumored, some portion supposedly went to someone higher up.

A week after Hall's dismissal the commission met again and that time dismissed fourteen more officers: three sergeants, two detectives and nine patrolmen. Two of the sergeants (Josiah Johns and Charles Witham) had recently been in charge of the Chinatown Squad and one (William

tury, the departmental response to the scandal appears to be more like damage control than an honest investigation to get at the truth. In light of all the press furor, the grand jury expressed interest in conducting an investigation of its own with a view to issuing indictments for criminal offenses. Chief Crowley was still too ill to appear but Captain of Detectives Isaiah Lees went in his stead. Lees told the jurors that while there was enough evidence to indict Hall there was not enough to sustain convictions against the other officers. He told the jury further that to

bling enforcement in Chinatown was not to completely extirpate it but to keep it from being open to everyone. There were also suggestions that Esola was altogether too close to the editor of the *Examiner* who often accompanied him on raids bringing along an artist.

In 1895 — in part because of the revelations of the 1894 scandal, the department was reorganized. The rank of lieutenant was created to place somebody between the captains and sergeants, presumably to provide a level of supervision closer to the level of execution. Captain Douglas, now 70 years of age and Captain John Short (89) two of the three patrol captains, were retired. No stigma had been attached to them in the scandal, although it does seem, by today's standards at least, that they were both less than totally vigilant about what was going on in their districts.

To replace them, the police commission promoted George Robinson, for his now-acknowledged efforts during the graft scandal. The other captaincy went to, of all people, John Spillane. In the end, the whistle-blower's mantle did not rest easily on Captain Robin-

son. In 1898, after receiving part of an inheritance from his father, but a few years short of his earliest retirement date, he resigned from the department. He had been shunned by his former fellows, it was said.

As for William Hall, at the time of his dismissal he looked forward to a full hearing before the Commission at which, he promised, he would be totally vindicated. There was not to be any investigation of his claims and in the end he went quietly. He died in San Francisco in 1937 at the age 91, just as the Atherton Investigation, a major police corruption scandal of that era, was breaking in the press. There was no mention of Hall's 1894 troubles in the glowing obituary published at his death.

Retired deputy chief Kevin J. Mullen has written several books on the city's criminal justice history. As he proceeds with this effort, he solicits input from anyone with any knowledge of the Chinatown Squad's history, in its historic form, or more recently, in its modern incarnation as a section of the Gang Task Force. Mullen can be reached at (415)883-0217 or KM870@aol.com. Comments and criticism are welcome.

When asked about the move, Commissioners Tobin and Alvord said that the purpose of gambling enforcement in Chinatown was not to completely extirpate it but to keep it from being open to everyone.

Coles) had been assigned South of Market, where gambling parlors had also been found to flourish. Detective Christopher Cox, who had served continuously in Chinatown for twenty years, and Detective William Glennon were also dismissed, not for any specific corruption but for not noticing what was going on all around them. Several of the dismissed officers had been assigned to Sergeant Witham's squad in Chinatown and others had been on the bunco and faro details.

One name noticeably absent from those dismissed was that of Sergeant John Spillane. Spillane had been the Squad's leader just before Sergeant Robinson took over and the scandal broke. Spillane's patrolmen had all been dismissed in the first cut. There was widespread press speculation that Spillane was sure to be next. But that did not happen. It turned out that years earlier, while on duty with the army in the Presidio, Spillane had taken care of the horse of a relative for Police Commissioner William Alvord and that is what saved him. Alvord importuned Commission President Richard Tobin, and Spillane was spared. There would be much press speculation over the next several weeks but as things turned out that was the end of the formal disciplinary action.

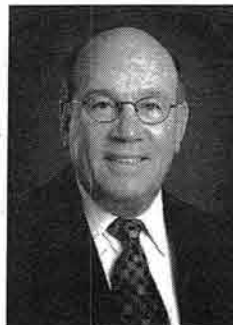
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reveal the department's investigative methods at that time would jeopardize ongoing sensitive investigations. This ends the Grand Jury's involvement in the affair. Similarly, a suggestion that the city empanel a Lexrow Committee, like the one which had famously uncovered widespread corruption in the New York police department the year before, was met with a stony silence.

The "investigation" continued but everything thereafter went downhill. Sergeant Robinson asked to be relieved from Chinatown duty in May, after only one month in service there. Newly minted Sergeant Frederick Esola was assigned to replace him. His tenure was to be short as well. With a squad of "stout young native sons," Esola set about wrecking the gambling halls in Chinatown. He added a new touch to the proceedings. After making arrests Esola would dismantle the heavy interior and exterior doors which impeded police access to the premises. The complaints — and \$125,000 worth of lawsuits — soon came in, not from just the gamblers but from Chinese merchants as well.

On Commissioner Tobin's orders, Chief Crowley removed Esola from the Chinatown Squad within a few weeks of his appointment. When asked about the move, Commissioners Tobin and Alvord said that the purpose of gam-

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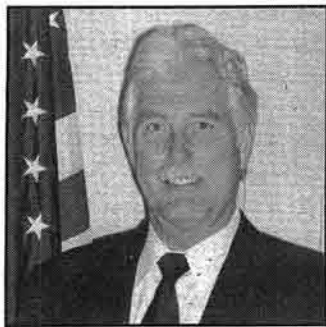
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PUTTING FIRST RESPONDERS AND THEIR FAMILIES FIRST

The following article was written by Mr. Alan Reiss of United Estate Planning / Estate Planning Advisors. I met with Mr. Reiss on Monday, February 11, 2008 at the POA Building and we discussed the important merits of estate planning. Mr. Reiss has been a trust counselor with United Estate Planning for the past twelve years and has provided services for some of our members. Mr. Reiss has offered his services to our general membership and has agreed to conduct a Living Trust Seminar at the POA Building on Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at 1000, 1400, 1700 and 2000 hours. The seminar will last approximately 45 minutes and afterwards, Mr. Reiss will more than happy to address any and all questions and inquiries you may have.

If you have immediate concerns regarding Living Trusts or Estate Planning, Mr. Alan Reiss can be reached at "Estate Planning Advisors", 1479 South Beverly Drive #302, Los Angeles Ca. 90035 or through his office telephone number, 310-849-3410 or 310-551-1864. Mr. Reiss's e-mail contact is areiss@ca.rr.com. Mr. Reiss has provided a brochure entitled, "Understanding Living Trusts", "How you can avoid probate, save taxes and more." Copies of these brochures can be picked up on the second floor of the POA Building. -- Kevin Martin

Protecting Your Assets

By Alan Reiss
United Estate Planning
Submitted to the Journal
by Kevin Martin

George and Roberta had each been married before and had young children from their first marriages. When they married, they considered it as a fresh start as one family. They put all of their assets in both their names (joint ownership) with the intention that when they died, all the children would receive an equal share. They did not have wills because they thought joint ownership would serve the same purpose.

When George died, everything went to Roberta and she continued to raise and care for all of the children. When Roberta died many years later, her assets went through probate. But because she did not have a will, under the laws of probate Roberta's property could only be distributed to her surviving blood children. Since George's children had not been legally adopted by Roberta, they received nothing. Even though George and Roberta thought tall of the children being their own, the probate laws did not. Because they relied on joint ownership, they unknowingly disinherited George's children.

What is estate planning? When a person dies owning property, that property has to go to someone. Any competent adult can arrange his or her own affairs to choose who gets what. The process of making those decisions is a minimal definition of estate planning. A good estate plan provides a legal and practical method to dispose of your property after death in a way that acknowledges your wishes and the needs of your survivors but minimizes taxes.

For many people, an important part of estate planning is putting into a

legal document their wishes for their underage children or grandchildren, in case both parents die prematurely. This includes the choice of a guardian, guidance as to how the children should be cared for, and how funds designated for their benefit should be managed and distributed. Of increasing importance to parents in recent years is providing for the special needs of a disabled adult child.

The most important element of our definition of estate planning for almost every client we have met with over the past many years is control. Your ability to keep control in your estate planning efforts will manifest itself in many ways. If you give up control by choosing not to have a living trust, you will still have an estate plan, but not one that will be to your liking.

If you should become incapacitated without formulating a plan for that contingency, there is nevertheless, an entire set of state laws that directs how you and your assets will be cared for. If you die without a formal plan, there is yet another whole set of laws that direct how your property will be gathered up, inventoried, valued and distributed.

The state's control also extends to other aspects of your planning. For example, the joint tenancy property that you own with your spouse or someone else may be tied up in the courts for both you and your other joint tenant if one of you becomes incapacitated. It would be forever lost to your wishes on your death.

People don't plan to fail, they fail to plan.

Although George and Roberta considered all the children their own, the probate laws did not. Because they relied on joint ownership, they unknowingly disinherited George's children.

Pulmonary Armageddon

By Ben Dorcy
Trainer, Educator
SF Police Academy

Two viral attacks to the lungs and one large case of denial landed me kicking and screaming in the Emergency Room. My symptoms seemed to be a bad chest cold with the nonstop cough that so many people are enduring this season. The ER x-ray required a more meaningful examination and revealed some pretty serious conditions. Big mistake their asking me if I wanted to go into the hospital or treat myself at home. I chose home, of course.

Ten days later, I was admitted to the hospital, attended to by three specialists and three interns, who spent considerable mental energy and time figuring how, why and what kind of treatment I needed.

I have been in medicine most of my life and now have to admit I was as naïve as a baby when it came to my expectations regarding the practical application of medical care in our hospitals. This being my first major hospitalization, and hopefully my last, provided me with an education in healthcare responsibility and healthcare communication. Being an educator, I am writing this account to help spare others the possible consequences of turning your healthcare entirely over to a 'system' that is not only over-taxed, but that also relies heavily on software programs and computers for communication which, in the past, was performed face-to-face, voice-to-voice, and even hand-to-hand.

The most important factor for a successful outcome of your hospital stay is not that you have the great doctor who works on all important people, it isn't the reputation of the hospital, it isn't the nursing, it isn't the food. **The most important factor is your immediate healthcare family.** If anyone you know ends up admitted to a hospital, you and their friends and family are crucial elements of their healthcare coordination and the successful outcome of their stay. Those closest to you, family and friends, should make efforts to understand the doctors orders, the medications and dosages prescribed, the intervals of care, and the what to do if's without interfering in the nurse, doctor, patient relationships. I am considering offering a course on how to best accomplish this now necessary extension of medical care.

It was revealed after four days that I was not making progress as fast as the doctor's had hoped. When the doctors reviewed my chart on their morning rounds, it became apparent that their orders were incomplete; there was a lag in updating my data into the computer system. My personal observation of them using the computerized system was some were not as comfortable navigating the computer program as others. Some did not know how to access the information quickly (which is the operating word for doctors) and needed the assistance of the nurse to find information. On the sixth day it was revealed that the pharmacy, all the way downstairs in the hospital, was changing my doses without asking anyone all the way upstairs. The phar-

macy looked at my electronic chart and the dosage request, and reacted, "We are not allowed to dispense that dosage..." Point, click, enter, the pharmacy lowered the dosage prescribed by my physician and delivered the medicine up to the nurse. The pharmacy and nurses relied on computers for the dosage, rather than relying on a communication chain: doctor prescribes-nurse documents-pharmacy dispenses, and last, nurse and pharmacy confirm the doctor's order. There were also several days where, during four-hour long stretches, I was without water.

I kept thinking, *Even a dog gets a water bowl.*

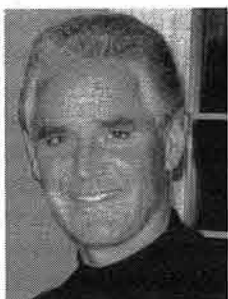
Today's care is heavy on the paperwork, electronic or otherwise (you all should relate to that). Your healthcare professionals rely on digital readouts. Unfortunately, face-to-face, or even voice-to-voice, communication, and hands-on patient care have lost focus to the big bears of data entry, requisite forms and copious documentation (aka, covering one's behind.) I had no idea this was the case. My mother was a nurse. In her day, nursing included back massages, Rx, hydration, updating charts, talking with patients, talking with doctors, with interns and aides...It wasn't entirely necessary to have your family help with your care. The sick and injured were well cared for, on time and on dosage, by doctors and nurses who did not have to rely on computers. Yeah, we were spoiled.

Everything has come full circle. Now that computers and software programs have brought electronic care and communication to the forefront, more than ever a crucial part of the hospital healing process must involve the hands-on, human care that friends and family are uniquely able to provide. Family and friends who care and are involved—a **healthcare family**—could make the difference between a coordinated healthcare plan of action and one that is sporadic and mismanaged, and leaves the patient to languish in the RAM size cracks in the system.

I don't think indicting a hospital or bitching about nurses is going to change the reality of today's status quo. I do think that family and friends need to be aware of their enormous power in helping to coordinate the healthcare and speedy recovery of the person in the hospital bed. Visit them, feed them, know their doses, know their doctors, and ask them questions. Just bringing the patient's personal pillow makes a huge difference in attitude and healing. Get involved (without violating the almighty HIPPA regulations). Remember, one day you may be looking up from that skinny bed thinking, "Damn! They do like me!"

In the end, it was the doctors and nurses and my healthcare family working together that made for a successful outcome. I benefited so much from friends and family who not only paid attention to me but paid attention to my plan of care and even my creature comforts. They know who they are, and I can't thank them enough. Because of their attentions, there were times I felt safe; but more so, because of their attentions, I felt entirely less sick.

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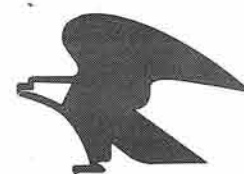
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Dear POA—

On behalf of the O'Malley family, please accept our thanks for the beautiful floral arrangement the SFPOA provided for our brother John's wake and funeral. We also wish to extend our gratitude to the members of the Solo unit for ensuring a safe and grand funeral motorcade from the Church of the Epiphany on to Colma. Our deceased father, Joe O'Malley, was a sergeant at Ingleside, therefore, the SFPD Solo escort had special significance for our entire family.

A special thanks to Captain Greg Corrales and Captain Ron Roth for helping to authorize the Solo unit participation. Also, a special thanks to Lieutenant Bob Armanino for his superb on sight command and to officer Chuck Simpson (cousin) who served as our family liaison to the Solo unit.

Sincerely,
Kevin O'Malley
Frank O'Malley

Dear SFPOA—

Thank you so much for your 2007 donation in the amount of \$250 which we received last week.

In the 38 years since we first opened our doors as a local drug and alcohol treatment center, Walden House has evolved into a national leader in developing strategies to help addicts recover and maintain their lives. Today's Walden House helps treat more than 3,400 men, women, and children daily, offering the challenges, focus, and compassion necessary for people to change their lives and reach their full potential.

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Of course, we couldn't do it without you. Private support from our community is incredibly important to our continued success, and we thank you for your generous donation toward our essential programs. Thank you again for partnering with Walden House as we seek to fulfill our motto: giving hope - changing lives.

Warm Regards,
Rod Libbey, CEO
Walden House

Dear SFPOA—

On behalf of the San Francisco Police Department's Operation Dream, I would like to express our deepest gratitude for your generous donation of \$2,500 to the SFPD Operation Dream Holiday Toy Patrol. Your generosity enabled us to provide over 20,000 toys to families in need throughout San Francisco. It is through your efforts that we are able to bridge the communication gap with the youth of our community in the battle against crime and drugs.

Dear POA—

We are in receipt of your generous contribution to Police/Fire Post #456 of the American Legion. I can not begin to express my appreciation for your gift. Because of you, and others like you, we were again able to bring a little joy and happiness to the lives of our hospitalized veterans. The American Legion looks forward to visiting our oft forgotten, but unsung heroes at the San Francisco Veteran's Hospital every year. Your contribution allowed us to visit with those less fortunate than us, and we provided them a little inspiration and entertainment. We gave each patient a Christmas gift, Christmas card, cookies, \$25.00 and a small token from the branch of service in which they served. We also had Santa and Santa's helper with us to take a Polaroid picture of each veteran with Santa (in the form of Jennifer Forrester and Pat Cadigan). Without your assistance we would not be able to provide this service to our comrades.

We sincerely thank you for allowing us to visit and pay small tribute to those who gave so much for our country. The American Legion appreciates your generosity and wishes all of our brethren in the POA a prosperous and healthy 2008.

Sincerely,
Robert W. Belt
The American Legion
Police/Fire Post #456

Dear POA—

On behalf of the Executive Board and members of the Outer Mission Residents Association (OMRA), we want you to know how thankful and grateful we are to the POA for your generous donation of \$2,000 to OMRA's Angel Wish List. With your donation and the donation of approximately \$2,100 from our members, we were able to give almost all of the "wished" items that the teachers from Guadalupe and Longfellow — Elementary Schools asked (wished) for.

We are very proud of our holiday gesture to the teachers and the children of our community. It is heartwarming to see the large wide eyes of the students and, of course, the teachers during the holiday season. And again, the Police Officers Association was a large part of this year's gift giving. Thank you from OMRA.

Sincerely,
Steven R. Currier
President, OMRA

Dear SFPOA—

On behalf of the Blind Babies Foundation board and staff, I would like to thank you for your generous sponsorship in the amount of

\$2,000 for the Blind Babies Foundation Golf Tournament. We are all grateful for your sponsorship of this year's event which will support the work BBF does to help families with children who are blind or who have visual impairments.

Through home visits and accompaniment on medical appointments, our Vision Impairment Specialists help parents move from crisis to self-sufficiency. We also prepare children for their transition into preschool and kindergarten, train daycare providers to offer appropriate developmental activities and mentor families as they become advocates for their children.

Because of the generous support of people like you, this year's Golf Tournament is sure to be a great success! Once again, thank you for your generous support!

Sincerely,
Julie Bernas-Pierce
Executive Director
Blind Babies Foundation

Dear POA—

Here at Kid Stock we are winding down from yet another fun and fabulous Starlight Celebration. This year's event" great success and that all comes back to the support we have gotten from people like you. We would like to thank you personally, on behalf of all the children that we serve through Kid Stock, for your generous support.

We believe that providing wholesome, joy filled, team building activities for children leads to stronger, healthier communities. We are so glad that you feel as we do, that nurturing children in these positive ways will not only improve their characters, but improve the world in which we all live.

Again, with heartfelt gratitude and warmest regards,

Jane Anne Sullivan
Kid Stock, Inc

Dear POA—

On behalf of all of us at the Chinatown Community Development Center, I am writing to express my appreciation for the generous donation of \$250 given on January 28, 2008 for general operating support.

Chinatown COG achieved much in its 30-year history here in San Francisco and we will continue to build on these achievements. We are excited to announce the near completion of Broadway Family Housing and Parkview Terrace which will add almost 200 units of affordable housing for low-income seniors, families, and homeless seniors in San Francisco. We received over 8,000 applications for Broadway Family Housing which demonstrates the

dire need for safe, affordable housing. Our Tenant Services Division works with all our tenants to ensure they receive the supportive services necessary to enhance the quality of their lives.

Thank you again for your valuable support and we wish the SF Police Officers Association a happy new year!

Sincerely,
Forrest Gok
Chinatown Community
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Dear SFPOA—

Thank you for your \$2,000 donation to the Oakland Military Institute (OMI).

OMI has been successful in providing cadets with an atmosphere where honor, camaraderie, and patriotism are unquestioned values. I know that with the coming years, we will continue to make a difference in the lives of these cadets.

I deeply appreciate your support.

Best regards,
Jerry Brown

Dear Gary,

The Bay Area law Enforcement Assistance Fund (BALEAF) wants to thank you and all the law enforcement officers and their families who bought and sold tickets and attended the Warriors Game against the New Jersey Nets. As you know, BALEAF was one of the organizations that benefited from the proceeds of this game. The money will help other law enforcement officers and their families in the future.

It certainly was an exciting game. I am sure it was enjoyed by everyone. Thanks to all of you, it was a sell out.

Warm regards,
Marilyn Rosekind
President
BALEAF

Dear SFPOA—

San Francisco General Hospital Foundation is thrilled to receive your gift of \$5,000 for HEROES & HEARTS. The event will take place on Valentine's Day - February 14th, 2008 on Union Square. HEROES & HEARTS honors community heroes who have displayed exceptional and inspirational behavior by positively impacting the lives of fellow San Franciscans.

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Sincerely,
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The recent retirement of Officer Danny Wynne #2181 from Central Station brought to mind the following article about the SF Harbor Police written by retired Deputy Chief Kevin Mullen. Officer Wynne was the last person employed by the now defunct SF Harbor Police. Although assigned to Central Station, he retained his civil service Harbor Police classification through to his retirement.

The history of the SF Harbor Police is rich and colorful. In light of Officer Wynne's retirement — which symbolizes the end of an era — and the renovations and development plans that are focused on the waterfront today, I thought it appropriate to reprint this historical account that first appeared in the December 1994 POA Journal.

— Ed.

The Harbor Police

By Kevin Mullen,
Deputy Chief
Retired

The San Francisco Police Commission last night unanimously approved a proposal for a marine patrol unit along the city's waterfront.

— News Item, August 11, 1994

A little piece of San Francisco's maritime history was revived last week when the Police Commission approved police patrols of the harbor. From its founding, San Francisco has been inextricably bound up with its maritime orientation. At the start, the little settlement on Yerba Buena cove, from which the city of San Francisco grew, was established in 1835 to service the needs of visiting merchant vessels.

During the gold rush years, as wharfs extended out over the mudflats fronting Montgomery street, the waterfront provided an irresistible lure to ex-convict Australian boatmen, "Sydney Ducks." The thieves would approach warehouses by boat from under the wharves and attack them from below, out of sight of the authorities. In June 1851, the Vigilance Committee established a water police to search out criminals about and under the wharfs, and to check incoming and outgoing vessels for arriving criminals and escaping fugitives. After the Committee adjourned in September, the idea of a harbor police fell by the wayside.

That's where the issue lay until 1859 when Police Chief Martin Burke asked the Board of Supervisors for four men and a boat to do something about the "crime committed, by means of boats, under and around the streets extending over the water." The ever frugal Board of Supervisors ignored his request. Burke continued to ask for a harbor police, and each year the Board of Supervisors regularly ignored him. In 1863, one supervisor joined the discussion, arguing that an "efficient harbor police would effectually break up 'shanghaeing' (sic) and abate the thefts now practiced on the wharves and on the vessels in the harbor."

The following year, the Board authorized the hiring of nine ad-



SF police boat "The Patrol" circa 1908.

ditional officers and the acquisition of a whitehall boat to form the first regular harbor police in San Francisco. A Harbor Station was established at Davis and Pacific streets in the heart of the waterfront district, and a few years later a substation was opened South of Market at Steuart and Folsom streets. There was plenty to occupy the waterfront officers. Before the construction of the seawall to hold back Bay waters, the underside of the wharves offered a haven for pirates who issued out to prey on bay shipping. In the 1870s an intrepid news reporter entered a cave at Union and Front streets, and made his way at low tide under the piers to Commercial street. "These piers provided a covering for the poor, the criminal and the hunted," wrote Police Chief Henry Ellis. " 'Wharf rats' became the general name for the frequenters of this rendezvous, including children of tender age [sent out as scavengers], hoodlums, and escapees from justice."

In January 1870, while searching for the murderer of six year old Maggie Ryan whose outraged body had been found under the Pacific Wharf, a block

from Harbor Station, officers observed the man to slip under a house on Davis Street. All available officers were dispatched to the waterfront to blanket the area and arrest anyone who came up from under the piers. For the next three hours the man, Charles Quinn, led officers on a chase beneath the wharfs, back and forth through the muddy scum, until finally cornered in a rising tide under the India Dock (between Filbert and Greenwich just east of Battery). Quinn was convicted of second degree murder and sent to San Quentin where he died in 1888.

The usual work of the Harbor Police was more mundane. Some officers were assigned to the Boarding Station at the foot of Powell Street from where they would embark on their open launch to check ships for arriving criminals and departing absconders, and to keep the peace among boarding house runners and boatmen. Others worked on shore, policing the Oakland, Sausalito, and Tiburon ferry docks, keeping order among pugnacious seamen and longshoremen, and controlling the "hack hawks" who preyed on arriving ship's passengers. In 1896 the Steuart Street Station burned and both sections of the Harbor Police were combined in a new station at Sacramento and Drumm, a block from the Ferry Building.

In 1893, Chief Patrick Crowley began asking for a steam launch to patrol the harbor. In his request, the establishment position toward labor relations at the port was made clear. The new boat, he said, would enable the police to protect non-union sailors on the Bay. And for a long time the police were suspiciously incapable of putting an end to the boarding house keepers and runners who made a practice of shanghaiing unwary sailors and landmen.

Finally, in 1908, San Francisco acquired its first motorized police boat, a 50 footer christened the Patrol and berthed at the Mission Wharf. Soon afterward the Patrol figured in a departmental mystery which still tantalizes. Just before midnight on November 30 of the same year, in

the midst of one of the city's periodic civic cleansings, an embattled Police Chief William Biggy disappeared over the side of the launch while returning from a visit to the home of a police commissioner in Marin County. Two weeks later his body was found floating in the Bay, and since then there has been unending speculation about the circumstances of his death.

In 1931 the department replaced the Patrol with a 66 foot, 42 ton, twin 175 horsepower engine motor launch, named the D.A. White after a former chief of police. The new police boat moved to a tonier address at the Yacht Harbor. The next few years were to witness the nadir of the relationship between the police and the workingmen along the front, culminating in the 1934 waterfront strike which resulted in the death by police bullets of two of the strikers. Thereafter, conditions on the waterfront stabilized, even as port business started into a decline from which it has yet to recover.

Gone were the "crimps" and the "hack hawks" who had done so much to enliven the old port, and in 1944, the Harbor Police Station was closed for want of business. The D.A. White continued in service for a few more years but its useful days were apparently over. "The 'White' and her crew appear to be in the category of most emergency equipment," commented a 1948 news account, "not very busy a lot of the time but vitally needed when they are needed." Not vital enough, however, to keep her afloat. She was unfunded in the 1949-50 FY budget.

Now the police commission has reinstituted harbor patrols. It's not likely that the new harbor cops will find many "Sydney Ducks" prowling under the wharves, and there is not much chance of being shanghaied these days, but perhaps the reestablishment of police marine patrols does signal, albeit in a small way, the renewal of interest by San Franciscans in their long tradition of involvement in maritime affairs.

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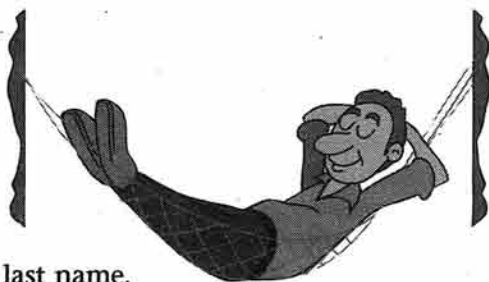
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Retirements

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- Officer Richard Cirimele #4097 from Medical Hold
- Officer Louis Clark #652 from Park Station
- Officer Adrian Lim #1316 from Support Services
- Inspector Robert Mangosing #1445 from Medical Liaison
- Officer William Simms #1471 from Mounted Unit
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Book Reviews

Cypress Grove

By James Sallis

Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

It's always a good feeling to find a really accomplished, exciting writer of crime fiction and I experienced that good feeling recently when I came across James Sallis. Mr. Sallis has written extensively in other fields, such as biographies, music even science, but he has a long list of best-selling novels that are usually set in the South. He has two different series: one a Lew Griffin series which I have yet to read but his most recent group of mystery/crime and just plain good story-telling is based on a former Memphis cop who seems to have only a last name: Turner.

Turner has quite the background: former soldier, former cop, former convict, then psycho-therapist and now, a man wanting to get away from it all. He has found some quiet and solace in a small town setting, the only geographic hint is that it's not Memphis and definitely rural. Sallis has written the book in such a manner that the reader feels time slowing down, people taking their time; nature is felt much more prevalently.

While sharing a bottle of Wild Turkey whiskey, Sheriff Lonnie Bates explains to Turner why he needs his assistance. The police in this neck of the woods aren't used to finding murdered bodies done up in a ritualistic manner but that's just what they have.

Turner never really takes over the entire investigation but prods and plods toward the resolution. The manner in which this all takes place, the language, the pacing, the character revelations is what makes reading this book worth while. Two very nice examples of Sallis's turn of a phrase need to be passed along in this review. Turner's love interest is not some girl fresh off the beach but a mature bright woman, Val Bjorn. While discussing their ages and place in the universe Val says to Turner, "Sometime you just have to see how much music you can make with what you have left." That's a line I wish I had written. Another, but less heady, line is the aging doctor/coroner telling Turner, "Used to be Democrats in these parts. Strange creatures, but they bred well." Bout any direction you looked, that's all you'd see."

Sallis uses shifts in time often to fill the reader in on Turner's previous life. The flash-back style can be irritating and confusing when done by an inexperienced writer but it makes the book move fluidly in Sallis's hands.

One interesting touch was the way Sallis integrates old B-movies and their making into the story line. The old adage about never judging something by what it appears is never more clearly presented.

This book is the first of three Turner-related stories. I'm busy trying to get through them all.

Pope John XXIII

A Penguin Book Life

By Thomas Cahill

Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

The title of this book might turn readers away but let me try to convince you to give it just a bit of your time. Try reading the first 60 pages or so of this biography of one of the most beloved and controversial world leaders of the Twentieth Century, Angelo Guiseppe Roncalli, known better as Pope John XXIII.

There is an entire set of biographies, Penguin Live Series that have made accessible not just stories of famous persons' lives but enlivened the story lines with humor, with education and unique views. This book is no exception. I mention above the first 60 or so pages as those pages are not directed at the life of Angelo Roncalli but at the history of the Catholic Church and the papacy. Those pages are so full of content and so fascinating that I have sent the book to friends, asking them to simply read that part of the book. Cahill may be a Catholic but he is certainly no sycophant. He peppers those first pages with lines such as, "Vatican propaganda notwithstanding, Peter was never Bishop of Rome." And he explains clearly why that statement is true. He painstakingly walks the reader through many centuries of avarice, corruption, greed and power-grubbing that will stand up to scrutiny from any scholar.

Cahill can use language that offends certain readers, particularly those who aren't acquainted with the real world and demand a certain refined style. He doesn't worry about such niceties. He walks into the most contentious of subjects with confidence and, at times,

a necessary roughness. Pope John XXII was preceded by a very controversial pope, Pius XII, has recently been titled "Hitler's Pope," due to his behind-doors arrangements with Hitler. Cahill feels the title is unwarranted but writes that when Pius is compared to John, Pius is but, "a moral pygmy." It is that openness of style that I found refreshing. It didn't hurt that I also agreed with Cahill.

John's remarkable life prepared him for his lasting influence, but quietly. So quietly that he was elected Pope by quarreling Cardinals in hopes that he would sit dumbly while the arch-conservatives re-grouped their tactics. It was believed John would be not much more than a bench warmer. The only part of the conservatives' strategy that proved correct was he was Pope for such a short time: five years. But what an impact those five years had. The Popes who followed have been trying to reverse many of John's changes but it is much like toothpaste; you can't put it back in the tube after squeezing it out, and Catholics world-wide have gained a sense of entitlement.

This is not just a lesson about the Catholic Church, however. The Twentieth Century was filled with war, genocide and holocausts. In the midst of it all was a man who represented the opposite of evil. Toward the end of the book, as John was dying, a woman who worked at the Vatican in the role of a domestic asked a friend of John's, "How did this man ever become Pope? He is too caring, to Christian. How did he ever end up here?" It is much like Cahill. How did we ever get so lucky to have him around?



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PAL CORNER

By Rick Bruce
President, SFPAL

It's opening day, and a young pitcher stands on the infield of Candlestick Park with the rest of the 1981 Giants. As the national anthem begins, a few tears well up in the eyes of the young man, as he thinks about how he is actually living his boyhood dream. Almost three decades have passed, but Fred Breining remembers that day as if it were yesterday.

Fred had the distinction of being raised in the city (attending Holy

Name and A. P. Giannini), signing a professional contract with the Pirates a year after graduating from Lincoln High School, being traded to his hometown team (in the famous Bill Madlock trade) and eventually making it to the big leagues, where he would play for three and half seasons for the San Francisco Giants.

Although Fred played for such notable managers as the legendary Frank Robinson, he still vividly remembers being a young boy in San Francisco and playing for a legendary policeman named Charles Ellis. Fred started playing PAL ball when he was about ten (1965), and played for the PAL throughout his youth. Fred jokingly recalls that Charlie once told him, "you're no pitcher." After graduating from high school, Fred went out for the baseball team at the College of San Mateo, and was unceremoniously "cut" from the squad. Within a year he had been drafted by the Pirates and would sign his first professional contract.

A few years later Fred would actually take the mound at Candlestick Park as a starting pitcher for his hometown Giants. Fred doesn't remember if Charlie

Ellis was there to witness this event, but there's no doubt that by then Charlie had reconsidered his earlier assessment that Fred would never make it as a pitcher.

"Back in the day, everyone in the city played PAL ball," Fred remembers. He said that he spent his youth playing pick-up games all across the Sunset. "We were always playing, we played strikeout, stick ball, stair ball." Fred, like many others from his era, feels that the current generation of video game players is missing out on what he experienced as a youth growing up in 1960's San Francisco. He also dismisses the notion that these video games teach kids hand-eye coordination.

One of Fred's fondest memories from the old days is watching two local pitchers battle for the city high school championship in 1971. Juan Eichelberger and Mike Norris both went on to play professional baseball for many years, and Fred believes that both of these major leaguers also played PAL ball while growing up in the city.

Although I was in the stands at Candlestick on that opening day in 1981, I didn't meet Fred until the mid 90's. I was taking my oldest son to

bat at Terry Whitfield's cages in Burlingame, and Terry suggested that my son start working on his pitching with Fred Breining, who was helping out in the bullpen at Terry's facility. Fred was not only a gifted instructor (actually he still is), he was a patient mentor for my son, and made him not just a more effective pitcher, but a better overall player. My son (now out of college) has very fond memories of the time that he spent in the bullpen with Fred.

The SFPAL is very proud of Fred Breining, and all that he has accomplished both on and off the field.

New Executive Director

Many positive changes have taken place these past three years under the excellent guidance and visionary leadership of our Executive Director, Maureen Carew. Although we are saddened that Maureen is moving on to a new position with the school district, we have every confidence that our new interim ED, Renee Espinoza, will keep the PAL headed in the right direction. Good luck to Maureen in her new position. Welcome aboard to Renee!

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NICK'S NOTES

By Nick Shihadeh,
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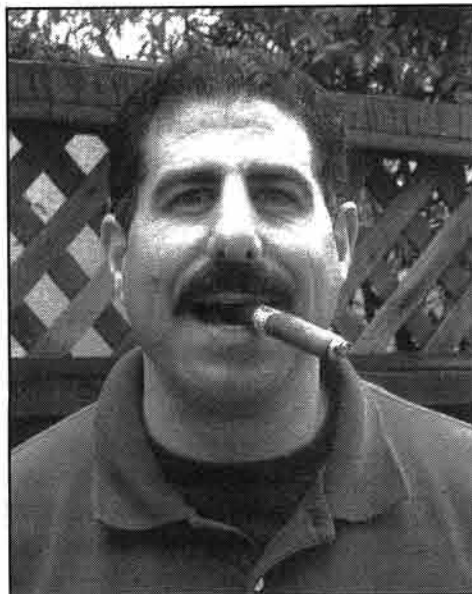
Department Hoops Completes Season

CHECK IT OUT: The department basketball league finished the season on the morning of Tuesday Feb. 26th at Kezar Pavilion. This is when Gang Task Force (GTF) played against Narcotics in the championship game. Before telling what happened in this match-up, I will first briefly describe how those teams got there.

The final standings as shown on this page features the top eight teams making the playoffs. Since Central Station had a tie-breaker over GTF and Northern Station, a game would have to be played to see which team would be the eighth and final seed. In the game between Northern and GTF, GTF pulled off a come-from-behind victory by a score of 54-49. This would allow GTF to go into the first round of the playoffs against the top seeded Daly City PD team.

This game was also won by GTF as they had no problem winning 58-49. Daly City was missing their big man in this game (Garrett Larson) who apparently thought that playing in a volleyball tournament was much more important than a basketball playoff game for his department.

Another first round game featured Narcotics against Bayview Station in which Narcotics would win 55-49. Southern Station would defeat Central Station 54-49 in a game that



went down to the wire, and the last first round game was Inspectors vs SF CHP.

The CHP won this game in overtime 67-62 but it was during regulation that a "non call" would hurt the Inspectors. The CHP's Sean Chase slammed Pat Mullins when Mullins was attempting to get an offensive rebound. Mullins was on the ground waiting for the foul call along with everyone in the building. Apparently the ref didn't feel that he wanted to alter the outcome of the game and didn't make the call; thus, the overtime and victory by CHP. Speaking of the CHP, I want to mention that Tony Tam was an excellent player for them during the season who helped get them to the playoffs.

The second round would have the match-ups of GTF vs Southern and Narcotics vs SF CHP. The GTF/Southern game was an exciting one that featured Carl "Cocktails" Bryant hitting a big three pointer near

the end to tie the game at 61. After a timeout, GTF in bounded at half court and Quoc "Q-Dog" Do would take the ball and drive all the way in for a lay up as time ran out. This 63-61 victory was another example of the underdog GTFers winning against all odds as they had all season long. They were now in the championship game, and this victory was also a showcase as to why Do was awarded the MVP Award along with DCPD's Mike Barton for the season. Congrats to both of these fine co-MVPs. Incidentally, the Rookie-of-the-Year Award went to Ingleside's Albert Johnson. Kudos to him too.

The Narcotics/CHP game was a good one in which the CHP's Rich Lagowski couldn't miss from "three-point land." After leading most of the way, CHP would then experience Narcotics getting hot. Jake Fegan keyed a comeback with the help of Gerry "The Professor" Newbeck, and Narcotics would win the game 69-64. They were now ready for the championship game against GTF.

The championship was a good one that had the two teams knotted up at 27-27 at the half. For GTF, the likes of Kevin Murray along with Do and of course the Jackson duo (Damon and Derrick) did a great job against the tough Narc players of Fegan and Newbeck, along with two other TAC guys that contributed: Damon Kieve and Mark Williams. The Narcotics club was able to go ahead in the second half and stay ahead on their way to 57-46 championship victory, thus interrupting GTF's dream season. Other players that helped Narcotics were: "Big Ed" Del Carlo, Rod "Fitz" Fitzpatrick, Ricky Guerrero, and of course John

Hallisy. The GTF players who also contributed were Kevin "Lab" Labanowski, "Father Kevin" Knoble, Eddie "Muscle shirt" Yu, and don't forget Danny "Dude" Manning.

CONGRATS to Narcotics for this year's championship. A more detailed article by fine Commissioner Alan Honniball along with pics will be in next month's Journal.

Department Softball

The '08 softball season is hopefully scheduled to start the last week of March (Tues. the 25th and Thurs. the 27th), so please stay in contact with the managers running the team for your respective units. We're still using wooden bats along with Blue-Dot softballs so start getting in softball shape. This year I will have help running the league with Matt Rodgers (General Work) and Glenn Ortega (Mission Station) acting as my co-commissioners; so, look to them as well for counsel when needed.

Mixed Martial Arts

Don't forget that the "Erin Go Brawl" set of "ultimate fighting" type of bouts is still scheduled for the night of Sat., March 15th at Kezar Pavilion. The main even is Pat Minihan of San Francisco against Kyle Pimental of Santa Rosa to see who will fight for the Gladiator Challenge in June. Another key match-up is the female fight that is scheduled: Katrina Alendal of San Francisco vs Coleen Schneider of Oakland. Doors open at 5:00pm and the fights begin at 7:30pm. Tickets can be obtained on line through Virtual-BoxOffice.com.

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Inspectors	7	3	.700	1
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Narcotics	5	4	.556	2 ½
SF CHP	5	4	.556	2 ½
Central Station	4	6	.400	4
GTF	4	6	.400	4
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Bay Area Law Enforcement Basketball Tournament

By Alan Honniball (Burglary)
Mike Costello (Central)

On January 24, the Golden State Warriors held a basketball tournament at the Oracle Arena for several local Law Enforcement Agencies. The tournament was played before the actual Warriors game that evening. The participating agencies were: Fremont PD, Richmond PD, Oakland PD/FD, CHP, SFSO, Twin Cities PD and two teams from the SFPD. Fortunately we were able to field two teams when another agency bowed out.

The rules were simple: a 12 minute running clock or the first team to score 22 points wins with double elimination brackets. Members for SFPD were: SFPD #1- Jake Fegan (Narc), Brett Thorpe (SRO), Gerry Newbeck (TAC), Carl Bryant (Southern) and Rob Walker (Southern). SFPD #2 included Erik Solares (Bayview), Wilfred Williams (Bayview), Mike Costello (Central),

Jason Lynch (Northern) and Albert Johnson (Ingleside).

Needless to say the tournament had some very good talent and was a true test for both teams with very successful results. Surprisingly the Final Game pitted SFPD #1 vs SFPD #2.

The first game had SFPD #1 vs CHP. The CHP team had good size and good shooters from the perimeter. But Jake Fegan got hot early and kept it up during the game. It was close for a while, but Jake's shooting and Newbeck's timely drives and defense led SFPD to a win.

SFPD #1 then played Richmond and this was a low scoring game that was defense oriented. Both teams seemed to lose their legs a little in this game as the first games had taken their toll. Newbeck did a great job handling Richmond's pressure defense and Fegan hit a couple of jumpers late to ice the game.

The last bracket then had SFPD #1

play the Twin Cities team that had just beaten the SFPD #2 team. The Marin combo team never had a chance as Carl Bryant and Rob Walker found their touch. Both guys hit big three pointers while Brett Thorpe started to make his presence felt around the basket. Newbeck continued to do a good job of pushing the ball while leading the team to a comfortable victory; and, thus he put them into the Final Game.

SFPD #2 took a longer route to the Final. They opened with Fremont who got out to an early lead but SFPD stayed in the game with the three point shooting of Mike Costello and the penetrating ability of Albert Johnson. Wilfred Williams was huge in this game, with his domination of the boards. The game was won as Costello took a great pass from Williams and hit a three pointer with seconds left on the clock.

SFPD #2 then played their worst game of the day getting soundly beat by the Twin Cities team. SFPD never got into the rhythm and couldn't hit from the outside. As a result, SFPD #2 went into the loser's bracket and faced elimination. They met Oakland who had just beat CHP.

Al Johnson kept SFPD in the game with his shooting and timely drives to the basket. Erik Solares also began to find his range as his shots began to fall. The game went into overtime and was won on a great bank shot by Jason Lynch. After this grueling game, SFPD #2 had a rematch with Fremont.

Trying to avenge an earlier loss, Fremont tried to play physical ball. But with the front court of Lynch,

Williams and Solares, they would have none of that and absolutely dominated the paint. This combined with Johnson's overall game led SFPD to victory.

To get into the Final Game, SFPD #2 had to play Twin Cities PD. They saved their best for last as SFPD got out to an early lead and never lost it. The backcourt of Costello and Johnson could not be stopped and Lynch put the Marin team out of their misery with a nice finish on a well executed fast break.

After a grueling hard fought tournament, it was down to two teams, SFPD #1 vs SFPD #2. Team #2 got out to an early lead on Solares' hot shooting. Williams began to score inside and it looked like they were going to make it four straight victories and the Championship. Fegan finally said to himself that "enough is enough" and got red hot and scored from everywhere on the court. Carl Bryant hit a big three from the corner and Team #1 began to take control. Team #2 threw a late barrage of three pointers but Team #1 held on for a hard fought victory to win the Championship and the Tournament.

Overall, we surprised the other teams as they were at least eight players deep on every team. We had five players on each team and outplayed and out hustled everyone else. Getting a team to the finals was great, but to have your two teams in the Championship Game was tremendous. Congratulations to both teams as we took home the 1st annual Bay Area Law Enforcement Basketball Tournament.

7th Annual Guns And Hoses Charity Tennis Challenge

Saturday, April 26th, 2008, San Francisco Tennis Club

By Robin Matthews
BALEAF Treasurer

Greetings! It's time again for the annual Guns and Hoses Charity Tennis Challenge. This will be the 7th annual event for this fun, and worthy charity. Proceeds from the Tennis Challenge will once again be split between the Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (BALEAF) and the San Francisco Firefighters' Toy Program. This is a fun event for the entire family that pairs up a San Francisco police officer or firefighter with members from the tennis club in a fun, but competitive tennis competition. All players compete at their own level and family members are also welcome to participate.

The event will be held at the San Francisco Tennis Club at 5th Street and Brannan in the City on Saturday, April 26th, 2008. Tennis will be from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. followed by dinner from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. A raffle and silent auction will also be held. Last year's prizes included hotel stays, dinner certificates, Giants and 49'er tickets, wine, events and much, much more, so you won't want to miss it! Player admission fees are only \$100 and includes tennis, dinner, beverages and a t-shirt. Non-player admission is

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We'd like to see a good turnout from the Police Department this year, especially for those playing in the tournament. The Firefighters always have a bit turnout for this event, so it would be great to really be able to give them a run for their money in the tournament this year! Mark the date on your calendar and be prepared to have a great time as we continue this fun tradition between the Police and Fire Department and supporting two fantastic organizations — BALEAF and the S.F. Firefighters' Toy Program.

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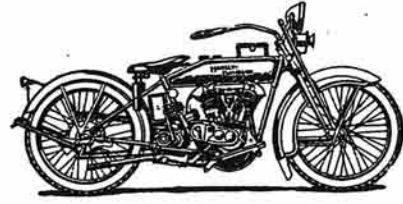

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THE LOONS NEST REPORT

By Ed Garcia,
Co. A

Fontana-Wyman Victorious in Best Ball Championship

Rancho Solano in Solano County was the site of the Loon's 2008 Two-Man, Best Ball Championship and sixty-four players arrived for a fine day of winter golf. Last year the Loons held the Two-Man team event at Roster Run G.C. in Petaluma, as a large field of competitors fought their way through a hurricane with thirty-two teams completing their rounds. This season was quite different, as three dry days followed one of the wettest Januarys in recent history. We found the course well maintained and the huge greens fast and treacherous and no standing water on the course.



were only light variable winds. Over the past twenty-one years the Loons have played twelve tournaments over the Rancho Solano track and we have seen many changes over the last two decades. In our early visits to this course cow pastures on hillsides generally surrounded the property with limited housing. In 2008 we find that the amount of housing has at least quadrupled, although there are still open areas of pastures and cattle that still enjoy the honor of serving as gallery for Loon's action.

As the leaders moved into the back nine holes pressure began to mount. The teams of Tom & Suslow and Wismer & Donnellan took the gas like a couple of Texaco trucks, posting back nine scores of thirty-six and thirty-eight respectively. The team of Fontana & Wyman continued to move smoothly through the back side and avoided posting a team bogey through the entire day, leaving them with a team score of sixty-two. Ching & Landi played a good back side, picking up four additional team birdies, but a team bogey on the 10th hole would leave them one shot off the mark, as they finished with a score of sixty-three.

The team of John "The God Father" Wong and Tim Lee came out of the pack with a backside score of thirty-one. Wong picked up a natural birdie on the par three 12th hole and posted a net score of a single stroke on that hole. The Lee-Wong team added three other team birdies and a final team score of sixty-four. The team of Ahern & Nocetti matched Lee & Wong's sixty-four after they suffered a team bogey on the 18th hole. The Lee & Wong team won the tiebreaker giving them third place, leaving Ahern & Nocetti in fourth place.

Late in the day the team of McMillan & Pearson was cruising smoothly through the 15th hole as they were tied or near the lead through much of the day. McMillan & Pearson ran into team bogies on the 16th & 18th holes leaving them with a team score of sixty-five, which was matched by the Costello Brothers.



Landi, Fontana, Wong and Lee

The Costellos were threatening to take the championship until they ran into team bogies on the 13th & 15th holes. McMillan & Pearson took the tiebreaker for the 5th place trophies.

The Long Drive winner for the event was Ed Markey from South San Francisco P.D. Big Ed drove his ball 287 yards on the uphill 10th hole, a big smash to be sure.

The four Close to the Hole winners were Ed Anzore, Joel Timpano, John Wong & Jim Ahern.

Second place winners were Ed Markey, Harry Pearson and Jim Durham took two 2nd place prizes.

Our next event will be the Spring Championship at Monterey, April 23rd & 24th at Del Monte G.C. and Poppy Hills G.C. This will be the Loon's 16th Monterey adventure since the 1988 bus trip from Northern Station.

Over the years we have played at Poppy Hills, Del Monte, Pacific Grove, Rancho Canada East, Rancho Canada West, Bayonet and Black Horse. The yearly flight of the Loons to the Monterey Peninsula is only rivaled by the return of the monarch butterflies, but we are better tippers!!!

Please send in your paid entries early if you plan to play in this event. See you at Monterey.

Letter to the Sports Editor

Origin of the word "Golf"

Editor —

In February's POA, the Fun Fact section wrote a fact about the origins of the word golf. The article claimed that the word is an acronym for "Gentleman Only, Ladies Forbidden".

Like most modern words, the word "golf" derives from older languages and dialects. In this case, the languages in question are medieval Dutch and old Scots. The medieval Dutch word "kolf" or "kolve" meant "club." It is believed that word passed to the Scots, whose old Scots dialect transformed the word into "golfe," "gowl" or "gouf."

By the 16th Century, the word "golf" had emerged.

Sources: British Golf Museum, USGA Library

Ed Carew
Central Station

Ed — Thanks, for the correction. Duly noted. We were a bit in the rough on that one! — Editor

Loons Nest Scoreboard

Team Best Ball Scores

Wyman-Fontana	62
Landi-Ching	63
Wong-Lee	64
Nocetti-Ahern	64
McMillan-Pearson	65
Costello-Costello	65
Sullivan-Carlson	66
Anzore-Ochoa	67
Vernengo-Sherry	67
Schmolke-Kranci	68
Warnke-Anzore	68
Crenshaw-Peagler	68
Tom-Suslow	68
Wismer-Donnellan	68
Mahoney-Mahoney	69
Fong-Diodati	69
Hanacek-Garcia	70
Edison-Bryne	70
Boyette-Walton	70
Parry-Dalton	70
Ferrando-Markey	70
Tapang-Serna	71
Brown-Bruce	72
Pursley-Enea	74
Barger-Moore	74
Gulbengay-Dougherty	74
Sorgie-Borges	74
Newlin-Johnson	75
Gardner-O'Shea	75
Chang-Lum	76

Long Drive Winner

Ed Markey 287 yards

Close to Hole Winners

Hole #5

1st	Ed Anzore	5'7"
2nd	Jim Durham	8'2"

Hole #8

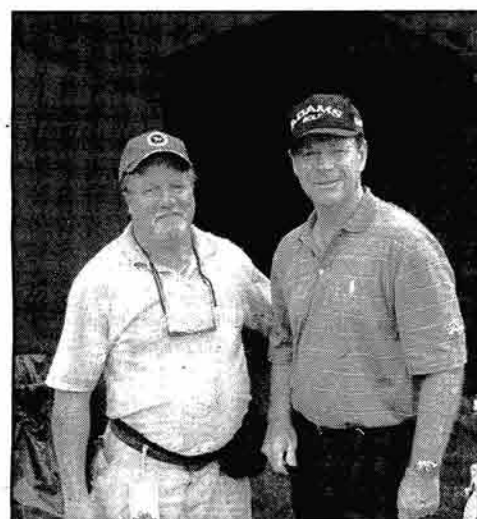
1st	Joel Timpano	14'
2nd	Ed Markey	14'2"

Hole #12

1st	John Wong	9'2"
2nd	Jim Durham	9'3"

Hole #15

1st	Jim Ahern	7'4"
2nd	Harry Pearson	10'10"



John Wyman with Tom Watson substituting for Dave Fontana

The early play brought out some fine scores with eight teams bunched near the top of the leader board. Central Station's Costello Brothers team (Tom & Mike) completed the front side with a team score of thirty strokes. The Traffic Company duo of Steve Landi and Kyle Ching matched the score of thirty along with retired SFPD motorcycle operators John Wyman and Dave Fontana. Earl "The Pearl" Wismer and his partner Bob Donnellan were the fourth team making the turn at thirty strokes.

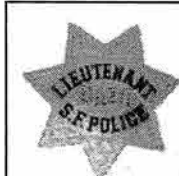
Two teams from Narcotics were close in the hunt, as Darren Nocetti and his partner Jim Ahern fired a front side thirty-one, followed by Bob McMillan & Harry Pearson with a score of thirty-two strokes. Central Station's Ed Anzore and his partner Oscar Ochoa posted a team thirty-two, as did the Richmond Station team of Tom & Suslow.

Clouds came and went through the day as the temperature reached a high of 61 degrees at 1320 hrs. and there

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Thanks,
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Horseshoes	Road Race	Wrestling

The Western States Police and Fire Games began in 1967 as the California Police Olympics. Though the name has changed the Games remain the same. Thousands of competitors from the law enforcement and fire communities participate each year in the Games.

Weekend warrior or hardcore amateur, if you would like more information, go to www.cpaf.org. You will find a complete list of events to be offered in 2008, the rules for competition and eligibility requirements.

Registration for the 2008 Western States police and Fire Games began in February

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

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Close Encounters

By Steve Johnson
SFPOA

Believe it or not, the San Francisco Police Academy was once housed on the 5th Floor of the Hall of Justice in the early 1970s and it was only about 12 weeks long . . . I have a vague recollection of being there.

Anyway — I've heard "rumors" that one of the recruits 'back in the day' was quick-drawing in the locker room and just happened to let a round loose that blew out the full-length mirror we passed by every day. That recruit was immediately brought into the Lieutenant's office at which point the following conversation took place:

Lieutenant: "You have 2 choices."

Recruit: "Yes, sir—and those are?"

Lieutenant: "You either pay for the mirror before you leave today, or I write you up."

\$200.00 was raised by 1700 . . .

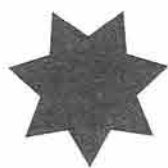
Now, let's see what would happen if the same incident occurred today:

The Chief of Police would have been notified immediately as well as the Deputy Chief of Administration, the Deputy Chief of Field Operations Bureau, the Deputy Chief of Investigations, Commanding Officer of Management Control Division, Officer-in-Charge of General Works, the Office of Citizen Complaints, the District Attorney's Office, Officer-in-Charge of the Police Range, Officer-in-Charge of Crime Scene Investigations, Public Affairs, and maybe, if we're lucky, Behavioral Sciences (that's always hit/miss), oh, and of course, unofficially, Phil Matier. Photos and swabs would be taken, the officer would be whisked away to a separate room where he/she would sit for several hours until everyone in the investigative stage was now working on an overtime basis.

The Public Affairs Officer would then be stuck trying to convince the converging press that the Chief didn't know anything about what did/didn't happen . . . (I think even the press people have that figured that "response" out by now . . .) The officer involved would be relieved of his/her gun, star, I.D card, and re-assigned to a limited public contact assignment for, optimistically, the next 5 years.

Eventually, there would be interviews, and interviews, and interviews. The story wouldn't change but it would take several years before anyone figured that out . . .

Now, doesn't paying \$200.00 sound a hell of a lot more reasonable?



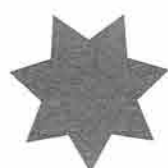
Well, here's a newsflash . . . The Discipline System in the San Francisco Police Department is broken. It's gone — it has disappeared — it doesn't exist — it has morphed into Proposition H. Proposition H was passed to fix the "discipline problem" within the SFPD.

Nice try. Proposition H increased the number of Police Commissioners from 5 to 7 (4 appointed by the Mayor and the other 3 appointed by the SF Board of Supervisors). And what a difference that made . . . right.

I recently represented two officers with disciplinary cases stemming from 2003. (One officer didn't even remember the incident due to the passage of time). We still have a case before the Police Commission that occurred in 2002, and many others that could be labeled with several service stripes. Let's see . . . we added 2 more Police Commissioners so we could expedite the discipline process? Improve transparency? Hold people accountable?

The only people that should be held accountable for this god-forsaken mess are those members of the Police Commission who have, historically, objected to any changes in the way the discipline process is handled. Well, discipline isn't getting handled. We were talking about giving the Chief of Police greater suspension powers to get these cases moving but that idea was derailed by certain members of the Police Commission who feel that such a 'power grab' would erode their authority. Better to let these cases just sit there?

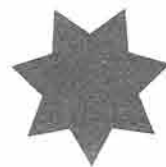
And, since they have left many cases unattended, there has been considerable new case law that will substantially alter the outcome of the officers charged . . . oh, well. Can't say you weren't warned.



Sergeant Alexa O'Brien would have loved to have been warned before she stopped a car late at night with 2 aboard because of a registration violation. Sgt. O'Brien was by herself with the 2 individuals, now acting very suspiciously, at Blythdale and Santos. The driver was operating the car without a driver's license and had a warrant for his arrest. As Sgt. O'Brien removed him from the car, she observed a shotgun, which turned out to be loaded, ready to go, and totally available to the passenger. What the Sergeant didn't know was that both individuals in the car she stopped were wanted for several home invasion robberies, including one that just occurred. Sergeant Alexa O'Brien has 2 small children who expect her to come home after work. She almost didn't . . .

The narcotic transaction took place in a neighborhood loaded with tourists but those involved cared less if a police officer was nearby . . . But there were several — Officer Matthew Cole, Officer Gregory Buhagiar, and Officer Arshad Razzak. The officers pulled the suspect over and placed him under arrest. They also relieved him of a fully-loaded, .357 magnum revolver. A weapon they had no idea he had . . .

It's a beautiful Friday morning in San Francisco, especially for the madman parked in the lot next to the Ferry Building where thousands of people commute each day. He's got the greatest view of the Bay in the world. A local security guard had to remind him that it wasn't his alone and that he'd have to share with others and move his van. The van, of course, was loaded with all the condiments crazy people love to collect. **The man was just another lost soul who had been ignored by all the money given to our local social services agencies and, of course, he gave the security officer the only response that he knew would work, "Get the hell out of here or I'll blow your head off."** The security officer wasn't making enough money to let that happen and he made the right choice. Once again, it was the responsibility of the SFPD to handle . . . no problem. **Officer Cliff Chiu** was the first officer to respond to this social "hazard" and tried to reason with the van owner. No luck. Cliff was joined by **Sergeant Dominic Panina, Officer Huitier Choi, Officer Joel Babbs, and Officer Joseph Toomey**. There was a brief stand-off but the officers were finally able to convince the subject to step out from his 'residence'. **A subsequent search of this individual's quarters revealed a fully-loaded, .40 caliber semi-automatic handgun with a laser sight attached, 3 large swords, and other weapons categorized in the felony section of the California Penal Code. The security guard definitely made the right call . . .**

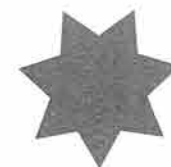


It's only 11:00 a.m. in the Northern District and **Officer Sean Archini** and **Officer Elizabeth Prillinger** are flagged down by a man with his young son. The child is visibly upset and crying. The man tells Sean and Elizabeth that an individual who turned out to be one of our "Homeless Projects" had just chased both of them down the street while brandishing a knife, screaming obscenities, and threatening to kill them. Great. You really want to walk down the street with your children in a city where the homeless rule? It never was that way. Is anyone really 'treating' the homeless? Why not just use all that "social service" money to treat their victims. You know, the poor people who actually pay taxes and who are constantly terrorized by those pushing carts not knowing whether/not they have a knife handy or a .40 caliber semi-automatic handgun with a laser sight attached . . . At least we could help subsidize the years of therapy visitors to San Francisco will have to pay for down the road. Oops . . . got a little carried away there, but Sean and Elizabeth did track down the suspect involved in this case and made the arrest.

It seemed like horseplay at first . . . But this was the Bayview District and even minor 'disagreements' between former friends could result in very deadly consequences. And, it almost did. The victim was shot 5 times by an individual he had known for years. But, somehow, he survived. **Sergeant Andrew Meehan, Inspector John Newman, and Officer Montgomery Singleton** worked the case as it should be done. Montgomery knew the play-

ers, Andrew and John did the rest of the heavy lifting and the suspect was in custody within a matter of days. When the suspect was interviewed he gladly admitted to the shooting. He was mostly upset over the fact that the victim had survived . . .

It's a Saturday night in the Southern District when thousands of young people gravitate to the clubs in San Francisco. They should be having a great time. They should not be carrying guns to "protect" themselves. But that's exactly what **Lieutenant Ann Mannix** came across when she tried to help one of the many "over-indulged" young revelers and was immediately set upon by his "friends". **One of the 'friends' dropped his fully-loaded, .380 semi-automatic right in front of Lieutenant Mannix.** Big mistake. Ann removed the inebriated and now, unarmed, compatriot from the premises with the help of **Officer Sean Cronin** and **Officer Larry Bertrand**.



The man on the 1100 block of Fell Street was completely out of control. He had already broken the windows of several parked cars and was ranting incoherently. **Officer Rob Imbellino** and **Officer Clayton Goodwin** were the first on the scene. They located the suspect inside the tradesmen's entrance, standing at the other end of the long passageway armed with 2 large knives yelling at the officers telling them that "you better shoot me because I'm going to kill you." (several expletives were deleted — this is still a PG column) Rob and Clayton decided it was time for a few extra units. **Officer Torrie Barnes, Officer Frank Machado, Officer Lionel Lucas, Officer John Cathey, Officer Joselito Sy, and Officer Paul Weggenman** soon arrived to assist. The enraged suspect was now throwing the knives at the officers, which they dodged. He then turned and completely destroyed a door to another apartment and ran inside. Even though the officers had a perimeter established they immediately entered the residence fearing for the safety of those inside. They located, managed to corner the suspect and, after a serious struggle, they had him restrained.



It's New Year's Eve and everyone is celebrating in a reasonable fashion . . . right. Everyone except for the individual who sprayed a store on the 4000 block of Judah with semi-automatic fire. The place looked like Swiss cheese when the guy was done. **Sergeant Bob Bohanan** did an outstanding job developing information which lead him to where the suspect lived. But this wasn't going to be an easy out. Bob enlisted the help of **Officer Scott Biggs, Officer Chris Oshita, Officer Kevin O'Leary, and Officer Daniel Kroos** (The Zoo Crew). The officers finally managed to talk the suspect out of his residence and that was fortunate since he had accumulated enough assault weapons and ammunition to last a very long time and, very possibly, could have cost us dearly.