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SF Justice System Pampers Felony Illegals

By Gary Delagnes
SFPOA President

Because of the recent revelations regarding the ineffectiveness of the "Sanctuary City" policy here in San Francisco, many officers have sent me alarming examples of the broken criminal justice system in which we work. Dovetailing on "Judge Watch" we will now periodically highlight a particularly egregious criminal case to illustrate to the citizens of San Francisco what we have known for a very long time — that the criminal justice system in the city by the bay system is deteriorating. This month we will look at the charmed life of illegal immigrant Jose Reyes (Not his real name).

Mr. Reyes is an illegal immigrant from Honduras who is 26 years old and sells "crack" cocaine for a living. He most certainly works for another drug dealer higher in the food chain who pays Jose either with money or drugs to sell his product. Mr. Reyes continues to sell drugs on the streets of San Francisco for one very simple reason. He will not go to prison if he is caught. He knows this, his boss knows this, and we know this.

For those of you who love to point the finger at the police department when you voice your righteous indignation about Hispanic drug dealers inundating your neighborhoods, especially in the Mission and Tenderloin, please follow the bouncing ball.

On October 6th, 2006 Jose Reyes SF#617076 sold "crack" cocaine to an undercover police officer in United Nations Plaza. Even though Mr. Reyes is an illegal alien, and that notation was made on the booking card by officers, he was apparently released on bail.

On October 16th, 2006, 10 days later, Mr. Reyes again sold "crack" cocaine to an undercover SFPD officer on the corner of Hyde and Golden Gate. Again, despite the fact he is an illegal alien, and that notation was made on

his booking card, he was not held for immigration and was again allowed to post bail. He again walked out of the court room a free man despite his 2 felony arrests in the past 10 days and his status as an illegal immigrant.

On December 31st, 2006, 65 days later, Mr. Reyes was again arrested by undercover SFPD officers for selling "crack" cocaine on the corner of Golden Gate and Hyde.

You guessed it. Again released from county jail with no immigration hold and allowed to walk out of the courtroom a free man pending his trial on what is now three separate sales of "crack" cocaine in a 3-month period.

We are just warming up folks!

On April 19th, 2007 the incredible Mr. Reyes again sells "crack" cocaine to an undercover police officer. Again he is arrested. Again he is booked in at city prison with a notation that he is an illegal alien, and again nobody picks up on it.

When the officer to whom Mr. Reyes sold the cocaine shows up in court he discovers THE CASE HAD BEEN DISMISSED SO THAT MR. REYES COULD ACCEPT A GUILTY PLEA TO THE OTHER 3 PENDING CASES. HIS SENTENCE WAS "DRUG COURT TRACK 2" WHICH IS A DRUG EDUCATION CLASS DESIGNED FOR USERS NOT SELLERS AND HAS BEEN REPEATEDLY ABUSED SINCE THE GRAND OLD DAYS OF TERENCE HALLINAN.

There are hundreds of Jose Reyes on the streets of San Francisco. This is not an isolated incident.

Oh, by the way. The day Mr. Reyes was to attend his first class on how not to sell "crack cocaine", 7/14/2008, he was arrested by an undercover SFPD officer for selling "crack"

Cocaine." That case is pending and no immigration hold has ever been placed on Mr. Reyes to our knowledge.

This would make you want to laugh if it doesn't make you cry.

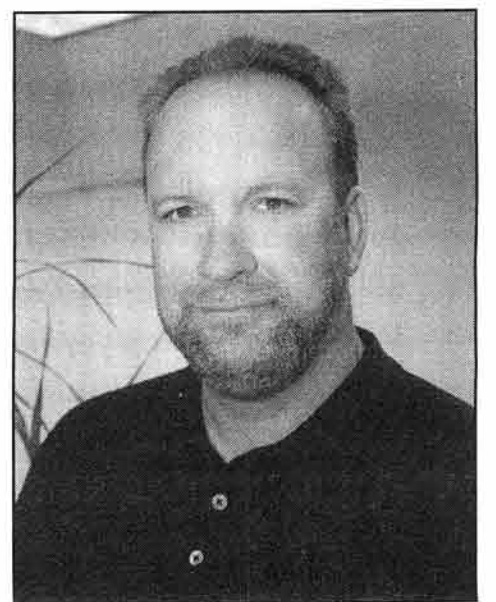
SF Wake-Up Call is Louder Than a Chris Daly Tantrum

By Gary Delagnes

If the Bologna family had not been senselessly slaughtered last month, this would almost be funny. As it is, it's a tragedy, and one that might have been avoided if we had responsible people running our systems of justice and legislation.

When a locally known criminal, gang member, and illegal alien gunned down three members of the Bologna family, ordinary San Franciscans were caught with their heads in the proverbial "sand" and SF's frenzied politicians have been back-pedaling away from the issue as if they have spotted a live grenade (Translation: Media Bomb). The only time it's difficult for the media to find a San Francisco politician is when somebody is killed as a result of any of their "hair brain" legislation.

SFPD General Order 5.15, which speaks to our "City of Refuge" policy, mandates that, "In the course of their duties, traffic enforcement, investigations, taking reports, officers shall



SFPOA President Gary Delagnes

Go tell that to Mrs. Bologna!

For many years we have been lectured on political correctness by carpetbagger politicians who often times come to San Francisco for fear of being laughed out of their native cities.

They dictate policy with no consid-

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not ask for documents regarding an individual's immigration status." We as police officers have known for a long time that we are in the proverbial "Catch 22". In a nutshell, police officers in San Francisco have been told for a long time, "If you arrest someone whom you think may be an illegal alien, then it's "hands off." Book them if you must, but leave it up to the sheriff's department to check their "legal" status.

As a member of the Narcotics Division for 12 years, I would watch the endless parade of "illegal immigrants" sell drugs to our undercover officers, give a false name to sheriff's deputies, be released, and then either not show up to court, or actually appear and receive "drug court", or probation, or extended probation infinitum without anyone ever doing a comprehensive investigation into the immigration status of the convicted felon.

We do this in the name of tolerance, justice, and fairness — oh, and also because our local elected and appointed leaders believe that they have such a vast global perspective.

eration to the ramifications of their misguided, politically correct nonsense that they call legislation.

You really can't blame these clowns who perpetuate their insanity on the rest of us. That is what they do and unfortunately they have found a forum for their ideologies. I blame the thousands of San Franciscans who have stood by and watched it happen, and done nothing to stop it. On the contrary, voters continue to cast ballots for candidates who will carry on the very policies that the average citizen rails against to our officers on a daily basis.

As I have said in the past, you cannot decriminalize marijuana and not expect San Francisco to be a haven for hundreds of dealers who come to our city everyday to peddle their trade with no fear of incarceration.

You can't establish a "Sanctuary City" without anticipating a flood of illegal immigrants infiltrating our city to deal their dope, join their gangs, and ultimately murder innocent people.

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POA General Membership Meeting July 16, 2008*

1. Sergeant-At-Arms Breen called the meeting to order at 1210 hours.

2. Sergeant-At-Arms Breen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

4. Treasurer Halloran made a motion to accept the June 2008 minutes. Motion was seconded by Sergeant-At-Arms Breen and passed by way of voice vote.

5. Treasurer Halloran introduced Ms. Catherine Gardner of Miller, Kaplan, Arase & Co. LLP. Ms. Gardner went over the 2007 Audit.

6. President Delagnes made a motion to accept the 2007 Audit. Motion was seconded by Representative Rosko and passed by way of voice vote.

7. President Delagnes announced that the President's Message at future board meetings will be filmed and placed on the POA website.

8. Representative Mack will Chair the
- upcoming POA Golf Tournament. The Golf Tournament will be held on September 22, 2008 at the Marin Country Club. Any member interested in volunteering should contact Larry Mack at Narcotics or Marty Halloran at the POA.

9. Treasurer Halloran provided each Board Member with a printed copy of the POA monthly financial statement.

10. Treasurer Halloran received a financial request from Ms. Lori Gray who represents the Alliance for Lupus Research.

11. Representative Frost made a motion that the POA donate \$2500 to the Alliance for Lupus Research. Motion was seconded by Representative Flaherty and passed by way of voice vote.

12. Meeting Adjourned at 1320 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

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Politics in the Service of the Rank and File

By John Tennant,
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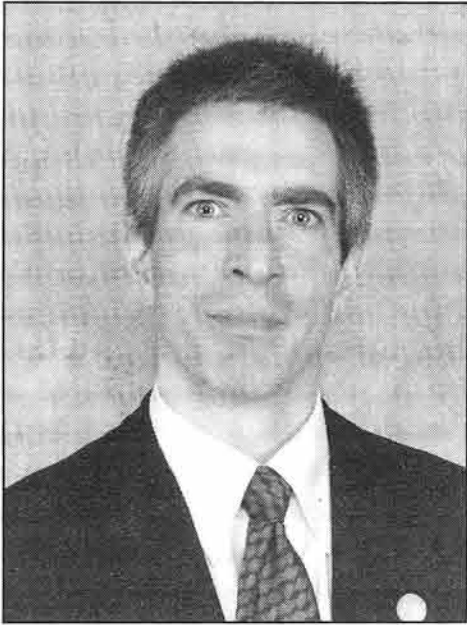
In last month's column, I lamented the sorry state of politics as it is played in some quarters today — namely, politics reduced to mere gamesmanship. Such games are all the more regrettable when they are played against police unions seeking better wages and benefits in the midst of a growing recruitment crisis. And when one hears of these sorts of games, there occurs the almost automatic shrug of the shoulders along with the weary sigh, "So, what else is new?"

Indeed, one risks appearing naïve even to harbor a tiny hope that things might be different, that "politics" need not be a dirty word. To the extent that last month's column might be used, erroneously, as support for the cynics' side of the ledger, I hope to clarify my belief that politics, in the service of the larger good, is worthy and admirable. And, further, that the only way to have any decency in politics is to pursue political goals with decency and to practice a politics of decency.

"Nonsense," snort the cynics in reply; the only way to succeed in this dog-eat-dog world of power and politics is to utilize tactics that are the politician's equivalent of the switchblade: false accusation, denunciation, fear-mongering, dissimulation, — in sum, the old, stale list of qualities better suited to the degenerate than the enlightened.

But the most amazing thing is: these tactics actually don't work. In fact they will work against you. Now, you ask, how can I make so incredible a claim? Doesn't the better part of history stand against me?

Well, let's turn to a near-miraculous example within recent memory: the dissolution of the former Soviet Union and the transfer of power to states formerly behind the Iron Curtain. Before the happy upheavals of 1989 and immediately following, many well-meaning dissidents doubted that their world might be changed other than through what they saw as



POA Counsel John Tennant

the self-evident history of the world, namely, "a history of violent revolutions and vicious power struggles," in the words of former Czech President Vaclav Havel: "The idea that the world might actually be changed by . . . the strength of a free spirit, conscience, and responsibility — with no guns, no lust for power, no political wheeling and dealing — was quite beyond the horizon of [their] understanding."

"Yet," as Havel writes in his *Summer Meditations*, the single best primer on politics I have ever read, "It turned out to be possible. Moreover, it turned out to be the only way to do it." Read that last sentence again and then over again, as I do whenever I face travails closer to home, in the world of local politics. When I compare the magnitude of my own issue with the obstacles facing Havel and his compatriots in unyoking their state from Soviet bondage, it is a humbling observation, indeed.

Havel was unabashed in his belief that "those who still claim that politics is chiefly the manipulation of power and public opinion, and that morality has no place in it, are just wrong. Political intrigue is not really politics. . . . Genuine politics — politics worthy of the name, and the only politics I am willing to devote myself to — is simply

a matter of serving those around us: serving the community and serving those who will come after us."

Havel's lesson is relevant, too, to our place, time and mission — politics in the service of our rank-and-file members is politics of the highest order. I have written before, in response to those who dismiss us as a mere "special interest," that our interest is truly special (though not in the way those who use that phrase intend): ensuring that the officers who put their lives on the

line for the public's safety and security know that they and their families are guaranteed equitable wages and benefits. I cannot imagine a more noble calling.

Nor should any politician who understands the importance of our task and chooses to lend his/her support in our effort ever apologize for that support. The motivation that underlies such an act is — or at least should be — the true essence of politics.

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| Event | Location | Date & Time | Coordinator |
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| 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 | Reyna Kuk (415) 681-5949 |
| Retiree Range Re-qualification | SFPD Pistol Range | First Fri. of each Month, 0730 – 1130 | Range Staff (415) 587-2274 |

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| Law Enforcement Emerald Society Golf Tournament | Lake Merced Golf Club | Monday, August 18, 2008; Noon Shotgun \$195 | Brian Philpott (415) 793-4558 |
| 61st Annual Memorial Mass | St. Monica's Church 470-24th Ave., SF | Sunday, September 7, 2008 10:30 AM | |
| POA Golf Tournament | Marin Country Club, Novato | Monday, September 22, 2008 | POA Office (415) 681-5060 POA Web site: www.sfpoa.org |

SF Wake-Up Call

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Of course, most illegal immigrants are law abiding citizens, but how much common sense does it take to understand you cannot shield recidivist felons from deportation without suffering the effects. We now know that juveniles have been protected from prosecution and even flown home on taxpayers' money. But the far bigger problem is that adult illegal immigrants continue to hit the back of the taxpayers as our city government hides behind "sanctuary" protections to continue their illegal activity with the tacit approval of politically correct politicians.

If you don't believe it we can produce hundreds of "rap sheets" of illegal immigrants arrested 10, 15, 20 times and have still not done one day in prison or faced deportation.

While our politicians waste everyone's time demanding the resignation of President Bush, or passing resolutions to leave Iraq, people die on our streets because they do not have the courage to face reality. The 6th Street corridor, the first major thoroughfare many people experience when they arrive in our city, is a cesspool for drugs, homelessness, and violence. Yet, that district's electors settle for an infantile boob like Chris Daly to represent them — not once, but twice.

The Richmond District, presumably a rational community filled with families and small businesses, has twice elected a supervisor who not only wants to eliminate minimal staffing levels in the SFPD, but also vocally opposes the ROTC program, and has just authored a charter amendment to decriminalize prostitution. This despite the fact that people in his own district clearly disagree with him on all three issues.

Prospective DA's cannot run for office unless they adamantly oppose the death penalty!

Members of the Board of Supervisors declare America doesn't need a military (Remember, they have global perspective).

Commissar Chris Daly throws one childish tantrum after another embarrassing himself and our city on a daily basis (spelling and pun intended).

Tom Ammiano continues to huff away about decriminalizing marijuana.

The city takes \$9 million dollars in federal money to prosecute illegal immigration and then refuses to prosecute illegal immigrants. Is an audit in order?

Unfortunately, San Franciscans get what they deserve. We hear everyday that the number one priority for our citizens is public safety. Everywhere we go people say they want safe, clean streets. We hear everyday you want something done about aggressive panhandling and drug dealing, and yet you continue to elect politicians who would rather put the handcuffs on our officers than the criminals we pursue. Are the citizens of San Francisco so naïve that they do not understand that criminals throughout the country know what we have known for years. WE ARE A SAFE HAVEN FOR THOSE WHO CHOOSE TO BREAK THE LAW!!

San Francisco, you will probably do it again. You have plenty of candidates for supervisor who will continue to flush this city down the drain.

You will likely vote for John Avalos or Eric Mar or Mark Sanchez or David Campos and you can rest the assured the deterioration will continue.

Maybe what happened to the Bologna family will be a wake up call for all San Franciscans to change the paradigm and the culture that exists.

All we can do in the police department is hope, but you know what they say about those who don't learn from their mistakes.

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The regular meeting of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association of the San Francisco Police Department was called to order by President Dave Fontana at 1:50 PM in the Conference Room of Ingleside Station.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by President Dave Fontana.

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

MINUTES OF THE JUNE MEETING: Motion by John Centurioni that the minutes be approved as published. Seconded by Gardner. Motion carried.

BILLS: Treasurer Joe Reilly (first month as treasurer) presented the usual bills. Motion by Crosat, seconded by Garrity that the bills be paid. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Ms. Eleanor Canova Davis gave \$25 in memory of Bob Shepherd. Miriam and Jerry Tuttleman gave \$100 in memory of Richard Abbey (80th recruit class)

WE HAD ONE DEATH THIS PAST MONTH:

JAMES MICHAEL BOYD, 61 years. Mike was born in San Francisco but grew up in South San Francisco attending El Camino High. He served his country in the Air Force as a M.P. Upon his discharge, he returned home and got a job as a Station Police Officer in 1974. He entered the Police Academy in 1978. His first assignment was Northern followed by Mission. From Mission, he was assigned to Vice Crimes then to Narcotics where Mike stayed for his career with some time in Planning. Mike made numerous arrests during his career working narcotics. He was awarded a Gold Medal of Valor. Mike and his partner working undercover attempted to make an arrest. After they identified themselves as police officers, the suspect drew a handgun and fired point blank into the face of Mike. The suspect then turned and fired and hit his partner in the upper arm. Both officers went down but got to their feet and went

after the suspect. The suspect, while running from the officers, turned and fired at the two officers once again. Mike was hit in the right leg. But he and his partner never gave up and were able to return fire with each officer hitting the suspect. Even in their condition they made the arrest. In the Police Commission statement, they considered their actions that day as one of the most courageous acts ever displayed by San Francisco Police Officers.

SUSPENSIONS: Pursuant to Article III, section 3 of the Constitution. (Non-payment of dues for six months) Morgan A. Peterson. President Dave Fontana ordered him suspended from all benefits and privileges of the Association.

NEW MEMBERS: 219th recruit class. Tigran Antonian, Nicolas Baker, Danny Barajas, Flavia Cadenazzi, Nathan Chew, Jeffery Cuenca, John Cvetovac, Benjamin Danielson, Matthew Duffy, Michael Elliston, Joshua Enea, Michael Ferraresi, Jeffery Fortuna, Matthew Freidman, Henry Ha, laid Hadi, Jared Harris, Nicole Howard, Darius Jones, Andrew Kavanagh, Diane Khuu, Jordan Kong, Candience Lewis, Paul Lucia, Bret McManigal, Francisco Morrow, Darwin Naval, Brain Ng, Carlos Padilla, Gabriel Perez, Justin Quintero, Damien Reyes, Ian Richards, Mark Roan, Richard Soares, Michael Sousa, Heidi Stratton, Braden Todaro, Jen Trawand Carl Ueber. President Fontana ordered them put on the rolls of membership.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES: Members of our Investment Team from Wells Fargo Bank gave us a report of the condition of our account. With the U.S. economy slowing down, we will keep a close eye on our investments. Geo-political concerns and demand are likely to keep the price of crude oil elevated.

ADJOURNMENT: President Fontana had a moment of silence for our departed member and also for members of the armed forces serving their Country. He set the next meeting for Tuesday August 12, 2008 at 1:45 PM in the Conference Room of Ingleside Station. Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.

Fraternally,
Mark Hurley,
Secretary

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AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



By Al Casciato

...On the Mend:

Retired Lt. **Bruce Marovich** recently had knee surgery and is on the mend. He was surprised when several well wishers arrived in Lincoln, California to throw him a surprise get well party. We are sure that the party has substantially sped up his recovery...

...Appreciation:

Law Enforcement Appreciation at AT&T Park on July 23rd was a huge success with over 2700 tickets sold. The pre-game BBQ at the Mariposa-Hunter's Point Yacht Club served 1700. Organizer, Sgt. **Bob Guinan**, Solos, needs to be acknowledged for his leadership in growing this yearly event from 800 attendees 3 years ago to its current size. Special kudos to Captain **Greg Corrales** and the Traffic Company for sponsoring 20 children to the BBQ and game, and to Lt. **Mike Slade**, Co. E and Operation Dream, for sponsoring another 20 children...

...We need help:

That was the call that came into Lt. **Jack Ballentine** at Bayview Station the other morning. Seems that DPT was headed towards the "Hill" to tow 26 abandoned vehicles and were in need of some cover like the old days when "area men" were assigned to the three-wheelers. Company C responded, and the cars — also known as drug/gun stashes and crash pads — all disappeared...

...Fire and Police Museum:

The museum has still not found a permanent home and with the retirement of police curator Sgt. **Bob Fitzer**, Identification, it appears that assistant curator Inspector **Liane Corrales**, Juvenile, will be assuming the position as soon as it is formalized by Chief **Heather Fong**. Good news is on the horizon now that Supervisor **Michela Alioto-Pier** has taken an interest in the concept of a permanent home for the museum and has put it on her agenda. Hopefully the rest of the Board and Mayor will join in and help the effort to preserve our past so that future generations can learn from our successes and failures...

...Fax Warning:

When those faxes arrive unsolicited to your station or home be sure not to call the number unless you are prepared to take a chance on a very large phone bill. A lot of those quote "Toll Free" numbers are not free, beware...

...Patrol Rifles:

The new patrol rifles have arrived and the classes have started. Range master, Sgt. **George Carrington** is

trying to distribute them as quickly as possible, being very aware of the types of weapons we are seizing from the criminal element. In the Northern alone this year, 3 machine pistols from adults and a sawed-off shotgun from a 13 year-old drug dealer were among the 34-plus guns seized. Ask Northern beatmen **Tom Minkel** and **Kevin Needham** if a 13 year old carrying a shotgun is any less dangerous than an adult armed similarly. In my mind the 13 year old is probably more dangerous in that he does not yet understand that death is permanent...

...Mom teases son:

Retiree **Rose Meyer**, Co. B, now a part time background investigator for the SFPD reports that her son, **Matt Mammone**, started the Los Angeles Fire Academy on July 21st. She keeps telling him that after he graduates they both will have the best part time jobs in the state! Best to you Matt and remember, Mom really loves you...

...90th Anniversary:

Solo, **Steve Landi** (SFIAC President) and Inspector **Gianrico Pierucci** (Festa Chairman) invite all to join the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club in celebrating its 90th anniversary on Saturday, August 16, 2008. The "Festa Coloniale Italiana" which will be held in San Francisco's Washington Square is free and open to the public. Entertainment starts at 11 AM and concludes at 8 PM. For the entertainment program and more information, log onto www.sfiac.org...

..Birth:

Congratulations to Ray and Jean Callo on the birth of their son, **Brendan V. Callo**, on April 17, 2008. We wish the family all the best...

...Victim:

On June 12th I was the victim of an auto boosting at Fort Funston and the suspect was arrested within the hour. I not only saw this suspect break into my truck, but also witnessed him steal a purse from the trunk of another vehicle. On June 27th the victim who lost her purse and I attended the first court hearing. Upon leaving the court she told me that she was "very disenchanted" with the criminal justice system and would not be coming back. On July 23rd I was able to call her with the news that the suspect had been held to answer and will go to trial sometime in the future and encouraged her to testify at that time. What I didn't tell her was that I too, as a victim, was very disenchanted with the system and will have a lot to say to the DA advisory committee when it meets on September 4th, starting with someone has to talk with victims prior to their arrival in court. I know some assistant DA's and a public defender might be cussing me out for putting up so much of a stink about making a deal for drug court. At least this suspect, who is already on felony probation, has been in custody since June 12 and will go to trial and maybe, maybe then there will be a motion to revoke...

...POA Website:

The POA website is up and running at www.sfpoa.org but prior to using it you must call the office, (415) 861-5060 or e-mail member support, to activate your account. Actually I attempted 3 times to activate via the web and for some reason the birthday was not accepted in any configuration of year first or year last for the required 8 digits that were requested. I'm sure the webmaster service will address the issue soon...

...Attention Tier One Retirees:

Proposition B which passed on June 3rd also applies to all Tier One Police, Fire and Miscellaneous actives and retirees. Retirement Executive Director **Clare Murphy** has commissioned several informational sessions for active and retiree employee organizations to explain the full ramifications of the charter amendment. Bottom line: the retiree cola improvement applies to everyone in the system...

...Computer Hijacker:

The allegations against the Department of Information and Technology Services employee who hijacked the City System can only be described as scary. Sadly, the story was received by most city employees as "no surprise." No wonder we do not have email or internet access at the district stations for all officers. Even the academy staff does not have city email. Small wonder Advanced Officer Coordinator **Maria Oropeza** is going crazy trying to send out notices the old fashion way by killing two or three trees a year...

...In the Game:

Last month the Giants' announcers had some fun commenting on the actions of one uniformed police officer and, unbeknownst to them two of our retirees. In the first case our own sports editor, **Nick Shihadeh**, working Giants10B on Tuesday July 22nd caught a foul ball on the Arcade level and immediately gave it to a small child. Announcer **Mike Krukow** immediately commented "good job officer" followed by "...we love our men and women in blue..." In the second

case, retirees **Bob Fenech**, Airport, and Captain **Frank O'Malley**, Juvenile, were sitting front row plaza level when a screaming line drive foul was hit directly at them. Former City All-Star O'Malley made a bare handed catch saving Bob from certain injury. The ensuing chatter by the announcers and several instant replays generated countless calls to Frank and Bob, the most being, "can I have the ball"...

...San Francisco Natives:

This year's San Francisco Natives' Jamboree will be held October 3, 2008 at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel located at 450 Powell Street. For more information and to purchase tickets visit www.sfnativejamboree.com or call (415) 732-7520 x 49. Must be 21 to attend...

...Second Mention:

Don't know if you caught the story in our July edition (page 13) about a book written by retired Officer **Beth Pedrodalasol** titled Surrounded. What didn't get across was that Beth's only son, the Marine in the book, has come home a victim of combat post-traumatic stress disorder. Beth's book is one of those that is slated for our Museum's library when it finally finds a home. In the meantime the book is available in bookstores or at www.authors-house.com (click bookstore)...

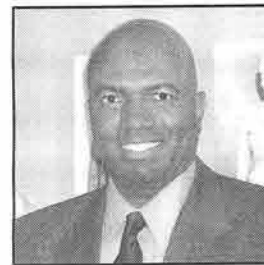
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This & That...

By Kevin Martin,
SFPOA Vice President

Monthly UC Visit...

On Wednesday, July 9th, members from Richmond Station met with children from the Family Life Department at UCSF as part of our ongoing hospital visit program, which I am very proud to say is going into its third year. The hospital visits are one of the better community activities our members are involved with and tremendously rewarding for all who take part.

The early afternoon visits were conducted by Lorie Brophy, Darla McBride, and Gary Mendribil. These fine officers assisted the younger patient/students in the educational program at the hospital.

Later that same evening, Officers Matthew Leong, Derrick Liang, Milen Brewster, and "The Great" Mark Im joined the patients in the "Teen Lounge" and played video games, board games, and other activities. A great time was had by all and, as always, thank you very much to all the outstanding members of Richmond Station who were able to join in the experience.

Program directors, Michael Towne, Kevin Urda, and Kim Scurr are always so grateful for the POA's outstanding participation in this program. Each constantly assures me that the second Wednesday of the month is always one they and the kids look forward to because they know we will be there to bring joy and happiness to some very special children, young adults, and their families.

Our next visit will take place Wednesday, August 13, 2008. Officers from Ingleside Station will soon be asked to sign up and participate. But as always, if any officer from any unit wants to get involved, please give me a call at the POA.

Foul ball...

On Tuesday night, July 22nd, Officers Nick "Nick at Night" Shihadeh, (Airport Range and sports editor for *The Journal*) and Sergio Lopez of Richmond Station were assigned to the Giants vs. the Washington Nationals Baseball game. Late in the game, a foul ball was drilled deep into the right field stands where Nick and Sergio were patrolling. As luck would have it, the ball landed right near the feet of Nick who cleanly fielded the ball. (What a pair of hands!) Without hesitation, Nick and Sergio made their way to a young fan who was at the right place at the right time and was the recipient of Nick and Sergio's kindness. Nick tossed the ball to the young fan who clutched the ball and had the biggest smile a young face could possibly have. For their efforts, Nick and Sergio received a big hand from nearby fans who also appreciated the moment.

This action was captured on TV, which caused Giants' broadcasters Mike Krukow and Duane Kuiper to offer some very nice remarks on behalf of the two officers. Duane went on to say that the officers who patrol the park during the Giants game "are a pretty good group." Mike and Duane have always been supportive of the SFPD and have shown their generosity by donating baseball memorabilia for various POA events.

A tip of the hat to both Nick and Sergio for a great showing. You guys do us all very proud!

Play ball...

Speaking of ballgames, Congratulations are in tall order for Greg McEachern of Northern Station who joined other law enforcement officials who were asked to be part of the Security Detail for this year's All-Star Game held in venerable Yankee Stadium. Greg was detailed to Monument Park located behind centerfield where plaques of storied Yankee greats such as Ruth, Gehrig, Mantle and Dimaggio are memorialized along with the four Popes from Rome who have presided over religious ceremonies held at Yankee Stadium. Greg was assigned to a variety of baseball greats and Hall of Famers who were participating in the pre-game ceremonies...Talk about an opportunity of a lifetime, way to go Greg!

Greg was in part chosen for this assignment because of the masterful job he did while coordinating the security detail for last year's All-Star Game held in San Francisco's AT&T Park. Major League officials were so pleased by Greg's efforts that they wanted Greg on hand for this year's event. Greg still holds his position this year at the ball yard and is sharing duties with Lt. Mike Flynn of Southern Station with a complement of very capable Sergeants from Southern that include Bill Roualdes and Gene Galeano.

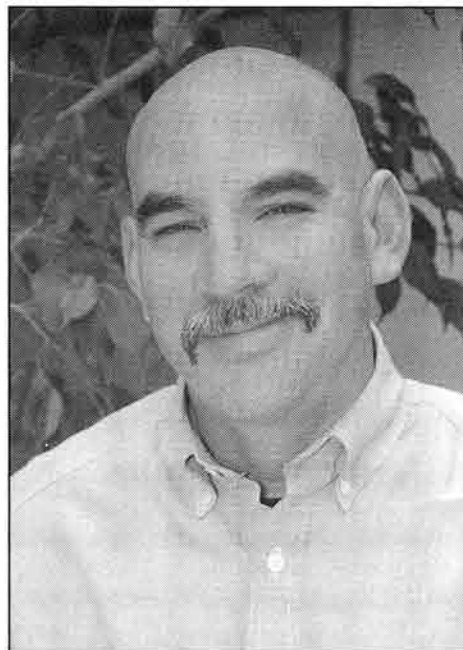
Reminder...

The San Francisco Asian Police Officers' Association will be holding their annual Scholarship and Promotional Dinner on Friday, September 5, 2008 at the Far East Café located at 631 Grant Avenue in Chinatown. This evening has always been a popular event for the APOA and all members of the SFPD. For more information, please contact APOA President David Tambura; Vice-President David Kamita; Secretary Alvin Wong or Treasurer Henry Seto. Their contact address is P.O. Box 22695 San Francisco, Ca. 94122-0695 and telephone number 650-355-0718. The APOA thanks you in advance for your interest and participation. Please RSVP by August 18, 2008.

Food For Thought...

Several years ago when my classmates and I were receiving a block of Instruction from the late and venerable George Stasko, he began his lecture by firmly stating that "San Francisco Cop's are the best in the world"...now we had heard that before from several instructor's and each gave a different reason for their belief. But George's explanation was very different. He stated that the reason the S.F.P.D. had the best cops in the world was because we had to arrest a person at least two or three times before that individual actually did any jail time. Now we all laughed at the thought of such an idea but a few short years later, we sadly and frustratingly understood exactly what he meant. George's words resonate still today as day after day our members do their job and put bag guys behind bars. It's what happens after that and the results (or more apt, the lack of results) from the criminal justice system we have been mired in for the past several that has become increasingly maddening.

We have seen all too recently several cases where repeat offenders have found tremendous favor in this joke of a system and unfortunately for decent people and tax-paying citizens have been victims of their violent and in some cases their murderous deeds.



Vice President Kevin Martin

We think back to Nick Birco who was killed in the line of duty two years ago by a violent robbery suspect who was out on the streets as the result of judicial malfeasance.

We see the Bologna Family decimated by the cowardly and deadly actions of an animal that was absolutely no stranger to the criminal justice system. The suspect in this case is a known gang member of a very violent and homicidal outfit who the criminal's attorney at the time referred to the gang, "Mara Salvatrucha 13" as a "soccer club." Are you kidding me? What kind of crap is that? Who believes this nonsense?

Just a couple of years ago, Time Magazine did a cover story on "Mara Salvatrucha" which extolled the disturbingly violent and deadly force this gang inflicted on people and prided itself upon. Unfortunately, and incredibly saddening, "MS 13" has made its ugly presence only all too well known in our city.

Even more recently, Officer Lisa Frazer of Mission Station was the victim of a chronic offender who has been arrested over 106 times in the recent years. For all of his arrests, this "stellar citizen" received only two convictions that resulted in this man doing only a minimal amount of time in the San Francisco County Jail. For all the charges leveled against Officer Frazer's violent attacker, he received only four (4) days in jail. Although at the Hall of Justice on the day when her violent offender had his day in court, Lisa was never called to testify in this case.

I AM SICK AND TIRED OF HAVING ASSAULTS ON OFFICERS AND CRIMINALS WHO RESIST OUR ARRESTS VIEWED BY OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTITIES IN THIS CITY AS JUST PART OF OUR JOB DESCRIPTION! When will this idiocy end? When will the judicial branch of this city stop allowing these recidivist criminals to continuously wreak havoc upon its citizens and the law enforcement officers sworn to protect them?

The police officers in this town are absolutely doing their jobs. They make arrests and prepare as well as present their cases to the District Attorney for prosecution. Where is the breakdown? Where and why do the wheels fall off in these cases?

It's out of control and it has to stop now!

It has been over twenty-three years since George Stasko presented his case to us and sadly, not much has changed. Very few days go by when you don't hear an officer in the field running a 10-29 subject over the air and headquarters advises you that your subject is 10-31 red 65 times and 10-31 34 times. It happens all the

time...and when you address these facts to your bad guy and ask him what he attributes to his outstanding career as a criminal he just smiles at you and says, "...yeah, but I've never been convicted"...like that is so difficult to accomplish in this "law and order" town...Sorry, George...

Congratulations...

Congratulations are in order for two of our own. Sgt. Gabe Gallaread of the Mission Station midnight watch has been nominated for the Community Service Hero Award for the American Red Cross, and Sgt. Vincent "Vinnie" Catanzaro has been nominated for the very prestigious Positive Force Award presented by The American Police Beat Magazine.

Sgt. Gallaread has been affiliated with the American Red Cross for over forty years and has served in a variety of capacities. He has been highly decorated for his outstanding efforts and we are keeping our fingers crossed that his dedicated service to the community will once again be recognized.

Sgt. Catanzaro, who has been a member of this department for over thirty years, was nominated based on his outstanding service to the department as well as the citizens of this city in his capacity as a hostage/crisis negotiator. Vince has been a tireless worker and team leader for the HCN Team for over seven years and has been involved in over thirty critical incidents. Vince is a San Francisco native and a proud graduate of the famed Sacred Heart High School Class of 1973 and is currently assigned to the Central Station day watch.

Congratulations to both of these men on their well deserved nominations. We'll keep you posted as the results come in.

Condolences...

My deepest and sincerest condolences go out to three members of our association who have suffered recent family losses. Former S.F.P.D. Housing Authority Police Officer and father of Southern Station's hard working and highly respected Jordan Oryall.

Frank J. Scalise passed away this past July 11th.

Frank Scalise was an outstanding career law enforcement officer serving with the University of California Police Department as well as the aforementioned Housing Authority Police through the late 1960s. Frank then went to work as a San Francisco District Attorney Investigator, a position he held until the early 1990s. Frank spent a total of 32 years in San Francisco Law Enforcement and had a very stellar career and was highly decorated while working alongside the likes of his dear friends George Stiles, retired Inspector Bill Palmer and even "The Great" Marco Des Angeles who is currently assigned to Mission Station.

A beautiful memorial service was held on July 17th in Walnut Creek where family members and dear friends gathered to celebrate the life and times of Frank. Rest in Peace.

This month's "This and That" article is dedicated to the memory of Frank Scalise.

Likewise our thoughts and prayers are with Sgt. Peter Thoshinsky also of Southern Station whose father, Morton J. Thoshinsky, M.D. passed away on July 22, 2008.

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Nick Birco Memorial Service

By Kevin Martin
POA Vice President

On Saturday night, July 26, 2008, the second anniversary of the senseless and tragic killing of Officer Nick-Tomasito Birco #612, was marked by a memorial service held at Bayview Police Station just outside the Isaac Espinoza Memorial Garden. The event was attended by many officers from Co. C who worked alongside Nick-Tomasito, Nick's loving family, members of the S.F.P.D. Command Staff, members of the San Francisco Fire Department and many of Nick-Tomsito's closest and dearest friends from both inside and outside of the San Francisco Police Department attended.

Lieutenant Michael Connolly did an outstanding job presiding over the service, which he began with welcoming remarks followed by a warm and wonderful address delivered from the heart. Mike spoke clearly and confidently as he extolled the virtues of Nick-Tomasito's life and gently reminded us that although we are saddened and reminded of the senselessness of Nick's death, it was more important to remember and celebrate Nick's deep sense of courage, honor and love of his God and family and his unwavering dedicated service to his fellow man that truly defined Nick's life.

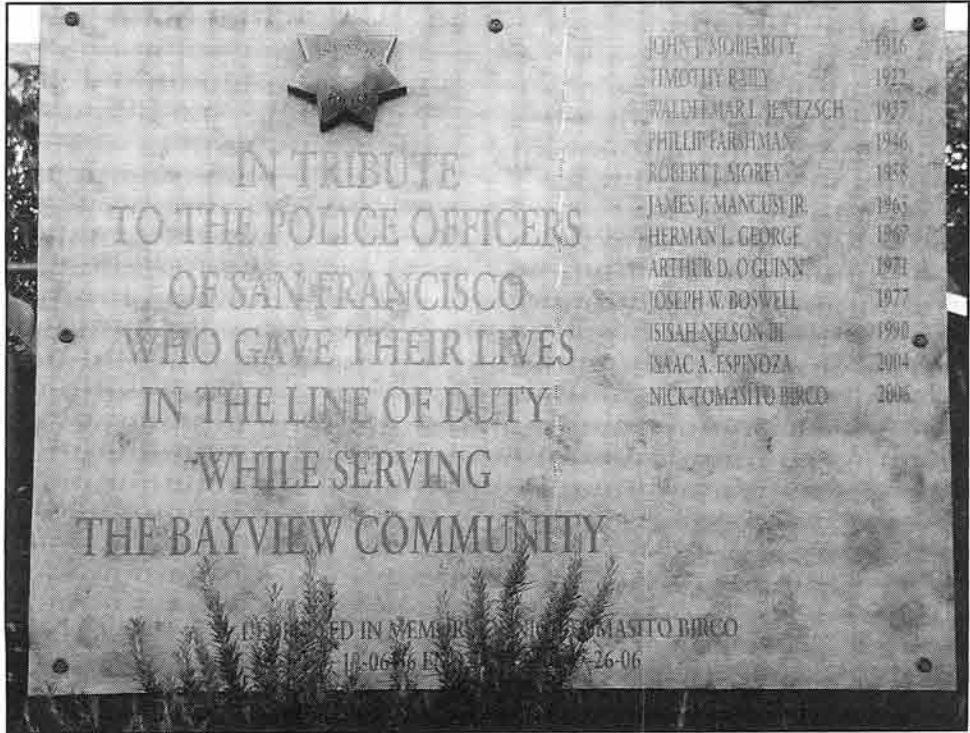
Father John Green, SFPD Chaplain, then spoke reassuringly to the gathered crowd offering thoughts and words of comfort and reflection.

Officer Angela Rodriguez of Mission Station recited a beautiful and inspiring poem in which she described just what a wonderful friend Nick was to her and how she will forever treasure such a great relationship.

Representing the Birco Family, Nick's sister Holly recited a poem which represented her heartfelt feelings about

her lost brother and the exemplary life of service he gave. Holly then spoke to the gathering expressing her thanks for all the support her family has received and also how Nick lives on through us as we lead our daily lives and that through our thoughts, actions and deeds we can continue to carry on the Nick-Tomasito legacy.

Police Chief Heather Fong then presented a plaque to the Birco Family from the California Survival Memorial Fund as well as a beautiful stained



glass image of a San Francisco Police Department Patrolman's star bearing Nick's honored number.

Larry Chan of Co. K Traffic / Solos then played a wonderful rendition of "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes and Officer Mark Lundin of the Homeland Security Unit closed the evening's ceremonies by performing "Taps" on his bugle.

On behalf of POA President Gary Delagnes, the POA Executive Board and the entire Board of Directors, I offer our deepest and sincerest condolences to the Birco family as well as to all of Nick-Tomasito's co-workers at Bayview Station and throughout this department. Nick, may you rest in eternal peace.

This & That...

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Morton Thoshinsky M.D. was a prominent San Francisco physician and surgeon of national note. Dr. Thoshinsky had a brilliant career both as a military doctor serving in the United States Air Force and well as in the private sector.

We also send our thoughts and prayers out to the family of Sgt. Gile Pursley, Co. K — Solos whose father Retired S.F.P.D. Lieutenant Robert Pursley recently passed away. From all accounts, Lt. Robert Pursley who retired in 1980 was a highly respected member of this department.

PET...

Please make plans to support the Philippine Exchange Training Program with their 2008 Benefit Dinner that will be held on Friday, August 15th at the Far East Café at 631 Grant Avenue at 6:30 PM. For the past eight years, a group of San Francisco Police

Officers have traveled to the Philippines to conduct training seminars. These officers recognized the need to reach out and exchange information that would improve our respective organizations and the quality of policing we provide to the communities we serve. Year after year these officers have met and planned on their own personal time purchasing and collecting basic police equipment and reference materials to donate. All costs surrounding these efforts have been at the officers' own expense. The Philippine Exchange Training Program has reached a critical point in time and the officers involved in this worthy program ask for your support and participation to sustain this outstanding endeavor.

For further information, please contact Eric Quema of Special Investigations, Randy Caturay of Southern Station or through the e-mail address at sfpetprogram@hotmail.com Thank you.

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Fourth Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Night

By Kevin Martin

Wednesday, July 23, 2008 marked the Fourth Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Night held at AT&T Park where the Giants were taking on the Washington Nationals. The weather was just beautiful as the sun beamed down from a cloudless sky. We kicked off the event at 3:00 PM with a huge tailgate party at the Mariposa Yacht Club. Hundreds of people from the Law Enforcement Community and their families enjoyed a great afternoon that also featured a great barbecue, live music, and the chance to rekindle some old friendships and begin some new ones.

The primary purpose of the event was to honor Police Officers in Northern California who died in the line of duty and their families. The event was also a fundraiser for two very worthy organizations; The Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (BALEAF), and the California Peace Officers Memorial.

Nineteen fallen officers from seven different law enforcement agencies were honored this year as we paid tribute to them and the surviving members of their families. Each officer's portrait was displayed on the scoreboard and members of the officers' families lined the first and third base lines in a pre-game ceremony. It was a thoughtful and moving ceremony that included Chief Heather Fong and members of the S.F.P.D. command staff, as well as command staff members from the California Highway Patrol and other honored agencies. The honor guard

took position in the outfield surrounded by police motorcycles driven by Solos/motor patrol officers from various agencies as Sgt. Gerry D'Arcy with his beautiful Irish voice sang our National Anthem. Gerry's presentation is and has always been one of the great features of the night. Great job as usual, Gerry! Thank you.

The Giants and Nationals entertained the crowd with an exciting game that saw the local nine pull it out with a fierce, late game come-from-behind rally. The victory sent the happy fans home into the warm night with memories of a great day filled with emotion, pride, sadness, and honor.

The aforementioned nineteen members that were honored and paid tribute to are listed as follows:

Officer Nick-Tomasito Birco, S.F.P.D.; Officer Bret Clearman, CHP-Oakland; Officer Larry Lasater, Pittsburg PD; Officer John Miller, CHP-Dublin; Deputy Jeffery Mitchell, Sacramento Sheriff; Officer Richard May, East Palo Alto PD; Deputy Vu Nguyen, Sacramento Sheriff; Officer Douglas Russel, CHP Placer; Officer Earl Scott, CHP Modesto; Officer Bryan Tuvera, S.F.P.D.; Lieutenant Michael Walker, CHP Santa Cruz; Officer Robert Winget, Ripon PD; Inspector Kirk Brookbush, S.F.P.D.; Officer Jon Cook, S.F.P.D.; Officer James Dougherty, S.F.P.D.; Officer William Seus, Oakland PD; Detective William Wilkins, Oakland PD; Officer Isaac Espinoza, S.F.P.D. and Deputy John Monengo, Alameda County Sheriff.

May you all rest in peace.

The planning and carrying out of an event of this magnitude requires a tremendous amount of work and the cooperation and kindness of so many people. It takes a very special person to be able to pull this all off and yet once again, Sgt. Bob Guinan has managed to make this a tremendous success. Bob is pretty much a one-man show, and each year Bob manages to make the response to this event bigger and bigger. With valuable help from



Giants executives present BALEAF and Cal State Law Enforcement Memorial a check for \$20,000.

many hands, Bob has been able to raise almost \$100,000 for very worthy charitable causes.

The California Peace Officers Memorial and BALEAF are just tremendous organizations and do so much for so many people. The monies going to these respective organizations will absolutely be put to excellent use.

This year's featured give-away was a navy blue beanie cap with the Giant's interlocking "SF" logo in orange and black teamed with "PD" embroidered in gold. The beanies turned out to be a real hit with our guests as we could tell from their expressions that we hit a real homerun with them.

And now to thank our sponsors and all those who assisted in this great endeavor. Each of you should be proud of your efforts knowing that your hard work is going toward something positive. Thank each and every one of you so very much.

Off. Frances Terry, Off. Angela Rodriguez, Off. Todd Burks, Sgt. Treina Wearing, Off. Darla McBride, Off. Esteben Perez, Off. Deborah Neil, Officer Kevin McPherson, Officer Tom Wong, Lt. Michael Favetti, Sgt. Gile Pursley, Officer Larry Chan, Off. Matt Gardner, Off. John Anton, Off. Felix Sung, Off. Jordan Hom, Off. Craig Kuwabara, Off. Hoyt Wong, Off. Jude Rand, Off. Paul Schlotfeldt, Off. Tad Yamaguchi, and Off. John Schmolke; Faham and Evie from the San Francisco Giants for their teamwork and most appreciated assistance; "Little Wolf

and the Hellcats" for providing some outstanding music. Special thanks to Officer Brenda Walker for all her great photography work and her wonderful talent. Brenda's photos are included in this article.

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Kevin Martin and good friend, Lou Seal.



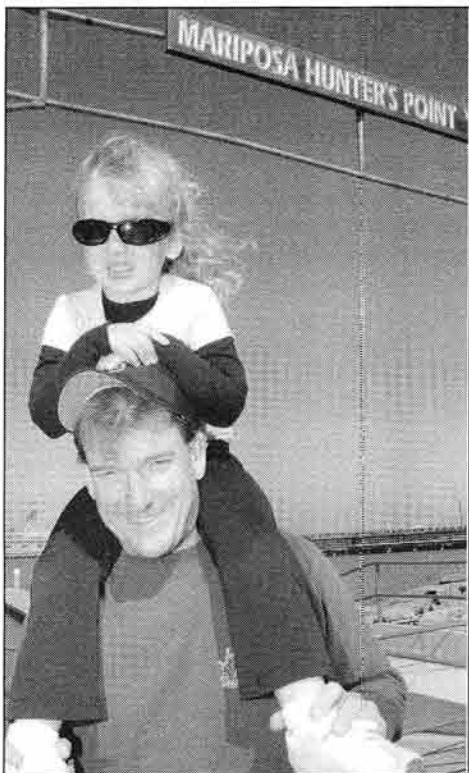
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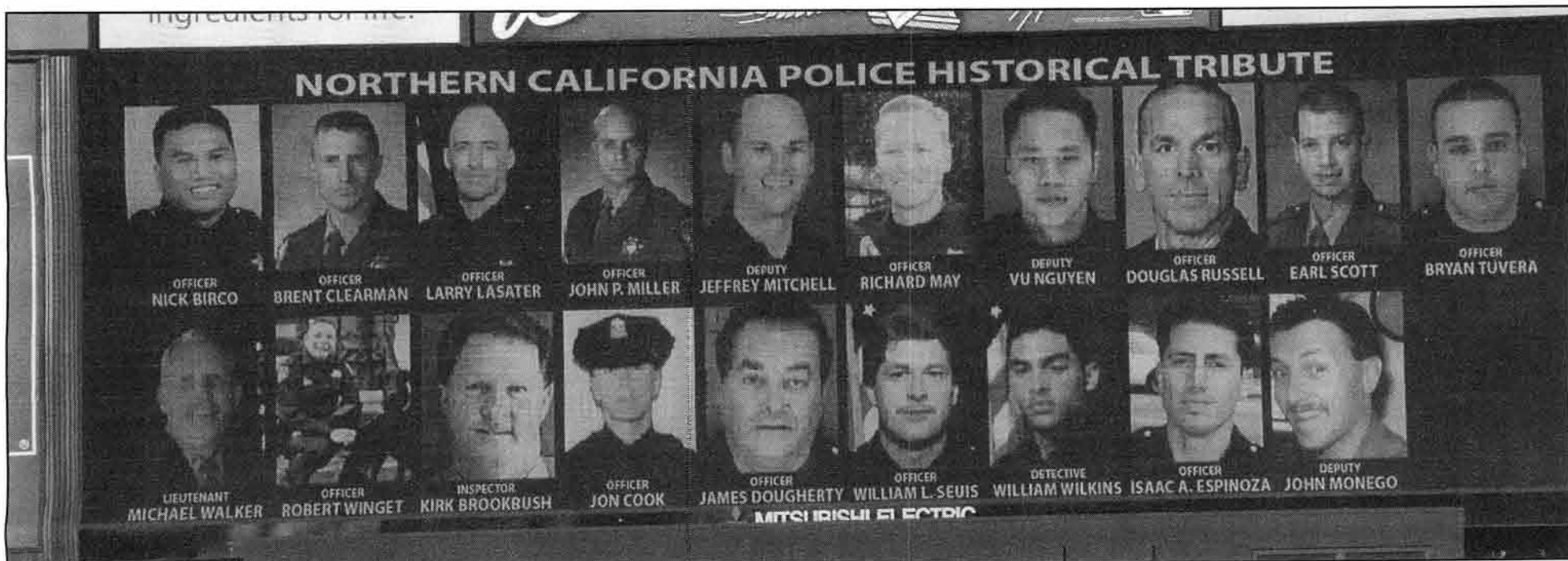
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The San Francisco Police Officers' Association congratulates the following POA members their recent retirement from the SFPD. These veterans will be difficult to replace, as each takes with him or her decades of experience and job knowledge. The most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

- Captain Marsha Ashe #428 from Juvenile Division
- Officer David Bardoni #636 from Youth Services Unit
- Officer Ronald Dinslage #746 from General Work Detail
- Officer Randy Flannery #1591 from Traffic Enforcement
- Sergeant John Franicevich #4044 from Airport Administration
- Officer James Guerrero #1934 from Medical Liaison
- Officer Terrye Ivy #2065 from Fencing Detail
- Inspector Henry Kirk #1160 from General Work Detail
- Officer Lois Kwan #38 from Medical Liaison
- Inspector Angela Martin #1359 from Juvenile Division
- Officer Thomas Moore #1771 from Robbery Detail
- Inspector Adele Roberts #325 from Staff Services
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POA Book Review

The Nightengale's Song

By Robert Timberg
Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

Why do I want to recommend a book that was written twelve years ago? There are several reasons: It was considered one of Time Magazine's Best Books of the Year, it was written by an award-winning Washington journalist who is a 1964 Naval Academy graduate and Marine veteran of the Viet Nam war and, mostly, because it has become very timely again.

At first look, the book is a history of five different Naval Academy graduates who rose to great heights of power. Some did so through intellectual brilliance, such as John Poindexter. His classmate in the class of 1958, John McCain has become well known through his suffering as a POW at the Hanoi Hilton and then his rise in Arizona and now, national politics. The Class of 1959 is represented by Robert McFarlane, a former Marine who never learned his limitations until it was too late. The Class of 1968 gave us two very combative Marines: James H. Webb, currently a Virginia Senator but previously a highly decorated Viet Nam veteran, a prize-winning novelist, a prize-winning journalist and was once Secretary of the Navy under President Reagan. Webb has never backed down from a challenge. Lastly, Webb's classmate: Oliver Laurence North, another Marine who never avoids challenges but has become a much more divisive figure in our current history.

The book can be viewed as an analysis of how our military has changed dramatically over the years. Timberg clearly points out how these men saw the Naval Academy, in becoming less stringent and stern than their training was, had begun to waver. Webb particularly speaks out early, stating that the Academy had slipped. His arguments seem to have been borne out when two different cheating episodes

brought shame and investigations to the school. The behavior under fire of all five men attests that their training was extremely successful.

Another view is how the Viet Nam war not only greatly affected these men during their service years but how it has continued to direct their lives. We read of great heroism and valor in the midst of cowardice and frustration. One learns how the effects of Viet Nam continue through what has been labeled the Iran-Contra scandal. It is at that point that hubris and over-reach become tragic.

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Admiral Jim Stavridis, still on the front lines of history, and a wonderful writer as well, said this book is a, "Greek tragedy," and is, "no more about Iran-Contra than 'Moby Dick' is about whaling." The two men who were most distanced from that ugly affair, John McCain and James Webb, come across as the two most highly principled and heroic. The two came from extremely divergent backgrounds. McCain is the grandson and son of two legendary admirals. Webb was around military people

as youngster; his father was a career Air Force officer. At the Academy as a plebe, however, he proclaimed to his only previous military experience was as an ROTC program at the University of Southern California. But he learned to box an early age and learned he liked it a lot, fighting older men at "smokers" as a fifteen-year old and all comers while at the Academy. He has never given up his aggressiveness to this day.

It is interesting to read that the attainment of academic success did not secure lasting success. Poindexter graduated first in the class of 1958 and later obtained a Ph.D in nuclear physics from Caltech. He excelled as a sea-going commander but will most likely be remembered for obfuscation and back-door dealing. McCain, on the other hand, graduated fifth from the bottom of the same class. He seemed more interested in finding a party and a girl than academics. He became a pilot and a POW. His status today is that of war hero and presidential candidate. North struggled at school but persevered and most likely should have left the military following his award-winning performance in Viet Nam. He is kindly described by some as being fond of exaggeration, by others he is simply a liar. Webb did yeoman type work at school and was a Marine First Lieutenant in Viet Nam where he earned the Navy Cross, a Silver Star, a Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts. He today jokingly remarks that he might be the only person in Congress that has two Purple Hearts and a union card.

I believe this book is helpful in understanding not only what happened in our recent past but what might happen in our volatile future. The reader can learn from the mistakes made during the Viet Nam war era and the Iran-Contra scandal. I'm hoping that our next leaders will as well, but hubris

seems to be a too-common component of politics.

I was so impressed with Jim Webb that I purchased two of his other books. I learned that he has written several novels but the two books that interested me more were both non-fiction: "Born Fighting: How the Scots-Irish Shaped America" and "A Time to Fight: Reclaiming a Fair and Just America." Webb's frequent use of the word "fight" is no accident. The man seems to revel in combat. He writes clearly and is well-organized. "Born Fighting" took him many years of accumulating and evaluating historical and sociological data. It spans approximately 2000 years, beginning with the erection of Hadrian's Wall, effectively creating a nation that is closely the same geographically today. He proceeds to the Ulster Scots, moves across the Atlantic and describes the growth of democratic populism's growth in the United States. He intersperses his own family's history, perhaps too much, but the book is a rare combination of education and entertainment. The other book, "A Time to Fight," is more a political statement and assessment. Rather than review that book, a perilous assignment which I choose to not take on, I can only say that Webb is at heart a Jacksonian philosopher. He was raised a Democrat but left the party to embrace Ronald Reagan's style of politics. He was appointed to the position of Secretary of the Navy by President Reagan but became disenchanted with that party, most likely as a result of the above described Iran-Contra mess. He assumed the stance of an Independent until once again announcing himself a Democrat. Whatever his stance may be he states it with intelligence and a highly readable style. And should you disagree with him, be prepared to defend yourself as Webb will be armed and ready.

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POA Candidates Night Seals Endorsement

By Gary Delagnes

The San Francisco Police Officers Association held its Candidates Night on July 14, 2008. There were more than 40 people gathered in the Third Floor Atrium to hear and quiz 17 candidates on issues ranging from police staffing to crime rates to their overall plan for the city of San Francisco. It was a most informative and insightful affair.

We heard many diverse opinions on just about every issue. The ROTC program was a hot topic, as well as what should be done about "quality of life" crimes in the city.

I wish to thank all of our supporters in the community who showed up and asked very hard questions of the candidates. I especially want to thank Chris Breen, Tess Donati,

Val Kirwan, and Mike Walsh for taking the time to serve as panel members. It is not easy to sit through several hours of interviews with undivided attention.

The decisions and recommendations made to the full board of directors by the Legislative Committee was no easy task, but after much debate The SFPOA endorsements are as follows:

District 1 (Richmond)

1. Sue Lee
2. Alicia Wang

District 3 (North Beach/Chinatown)

1. Joseph Alioto, Jr.
2. Michael Dinunzio
3. David Chui

** This was the most difficult district in which make an endorsement because of the number of qualified candidates. We want to also recognize Denise McCarthy who is another extremely qualified candidate in District 3.*

District 4 (Outer Sunset)

1. Carmen Chu
2. Ron Dudum

District 5 (Haight St./Western Addition)

NO POSITION

District 7 (Inner Sunset)

- ✓ Sean Elsbernd

District 9 (Castro/Mission)

NO POSITION

District 11 (Ingleside)

1. Ahsha Safai
2. Myrna Lim

These are the candidates that we believe will best serve the city and this organization. Help us get them elected. Contact every person you know who votes in San Francisco and ask them to cast his or her vote from this slate.



Sue Lee



Alicia Wang



Eric Storey

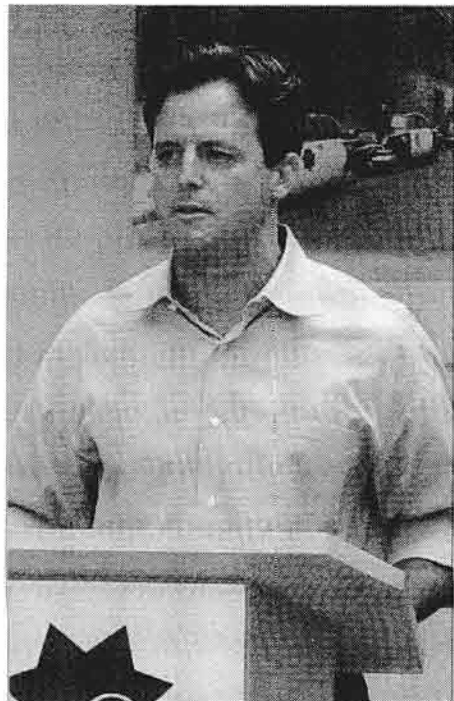


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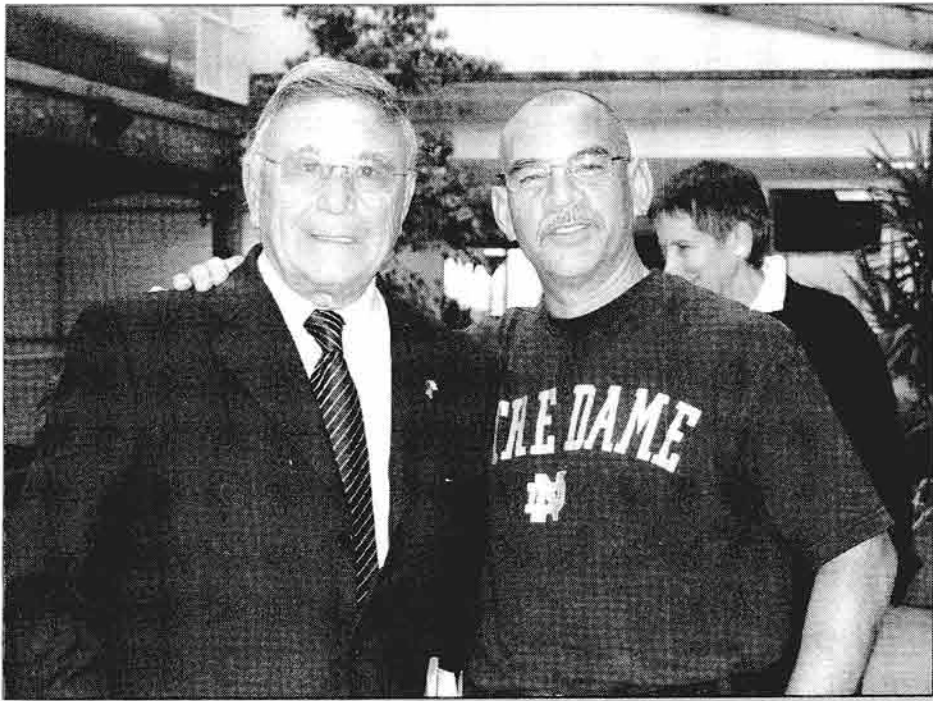


Gary Delagnes introduced the candidates.

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Joseph Alioto, Jr.



Mike Dinunzio and Kevin Martin



David Chiu



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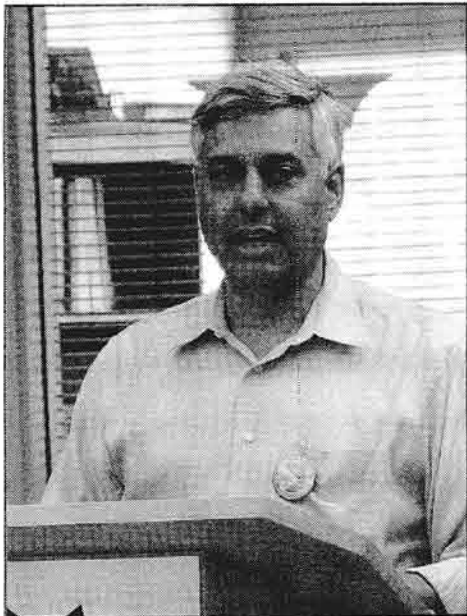
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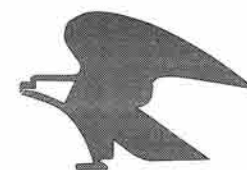
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What Is A Reserve Officer

Editor —

I am a Reserve Police Officer for the SFPD and I would like to dispel some misinformation and misconceptions about who we are, what our motives are, and what we do. First of all, on behalf of all of the members of The Reserve Unit, I would like to acknowledge our commitment to all Q2's and the entire San Francisco Police Department. We are part-time officers you can trust and count on. We are not "scabs," "union breakers," "wannabes," or "parade guards." We are non-paid police officers who have a common goal and that is to volunteer our time to make our streets safer.

First of all, we are not a privately funded unit (that we are sometimes mistaken for) and who have limited police training. Far from it, all SFPD Reserve Officers have been through POST-certified training, while some of us have been through a full Basic Academy. Most of us have the same capabilities as full-time officers and all Level 1 Reserve Officers must complete a FTO program just as you did before being deployed. We issue citations, make arrests, book prisoners, write reports, drive department vehicles, and make court appearances.

You may ask why we are doing this rather than joining the department full-time. This is a good question and the answer is we have full-time jobs that we are committed to and well established in. Money is not our motivation. We are Physicians, Software Designers, Firefighters, Corporate Administrators, other city employees, Aerospace Engineers, and business owners in our regular lives; but foremost, we are volunteer police officers. We all have a desire to patrol with our full-time brothers and sisters of the SFPD and we know the importance of having additional officers on the streets. We want to share the workload and provide an added measure of back-up for you. We don't expect any special treatment and we are willing to take cold reports, protect a crime scene, or handle our share of DUI arrests. We are bound by the General Orders, department rules and policies, and are subject to OCC just as you are.

The current Reserve Officer Program that has been in place for the last three years is different than the one that was previously in place. Under the direct supervision of Sgt. Craig Tom, we have been working on being more proactive, professional, and an asset when deployed. We need to perform over twenty hours of volunteer time each month and this includes street patrol. We are issued the same equipment as a new police officer is given. We receive monthly perishable skills training and must qualify at the range twice a year. Our uniforms are the same as yours and this is because we are not supposed to be different from any other full-time police officer. We know you expect us to do our job properly and we strive for that goal each and every shift we work. Many of you may have seen or heard us on the air on Fridays or Saturday nights. We just hope that you feel we are an asset versus someone who is just

getting in the way. If we on-view a crime, we will finish what we start and would not "kiss off" our duties to another unit.

Another item we would like to address is 10B of which we are completely respectful of. We do not solicit or interfere in any 10B detail. When we work for the department, we volunteer our time and work for free. As I said before, money is not our motivation. Most of the time, the Reserve Unit is called upon to work special details by Command Staff or when there is a great need for additional staffing. Under no circumstances would we take away any 10B job from any full-time officer. We know this is a touchy subject and would never encroach in that area. Our goal is to supplement staffing and help cover more area so you are not spread so thin. We deploy ourselves to prevent full-time officers from being pulled away from their respective districts, while on-duty, to work a special event. We are not attempting to take anyone's job away nor is that our goal. We understand that during these lean economical times the police department is asked to do more with less. We try to deploy ourselves so we fulfill our obligations to the department and you do not get detailed with an assignment that is not necessarily desirable.

We take the job very seriously and strive to blend in as officers that you would comfortably call competent. We take our safety and yours with the utmost importance. We are here to help and contribute. We are proud to be part of the SFPD family and wish to have positive interactions with each member of this department.

With Gratitude...
Dave Martinez
 Reserve, SFPD

Dear SFPOA —

On behalf of the Bura Family, we wish to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for the outstanding funeral escort service provided by the officers of the Solo Motorcycle Unit during my mother's funeral service held July 10.

Sincerely,
The Bura Family

Dear POA—

Thank you so much for supporting us in the Livestrong Challenge Cancer Awareness Walk/Run/Bike Event. With your support our team (Cuc's Kung Fu Fighters) was able to raise approximately \$15,000. Overall the Livestrong Challenge raised approximately 1.5 million dollars. This was the first annual event ever held in California and as you can see it was a success. Because of your generosity we were able to attend a special dinner hosted by Lance Armstrong the evening before the event. He of course was the guest speaker and was very inspiring. This dinner was only offered to those participants who raised over \$3000, we feel very privileged for that opportunity. 1 in 3 people will be diagnosed with cancer. Every single person will be affected one way or another by this illness. Whether it is a relative, friend, or loved one, we will all suf-



Angel Poon and Maricela Sainez

fer until there is a cure. We feel very honored to have been able to make a small contribution for this cause.

Warm Regards,
**Officer Angel Poon &
 Officer Maricela Sainez**

Dear POA —

Thank you for being part of the solution and for assisting those who are challenged by this AIDS epidemic. And thanks to your continued support, I had the opportunity to do my part for humanity.

Wishing the best of all possible worlds,

Tony Eason



Tony Eason

A Long Overdue Thank You to the SFPOA...

Dear SFPOA —

On behalf of the men and women at the Tactical Company, Homeland Security Unit, and the Crime Lab located at Building 606, Hunters Point Naval Shipyard I would like to extend a most overdue thank you to Gary Delagnes and the Executive Board of the SFPOA.

Approximately one year ago in July of 2007 numerous members of the Tactical Company were becoming very upset with the unacceptable working conditions at Building 606. The conditions included radio cars covered in dirt/dust inside and out as well as our personal vehicles also being covered in this same dirt. Anyone in the department could always tell where the filthy vehicles came from...Building 606. Members of the Tactical Company would be approached by citizens on the streets and asked why our cars were so filthy, and why we did not wash them. The answer was always the same and is still the same; "I just washed it." Cars could be washed on a Monday and by Tuesday the same car would be every bit as dirty as it

was the day before it was washed. Not only would the vehicles be filthy, but our clothes as well...If someone did not wash their uniform daily, the uniform would be covered in soot from loading equipment into the car or just brushing up against the car.

The dirt was an inconvenience, but it sparked another concern for me. What was in this dirt which all of the members of the department working at Building 606 were bringing home to their families? If you are unaware the San Francisco, Hunters Point Naval Shipyard is one of the Navy's most contaminated "Superfund" sites in the United States. Some of the contaminants include but are not limited to Radiological, Lead, Manganese, PCB's, and Asbestos.

In July of 2007 I contacted a representative from Lennar Corp. (the construction company conducting a project in "Parcel A" of the shipyard), who showed me statistics for work hazard closures and what initiated such a work stoppage. In August of 2007, Off. Mark Madsen (POA Representative for the Tactical Company) and I attempted to recontact the representative from Lennar who was no longer working on this project. I then contacted an employee of the SFDPH and she provided me with a partial list of toxins/contaminants which were known to be present at the Naval Shipyard which included: Radiological contaminants, PCB's, Asbestos, Lead, and Manganese. I inquired about how the SFDPH was monitoring and enforcing violations of OSHA standards and was assured the SFDPH was carefully monitoring the work being conducted by Lennar and there was nothing to be concerned about.

Based on the information I had received I contacted several laboratories and inquired about testing the dirt on the vehicles traveling in and out of the shipyard. I was informed that wipe testing could be conducted, so armed with this information I asked the SFDPH if they could conduct such testing. The SFDPH employee in charge of this area said "No." They would not conduct such testing because it was not necessary. I approached SFPOA President Gary Delagnes informing him of the concerns of the Tactical Company members as well as the crime lab staff, and he agreed to have the requested wipe testing conducted, so in October of 2007 the SFPOA hired an independent consultant to conduct wipe testing.

The wipe test results came back with high levels of lead, manganese, and asbestos. I shared this information with the SFDPH and was dismissed with comments like "there is no baseline" for that type of testing. The private consultant (OSHA certified) had advised me there was reason to be concerned since some of the lead levels exceeded certain HUD standards for acceptable levels. He also suggested further air testing to more accurately assess the level for potential exposure to these harmful toxins. I requested the SFDPH to conduct air monitoring to evaluate the potential exposure to department employees and was told they would not conduct any air monitor testing.

Off. Madsen and I again approached Gary Delagnes and advised him of this information as well as the fact that there had been numerous work stoppages at the construction site over the past several months and not once had any of the employees of Building 606 been advised of these closures. Gary met with Chief Fong and advised her of the situation and he was told that she had not been informed of the closures, and the Tactical Company would be moved out of Building 606 by 04-01-2008.

The SFPOA again stepped up to the plate and authorized to pay for air sampling/testing to be conducted. Prior to the air testing Off. Madsen, myself, and Gary requested to meet with the department administration regarding this concerning issue several times and were never granted such a meeting. In November of 2007 one day of air sampling was conducted which came back with favorable results for lead and manganese, but did show higher levels of asbestos fibers within the parking area (inside) of Building 606 with a recommendation for clean-up. To date no such clean-up has occurred and the members of the Tactical Company and crime lab are still working in this environment.

On November 28, 2007, numerous representatives from the SFDPH, Lennar, the Navy, department Command Staff: as well as several other groups had a meeting with the employees at Building 606 at which time promises of: wash tickets for our personal vehicles would be provided, air testing of individual employees while on the job at Building 606 would be conducted, and the process of locating a new building for the Tactical Company would become a priority. To this date I am unaware of any air monitoring testing results for the employees at Building 606, there have been no wash tickets issued, and the Tactical Company is still located at Building 606.

There are numerous air monitors located in and around the shipyard. The following is a three-month sample of the monitoring closures for dust fibers (asbestos) at one of these monitors (HV-11): from 07-11-2007 to 10-11-2007 there were 10 closures for excessive amounts of contaminants. Another monitor next to HV11 is HV-12 which would have triggered 30 closures during the same time period, but because neither Lennar nor the Navy takes responsibility for this monitor it is ignored for closure purposes. All of the employees of Building 606 drive through the area where this monitor is located. If you do the math the amount of closures for this area would have been approximately 33% (30 closures for 92 days). Unfortunately the health and safety of department personnel who diligently serve the city and county of San Francisco appear not to be a priority for city administrators.

I would like to again thank Gary Delagnes and the SFPOA Executive board for their assistance in this matter. I hope for the health and safety of the Tactical Company members, Homeland Security Unit, and crime lab staff we will be moved out of this environment sooner than later.

Daniel R. Laval
Tactical Unit

Dear Editor —

I am responding to the recent article in the July issue of the *Journal* authored by Gary Delagnes. In his article he is lying by omission. I have listed a few items that he has chosen to omit to prevent the rank and file from knowing the truth regarding the Q-35 List.

The 1998 Q-35 test was compromised and cheating took place. That is a fact. Many of those accused of cheating scored extremely well. BIG SURPRISE THERE! Others who did not cheat did not score as well. IMAGINE THAT! An FBI investigation was conducted but as usual nothing happened. Many of those who cheated were promoted and many of those who didn't remained on the list.

The 1998 Q-35 list is the last list protected by a stipulation of the Consent Decree; it says the only way the list can be exhausted is if another Q-35 test is given and another eligible list is established or if everyone is promoted off the list. This list is still valid and the department and the POA knows it.

When the topic of combining the ranks of Q-50 and Q-35 came up the rank and file voted overwhelmingly against this. The rank and file did/does not want the rank of Q-35 abolished. The rank and file made that perfectly clear to the department and the POA.

The POA and the department ignored the vote against consolidation and in response a member circulated a petition against this consolidation of the ranks. Once again the rank and file voted overwhelmingly against consolidation.

Being aware that this consolidation was doomed if done legally the POA and the department chose to bring it in through the back door, hoping that no one was looking. Eliminate the rank of Inspector through attrition. By the time anyone figures it out it will be a done deal. SURPRISE, WE WERE WATCHING!

The recent Sergeants test had no components for the rank of Inspector. It was a test specifically for the position of Sergeant. Those Q-50's promoted off this list cannot be assigned to the Inspectors Bureau as Inspectors. This is a violation of the Civil Service Classification Rules. These are two different jobs requiring two different tests. The department and the POA knew this.

Conversely, the Q-380's currently working as Q-50's at the district stations are in violation of the Civil Service Rules as well because they too are working out of classification. The department's intention is to allow these Q-380's to take the Lieutenants test without ever holding the rank of Sergeant. Imagine the fallout when these Q-380's score higher than an appointed Q-50 on the Lieutenants test.

When the department appointed the new Q-50's and assigned them to work as Q-380's, with the blessing of the POA, they violated the Civil Service Classification Rules. Members of our department who are on the VALID, EXISTING Q-35 List filed appeals with the Civil Service Commission, as is our right.

In 1998 we took a test in good faith and we believe that we should be appointed to the Inspectors Bureau. We have been waiting for

10 years while the POA has done nothing to help us. Many of us are members of the POA yet the POA has steadfastly denied us representation. The 51 members appointed to the position of Q-50 took a test in good faith and when they were appointed they accepted the position in good faith. We are united in this aspect. Wouldn't it be refreshing if the playing field were level for everyone? Is it so unreasonable to expect our department and our POA to treat their members equally?

IF YOU ARE LOOKING TO BLAME SOMEONE FOR THIS MESS THEN LOOK DIRECTLY AT THE CHIEF AND GARY DELAGNES. If you are still having trouble believing this you may read the brief submitted to the Civil Service Commission by Public Advocates. The brief has been sent to all stations and the bureau; hopefully they haven't been shredded. After you read all the material you can make your own informed decision about these disgusting "bottom feeders."

Juanita Stockwell
Taraval Station

Dear SFPOA —

On behalf of the Long Beach Police Officers Association and the families of officers killed or injured in the line of duty who benefit most from the Long Beach Police Officers Memorial Widows Emergency and Scholarship Trust fund, I would like to thank you for your generous donation to our 36th Annual Charity Golf Tournament.

With your assistance, we were able to raise nearly \$53,000.00 at our June 18th event. Your participation made this year's tournament one of the best tournaments we have ever had.

We are very aware of the fact that businesses such as yours are limited in the number of donations you make and feel very privileged and grateful to be one of the select few recipients of a generous donation from your organization. The acknowledgment you deserve was made at our awards presentation. We hope that you can get involved again next year, when we put on the 37th Annual Tournament on June 10, 2009.

Again, thank you for assisting us in making this a fantastic tournament.

Sincerely,
Daniel T. Brooks
Golf Chairman
Long Beach POA

Dear SFPOA —

On behalf of the children served by Wish Upon A Star, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your participation at the 2007 "Buzz The Fuzz" event. As the last of the pledges are still coming in, I am happy to announce that Wish Upon A Star is a recipient of a \$46,590.00 donation from this event to date. Your willingness to have your head shaved to make children's dreams come true is a selfless act of kindness. The wishes granted by your efforts give parents and children memories that will last them a lifetime. Over the past 26 years we have granted over 1900 wishes. Your continued support is very important to Wish Upon A Star and the children we serve. It is through the

generosity of people like you that we can continue "Making Dreams Come True" for the many children afflicted with high-risk and life-threatening illnesses.

We would like to share a recent wish with you. In January of 2007, 6-year-old Deandrya was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. Deandrya has always enjoyed spending time exploring the outdoors, riding her bike and having fun with family and friends while barbecuing in her backyard. Since being diagnosed, Deandrya has had to undergo treatments that have weakened her immune system. Her contact with people outside of her immediate family must be limited to reduce the risk of further compromising her health. Deandrya's wish was to have a backyard makeover; a safe place where she could spend precious moments with her parents, enjoying an afternoon of being pushed on a swing, going down a slide or just sitting under a shade tree. Thanks to the generosity of so many people, Deandrya's wish came true; her backyard was transformed into a play haven. Deandrya can now enjoy little moments in her backyard, away from treatments and hospitals, just letting her imagination wander, riding on swings that become rocket ships, and climbing forts that take the shape of mountains in a child's mind. It truly was amazing to see how the human spirit came together to make this child's dream a reality, from firefighters who helped assemble a play set to local businesses who donated materials. These people not only brighten the life of a child in need, they also lift the spirit of the parents and people who care for them and endure the illness alongside them.

We hope this brings a warm satisfaction to your heart knowing that many more wishes will be granted to children who have big dreams and often little time. Thank you again for the happiness and comfort you have brought to many.

Sincerely,
Carmen Perez
Executive Director
Wish Upon A Star

Dear SFPOA —

Because of each of you, our generous donors, we are opening Helpers House of Couture where we will sell fabulous fashions for men and for women, including accessories. The library will house collections of fine books, cookbooks, records, comic books and memorabilia on the subjects of sports, trains, music, etc. There will be a focus on furniture and antiques.

Your gift of three hundred dollars, in celebration of the opening, enables us to connect the exquisite donations of you, our special members, to the new caretakers of your meaningful family treasures.

Our hearts are deeply touched that you, Gary, honor the precious lives of my greatest teachers — those with developmental disabilities.

With thoughts,
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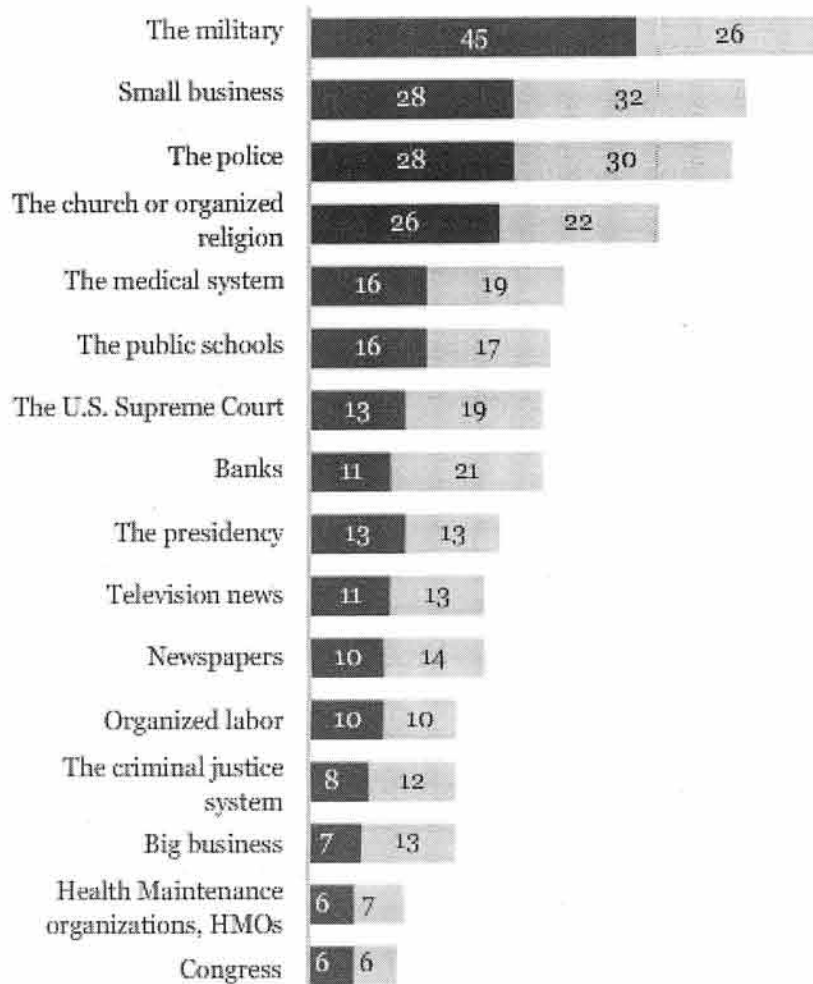
Nation's Cops among Most Trusted

The following graph developed from a Gallup poll lists the nation's police officers as the third most trusted group of people in the country. It's interesting to compare the standing of police officers with, much further down, the criminal justice system as a whole, and further down yet, the law-makers of the land. This was forwarded to the *Journal* by Louis Barberini, retired SFPD. Reprint is with permission of Gallup Poll: Reprinted with permission from <http://www.gallup.com/poll/1597/Confidence-Institutions.aspx>. — Ed.

Now I am going to read you a list of institutions in American society. Please tell me how much confidence you, yourself, have in each one -- a great deal, quite a lot, some, or very little?

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Life Insurance Basics

This article will answer questions about Life Insurance and its importance.

What is Life Insurance?

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Why do I need Life Insurance?

This answer is very simple. A life insurance policy will provide your family, usually your dependents (spouse, children, elderly parents) with financial support if the unthinkable were to happen. Life Insurance will replace lost income and will provide financial support to an insured's loved ones. The proceeds can be used to relieve any debts, start a college fund and pay off a mortgage. Currently, many officers in our department are without life insurance.

For those of you who are married and have children, it's important that you have life insurance coverage to protect your children and your spouse. Both parents should have coverage whether both are working or not. It's common practice to obtain a life insurance policy only on the wage earner, but what has been realized is the value that a non-working parent has on a household. It's important to get life insurance on the non-working spouse will allow the working spouse the financial support needed to take care of the home until the working spouse is able to return to work.

What if I am single? Do I still need it?

Only if you have a mortgage, debts and parents who are dependent on you.

What about cost?

The amount of premium paid into a life insurance policy is far less than the benefit to be paid at the time of death. People tell me, "it's too expensive" or "I can't afford it right now" and this is understandable. It's better to pay into a life insurance policy now than having your family have to find ways to pay the bills later.

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News From the DA's Office

Man Sentenced to 80 Years to Life for Murder

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced that Jamal Butler, age 34, CTN 2331709, was sentenced to 80 years to life in prison for the shooting death of Allen Broussard.

The sentence was handed down by Superior Court Judge Carol Yaggy who also presided over the six-week murder trial which ended with the jury rendering a guilty verdict on May 6, 2008. The jury convicted the defendant of one count of murder in violation of Penal Code section 187-2 with a firearm allegation pursuant to Penal Code section 12022.53 (d) and one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm in violation of Penal Code section 12021(a)(1).

Judge Yaggy sentenced the defendant on July 11, 2008 to 80 years to life in prison, a fine of \$10,000, and

ordered restitution be paid by the defendant to the victim's family. The defendant is to begin serving his State Prison sentence immediately.

"This defendant will spend the rest of his natural life behind bars for callously taking another man's life and jeopardizing the safety of this community," said San Francisco District Attorney Kamala D. Harris. "I applaud the work of the police and prosecutor who worked on this case and thank the jury and judge for an outcome that puts everyone on notice that murderers will be taken off our streets for good." On August 20, 2007 the defendant, Jamal Butler of San Francisco, was arrested for the murder of Allen Broussard. The facts of the case show that the defendant approached Allen Broussard from behind and shot him in the back of the head in the early

morning hours of August 17, 2007 at the Alice Griffith Public Housing site in San Francisco. The defendant then admitted his crime while bragging about it to two individuals who ultimately testified at his trial. The defendant had previously been convicted of assault with a firearm and attempted murder. He was on parole for another unrelated crime at the time this murder was committed.

The prosecution was the result of a lengthy investigation by Inspector Kevin Jones and Lieutenant Lee Militello of the San Francisco Police Department. Jean Hassett is the San Francisco District Attorney's Office Victim Witness Advocate assigned to the case. David Merin is the Assistant District Attorney who prosecuted the case.

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Retirement Planning Seminar, Class # 49

Three Days At Sigmund Stern Grove

By Mike Hebel

Welfare Officer, Attorney, CFP

The Clubhouse at Sigmund Stern Grove hosted the latest SFPD-POA pre-retirement seminar (June 10, 11, & 12, 2008) – class #49. The Stern Grove with its club house and concert pavilion is a beloved community treasure and part of San Francisco' romantic history. The Clubhouse, built in 1892 as the Trocadero Hotel and beer garden, was purchased in 1931 by Mrs. Sigmund Stern and donated to the City. The seminar has been expanded to include discussion of social security and medicare benefits, health service system plans, long-term care, post retirement employment, retired employee organizations, health and nutrition, taxation, essentials of estate planning, and critical psychological issues presented by and in retirement.

This seminar, titled "The Gino Marionetti and Michael Sugrue Memorial Seminar", honors its two founders. May they rest in peace. This seminar is now in its 24th year having started in March 1985. More that 2,135 participants have completed this seminar since its inception.

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

36 Participants

Thirty-six participants attended this lively and informative seminar which is coordinated by Courtney Dixon, POA staff member.

The seat of honor, which is reserved for the most senior member in attendance, was given to Ed Garcia and Andy O'Mahoney both of the 128th recruit class (March 1977). A special moment of appreciation was given to senior department members Marty Bastiani (51 years' department service joining on 9-1-56) and Jim Wertz (51 years' of department service joining on 12-16-56). Jim retired in February and we all wish him a most prosperous retirement.

All of the attendees were in the Tier II retirement plan (now with the acquired moniker "Tears Too"). Tier I members are nearly an extinct species. Class attendees were mostly from the 128th to the 166th recruit classes. The 223rd recruit class is currently completing its basic course at the Academy. Some members attended with their spouses/partners (which is much encouraged).

Hot Topics

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

2008 ballot (effective July 1, 2008), the 3% at 55 Charter amendment (passed by the voters on the November 2007 ballot) for those who served at the Airport prior to the merger in 1977, and the additional 4% pensionable, longevity pay with 30+ years of service. The DROP will allow police

officers to defer retirement by entering DROP, direct their monthly retirement check into a 401(k) like-account, and continue to work in the Department earning full salary and benefits. Police officers could remain in DROP for up to 3 years, sergeants for up to 2 years, and lieutenants/captains for up to one year. The monies placed in the 401(k) like-account would have a 4% interest guaranty. DROP is a voluntary program allowing members to build a substantial, supplemental retirement nest-egg. As of July 24, less than 25 members have entered DROP.

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

POA president Gary Delagnes stated that a large exodus of police officers was expected over the next 6 years with as many as 720 police officers reaching a full/maximum pension status (a full one-third of the Department). Between 2007 and 2012, over 800 police officers will join the KMA club; this is most disturbing since the failure rate amongst the recent recruit classes has exceeded 30%. The Department is now understaffed by over 200 officers; he noted that police officer recruitment is an urgent problem for all large city police departments. He stated that the first raise under the new MOU did occur on July 1, 2007 at 4%; over the next 4 years the wage increase will equal 25.5% compounded. Gary was commended for his primary role in advancing, in thirteen years, the total compensation of SF police officers from #92 in the state of California to #3 in the nation (cities with populations of 200,000 and over). (Hayward is numero uno.) Gary appears close to accomplishing his personal goal of financial freedom for the rank and file: a thirty-year veteran Q4 police officer, on January 1, 2008, receiving an annual wage of \$102,069 and thereafter retiring with an annual pension of \$91,860. Gary set forth the pay raises that have been received over the last decade: 1992 – 5%; 1993 – 5%; 1994 – 5%; 1995 – 0%; 1996 – 3.5%; 1997 – 3.5%; 1998 – 3.5%; 1999 – 5.5%; 2000 – 5.5%; 2001 – 8%; 2002 – 8%; 2003 – 0%; 2004 – 9% (with uniform allowance); 2005 – 6.5%; 2006 – 4.9%; 2007 – 6%; 2008 – 7%; 2009 – 6%, and 2010 – 4%. What a glorious record of accomplishment! This will be known as the Delagnes-Cunnie legacy. Gary outlined the 30 year police career path: years 1-10, job oriented; years 11-20, promotion oriented; and years 21-30, retirement oriented.

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

Class Comments

Comments from the attendees during the course evaluation included: "very helpful and useful information.

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

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

Instructor Comments

George Brown, ING deferred compensation account executive, noted that "retirement is a whole bunch of weekends strung together." George said that the police department's average deferred compensation balances are the highest amongst all city departments. He set forth the 5 most common retirement investing mistakes: miscalculating everyday living expenses, underestimating health care costs, underestimating life expectancy, investing too conservatively, and failing to recognize the impact of inflation. He said that the newly added life style portfolios (near term, mid term and long term), with their automatic daily rebalancing, were particularly attractive offerings for broad diversification. Each strategy suits a specific investor profile – based on the number of years you have until your planned start of distribution. George told the class that the stock market loses money, on average, 3 out of every 10 years; but those 7 up years far out distance the losers. For the long term trend in the stock market is definitely and demonstrably up. Congratulations to George on his marriage (May 17th) to Denise Marie Patch. George was joined by Joe Collins – ING's distribution expert.

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

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

George Eimil, retired deputy chief and dedicated instructor in these seminars, said that he began estate

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

Duane Collins (SFPD 1976-2000), licensed tax preparer and dedicated instructor in these seminars, covered the issues of federal and state taxation in retirement, Social Security off-sets, and retirement plan (traditional and Roth IRAs) distributions. With his short tax quiz, he clearly demonstrated the tax savings for those awarded an industrial disability retirement.

Maria Newport (Administrator, Retirement Services Division) and Candice Fan set forth all the basics of the CCSF Retirement plans. They most adequately described the benefits of and qualifications for service and industrial disability pensions. Also explained were death benefits, beneficiary designation, and cost of living adjustments. Maria and Candice answered all questions insuring that the basics of the CCSF Retirement System were understood by the attendees. To increase your pension: work longer, get older, and hope for many more pay raises. Also, buy-back miscellaneous time (accrued during police academy) to obtain a separate monthly pension check, albeit small; such buy-back must be completed before retirement. With regard to service pension calculations, the age factor goes up every 3 months while the service factor increases each day. To schedule a retirement interview call 415-487-7070 up to 6 months before your expected date of retirement. They urged members to bring their spouse/domestic partner to this interview. Also, said Candice, keep your beneficiary designation current. They all noted that the date of retirement chosen will effect cost of living adjustments as well as the SP/OU/VA payout. Cola's are effective on July 1 of each year; to get the cola for any given year you must retire on or before June 30 of that year; but remember that payouts (SP/OU/VA) are based on your rate of compensation for the month in which you retire (higher payout if you retire on or after July 1). There were options for retiring members to reduce their monthly pension so that a spouse/partner/beneficiary could get a larger monthly pension as a survivor. Maria explained that the pension benefit calculation for new plan members (Tier II). It is based on the highest average monthly compensation paid to a member. The Retirement System compares each member's earnings for the 12 months immediately preced-



ing their retirement date with the member's highest fiscal year earnings. Whichever is higher is used for the pension calculation. They also the cost of living adjustment changes resulting from the successful passage of Proposition B (June 2008 ballot) wherein the basic cola (up to 2%) is now compounded and the supplemental cola, when excess earnings are present, was increased from 1% to up to 1.5%.

It was noted that the average retirement age for San Francisco police officers in 1931 was 71.5 years; in 2005, the average age was 53.5. Quite a difference in two generations.

Tier I vs. Tier II

The participants reviewed the retirement/survivor benefits contained in the two police retirement plans. Tier I (old plan, pre-November 1976) remains superior for 3 main reasons: 1. spousal/domestic partner continuances are 25% larger; 2. cost of living adjustments are about 1.5 times better; and 3. the marriage/domestic partner rights are superior (a Tier I member can marry or form a domestic partnership after retirement, live one year, and then the spouse/domestic partner is entitled to a continuation; for Tier II, the marriage/domestic partnership must have occurred at least one year before retirement for there to be a spousal/partner continuation entitlement).

To understand the cost of living adjustment (cola) differences, the class undertook a comparison exercise. One of the presenters, who retired holding the rank of sergeant in May 1976 in the Tier I system with 31 years' service at age 51, received his first monthly check in the amount of \$1,130 - having contributed less than \$15,000 in retirement system contributions over his long career. In July 2008 that monthly check had grown to over \$5,050 thanks to the power of the cost of living adjustments. Wow! For a \$15,000 investment - a pension that started at \$13,200 a year has now grown to a pension of \$60,600 a year and it will keep growing. The class was asked to compute the July 2008 monthly check that would be received if this retiree had been governed by the Tier II basic cost of living adjustment. For purposes of this exercise, the class considered only the basic non-compounded 2% and not the supplemental 1% cola which is dependent upon Retirement System

excess earnings. To their amazement, a Tier II retirement, over this same 31 year period, would have grown to only \$2,110. The difference between a Tier I and Tier II monthly pension, in this example, was \$2,940 per month. Why? Tier I grew at a 4.7% compounded rate; Tier II grew at a 2% non-compounded rate. Fortunately, the supplemental 1% cola has been paid in every year since its adoption in 1996, except 2003-04, thereby lessening, but not eliminating, the cola differences in the two systems; and the recent passage of Proposition B creating a compounded basic cola and added ½% supplemental cola will also lessen this difference. The retired sergeant also reminded the class that police wages were set by Charter amendment prior to 1953; by annual salary survey from 1954 onward; and now by collective bargaining since 1992.

Other Observations

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

Attendees were stunned by the costs of health coverage upon retirement. Few had realized just how good the POA Memorandum of Understanding is in keeping these costs down for members and their families. After retirement, there is no subsidized dental plan, but thanks to Proposition E (Nov. 2001 ballot) there now is a medical care monetary subsidy for the principal dependent. The member's health care cost on retirement, depending upon the plan selected and the number of dependents included, is zero or highly subsidized. Susan Rodriguez-Cairns, HSS benefits analyst, urged participants to take care of their dental needs before retiring. She emphasized that the HSS plans, excepting the City's plan, were geographically limited. She said that the HSS walk-in hours are 8 am to 4:45pm; phone calls are taken for four hours every day. On an average day, there are up to 200 walk-ins and over 1,000 phone calls. The plans available, as of July 2008 are: City Plan, Kaiser, Blue Shield and Pacificare. City retirees are indeed very fortunate to have life-time medical care; most employers terminate health care coverage at age 65. Clare Zvanski,

employee elected commissioner on the City Health Service Board, spoke on the funding of retiree health plans, the importance of Medicare reimbursements, and the pre-funding of retiree health care that new City employees (hired after January 10, 2009) will be required to make (up to 2% of salary) so as to pre-fund their benefits to the year 2038. Clare is the longest serving city employee on the Health Service Board. Congratulations to Clare on her recent re-election victory.

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

Pete Schields made his first presentation at this seminar - and successful it was. Pete urged attendees to adopt life-styles that would ensure a longer, healthier life. His suggestions included an annual physical check-up, avoiding fatty, processed foods, adequate exercise, and a diet full of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and protein. He distributed several booklets covering topics of healthy life style, lowering blood pressure, weight management, and control of cholesterol and stress. Thanks Pete.

Joining this seminar for the sixth time was retiree Mike Gannon (SFPD 1972-1998) speaking, robustly and vigorously, on the issue of long term care insurance. Mike is a licensed insurance salesperson (since 1984). He said that long term care is not covered by the CCSF health plans or by Medicare. As he told the attendees: "You deserve a long walk in the sunshine. You deserve the glory and honor that you earned as a public safety hero." With the average

stay in a nursing home now 2.5 years, he urged all to consider long term care insurance. Since almost 25% of original applicants for long term care are denied (medical issues), he urged picking this up in your early 50's. He thought that excellent long term plans were available from Genworth (GE), Met Life, & John Hancock; he also urged comparison with the plan offered by CALPERS. Mike quoted his favorite financial advisor, Suze Orman: "1 in 1200 homeowners will use their fire insurance, 1 in 240 automobile owners will use their auto insurance, but 1 in 2 long term care insured's will call upon their policy for financial assistance."

Retirement Board commissioners Herb Meiburger and Al Casciato helped bring this seminar to a most successful conclusion. Al and Herb proudly told the attendees that San Francisco has one of the few public retirement plans that are funded at over 110%; our plan is amongst the best funded in the United States. They urged the members to stay active in the retiree organizations to protect their retirement and health service benefits. Al and Herb noted that the CCSF Retirement System is amongst the top public pension plans in terms of performance for FY 2006-07. Of course, with the recent passage of Proposition B improving the supplemental cola, attendees asked Herb and Al: "Will the SFERS continue to earn sufficient 'excess returns' so as to be able to pay the annual supplemental cola at 1.5%?" Answer: Let's hope and pray.

Next Seminar

The next retirement planning seminar is scheduled for October 21 - 23, 2008. For 2009, there will be three seminars (February, June, & October - exact dates have yet to be determined). The seminar will be available to the first 50 persons, members and their spouses/partners, who contact the POA after the announcement is sent to all members with or near retirement eligibility. Preference is given to those members who are near retirement or who have already contacted the Retirement System for their retirement dates. The seminar fills up quickly so don't delay. Contact Courtney at the POA (861-5060) if you desire advance notification for these seminars.

PAL CORNER

By Rick Bruce
President, SFPAL



In 1960's San Francisco, baseball was still king. But the queen of San Francisco baseball was the legendary Thelma Williams, a PAL coach who is still fondly remembered by the hundreds of boys who spent their youth on baseball diamonds across San Francisco. I spoke with a few of Thelma's ex-players for this article, including Mike Puccinelli, Bob Knighton, Rich Dalton, and Pete Franceschi.

Thelma Williams and her husband raised two sons on Joost Avenue, and after her husband had passed away, Thelma became very involved in PAL youth baseball and coached scores of teams over a period of many years. As a result of her efforts (and the efforts of other PAL coaches) a trip to Glen Park on any Saturday or Sunday in the 60's would find a park filled with young boys playing baseball for nothing more than a love of the game.

Thelma was really a woman ahead of her time. Ironically, the PAL didn't have any girls in its early years, believing erroneously that only boys were

prone to mischief given too much idle time. In the 1960's, many males would still scoff at the notion that a woman could know enough about a man's game that she could successfully coach a team composed of all males. But the guys who played for her will tell you that "Thelma knew her stuff," and was actually well versed in the nuances of America's pastime.

Even though Thelma tried to instill a competitive spirit in her players, and attempted to put together winning programs, she was also a huge supporter of the underdog. As a result, she always ensured that every kid who wanted to play got to play, even those players with less talent than desire. Thelma not only had a soft spot for those prone to bench warming, she made sure that every kid had a glove. When it became obvious to Thelma that a player couldn't afford to buy his own glove, she would quietly buy it herself and then give it to the young player, telling him simply that every boy deserved his own glove.

Thelma coached at many levels throughout her career, and her former players

recall games all over the city at ball diamonds like Big Rec, Funston Field, Crocker Amazon and Rossi. But it was at Glen Park that Thelma really made her mark, and the baseball diamond there was named in her honor several years ago, in recognition of the thousands of hours Thelma spent at the park coaching and mentoring all of those boys.

Glen Park was ground zero for youth baseball in San Francisco in the 1960's. This is where the youngest players played what is commonly referred to as Pee Wee (coach pitch) baseball. Thelma never learned how to drive, and some of her players speculate that it was simply because of her home's proximity to Glen Park that it was chosen as the main diamond for Pee Wee baseball.

Thelma relied on two methods of hauling all of the equipment necessary for a baseball game to the park daily. The first involved catching the 10 Monterey, with her equipment bags in tow, and riding the Muni down to Glen Park. The second method involved a man named Pete Franceschi Senior, who would drive Thelma back and forth to ballparks all over San Francisco.

Pete was another huge youth baseball booster, and he worked for many years within the PAL as the director of baseball. Pete grew up playing football in depression era San Francisco, and was a standout at both Mission High and USF prior to signing with the fledgling 49ers. But even with this background in football, Pete's love was

youth baseball, and the PAL provided him with an outlet for this passion.

When Thelma wasn't at Glen Park, she was making a modest living as a ticket seller for the East — West Shrine game. Her players recall that Thelma "wasn't rich," but she apparently had quite a knack for convincing many San Francisco businesses to provide financial support for the PAL's baseball program. Players still fondly recall wearing jerseys that bore the names of those early sponsors: Myers Safety Switch, Flying Goose Sporting Goods, and British Motors were among the perennial sponsors, and even though many of these businesses are long gone, they are still remembered by the boys who proudly wore their names emblazoned across their cotton jerseys.

Although Thelma Williams passed away a few years ago, her memory lives on with the hundreds of PAL players who came under her tutelage. Thelma Williams is one of the many former and current PAL supporters who will be honored at our 50 year anniversary celebration, tentatively scheduled for the fall of 2009. If you know of any additional deserving individuals, please contact me via e-mail at: rickbruceconstruction@yahoo.com.

Note that the information in this article comes from the recollections of some of Thelma's ex-players. The author apologizes beforehand for any inaccuracies, and welcomes any personal insights and recollections that readers may wish to provide.

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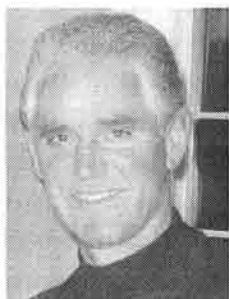
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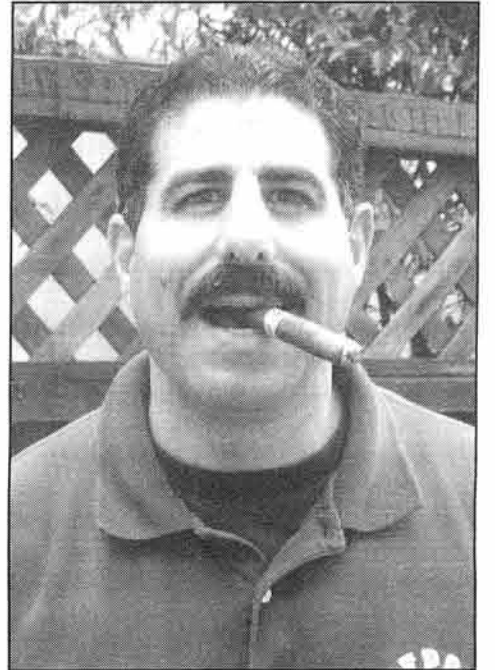
By Nick Shihadeh,
Journal Sports Editor

Lujan Loses in Mixed Martial Arts Bout

CHECK IT OUT: Bryan Lujan gave it a gallant effort in his third pro fight on Friday, July 18th at Kezar Pavilion, but unfortunately wasn't able to come away victorious at the Full Contact Promotions set of fights. His opponent was Mike Fazzino who happens to be a former instructor of Lujan's and what a worthy opponent he was.

Early in the first round, Lujan came out swinging. His fast hands were able to knock down Fazzino twice, but Fazzino was able to rebound both times. Fazzino eventually was able to get Lujan off of his feet and to the mat. A flurry of elbows to the head was getting the best of Lujan and all he wanted to do was survive the round and hear that bell. The referee wouldn't allow the first round to end though, as he called the fight on a TKO and declared Fazzino the winner.

I spoke with Bryan and was happy to find out that he came away from the fight uninjured. He has even started training again and is hoping to fight again sometime in August in a "Cage Combat" mixed martial arts event that is being held in Fresno. In the meantime, Bryan really appreciated the support he received from department members who attended that night. He also wanted to thank the POA for their continued support. As far as I'm concerned, I think that Bryan Lujan is a champion competitor just for stepping into the ring like he does. I'm wishing him lots of luck in his next bout.



Important Dates and Events

The Emerald Society Golf Tournament is scheduled for later this month on Monday, the 18th at Lake Merced Country Club. There still might be room for a foursome or two at \$195.00 per golfer, so quickly contact **Brian Philpott** who works nights at Tenderloin Station.

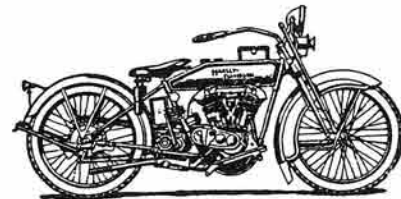
The POA Golf Tourney is taking place next month on Monday, Sept. 22nd at the Marin Country Club in Novato. This is always a well run event so check out the details in a flyer on the back page.

The Isaac Espinoza Memorial Softball Tournament is slated for the weekend of Oct. 4th and 5th in The City (either Moscone Playground or the fields at Jackson Park). The cost is \$350.00 per team. Contact **Marc Marquez** at Southern Station on nights or **Kevin Worrell** at Central Station also working nights.

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THE LOONS NEST REPORT

By Ed Garcia,
Central Station

Harry Pearson Sizzles at Summer Golf Classic

A hot and windless Marin County day in San Geronimo Valley, a perfect setting for the Loons Nest Golf Club's 21st Summer Golf Classic. Fairways dry due to heat and water conservation, while greens and tees were in good shape. A recipe for some excellent scores from those who can hold up under the heat and pressure of tournament golf. On June 17th seventy-three Loons and guests arrived at San Geronimo for our Summer Golf Classic, and some very fine scores were posted in each flight.

Five players posted front nine scores of thirty-nine strokes or less, including a even par front side of thirty-six by Ed Anzore of Central Station. The Narcotics Division was well represented as Darren Nocetti and Harry Pearson had front side scores of thirty-seven. Guest Mike Cullinan matched that thirty-seven, followed by Steve Landi of Co. K at thirty-nine strokes.

Landi, Nocetti and Cullinan faded on the back side with scores in the forties, while Steve Moss of the Airport Bureau made a back nine charge with a score of thirty-eight. Steve is still hot after his recent victory at the Spring Championship at Monterey played at Del Monte & Poppy Hills.

Pat Armitage of Sausalito P.D. made a big move on the back side with score of thirty-seven, which included birdies on the fourteenth and seventeenth holes, but that was not enough. Anzore and Bob Byrne of the Canine Unit fired



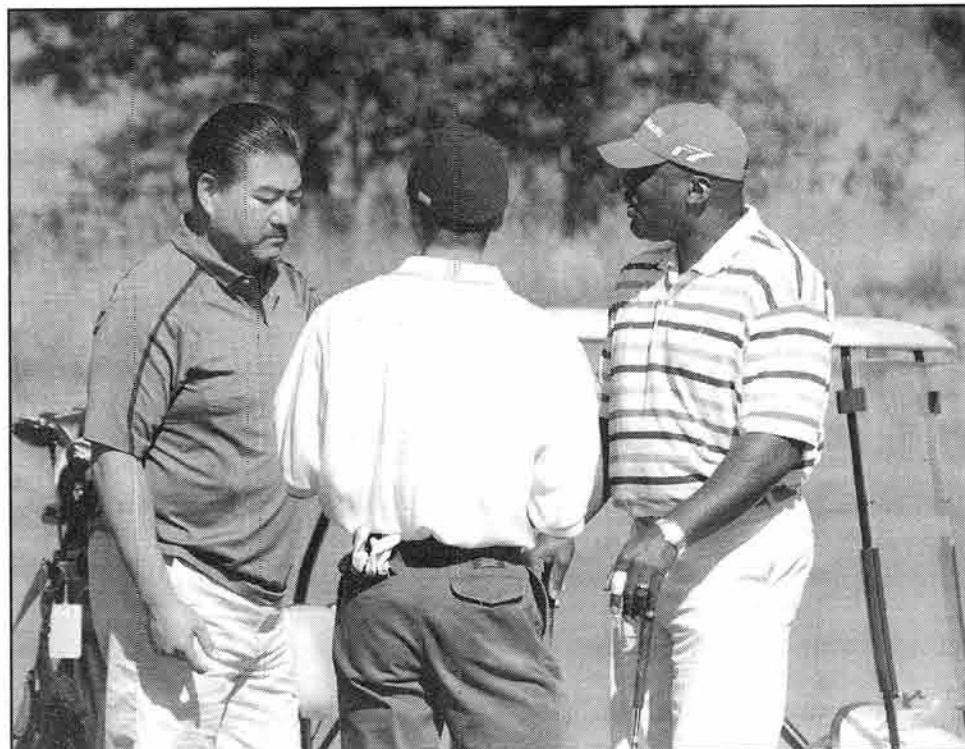
thirty-nines on the back, but Pearson pulled away from the pack like Sea Biscuit at Hollywood Park. He posted an even par back side of thirty-six, which included birdies on the tenth and eighteenth holes. Harry finished with a one over par score of seventy-three and the Summer Classic title.

Ed Anzore picked up three birdies on the day en route to a score of seventy-five and second place in low gross, first flight. Moss and Nocetti both finished with rounds of seventy-eight and the tiebreaker went to Moss. The Summer Classic victory was Harry Pearson's fourth championship in Loon's events. Harry won the 2003 Spring Championship at Monarch Bay, the 2003 Holiday Classic at Rooster Run, as well as the 2007 Spring Championship at Monterey played at the Del Monte and Blackhorse courses.

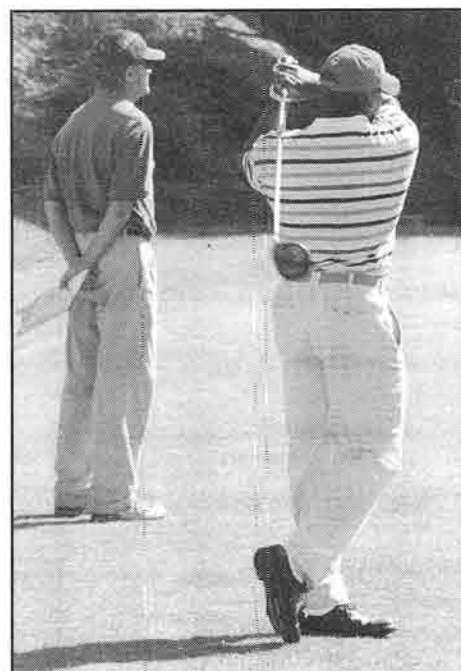
First Flight Low Net went to Cullinan who posted a net score of sixty-six, followed by Nocetti with a net sixty-eight. Central Station's John Ferrando also posted a net sixty-eight, losing the tiebreaker to Nocetti and grabbing third place honors. Ferrando had a very productive June, as he also took first place in the Central Station Invitational event at Sharp Park Golf Course, as he repeated his 2007 victory at the Presidio Golf Club.

Second Flight Low Gross was a five-way battle between Dennis Meixner (retired), Ken Johnson (brother of Mike & Steve Johnson), Kitt Crenshaw of Traffic Company, new member Alan Honniball of Burgary and Joe Allegro (Hondas). As the players went into the final hole, Johnson and Allegro had the edge, but both men fell victim to double bogeys on the eighteenth. Meixner, Honniball and Crenshaw each mustered up the stuff needed to par the difficult final hole, showing some true tournament grit.

Meixner finished with a round of ninety and first place. Johnson, Crenshaw, Allegro and Honniball finished at ninety-one. After the tiebreakers



Honniball, Ting and Crenshaw discuss strategy.



Kitt Chresnhaw displays good swing and fashion.

were applied Johnson was awarded second place and Crenshaw took third.

Honniball was not left out in the cold, as he had a net score of sixty-one, which gave him second place in Second Flight Low Net play. First place low net in the flight went to Northern Station's Brian Guiney who fired a blistering net round of fifty-nine. Brian closed his round out with a forty-four on the back nine, running past Honniball and third place finisher Dean Taylor of the Hit & Run Detail.

Central Station's Tom Costello took home the Long Drive prize as he launched a drive measured at 292 yards on a hole with a slight uphill grade. Tom put on a display of awesome power throughout the day.

In "Close to the Hole" action, the outstanding shot of the day was made by Bob McMillan of Narcotics. Bob

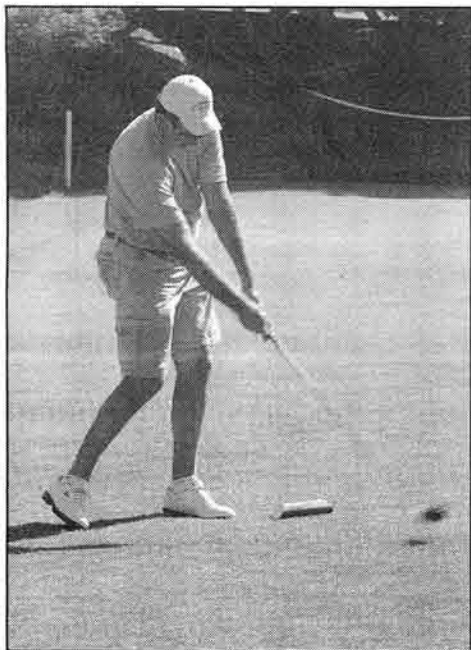
left his tee shot three feet and two inches from the cup on the thirteenth hole. Narcotics member Kevin Healy took a first on the seventh hole with a shot of three feet, four inches. Central Station's John Schmolke grabbed first place honors on the sixteenth hole leaving his ball seven feet, three inches off the flag. Ingleside Station's John Geraty took first place on the third hole with a shot of eighteen feet. Second place winners were Joe Noto of Richmond Station, Darren Nocetti of Narcotics, Harold Vance of the Solos and John "the Godfather" Wong.

Our next event will be our 22nd Club Championship, which be played August 5th at the Presidio Golf Club. Watch your mail and get your entries in quickly.

Aces

In the month of June, two members of the Loons Nest Golf Club enjoyed the great thrill and honor of scoring Hole-in-One shots. Mike Costello of Central Station had an ace at the Presidio Golf Club on the 13th hole, a tough par three to be sure. Only days later at the Foxtail Golf Club, Loon Handicap Chairman Ed Anzore picked up a Hole-in-One on the 6th hole. But wait! This was not just any Hole-in-One, it was Ed Anzore's third career ace!!

Ed scored aces in 1999 at Rooster Run Golf Club and in 2002 at Pacific Grove Golf Links while competing in a Loon's event. What is even more amazing is that the Loons have two members in the "Triple Ace" club, as our current Club Champion Steve Landi has also fired three career aces. I doubt there are any other Associate Clubs in the N.C.G.A. with two "Triple Ace" members.



Ed Anzore big off the first tee.



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This is your invitation to play in the 17th Annual San Francisco Police Officers Association Golf Tournament on Monday, September 22nd, 2008.

This prestigious Marin Country Club at 500 Country Club Drive in Novato will be the site of this year's event. The 18 hole par 72 course designed by Lawrence Marion Hughes was the site of the 1993 U.S. Open Championship qualification tournament.

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

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

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

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



Tournament Schedule:

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

Entry Fees for this year's charitable fundraiser: (Includes golf, barbeque lunch, and dinner)

Friends and Supporters: \$225

Additional Information:

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| Gary Delagnes | (415) 861-5060 |
| Marty Halloran | (415) 861-5060 |
| Larry Mack | (415) 970-3080 |

Yes, I will be playing in the SFPOA 17th Annual Tournament

Players Names:

1. _____ Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL

3. _____ Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL

2. _____ Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL

4. _____ Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL

Business Name: _____

Business Contact: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

_____ Yes, I would like _____ additional Awards Dinner Tickets @ \$55 each.

_____ Yes, I would like to be a Tee Sponsor for an additional \$150.

Please use the following copy on the sign: _____

_____ Yes, I would like to be a Platinum or Gold Sponsor. Please contact me at: _____

Please make checks payable to:

SFPOA Scholarship/Community Service Fund

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