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## President's Message

# Tough Calls for Tough Times

By Gary Delagnes,  
SFPOA President

San Francisco may be a lot of things but for better or worse it's never boring. I write this article after learning that Chief Heather Fong will be stepping down early this year.

That news came on the heels of being summoned to the mayor's office this past week to be given a first-hand account of the dire economic crisis that confronts our city.

You would have to be brain dead not to comprehend the fact that our

country is facing a situation we have not seen since the Great Depression. Massive layoffs, double digit unemployment, a record number of foreclosures and bank failures, and even the possibility of the American auto industry going under should signal to all of us these are not normal times.

Locally, we will see many more layoffs and business failures in 2009. It will certainly be a bloody year for local business. Our own members have seen their deferred compensation accounts shrink by as much as 50% while many more of our members are struggling to

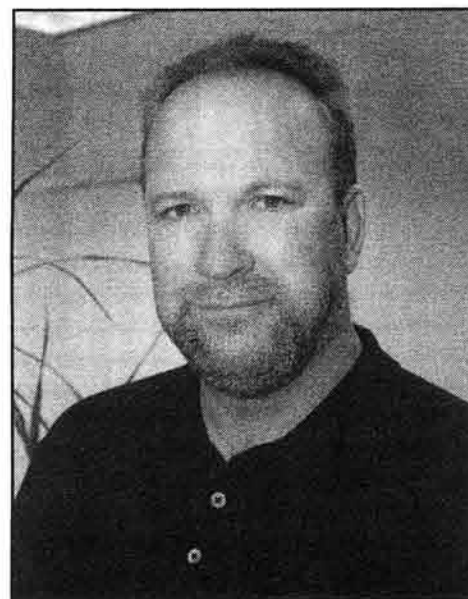
stay in their homes as a result of the mortgage crisis.

What we do have that most Americans do not is job security and a comfortable pension that we can count on when we retire. Americans that are solely dependent on their savings and 401(k) accounts must completely readjust their retirement plans based on the crumbling economy. We also have a contract that we were able to negotiate prior to the roof caving in and have already realized several raises as a result. We must now decide collectively what our obligation may be, if any, to help the city of San Francisco through this economic crisis. We must consider ways we may help without putting our own members into economic crisis.

Personally, I believe we should do our part for two very important reasons:

1. It is vitally important to maintain a positive and healthy relationship with City Hall because these are the same people with whom we will negotiate in 2011.
2. We have a responsibility to other city workers to help minimize the inevitable layoffs that will occur in the coming year.

We have been very fortunate over the past decade to realize unprecedented wage increases and enhanced pension benefits. We have been en-



SFPOA President Gary Delagnes

titled to each of those gains just as we are entitled to our current, and future negotiated, wage increases. But tough times call for everyone to make concessions. I am committed to protecting our contract, and our raises, while at the same time exploring ways in which we can help the city get through these next couple of years.

In the past I have questioned the reality of the city's claims of economic hardship but I believe that this time the problems are real and we as an association have some very difficult decisions to make. I will keep the members informed on the situation through your representatives and bulletins. We have been here before and we will make prudent, intelligent decisions that protect our members and at the same time work with the city to minimize the potential catastrophic effects of the current fiscal crisis.

## Three SFPD Officers Suffer Serious Injuries in Traffic Collisions

### Solo Officers Injured During Toy Escort Detail

Two Solo Motorcycle Officers suffered serious injuries while participating in a Toy Drive escort detail. The officers lost control of their motorcycles on a wet and slippery street and collided with a parked car.

Officer Felix Sung, the Solo assigned to Co. B, is still recuperating in the ICU at SFGH. He sustained life-threatening injuries, including a broken neck and severe facial injuries. Officer John Anton broke his wrist in an effort to deflect Officer Sung away from the parked vehicle.

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### Foot Officer Injured while Pursuing Suspected Felon

In an unrelated collision, Officer Hans Gumpfer of Ingleside Station was seriously injured while pursuing a suspected 245 felony suspect on foot. Officer Gumpfer was struck by a responding radio car in the area of Geneva and Mission Streets. He suffered several bone fractures and was transported to SFGH.

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## Chief Fong to Retire in April 2009

San Francisco Police Chief Heather Fong, who rose through the ranks to become the city's first female chief nearly five years ago, announced that she would retire in April of 2009. She made the announcement on December 20. The chief also said that she would assist Mayor Gavin Newsom in a "nation-wide" search for her replacement. She added that she hopes the next chief will be promoted from within the department, but the decision on who gets the job will be up to the mayor and the Police Commission.

Fong also said the timing to begin her exit is appropriate, given that about a half-dozen reports on how to improve the department have recently been completed or will be soon. The studies cover such topics as foot patrols, station boundaries, technology, racial profiling and how the staff is organized and managed. "I would like to set the course, begin implementation of therecommendations and then turn the department over to others," Fong said.

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The officers and staff of the San Francisco Police Officers Association wish you all the best in 2009!

### We're Late!

Due to the holiday schedules and other urgent matters, this issue of the *Journal* was printed a week late. Please accept our apologies.

2009 Online POA Annual Board of Directors Election will start  
 Monday, January 12th, 2009 at 8:00 AM thru Friday, January 16th, 2009 at 11:59 PM.

**You must activate your account in order to vote!!**

Go to [www.sfpoa.org](http://www.sfpoa.org), log-in and click on "Election Information" under "Members Only" to view the candidates and to vote.  
 Don't forget to cast your vote starting Monday, January 12th at 8:00 AM.



# POA Board of Directors Meeting, December 10, 2008\*

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

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

3. POA Webmaster Alex Durouv gave a presentation on how to vote online. The POA Bylaws require all future voting be conducted online.

4. Representative Browne (Co. A) made a motion to accept the November 2008 minutes. Motion was seconded by Representative Goldsborough (Co H) and passed by voice vote.

5. Sergeant-At-Arms Breen will chair a committee that will discuss the current fiscal status of the City. Committee members are Peter Dacre (Co F), Ed Browne (Co A), Matt Castagnola (Mounted) and Gary Delagnes (POA).

6. The status of the 1998 Q-35 list is still being discussed by the Plaintiff's Attorney (Public Advocates) and the City.

7. Treasurer Halloran gave a presentation regarding the 2009 budget. As presented, the proposed 2009 budget is \$2,583,700.00. The 2008 budget was \$2,889,200.00 and projected spending through December 2008 is \$2,682,448.03. The 2008 budget will be \$206,751.97 under budget.

8. Representative Rosko (Co A) made a motion that the POA establish a rotation process regarding gym equipment for each of the represented units. Four units will receive
- a maximum of \$2,500.00 per year to purchase gym equipment. Motion was seconded by Representative Donati (Co I) and passed by voice vote.

9. Representative Callaghan (HQ) made a motion to accept the proposed 2009 budget. Motion was seconded by Representative Chapman (Airport) and passed by voice vote.

10. Representative Flaherty (Co E) made a motion to donate \$5,000.00 to Operation Dream, which provides toys to less fortunate children during Christmas. The POA has been an annual supporter of Operation Dream, which is chaired by Lt. Mike Slade. Motion was seconded by Representative O'Leary (Co G) and passed by voice vote.

11. The following nominations were made for the upcoming Board of Directors election (\*units being contested):

- Central Station:

George Rosko, Ed Browne

\*Southern Station:

Brian Perry, Jayme Campbell, Larry Bertrand

Bayview Station:

George Ferraez, Chris Schaeffer

\*Mission Station:

Martin Covarrubias, Jose Jimenez, Rey Vargas

Northern Station:

Tim Flaherty, Dermot Dorgan

\*Park Station:

Robert Imbellino, Peter Dacre, Patrick Burke

- \*Richmond Station:

Dominic Yin, Dean Sorgie, Sean O'Leary

Ingleside Station:

Mike Walsh, Maris Goldsborough

Taraval Station:

Jody Kato, Scott Biggs

Tenderloin Station:

Kevin Lyons, Brian Philpott

Traffic Company:

Corrado Petruzzella, Matt Gardner

Hdqtrs/Administration:

Joe McFadden, Bob Mammone

Narcotics/Vice:

Larry Mack, Dave Falzon

Tactical Company:

Dan Laval, Mark Madsen

\*Investigations Bureau:

Pierre Martinez, Dean Taylor, Gavin McEachern

\*Airport:

Robert Canedo, Anton Collins, Joe Finigan, Cecile Porter, Bob Belt

- Retired:

Ray Allen

12. Elections will only be held at \*units that have more than two candidates running. Members are reminded that all voting must be conducted online. Contact your representative if you have any questions.

13. Meeting adjourned at 1415 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tony Montoya  
POA Secretary

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

## Tracey Boes Named 2008 Robbery Investigator of the Year



Pictured left to right are Inspector John Peterson who was named Robbery Investigator of the Year for 2007, Sergeant Tracy Boes, and Inspector Phil Wong who was named Robbery Investigator of the Year for 2006.

By Lt. William Canning  
Robbery Detail

On Tuesday, December 9, 2008, the Robbery Detail had its Award Luncheon. I presented Sergeant Tracy Boes with the "Robbery Investigator of the Year" award. He received a certificate signed by DC Shinn, Captain Goldberg, and me. His name was placed on the Robbery Investigator of the Year plaque that hangs in the front office of the Robbery Detail. Once a year, the Officer in Charge of the Robbery Detail chooses one investigator that stands out among his peers. It was a difficult task for me to choose just one investigator from the Robbery Detail because I am fortunate to have a staff of several outstanding investigators.

I chose Tracy for several reasons. He investigated some very high profile cases during the year. In one particular case, the robbery victim was executed by confederates of the suspects that were charged and in custody for the robbery. Tracy worked tirelessly with outside agencies to identify, locate, and take the culprits into custody. Tracy is a professional. He is dedicated to serving the citizens of San Francisco and bringing criminals to justice. He is a resource and support to his peers. As the plaque and certificate read, the "Robbery Investigator of the Year" award was presented to him for excellence in robbery investigations. Tracy is a pleasure to have under my command.

## Board of Directors Meeting Roll Call Wednesday, December 10, 2008

President	Gary Delagnes	P	Co. G	Sean O'Leary	P
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Co. B	Larry Bertrand	P	Co. K	Matt Gardner	P
	Bill Roualdes	E		Corrado Petruzzella	P
Co. C	George Ferraez	E	Hdqtr.	Dennis Callaghan	P
	Liam Frost	P		Bob Mammone	P
Co. D	Martin Covarrubias	E	Narcotics	Dave Falzon	P
	Nate Steger	E		Larry Mack	P
Co. E	Dermot Dorgan	P	Tactical	Dan Laval	E
	Tim Flaherty	P		Mark Madsen	P
Co. F	Patrick Burke	P	Invest.	Joseph Engler	E
	Peter Dacre	P		Dean Taylor	P
			Airport	Bob Chapman	P
				Joe Finigan	P
			SRO	John Scully	E
			Retired	Ray Allen	P

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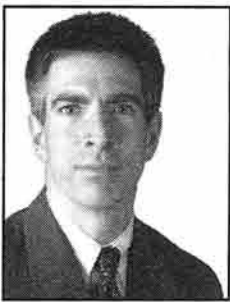
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Counselor's Corner

"To Hear the Distant Hoofbeat of the Horse of History"

By John Tennant  
SFPOA Counsel



I must confess to struggling over what to write this month. It's the New Year and a good time for a survey of recent case law interpreting the Public Safety Officers' Procedural Bill of Rights Act — something I have been meaning to do for months. But unfortunately, the magnitude of the economic situation keeps intruding in a way that makes everything else seem almost irrelevant by comparison. How can one not address the larger events in the economy that have led to a whopping \$575 million deficit projected for San Francisco next fiscal year and a deficit ranging from between \$59 and \$65 million for San Jose? Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has called it a "Financial Armageddon" for the state budget.

And yet, what is there to say? Turn on the cable news shows and you will see scores of economists, market analysts, financial experts, and the like, all pontificating endlessly on their infinitely varied perspectives as to where the economy is heading. On the political side, those in office and those about to take office have offered their opinions on how to turn the economy around, but nothing to date seems to have worked or to be inspiring much confidence. How can anyone, myself included, speak with any authority on the future of the economy?

"Political genius consists in the ability to hear the distant hoofbeat

of the horse of history — and then by superhuman effort to leap and catch the horseman by the coat-tails." This was the great theorist Isaiah Berlin's observation, taken from the nineteenth century German leader Bismarck, on what makes for a truly remarkable leader along the lines of a Churchill or an FDR, someone whose example and inspiration we crave at an historical moment strikingly similar to Roosevelt's time.

And, following this line of thought, the task for anyone aspiring to political greatness is, today, to discern the hoofbeat of whatever forces drive the economy and then to harness them to our own purpose. Now I am certainly no economist, nor anything approaching a statesman, but I can summarize for you the competing narratives in our particular domain — police wages and benefits — that have been offered up by those who think they have heard the hoofbeat of economic history in the context of police labor.

One narrative goes as follows: Police officers and their unions have enjoyed unprecedented successes over the past fifteen years or so. They are among the highest paid of any public employees and they enjoy retirement benefits that are the envy of workers everywhere, whether in the public or the private sector. Indeed, these successes are part of the reason why local governments have been brought nearly to their knees financially — witness the bankruptcy of Vallejo. If anything, the wages and benefits of police officers should be brought more in line with economic reality. The pendulum needs to swing back in the other direction. (For my officer clients in San Jose,

some version of the above narrative will be part of the City's case at the upcoming interest arbitration. For my officer clients in San Francisco, some portion of the above narrative will be part of the City's call for us to forego already negotiated wage increases. Mark my words.)

But there is another, rival narrative competing as a potential candidate for the true hoofbeat of economic history regarding police wages and benefits. This narrative goes as follows: While the earning power of police officers has increased, including pensions, this was dictated by the stark reality of the labor market in light of a nationwide crisis in police recruitment and staffing. No economic development thus far indicates that that crisis is in any way abating for those agencies who cannot meet the prevailing market levels for wages and benefits. Moreover, both state and local government squandered the enormous market gains that had accrued in their pension systems during the boom years through lavish spending rather than continuing needed contributions in the event of a rainy day. And now it is certainly raining. Public employers have only themselves to blame for their current predicament.

An even more sinister variation on the above theme would posit that public employers are using the current financial unrest to, at best, extract unjust concessions from public sector workers that would be unthinkable in not-so-lean times and, at worst, to discredit or even "bust" public sector unions. I wrote a couple of months ago that it would be irresponsible for either management or labor to seize upon the

present crisis as an excuse to overreach, beyond what is fair and reasonable, in such economic turbulence.

For my own part, I do not subscribe to the last narrative — at least as concerns San Jose or San Francisco. The economic problems are real and need to be addressed by all who would claim to be responsible actors on the local economic stage. But such an observation is not an admission that the realities of the labor market must be or should be ignored. While some predict that the troubled economy will soon result in a flood of entry-level applicants to the formerly vacant academy classes and police recruit positions, I am not so certain. I fear that any glaring market inequity in police wages or benefits will continue to prove problematic, lean times notwithstanding. Police work simply does not have the same level of cachet for today's younger generation as it did for previous generations. In working together with our management counterparts to address the financial difficulties facing local government, we cannot ignore that present fact of life.

All of us — political leaders, economic professionals, labor leaders, ordinary citizens — are attempting to put our collective ear to the ground to discern Berlin's "distant hoofbeat of the horse of history." Whoever accurately discerns that sound and, subsequently, successfully "leaps and catches the horseman by the coat-tails" will, indeed, be the modern-day equivalent of a Churchill or an FDR.

"Roll the Union On . . ."

Calendar of Events

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings or Events

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

Specially Scheduled Events

CCSF Retirement Fund Q&A	POA Building, 6th at Bryant St.s	January 14, 23, & 27, 9:30 AM, 1PM, 4PM each day	POA Office 861-5060
Memorial Service Superior Court Judge Herb Donaldson	Herbst Theater (Civic Center)	January 30, 2009 at 6PM	

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December 9, 2008

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

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

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

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING:** Motion made by John Centurioni that the minutes be approved as published. Seconded by Mark McDonough. The motion carried.

**BILLS:** Treasurer Joe Reilly presented the usual bills. On a motion by Matt Gardner, seconded by Gay, the bills will be paid.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** The normal amount of phone calls. Any questions or change of marital status, address change, give us a call at 415-681-3660.

## We Had One Death This Past Month:

**FRANCIS PATRICK HARRINGTON**, 99 years. Frank was born in Butte, Montana. His father was killed in a mining accident and his mother decided to move to San Francisco. They settled in the Mission and Frank got a job with the Bank of Italy (Bank of America). During that period, the Bay Bridge was completed and Frank went to work as a toll-taker. He walked across the bridge to get to the tollbooth and collected the first toll. In 1938, he entered the Police Academy. Two months later he went to Ingleside Station. He spent a couple of months in Headquarters Company and was then transferred to Northern, In May 1940, after three months at Co. E, he was detailed to The World Fair at Treasure Island. After five months, he was sent back to the

Northern. In 1945, he made Sergeant and was assigned to Park Station. He was after a few months assigned to the Police Academy. In 1953, he made Lieutenant and moved back to Headquarters Company. In 1961, he made Captain and was assigned to Taraval Station. In 1964, he was given the title Director of Personnel. In 1968, Frank was assigned to be in Charge of Bureau of Complaints. Frank retired in 1969. He had two of his children, Ann Frances Harrington and Frank Harrington, join and Department and retired as Inspectors. Frank as we like to say, "Beat the System," enjoying 38 years of retirement.

**SUSPENSIONS:** Pursuant to Article III, Section 3 of the Constitution. Non-payment of dues for six months. Michelle Alvis. (If you know this person have them call us @ 415-681-3660.)

**REINSTATED:** Pursuant to Article III, Section 5 of the Constitution. Back dues paid. Deborah Daher.

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES:** This meeting was held at Wells Fargo Headquarters, at 5PM.

Mr. Jerome Paolini, Shane Hiller and Pam Royer our advisors gave us a pretty grim report on the state of our account as well as Stock Market. Everyone is down. Our asset allocation is properly placed when we start to recover. Banks are the "key." They have to find the trust to start lending to each other and business. The Bank seems to feel that this unstable economy will be with us through the first half of next year.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Second reading of the Nominations of Officers for 2009. President Joe Garrity, Vice President John Centurioni. Secretary Mark Hurley. Trustees Mark McDonough and Harold Vance Jr. They will join Treasurer Joe Reilly, Trustees Bill Gay, Matt Gardner and Bob Mattox. They will be sworn in at the meeting in January 2009.

**ADJOURNMENT:** President Dave

Fontana had a moment of silence for our departed Members and also for all those in the Armed Forces serving their Country. He set the next meeting for Tuesday January 13, 2009. At 1:45 PM in the Conference Room of Ingle-

side Station. Meeting was adjourned at 3 PM.

*Fraternally,*  
**Mark Hurley,**  
*Secretary.*

## Superior Court Judge Herb Donaldson Memorial Service

A public memorial service for Judge Herb Donaldson will be held on Friday, January 30, 2009 at 6:00 PM at Herbst Theater in San Francisco's Civic Center. Judge Donaldson passed away on December 5, 2008. Members of the San Francisco Police Department are particularly invited to attend, as many officers appeared before Judge Donaldson over the years, and all who did know that he was a fair and honorable jurist.

## Community Service Committee

*By Marty Halloran, Chairman*

In an ongoing effort to keep the membership advised of activities at the POA I will make every attempt to provide the minutes of the Community Service Committee. The committee meets approximately every six weeks and as always we discuss and vote on requests for donations submitted to the POA. The majority of the requests are submitted from non-profit organizations in and around San Francisco. Many of these organizations depend greatly on associations like ours so that they may provide assistance to the sick, elderly, and the youth of our community.

The Community Service Committee Fund has been designated as a federal tax exempt 501(c)(3) account at the S.F.P.O.A. The funds in this account are raised through our annual "Parade of Stars" show held in December each year. No membership dues is deposited into this account nor are any of the below listed donations made from the general fund.

The Community Service Committee met on October 29, 2008 & December 10, 2008 and although many requests are submitted only the below listed organizations were approved for donations.

### October Meeting

- The American Legion Police-Fire Post 456 (Officer Bob Belt) .....\$1,500
- Contra Costa County Academy Class (Officer Anthony Pedroza)..... \$250
- Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory ..... \$250
- Project Open Hand ..... \$250
- American Diabetes Association ..... \$250
- OMI Family Resource Center..... 25 Turkeys

### December Meeting

- Guns & Hoses Charity Tennis Challenge (Insp. Robin Matthews).. \$2,500
- Aids Lifecycle (Officer Mitchell Campbell) ..... \$250
- Sojourn To the Past (Inspector Glenn Sylvester) ..... \$500
- Curry Senior Center (Sergeant Dennis Quinn).....\$1,000
- Community partners United (Sergeant Andy Cox) ..... \$500
- UCSF Children's Hospital (Sergeant Bill Conley)..... \$500
- San Francisco PAL (Ret. Captain Rick Bruce) ..... \$500
- AMC Theaters YSU/SRO Youth Movie Day (Officer Bill Brunicardi).. \$250
- Pacifica Military Moms (Sgt Kim D'Arcy & Off Jeff Brogan) .....\$1,500
- San Marin Youth Football Team (Sergeant Joe McCloskey)..... \$500
- Philippine Exchange Training Program (Insp. Glenn Sylvester) ..... \$2,500
- American Legion Post 911 ..... \$500
- OMI Neighbors in Action .....\$750
- Outer Mission Residents Association..... \$2,000
- Saint Anthony-Immaculate Conception School ..... \$400
- Kid Stock Inc. .... \$500
- Project Open Hand ..... \$500
- Bay Area Women's and Children's Center ..... \$250
- Seven Tepees Youth Program..... \$250
- Mercy Housing..... \$250
- Family House ..... \$500
- The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society ..... \$250
- Feeding 5000 Miracle on Pier 48..... \$500
- Institute on Aging (Officer Fred Crisp) ..... \$500
- LPOA Toy Giveaway (Officer Maria Oropeza) ..... \$500
- Park Station Floral Fund Toy Giveaway (Captain Teri Barrett) ..... \$500

Additionally, a Christmas gift of \$250.00 will be sent to the dependents of SFPD officers who have been killed in the line of duty or have died in the line of duty.

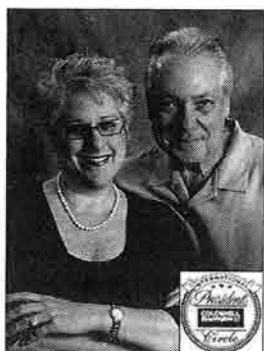
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# Wreaths Across America

By Kevin Martin

On Saturday, December 13, 2008 several members of this department and association gathered at the San Francisco National Cemetery in the Presidio to honor our fallen military service members and remember those still serving. Almost twenty-five members of the SFPD, many of them military service veterans, joined with several others to pay tribute and respects to these real heroes.

Once again this year, Officer Keith Matthews was the point man in organizing the SFPD effort. Keith did yet again another great job of getting the word out about the ceremony and coordinating our participation.

The ceremony began when Larry Chan of Co. K, Traffic Company and a member of the Irish Pipers Bagpipe Band played a selection on his bagpipes. After a short welcoming speech and an invocation by a United States Military Chaplain, a moment of silence was observed that was coordinated to coincide with other moments of silence at similar gatherings across the country at National Cemetery's.

After an address to the gathered group the wreath laying ceremony began. Each branch of our Armed Forces as well as all POW'S and MIA'S was honored and a wreath placed upon a designated stand. Members of SFPD who had served in a particular branch of the military were selected to place a wreath accordingly. This was a particularly special moment of the ceremony.

The ceremony was concluded when Officer Mark Lundin of the Homeland Security Unit played Taps and the gathered placed wreaths among the headstones of fallen military service members.

This ceremony was well attended by our members and we look forward to an even larger turnout next year. This event is certainly a well worthwhile investment of your time and a ceremony that can be attended by the whole family.

I'd like to thank Keith Matthews, Larry Chan, Mark Lundin, Liam Frost and all those who attended this event. If you are interested in more information about the Wreaths Across America Project, please go to [www.wreathsassacrossamerica.com](http://www.wreathsassacrossamerica.com). Scroll to the bottom of this page and click onto "Video on Demand" to watch a short video of the 2006 event.

The following is an excerpt from the text delivered by Katrin M. Cu-



sak, a Commissioned Officer with the United States Volunteers, a group whose primary function is to perform and oversee military ceremonies, primarily those involving the death of a United States military member. Katrin is a big supporter of the SFPD, and is always very gracious with her words of thanks and kindness towards our members. Thanks Katrin for all you do for our fallen military members and their respective families.

*"We are gathered here today at this memorial site and memorial sites all across America and overseas to remember that we are one nation with one flag. We are all proud to be Americans that live in a free society made up of many people, many races, from many walks of life. The freedoms we enjoy today have not come without a price. Lying here before us and in cemeteries throughout the world are men and women who gave their lives so that we can live in freedom and without fear. We can worship as we see fit. We can raise our children to believe as we do. We can travel from one end of this great nation to the other and not have to ask permission to go. We are free to vote for whomever we feel should be in government office and we answer to no one but our own feelings. We have the right to succeed and we have the right to fail at whatever endeavor we wish to pursue. The United States of America was founded on the ideals of Freedom, Justice and Equality. Our nation stands as a shining beacon of liberty and freedom to the world. We thank those who gave their lives and we shall not forget you. We shall remember."*

*"To quote our 40th United States President, Ronald Reagan, 'Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected and handed on to them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.'"*



Liam Frost and Rich Corriea listen to a veteran.



Officers Mark Cunningham and Kevin Martin.



Mark Cunningham



Larry Chan and Mark Lundin



# This & That ...

By Kevin Martin  
SFPOA Vice President

## Speedy Recovery...

On Sunday, December 7, 2008 at approximately 1030 hours, Officer Felix Sung (Co. B- Motorcycle Officer) and Officer John Anton (Co. J- Motorcycle Officer) were involved in a terrible motorcycle accident. The accident left Officer Sung in very critical condition. Officer Anton suffered a fractured left wrist along with other assorted bumps, bruises, scrapes and cuts. The two officers were part of a motorcycle escort provided by the Solos for a charity toy collection effort. The investigation into the accident continues, but by all accounts, we are extremely fortunate that Officer Sung is alive and with us today, and that Officer Anton is anticipated to have a full recovery.

I received a phone call shortly after the accident from Officer Matt Goodin who informed me of the accident and advised me of the seriousness of the Officers' injuries.

I responded to the hospital and met POA Treasurer Marty Halloran who gave me an update on the condition of the officers.

It's true that bad news travels fast because in no time the emergency room was flooded with cops concerned about their fellow officers.

Greg Neal, Felix's partner and very good friend arrived at the hospital and immediately met with and consoled the family of Felix. Lt. Dan Gardner made sure that John Anton's family was taken care of and that anything they needed would be immediately provided.

Chief Heather Fong arrived at the hospital and spent considerable time with both families attending to their needs. Captain Rich Corriea was also on scene and was handling communications with Police Operations and other involved units and details.

Fortunately after several hours, Officer Anton was released from the hospital to the care of his loving family. I was with John for a considerable amount of time that day, and his greatest concern was the condition of his fellow officer. It should certainly be noted right here and now that Officer Anton made an incredibly valiant effort to keep Officer Sung from violently impacting the parked car.

Officer Anton, tried to grab Officer Sung as Felix was propelled through the air and heading towards the direction of the aforementioned parked car. John's effort was superhuman as he immediately had the presence of mind to think and react to the situation that had just unfolded in front of his eyes. Those of us who know John, however, are very familiar with his amazing athletic abilities. (John was a two-time All-American soccer player for outstanding USF teams. John went on to play professional soccer and for many years was an outstanding soccer player with the SFPD soccer teams).

John was overcome with grief as he was consumed with concern over Felix never once complaining about or even acknowledging his own very close call and subsequent injuries. There can be no question that John is a "stand-up guy."

As news of the accident spread throughout the department, more and more officers responded to SFGH with an outpouring of concern for the injured officers and their families.

Both John and Felix are extraordi-

nary men. John is an 18-year veteran of this department and has served in a variety of assignments throughout his career. A very popular and gregarious individual of many talents, John is first and foremost a family man tremendously devoted to his wife and children. A very accomplished athlete (soccer), John is also a very talented musician as seen and heard while he played harmonica and percussion for that once highly renowned San Francisco garage band, RWS.

Felix on the other hand is very quiet and unassuming. He is a graduated member of the 180th SFPD Academy Class, joining the department in June of 1995. He is a very popular member of Southern Station where he has served for the past several years. Felix is known for his infectious smile and quiet demeanor. He is an outstanding and very professional Police Officer. Felix takes great pride in his work ethic and quiet but effective way of handling himself. Felix, like John, is also a very devoted family man. There can be no question of his love for his family, or his family's love for him.

I have worked at Southern Station for the past several years with Felix and I have known John for at least as long a time. I have great admiration for both men, and was very distressed when I was first made aware of the accident.

Since the accident, Officer Felix Sung has made remarkable progress and his condition has been downgraded to serious. He has undergone surgery for his neck and is scheduled for more surgeries. The road to recovery will be a long and arduous one for Felix, but those who know him have no doubt that he will be fighter all the way and will work extremely hard in his recovery.

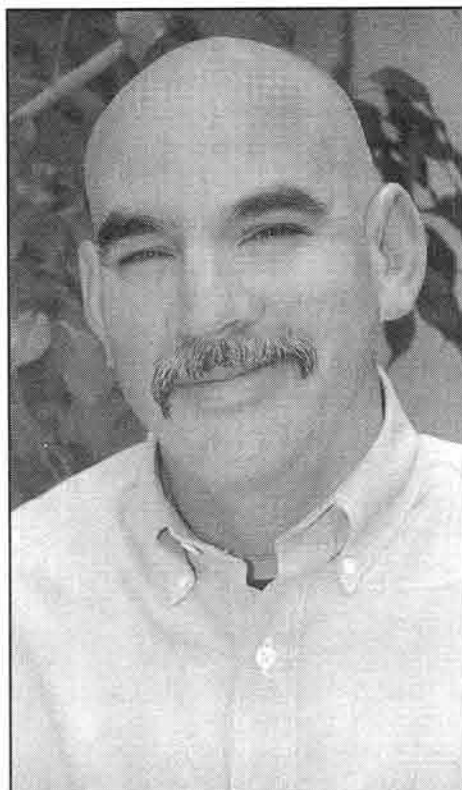
The doctors, nurses and staff at SFGH have been nothing short of remarkable. Anyone of us who has been around knows that Felix and John are/ were treated by the very, very best and are in the finest trauma center in the country. Our deepest thanks and appreciation go out to anybody and everybody who are involved in the care and recovery of our two brothers.

Of course in situations such as this people step up without even being asked. Many officers from Southern Station are involved in the safety and security of Felix and his family, and everybody wants to be a part of the process. Joel Babbs, Nelson Ramos, and Carl Bryant are just three of the frequent flyers to the hospital.

Members from other stations have also been tremendously valuable in the efforts to take care of the family.

On the Monday night after the accident the Sung family needed transportation and with just one phone call to Sgt. Rene Pagano of Taraval Station she set the wheels in motion and in no time Officers Jose Guadardo and Juan Gala answered the call and had everything under control. That same night, Sgt. Henry Yee and Officer Deborah Anderson of Southern Station took it upon themselves to go out and get a television and DVD player for the family as they will be spending an extraordinary amount of time at the hospital and in the Consulting Room of the ICU where Felix is being treated.

On Tuesday Night, the "Gentle Giant" himself, Kelly Wesley visited with the family and then went out and brought back dinner from Bucca



Di Beppo Italian Restaurant where Assistant General Manager Efraim Corretjer made sure the family was well "taken care of." Our very special thanks to Efraim and the great folks over at Bucca's who have been good friends of the department for quite some time.

The Sung Family has been hit with a terrible tragedy, but they have been incredibly gracious to all the officers who have responded in some way. Felix's sister has been keeping a log with the names of every officer that comes to visit at the hospital so she can show him when he is able.

The Sung Family has also asked me to thank each and every officer who has visited the hospital or left a message of hope and good will for the family.

Please keep Felix and his family as well as John and his family in your thoughts and prayers. This will be a long process for the families and they will need our continued support.

A special Trust Fund has been established at the San Francisco Police Credit Union for Officer Felix Sung and his family. Please make checks payable to the "Felix Sung Trust Fund #1372228" Donations can be sent directly to any SFPD branch or transferred from an existing account at the credit union to the trust fund. Donations or questions / concerns can also be given or directed to any of the following members: Co. A - Phil Welsh; Co. B - Bill Conley; Co. C - Dennis O'Mahoney; Co. D - Jose Jimenez; Co. E - Rob Fung; Co. F - Kevin Rector; Co. G - Mark Im; Co. H - Eric Kim; Co. I - Fred Kwan; Co. J - Larry McDevitt; Co. K - Bob Guinan; Inspector's Bureau - Scott Warneke; Robbery Detail and Narcotics Rebooking - Mike Baglin.

Thank you in advance for your kindness and consideration in this very important matter.

## Thanksgiving Feast...

This Holiday Season has been a very special one for the POA. It began Thanksgiving Day when ten members of the POA got involved with the families at Koret House. Koret House is a function of UC Hospital of San Francisco where families of children who are being treated for life threatening illnesses can stay while their children are in the hospital. It is a big house with three separate kitchens on each floor of the house and it is just a "stone's throw" away from the hospital.

Our own Steve Johnson made contact with Ms. Debbie Bosetti who is the Director of Volunteer Programs at Family House. In turn, Debbie and I made contact and in short order plans were being made.

An endeavor such as this would take a lot of work and a little luck in order to make this Thanksgiving Dinner a success. Fortunately, some outstanding members of our association, with a little outside help, came to the rescue to make this a truly wonderful day for many, many people.

The first order of business was to plan the menu and make a complete shopping list. For that, I called upon the best cook I know...my wife. We sat down one night and discussed the dinner and all that was involved with pulling this little caper off. Ellen Marie was just great with her suggestions as to what should be served and how it should be prepared. She also provided the recipes for the entire meal, from the hors d'oeuvre's to the deserts. So, armed with a shopping list longer than your arm, Eric Elias of Co. B and I went to Arguello Super in the late afternoon on the day before Thanksgiving where we split up the list and spent a good hour and change finding everything we needed for the dinner. After scratching everything off the list, packing the groceries and before walking out the door, we stopped at the deli section for two of the "world's greatest" roast turkey sandwiches for which Sal Queqendo and Arguello Super are so famous for.

We drove back to the POA and packed the fridge with the perishables and waited for the next day.

On Thanksgiving, our day started early by picking up the food, turkey, and ham from the POA and delivering it to Family House. Once that was done, the gang began to arrive. Ken Esposto (Juvenile Bureau) and his wonderful daughter Laura, a freshman at St. Vincent De Paul's High School; The "Great" Nelson Ramos (Southern Station); Elizabeth Boyle-Vasquez and Al Wurdinger (Airport Bureau); Inspector Pat Cadigan (General Work) and his lovely daughter Caitlyn, a seventh grade student at St. Veronica Catholic School; Siobhan McAuliffe (Identification Bureau) Amanda Cor-



Nelson Ramos calling the Bingo game at UCSF.



doba (Taraval Station) along with POA Treasurer Marty Halloran and POA President Gary Delagnes all converged on Family House ready to show off all the culinary skills learned by watching the "Food Channel" for the past several seasons.

Before too long, we were rattling those pots and pans, and soon everybody was doing something and everything was smooth sailing. Everybody worked very well, like a well oiled machine...until it was time to make the pie crust for the two home made apple pies...to go along with the two pumpkin pies. Then Pat and Caitlyn Cadigan came to the rescue and after a little trial and error fashioned two of the most beautiful piecrusts you ever saw — a masterful job guy's! It was fun watching Pat sweat, swear, and sweat some more as he really put a great effort into such a difficult task. The pies turned out to be picture perfect...

One of the best parts of the day while we were cooking was meeting with talking with the many residents of Family House. They all seemed to be as excited about us being there as we were being with them on this special day (but more about that later). So after a few hours of hard work and lots of laughs, dinner was finally ready to be served.

The food and beverages were served much to the great delight of the people who were treated to a truly outstanding meal, which included the mouth-watering appetizers consisting of stuffed mushrooms and melted cheese baguettes. The main meal included a roasted turkey and a big baked ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet potatoes; string beans with sautéed almonds, cranberries and tossed green salad. The beverages were sparkling cider, a home made sparkling punch, and white wine for the adults. And of course for desert...home made pumpkin and apple pies.

The meal was a tremendous success thanks to the many people noted above. Each person contributed a vital part to the final product and the residents of Family House were just so pleased and grateful. I really don't know who had a better time, the folks of Family House who ate the meal or the people who prepared the meal. Either way, that day was just the best.

Of the many memorable moments of the day, the most special was when we met little Madison. Madison or "Maddy" is a six-year old beautiful girl who is battling a tough bout with cancer. When we first met Maddy, she was wearing fairy wings that she could make flap back and forth. She was just a precious sight to behold...a fragile child, yet one who was so engaging and friendly. We all took such joy in spending time with Maddy, but it was Caitlyn Cadigan who made the biggest impression on Maddy. They took to each other like long lost friends and before long the two were inseparable. They spent time making arts and craft items, watching television, and gener-



ally just hanging out. Madison's mom, Keri, was very touched by all the special attention her daughter was getting and for good reason. Madison has been through quite an ordeal that continues on a daily basis, which often includes extended chemotherapy treatments that take quite a toll on her body. Keri told me at one point that she was actually regretting the Thanksgiving Holiday as she and her daughter would be away from her family and friends, but because of the efforts of the POA her spirits had been tremendously lifted and she was having a great day. One she could truly be thankful for.

At one point in the evening, Pat Cadigan approached me and told me that Madison was a big fan of fish and wanted to go to a place where there were "lots of fish." When Keri was told of the Steinhart Aquarium she responded that she knew of the aquarium but because of Madison's weakening immune system she could not be exposed to large groups of people for an extended period of time.

Pat was hoping that something could be done in an attempt to grant this young girl her wish. Again, enter Steve Johnson who, upon hearing this story, made a phone call to Matt Castagnola of the Mounted Unit who was asked if he knew anyone connected to the aquarium that could help out. Similar calls were directed to Captain Rich Corriea and Eddy Wu of Richmond Station for their assistance. Soon, our efforts paid off as we made contact with Mr. John Lewis who is the Director of Security for the Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park. Mr. Lewis came through big time and set up a special tour for Madison and her family.

On Friday December 5, 2008 Pat and Caitlyn Cadigan and I met Madison, her sister Shannon, her mother Keri and her grandmother at Family House. Madison was presented with an official SFPD uniform shirt with her name embroidered on it, along with an official police hat. We transported the family to the Academy of Sciences for a very special day. We all had a fantastic time looking at all the fish

and checking out the penguins. We had our own personal tour guide that gave us a great tour where we were able to see so much...including watching a young girl's wish come true.

After the tour, we were met by Matt Castagnola and Carol Scatena (Tac/Mounted Unit) who spent some special time with both Madison and Shannon showing the young girls their horses and even taking pictures with the girls sitting atop the horses. Matt and Carol presented the girls with coloring books and stickers. Matt gave Madison the very special gift of a horseshoe all shined up for good luck!

Shortly thereafter, it was time to get Maddy and her family back home as she was growing tired and needed to get some rest.

I am very grateful to have been a small part of a great experience that included so many people and a little girl with as big a heart as you could ever find. I am so thankful to all the people who were involved in this project from

month.

The UCSF visits have always been a popular event and the December visit was no exception. I am extremely grateful to each and every one of the above listed officers for their great efforts and tremendous dedication to a great calling, helping children...sick children. It is not often an easy task to see and be among some very sick and infirmed children only because it is so sad and brings to light the reality of illness and disease to the most vulnerable of our society, our children. Still we forge on with our monthly visits with the hope that we can bring some joy into some very fragile lives. It can sometimes be a difficult experience but it is always rewarding.

I already have a list going for the January visit that is scheduled for Wednesday the 14th. If you are interested in joining us, please give me a call at the POA at 415-861-5060. Thank you so very much for your continued support for this great effort.



my beautiful and loving wife Ellen Marie to each and every officer who gave of their time and volunteered their efforts and their hearts to bring joy and hope to so many others.

I am thinking of doing another such dinner project in January at Family House so if you are interested in getting involved, please give me a call at the POA. Just ask anyone who was involved in the Thanksgiving Dinner effort, it was time very well spent.

#### December UCSF Visit...

The holiday spirit continued for the POA when we made our monthly visit to some very special children, teens, and their families at UCSF this past December 10th. The turnout this month was off the charts as we had seventeen officers respond to the afternoon and evening visits. The afternoon group, which is spent with the younger elementary school age children, included Kim Koltzoff and Cathy Daly of Central Station; Patty Healy, Ed Javeski and Robert Rueca of Ingleside Station; Simon Chan and Mark "Marky Mark" Marquez of Southern Station; John Keane of Domestic Violence Response Unit, and Mark Gallegos of Support Services.

The evening visitors to the "Teen Room" included Lydia Faidiga of Ingleside Station; Brian Rodriguez and Renae Hoffman of Park Station; Mike Kangrga of Central Station and Officers Dermot "Doug" Dorgan, Pat Robinson, Christina Johnson-Carr and Jason Maxwell, all of Northern Station.

UCSF Child Life Center Director of Volunteer Services Kevin Urda was overwhelmed by the outstanding turnout of our members for visits this

#### On a Roll...

Once again this year Bill Conley and friends outdid themselves by putting on a great Christmas visit to UCSF complete with a special appearance by the grand old man himself...Santa! Bill and his crew put on yet another incredible show on Thursday, December 18, 2008 when the youngster's from the Child Life Center along with their brothers and sisters were treated to an afternoon of wonderment, treats, games, food and fun. The response from the children and their parents was nothing short of spectacular. Every child I saw that afternoon had a smile on his or her face. Many members of the POA were involved in this great holiday party, but the architects of this event for the past few years are Bill Conley, formerly of Northern Station, and presently a very happy camper at Southern Station who is a rock star in the eyes of the staff and volunteers at UCSF. Also involved on the ground floor of planning and work for this event are Sharon Ferrigno of Homeland Security whose husband and young son Eddy were also involved in the party; Terry Barrett, Commanding Officer of Park Station; Laura Knight also of Southern Station; Chris Schaffer of Bayview Station; Patrick Burke, POA Rep. extraordinaire from Park Station; Brian Philpott of Tenderloin Station and newly appointed Lt., Liam Frost also of Homeland Security.

These great folks were joined by many other officers including Lt. Tim Oberzier of Northern Station; Tim Yee, Arnie Arnsward (formerly the world's greatest Raider fan); Gay Constantine;



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Santa listens to youngster's request while Sharon Ferrigno keeps a watchful eye.



Sgt. Alexa O'Brien and her mother, Mary Ellen O'Brien.

and the Bingo King himself, Nelson Ramos who did a really great job calling the BINGO game for the kids. Every officer that showed up to help out did a great job and regretfully, I do not have a list of all their names but please know that your efforts were greatly appreciated by so many people especially the parents of the children as well as the staff of doctors, nurses and administrators of the UCSF Child Life Center including our dear friends Kim Scurr and Kelley O'Brien.

Along with all the real cool gifts the children received including the ever-popular Sony iPods, one of the real hits of the day for the staff and parents was the spread of great food prepared by Alexa O'Brien of Ingleside Station and her mother, Mary Ellen O'Brien. Mary Ellen has cooked for this event for the past several years, and delights in taking a day off work to prepare the spread. Mary Ellen is the manager of the vital Transit Safe Program for the SF Municipal Transportation Agency, and is a former professional caterer. Mary Ellen and Alexa wowed the crowd with their crab dip and other assorted goodies.

Of course the biggest hit of the day was Santa, who is indeed a very special person and who is larger than life to many of these children who, God bless them, still believe. Every youngster in attendance had a chance to visit with Santa and spend a few moments with the big guy before receiving a gift of choice. As stated before, the most popular gift by far was the iPod. They went like hotcakes. No child went

away disappointed as Santa delivered in a big way.

Thanks again to each and every officer who was involved in one way or another with this event. It just keeps getting better very year...

#### Condolences...

My deepest and sincerest condolences go out to Yvonne Pratt of the Investigation Bureau, Sex Crimes Detail, on the loss of her sister, Mrs. Margarite Carpenter Cobb who recently passed away after a long illness. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time.

The POA also mourns the loss of Ms. Helen Leong, a long time Police Service Aid who served at the Airport Bureau for over seventeen years. Helen was tragically killed in an automobile accident while returning home from work. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Helen.

This month's column is dedicated to little Madison "Maddy" Magee who is just a wonderful young girl. Maddy, I hope Santa was especially good to you this year...God bless everybody...and be safe.

#### O.C.C Defense Reps...

I'd like to thank the following members of this association who are members of the O.C.C. Defense Team and represent our members during O.C.C. investigations and interviews and who assist our members with their O.C.C. Member Response Forms. Each of these rep's are hard working and very dedicated to providing the very

best defense possible for our members. All the personnel on this team are veteran members of the department and have all been "around the block" a few times. They are very well versed with the General Orders, Policies and Procedures of this department as well as with the Peace Officer Bill of Rights. Each team member keeps up with their department bulletins, legal updates, and any changes in the department that can affect any possible allegations of misconduct or any O.C.C contact among our membership.

The O.C.C. Defense Team capabilities and efforts in the past four years are greatly reflected in the very low Sustain rate held against our members who have been erroneously accused of police misconduct.

The members of this outstanding team are Chris Breen, Richmond Station; Tony Montoya, Mission Station; Troy Dangerfield, Academy; John Evans, Crime Scene Investigations; Pierre Martinez, Domestic Violence Reduction Unit; Mike Moran, Ingleside Station; Theresa San Giacomo, Mission Station; Jason Sawyer, Tactical / Crime Prevention Company, John Van Koll, Northern Station and rounding out the unit, Danny Miller also of Northern Station.

Due to recent promotions and change of work assignments, Mike Nevin, John Cagney and Jim Miller could no longer stay on the team. Each of these members made great contributions to the O.C.C. Defense Team and are often available for advice and information as how to proceed with a particular investigation.

I sincerely thank all of the above named members and consider myself very fortunate to work so closely with such a great group of people. As a team, we will continue to work very hard and remain vigilant in providing each and every member of this association the very best in representation. Please continue to do your part

and advise Chris Breen, any of the above named team members or me in a timely manner as to your receiving a complaint and by providing us with as much information regarding the complaint so as we may prepare your case accordingly.

#### Best Wishes...

I close this article by belatedly wishing each member of this association, their family and each of their loved ones a very blessed and joyous Christmas and Holiday Season. I hope all your Holiday and Christmas wishes come true for all those near and dear to you and that the New Year brings peace and tranquility to you and yours. I hope that all of our members with young children share the excitement, wonderment and true spirit of the season. It is a magical time in their young lives.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the membership for all their kindness and support over the past year. Please know that we always put our best foot forward in terms of what we think, believe and do is the best for our membership. We certainly don't always please everybody and I accept that as human nature and as the human condition. It is not humanly possible to please everybody and sometimes people get their feelings hurt or their feathers ruffled but please know that is never the intent but the result of differing points of view and sometimes, misguided information or emotion. As for the latter, I especially wish a joyous "Season of Light" to those with the hardest of hearts and those who are not at peace within themselves or others. May the spirit and light of the season bring at least a flicker of hope and happiness to you.

Thank you all for a great year and I look forward to rolling up my sleeves and continue to work hard for each of you and your families. God Bless and be safe...

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# Close Encounters

Close Encounters  
By Steve Johnson

The Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) representatives appeared before the Police Commission the other night. These are the individuals who were hired to tell our Department hierarchy where changes should be made to improve service to the public. And, to PERF's credit, they hammered home the obvious — as socially unacceptable as doing so might be.

They basically told the Police Commission that they have to remember that San Francisco Police Officers cannot repair the city's educational system; San Francisco Police Officers cannot cure addiction; and, most importantly, San Francisco Police Officers cannot resolve all of the problems involving personal relationships within family structures that lead to other activities that involve a police response. (Translation: San Francisco Police Officers are at the mercy of other social agencies who need to pick up the pace.)

The PERF people were also quite appalled at the Department's alleged 'discipline system.' Hello? We've been complaining about decisions not being made for years now and nothing has been done about it. Politicians in the City have to ask themselves if there ever really was any benefit for the public from the passage of Proposition H (where the Police Commission was re-structured) — doesn't appear to be any.

And, while we are in the middle of the PERF 'renovation' we find that there will be a new Police Chief navigating the ship. Hopefully this individual will move swiftly. Some thought might be given to the following:

- **Discipline:** We need to settle all pending disciplinary matters (including grievances). The Chief and the SFPOA should meet until those settlements take place and, if we can't reach agreement, then the same parties should mediate with the Police Commissioner assigned to the case. Sure, there will still be trials, but, hopefully, only in the most exceptional of cases.
- **Medals of Honor:** There is a very simple way to expedite all Medal of Honor applications (and make it a lot easier to have our sergeants/lieutenants to prepare the appropriate recommendations without the current duplicity involved.) It's hard to believe that the officers who put their lives on the line last Christmas having to dispatch the tiger that had killed and maimed victims at the SF Zoo have still not been honored by this Police Administration. The very same officers have been awarded SFPOA Medals of Valor and, in addition, Medals of Valor from a Southern California Organization — but nothing from the San Francisco Police Department.
- In addition, **Captain Paul Chignell's Ambassador Program** should be implemented City-Wide.

(Paul developed a program that helps citizen-victims work within 'the system'.) Paul has one of his district sergeants contact victims of every crime perpetrated in the Taraval District and made sure they knew exactly what was going on with their case. The days of petty politics overshadowing such a great public benefit need to be gone.

A remarkably dangerous ex-convict fired his 9mm semi-automatic weapon directly in front of a security guard in an attempt to intimidate the guard from doing his job. This took place in front of one of the many nightclub operations in the South of Market neighborhood. The armed suspect never thought someone just might call 9-1-1 and report him — but they did. Sgt. Joshua Espinosa, Officer Joselito Sy, Officer Melissa Benzinger, Officer Tom Hauscarriague, Officer Timothy Kiely, Officer Kevin Lyons, Officer Paul Rueti, Officer Joseph Sharlow, and Officer Josh Tiimalu responded to the area, conducted a lengthy search for the suspect and eventually located and arrested him.

Roommates arriving home late on the 700 Block of Gonzalez watched as someone was going through their home with a flashlight. This was especially unnerving as no one had permission to be inside. A quick call to Dispatch and Officer Jeffrey Fortuno, Officer Peter Kent DeJesus, Officer Sandon Cheung, Officer Joaquin Borromeo and Officer Wayne Wong responded. As the officers were setting up their perimeter, the suspect made a run for it. Nice try. Suspect, burglary tools, and a fresh arrest warrant from an outside jurisdiction finally caught up with him.

On December 5, 2008, there was a fatal hit and run accident that claimed the life of a pedestrian crossing Lake Merced Boulevard. The suspect driver, for whatever reason, kept going. Just 3 days later and Officer Dennis Cravalho and Officer Timothy Whatley were investigating a suspicious call on the 200 block of Vidal Street. Turned out that Dennis and Tim managed to get enough evidence from that call to nail the hit/run suspect and arrest him for vehicular manslaughter and other charges.

Seems like everything is taking a tumble in this brutal economic downturn except for the business of dealing narcotics in San Francisco. Sales, apparently, are still booming. Take the case of the individual who was driving a brand-new Mercedes late at night at a high rate of speed — again in the South of Market Party Lane. Officer Sean Frost and Officer Sean Cronin attempted to make a traffic stop but the suspect drove too fast for conditions so Sean and Sean dropped off, rather than endanger the public. 24-hours later Officer Frost and Officer Marcus Dobrowolski found the same car driving by after leaving a Club and, when they tried to stop him, the driver

again took off at a speed more reckless than necessary. The car, however, did turn up at another club a few hours later. A surveillance was set up to find out why the man was so afraid of being the subject of a police officer's inquiry. The individual returned to his vehicle and, seeing uniform officers nearby, tried to run away. He was detained and relieved of a fully-loaded, .45 caliber, semi-automatic handgun as well as a large assortment of narcotics and \$7,000.00 cash. In addition to Sean, Sean, and Marcus, the 'pharmaceutical salesman' was waylaid by the following officers: Officer Richard Yick, Officer Joe Salazar, Officer Arthur Madrid, Officer Robert Walker, Officer Tim O'Connor, Officer Jennifer Dickson, Officer Daniel Reyes — all under the tutelage of Sergeant Carlos Gutierrez.

There was a silent alarm on the 200 block of Post Street related to one very high-priced fashion store. The 2 suspects who had broken in took the following items: A woman's brown leather jacket valued at \$4,500.00, a pair of brown sequined shoes with a \$1,000.00 price tag, a brown leather handbag worth over \$2,000.00, and a few other items bringing the total take to over \$15,000.00. The 2 color-coordinated 'shoppers' were soon apprehended by Officer Anna Patterson, Officer Oliver Lim, Officer Matt Sullivan, and Officer Vien Lam. The supervising sergeant who responded to the arrest, Sgt. Paris Deshong, summarized the entire escapade in one word: "Priceless."

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## Police Personality of the Month

### From the Archives: S.F. Policeman, October 1959

One of the last of the real two-fisted "San Francisco" cops is a veteran Inspector George Dyer, Sr.

One of nine children, George was born at Twenty-First and Alabama Streets. His father was Chief of the Southern Pacific Railroad Police Force.

George entered the Police Department in 1925 and, during the next twenty fabulous years, served well in every phase of the job: radio cars and beats in the Richmond and Southern; Special Duty Man at the Southern; Chinatown Detail; Flying Squad; Bureau of Inspectors.

Old timers tell stories of Dyer's courage. The time he leaped through a skylight in the Richmond District to disarm a crazed, shotgun-wielding murderer; the numerous gun battles with bandits and killers. Three Meritorious Conduct Awards and scores of commendations fill his personnel file.

The general strike of 1934 had erupted into violence. Dyer, coupled with Al Torre (now inspector), to form a two man police force on the Embarcadero. Troublemakers who were willing to tangle with a platoon of policemen turned tail and fled when the word was passed: "Look out, here come Dyer and Torre!"

In World War II, a vicious hoodlum element had sprung up, Dyer was chosen to head a special flying squad to

fight fire with fire. Sweeping through the Mission, Tenderloin, and Fillmore, the squad broke the backs of the mobs. Many an ill-mannered ruffian under estimated the 5'9" Dyer and nursed a broken jaw in his jail cell.

During his twenty years in the Bureau, he has worked the Bunco, Auto, and General Work's Details. He now serves as a right-hand man to Lieutenant Donald Scott in General Works.

It is a luckless culprit whose case is assigned to Dyer. The gates of San Quentin have closed on many who would match wits with this master detective.

George's brother, Jack, long a Sergeant in the B. S. S.; Gambling Detail, died in 195

Inspector Dyer resides with his wife, May, in the Sunset. His son, George, Jr. ten years in the business, is assigned to the Burglary Detail.

A model for young police officers is George Dyer. Soft-spoken, mild mannered and gentle; but a fearless fighter when called upon to defend law and order.



George Dyer

### Mobster Sues SFPD Citing Rousting by Inspectors George Dyer and George Page

Staff Report

Mickey Cohen, Los Angeles soda fountain proprietor and erstwhile mobster, has taken legal action against the San Francisco Police Department. He filed a federal court suit seeking an injunction to prevent Chief Thomas Cahill from giving him what the underworld commonly calls a rousting. Cohen charged that when he last visited San Francisco to confer with his biographer, Dean Jennings, he was harassed and hounded by Cahill and two police inspectors and ordered to leave town. They detained him without charge and searched his room without a warrant, Cohen maintained. To all of

this Cahill responded frostily: "I have a sworn obligation to the people of San Francisco to protect them."

*From the San Francisco Chronicle, September 27, 1958*

*Editor — When I was in the Fraud detail in 1973, I shared a desk with Inspector Frank Gibeau. He told me then that my uncle, Inspector George Dyer, and his partner, Inspector George Page, were the two that arrested LA gangster Mickey Cohen. I went to the ID Bureau and pulled Cohen's rap sheet. Sure enough, there was an arrest by Inspectors Dyer and Page at the train depot at 4th and Townsend Streets for "Vagrancy." —Mike Truman*

### Lifetime Achievement Award

## Captain Greg Corrales

*Reprinted from the National Latino Peace Officers Association, 7th Annual Christmas Awards Dinner*

*Submitted to the Journal  
By Al Casciato, Northern Station*

Captain Greg Corrales was born in Hayward, California on 19 April 1948. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps from 1966-1969. On September 1969, Corrales entered the SFPD Academy.

Since his career started with the SFPD in 1969, he served in the Tactical Unit, Narcotics Division, Street Crimes Unit, Ingleside, Mission, Central, Potrero and Northern Stations, and as Night Captain. He commanded the San Francisco General Hospital Institutional Police, the Auto Theft / Burglary Detail, the Hit & Run Detail, the Arson Detail, The Narcotics Division, and Ingleside and Mission Police Districts. He is currently in command of the SFPD Traffic Company.

He has been awarded the Gold Medal of Valor, two Silver Medals of Valor, six Bronze Medals of Valor, and two Police Commission Commendations.

He is the recipient of two Chief

of Police Commendation for Service Awards, two San Francisco Board of Supervisors Certificates of Honor, and a San Francisco Mayor's Certificate of Honor. He has received Certificates of Appreciation from the FBI, DEA, California Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement, and the California Narcotics Officers Association. He has also been awarded a Citation for Exemplary Performance of Duty.

Captain Corrales holds a Bachelor of Public Administration degree from the University of San Francisco. He holds a Community College teaching Credential, as well as a Certificate in Criminal Justice from UC-Santa Barbara. He is a graduate of the 170th Session of the FBI National Academy.

Captain Corrales' grandparents were born in Mexico and came to this country shortly after the turn of the century. His father, Rosalio Corrales, instilled in Greg a fierce pride in his Latino heritage. He is a charter member of the San Francisco chapter of the Latino Peace Officers' Association, for which he served many years as chapter president. Captain Corrales has four children and has been happily married for nineteen years to his wife, Liane.

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## Ask Mike...the Retiree's Corner

By Mike Hebel  
POA Welfare Officer

**Q.** Mike, I heard that Clare Murphy, executive director of the Retirement System, is retiring?

**A.** Yes, it's true. After 40 years as a city employee, Clare Murphy has announced her retirement effective January 2010. Clare has served as executive director of the Retirement System since 1984. The Retirement System has engaged the services of a search firm to help in hiring a suitable replacement for Ms. Murphy. It is anticipated that a new executive director will be hired by September 2009 so as to allow a 4 month transition. This new executive director will serve at the pleasure of the Retirement Board. The POA hopes that current Retirement System management employee(s) will submit their application for this most important position. For retirees, the two city agencies that are of utmost concern are the Employees' Retirement System and the Health Service System. Ms. Murphy has been an outstanding leader protecting the System's assets and enhancing retirement benefits over her long tenure. She, the System's financial/investment team, and the 7-member Retirement Board are to be congratulated for crafting the System's well diversified portfolio that has so ably weathered the current financial storm.

**Q.** Mike, I have heard that the Retirement System has suffered a "big time" loss in its investments from which our monthly pensions are paid? Are our pensions in jeopardy?

**A.** It is accurate that the Retirement System's trust fund has sustained a considerable decrease in value; as of October 31, 2008 its market value was \$12.8 billion down from \$15.8 billion as of June 30, 2008. This is a loss of 18.4%. But some context and perspective is needed to evaluate this loss. It is mostly due to the decline in stock prices especially the dramatic decline in the month of October. Already, the fund has recovered some of this loss with the rising stock market in November and December. During this same period of time, the California Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) — the largest public pension in the U.S. — sustained a loss of 31% which is one of its worse declines since its inception in 1932. PERS is now asking local governments for larger contributions to buttress the fund. PERS delivers pension payments to 1.6 million retirees/beneficiaries. CCSF retiree/beneficiary pensions are not in jeopardy. Our Retirement System has adequate reserves, earnings, and continuing contributions (members and CCSF) to meet all its pension obligations. It remains one of the best funded pension funds in both the state of California and in the United States.

**Q.** Mike, I have heard that many, if not most, police officers die within 5 years of their retirement? Is this true? I am 10 years post-retirement. Should I be expecting the grim reaper any time soon?

**A.** The very good news is that this "die within 5 years of retirement" is not now true and has not been true for more than

60 years. In 1949 the Charter was changed to set age 55 as retirement eligibility for police officers. Prior to this time, police officers retired in their early to mid 60's and did have a short retirement. In 1969 that eligibility age was reduced to 50 although most police officers now retire in their mid-50's given the current pension calculation structure (3% at 55). If you follow the Widows and Orphans' Aid Association reports in each month of the *POA Journal*, you will see that police retirees' deaths are clustered in the 70-79 and 80-89 age ranges. My personal goal is to make it to at least 108. While my chances are currently less than 2% to hit 108, they are nearly 4% that I could make it to 100. I urge police retirees to plan for a long life span and not to forget the "Hebel Rule #1" — aim to collect retirement benefits for at least as long as you worked for the SFPD.

**Q.** Mike, I remember my mother, father, and grand-parents describing their experiences during the Great Depression of the 1930's. Are we now headed for a similar experience?

**A.** The stunning collapse of global stock prices and the downfall of major banking institutions have led most Americans, according to a recent CNN poll, to believe that we are heading for another Great Depression. But let's look at the hard economic facts to dispel this belief. During the Great Depression, the stock market lost 88% of its value; our current stock averages are down about 42%. During the Great Depression, one out of every 6 Americans was unemployed; today, one in 16 is out of



work. During the Great Depression the U.S. economy, as measured by gross national product, shriveled nearly 15% a year for many years in the 1930's; today we are in recession, but the economy has shrank by less than 1% in the last year. Another Great Depression could happen which would further hammer stocks, bonds, and real estate. But I most certainly believe that we are not now entering into another Great Depression. As bad as things seem now, we have been through much worse, yet our economy not only survived but prospered. It will do so again. Betting against America and its powerful economic engine is not a path to wealth.

*Mike Hebel has been the POA's Welfare Officer since January 1974. He is an attorney and certified financial planner. He represents POA members at the City's Retirement Board and at the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board. He also advises on investment matters pertaining to the City's deferred compensation plan. Mike retired from the SFPD in 1994. If you have a question for Mike, send an e-mail to [mike@sfpoa.org](mailto:mike@sfpoa.org) or call him at 861-0211.*

### Retirements

The San Francisco Police Officers Association congratulates the following POA member on his recent retirement from the SFPD. This veteran will be difficult to replace, as he takes with him decades of experience and job knowledge.

- Sergeant George Pohley # 644 from Staff Services

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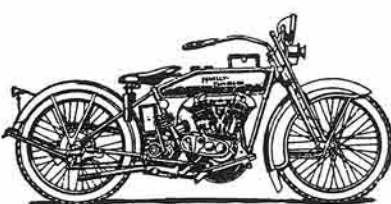



### SF Retirement Board Hosting Info Seminars

## Great West Assumes Management of the City Account

Submitted by Mike Hebel  
POA Welfare Officer

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# “So, You Have No Interest In Seeing China, Eh?”

By Rene LaPrevotte,  
Retired

I've known Jim Hennessy for (God) 38 years. I was a newbie on the original Honda Unit in 1970, and Jim was a studly mounted officer — both assigned to Golden Gate Park.

Jim's "Hobby Job" has been as an erstwhile travel agent/consultant, and in his retirement, has ramped it up, taking folks (usually retired cops) all over the world on vacations. Jim's specialty has been China, but I, like many folks I usually travel with, really didn't have much interest in seeing "The Peoples' Republic." After all, I've already driven down Irving Street and I figured I'd seen pretty much all I needed to see.

But I kept hearing glowing reports from folks who did make the trip with Jim to the Orient, and began to wonder what all the commotion was about. For Years I had been forwarding Jim's travel announcements to my rather extensive police email list, then later hearing back that they had the trip of a lifetime!

So, after noting that many really stand-out people I had worked with in the past (Ken Foss, Alex Fagan, Stew Flynn, Barron Fong, Frank Harrington

lots of walking!

The stories I'd heard of the Chinese being unfriendly, drably-dressed clones was bunk. Almost every Chinese person we occasioned to meet was out-going and extremely friendly. In Tiananmen Square, throngs of Chinese were laughing, smiling and begging to have a photo taken with the 6' plus Westerners. (Might have had something to do with the furry Cossack hats we were wearing, re-pleat with the red star).

*All of the accommodations we stayed in were absolutely first-rate! I've been all over this amazing world and to call them five-star is an understatement.*

China is truly a study in schizophrenia.

Every city we visited (And there was



Harrington & LaPrevotte carrying the Chief's luggage.

faces we had in this Mandarin part of the continent.

Another interesting observation I made on this adventure is that we had several non-police folks on the trip who were your average run-of-the-mill San Francisco residents... meaning pretty far "left." We were in China during the American Presidential elections, and even with the contentiousness of the election, there was very little left/right banter.

Of course they won!

We were a pretty homogeneous group and I felt very comfortable with our traveling companions, and never once saw any of them smoke medical marijuana.

As our group prepared to fly out of Hong Kong for home, Susan and I stayed behind for a week to visit Macau, which was hosting the Macau Grand Prix — one remaining thing I had on my "Bucket List." This is a motorcycle race through the streets of the Island of Macau at 180 mph with light poles, buildings, mailboxes and sundry other items of mass destruc-

tion awaiting, should you chance to come-off your bike at speed. And the city of Macau, a huge gaming Mecca, makes Las Vegas look like an Indian Casino alongside highway #5 in the San Joaquin Valley.

Well, drinking water and loogies aside, I guess you can tell we had a "blast." I have yet to meet anyone who had a fire in their stomach to go to China, but having done so I can tell you its pretty mind-boggling to witness fifty-centuries of culture...and drink Piju.

I'm told this may be Hennessy's last trip to China, as he is now specializing in South East Asia (Viet Nam, Cambodia, Thailand, etc) and if I hadn't worked so hard avoiding that part of the world in 1966, I might consider the trip.

On second thought, Ho Chi Minh is dead, Jane Fonda is minding her own business and Jim Hennessy is running the show...I just might think about it.

How do you say "Beer" in Thai



Just eight happy commies.

and Karen Petromilli, Ken Moses, Mike Zurcher), plus a couple retired Oakland PD Solos I have occasioned to, eh... well, you know, "hang with" we're signed-up to go, I decided what the hell, I better do this before I wake-up drooling on myself.

So before I knew it, I'm going to China!

The first thing I noted is Jim Hennessy has done this trip so many times (17) that he leaves nothing to chance. Remember, we're dealing with a cumbersome Communist Bureaucracy here (I'm talking about China, not San Francisco) and the hurdles are substantial to say the least. Even the most neophyte traveler feels confident in Jim's pre-preparation and tutelage.

I'm not going to get into "What I Did On My Summer Vacation" here, I just thought I'd point-out some of the observations of our three weeks in the Orient that stuck out in my mind.

All of the accommodations we stayed in were absolutely first-rate! I've been all over this amazing world and to call them five-star is an understatement. Hotel staff treat you like royalty, and Westerners always receive preferential treatment over their own people. Meals, with very few exceptions, were great, and a note-worthy aside, I came home eight pounds lighter than when I left, owing to healthy food and

a pant-load) was spotlessly clean and modern. I never once saw any graffiti or so much as a paper in the gutter. That being said, the Chinese use their rivers as sewage dumps. No one in China, including the Chinese, drink water from the tap.

On our otherwise awesome 3-day boat trip down the Yangzee River to the new Three Gorges Dam, we were treated to the sight of floating detritus, trash, dead livestock, and God knows what else floating with us downstream. How a country of 1.3 billion people think they can continue to use their rivers as septic systems boggles the mind.

Another weird deal, is the Chinese consider someone emitting a belch after dinner as just this side of child molestation, but don't think twice about hocking a sinus-clearing glob on the ground, and that includes indoors!

As I've stated earlier, I've done a lot of traveling, and almost always picked-up enough of the local language in two or three weeks to ask directions, or find a cold beer. Not here. The only two words I learned were: Thank You (Shae-Shae) and Beer (Piju), and I'm pretty sure those aren't the correct spellings. The Chinese couple (Ray and Betty Gee) that were traveling with us are Cantonese speakers, and had the very same confused looks on their



Who do they expect to catch with this thing?



Book Reviews

A Most Wanted Man

By John Le Carre  
Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

I have read many of Le Carre's books, going back to the early 60s with his *The Spy Who Came in from the Cold*. Through the years, he has been consistently successful at both writing interesting novels and selling them. His plots are always complex and fascinating, his characters memorable. *A Most Wanted Man* continues those characteristics but somehow, this novel is different, of a lesser quality. Then again, perhaps I'm wrong as the book remained on the best-seller lists for months.

I believe that Le Carre wants to be perceived as Graham Greene's equal. Only time will reveal whether that is true, but for me Greene was considerably more talented and important.

There are three main characters in this story; Issa, a very strange young Muslim who claims he is from Chechnya; Annabelle Richter, an idealist lawyer who attempts to prevent Issa from being deported and assists him in claiming a large sum of money that had been surreptitiously deposited in a bank in Hamburg, Germany that is run by Tommy Brue, a British heir to the bank and all its dark secrets. The setting for the novel is Hamburg, the city where many of the September 11 murderous terrorists lived and worshipped. Issa and Annabelle present a strong case to Tommy that he is the rightful heir to a fairly large fortune that was paid to his Russian colonel/gangster father by the British secret service. The money was laundered through Tommy's bank when his father created what is referred to as The Lipizzaner Accounts, named thus because the Lipizzaner horse is born black and turns white with age.

After a lengthy introduction to these three the reader meets the German spy Gunther Bachmann. Bachmann is the consummate modern-day spy, never giving a second thought to doing evil in defense of good. Bachmann and his team discover that Issa is in their city

and begin to develop an investigative case file but discover many more so-called intelligence officers, from other countries are also interested in Issa. Le Carre has always been good at describing how espionage works, or occasionally works badly, and this book is no exception. 9/11 may have happened more than seven years ago, but blue-flame heat is still felt inside the people charged at preventing another such catastrophic mass-murder. And the agencies involved apparently haven't yet learned the value of sharing information or of coordinating tactics when dealing with a common enemy. Le Carre has also been excellent at describing how moral questions seem to be flexible, not rigid. He describes the wearing away of moral standards as situations change, of how evil has a way of breaking strong people. It is easy for the reader to believe something is clearly true, only to discover later that there was absolutely no truth to any of it. Tommy tries lying to the spies, only to have them offer him an opportunity to be even more deceitful in order to keep his bank intact and avoid prison. As the story unfolds the reader begins to question everyone's motives. It's safe to conclude that nothing is as it seems.

My biggest complaint, and here I recognize my bias, is that the book is, at times, so strongly anti-American. As savage and heartless as the German and British spies are, they perform their functions with the cover of good manners. Not so the Yanks. They are rudely savage. The laws and lawyers are mere speed bumps to be bull-dozed over.

When the Berlin Wall came down and the so-called Cold War came to a close it looked like Le Carre would have to find a new subject. The new, not-so-cold wars the world suffers have provided him with new material. His writing is almost always beautiful and his stories clever. Therefore, I'm expecting to see more from him, but I'm hoping he will try to find less vitriol in his descriptions of us.

Nothing To Be Frightened Of

By Julian Barnes  
Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

Julian Barnes is both a wonderful novelist and an eagle-eyed social observer. His writings have won him fame and many awards. He is now in his mid-60s and, as many people do when we reach that age, we seem to think more about death and our own personal dying than we had previously. What makes Barnes' thoughts on this subject worth your while is that he is so clever, so clear, taking a literally deadly-serious subject and making it much more than palatable. He truly makes clear why there is, as the title tells us, nothing to be frightened of.

Barnes lets us know that he doesn't consider this a memoir, but he examines his parents' lives and demise, his relationship with his philosophy-professor brother and his career outside his writing life. And he does it all with a great deal of humor. It seems that every page has one or more sentences that are hilarious. Jokes about death? Not jokes, but humor. He quotes Somerset Maugham's view about the subject as being "the best frame of mind in which to conduct life is that of 'humorous resignation.'" As a matter of fact Barnes quotes a lot of writers, mainly French. One he introduced me to, happily so, is Jules Renard. Barnes' writing is filled with irony and he quotes Renard to explain why that specific literary technique works so well, especially for this subject: "Irony does not dry up the grass. It just burns off the weeds."

Here is another perspective from the author that displays what I have tried to describe above. He encourages himself and the reader to imagine one's own passing, "...through the eyes of others. Not those who will mourn and miss you, or those who might hear of your death and raise a

momentary glass; or even those who might say 'Good!' or 'Never liked him anyway' or 'Terribly overrated.' Rather, one must see death from the point of view of those who have never heard of you — which is, after all, almost everybody. Unknown person dies: not many mourn. That is our certain obituary in the eyes of the rest of the world." How can you resist reading more from this fearless, droll intellectual?

Obviously, what the author must address in this discussion is a fear of God, or there not being God. The very first line of the book is, "I don't believe in God, but I miss him." His philosopher brother chides that thinking as "soppy." The word is defined as "silly or foolish in a feeble or self-indulgent way." Nothing about Barnes' writing is feeble or foolish, forcing me to conclude that his brother is a bit too stuffy for me. Occasionally he may be wistful, often ironic, frequently funny but never foolish. Barnes does explore many post-death scenarios, never really deciding upon one that he believes is best. One of his best lines is regarding Pascal's wager: "What if it turns out that God does exist but disapproves of gambling?" Hmm.

The physical make-up of the book is one without chapters, much like a very long essay. There are, of course, breaks, but I would have liked titles to sections so that when I wanted to look back on something specific I could more easily find it. And because I found the book so full of great quotes and insight there have been many times I wanted to find specific lines. Perhaps Mr. Barnes knows exactly what he was doing, however, as each time I went back looking for a specific idea I found something equally as good. I believe you will have much the same experience should you read this. You might even find yourself looking for more of his writings.

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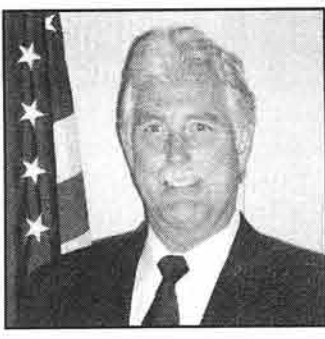
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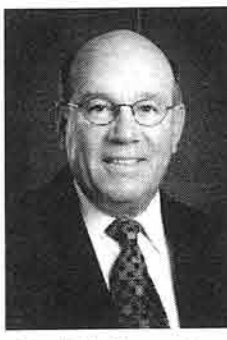
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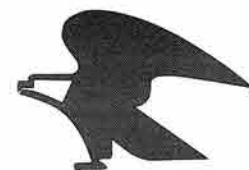
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The Cunnane Family

Dear POA —

I would like to thank you for your generous donation to the school safety patrol picnic. The picnic was a great success and enjoyed by all who participated. Every year, the school patrollers from each school look forward to this well deserved event. This year we had over 800 kids and 100 teachers/volunteers in attendance. Again, thank you for your time and continuous support of this program.

Edie Lewis  
School Safety Patrol Officer  
Traffic Company

*Editor's Note: The preceding thank you note from Edie Lewis had originally been sent on July 7, 2008. I regret the delay in placing it in the Journal. —RS*

Dear POA —

Greetings from the Omega Boys Club. I just returned from Canada and the trip was great. I'm inviting you to visit our web site at [www.streetsoldiers.org](http://www.streetsoldiers.org) and read the journal of my Canada trip.

You can also see the story of the recent Alive and Free conference in Baltimore, and view the mayor's press conference at the Omega Boys Club. So much is happening, and all of it is good!

Hope you are well. Thanks for your support.

Dr. Joe Marshall  
Omega Boys Club  
(Vice President, SF Police Commission)

Dear SFPOA —

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Thank you!  
Very truly yours,  
Bob Brenneman  
Director of Development and Marketing  
Project Open Hand

Dear SFPOA —

The OMI Family Resource Center had a wonderful Thanksgiving thanks to your willingness to volunteer on our Turkey giveaway day. Please know that everything you did was very much appreciated by the families and staff of the OMI FRC. Frankly our ability to

coordinate such a large event would not be possible without volunteers. We always appreciate an enthusiastic group and you were great!

In total, our weekly Food Pantry was able to distribute 398 turkeys for those who signed up in advance to receive one. Additionally 360 families came through the line receiving a whole chicken, prepared mini pecan or pumpkin pie, brown rice, cranberry sauce, canned fruit stuffing/rice, canned green beans, canned corn, canned pumpkin, pie crusts, sparkling juice, Rice Krispie squares, produce, and bread. The produce included apples, sweet potatoes, and onions. Everyone went home knowing that they would be able to prepare a festive meal with ample amounts of food for everyone. It certainly makes you feel good to know you have been able to supply a family with healthy food especially at a Holiday time of year!

Once again thanks very much for your assistance in making this Holiday so wonderful for our families in the OMI District. We really could not do this Holiday Pantry without you!

Sincerely,  
Helen M. Birch, M.Ed. LPC  
OMI FRC Director

Dear POA —

On behalf of St. Paul's School Athletic Board we would like to thank you for taking the time to read our letter. We would like to apply to the San Francisco Police Officer Association Community Service Fund for a \$500.00 grant to our Athletic Program. With this grant we hope to provide the necessary equipment and uniforms our student athletes need to participate in our sports program. The program spans the length of the school year and provides equal opportunities for both boys and girls. We offer Boys Soccer during the fall, Girls Volleyball and Boys Basketball during the winter, Girls Basketball and Coed Baseball during the spring. By updating our equipment we can help insure a safe playing environment. We also offer scholarships to students that are financially challenged.

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Sincerely,  
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Athletic Board Vice President  
St. Paul's School

Dear POA Board —

Thank you for your generous donation to help the children of the Western Addition during the holiday season.

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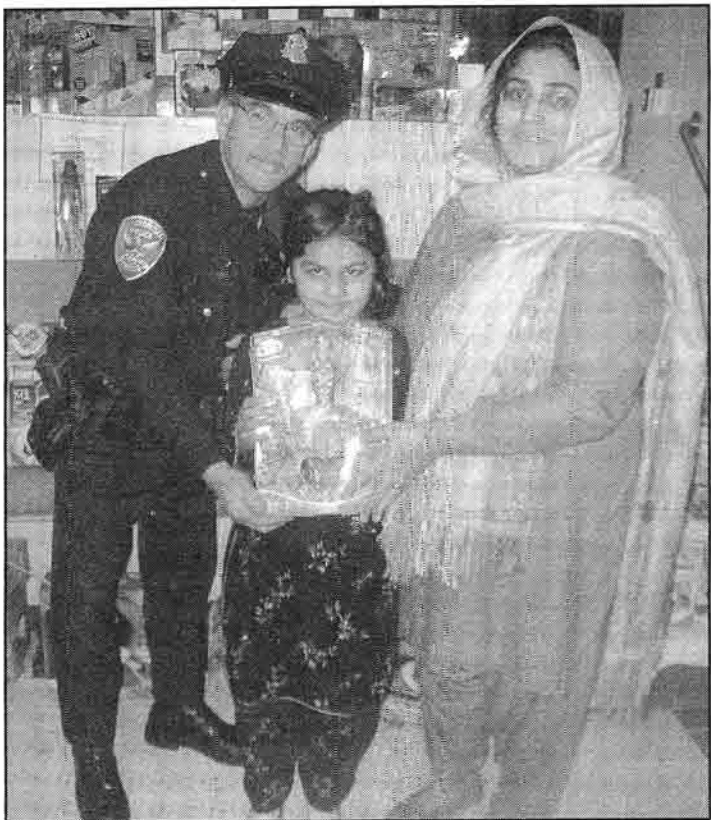
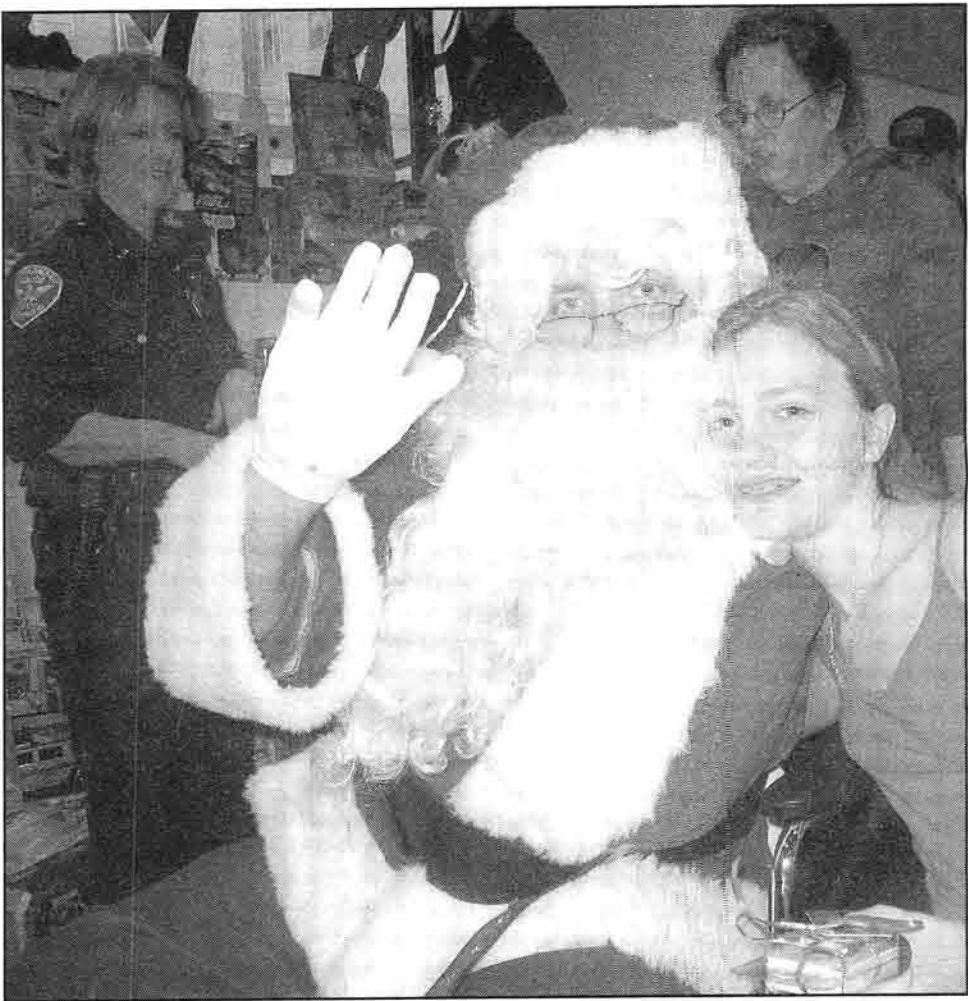
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# POA Members Deliver Christmas Cheer

Photos by Patrick Burke taken at various locations





# 133rd Recruit Class Reunion Dinner



By Stephen Morimoto  
SFPD Police Academy

Those of us in 133rd SFPD Recruit Class who are still in active duty celebrated the start of our 30th year of service on November 13, 2008 at Westlake Joe's.

That alone may not be too unusual. What might be is that this class has celebrated a dinner every year on November 13th for each of the past 29 years.

Although most of the get-togethers have been at the venerable Westlake Joe's — the site of our first dinner — the 133 has celebrated at a number of fine SF dining establishments over these years.

The 133rd has had a pretty successful promotional record for those who chose that path.

It has boasted a Deputy Chief, Commander, two Captains, numerous Lieutenants, and Sergeants and Inspectors. However, on November 13, there were

only friends who still look forward to getting together and enjoying each other's company.

Last year Leon Loew, who had the forethought of taking pictures while we were in the academy, presented everyone with a CD of the photos taken and had it showing on his computer during dinner. It provided a lot of laughs and revealed what time has done to most of us.

Some of our members have already gone on to retirement. Along the way, we also lost some before their time. Pat Yick, Woody Tennant, and Tom Flippin remain in our memories. We also salute Officer James Guelff, who was taken from us on November 14, 1994.

We have reached the time in our careers when more will be retiring, but it's doubtful the class will stop meeting, as the friendships built will last a lifetime.

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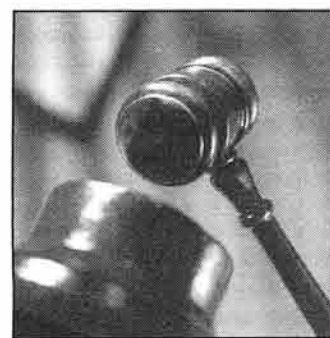
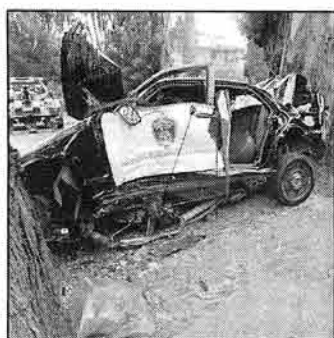
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# New York City Police Union Criticizes Effort to Reduce a Pension Benefit

From the New York Times, Dec.18, 2008

By Michael Wilson and Al Baker  
(http://www.nytimes.com)

It is as ingrained a catchphrase for city police officers as "New York's Finest." It is "20 and out," and officers know it means if they have 20 years on the job, they can retire with a full pension.

Gov. David A. Paterson's proposal to extend that length of service to 25 years for new hires was met with sharp criticism on Wednesday by the union representing police officers, where it was seen as a callous disregard for the tolls of police work. The city portion of the proposal was developed by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, and is estimated to save the city \$5.4 billion over the next 20 years.

The proposal also includes creating a minimum retirement age of 50 before a full pension can be received. There currently is no minimum retirement age, and many officers who retire after 20 years are in their early 40s. The rule of "20 and out" would effectively become "29 and out" for a 21-year-old recruit.

The changes, which would also affect the pensions of firefighters, would require City Council approval as well as passage in Albany.

Patrick J. Lynch, president of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, the union representing police officers, said changing the pension was breaking a longstanding promise to new recruits.

"For decades, the city has managed to pay less than a market rate of pay for dangerous emergency service jobs because of the promise of stability and a fair pension," Mr. Lynch said in a statement on Wednesday. "Remove those incentives and no one will want to take the risks or suffer the physical and mental toll those jobs inflict."

After 20 years on the force, the average New York City police officer earns roughly \$90,000 annually, including overtime pay and other salary enhancements, said Charles M. Brecher, research director at the Citizens Budget Commission.

With a pension worth half of the final year's annual salary, plus a \$12,000 annual lump sum payment called a variable supplement, a retired officer can receive roughly \$57,000 a year, which is not subject to state or city income taxes, he said.

"It's an expensive system, and generous, compared to other public employees," Mr. Brecher said.

Under the proposal, the \$12,000 annual payment would also be elimi-

nated, and the pension would be calculated using an average of salaries for the final three years of employment, not the last year.

E.J. McMahon, a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, said the governor's proposals would fix an outdated system and help rein in the city's rising pension costs.

"'Twenty and out' reflects an era where, after 20 years of police work, if you were in your early 40s, you did not necessarily have that much longer to live," Mr. McMahon said.

He said the pension for city police officers was so known for being lucrative that, unlike other municipal employees, "police officers are the only ones who have the pension in the back of their mind when they take the test in their early 20s."

Eugene J. O'Donnell, a professor of law and police studies at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, said it was hard to determine the effect that a less generous pension plan would have on recruiting. One problem, he said, is that the Police Department seemed to be downsizing somewhat and doing little recruiting, and moreover, the sharp increase in unemployment had made it easier to recruit future cadets.

Robert W. Linn, a former director of labor relations for New York and the president of a labor relations consulting firm, said that the overall compensation package should be re-examined. "If, in fact, New York City base salary is not competitive and the pensions are worse than in other jurisdictions, it will be hard to attract police. It should be no problem attracting people with 25-year pensions if base compensation

is also competitive."

In August, the police unions and the city reached an agreement that would increase starting pay to \$41,975, up from \$35,881 under an old contract. It followed an arbitration panel's awarding police officers a retroactive raise while significantly raising starting pay to \$35,881, from \$25,100.

At Columbus Circle, two officers emerging from the underground police command center said the proposed changes might give prospective officers some pause.

"Being a police officer is a hard job," said a 23-year-old officer with two years in the department, who spoke on the condition of anonymity so as not to violate Police Department rules. A pension in 20 years was a draw to this career, he said. "An extra five years isn't bad, but if you work in the busy houses, it can burn you out."

Professor O'Donnell said many of his students who planned to join the Police Department were attracted to this year's increase in starting salaries for officers and paid little attention to pension issues.

But Steven Heimer, 21, who had just completed his police final minutes before, said the new proposals might deter him from joining the department.

"Twenty is a big difference from 25," he said. "If you want to do something afterward, have your own business, you'd have to wait five years."

Another John Jay student, Derek Bruno, 22, just shrugged when told of the proposed changes. "I don't care," he said. "I've wanted to be a cop since I was 13."

# Denver Seeks 2% Pay Cut From Cops, Fire Crews

From The Denver Post, Dec. 19, 2008,  
By Christopher N. Osher  
(http://www.denverpost.com)

Mayor John Hickenlooper has approached three unions for help to ease a budget crunch.

Mayor John Hickenlooper's administration has asked the unions that represent Denver's police officers, firefighters and sheriff's deputies to renegotiate salary contracts and accept a 2 percent salary cut next year.

Kelly Brough, the mayor's chief of staff, confirmed that she and other administration officials have been meeting with all three unions to come up with ways to close a mushrooming budget gap for next year. She said she asked for the wage concessions during those negotiations.

"We went to the unions and said we want to work with you and spread this out and keep everyone here," Brough said. "There is nothing harder on a family or community than when people lose their jobs."

At least one union, the Fraternal Order of Police, which represents sheriff's deputies, has rejected the offer. That union's response, articulated in a letter to the membership, has created concern among rookie deputies and recruits that the city will lay them off.

Corrections director Bill Lovingier met with about 50 of the deputies and recruits Thursday morning and tried to calm some of the concern, but those who attended remained nervous.

One deputy who attended said the message was that if the contract doesn't get renegotiated, then the city will start laying them off.

Lovingier said he was trying to reassure those he called to the meeting that layoffs, although a possibility, were a long way off.

"I assured them that what they were hearing were rumors, and they should sleep well and have a wonderful

Christmas," Lovingier said, although he confirmed that the Fraternal Order of Police and administration were at odds on salary concessions.

Brough said the administration is facing a difficult budget situation for the next two years given the slumping economy.

She said the discussions with the unions are part of a comprehensive approach the administration is crafting. Brough said wages and benefits were negotiated with the three unions when times were more flush. The unions represent employees of departments that take up roughly half the city budget.

"We're still looking at other ways we could trim our budget, but it's difficult at this point to find additional opportunities," she said.

The contract calls for a 4.75 percent wage hike for police officers in 2009, 4.5 percent increase for sheriff's deputies and 4 percent jump for firefighters.


Brough said the administration will unveil next week more precise dollar figures on the amount of savings it is seeking and some actual cuts. In 2003, when Hickenlooper first took office, the firefighters and sheriff's deputies agreed to wage concessions while the police declined.

She said she remains "optimistic" that the administration will reach an understanding with the Fraternal Order of Police, which represents the deputies.

This time around, the Police Department seems more willing to negotiate.

"We may be looking at hard times," said Detective Martin Vigil, the president of the Denver Police Protective Association, which represents officers.

Eric Tate of the Denver Firefighters Local 858, said the union is hiring a consultant to conduct its own analysis of the city's finances before responding.



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## From the District Attorney's Office

*Cases Part of Multi-Agency Effort to Combat Crime Against Seniors*

### Suspects Charged with Elder Abuse in Two Separate Incidents

SAN FRANCISCO — The San Francisco District Attorney's Office has charged John McTaggart, age 45, with fraud and theft from an elder for allegedly stealing \$140,000 from an 86-year-old San Francisco woman as part of an annuity scam.

"With the coming holidays and the looming economic crisis, people are in desperate times. These are the moments when we see an increase in exploitation and abuse of vulnerable populations, like seniors. Nearly 20 percent of San Francisco's residents are seniors," said District Attorney Kamala D. Harris. "Yet too often they are the invisible victims of crime in our City. We cannot allow criminals to prey on our elders. Now more than ever, our seniors need help and protection so they don't fall victim to financial crimes and elder abuse. If you have seniors in your family or as a neighbor, check in with them. They need our help understanding fraud and ID theft risks, and we should protect our elders," DA Harris added.

According to court documents, in February 2008 defendant McTaggart,

a former broker, convinced his elderly victim to sign over \$140,000 in monies received through a legitimate reverse mortgage he had helped the victim secure. Once the victim received the money from the reverse mortgage, the defendant allegedly convinced her to dedicate a portion of the funds to an annuity account. Instead of depositing the victim's money into an actual annuity account, he had the money sent to his personal account. The defendant then allegedly attempted to mask this fraud, by sending monthly checks to the victim, essentially paying her "dividends" from the money he had stolen directly from her. Defendant McTaggart then fled to Tennessee, where he is now awaiting extradition on a DA warrant that was issued on November 24, 2008.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Alan Kennedy. Inspector Greg Ovanessian is the leading the SFPD investigation. The San Francisco District Attorney's Office and the San Francisco Police Department are two of the partner agencies in the San Francisco Elder Abuse

Forensic Center along with the Department of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS).

The case is among the first to be investigated and prosecuted as part of the San Francisco Elder Abuse Forensic Center. The San Francisco Elder Abuse Forensic Center is a public/private

partnership designed to enhance the effectiveness of the assessment, investigation, and prosecution of elder and dependent adult abuse cases in San Francisco. The collaboration was launched early this year and has processed over 100 potential cases to date.

The San Francisco Elder Abuse Forensic Center includes the following stakeholder agencies: Adult Protective Services and Public Guardian (both divisions of DAAS), District Attorney (prosecutors and victim services), Police Department (police inspectors, fraud and domestic violence specialists), the Ombudsman, and the private partner, Institute on Aging — Geriatric Assessment Center and Elder Abuse Prevention Program, along with a board certified geriatrician.

The Center, housed in the Department of Aging and Adult Services, co-locates experts from each of these agencies crucial to managing elder abuse cases, and provides the venue and mechanism for rapid and efficient collaboration. The team provides multi-agency case reviews and action plans, and conducts in-home medical and mental status evaluations, evidentiary investigation and multidisciplinary consultation.

Another case recently handled by members of the San Francisco Elder Abuse Forensic Center involves Shirley Guzman and Rebecca Enrile, two former in-home caregivers, who were arrested for elder financial abuse on Wednesday, November 26, 2008 and made their initial court appearances on December 1, 2008. Defendant Enrile has been arraigned. Defendant Guzman is scheduled for arraignment on January 9, 2009. Defendant Enrile

will also appear on this date. This case is significant as it is the first case to go to court that has been processed by partner agencies of the San Francisco Elder Abuse Forensic Center.

The former caregivers are accused of defrauding a 93-year-old widow in their charge of over \$115,000 by inappropriately cashing checks that were meant for groceries or household expenses, and by opening credit cards in her name.

"One of the primary goals we had when the Elder Abuse Forensic Center was created, was to make our seniors safer by increasing the number of prosecutions of people committing crimes, especially fraud, that victimize vulnerable elders," said Anne Hinton, Executive Director of the Department of Aging and Adult Services. "These two cases exemplify the results this level of collaboration can bring."

Reports of elder abuse have risen in recent years. Last year, the Department on Aging and Adult Services — Adult Protective Services division received almost 4,500 new reports of elder abuse, up from just under 4,100 in 2006; and over the last three years, the District Attorney's Office has prosecuted 52% more elder abuse cases. The social, medical and law enforcement services needed to deal with this growing number of victims are spread across various City Agencies and Community Providers. The San Francisco Elder Abuse Forensic Center brings these important resources together to prevent delays and gaps in service coordination, evidence collection and criminal investigation that could otherwise negatively affect the outcome for victims of abuse.



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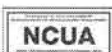
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## From the District Attorney's Office

### Defendant Arraigned for Cold Hit Case of Rape and Murder in 1991

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced the arraignment of Otis Hughes, age 56, and CTN 2397734, for the 1991 rape and murder of then 38-year-old Karen Wong.

Defendant Hughes is charged with one count of murder in violation of Penal Code section 187(a) and one count of rape by force in violation of Penal Code section 261(a)(2) with an allegation of the use of a deadly weapon pursuant to Penal Code section 12022(b)(1) and an allegation of special circumstance for murder committed during the commission of rape.

Defendant Hughes pleaded not guilty to all charges before Judge Tomar Mason on Friday, December 12, 2008 in San Francisco Superior Court Department 9. The arrest and prosecution of Otis Hughes is the work of the Cold Hit Units of the San Francisco Police Department and the San Francisco District Attorney's Office.

In 2006, San Francisco District Attorney Kamala D. Harris secured \$400,000 in federal funding from Senator Dianne Feinstein to create a coordinated unit dedicated to the investigation and prosecution of "cold cases." In the case of defendant Hughes, SFPD Inspectors Joseph Toomey and Holly Pera are the police investigators and Assistant District Attorney Braden Woods is the prosecutor.

"It has been nearly 20 years since this woman was raped, hogtied and stabbed to death in her own home, but our commitment to bringing her killer to justice has not wavered," said District Attorney Kamala D. Harris. "The intense work of our Cold Hit Unit to investigate unsolved cases means that victims and their families can finally have the justice they seek and dangerous criminals are being taken

off our streets."

According to Court documents on February 27, 1991, after a couple of days of not hearing from the victim, Karen Wong, the victim's boyfriend contacted her brother who also had not heard from his sister in several days. Together the victim's brother and boyfriend went to the victim's home to check on the victim. When they arrived they knocked on the front door and no one answered. Then they entered the victim's home through the back door to find the victim dead. Her body was hogtied. The evidence gathered showed that the victim had been sexually assaulted and murdered. Semen recovered from her body was kept in CODIS, a DNA database, for further investigation.

In October 2008, a match between a CODIS contributor and the sample DNA collected at the crime scene was found. The CODIS sample was identified as belonging to defendant Hughes, who as a result became a suspect in the unsolved murder and rape of Karen Wong. Police and prosecutors from the Cold Hit Units of both the San Francisco Police Department and San Francisco District Attorney's Office reopened the case and re-investigated the case, which later led to the issuance of a DA warrant and subsequent arrest of defendant Hughes.

Defendant Hughes was arrested on Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at his home in Richmond, California. Defendant Hughes had just been released from state prison where he had served the last 17 years for residential burglary convictions out of San Francisco. He is currently being held in San Francisco County Jail on \$2 million bail.

The defendant's next scheduled appearance is at 9 a.m. on January 9, 2009 to set date for preliminary before Judge Tomar Mason.

### 32 Years to Life in State Prison

### Defendant Sentenced for First-Degree Murder, Attempted Murder & Robbery

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced today that Chad Dias, age 23, Court Number 2207471, was sentenced to 25 years to life with the possibility of parole for one count of murder in the first degree, life with the possibility of parole for one count of attempted first-degree murder and a three-year stayed state prison sentence for one count of robbery. The sentences on the first two counts are to be served consecutively, meaning that the defendant would have to serve a minimum of 32 years in state prison before becoming eligible for parole. The defendant was also ordered to pay restitution.

This defendant will spend the better part of his adult life behind bars as a result of the conviction," said District Attorney Kamala D. Harris. "The violent conduct for which he was prosecuted, convicted and sentenced was outrageous and warranted this outcome."

The sentence was handed down by the Honorable Carol Yaggy in Department 28 of San Francisco Superior Court on December 12, 2008. Judge Yaggy allowed the defendant and the victim's family to address the court.

The conviction is the result of a

lengthy investigation by Inspectors Steven Balma and Timothy Dempsey of the San Francisco Police Department's homicide detail. Jean Hassett and Jenny Lee are the Victim Witness Advocates assigned to the case. Michael Swart is the Assistant District Attorney who prosecuted the case.

After six-and-half days of deliberation, defendant Dias was found guilty by a jury on August 5, 2008 at the end of a two-month trial before Superior Court Judge Carol Yaggy in Department 28. He was convicted for his role in the March 1, 2005 shooting death of 22-year-old Christy Chan, the shooting and maiming of her 23-year-old boyfriend George Tang and the robbing of Mr. Tang of two pounds of marijuana.

Defendant Dias, of Richmond, was arrested on March 4, 2005. The defendant was originally tried for these offenses during a two-month trial that took place in August and September of 2007. The first trial resulted in a mistrial when the jury hung.

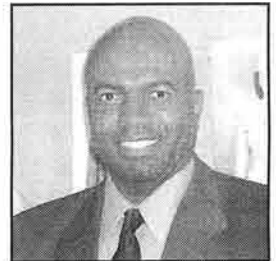
"The retrial and ultimate conviction of this defendant should send a loud and clear message that defendants will be made to answer for their crimes," said DA Harris.

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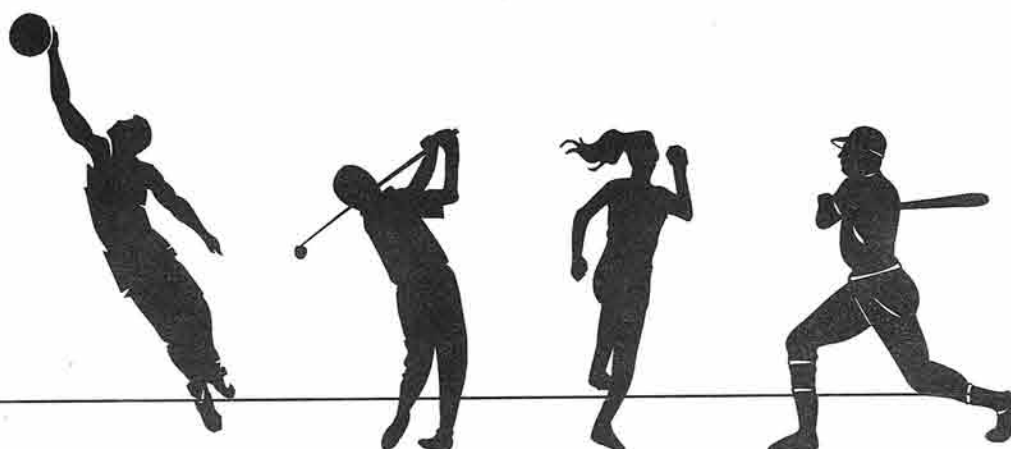
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# Sports



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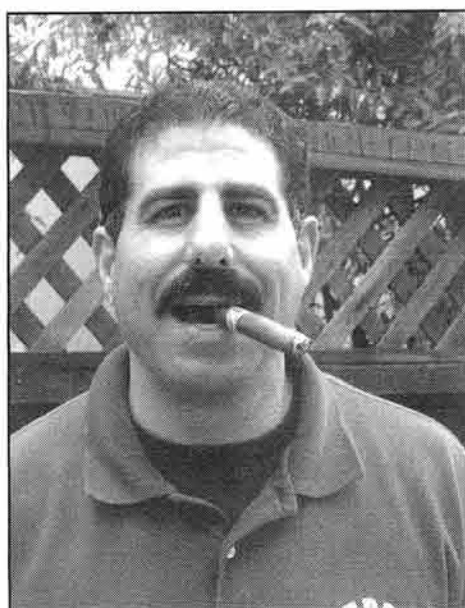
By Nick Shihadeh,  
Journal Sports Editor

### Department Hoops

**C**HECK IT OUT: I received a note from department basketball Commissioner Alan Honniball about the league at the halfway point of the season which was the week of Dec. 22nd. Two teams are still undefeated and they are SF CHP and Narcotics both at 6-0 (see the standings on this same page). A big showdown between the two clubs will take place in January to see who will rule the division. Trent Cross and Tony Tam will be leading the way for the "chippies" while Jake Fegan and John Hallisy will continue to do the same for the "narc squad"

By themselves in second place is Southern Station at 4-1. They are a team to be reckoned with when their entire squad shows up, and this includes Brett "BT" Thorpe who is a scoring machine when he's on his game. Daly City PD (3-2) is staying consistent while winning two games in-a-row and they're being lead by Mike Barton.

In the middle of the pack are Bayview Station, Ingleside Station and Central Station all with .500 records. Bayview has a hot shooter in Tommy Fong who can drill 3-pointers as needed; their problem has been a couple of tough last minute losses. Ingleside is the surprise team of the league with strong play from last season's rookie-of-the-year Al "AJ" Johnson. They have another rookie candidate this year in Nathan Chew; both did a fine job in a come-from-behind victory recently. With Bayview having their way with Ingleside early in their game, the one-two punch of Chew and Johnson (as referee "Big Joe" refers to them) turned things around and snatched a victory



from the claws of defeat. Central has Matt Sullivan pushing the envelope to keep the team competitive.

The rest of the division have teams that are struggling a bit. Park at 1-4 has great play from Will "The Thrill" Elieff and Mike "No Relation to Frank" Palma but unfortunately only have the one win to show for it. GTF (1-4) has fallen on tough times after being in last season's championship game. Even though they've started off slowly, the likes of Do and Murray (Team Gel) are doing a good job of holding things together and will push hard for a playoff run.

The Inspectors are being led by Jason Lynch and Wil "Freddy" Williams but still are without a victory. Northern has big men Brian "The Machine" Guiney, Tim "Big Bird" Flaherty, and Chris "My Brother Is Now In the Dept." Knight along with about forty other guys filling the roster. They pretty much have enough bodies for two teams but are sticking with the one club and are looking forward to winning a game.

### Law Enforcement Basketball Tournament

Comissioner Honniball is looking for a couple of more players to round

### SFPD Basketball Standings:

Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
SF CHP	6	0	1.000	
Narcotics	6	0	1.000	
Southern Station	4	1	.800	1 1/2
Daly City PD	3	2	.600	2 1/2
Bayview Station	3	3	.500	3
Ingleside Station	3	3	.500	3
Central Station	2	2	.500	3
Park Station	1	4	.200	4 1/2
GTF	1	4	.200	4 1/2
Inspectors	0	5	.000	5 1/2
Northern Station	0	5	.000	5 1/2

out the team he's sending to the Oracle Arena on Wed. Jan. 14th for the law enforcement tourney preceding the Warriors vs Kings game. Contact Honniball as soon as possible if interested as he wants to defend last year's title with as strong a team as possible (Burglary 415-553-1949).

### 1st Annual Brad Moody Memorial Pistol Match

Alex Takaoka (Northern Station) and other members of the SFPD Shooting Team competed in the Brad Moody Memorial Shooting Match that took place back in November at the Richmond Rod and Gun club(see Alex's article and pic in this same sports section). It was a pretty big turnout for a worthy cause for the recently fallen Richmond Police Officer to raise money for his family.

Our department members shot well but a member of the SF Sheriffs Department shot even better. Deputy Kenny Burgess was able to finish in 10th place out of over two hundred shooters. Kudos to him. Teresa Fox is another SFSO member who competed

— she ended up in 38th place which is still not too shabby amongst the large group of very competitive shooters. Whatever the placement, everyone who attended this fine event should be congratulated for greatly supporting the memory of a departed comrade.

### Table Tennis

I ran into recently retired member John Franicevich who was a very sharp Airport Bureau sergeant. In addition to being very good at his job, Franicevich has also distinguished himself as a ping pong player. He plays regularly at the SF Table Tennis Club at 1968 Powell St. in The City and he encourages anyone interested to come test their skills against some very good competition. A department member who is pretty impressive in his own right is Taraval Station's Charlie Chan who also competes regularly. If interested in joining him and John at the club, go to [www.amdtrading.us](http://www.amdtrading.us) for more information.

That's all for now...Happy New Year and So See Ya next month...

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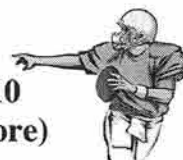
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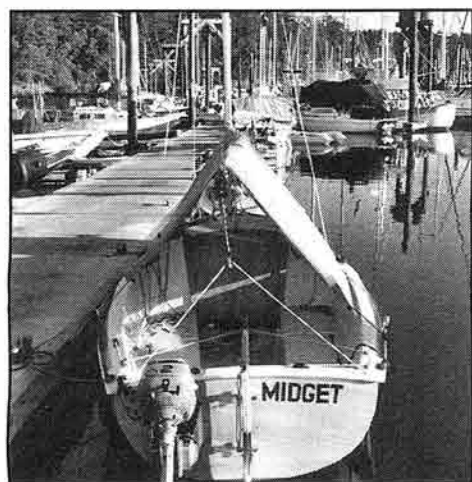
By Mike Truman,  
Retired

I had always wanted to sail the San Juan Islands in my boat Midget, and when the opportunity presented itself this past September I jumped at the chance. Midget is a Montgomery 15 with a beam of 6'2" and overall weight of 800 lbs. It's equipped with a "V" berth, portable head, 2HP Honda outboard and portable propane stove. When fully equipped for the trip the boat weighed about 1000 lbs.

I left the Bay Area the day after Labor Day for Bellingham, Washington, with Midget in tow and the long drive up I-5. I arrived at Bellingham Harbor Thursday, Sept 4th and launched the boat along with nine other small boat sailors. Departure for the San Juans was scheduled for the following day.

## Friday September 5th

I departed Bellingham Harbor with



the other nine boats about 8:30 AM. Our destination was Blakely Island Marina with a short stop at Inati Bay on Lummi Island. Due to the strong winds and tide we bypassed Inati Bay and sailed on to Blakely Island arriving about 4PM. Blakely Island Marina is a small quiet harbor surrounded by tall pine tree and green hills. Blakely is a private island with 55 residents and visitors are restricted to the marina grounds.

## Saturday September 6th

The fleet left Blakely Harbor for Deer Harbor on Orcas Island, and I had a great sail up the Harney Channel past Shaw Island and through the narrow Pole Passage and arrived at Deer Harbor around 2 PM. Orcas Island is one of the major islands in the San Juans serviced by ferryboat from Anacortes, Washington.

## Sunday September 6th

We left Deer Harbor around 10AM for Reid Harbor on Stuart Island. I took Spieden Island to port and arrived at Reid Harbor lat afternoon. The place was packed with large sailboats and motor yachts and it was necessary to raft up at the small dock. Reid Harbor is very rustic and the only concession to comfort is a long walk up a hill to a chemical toilet.

## Monday September 8th

The fleet split early in the morning with six boats headed for Sucia Island. Myself and three other boats headed across the Haro Strait for Sidney Harbor

on Canada's Vancouver Island. It was half sailing and half motor sailing to Sidney, and on arrival a very tedious Canadian Custom clearance by telephone. Sidney was a two-day layover and a welcome break from my own cooking. This was a first class harbor and had great facilities.

## Wednesday September 10th

We left Sidney for Roche Harbor on San Juan Island and on arrival had a much easier clearance through U.S. Customs. San Juan Island, the second largest island, was the site of the famous Pig War in 1859 that pitted the American against the British. Fortunately, the only casualty of the war was the pig. Roche Harbor is the prettiest harbor in all the islands. That night I had a fabulous dinner at McMillan's Dining Room over-looking the harbor.

## Thursday September 11th

The sail from Roche Harbor to Friday Harbor on San Juan Island was in light wind and a strong favorable current. I was moving at 5 knots but when I approached Friday Harbor a counter current slowed me down to 2 knots. After dodging the ferryboat at the entrance of the harbor I made it into a side dock in the harbor. Friday Harbor was a two-day layover. The other six boats arrived from Sucia Island and we were now a fleet of ten boats.



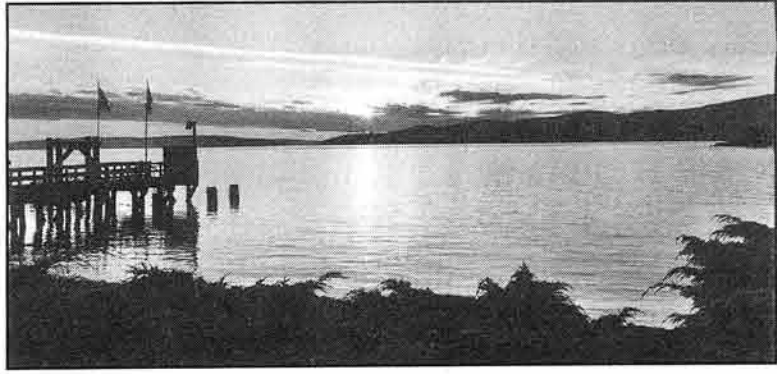
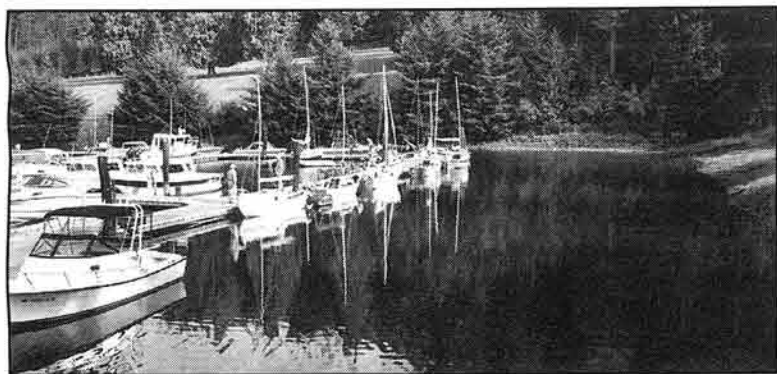
Friday Harbor is a neat town with lots of shops and restaurants, and it is the largest town on San Juan Island.

## Saturday September 13th

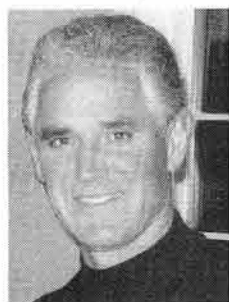
From Friday Harbor we motor sailed back to Blakely Island. The island store was closed for the season and I was back to cooking for myself. The quiet night at Blakely Harbor was interrupted when one skipper awoke at 2AM to find three mischievous river otters climbing all over his boat. The following day we would be heading back to Bellingham and the end of the trip.

## Sunday September 14th

We had a long way back to Bellingham and we left Blakely Island early in the morning. Initially the sailing was in light winds on the east side of Orcas Island, but as we rounded Carter Point on Lummi Island the wind picked up considerably. I put a reef in the mainsail and turned the motor on for the long sloppy ride back through Bellingham Bay. I was one of the last boats to arrive and I felt exhausted, but at the same time glad that I had made this trip. Total miles sailed: 110 nautical miles. The road trip was 1840 statute miles.



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# THE LOONS NEST REPORT

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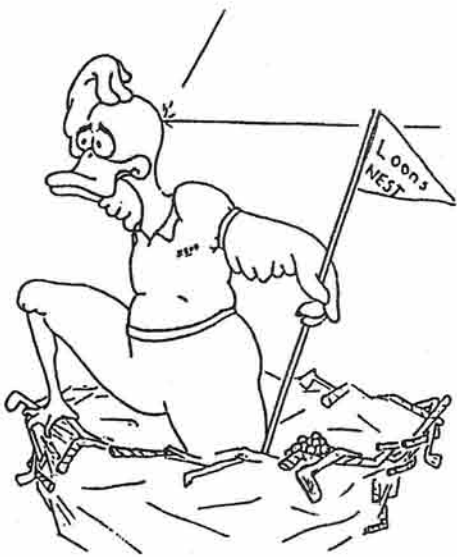
## O'Reagan Victorious in Holiday Classic at Monarch Bay

The Loons Nest Golf Club traveled to San LeandroE2s Monarch Bay Golf Links for the twentieth playing of the Holiday Golf Classic. The event looked like a day at the British Open, as cold winds howled over a course that had been pounded by hours of rain the night before. Temperatures in the middle thirties greeted the first groups off the tee and through the course of the day a balmy high of 48 degrees was as warm as it got. The Loons played under some very threatening skies, as heavy storm clouds blew threw; but, there was only one three-minute shower that eventually moved on.

The course held up very well to the recent storm, as there was no standing water on the fairways or in any of the one hundred and sixteen sand traps. The American Golf Corp. has certainly done a fine job in their rebuilding of the course in recent years, with a very good drainage system. Monarch Bay was first designed and built by John Harbottle in 1958 for the City of San Leandro and the eighteen hole course is currently named for the late East Bay golf great Tony Lema.

The Loons enjoyed a breakfast buffet in the clubhouse before they hit the links and the warm food and drink was very much welcomed. The 2007 Holiday Classic Champion Steve Morimoto was unable to make a defense of his title due to work commitments at the Police Academy, but there was plenty of talent on hand.

As the winds blew and cold hands tried to feel the grips of the club, two loons managed to break forty on the front side. Darren Nocetti from Narcotics and longtime loon Brinney O'Reagan both posted matching thirty-nines. Five players sat in second place at the turn with scores of forty, which included Dave Kranci (Traffic Co.), Jim Ahern (Narcotics), Jim Enright and Dave Pomicpic of United Airlines and guest Mike Cullinan.



As O'Reagan moved through the back nine his putter got hot, as he picked up birdies on the sixteenth and eighteenth holes, while posting three birdies on the round. O'Reagan finished with a round of seventy-eight strokes. Nocetti ran into a double bogey six on the fifteenth hole, which moved Darren out of contention. Cullinan and Ahern were able to match their front side scores=20 with matching scores of forty on the back. As both players posted totals of eighty, the tiebreaker went to Ahern giving him second low gross in the first flight and leaving Mike Cullinan in the third spot.

In first flight low net play, Eric Valentini of Central Station made a big showing in his first Loon event. Eric fired an eighty-four and posted a net score of sixty-nine. Tim Lee matched that net score, but the tiebreaker went to Valentini. Valentini is making a comeback after he had been victimized in a traffic accident and sidelined for a substantial time. Eric not only returned to the links, but to the softball mound. Eric pitched Central Station through the semifinals in B-league action, as Central had the best regular season record due to Eric's prowess on the hill.

Mike Siebert from the General Work Detail took third low net in the flight with a net score of seventy. Mike was leading the pack through the eleventh hole, but a double bogey on the 549 yard par 5 twelfth hole was a big set back for him.

In second flight play there was quite a battle between Homicide's Mike Johnson and retired SFO Bureau veteran George Gulbengay. As the two men had completed seventeen holes, Johnson had a two-stroke lead with one hole to play. Gulbengay was hot as

he was coming down the final stretch having made par on the 16th and 17th holes. George made his third par in a row on the 18th leaving him at ninety-one strokes. Johnson ran straight into the teeth of a triple bogey seven on the final hole, leaving him in second place low gross, second flight. Steve Turdici posted a score of ninety-three to grab third place.

Second flight low net action saw Central's Mark Milligan run away with the show, as he posted a net score of sixty-seven strokes. Matt Hanley from the Auto Detail made a charge at Milligan on the front side, but still finished four strokes behind at seventy-one. Matt suffered double bogeys on the 12th, 13th and 15th holes, allowing Milligan to cruise to victory. Central Station's Eric Tapang grabbed third low net in the flight with a score of seventy-three.

Vince Neeson of Narcotics had a very good day in "Close to the Hole" contests. Vince took first place on the tenth and seventeenth holes, taking home two envelopes of side pot cash and two-dozen Taylor Made balls. Bob McMillan of GTF had the shot of the day when he put his ball one foot and eight inches from the cup on the fourth hole. The fourth hole was playing one hundred and sixty yards with a heavy crosswind coming off the bay and heading to the East Bay hills. Undaunted by elements or sand traps protecting the green, McMillan played the hole like a master. Brinney O'Reagan took first place on the 180 yard seventh hole with a shot three

feet, four inches from the hole. Second place winners were Tyson Bruce, Harry Pearson(Central), Jim Enright and Dave Pomicpic. The Loons assembled at the 19th hole for the awards ceremony, which brought the Loon's twenty-first season to a close.

### 2008 Year in Review

Two-Man Best Ball  
Championship  
Rancho Solano G.C.  
Fontana-Wyman 62

Spring Championship at  
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G.C.  
Steve Moss 79-82 = 161

Summer Golf Classic  
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Scott Warnke 82

Charlie Anzore Memorial at  
Reno  
Red Hawk (Lakes Course) &  
Thunder Canyon C.C.  
Tom Hanacek 77-83 = 160

Holiday Golf Classic  
Monarch Bay G.L.  
Brinney O'Reagan 78

## Loons Nest Scoreboard Monarch Bay Golf Links — December 15th, 2008

Player	Gross Score	Net Score	Second Flight	
			Player	Net Score
O'Reagan	78	70	Gulbengay	91 73
Ahern	80	70	Johnson	92 72
Cullinan	80	72	Milligan	92 67
Lee	80	69	Turdici	93 76
Nocetti	82	74	Hanley	95 71
Pomicpic	83	75	Bruce,Tyson	98 75
Armitage	84	78	Edison	98 77
Valentini	84	69	Fontana	99 82
Chang	84	73	Dudley	100 82
Kranci	85	71	Tapang	100 73
Pearson	85	80	Boyd	102 77
Wong	85	75	Trierweiler	103 80
Enright	86	74	Meixner	104 84
Neeson	86	78	Bruce, Rick	105 75
Siebert	86	70	Thorpe	105 85
Watts, Gary	86	75	Wismer	106 85
Garcia	88	78	Dyer	107 87
Hettrich	88	85	Fong	109 79
Vernengo	89	79	Bronfeld	111 80
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Brown	93	83		
Sorgie	93	83		
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### Close to Hole Winners

Hole #4	1st	McMillan	1' 8"	2nd	Tyson Bruce	11' 6"
Hole #7	1st	O'Reagan	3' 4"	2nd	Pearson	5' 2"
Hole #10	1st	Neeson	4' 6"	2nd	Enright	7' 2"
Hole #17	1st	Neeson	19' 7"	2nd	Pomicpic	20' 5"

Long Drive Winner, Steve Turdici, 291 yards



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Pictured (l to r) are Ron Choy, Rich Jones, Joe Fiscal (SF City College Ofc), Darlene Hong, Alex Takaoka, Phil Papale and Phil Pera.

# SFPD Shooting Team

By Alex Takaoka

The first Annual Brad Moody Memorial Pistol Match to honor fallen Richmond police officer Brad Moody was shot on Nov 30, 08. Two hundred fifty competitors (civilian and law enforcement) converged on the Richmond Rod and Gun Club Action Pistol Ranges and shot five different action stages of fire. Raffle prizes included seven firearms and numerous other police or shooting related items. All entry fees and raffle monies went to the Brad Moody's Daughter's College Fund. This was a great time and a great turn out for a worthy cause.

The SF Police Credit Union was one of the sponsors of this event. SFPCU

employees Darlene Hong and Ben Martinez were there with a table of snacks, drinks and support. Darlene is also an action pistol shooter — specializing in the single action revolver events.

The SFPD was well represented by Alex Takaoka (Northern), Ignatius Chinn (Ingleside Station), Wendell Jones (CPC TAC), Rich Jones (TAC/Robbery Abatement), Phil Pera (Burglary), Phil Papale (TAC/Robbery Abatement), Ron Choy (Taraval) and Mike Wolf(TAC/Market St. Beat). Match results are listed on the Richmond Hot Shots web site. Mark your calendar for next year's Moody Memorial Match which should be on the web site. The current SFPD qualification course of fire is good practice for this event.

## Join Us for Warriors Basketball! vs. the Sacramento Kings Wednesday, January 14th @ 7:30 pm For the 2nd Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Night

Proceeds from ticket sales to benefit  
Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund and  
The California Peace Officers Memorial Foundation

**TICKETS are \$40.00 and can be purchased**

- directly from the San Francisco Police Officers Association located at 800 Bryant St. (2nd Floor), San Francisco.
- via telephone from the Warriors at (510) 986- 2242
- via the Internet @ [www.gs-warriors.com](http://www.gs-warriors.com)
- Seating starts in sections 201 – purchase early for best location

Ticket price includes a souvenir Warriors T-shirt

Contact Sgt. Bob Guinan, San Francisco Police Dept, for additional information (415) 850-5726

# Word Search

Created by Officer Michelangelo Apodaca  
Chief's Office

- ACE

LAND
- BALL

MIGHT
- CANDY

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- DAY

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- END

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- FLAKE

QUINCE
- GARLAND

READY
- HOLIDAY

START
- ISLAND

TREAT
- JOCK

UPBEAT
- KNIGHT

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# Classified Ads

## Home For Sale

**GREAT STARTER HOME** located at 250 San Anselmo Ave North, San Bruno, Ca 94066. A beautiful 2-bedroom, 1-bath home features a large eat-in kitchen, sun room, 1 car garage, landscaped front and rear yards. Has a newer roof and driveway, new paint inside and out. This house comes with a home warranty plan and could be YOUR new home for Christmas. Asking \$459,000. Contact Don at (650) 248-4663

## Hunting Trips

Colorado Deer/Elk Hunts. Private ranches, Tresspass Fee Only. Contact Bob Brodnik, 415-320-0628.

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**2004 YAMAHA YZF-R1 1000 CC**, Silver, Very low miles (6,500). Excellent condition, never been down, never raced, always garaged. Oil changed every 1,500 miles, synthetic only. Modifications include: DynoJet Power Commander III, w/USB Port, Grave Motors Slip-On Exhaust, Frame Sliders, Racing Air Filter. Asking \$7,500. Contact Joe (415) 254-8055.

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

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



# Close Encounters

By Steve Johnson,  
SFPOA

**S**o far, we have lost 140 Police Officers who were killed in the line of duty in the United States this year (as of 12/29/08.)

14 law enforcement personnel were killed in the state of Texas, the highest loss in the country. The second highest toll took place in California where we lost 12 officers. 41 officers were killed with firearms and another 71 were lost in traffic fatalities. The average age of the officers killed was 40 and the average length of time they were employed with their agency was 7.4 years.

Over 240 San Francisco Police Officers were mentioned in our column, *Close Encounters*, during 2008. In almost every incident in which the officers were mentioned, guns were involved. In almost every incident captured there was a serious risk where the officers placed their lives on the line to protect and serve. And, in almost every case, we could have lost another San Francisco Police Officer.

The names that are listed from the *Close Encounters* article are, by no means, the only reflection of heroism from SFPD personnel. There are so many other officers doing equally outstanding work day in and day out. We are limited in publishing such deeds by the information received. Hopefully, in the very near future, changes will be made where great police work can be documented without the formality required now, in a manner that will allow for supervisors to recognize great police work without having to sit behind a computer for hours on end duplicating the obvious...

## March:

Sergeant Alexa O'Brien  
Officer Matthew Cole  
Officer Gregory Buhagiar  
Officer Arshad Razzak.  
Officer Sean Archini  
Officer Elizabeth Prillinger  
Sergeant Andrew Meehan  
Inspector John Newman  
Officer Montgomery Singleton  
Lieutenant Ann Mannix  
Officer Sean Cronin  
Officer Larry Bertrand.  
Officer Rob Imbellino  
Officer Clayton Goodwin  
Officer Torrie Barnes  
Officer Frank Machado  
Officer Lionel Lucas  
Officer John Cathey  
Officer Joselito Sy  
Officer Paul Weggenman  
Sergeant Bob Bohanan  
Officer Scott Biggs  
Officer Chris Oshita  
Officer Kevin O'Leary  
Officer Daniel Kroos

## April:

Officer Jesse Ortiz  
Officer Monica MacDonald  
Officer Jason Kirchner  
Officer Mike Ellis  
Officer Steve Coleman  
Officer Ajay Singh  
Officer David Correa  
Officer Steve Benzinger.

Officer Anthony Pedroza  
Officer Arnold Aleman  
Sergeant John Bragnolo  
Officer Joe Salazar  
Officer Chris Wilhelm  
Officer Ryan Crosby.  
Lieutenant Eric Vintero  
Officer Sam Martin  
Officer Greg Pak  
Officer Tom Lee  
Sergeant Curtis Liu  
Sergeant Chris Creed  
Sergeant Josh Espinoza  
Sergeant Carlos Gutierrez  
Officer Aaron Ballonado  
Officer Mario Marino  
Officer Mike Celis  
Officer Brian Hopkins  
Officer Robert Royer  
Officer Joe Minner  
Officer Dave Frias  
Officer Barry Mlaker  
Officer Kevin Lee  
Officer Edric Talusan.  
Officer Kevin Chin  
Officer Rommel Baldovino  
Officer Stacy Youngblood  
Officer Robert Toomey  
Officer Angus Chambers.  
Sergeant Kevin Dempsey  
Officer Carlos Mustafich  
Officer Gabe Alcaraz  
Officer Erick Solares  
Sergeant Chris Creed  
Officer Sylvia Petrossian  
Officer Joe Minner  
Officer Aaron Foltz  
Officer Robert Royer  
Sergeant Toney Chaplin  
Sergeant Mark Obrochta  
Officer Mike Montero  
Officer Kevin Moylan  
Officer Calvin Lew

## May:

Officer Daniel Kroos  
Officer Patrick Kennedy  
Officer Komi Touglo  
Lieutenant Mary Petri  
Inspector Sandy Daly  
Officer Matt Gardner  
Sgt. Lyn Tomioka  
Deputy Chief Greg Suhr  
Retired Deputy Chief Rick Bruce  
Officer William Conley  
Officer Lorenzo Adamson  
Sergeant Randall Young  
Officer Kathy Wong  
Officer Michael Wright  
Sergeant Rowland Wing  
Inspector Alan Honniball  
Officer Lorenzo Adamson  
Officer Michael Wright  
Officer Lisa Frazer  
Officer Stephen Coleman  
Sergeant Mike Moran  
Officer Angus Chambers  
Inspector Steve Haskell  
Officer Eric Elias  
Officer Raymond Kane  
Officer John Ferrando

## June:

Denise Blessing  
Jolene Blessing  
Mike Petricca  
Dr. Elisa Stephens  
Officer Chad Campos  
Officer Brian Hopkins  
Officer Armando Maracha  
Officer Barrett Chan  
Sergeant Mike Cesari

Officer Tim Kiely  
Officer Chris Musselman  
Officer Theresa SanGiacomo  
Officer Jennifer Hennessey  
Officer Marcial Marquez  
Officer Daniel Reyes  
Officer Phil Gordon  
Officer Tim O'Connor  
Officer Sean Cronin  
Officer E.R. 'Nash' Balinton  
Officer John Zachos  
Officer Rolando Escobar  
Officer Rex Calaunan  
Officer Thomas Chu  
Officer Buddy Siguido  
Officer Benny Lew

## July:

Officer Patrice Scanlan  
Officer Esther Gonzalez  
Lieutenant Dan Gardner  
Officer Angela Wilhelm and Officer Edward Zeltser  
Officer Carmen Batan  
Officer Ernest Wilberg  
Officer Dennis Lai  
Officer Jason Acosta  
Officer Angelina Sanchez  
Officer Leonard Morrow  
Officer Irene Michaud  
Officer Brian Michaud  
Officer Gary Peachey  
Inspector Kevin Whitfield  
Officer Lyn O'Connor  
Officer Anthony Gomes  
Cherisse Boland  
Armand Tcheong,  
Matthew Gabriel  
Inspector Susan Bachman  
Sergeant Phil Pera

## September:

Sergeant Dan Greely  
Inspector Dennis Maffei  
Inspector Dan Evanson  
Officer Raymond Chu  
Officer Tom Jankovic  
Officer Freddie Wu  
Officer Kevin Wong  
Officer Jean Etcheveste  
Inspector Brian Danker  
Officer Lorenzo Adamson  
Officer Robert Rueca  
Sergeant Michael Gallegos  
Officer Deborah Braden  
Officer Daniel Gray  
Officer Patricia Brown  
Officer Joe Gummo  
Captain Tim Hettrich

## October:

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Officer Dan Silver  
Officer Brandon Thompson  
Officer Alex Takaoka  
Officer Mike Grande  
Officer Tom Maguire  
Officer Sean Frost  
Officer Sean Cronin  
Officer Phil Gordon.  
Officer Michael Tursi  
Officer Ryan Daugherty  
Officer Anthony Pedroza  
Officer Angel Lozano  
Officer Magnus Chow  
Officer Matthew Sullivan

Officer Glenn Braker  
Officer Andrew Koffman  
Officer Eric Elias  
Officer Raymond Kane  
Officer Paul Yamamoto  
Officer Darrell Auyoung  
Officer James Arnswald  
Officer Tim Yee  
Officer Leonard Cueba  
Officer Craig Dong

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Mary and Jim Petrie  
Officer Kevin Martin  
Kim Scurr  
Officer Richard O'Reilly  
Officer Danny Barajas  
Officer Kathy Pubill  
Officer Anthony Larocca  
Officer Ignacio Martinez  
Officer Oscar Padilla  
Officer Kirk Yin  
Captain Paul Chignell  
Officer Herman Chu  
Officer Joseph Everson  
Officer Aaron Foltz  
Officer Moli Finau  
Officer Craig Wilson  
Officer Michael Androvich  
Officer James Trail  
Officer Michael Peregoy  
Officer Matt Mason  
Officer Stephen Collins  
Officer Andrew Froines  
Officer Richard Aceret  
Officer Karen Jeske  
Officer Tom Maguire  
Officer Murray Daggs  
Officer William Toomey  
Officer Joseph Cavanaugh  
Sergeant Chris Creed  
Inspector John Keane  
Officer Dave Nastari

## December:

Officer Jennifer Hennessey  
Officer Culbert Chu  
Officer Michael Pheng  
Officer Dennis Rodelas  
Sergeant Chris Schaffer  
Sergeant Kirk Yin  
Officer Carlos Manfredi  
Officer Kevin Martin  
Specialist Matthew Neves  
Sergeant Larry Gray  
Officer Jennifer Streegan  
Officer Tony Claudio  
Officer Stephen Gritsch,  
Officer Donald Anderson  
Officer Stephanie Long  
Officer Greg Pak  
Officer Juan Gala  
Officer Michael Shugars.  
Officer Christopher Leong  
Officer Thomas Ly  
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Email Steve Johnson at  
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## Let's Celebrate

You are cordially invited to our very own  
New Year's Eve Party — especially for those of you who  
were working & couldn't celebrate, it's not too late!

**Saturday, February 28, 2009**

Hosted Cocktails 6:30 P.M. Herbst Pavilion/Fort Mason

- Live Band & Dancing
- Open Bar
- Dinner  
Prime Rib  
Boneless Stuffed Chicken Breast
- Dessert Bar
- Champagne Toast & Balloon Drop

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