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By Gary Delagnes,
SFPOA President

There is one thing I know for sure. If my phone rings at home on the weekend and it's one of my executive board members on the other end, it's usually bad news.

When I received word on Saturday from Marty Halloran that four Oakland police officers had been shot, and it appeared that all were dead, I had to revisit that place I have had to venture to so many times before over the last 20 years.

We, as police officers, deal with the potential of being injured or killed everyday of our lives. We push it to the back of our subconscious, convincing ourselves that it won't happen to us because if we let those thoughts creep in we cannot do the job we are paid to do. Every police officer suffers the recurring nightmare of shooting it out with a criminal only to have your gun jam, or see bullets leaving your weapon in slow motion. Everyone has been jolted awake and greeted by the cold sweats that come from the night encounters



SFPOA President Gary Delagnes

that remind us of the potential perils of our chosen profession.

Oakland officers **Mark Dunakin, John Hege, Daniel Sakai, and Ervin Romans** awoke Saturday morning and went to work. Did they expect to die

that day? I think not. Did they know the possibility existed? No doubt. The longer I am a cop, the more confusing things become because it never really seems to get better. When a cop is killed, wagging fingers point in a hundred different directions. Some blame the system, the way criminals are processed by rote, shuffled through a revolving door, moving from the inside of incompetence to the outside of injustice. Some will write off these good officers' slayer as just another glitch in an ineffective system. Parole agents will point to unmanageable caseloads and a lack of manpower. Wardens will point to antiquated prisons bursting at the walls with the wasted, useless likes of a Lovelle Mixon. Some will point to the dead officers themselves and blame the cops for their own demise, for merely being where they should not have been, uniformed misfits in a distrustful community plagued by social atrophy and misguided allegiance.

I sat in my backyard Saturday nursing a tasteless cigar. I swilled on brandy and got drunk. I raised my glass to

"They were of a profession that is expected to deal perfectly with an imperfect world."

four good men who did not deserve a violent fate. They were all of a profession that is expected to deal perfectly with an imperfect world. They are us, among the ranks of a fabled blue line, a blurred and indefinite rank of loners, none out, none in, just there at the fringe.

Damn all bitter words awash in brandy, and damn all two-bit thugs with automatic weapons.

Rest in peace Mark Dunakin, John Hege, Daniel Sakai, and Ervin Romans.

Thank you...
Salute...

SFPOA Mourns Slayings of Oakland Officers Horrific loss stuns all in blue

The men and women of the San Francisco Police Officers Association extend sympathy and condolence to the families, friends, and coworkers of the four Oakland officers who were gunned down on Saturday, March 21, 2009. Those fine men, Officer John Hege, Sergeant Daniel Sakai, Sergeant Ervin Romans, and Sergeant Mark Dunakin, will be a tremendous loss to the Oakland Police Department and to the people of Oakland.

A wanted parolee killed all four officers. This felon and suspected child rapist was shot and killed by other Oakland officers. Thankfully, he will not kill, rape, or assault anyone again.

Officer Hege, 41, was a 10-year veteran with the OPD. He had been recently assigned to the Traffic Division, two-wheel motorcycle unit. He was savagely gunned down while conducting a traffic stop on the suspect.

Sergeant Mark Dunakin, 40, had served with the OPD for 18 years. Also assigned to the motorcycle unit, he was with

Officer Hege when the suspect shot, then executed both men at point-blank range.

Sergeant Ervin Romans, 43, had served with OPD for more than 12 years. He was considered one of the best tactical minds in the department, and died while in hot pursuit of the killer of his fellow officers.

Sergeant Daniel Sakai, 35, was also a brilliant tactical officer who was an entry team leader. He died with Sergeant Romans as they were closing in on the man who had gunned down two of their colleagues.

Trust funds have been established on behalf of the fallen officers. Please visit the Oakland Police Officers Association web site, or phone the OPOA office for information.

The phone number is: 510-834-9670

The OPOA web Site link is: <http://www.opoa.org/trustfunds.htm>

POA Board Of Directors Meeting March 18, 2009*

1. Sergeant-At-Arms Breen called the meeting to order at 1200 hours and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Secretary Montoya conducted the roll of the Board of Directors and Executive Board.
3. Vice President Martin provided the Board with a letter from San Francisco Fire Fighter John Kavanaugh regarding a change in working conditions at ECD. Mr. Kavanaugh is asking for support from the POA to address the negative impact the proposals will have on our communication dispatchers and call takers.
4. Vice President Martin asked each Board Member to sign a copy of the book "Blue in Black and White" which will be presented to Officer James Vincent of the Antioch Police Department. Officer Vincent was seriously injured during a recent police pursuit and he is currently in the hospital recovering from his injuries.
5. Sergeant-At-Arms Breen advised that he received letters from the representatives of Co. F, Co. D, Co. I and Investigations requesting funding to purchase gym equipment for their respective unit.
6. Representative Sorgie (Co. G) made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 2009 Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Representative Schaffer (Co. C) and passed by voice vote.
7. President Delagnes advised that we are waiting for the final language to be adopted by the Civil Service Commission that will allow single rank Sergeant's to be transferred between FOB and Investigations.
8. President Delagnes advised that the POA continues to meet with the Administration and the City with regards to the change of working hours for the Bureau of Investigations and the Administration Bureau.
9. Jim Clifford of Clifford Property Management, John Lewerenz of Cushman and Wakefield and Tony Cianciolo of Montgomery Advisors gave a presentation to the Board regarding the feasibility of the selling the properties located at 502 and 510 7th Street.
10. President Delagnes provided the Board with an offer from the City regarding the current contract. The Executive Board will be holding informational meetings at the POA, HOJ and making station visits to discuss the proposal. You may also contact your respective representative for further information.
11. Representative Dacre (Co. F) made a motion that the proposal from the City regarding our current contract be sent to the full membership for ratification. Motion was seconded by Representative Dorgan (Co. E). The results of the roll call vote were 30 (yes), 0 (no) and 0 (abstained).
12. Officer Matt Lobre (Co. E) made financial request of \$2500.00 for the Police and Fire Museum. Representative Sorgie (Co. G) made a motion that the financial request be approved. Motion was seconded by Representative Rosko (Co. A) And passed by voice vote.
13. Representative Dacre (Co. F) made a motion that the POA purchase two tickets for a dinner that will be held in Washington DC during the National Police Memorial Week. The dinner is being hosted by Concerns of Police Survivors. The tickets will be used by Stephanie Bloesch who is the widow of Officer Jim Bloesch. Stephanie is a licensed psychologist specializing in working with law enforcement. Total cost of the tickets is \$300.00. Motion was seconded by Representative McFadden (HQ) and passed by voice vote.
14. Vice President Martin provided each Board Member with a copy of the monthly profit and loss sheet.
15. Meeting adjourned at 1430 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tony Montoya
POA Secretary

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

Board of Directors Meeting Roll Call Wednesday, March 18, 2009

| | | Vote # 1 | | | | Vote # 1 | |
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| President | Gary Delagnes | P | Y | Co. G | Sean O'Leary | P | Y |
| Vice President | Kevin Martin | P | Y | | Dean Sorgie | P | Y |
| Secretary | Tony Montoya | P | Y | Co. H | Maris Goldsborough | P | Y |
| Treasurer | Marty Halloran | E | | | Mike Walsh | P | Y |
| Sergeant-At-Arms | Chris Breen | P | Y | Co. I | Scott Biggs | P | Y |
| Editor | Ray Shine | P | | | Jody Kato | P | Y |
| Co. A | Ed Browne | P | Y | Co. J | Kevin Lyons | P | Y |
| | George Rosko | P | Y | Co. K | Brian Philpott | P | Y |
| Co. B | Larry Bertrand | P | Y | | Matt Gardner | P | Y |
| | Jayme Campbell | P | Y | Hdqtr. | Corrado Petruzella | P | |
| Co. C | George Ferraez | E | | | Bob Mammone | P | Y |
| | Chris Schaffer | P | Y | Narcotics | Joe McFadden | P | Y |
| Co. D | Martin Covarrubias | P | Y | | Dave Falzon | P | Y |
| | Jose Jimenez | P | Y | Tactical | Larry Mack | P | Y |
| Co. E | Dermot Dorgan | P | Y | | Dan Laval | E | |
| | Tim Flaherty | E | | Invest. | Mark Madsen | E | |
| Co. F | Peter Dacre | P | Y | | Gavin McEachern | P | Y |
| | Rob Imbellino | P | Y | Airport | Dean Taylor | P | Y |
| | | | | | Anton Collins | P | Y |
| | | | | | Joe Finigan | E | |
| | | | | Retired | Ray Allen | P | |

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Community Service Committee Sharon Ferrigno for Health Service System Board

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© 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 January 15, 2009 & March 12, 2009 and although many requests are submitted only the below listed organizations were approved for donations.

January Meeting

- Grace Baptist Church (Retired Officer Sue Moneyhun)\$1,000
- San Francisco Police Lion Dance Team \$500
- Police Unity Tour \$2,000
- Mission YMCA (Inspector Robin Matthews)..... \$500
- St. Stephens Auction Drive\$150
- Youth Close-Up Program Washington D.C..... \$500
- Omega Boy's Program.....\$100
- Hamilton Family House..... \$250
- San Francisco Night Ministry \$250
- Chinese Youth Center\$250
- Chinatown Community Development Center \$250

March Meeting

- ICA High School (Captain Teri Barrett)\$1000
- South San Francisco Youth Baseball Association (Off. David Goff) ... \$500
- Washington High School Baseball (Retired Chief Tony Ribera)..... \$250
- American Cancer Society (Retired Officer Kris Simone)..... \$250
- School Safety Patrol (Officer Edith Lewis)\$1,000
- Avon Walk for Breast cancer (Inspector Julia Ford) \$250
- Peter Antonini Memorial Golf Tournament (Off. John Ferrando) ...\$1,000
- Sunset Youth Services (Sergeant Judith Riggle).....\$1,000
- Operation Dream (Lieutenant Michael Slade) \$500
- Mission Education Projects Incorporated..... \$500
- San Francisco Senior Center \$250
- KGO Cure-A-Thon \$500
- The Oakland A's Community Fund/Cops Corner \$600
- Correctional Peace Officers Foundation Survivors Golf Tournament \$250
- Alliance for Lupus Research\$1,500
- Hanna Boys Center (In Memory of Brian Choy)\$1,000
- San Francisco Child Abuse Prevention Center..... \$250

Sharon Ferrigno is your candidate for the Health Service System Board. A 20 year veteran in the San Francisco Police Department, Sharon is running her campaign for the Health Services System Board on her personal and professional experience, her strong ties to labor, and her commitment to serve all HSS members with dedication and enthusiasm.



Personal Ties to the HSS

- A native San Franciscan, Sharon comes from a long line of public service ice employees. From her grandfather's career as a City painter to her son's young career as a County Sheriff, Sharon was raised by an extended family of teachers, police officers, firefighters, and public servants.
- In 2002, Sharon's daughter was diagnosed with a tumor. She leveraged all the HSS system could offer and managed to secure enough coverage to ensure her daughter's health and survival. Today, her daughter is a healthy 19 year old college student. Sharon will bring the same passion to the HSS Board and wants to make sure that HSS policies protect members and their dependents.

- Coordinates with SFFD, DPW, DBI, DPH, and other local, state, and federal agencies
- Recently implemented Pandemic Flu Plan in conjunction with DPH
- Position requires working with contracted partners and ensuring that service providers and partners deliver

My Goals if Elected:

- Improve benefits for all Health Service members
- Strengthen Plan 1 and retain viable HMOs
- Reasonable out of pocket cost for members
- Staff Health Service System to meet needs of members

My commitment to Members is to keep premiums low and to sustain quality benefits for you and your families. Please cast your vote for me. Visit VoteSharon.com

Professional Experience for the HSS

- Masters Degree in Business Management
- City employee for 29 years
- Current head of Homeland Security Emergency Management Planning
- Position includes grant writing, emergency planning, and disaster preparedness management

POA Journal 2009 Deadlines (subject to change)

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| May 2009 | April 20, 2009 |
| June 2009 | May 20, 2009 |
| July 2009 | June 19, 2009 |
| August 2009 | July 21, 2009 |
| September 2009 | August 21, 2009 |

Calendar of Events

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings or Events

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

Specialty Scheduled Events

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| Guns & Hoses Fundraiser Tennis Tourney | SF Tennis Club, 5th at Brannan Streets | Saturday, April 25, 2009 7:00 PM | Robin Matthews (415) 553-1093 |
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WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' AID ASSOCIATION

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March 10, 2009

The regular meeting of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association of the San Francisco Police Department was called to order by President Joe Garrity at 1:54 PM in the Conference Room of Ingleside Station.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by President Joe Garrity.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: President Joe Garrity, Vice President John Centurioni. Treasurer Joe Reilly, Secretary Mark Hurley. Trustees Mark McDonough, Bob Maddox, Bill Gay and Harold Vance. Excused Matt Gardner.

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING: Motion by Bill Gay that the minutes be approved as published. Seconded by John Centurioni. Motion carried.

BILLS: Treasurer Joe Reilly presented the usual bills. Motion by Bob Mattox that the bills be paid. Seconded by Bill Gay. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Past president Tom Greene, sent in \$50 in memory of Lloyd Hill and \$50 in memory of Joe Rossett. Retired Lt. Lionel Hess sent in \$25 in memory of Vern Smith and \$25 in memory of Carl Peters. Also a thank you note from Donna Hill for our help in her time of need.

WE HAD THREE DEATHS THIS PAST MONTH.

PERRY J. MORRIS, 63 years. Perry was born in Greece and came to San Francisco at the age of one. His family settled in the Excelsior. He attended Balboa High School. He worked as Traffic Control Officer and the San

Francisco Sheriff's Department before he entered the Police Academy in 1980. His first assignment was Central station for a year then Ingleside. Five years later he made Sergeant and was assigned to Mission Station. Five years later, he made Inspector and was assigned to Investigations and then Juvenile. Perry retired in 2005 and resided in Penngrave, Calif.

DONALD M. SCHMIDT, 82 years. Don was born in San Francisco and grew up in the Sunset. He attended Poly High School and served his country during WWII in the Navy assigned to the South Pacific Theater. Upon his discharge, he returned to San Francisco and worked as a plumber apprentice before he entered the Police Academy in 1948. His first assignment was Traffic for a year before going to Park. He made Sergeant in 1964 and was assigned to Potrero. One year later, he went to Richmond. He spent his last six years in Criminal Information before he retired in 1976.

LLOYD HILL, 76 years. Lloyd was born in San Francisco and grew up in the Mission. He went to Commerce High School. He served his country in the Army. After his discharge, Lloyd worked for PG&E before he entered the Police Academy in 1956. His first assignment was Richmond Station. One year later, he went to Mission Station, and a few months later he went to Northern. Four years later, he went to Potrero, and then to Company K. Lloyd made Sergeant and remained at Traffic. Lloyd was awarded several Captain's comp's during his career. He was also known as the guy behind the yearly "Pig Regatta" Bar-B-Que on

Angel Island. What a great time we all had with taking your own boat, taking the Blue and Gold from Fishermen's wharf or in the case of some of us rowing from Hunters Point. Lloyd retired in 1986.

SUSPENSIONS: Pursuant to Article III, Section 3 of the Constitution (non payment of dues for six months) Kevin Callanan, Randy Flannery, and Michelle Kern.

REINSTATEMENTS: Francisco (Frank) Mendez with payment of dues and penalties.

NEW MEMBERS: 220th Recruit Class Andrew Bryant, Michael Bushnell, Derek Byrne, Brent Cader, Thomas Coffaro, Eithne Cummins, Ryan Daugherty, Christopher Del Gandio, Brent Dittmer, Jassen Dongon, Stephen Gritsch, Mark Hodge, Micah Hope, Dennis Jeong, Erik Maher, Jesse Oropeza, Donn Peterson, Travis Pitcher, Christopher Ritter, Matthew Seavey, Mari Shepard, Michael Shugars, Courtney Smith, Daniel Taft, Conroy Tam, Josh Tiernala and Paul Wilgus.

221th Recruit class: Brian Burke, Christopher Cassinelli, Andrew Clifford, Ronald De Guzman, Leon Ferronato, Adam Green, Peter Hamilton, Amanda Kabanuck, Leonid Kheronskil, Janice Lum, Robert Lyons, Michael Mayo, Ryan Mc Arthur, Ali Misaghi, Thomas Moran, Keith Murphy, Robert Nevin, Joseph Obidi, Justin Ocreto, Jennifer Orantes, Jonathan Ozol, William Palladino, Adrain Payne, Daniel Rosaia, Winston Seto, Ramesh Shangaran, Daniel Solorzano, Simon, Wong and Justin Woo.

222nd Recruit Class: David Almaguer, Kamakana Alvaro, Bernie Bu-

chanan, Gaylica Bunton, Gary Cheng, Richard Cibotti, Steven Gomez, Louis Hargreaves, Rigoberto Haro, Troy Held, Jose Hernandez, Matthew Hom, Scott Hom, Jason Johnson, George Karkazis, Terri Kerlegan, Kevin Kornegay, Timmy Ku, Lori Lata Peltier, Brandon Mc Kelley, Jessica Nantroup, Mattrew Parra, Robert Pedersen, Nicholas Pena, Jose Perez, Meghan Petrasunas, Adam Plantinga, Joseph Ratti, Carmichael Reyes, Sonya Sarcos, John Shannahan, Joseph Siragusa, Christopher Smith, Lisa Smith, Brain Stansbury, Todd Sterner and Randy Tiffany.

222nd Lateral Recruit Class: Erik Anderson, Taira De Bernardi, Antonio Cacatian, Chien-ping Chou, Crispin Jones, Sean Mc Namara and Gabriel Rivera.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES: Shane Hiller, Jerome Paolini and Pam Royer from Wells Fargo Bank gave us a summary of our account. We are down, as is everyone else, but waiting for a rebound. They think the Stimulus Package will take six months to kick in. They had no recommendations. Just stay the Course.

ADJOURNMENT: President Joe Garrity had a moment of silence for our departed members and also for those serving their Country in the armed forces. He set the next meeting for Tuesday April 14, 2009 at 1:45 PM in the Conference Room of Ingleside Station. Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Fraternally,
Mark Hurley,
Secretary.

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Counselor's Corner

Constitutional Law's Paradox: What the Proposition 8 Controversy Reveals About Tensions in American Law and the Development of Labor Law

By John Tennant
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At first blush, the recent battle in the California Supreme Court over the constitutionality of Proposition 8 would seem to have little to do with our particular province, labor law. Yet the question of whether a change to the constitution might itself be unconstitutional goes to the heart of a paradox that underlies American constitutional law and, more importantly for our purposes, to the historic development of labor law. No matter which side wins in the battle over Proposition 8, the battle itself should make both sides somewhat uneasy in light of the irresolvable tensions which the case reveals in fact lie at the core of our jurisprudence.



In case you're thinking that this topic sounds too heady and of little relevance to police labor, consider the fact that there is currently circulating a petition to change the California Constitution to allow local agencies to "take away" previously vested retirement benefits, like the 3%-at-50 benefit, at whose feet many are attempting to lay the blame for much of the financial difficulties faced by local government. Indeed, Governor Schwarzenegger attempted to go even further several years ago by championing a constitutional amendment that would have transformed all public employees' pensions into the equivalent of 401(k)-style plans. While that effort was defeated politically and one hopes to do the same with regard to the current challenge, wouldn't it be nice to think that such laws, even if passed by the electorate, would be D.O.A. because they are per se unconstitutional? Indeed, more than one lawyer representing law enforcement has already suggested as much. (See, e.g., "Much Ado About Nothing: The Proposed McCauley Initiative," where Contra Costa Senior Deputy District Attorney L. Douglas Pipes argues that any initiative which altered pension benefits would violate the U.S. Constitution's Contract Clause.)

Such, of course, is also the hope of the opponents of Proposition 8. And yet, such hopes — irrespective of whether they seek to lodge non-traditional marriages in the Equal Protection Clause of the Constitution or seek to insulate public safety pension benefits from alteration by rooting them in the Constitution's Contract Clause — ultimately look to the courts to invalidate laws passed by either the voting public or their elected representatives. And such judicial action is by

no means uncontroversial.

The American political system is unique: it affords judges the extraordinary power to invalidate laws enacted by the people and their representatives if those laws damage certain principles contained in the Constitution — most often the abstract moral standards enunciated in the Bill of Rights such as "due process of law" or "equal protection of the laws." Perhaps the single most famous decision in this regard is the 1954 Supreme Court decision, *Brown v. Board of Education*, which declared that the longstanding racial segregation of public schools in the south was so invidious that it undermined "equal" protection of the law and was therefore unconstitutional.

Now, consider for a moment the hypothetical of what would have happened if after *Brown v. Board* was decided, a majority of Americans and state legislatures had voted to amend the Constitution to allow once more for racial segregation. Would the Supreme Court have had a sufficient legal basis to strike down that amendment as unconstitutional? I think that most people would want to answer that question in the affirmative, as laws that would seek to turn black children away from white schools are about as damaging to the constitutional fabric of the nation as can be imagined.

It seems, thus, that certain "amendments" to the Constitution may be thought of as themselves being unconstitutional, as paradoxical as that sounds. And yet, there is an uneasiness in having reached this conclusion, just as there would be an extreme uneasiness if one reaches the opposite conclusion. And the uneasiness lies in what seems to be the inescapable conclusion that courts ultimately have the final say over what laws the voters pass. And this is where the development of labor law enters the picture.

In the early part of the last century, a deeply conservative Supreme Court declared unconstitutional much of the budding labor laws enacted to protect workers from economic misery and exploitation, such as laws stipulating maximum working hours and imposing minimum wages. The Court believed that such legislation offended the "due process" clause of the Fourteenth Amendment because it deprived citizens of a fundamental liberty of contract. Perhaps the most notorious of these cases was the Supreme Court's 1912 decision, *Lochner v. New York*, which invalidated statutes regulating the hours of work in bakeries. In perhaps the single most famous dissent in American legal history, Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes disassembled the reasoning of the majority with a withering critique:

"This case is decided upon an economic theory which a large part of the country does not entertain. If it

were a question whether I agreed with that theory, I should desire to study it further and long before making up my mind. But I do not conceive that to be my duty, because I strongly believe that my agreement or disagreement has nothing to do with the right of a majority to embody their opinions in law."

In other words, Holmes was lambasting the court for what today falls under the pejorative heading, judicial "activism." Judicial "activism" is a critique leveled by those who view courts as overstepping their authority and making laws rather than interpreting or enforcing them. This was essentially Holmes's critique — one that I share — of the *Lochner*-era Court. But the judicial activism of the Supreme Court in the early 1900's was a very different creature from the "activism" associated with the Court of more modern times — particularly the Warren Court of the 1960's — and its liberal decisions.

The *Lochner*-era Court found in the Constitution a very different set of values and assumptions underlying the Bill of Rights than did the Warren Court generations later. For a majority of the *Lochner* justices, the Bill of Rights contained a fundamental right to liberty of contract, which they used to strike down law after law passed by Congress to help the nation out of the economic miseries brought on by the Great Depression, including the foundations of the labor laws that we today take for granted and which give organizations like the one whose newspaper pages you are reading the right to exist in the first place. It was outrage over such conservative judicial activism that prompted President Franklin Roosevelt's misguided attempt to increase the size of the Court in order to get his social legislation passed into valid law.

The paradox of course lies in our wanting to cheer a decision like *Brown v. Board* while at the same time decrying *Lochner*, when, in fact, both cases are those where judges struck down laws passed by the people and their representatives. How can one have it both ways and remain intellectually honest? Indeed, several of the great judges of the last century whom many people think of as liberal were sorely troubled by the implications of the Court's jurisprudence in the *Brown v. Board*-era, haunted as they were by the conservative "activism" of the earlier *Lochner* Court. For example, Justice Felix Frankfurter, one of the most liberal justices in the nation's history and a member of the unanimous *Brown* decision, worried over the wisdom of the Court's invalidating too quickly, from his point of view, laws prohibiting interracial marriage. And Judge Learned Hand, an ardent champion of progressive legislation and First

Amendment rights in his many decisions on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, was so deeply affected by the excesses of the *Lochner*-era Court that even as he despised and fought against prejudice all his life, he could not overcome an inner conviction that the Constitution did not give judges the ability to outlaw even the horrific impacts of prejudice. Here, Hand looked to the words of his one of his teachers at Harvard Law School, the legendary James Bradley Thayer who favored judicial restraint: "Under no system can the power of courts save a people from ruin; our chief protection lies elsewhere."

This, then, is the tension inherent in the American constitutional scheme. We look to the Courts to interpret and apply laws that reflect the will of the people. And yet, every one of us holds dear certain values that we, if we are honest with ourselves, would not want to see eliminated or altered, even by a majority vote of the people. And, accordingly, we look to the courts to strike down laws that offend those values. How those values are defined will continue to be a source of endless struggle and debate. For my own part, all I seem to be able to do is recognize my own intellectual inconsistency in joining with Holmes's condemnation of the activist *Lochner* Court but applauding heartily the Warren Court's activism in *Brown v. Board of Education*. Such is the paradox of American Constitutional law.

"Roll the Union On..."

Author's Note: I am deeply indebted to legal scholar Ronald Dworkin and his 1994 review of Stanford Law Professor Gerald Gunther's biography of Judge Learned Hand which appeared in the New York Review of Books on August 11, 1994 ("Mr. Liberty").

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This & That ...

By Kevin Martin
SFPOA Vice President

At times, writing this article is like being on an emotional roller coaster ride as I write about the people and events within and sometimes outside of our department and association. There are lots of ups and downs with plenty of twists, turns and surprises (not unlike our daily tours of duty). This month is no exception, as I write about both the triumph and the tragedy of the human spirit and condition.

Tragedy in innocence...

How do you say good-bye to a little six-year old girl whose medical condition will most likely consume her in a matter of weeks. What do you say to the mother whose eyes cry out in anguish and pain? What can you say to a father after he's told you he can't go a half an hour without breaking down into tears because there is nothing he can do to save his little princess...his little girl?

I was recently confronted with these questions as I visited a very special child at UCSF. I received a phone call in the early morning hours of March 13th from the mother giving me the bad news about her daughter. She explained a condition that had taken a turn for the worse and how the end was near at hand. The mother also invited me to say good-bye. She knew that members of our department and association and I had grown very fond of her daughter.

Later that afternoon, I was flooded with emotions as I entered the hospital room and found the little girl surrounded by her parents and grandparents. My little friend looked tired but she recognized me. I spent a few minutes making small talk with her and asking about her new toys and stuffed animal. After a while I knew it was time to go, but it was very hard to leave knowing I would never see her again and having to look into her precious face and eyes with that inevitability. I also didn't want to have to face her parents...but I did. I leaned over and gave her a kiss good-bye on her cheeks and handed her two St. Michael the Archangel (The patron Saint of Police Officers) medals from St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. I placed the medals into her frail hand and whispered to her that these medals would help protect her forever. I kissed her again and said good-bye. I then spent a few moments with her parents and thanked them for this opportunity. I told them how much I appreciated their kindness and how heartsick I was over their little angel. Then I walked away...

Tragedy in valor...

What do you say to a young officer who while in vehicle pursuit of a parolee at large crashes his police car causing injuries that leave him paralyzed from the waist down? What can you say as you look into his eyes and search for just the right words to make an awkward situation tolerable? What can one do or say to make things right for this young man?

These questions ran through my mind as I prepared to visit Officer James Vincent of the Antioch Police Department at John Muir Hospital in Walnut Creek on Thursday, March 19th 2009, which also happened to be his birthday. Officer James Vincent was

involved in a fiery crash on Monday, March 9, 2009 in Pittsburg, California while in pursuit of a felon and a Parolee At Large. Fortunately, Officer Vincent survived the crash and was pulled from his burning vehicle. The impact of the crash caused a spinal cord injury that has left James paralyzed. I met with James who was surrounded by friends and presented him with some gifts. On behalf of the entire membership, I presented James with two copies of "Blue in Black and White" by our own Sgt. Pete Thoshinsky that were autographed by Pete, members of the POA Board of Directors and by many, many members of Southern Station. I also gave James several POA T-shirts and other gifts. James was certainly taken back that an agency as big as San Francisco would show an interest in an officer from a much smaller jurisdiction. He was amazed that a newspaper article describing his incident would be placed on a wall of a SFPD station for officers to read. I reminded James that his police family extended way beyond the friendly confines of Antioch, California. James asked questions about the SFPD and what it was like to work in San Francisco. We spent about a half hour talking before it was time to say good-bye. Prior to leaving, I told James that he is a hero and a warrior. I also told him he has the support of the entire SFPD and that we are all pulling for him.

As a result of the accident and the subsequent injuries, James will need to undergo lengthy and comprehensive physical therapy and significant amounts of uncovered expenses, including modifications for wheelchair access to his vehicle and home.

To help offset these financial considerations, the Antioch Police Officers' Association has created a trust account in Officer James Vincent's name at the Antioch Federal Credit Union located at 301 "G" Street, Antioch, California. Please note that the donations are not tax deductible.

I have spoken to both President Scott Freier and Vice-President Tom Fuhrmann of the Antioch Police Officers' Association who have graciously thanked the SFPOA for our support for one their members.

The POA will forward a check of \$1,000 to this trust fund and BALEAF will also forward a worthy donation.

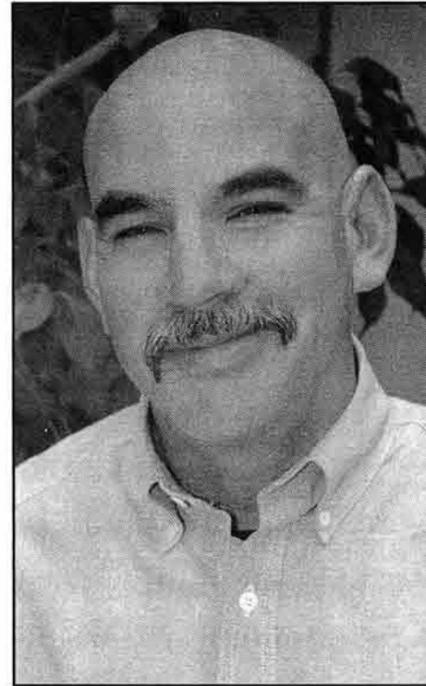
James, his family and the members of the Antioch Police Department thank you in advance for your prayers and support. I thank you as well.

Please mark your calendars...

A benefit for one of our own, Officer Alice Dicroce, will be held at the POA Building (800 Bryant St.) on Friday, May 1st from 5:00 PM until 10:00 PM. As noted in last month's column, Alice is suffering from CIDP -- a terribly debilitating disease that causes nerve damage throughout the body.

Alice is in dire need of financial assistance to help carry her through this incredible ordeal. Please go to her website and blog at www.alicedicroce.com for further information.

Raffle tickets are being sold throughout the department and I encourage everybody out there to please buy one. Only ten bucks for a great gal and a great cause. Please refer to last month's article for a list of members who are selling the tickets or contact the POA where tickets are also being sold. If you would like to help out with this event, or would like to contribute a



raffle prize or donation, please contact Judy Purcell (S.F.P.D. Retired) at 415-238-0680 or at [www.jmp1932@yahoo.com](mailto:jmp1932@yahoo.com), Inspector Robin Matthews, SFPD EEO at 415-553-9261 or Kevin Martin of the SFPOA at 415-861-5060 or kevin@sfpoa.org.

Thank you in advance for your kindness and consideration in this matter. I hope to see many of you there...

Happy retirement...

I'd like to take this moment and opportunity to wish a very happy and healthy retirement to my first FTO, Ben Spiteri who recently retired from the department out of the Juvenile Bureau. Ben is a proud native of San Francisco who joined the department in October of 1980. Ben worked at Ingle-side and Southern Stations for years prior to promoting to the Bureau. Ben is a great guy and was an outstanding cop and police officer. Ben took a lot of pride in being one of "San Francisco's Finest" as witnessed through his conscientious work.

Ben was my first phase FTO at Ingle-side Station back in late 1985 and I will always be grateful for his guidance, leadership, and knowledge. Many of the things I learned from Ben I still carry with me to this day while on patrol in the Southern Police District. It was also Ben who encouraged me to get more involved with the POA and its membership, so...you can blame him for me.

Ben, on behalf of the membership of the POA, congratulations on your retirement and I wish nothing but the best for you for a very long, healthy and fruitful retirement. God Bless Ben and be safe...

A Hero Among Us...

On Monday, February 9, 2009 SFPD dispatch received a 9-1-1 call from a Cantonese-speaking female who was having difficulty communicating. Officer Sam Martin #534 responded to the corresponding location to find a hysterical grandmother holding a lifeless infant in her arms. With time of the essence, Sam gently prodded the infant from the grandmother's arms as the child became increasingly discolored about the cheeks and bottom of the feet. Sam immediately initiated C.P.R. on the child and in short time the baby began breathing on his own. After other emergency units responded to the scene, the child was transported to UCSF for further treatment and observation. Sam Martin Jr. is a 28-year veteran of the San Francisco Police Department and has honorably served in a number of assignments including being an original

member of the Tenderloin Task Force back in 1990. Sam will most probably not be pleased by this item as he does not want to be singled out or lauded for his outstanding efforts. There is no question that Sam saved that child's life under difficult conditions and for that, Sam is a real hero...to everyone but Sam. Ask Sam and he'll just shrug, tell you that he was just doing his job and then come up for another assignment.

Sam is a shining example of a man who goes about his business in a very professional manner without fanfare. He personifies what is great about the members of this department and association. Sam leads by example. Congratulations, Sam on an outstanding job...we're all real proud of you...as is that child's family. Thank you!

Hospital visit...

Thanks to the outstanding members of Southern Police Station who visited the great kids up at UCSF this past March 11, 2009. Officers Cesar Perez, Gary Constantine, Jimmy "Raider Black and Dodger Blue" Arns-wald and Craig Canton made the afternoon visit with the youngsters and spent time playing educational games and making bedside visits to those children too sick to get out of bed. Later that evening, new Southern Station POA Representative Jayme Campbell joined officers Chris Canning and Dennis Rodelas as they spent a couple of hours with teen-agers in the teen lounge.

Thanks to all the above named officers for their kindness and generosity. You guys made a great impression on the kids and they loved having you hang out with them. You really brightened up their day...Thank you... each of you.

Officers from Bayview Station will be called upon in April to make the monthly visit. Let's have a great showing of support for these great youngsters and their families. Our visits really mean a lot to them and subsequently to us.

Thank you...

Sgt. John Burke of the Crime Prevention Company/Tactical Division who was involved in an incident earlier this year asked me to pass along this letter dated Sunday, February 15, 2009:

"I want to thank everyone for checking up on my health and seeing how my family is doing. The concern for me was simply overwhelming. I'll never forget the amount of concerned cops and bosses that came and visited me. For those who don't know, I really didn't want and didn't see the need for having an officer stand 24/7 around my room. I just didn't want the attention. All Tuesday night, Ron Liberta, Vic Hui, Tony Damato and some others were posted. They refused to leave. In the early morning hours, I thought they finally left. When the nurses came around to take me downstairs for another chest x-ray, the first thing I checked was to see if any coppers were posted. I finally relaxed when I saw there weren't any around. Around 7:30 that morning, I found out that I was wrong. Rich Jones had been there since the wee hours and earlier, he and Joe Juarez conspired to have Joe dress up in scrubs and follow me down to the x-ray room. (Like it was some secret, spy, sniper mission). You guys were killing me!

"At least one and more often than that, a couple of officers stayed in my room 24/7 for the next few days. Ron Liberta and Vic Hui even followed me home as my wife drove.

I always knew the Police Depart-

ment family is tight but it's another thing to experience it first hand. It was nothing less than overwhelming! Thanks for the concern, I'm doing well. My family is doing well, and I'll be back soon."

Sgt. John Burke has been returned to full duty and continues to make life interesting for his co-workers and life miserable for creepy bad guys. Glad you're back, Johnny!

Police family legacy...

This past March 5th, I received a wonderful letter from Mrs. Patricia D'Arcy, wife of the dearly departed SFPD Commander Gerald D'Arcy and mother of recently retired Brian D'Arcy of the Honda's and the currently active serving Sgt. Jerry D'Arcy of the Tenderloin Station. Mrs. D'Arcy wrote about the legacy of her family in the San Francisco Police Department, which few if any could match.

It appears as if the D'Arcy legacy was started with the birth of James D. Sullivan who was born September 25, 1878 and served the San Francisco Police Department from May 14, 1907 until May 1, 1945. James D. Sullivan was the uncle of supervising Captain Joseph M. Walsh who in turn was the granduncle of James and Joseph Ward. Gerald D'Arcy senior married in to the Ward family becoming a grand-nephew-in law. Gerald's sons Brian and Gerald (Jerry) C. D'Arcy Jr. are great grand nephews. Michael J. Sullivan is a great-grand nephew. Michael J. Walsh is a great grand nephew and the grandson of Captain Joseph Walsh. Kim D'Arcy is a niece-in-law.

Amazingly, there has been no break in continuity of service from this great family in the police department for 102 years. Additionally incredible is the fact that the combined years of uninterrupted service in the S.F.P.D. is 269 years to date. Those still active in the Police Department include; Sgt. Gerald D'Arcy, Tenderloin Station; Sgt. Kim D'Arcy, Investigations; Sgt. Michael Sullivan, SFPD ADA Coordinator, and Officer Michael Walsh, Co. H (currently one of two Co. H POA Rep's).

The following denotes the D'Arcy family members and years of outstanding and dedicated service to the SFPD: James D. Sullivan 5/14/1907 - 5/1/1945; Joseph M. Walsh 5/5/1919-8/1/1950; James M. Ward 1/20/1947- 10/28/1975; Joseph P. Ward June of 1953 - May of 1962; Commander Gerald C. D'Arcy 6/8/1953 - 5/18/1985; Brian M. D'Arcy 5/7/74 - 10/6/2006; Michael J. Sullivan 3/14/1977 - Present; Sgt. Gerald D'Arcy, Jr. 3/16/1981 - Present; Sgt. Kim D'Arcy 5/26/1981 - Present and Michael J. Walsh 6/01/1998 - Present.

There is no question that the D'Arcy family has quite an outstanding history of service to the City and County of San Francisco and her citizens. One would have to look quite hard to match or equal such a feat. I have had the great pleasure to have known and work along side of many of these family members, and it has been my great pleasure. I am very grateful to Mrs. Patricia D'Arcy who is no doubt very, very proud of her family and their great contribution to this fair city for bringing this information to my attention. It may be quite some time for any family to measure up to this sense of history within the S.F.P.D. God Bless you Patricia and thank you for all YOUR contributions to the San Francisco Police Department...your other "family".

Attention prospective golfers...

Get ready for the Police Officers Instructional Golf League at the Golden

Gate Park Golf Course. Mr. Bruce Olson, a Professional Golf Association instructor, is inviting members of the SFPD and the SFPOA to learn how to play golf. Interested members will meet every Wednesday at 1:30 to 3:30 from Wednesday, April 1st until Wednesday, October 28th. \$20.00 per person, per session includes instruction, equipment, course play and practice. No experience is necessary as these classes are tailored to those with little or no experience. However, golfers with limited experience are also encouraged to attend as you can improve your game. The Golden Gate Park Golf Course is a nine hole, par-three course that is ideal for the beginning golfer yet challenging enough for those with golf course experience. If you are interested, please call Mr. Bruce Olson at 415- 751-8987 to register or to get more details. You may also go to "goldengateparkgolf.com"

Sleep Apnea screening...

Are you having problems Sleeping? Do you snore? Have you been diagnosed with a sleeping disorder? If so, the POA in conjunction with Dental Medicine Providers will offer free confidential screenings for sleep apnea at the POA building on Thursday, April 16, 2009 from 10:00 AM until 7:00 PM that evening. Please read the corresponding article about sleeping disorders in this issue of The Journal. I met with Ms. Victoria Lyustin of Dental Medicine Providers on Friday, March 20, 2009, who made a presentation of what her company can provide our members. DMP provides Dental Solutions for Medical Problems. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this offer, please contact Ms. Victoria Lyustin, Practice Manager of DMP at 415-474-4477 or go to manager@dentalmedicineproviders.com.

Vision...

Our friends from the Pacific Vision Institute will be back at the POA offering free screening tests for those POA members who may be interested in laser eye surgery. The Pacific Vision Institute has been at the POA for the past three years offering a great program that many of our members have taken advantage of. Please mark your calendars as the P.V.I. will be at the POA Building at 800 Bryant St. on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 from 10:00 AM until 7:00 PM. Please take the time and read the corresponding article related to this offer in this issue of The Journal. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Brooke Barradale at brooke@pacificvision.org or call Brooke at 415-922-9500.

Scholarships...

For the third year in a row, the Academy of Art University of San Francisco is offering a fantastic opportunity to sons and daughters of POA members through the "Summer Art Experience." The AAU of San Francisco in conjunction with your POA invites your high school sons and daughters to take advantage of a really great program. There is absolutely no tuition or fees involved. The only costs are class materials. Please come by the POA and pick up your application today. All applications must be completed and returned to either the POA or the Academy of Art University no later than April 15, 2009.

POA members are also encouraged to further their education by pursuing a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the very prestigious Academy of Art University of San Francisco.

Through the overwhelming kindness and generosity of Dr. Elisa Ste-

phens, President of the AAU of SF, a full four-year scholarship is being offered to two members of this association. If you are interested, all you have to do is submit an essay titled, "Why I want to attend the Academy of Art University of San Francisco." All essays must be submitted no later than April 15th and essays should be forwarded to Kevin Martin at the POA. If you have already submitted an essay from the previous two years, you do not have to write another although you may. If you or family members have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the POA at 415-861-5060 or contact me at kevin@sfpoa.org. Thank you for your interest in this great opportunity.

Jon C. Cook Scholarship...

The San Francisco Police Officers Pride Alliance proudly announces this year's application period for the coveted Officer Jon C. Cook Scholarship. The scholarships, awarded in June of each year are given to those high school seniors who are a child of a San Francisco Police Officer, a self identified LGBT senior high school student or the child of a LGBT parent. The application is open to the children of San Francisco Police Officers who have maintained a grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

For an application, go to www.sanfranciscopoliceofficerpridealliance.com and click on application to download or come by the POA and ask for an application as we have some on hand. All applications must be returned no later than April 15, 2009 and mailed to San Francisco Police Officers Pride Alliance, Officer Jon C. Cook Scholarship Fund 584 Castro Street, Box 653 San Francisco, CA 94114.

Thanks to SFPD Pride Alliance President Lea Militello of Tenderloin Station for her assistance in this matter. Good Luck to all applicants.

California Alarm Association Scholarships...

The CAA "Youth Scholarship Program" for students graduating from high school in 2009 are encouraged to apply for a grant. The scholarship program is open to "Children of Law Enforcement." Come by the POA and ask for an application today. All applications must be submitted and post marked by Saturday, April 11, 2009. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Kevin Adams of Bay Alarm at 650- 652-4215. Thanks to the CAA and good luck to all our applicants.

Condolences...

The San Francisco Police Officers' Association offers its deepest and sincerest condolences to Attorney Bill Fazio whose wife Peti recently and unexpectedly passed away in American Samoa. Tragically, Peti was in Samoa attending the funeral of her brother. We were all very saddened and shocked by this news. Bill Fazio has been a very good friend of the POA and has provided outstanding legal representation to many of our members. A memorial service was held for Peti on Sunday, March 22, 2009 in the Green Room of the War Memorial Opera House. Bill, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time. God Bless you and your family.

More condolences...

Our sincerest condolences to retired Lt. Donald Sloan (Airport Bureau) whose wife Deborah "Deb" Sloan who passed into eternal rest on Monday, March 16, 2009 after a prolonged illness. A memorial service was held at

the Latter Day Saints Church in Petaluma on Saturday, March 28, 2009. Don, we are sincerely sorry for your loss and please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Thanks to recently retired member Bob Glembot for contacting me and advising of Mrs. Sloan's passing and memorial service arrangements.

Guns and Hoses...

This year's Guns and Hoses Charity Tennis Challenge will take place on Saturday, April 25, 2009 at the San Francisco Tennis Club at 645 5th Street. This year's Guns and Hoses Challenge will benefit BALEAF (Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund) and the San Francisco Firefighters Toy Program. As usual, there are many great raffle prizes to be won including overnight stays at the Sheraton Place Hotel and the Bay Park Hotel in Monterey. Raffle tickets are only \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00. Please contact the Behavioral Science Unit at 415-837-0875 or the San Francisco Fire Department for further information. Raffle tickets are also available at the POA by calling 415-861-5060 and asking for Kevin Martin. Thank you for your generous support for these two great causes.

A personal note...

I know that sometimes my heart gets in the way of my head and it can get me into hot water. I also know from experience that I should really look before I leap. Sometimes I should probably look twice... I wear my emotions on my sleeve when it comes to cops. Especially when it comes to cops who are injured in the course of their duties or worse, when a cop is killed in the line of duty. It doesn't matter to me if it's Officers like Nick Birco or Bryan Tuvera who were killed only a few short years ago in 2006, or Sgt. Brian McDonnell who was murdered in February of 1970. They were cops, San Francisco cops and that really means a lot to me. I never met Sgt. Brian McDonnell, but I didn't have to know that he was a man of great faith and honor. I have learned this from men he worked with and from men who were with him the night Park Station was bombed on February 16, 1970. I grew up maybe just a little more than a stone throw from Park Station and I worked at Park Station for five years during the 1990s, so maybe that makes it a little more personal to me. Maybe I shouldn't put so much emotional collateral into this area but it's just my nature. Please bear with me through my unintended shortcomings in this area. Perhaps some day I'll be able to get over these tragedies which make my heart so heavy with grief... hopefully, I WON'T.

This month's article is dedicated to a young officer from the Antioch Police Department named James Vincent whose life will never be the same following a tragic vehicle accident in which he was left paralyzed from the waist down after pursuing a violent parolee. This month's article is also dedicated to a little six -year old girl who made quite an impression upon me after such a short period of time. I will never forget this little girl and it just breaks my heart. Because of her and her family, my Thanksgivings will never be the same. I pray that St. Michael will always protect her...see you guys.

Ask Mike...the Retiree's Corner

By Mike Hebel
POA Welfare Officer

Important COLA Information

Q. Mike, I am in the new police retirement system, Tier II. I retired in June of 2008. Will I get a basic cost of living (cola) raise in July 2009?

A. Yes! At its meeting on March 12, the Retirement Board approved a 2% increase effective July 1, 2009 for all retirees who retired, like you, prior to July 2, 2008. Remember that this is the first basic cola increase that will fall under the new compounding formula (Proposition B, June 2008 ballot). That is, this 2% cola is based on amount of your retirement check received for June 2009 and not the lesser amount you received in your first retirement check in July 2008. Since you retired in June of 2008, you received your first cola adjustment in your check of July 2008. You also had 2% put into your cola bank since the relevant CPI showed nearly a 4% increase (you got 2% and your bank got 2%). It is this banked 2% that you will receive in your July 1 retirement check. Keep reading; see my answer to the next question. You were fortunate to have retired in June 2008.

Q. Mike, I retired in mid-July 2008 as a member of the new (Tier II) police retirement system? Will I get a basic cost of living (cola) raise in July 2009?

A. No! The recently approved 2% cola increases only applied to members who retired prior to July 2, 2008. No city employee, like yourself, who retired on or after July 2, 2008 will receive a basic cola increase effective July 1, 2009. Why not? Because this basic cola adjustment is based on the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose CPI measured from December to December. The increase from December 2007 to December 2008 was 0%. Since you retired after July 2, 2008, you had nothing in your cola bank upon which to draw upon. Keep reading; see my answer to the next question.

Q. Mike, you have just told me that I will not receive a basic cola in my July 2009 retirement check because I retired in mid-July 2008 and have nothing in my cola bank. But will I be entitled to a supplemental cola effective July 2009?

A. Probably not! The issue of a supplemental cola will be taken up at the Retirement Board's meeting in October 2009. At that meeting the Board will determine if there are excess earnings in the Retirement Fund to pay a supplemental cola for fiscal year 2009-2010. Remember to get these excess earnings the

Retirement Fund must earn in excess of 7.75% for FY 2008-09. As it stands right now, the Fund has no excess earnings as it is actually under water with portfolio losses in excess of 15%. Unless there a miraculous improvement in the stock and bond markets between today and June 30, there will be no supplemental cola paid in FY 2009-2010.

Q. Mike, I am a Tier I (old safety plan) police retiree who left the business in 1985. Under the current MOU will I receive another cost of living adjustment in July 2009?

A. Yes! But probably not as much as you expected. The current MOU provides for a 4% pay raise for actives on July 1, 2009; you would normally receive one-half of the dollar amount of this raise for the rank/position held at the time of your retirement. However, due to the deteriorating fiscal condition of the CCSF, the Mayor's labor team has asked all current city employees to undergo contract give-backs. The POA, subject to a vote of its membership, has agreed to defer 2% of the 4% raise due on July 1, 2009 to January 1, 2011 and has agreed to extend the current MOU for an additional year (FY 2011-2012) with an additional pay raise on June 30, 2011 of between 3% to 5% based on a survey of 11 selected Bay Area cities (note that this raise cannot be less than 3% nor more than 5%). If this change is approved by the



POA membership, the MOU will have provided, at its termination of June 30, 2012, a 26% to 28% pay raise over its 5 year duration. You will have benefited mightily by these raises as a member of the Tier I public safety (police, fire) retirement system. As I frequently say: "Long live the POA! All hail to its negotiating committee headed by POA president Gary Delagnes."

Mike Hebel has been the POA's Welfare Officer since January 1974. He is an attorney and a certified financial planner. He has received awards/recognition as a Northern California "super lawyer" and included amongst "America's top financial planners." 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 after a distinguished 28 year career. If you have a question for Mike, send an e-mail to mike@sfpoa.org or call him at 861-0211.

"The Quiet Man"

By Paul T. Swiatko
Retired SFPD

He wasn't very big this man of the world, it seemed. He was in fact only 160 pounds soaking wet and thin as a rail. He was fatherly in his demeanor and approach to things. He was always polishing shoes, brass and adjusting things on his polished and well used duty belt. At line-up, he was impeccable.

You could find nothing out of place or even questionable as to how it should be worn. He was impressive and though small in stature he was indeed, larger than life. He stood out as the best dressed and always projected to younger officers and new recruits that, "This is how it is done."

He never said a lot, didn't have to. It was his presence that spoke. Given a job, he did it without complaint belying his many years of military training and following orders. His Police years were spent in the most violent areas in the City. Even then it didn't seem to faze him. He answered every call and always rolled on the serious ones.

His early years were spent in the Housing Authority Police. It was a thankless job that the Federal Government appointed people to for the ever-present pursuit of peace in the projects. It was elusive and dangerous back in those days. Look at it today and you get an idea of what it was like. Try to imagine what it would be like if that is all you did, all day long, day in and day out. On foot and only using the patrol car to go to and from project sites, there were more miles in your shoes than there were in your car. "The Quiet Man" didn't care. He just did his job.

He transferred over to the regular S.F.P.D. when the option came. Do-

ing at the age of fifty-nine, what some much younger people had trouble with in the Academy, he passed, with flying colors. It was his testament to the demands of the job and knowing full well what that meant. He put many in better condition to shame. He did it though, with pride, integrity, guts and wisdom.

His Bayview service was exemplary. Working in the Fugitive Recovery detail, I had the privilege of having dinner with him during an award ceremony. He was one of the Officers who received a Chiefs Commendation endorsed by the State Parole Division for participation in a series of Parole Violator Arrests. This Campaign continues to this day. Every day was like another to him. He was consistent.

During one particular Parolee Round up an Officer came to the Station and raced upstairs to his locker. On his mind were a series of warrants that he put together with locations of known suspects. He couldn't wait to get started and join up with the rest of the Fugitive Recovery Team. He kept wondering what it was that bothered him so much in his chest. Burning like a stuck burp and trying to remember what he ate last night that made him so uncomfortable was second on his mind. Figuring it would go away he bounded up the stairs for his radio and equipment. Suddenly a sharp pain went through his upper chest. It hurt so bad that he sunk to his knees, asking himself, "What the Hell was that?" He got up and got hit again, this time it was worse. He knew he was in trouble when the left arm and left pinky finger was going numb. He struggled to the ground floor down stairs. Sgt. Wayne Smith was standing at the desk. All the Officer could stutter was, "I think I'm in trouble." He could

barely stand at that point.

A flurry of activity began with frantic radio calls and calls to the hospital that an officer was coming in. No ambulances were immediately available and none could get to General as quickly as a radio car. "The Quiet Man" responded and the Officer was shoved into the seat and whisked away.

In his delirium, the red lights and frantic radio talk was blurred and like a freight train rushing through his head. All he could think about was unfinished business and not being able to atone for all the rotten things he did in his life. Worst yet he was dying and knew it. His wife was pregnant with his first child and his life was about to end without ever starting that chapter with a newborn son. He was breathing shallower with his blood pressure pounding in his ears. He leaned against the doorpost wishing the pain would leave his chest and just, "get it over with." He was scared and breathing shallow.

Through all this chaos and rushing through the memories of his past life, the radio, sirens and noise of the car were all short-circuited. "The Quiet Man", reached over and shook the Officers shoulder and said, "You're going to be O.K., You're going to make it". Those words stopped cold everything that was going on. At that point the world had stopped and a life had hinged on just a few words from a very, "Quiet Man" The car stopped and another flurry of activity happened, there were hospital personnel everywhere. A gurney rushed the Officer into an emergency room.

Needles were poked from every direction and clothes were stripped off. Blinding lights and the sound of a freight train was again rushing through his brain. He tried to talk but

uttered only noises. He had much to say but could not. Delirium was more intense and it seemed that he was about to pull a cover over his head. He felt a touch on his shoulder, more like a slight shake. He heard familiar words again, "Hang on, you're going to make it." They were the same words that wrenched him out of his rushing mind while in transport. Another face appeared in his half closed eyes. A Doctor he presumed. More words that said "Stay With Me." The Officer began to repeat in his mind, "Hang on, you're going to make it." Those very words spoken by a "Quiet Man." The words were etched into his last memory before he went under. He passed out into a deep abyss never thinking again what was happening to him.

He woke up sometime later. It seemed he had paid his rent for another chance at life. He could not tell whether it was daylight or night or even what day it was. It began to make sense only later when his memory came back to him. Doctors came and advised him of his near fatal attack. It seemed an artery was ninety nine percent closed and starving his heart of oxygen. He was slated for an angioplasty to prevent another attack. A day later the procedure took place. Four days later he went home to a relieved wife and a chance at life again. He went to sleep that night listening to his wife's relaxed breathing. He wondered as he would many times whether he would wake each day. The last words he would hear every night would be, "Hang on, you're going to make it." Those were words of strength and power from "The Quiet Man", Art Hernandez. Those were words that saved an officers life.

CCSF Deferred Compensation Plan Stable Value Portfolio Update

By Mike Hebel,
Financial Commentator

In the March 2009 issue of the *POA Journal* I presented my semi-annual report on the CCSF Deferred Compensation Plan. After discussing the transition from ING to Great-West Retirement Services on January 29, 2009, I reviewed the Stable Value Portfolio which is the most popular of the 18 investment options offered by the Deferred Compensation Plan. It holds more than 50% of participants' contributions.

Market Value/Book Value Ratio

In October 2006 the CCSF Deferred Compensation Plan became the owner of the stable value portfolio so as to provide a greater measure of safety for plan participants since these funds were removed from ING's general account. When this transfer of assets occurred, the market value to book value ratio was 98%, that is, the account had a book value deficit of about \$19 million. The Retirement Board hired ING Investment Management to manage the Board's stable value portfolio. As part of this transfer deal, ING provided an insurance wrapper to guaranty the book value of this portfolio, guaranteed a crediting rate to participants of 5.15% through January 29, 2009, and provided a book value exiting strategy.

In May 2008 the Retirement System's staff solicited bids for management of its stable value portfolio. It received 18 responses and identified 8 semi-finalists. However, these semi-finalists all raised issues about their ability to provide an insurance wrapper to guaranty the book value of this portfolio. By August 2008 the market value to book value ratio had fallen to 91%, that is, the account then had a deficit of \$62 million. At its meeting of September 9, 2008 the Board's deferred compensation committee selected PIMCO and T. Rowe Price as provisional co-managers of a to-be-divided stable value portfolio if, and only if, an insurance wrapper could be obtained to protect the participant's book value. However if an insurance wrapper could not be obtained, then the Board would exercise its book value exit strategy with ING. Under this strategy ING would retain management of the stable value portfolio, would provide an insurance wrapper to guaranty the book value, and ING would be required to pay book value proceeds to the CCSF deferred compensation plan through a series of 3 installment payments commencing in January 2013, although ING did retain the right to extend payment to 2018.

By December 17, 2008 the stable value portfolio's market value to book

value ratio had fallen further to 85%, that is, the account then had a deficit of \$109 million dollars. PIMCO and T. Rowe Price had earlier reported that they were unable to get an insurance wrapper given the deterioration in this portfolio. At its December 17 meeting the Board (deferred compensation committee) voted to completely sever its relationship with ING by not entering into a book value settlement with ING. This decision was made since a book value settlement could result in a payout for up to 10 years, a potential 0% crediting rate, and the potential that ING could freeze the fund to all withdrawals during this book value settlement phase. The Board, instead, elected to transfer-in-kind the entire stable value portfolio from ING to Great-West effective January 29, 2009. At the time of this transfer, the market value to book value ratio has declined no further since it remained at 85%.

At its meeting of March 10, 2009 Carol Cypert, the Retirement System's deferred compensation manager, announced that the market to book value ratio had improved in the three weeks (through February 19) that Great-West had assumed management of the stable value portfolio. The ratio had risen to 88.7% while the deficit had declined to \$83 million.

New Investment Strategy Adopted

At this same March 10 meeting the Retirement Board formally adopted a new investment policy ("AAA Investment Policy") for the stable value portfolio. Henceforth, all new investments must be treasury securities, federal government agency securities (FNMA, FHLMC, etc) with government guarantees, and FDIC insured bank deposits. No money could be put into corporate bonds, asset backed securities, nor foreign securities; the use of leverage was prohibited.

The ING stable value portfolio handed over to Great-West on January 29, 2009 contained treasury and agency securities, corporate bonds, asset backed securities, private placements, credit default swaps, derivatives, futures, structured settlements, preferred stock, and municipals; it had also used leverage.

All new purchases in the stable value portfolio must comply with the new investment policy. Great-West had already liquidated all derivatives, credit default swaps, and futures. The resulting cash was invested mostly in federal government debt and FNMA/FHLMC mortgage backed securities. Great-West determined that the current economic environment is not favorable for selling certain of the in-kind transferred assets such as the asset backed securities, collateralized mortgaged backed securities, corporate bonds in some

sectors, and the private placements. These non-compliant securities will be held until maturity and/or sold as market conditions warrant.

As of February 19, 2009 the assets compliant with the new investment policy had a market value of \$359 million and a market to book value ratio of 100.3%. The assets non-compliant with the new investment policy had a market value of \$295 million and a market to book value of 75%.

Great-West selected Cathe Tocher, its president of investments, to manage the CCSFDC stable value portfolio. The results under her management are very encouraging. We wish her continued success in restoring the portfolio's market to book value to at or above 100%.

We thank the Retirement Board, its staff and deferred compensation manager for negotiating a reduced management fee for this portfolio from 0.54% (ING's last rate) to 0.25% (Great-West's current rate).

Participant Credited Rate

From October 2006 to January 29, 2009 ING was required to provide an annual credited rate of 5.15% for all monies in the stable value portfolio. Great-West set its first credited rate at 3.25% through March 31, 2009 and will reset the rate on a quarterly basis. The rate for the second quarter of 2009 is about to be announced.

Under Great-West the stable value portfolio's target duration is 3 years. Its current 3.25% net rate is in line with what the fund is actually earning (current yield to maturity of 4.25% to 5.25%). Since the current market value to book value is under 90%, Great-West will amortize this deficit over 10 years. It will do so by improving the

quality of the portfolio ("AAA Investment Policy"), retaining and investing the spread between the actual yield and the credited rate, and diverting some revenue sharing funds it receives from mutual funds participating in the deferred compensation plan to the stable value portfolio.

Under the new investment policy, I believe but of course could not guarantee, that over time with improving economic conditions, the stable value portfolio could eventually support about a 5% credited rate.

Stable Value Portfolio — Continued Monitoring Required

In the March 2009 issue of the *POA Journal* I asserted that the Stable Value Portfolio really matters. It holds more than 50% of participant's contributions.

It really matters because (1) the insurance wrapper, provided by ING to protect the participant's book value, is gone with no replacement currently available, (2) while Great-West will maintain participant accounts at book value, it will not provide the plan sponsor (CCSFDCP) liquidity at book value on demand according to a predetermined payout schedule – a book value settlement strategy; and (3) participants in the stable value portfolio must be assured that Great-West will not simply walk away from its pledge to provide book value for participants should its contract not be renewed in 2014.

The Retirement Board's deferred compensation committee continues to actively monitor the stable value portfolio. I will continue to report on this portfolio to help participants monitor their hard earned dollars committed to this portfolio.

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Nassau, Unions Reach Tentative Deal To Avoid Layoffs

From Newsday, March 10, 2009,
By William Murphy And Sid Cassese
<http://www.newsday.com>

Nassau County and unions representing most of its workers reached a tentative agreement yesterday on concessions that would save the county \$43 million this year and avoid layoffs or a large pay cut, County Executive Thomas Suozzi said.

The accord was really a series of arrangements with four of the five unions. It requires membership approval from three of the four, and could fall apart if the county does not get enough workers — more than 300 — to take early retirement.

The tentative deal comes after a month-long struggle to avert a threat by Nassau County Executive Thomas Suozzi to lay off almost 1,000 workers if the unions did not agree to a 7 percent across-the-board pay cut, or other savings equivalent to \$50 million.

Plunging sales tax revenue in the past six months has blown a \$130-million hole in this year's \$2.6-billion county budget, and Suozzi has counted on labor savings, state authorization to raise revenue locally, and increased Medicaid funding from the federal government to close that gap.

Suozzi said he got the \$43 million he wanted from three police unions and CSEA Local 830, which represents most civilian workers, when they agreed to a lag payroll - defer-

ring two weeks' pay until retirement or termination - the early retirements and other cuts. He said an additional \$7 million would come from negotiations with the union representing correction officers.

"By getting the workforce reductions numbers, we accomplish the same thing we would have with layoffs, but it affects higher-wage, senior employees rather than low-wage, junior employees," he said.

Part of the deal calls for a reduction through early retirement of 325 CSEA members - 225 more than usual in a given year. They have until July 1 to reach that goal or Suozzi could impose unpaid furloughs by closing nonessential county offices for up to 26 days a year.

Minutes before Suozzi announced the deal, the Nassau Legislature voted 11-8 to give him the authority to do that.

"Yes, there's a deal," said Jim Carver, president of the Police Benevolent Association of Nassau County. "It means that we put this matter behind us; they're not going to lay off any cops."

Other union leaders confirmed that they had a tentative deal, but that some negotiations remained. "We have five or six very minor details to work out," said Jerry Laricchiuta, president of Local 830.

Several legislators said they expected the approval of state legisla-

tion that would allow the county to tax cigarettes. That would raise about \$20 million, and some of that money could be used to offset cuts in funding, such as for youth programs, the legislators said.

In addition to a lag payroll, CSEA members would defer pay raises in both 2010 and 2011 for the first seven months of those years, for a savings of \$5 million annually.

Members of the three police unions would defer pay for three holidays for three years, and defer their annual \$1,000 allowance for equipment for three years. The number of uniformed officers would be reduced by 100 and there would be increased use of civilians.

To entice senior civilian workers to retire, they would be offered a lump-sum payout of \$1,000 for every year on the job. Suozzi said the cost would be "in the tens of millions," and would be paid by issuing a long-term bond.

The concessions

Union concessions for total \$129 million in savings over three years (does not include Sheriff Officers Association).

CSEA

- Two weeks' pay withheld in 2009 to be repaid upon termination.
- Contractual raises for 2010 and 2011 deferred for seven months each year.

- Pay for three holidays deferred each year for three years.
- If retirement occurs before July 1, employees with 15 or more years would be paid \$1,000 for each year worked.
- No limit on payout of unused sick and vacation days.
- Termination pay would be paid in one year, rather than three years.
- If retirement occurs after July 1, workers must wait two years to receive termination pay, which would be paid over three years.
- GOAL: Reduction of 325 workers

Police

- County would put civilians in up to 65 positions now held by sworn officers, including 26 held by PBA members.
- Two weeks pay withheld in 2009 to be paid upon termination.
- Pay for three holidays deferred each year for three years.
- Equipment allowance (about \$1,000 a year) deferred each year for three years.
- Capping of retirement pay to two times salary moved up to July 1 instead of Nov. 1.
- GOAL: Reduction of 100 sworn officers.

Staff writer Celeste Hadrick contributed to this story.

Sacramento Police Officers Extend Contract

From Fox 40, March 10, 2009
By Daniel Montes
<http://www.fox40.com>

SACRAMENTO — The Sacramento Police Officer's Association has agreed to extend their current contract and defer a previously negotiated salary.

The Union represents over 1,100 police officers, dispatchers, and law enforcement personnel employed by

the Sacramento Police Department.

The agreement sates the SPOA's contract will be extended until June 2013 and defers a 5 percent salary increase that was expected this June.

The move guarantees employees won't be laid off or furloughed.

Sacramento Police Chief Rick Braziel praised officers for choosing public safety over a pay increase.

Denver Police, Fire Fear Job Cuts

From the Denver Post, March 12, 2009,
By Christopher N. Osher
<http://www.denverpost.com>

Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper's decision to lay off 11 sheriff's deputies Wednesday could be a prelude to similar cuts for police officers and firefighters if they don't accept pay and benefit cuts.

While the mayor has never publicly mentioned laying off police officers or firefighters, union officials fear job losses could occur if an agreement on other cuts isn't reached soon.

Hickenlooper's top aides couldn't persuade the union representing sheriff's deputies to accept a 2 percent cut to pay and benefits to help close a projected \$56 million budget gap.

After the union rejected the request, the mayor announced the layoffs for deputies and required remaining deputies, sergeants and captains to take three furlough days this year. The moves will save the city \$1.2 million this year, the same amount in contract concessions the mayor was seeking.

Kelly Brough, the mayor's chief of staff, said she hopes this week or next week to finalize negotiations with the unions representing police officers and firefighters. If an agreement is reached, the unions then will ask their memberships to ratify a new contract that would reduce pay and benefits by 2 percent.

Eric Tade, the governmental-affairs director for the union representing firefighters, said he hopes negotiations can be finalized by the end of this week. The administration is seeking pay and benefit cuts of \$1.5 million from the firefighters.

Lt. Vince Gavito, the president of

the union representing police officers, said he has forwarded the union's latest offer to the administration.

The union representing sheriff's deputies plans to mount a legal challenge to Wednesday's layoffs, said Jeff Shaw, a deputy sheriff and vice president of the union for deputies.

The administration expects that the deputies who are losing their jobs will be competitive for "detention specialist" positions at the jails, which are not law enforcement positions. Those jobs pay about \$10,000 less annually. The deputies must apply for the positions.

Sheriff's deputies in Denver staff the jail, handle security at the courthouse and transport prisoners, while police handle almost all other public-safety and criminal matters.

"The deputies that have been terminated, they feel betrayed by the mayor's office," Shaw said. "This is the first time in recent history that they've laid off employees in public safety. It's ridiculous."

He said the union didn't think concessions were needed this year considering the city is spending \$4.5 million on public art at the new Justice Center complex, has \$130 million in general-fund reserves for emergencies and also has a \$17 million contingency fund.

The public-art expenditure is required by city ordinance and for the most part is paid with bond revenues.

Brough said Hickenlooper already authorized using \$12 million of the general-fund reserves this year and wanted to refrain from relying excessively on reserves.

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Intense Officer Survival Course

By Stephen P. Mroz
Retired SFPD

You probably haven't heard of 3/1 Solutions LLC. But you definitely need to hear about this company. 3/1 Solutions LLC puts on a 24-hour officer survival course that is hands on and in your face. This training was developed for Special Forces Operators, and is presently used by the US Military in Iraq and Afghanistan. This course is not for physically or mentally weak, or for those who want to sit in a classroom and hear war stories.

The root of this course is solidly of a military nature, but the training was redesigned to meet the needs of Law Enforcement. The course was re-struct-

ured for undercover, plainclothes, tactical, and uniformed street officers. The main concept is to train you how to survive violent confrontations, and to think beyond the skills that you were taught at the academy.

The 24-hour course includes armed and unarmed skill sets that are now used by Law Enforcement and Military Units around the world. You will go hands on and engage single and multiple adversaries in weapons retention, and weapons take-away scenarios. The training also has a "self aid" component in the event a violent confrontation occurs and you are not able to receive immediate medical attention.

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States Marine Corp's 1st Sergeant Aaron Moore and Sgt. Richard Tippins of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. Aaron Moore is a career Marine with 22 years of service. He is a combat veteran and current Special Operations Unit member. Sgt. Rick Tippins is a 4-year veteran of the USMC and has been in Law Enforcement on the SF peninsula for over 18 years. Rich Tippins has worked SWAT, Narcotics, Street Crimes, Homicide, and Patrol.

I highly recommend you consider taking this course. I recently par-

ticipated in this course and it was by far the most intensive hand-to-hand tactical course that I have ever taken. This course goes well beyond what we learned in the academy or at CPT.

The classes are scheduled monthly and are limited to 16 students. This course will give you the confidence and training that you will need to survive a violent suspect confrontation.

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Never Say Never — China 2009

By Jim Hennessy, SFPD RetiredRecently

I was invited to Beijing, China to participate in the People to People Program hosted by Madam Liu Ping. Madam Ping is a very influential and important person in China who is presently completing her book, *From Red Guard to CEO*. The world wide People to People program is designed to match business people from various countries with their counterparts in others. The program in February focused on the travel industry.

I was very surprised and flattered to be asked to provide a few remarks. I spent time agonizing over what to say. Ultimately, I talked about my experiences in China beginning with my first visit in 1981. I am happy to report, my presentation was very well received and there were many enthusiastic questions from the audience. One of the questions was, "When are you coming back to do a tour of China?" When I answered it would be two or three years, I received an offer I could not refuse. That offer allows me to offer another trip in July of this year at almost the same low price as last year, but with significant upgrades

It is fair to say the down turn in the world wide economy was a very important factor in my ability to negotiate this great deal. So, being one that could never turn down a good deal, I have planned my next trip to China from July 20th to August 5th with the

following enhancements:

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So, if you have been tempted, but not yet taken any steps to contact me for previous tours, this is the one to sign up for. Even if you are not sure about wanting to go, you can contact me via phone or email just to talk about it. Everyone is welcome. If you have followed my articles in the last few years, you will know that my fellow travelers have all been very happy — many have been repeat travelers. So with that said, please take a look at my advertisement in this issue and give me a call. As usual, flyers for this trip will be available at the SF Police Credit Union or can be sent to you via email or "snail mail" at your request to Sayang Holidays.

I thought you might enjoy some of the photos of people you might know who have travelled with me in recent years.

Please note none of us has gotten any older!



Retired SFPD Officer Jim Hennessy speaking to participants in the People to People program in Beijing — February 2009.



Retired SF Sheriff Chief Deputy Carl Koehler inspects a Chinese Navy Ming Class submarine.



Retired SFPD Police Chief Alex Fagan teaches a 3rd grade English class to willing students in a village outside Beijing.



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How To Manage Your Finances During Tough Economic Times

By Edwin K. Stephens,
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Will the recently passed historic 2009 United States Economic Stimulus Package help ordinary Americans during these tough economic times?

Answer: It all depends on where you lie in the economic "food chain."

On February 17, 2009, President Barack Obama signed the historic 787 billion dollar economic stimulus package that was designed to save or create 3.5 million jobs. Since the current recession which began in December 2007, the United States has seen 50 trillion dollars in personal wealth via the stock market, home values and other major asset classes decline in addition to 4.5 million jobs being lost. The primary causes of the current economic crisis has been, a housing market collapse, a credit crunch and global financial turmoil. These economic problems are the worst since the 1930's and they do not lend themselves to easy or quick fixes.

How the 2009 Economic Stimulus Plan could affect you

The 2009 Economic Stimulus Plan will affect Americans in these areas; taxes, health insurance, infrastructure, energy, schools, national debt, environment, police, financing higher education, and assisting the 37 million Americans who live in poverty. I will briefly touch on the aforementioned areas and describe how the new Federal Policy will affect all Americans.

Taxes: The recovery package has tax breaks for families that send a child to college, purchase a new car, buy a first time home or make the current home that you own more energy efficient. **Health Insurance:** Many workers who lose their jobs will find it cheaper to keep their present health coverage while they look for work.

Infrastructure: Highways repaved for the first time in decades and century-old waterlines dug up and replaced with new pipes will receive 90 billion dollars. Aging bridges, stressed under the weight of heavy SUV's will be reinforced with fresh steel and concrete.

Energy: Homeowners looking to save energy, makers of solar panels and wind turbines and companies hoping to bring the electric grid into the computer age all stand to reap major benefits.

Schools: A main goal of education spending in the stimulus bill is to help keep teachers on the job. National debt: Forecasters expect the 2009 deficit — for the budget that began last October 1 — to hit 1.6 trillion dollars which includes new stimulus and bank-bailout spending. The National debt — the sum of all annual budgets deficits — stands at 10.7 trillion dollars. This figure equates to about \$36,000 for every man, woman and child in the United States. Inter-



est payments alone on the national debt will near 500 billion dollars this year. The National Debt is already the fourth-largest federal expenditure, after Medicare — Medicaid, Social Security and Defense.

Environment: The economic stimulus package includes 9.2 billion dollars for environmental projects at the Interior Department and the Environmental Protection Agency. **Police:** The stimulus bill includes more than 3.7 billion dollars for police programs, much of which is set aside for hiring new officers.

Higher Education: The maximum Pell Grant, which helps the lowest-income students attend college, would increase from \$4,731 currently to \$5,350 starting July 1 and \$5,550 in 2010-2011. An extra 800,000 students, or about seven (7) million, would now get Pell funding.

The Poor: People who get food stamps — 30 million and growing — will get more. People drawing unemployment checks — nearly five (5) million and growing — would get an extra \$25, and keep those checks coming longer.

Police Big Winners

The Police and law enforcement agencies are the big winners under President Barack Obama's 2009 Economic Stimulus Bill. As discussed earlier, there is more than 3.7 billion dollars for police programs.

The law allocates 2 billion dollars for the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant, a program that has funded drug task forces and things such as prisoner rehabilitation and after-school programs. An additional 1 billion dollars is set aside to hire local police under the Community Oriented Police Services program. The program, known as COPS grants, paid the salaries of many local police officers and was a "modest contribution" to the decline in crime in the 1990's, according to a 2005 government oversight report. Both programs had all been eliminated during the Bush Administration. The bill also includes 225 million dollars

for general criminal justice grants for things such as youth mentoring programs, 225 million dollars for Indian tribe law enforcement, 125 million dollars for police in rural areas, 100 million dollars for victims of crime, 50 million dollars to fight internet crimes against children and 40 million dollars in grants for law enforcement along the Mexican border.

Are there economic opportunities for ordinary Americans despite the tough economic times?

In short, yes. Ordinary Americans can indeed prosper in the current sluggish economy if they are aware of the areas that the 787 Billion Dollar Stimulus Bill will be spent to fund and revive our ailing economy. Police and law enforcement entrepreneurs will do very well under the 2009 Eco-

nomc Stimulus Bill. It is my hope that entrepreneurs will seize upon the new opportunities that are now available and that many new jobs and industries will be created from the needs that exist in our current economy.

Everyone will have to manage their finances during these tough economic times, but there will be a lot of money exchanging hands to ensure that we create a vibrant economy. Opportunities are borne out of difficult times and any individual can rise to the challenge, prosper, and be at the top of the "food chain" here in the United States. The American Dream does still exist for optimists.

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Book Reviews

Fire and Fog

By Jim Toland

Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

Books of this type are frequently referred to as "coming of age novels." In this case the "coming of age" of Jackie Dunn might be a blue print for how criminals are created.

The sub-title, "Sex, drugs, rock 'n roll, murder in 1960s San Francisco" gives the reader an indication of just what lies inside the cover of this locally published paper-back. The author has obviously drawn from his real-life experiences in growing up in the Excelsior district of San Francisco during that era. His descriptions of the streets, the blue-collar life styles, the language, the music, even the attire all have the ring of authenticity. One hopes, however, that author Toland made up these dysfunctional families and street thugs from whole cloth. The violence and criminality have exceeded the old film, "Blackboard Jungle."

Jackie Dunn is twelve-years old and happily ensconced in Marin County when his father moves into San Francisco to comply with the residency rules of his job as a San Francisco firefighter. Irish on his father's side and Italian on his mother's, Jackie has plenty of relatives. As a matter of fact Jackie starts praying, "Please, God. No more relatives!" His relatives however are the least of his problems. As a matter of fact, his uncle, Dante Paladino is a very influential bail bondsman in S.F. and is his best ally in keeping out of Juvenile Hall.

Jackie seems to be extremely mature, smart and big for his age. His grand father, Jake Dunn, has taught him a bit about boxing and he learns more martial arts from a neighbor, an African-American who made it through the Korean War. All of these lessons become very important to Jackie when he is confronted by three violent older teens. The conflict

reaches the point where the three are attempting to kill Jackie by tying him up in an abandoned shack and setting fire to the building. The plan completely turns about when Jackie frees himself and in the struggle apparently kills one of the thugs. The death is never investigated and the two who got away become life-long enemies of young Mr. Dunn. For the rest of the novel, Jackie struggles not only with these two criminals but also with that death. Was it just self-defense or was it a hate-filled murder?

As Jackie matures, he moves out of his parents' home and into the Haight-Ashbury district where he becomes part of the burgeoning hippie culture. If I have any complaint it would be that the author tried to cover too much of that colorful era, but it's hard to blame him.

Toland has given the reader a huge cast of characters, many with salty language and cynical attitudes toward life in general and clearly toward one another. There's plenty of humor along the way and those of you who lived in San Francisco in that era will enjoy the trip back in time.

The author has worked in San Francisco as a teamster, longshoreman and bar tender. After his military service obligation was full-filled he earned a B.A. in journalism from San Francisco State University and eventually became an editor for the S. F. Chronicle. While in high school he played against both O. J. Simpson and Mike Holmgren. He had a piece published in Sports Illustrated magazine, describing the game against Holmgren, who went onto become one of the more successful coaches in the NFL. What made the game so memorable was the huge fight that began on the field and carried over into the stands. A version of that same piece will be found in Fire and Fog.

Securing the City: Inside America's Best Counterterror Force — The NYPD

By Christopher Dickey

Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

This book is being touted as recommended reading for not just the public but for administrators of anti-terror enforcement agencies throughout the United States. I will agree that there is an enormous amount of information to be gleaned from these pages for everyone, much of it a surprise.

First, a word about the author: Christopher Dickey is highly qualified to be writing this book. He has been reporting on international terrorism for twenty-five years and according to The Economist, "he was writing about Osama bin Laden for almost a decade before the attacks on the twin towers." He is currently Newsweek magazine's Paris Bureau Chief and Middle East Regional Editor. Because of the esteem he has developed he was given access to what has become considered the "Gold Standard" for counter-terror forces in America.

The first surprising nugget of information is that the agency considered the best in the country in fighting terrorism is not any of the so-called "three letter agencies" such as the FBI, CIA, NSA, etc. It is, instead the largest police department in the country: the New York Police Department. Another surprise was the clear but innovative thinking that went into this phenomenon. The current Commissioner, Ray Kelly, a former Marine Viet Nam veteran, is quoted in response to the question, what's the difference between a soldier and a cop? "When you talk about a military person, particularly at the entry-level position, we teach them, and teach them well, to fight and to kill. That's their job, but a policing job is more complex. We expect a lot more of them. They have to be diplomats, they have to be social workers, they have to be in physical condition to stop violence and they have to know about other parts of government so they can direct people to the right services." He had been through a wide variety of challenges as a New York cop and knew that there was frequently a good solution for a problem just waiting to be discovered. One of his discoveries was to recruit a former CIA agent, David Cohen to assist him in dealing with terrorists in New York City. Cohen was only too eager to get back into the role of protecting his country after retiring from the CIA. Together these men have put together a unit of approximately 600 men and women from the NYPD who are not limited to duty in the city. Today there are New York City operatives working in cities all over the world, London, Tel Aviv, and many others,

collecting intelligence and, using that intelligence in hope of preventing any future attacks.

There is an emphasis on the idea of multi-cultural diversity being a great ally. Searching through the many thousands of officers assigned to the NYPD they discovered that officers were fluent in 50 languages and dialects. They have put those talents to great use. The book gives more than just a discussion of administration. The author goes with officers into the streets and accompanying them in high-tech helicopters He uses the language of cops and the street, giving the book an authentic grittiness. The author agrees with Kelly and Cohen that their method is a much better choice in combating world-wide terrorism than the so-called "dangerously ill-conceived, mismanaged, and highly militarized global war on terror." Some degree of animosity has obviously arisen among the "three letter agencies," going so far as some CIA operatives stating they felt that Cohen had betrayed them. The stark contrast between the lumbering about of the Federal agencies as opposed to the quick and immediate actions of the NYPD has also brought about charges that the NYPD may not always work within the law. The question arises in reference to the correct method for dealing with terrorists. The NYPD has one answer, the three-letter agencies another.

An interesting idea was advanced that New York, a city filled with immigrants, is safer because of those immigrants. John Jay College of Criminal Justice professor James Lynch has been studying the question of why crime rates continue to decline in some cities and not in others, even when policing strategies, staffing, and techniques are similar. Jeremy Travis, president of John Jay, states that Lynch, "...is working on the hypothesis that immigration is the key. When interviewed Lynch stated, "Almost everyone who has examined this issue and is not an ideologue has come to the same conclusion. In the United States, immigrants engage in common law crime at rates lower than the native population." Robert J. Sampson, chairman of the Sociology Department at Harvard University, is quoted of a growing consensus that, "immigration revitalizes, cities around the country."

As stated at the beginning of this review, there is much surprising information written here. This review only touches on some of the ideas. There are many fascinating anecdotes and theories waiting for the interested reader.

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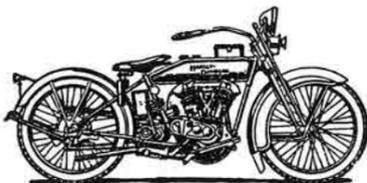
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S F Police K9 Kalamity

By Officer Brenda B. Walker
Police Academy

In August, 2008 another S.F. Police K9 took his work collar off for the last time and traded it in for one that said RETIRED. That ended a half-decade crime fighting partnership between twenty-two year veteran K9 handler Officer Sonia Mariona and the K9 "Lark."

had hundreds of hours of training under his collar. He was a force to be reckoned with.

On August 16, 2008 Lark happily participated in his last official K9 police trial. He got to bite the decoy more than once, but was somewhat distracted during the agility event while checking out some good-looking bitch. (You know what I mean here) Lark chased and then landed the big

I nearly fell over. While considering the excellent surgery performed by the Pets Unlimited doctors in saving his life I couldn't help myself from crying and feeling frustrated with not being able to prevent such a thing as bloat. My advice to all dog owners is to take some time to learn about this incredibly painful and possibly fatal condition.

We were grateful for everything the doctors had done to save him. With both of our emotions running high Lark was left in their care for four nights. No need to mention the actual cost of the surgery, but just know it would have been a deal breaker for those who would have had to consider the cost of surgery or putting the dog to sleep. That would have been devastating to say the least. Sonia seemed somewhat reserved to speak, but gave me some wonderful news. She said that the entire cost of the surgery would be taken care of by the Sergeant Darryl Tsujimoto Memorial Fund established by a wonderful woman by the name of Nina Ireland. Yes, another Earth Angel has appeared and saying thank you just doesn't seem to be enough for such a generous act of kindness and love.

K9 Sgt Darryl Tsujimoto died unexpectedly May 1, 2006 during a training exercise on Treasure Island. Nina Ireland and Darryl were good friends and she did something extraordinary to remember him by. Approximately a year after his death she created the Sergeant Darryl Tsujimoto Memorial Fund. This fund would help take care of all the retired police dogs health care issues and injuries. Remarkable! This is what paid for Lark's surgery and all his care while at Pets Unlimited. We are forever indebted to her.

I recently learned that another S F Police retired K9 had eye surgery and yet another retired K9 had surgery to relieve a rare disorder. Needless to say The Sergeant Darryl Tsujimoto Memorial Fund is quickly being de-



Lark was actually acquired from none other than the legendary SF Giants baseball slugger Barry Bonds. At that time Lark was young, ambitious, and very anxious to please. Sonia and Lark hit it off right from the get-go. He proved himself on many narcotics searches and found bad guys tucked away in some of the most impossible places. He earned over 40 trophies in a short two-year period while participating in Police K9 trials. Lark took his job seriously though you would find it hard to believe, as he would roll over for just about anybody to have his belly scratched. He is particularly wonderful with children, and unbelievably obedient.

I am very partial towards Lark. Not just because I live with him, but because he is such a sweetheart and he has stolen my heart. Most Police K9s have had a lot of bumps and bruises over their careers. They jump into trashed cars, dark buildings and go without fear and hesitation into any place that they are told to go by their handlers. This is all a part of their duty, and they love it. They love to work, work, and work some more. Lark's working weight was around 86 lbs, which he carried like a champ. Lark

bite on the fleeing decoy/bad guy for an outstanding score. It wasn't good enough for a trophy but I saw him smiling the entire ride home. He officially retired on August 25, 2008.

A month after retirement, he was just starting to get the hang of the good life when tragedy struck. Early in the afternoon Sonia found him in his kennel suffering from bloat. Bloat is when the dog's stomach becomes twisted around its self and the stomach gases cannot escape. The stomach swells creating excruciating pain and much suffering for the dog. In 90% of cases this is fatal. Lark was taken code 3 to Pets Unlimited for the best veterinary care and treatment. Pets Unlimited is where all working San Francisco police dogs are treated for injuries and other health issues. Unfortunately Lark was now retired and the vet bill for this surgery was going to be a big one and was not covered by the city.

Several hours after surgery, Lark awoke with what looked like a metal zipper that ran from the center of his chest to the base of his belly. Yep, 42 staples. I counted them. Unbelievable. I have never seen such a thing. When Sonia told me the cost of the surgery,

pleted. I am hoping that some of you carry a special spot in your heart for police K9s and will consider placing a donation of any amount towards the Sergeant Darryl Tsujimoto Memorial Fund. Anything would be appreciated.

I will always hope that these deserving police K9s get to retire in good health and live out their remaining years chasing Frisbee's and getting lots of love from their families. All donations made to the Sergeant Darryl Tsujimoto Memorial Fund are tax deductible. Please make out your donations to Pets Unlimited 2343 Fillmore St, San Francisco, CA 94115, (415) 563-6700 with a note in the memo section regarding the Sgt. Darryl Tsujimoto Memorial Fund. Their website is www.petsunlimited.org You can also write in on the S F Citywide charities form Pets Unlimited, the Sergeant Darryl Tsujimoto Memorial Fund for any amount or a monthly donation.

Lark had a rough start in retirement, but has fully recovered and is now living the good life to the very end. Thank you to everyone at Pets Unlimited for the outstanding service and special love that you gave to Lark while he was in your care. And to you Nina Ireland a very special thanks from my partner K9 Officer Sonia Mariona and me. Lark is a very special dog and we don't know what we would have done with out your generosity. Darryl had a unique connection with dogs, and we appreciate all you have done to help keep that spirit alive. Let us not forget him. Lark sends his love.

Retirements

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



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April 18, 1906

The Last Known Survivor Of The 1906 Earthquake

By Bob Johnston
Honda Unit

A couple of weeks ago, a story appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle about a man born in 1903 who was believed to be the last living survivor of the '06 quake, and who happened to have died just a few days before the story was published. I contacted the Chronicle in order to inform the author of that story that there is at least one other living survivor of that historic disaster, and that she was born in this city on October 9, 1902.

That woman was Rose Wyrsh. She was one of 12 children in her family. On April 18, 1906 she sat on a hilltop in Bernal Heights with her 5-year-old brother, Emile, and watched as San Francisco burned.

Like almost all San Francisco women of that generation, Rose never left the city of her birth. She married and became Mrs. Rose Cliver. She raised her family and they moved on, but even at the spry old age of 101, Rose was still living alone in the Ingleside District baby-sitting her great grandson while her daughter and grand daughter worked.

In 1906, Channel 4 News invited her to the centennial program that would be held in Dolores Park at exactly 5:12 AM. She declined to attend, and asked that they not call on her again.

Last winter, I visited with Rose at the funeral of a family member. She was 106 then, and was alert, walking, and complaining about a family member having recently moved her into their home in Marin County. They hadn't wanted her to continue living alone in a two-story house in San Francisco.

Rose is still going strong as she approaches her 107th birthday. This story was related to me by my mother, Bernice Wyrsh Johnston, who is the daughter of Emile Wyrsh, the brother who sat with Rose so many years ago and watched their city racked in fire. Of course, that makes my mother Rose's niece.

As we observe the anniversary of the great San Francisco earthquake and fire of April 18, 1906, let's stay mindful that there are still survivors of that event with us today.

San Francisco Police Officers Association Announces Annual Jeff Barker Scholarship Awards Program

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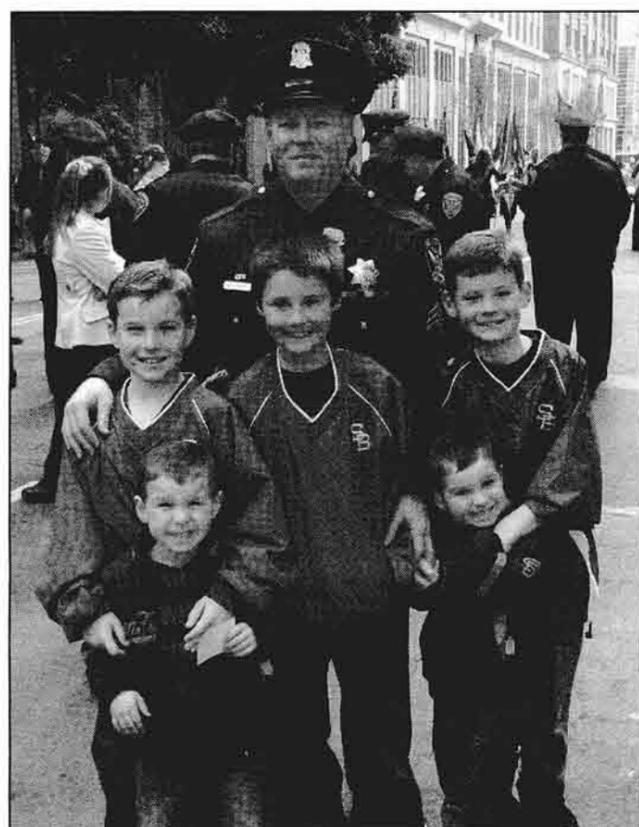
St. Patrick's Day Parade – San Francisco, March 14, 2009



Lt. Mike Moran with his grandson Brandon Moran



JJ Whelan, past Grand Marshall; Officer Bernie Cory, Greeter; Diarmuid Philpott, Deputy Chief (ret), Pres. of United Irish Societies, Chairman of 158th St Patrick's Parade; and Officer John Gallager Icon of Co. E.



Mike Redmond, son Sean, friend Mario Vargas, sons Matthew, twins Nicholas and Kevin.



Patrick Burke, Val Kirwan, Tom Martin, Andrew Clifford, Bobby Nevin, Brian Burke, Kevin Moylan, Liam and Sean Frost.



POA Mail



Matier & Ross —

The SFPOA has NOT been told "to muzzle it" or to "button our lips" as you suggest. We did get a call from the Justice Department as they thought we were going to hold a press conference regarding the matter, which we were not. The Justice Department also informed us that it is an ongoing case, which we knew, as there is no "statute of limitations" on murder cases in California. Where did you get the notion that Chief Fong ever called over and spoke to any one of us regarding the matter? Gary did tell you that, in fact, the Chief did call here but no one spoke to her. I think it's quite a reach to assume that what she wanted to talk about this particular issue. Your story might have been a little more credible if you knew whether or not a conversation did in fact take place. Have you called and asked the Chief what she was inquiring about? My guess is probably not... I know your paper is having major problems keeping afloat and for that I am sorry as I am a native San Franciscan, and have been a life long reader of the daily. I believe that a good portion of your paper is OK and relatively palatable. However, I feel the paper has lost some of its appeal, integrity, and professionalism over the past few years because of the periodic insincere and sometimes inaccurate stories it portrays...such as this one.

Please accept this e-mail as a form of constructive criticism and not as a slam...certainly not my intention. Thank you for your time and consideration.

God Bless and be safe,
Kevin Martin
Vice-President, SFPOA

Dear Editor —

Kindly place notice in the next POA Journal the arrival of Ava Johnson, baby girl to Officer Dave Johnson (Bayview Station) and wife Laura, 7 lbs, 8 oz, on February 4, 2009.

Thank you,
Eric Chiang
Bayview Station

Dear President Stephens,

I wanted to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks for supporting the upcoming pre-college summer program. Your program, in conjunction with the San Francisco Police Officers Association support, will enable my son (Jeremy) the opportunity to explore a course of study that he has always had an interest in.

I am elated to know that two wonderful organizations have focused their thoughts, energies and resources on our children during what be their "typical summer break" a university program offering future educational and employment opportunities.

With much appreciation, sincerely,
Al Wong
Inspector, SFPD

Dear POA —

As someone who has practiced in the financial service arena, I can attest to the risks and dangers of presenting financial performance results such as we now gratuitously provide to Great West Insurance. For all presenters, there is the risk of a typographical error, or worse, the accusation of misrepresentation.

For instance, it appears an error was made in the March 2009 POA Journal when the performance results show negative stock market returns for 2007 — those losses actually occurred in 2008. A more significant imprecision transpired in the October 2008 Journal where the performance results for the Stable Value account show a 5.16% return. Yet, on the adjacent Journal page, Mike Hebel describes that \$62 million had evaporated from the same account. Hebel is conveying the fund lost 15% while simultaneously earning 5.16%.

During the most turbulent stock market month in a century, if any police officer construed Hebel's reported Stable Value performance as a safe harbor, only to eventually discover that every dollar invested was really only purchasing 85 cents worth of assets, our union could be liable for investor losses. Essentially, by providing free promotion, Mike Hebel has transferred the liability for inaccuracies from ING to our union.

Again, in the March 2009 Journal, juxtaposed to a Stable Value performance of 5.15%, was a Mike Hebel description of how the \$62 million loss had ballooned to a \$108 million loss. On page 12 of the Journal, Hebel discloses that over the past quarter, the average annual five-year returns from the Stable Value had increased, while on page 13, the loss on the same account, over the same period, had nearly doubled. This brew of mathematical impossibilities equates to a gross misrepresentations facts that appear on our union stationery.

Licensed financial service people understand that the inherent risks of presenting financial information are offset by their need to promote their business. While our spouses, relatives, and friends pay for Journal advertising space; members should question what possible benefit is bestowed to Mike Hebel or our union that warrants exposing us to investor lawsuits, just to provide free promotion to Hartford, Aetna, ING, and now Great West. At 1 Front Street, Suite 1425, Great West might have flipped the ING shingle, but it's the same operation and the assets in the Stable Value are still worth \$108 million less than the amount that appears on the Great West account statements.

Lou Barberini, CPA
Narcotics

Dear POA —

On behalf of the SFPD members that participated in the Philippine Exchange Training Program 2009, thank you so much for all the support. Each year becomes more of a challenge due to rising travel costs, airline baggage weight limitations, and other expenses.

Your assistance also enabled us to send our training materials and do-

nations ahead of our arrival, as well as the purchase of special T-shirts with the SFPD and PNP logos side by side.

In the past nine years of this unique goodwill program, the POA has always been supportive of all our efforts.

Sincerely,
Eric Quema

Dear POA —

Thank you so much for the beautiful floral arrangement you sent for our mother's funeral services. It meant a lot to us for you to think of us at such a tough time. Thank you also for the floral arrangement you sent to her when she was recovering from surgery in September 2008.

Sincerely,
Jim, Mike, and Joe Lynch
SFPD

Dear POA —

Thank you so much for the continued thoughts and kindness. The Christmas holiday gift and card are so welcomed. Thank you again and have a great year.

Sincerely,
Gabriel Nelson

Dear POA —

My dear brother recently passed away on Super Bowl Sunday. The outpouring of support and expressions of condolences from you and my fellow members of the Association deeply touched my family and me.

The beautiful flowers sent to his service, and the many cards, phone calls, and emails from members helped us through this very difficult time.

Thank you so much,
Andrew Blackwell
Richmond Station

Dear POA —

On behalf of my family (Linda, Mike, and Kathy) I would like to thank you for the beautiful floral reef the POA sent on my mother's recent passing. My mom thought the world of your association and remembered with great fondness how wonderful you treated our family when Bobby passed away.

Thank you so much,
Bill Barry

Dear SFPOA —

Thank you for the floral arrangement that was provided for my brother's funeral. Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts. Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

God bless,
Joseph Marti & Family

Dear SFPOA —

Thank you for all of your gifts to the foundation. Your support and your generosity make a big difference.

Judy and Rich Guggenhime
SFGH Foundation

Dear POA (Uncle Gary) —

The San Francisco Child Abuse Prevention Center is a great organization and we always have appreciated the POA support.

Natalie

Dear SFPOA —

Thank you all for the lovely Azalea and kind thoughts. You could not know that John Lockley loved Azaleas. We were comforted.

Jo L. Lockley and John M. Salomon

Dear SFPOA —

Thank you so much for the beautiful arrangement of flowers. Your kind and thoughtful expression of sympathy is appreciated.

Perry was so proud to be a SF police officer.

Thank you.
Susan Morris

Dear POA —

The purpose of this letter is to express the sincere gratitude of the men and women of the Association of Orange County Deputy Sheriffs (AOCDS) for you financial support of our pension litigation. I sincerely apologize for the delay in writing to your great organization but I have truly been experiencing "historical" events at the Orange County Sheriff's Department and at the AOCDS.

In October of 2006, the AOCDS contract expired and we began a very difficult and protracted negotiation process that would last over 13 months.

In February of 2007, the only general manager that AOCDS had in its 30-year history retired and an interim general manager was tasked with attempting to bring a contract home.

In July of 2007, Orange County Supervisor John Moorlach held a surprise news conference and announced to the world that he was going to ask the Orange County Board of Supervisors to employ counsel to rescind the retroactive portion of the "3% at 50" pension increase to all public safety personnel (AOCDS). Moorlach attempted to make the rescission immediate forcing the AOCDS to take immediate legal action. The AOCDS believed then as we do today that Moorlach was politically paying back the AOCDS for opposing him in the 2006 election.

In September of 2007, the AOCDS hired a new general manager and 45 days later the AOCDS reached an agreement with the County of Orange on a three-year contract. Approximately one month later, Sheriff Michael Carona was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury for public corruption resulting in the Orange County Sheriff's Department spinning out of control.

In January 2008, Carona resigned from office and appointed the most anti-association deputy to replace him, Assistant Sheriff Jack Anderson. The AOCDS spent the next two months seeking litigation against the "acting sheriff" who illegally and unethically violated provisions of our memorandum of understanding and a variety of labor laws and statutes.

We at the AOCDS had no idea

how worse life could get with Anderson.

In April of 2008, the Orange County Grand Jury released a highly volatile report regarding the murder of an inmate. Anderson used this tragic incident to propel him as a front-runner for the appointment to Sheriff by the Board of Supervisors that decided waiting until June of 2008 was a prudent course of action. To date, AOCDS is still reeling from Anderson's five-month stint as "acting sheriff." Additionally, Supervisor Moorlach used the Chamberlain death to create an Office of Independent Review for the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

In June of 2008, retired Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department administrator Sandra Hutchens was selected to be the 12th Sheriff of Orange County. She is a much-welcomed relief from Anderson but as you can imagine "change" is happening every day at the Orange County Sheriffs Department.

I hope the above chronological account of life at the AOCDS allows you to consider forgiving me for being so late in acknowledging the San Francisco Police Officers Association's unbelievable generosity in supporting our pension litigation.

When the Orange County Board of Supervisors filed their lawsuit in January of 2008, we knew then as we know today that they were, "Wrong on the Facts and Wrong on the Law." Since then, the AOCDS has aggressively fought the County's frivolous lawsuit with the best legal team money can buy. The AOCDS did this because if Moorlach is successful every public employee in California will be negatively impacted.

On February 11, 2009 Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Helen Bendix issued a tentative ruling dismissing the County of Orange's cause of action in their attempt to roll back "3 % at 50" pension benefits that they agreed to in 2001. I have attached a copy of the tentative ruling which we are confident will be finalized on or before February 23, 2009. I want you, your board of directors and your membership to know that because of your support we are on the verge of having the County's case dismissed before it even goes to trial. Thank you San Francisco POA!

In the next few weeks, your organization will be receiving a small token of our appreciation for your financial assistance. The AOCDS hopes you will display it proudly and again we thank you for your unbelievable assistance in our time of need.

Sincerely,

Wayne J. Quint, Jr., President
Association of Orange County Deputy Sheriffs

Dear SFPOA,

This letter gratefully acknowledges and confirms your generous gift to the Willie Brown Institute. Your support makes it possible for our organization to promote political awareness to the general public and specifically to young people.

In the four years since its founding, the Willie Brown Institute has contributed to expand its endeavors to support education and debate about public policy issues, with concentrated outreach to youth and underprivileged communities.

Willie L. Brown, Jr.
Founder and CEO
Willie Brown Institute

Dear SFPOA —

On behalf of all of us here at Kid Stock, and all of the children that we serve, we would like to give you a heartfelt thank you! We try very hard each year to provide our programs to as many wonderful children as we can. And your donation of \$500 will help us to do that. We have built this program from the ground up and it would not have been at all possible without the support of community members like you. So, thank you again and we look forward to many more years.

Sincerely,

Jane Anne Sullivan, Director
Kid Stock

Dear POA —

The POA's support helped make San Francisco General Hospital Foundation's 4th annual Heroes & Hearts luncheon an unequivocal success! On February 12th, over 800 guests gathered under a tent on Union Square to celebrate Heroes, Artists, and our city's wonderful hospital, the San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center (SFGH). The generous support of a caring community allowed Heroes & Hearts to raise over \$1 million this year, enabling the SFGH Foundation to continue to provide funding to enhance patient care and research at the SFGH.

San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center is a hospital for all people, providing the highest quality medical care whether the patient is uninsured or has experienced a severe trauma. The following are examples of just a few of the important programs that have received a grant from Heroes & Hearts funds. Because of you, these programs are able to exist and significantly impact the lives of people who live and work in San Francisco.

If you would like to learn more about these efforts or other health care programs, please contact me at 415.206.4478 or email kwilliams@sfgfh.net. We are truly grateful for your support of Heroes & Hearts!

Katherine Ripley-Williams
Executive Director
Heroes & Hearts
Benefiting SF General Hospital

Dear POA —

Thank you so much for your generous sponsorship of \$300 to benefit San Francisco SAEE, Inc. Your financial contribution will be used to support SAFE's Annual Event: One City, Many SAFE Neighborhoods, to be held on March 12, 2009, at the San Francisco War Memorial and Performing Arts Center. At this event, we will recognize and honor Neighborhood Watch and Business Watch groups that have contributed to safer communities in San Francisco.

SAFE has been providing crime prevention education and public safety services citywide for over three decades. Your donation helps to fund our ongoing efforts to build crime-free and vibrant neighborhoods.

As a Sponsor, we will provide SFPOA with acknowledgements in the event program, the event invitation, on SAFE's website, and in all media releases and outreach materials. We hope you will be able to attend the event.

Thank you again for your support. Please visit our website, www.sfsafe.org, for updates and information

about SAFE's services and activities. If you have any questions, please contact me at (415) 553-1981 or cindy@sfsafe.org. I hope to see you at our event!

Sincerely,

Cindy Brandon
Executive Director
SF SAFE

Dear POA —

On behalf of The Saint Brendan's School Men's Club, and Steve Balastiei, cioppinno event chairman, we wanted to personally thank the S.F.P.O.A for your support of the annual Brian Olcomendy Cioppino dinner. Your donation was very generous. By many accounts, the event was a great success on various levels. Most notably it helps us achieve our objective of building community, and helping the school and parish in its objectives.

We also want to thank all police officers for being there whenever we need them, serving and protecting our city, communities, and families. Please know we appreciate all you do,

Sincerely,

Fabrizio D'Angelo
Cioppino event Co-chairman
St. Brendan's Men's Club

Dear SFPOA —

It was a pleasure to meet you and the other members of the SFPOA to talk to you about our work. On behalf of the Blind Babies Foundation board and staff, I would like to thank you and your organization for your generous sponsorship in the amount of \$5,000 in support of the 2009 Blind Babies Foundation Golf Tournament. We are all grateful for your sponsorship of this year's event that will support the work BBF does to help families with children who are blind or who have visual impairments.

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

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

Once again, thank you for your generous support!

Sincerely,

Bernas-Pierce, Executive Director
Blind Babies Foundation

Dear SFPOA —

The Pacifica Military Moms would like to thank you again this year for donating to the Pacifica Military Moms so that we could send packages to deployed servicemen and

women in Iraq and Afghanistan.

We send care packages to the deployed troops several times a month.

Your support means so much to them when they receive a care package from home. It really boosts their morale knowing that people at home are thinking of them.

If you receive any addresses throughout the year of deployed soldiers, please forward them to Lori Bowie in the Record Room at the Hall of Justice or send an email to pacificamilitarymoms@yahoo.com.

Thank you so much for your generosity! Please feel free to visit our website at to see pictures of some of the heroes that we

Sincerely,

Lori Bowie
SF Police Department/
Pacifica Military Moms

Dear SFPOA —

We are writing to inform you that Carpenters Local Union #22 strongly opposes the Resolution from the San Francisco Labor Council (SFLC) that supports releasing the men responsible for the slaying of Sergeant John V. Young at Ingleside Station in 1971.

We also wish to inform you that Bill Wong retired over a year ago. Unfortunately, the SFLC wrote that resolution on outdated letterhead that included his name.

The relationship we have with the San Francisco Police Officers Association is important to us. We regret that this happened and hope that you will not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any assistance in resolving this matter.

Sincerely,

**United Brotherhood of Carpenters
and Joiners of America**
Local Union No. 22

Dear Novato Residents —

Please consider voting for Pat Eklund and Denise Athas for City Council. When I was selling real estate, I had many occasions to work with Denise. One word describes her: Integrity. She brings new blood and fresh ideas to Novato. I moved here in 1977 and the town seemed to remain stagnant until Pat Eklund became mayor. Both women are hard working and dedicated to law enforcement. Both will keep our town safe and moving in a positive direction. Thank you.

Bob Brodnik
Retired SFPD

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Wife of Sgt. John Hallisy — Narcotics Bureau

Editor —

This is the speech that I gave at the National Press Club on March 12, 2009.

If you think that it is appropriate, please include it in the April edition of the *Journal*.

I've received a lot of support from current officers, retired officers and civilian employees regarding this event.

Thanks,
Jim Pera
Retired SFPD

Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen,

I flew out here from California, today, because I thought that it was important to impress upon the nation what it was like to be a police officer during the time, when the Weather Underground and its affiliate organization, the Black Liberation Army were conducting their terrorist activities against our infrastructure and in particular the police.

Let me summarize, briefly, my own experiences.

Although I did not participate in any investigations, regarding these two cowardly and despicable groups, I was at the scene of their dastardly deeds on three occasions and have knowledge of other atrocities that they participated in; incidents that caused death and destruction.

First let me start with the bombing of Park Police Station, in San Francisco, Calif., on the night of Feb. 16, 1970. I was a young 24-year-old patrolman, with a pregnant wife and infant daughter.

I was working the 7pm to 3am shift, with my partner, Bob Fife. It was a rainy night and we were heading into the station to do reports. While on Haight Street and several blocks from the station, an emergency call came out over our police radio from a Patrol Special Officer, by the name of Serge White. His call, although calm, was issued in a very urgent voice and went, "406 Park Station. Send six ambulances. We just had a bombing!"

I was driving the police vehicle and floored the accelerator, as I sped down Haight Street, rounded the corner, going south on Stanyan and then proceeded right on Kezar Drive traveling west. I entered the parking lot, of the station, where I came to a screeching halt.

There had, indeed, been a bombing and the first thing that my eyes beheld were two of my fellow police officers, Ron Martin and Al Arnaud. Ron was getting up off the ground and Al, the son of a Deputy Chief, who later resigned to become a lawyer, was propped up on one arm, obviously dazed.

Martin and Arnaud had been about to enter their police vehicle, in preparation for working the midnight watch, when the bomb went off, it's deadly fragments barely missing them. Fortunately, for them, the Sergeants Police

vehicle, which was parked between their car and the window ledge, where the bomb had been planted, took the brunt of the outward blast, saving the two officers from death.

There were gaping holes in their car,

cally trying to find out if I was alive or dead. He had been watching the late night news, when the report of the bombing was announced and had tried to call the station. Being that the phones were out and would not be up

officers would be filling out hot sheets, making entries in their notebooks and checking teletypes for wanted criminals and crimes that had occurred. The officers going off duty would be wrapping up their paper work and finishing up reports, prior to reporting off duty.

Fortunately, the bomb went off prematurely, by a few minutes and many of the officers were still upstairs in the locker room or just coming down and the office wasn't loaded with the full capacity that it would have been a few minutes later.

Inside the office were Sergeant Brian V. McDonnell, Officer Bob Fogarty, Officer Frank Rath. Nearby was Sergeant Paul Kotta.

Sergeant McDonnell was checking teletypes across the room from the window where the bomb was placed. He was looking at the results of the Police Officers Association election, in which he was running for station representative. Standing next to him was Officer Fogarty, a big friendly Irishman, who was the Patrol Wagon driver.

Officer Frank Rath, a native of New York City, was seated at the desk in a corner, bounded by the window where the bomb was placed, on the south side and another window on the east.

When the bomb exploded, Sergeant Brian McDonnell along with Officer Fogarty took the brunt of the blast. The sergeant took shrapnel, which consisted of barbed wire fence post staples through his eyes, throat and brain. Officer Fogarty, took nineteen of the staples in his body, miraculously none of them hitting any vital organs, but blinding him in one eye, an injury that ultimately led to his retiring on disability.

Frank Rath had leaned back against the east wall, from the desk where he was seated and the blast blew out the window, in from of him. He was momentarily knocked senseless and when other officers rushed downstairs to assist those who had been wounded, they found him wandering around in an incoherent daze, with his gun out, not knowing what had hit him.

Sergeant Paul Kotta, who was nearby, was knocked unconscious and several more officers sustained varying injuries, the most prominent being damage to their hearing. A few of those officers were Bob O'Sullivan, Ed Buckner and Karl Strom. The others

Personal Commentary

one of which was in the left front fender and had just missed Officer Martin's leg. Had the shrapnel been over just a few more inches, Ron Martin would have probably lost a leg or an ankle or even worse been killed. As it was, both officers were knocked down by the concussion from the bomb blast, a blast so powerful that bomb fragments were found on the roof of the three story, Polytechnic High School, almost two blocks away, across the street from Kezar Stadium.

As my partner and I alighted from our vehicle and went to assist, we were met by Sergeant Paul Kurpinski, a well liked and respected man that we all referred to as the "silver fox" because of his gray hair. He grabbed my partner and me and told us to cordon off the parking lot area, where the bomb had been planted, on the windowsill, in order to keep people out. At that point there was a concern that another bomb might be present. Furthermore, the station gas pump was in this area and its location was cause for concern.

As we were getting our instructions from Sergeant Kurpinski, Sergeant Don Lemstrom, came on the scene and Kurpinski just shook his head and stated to Lemstrom, "Brian's gone." I will never forget the look of bewilderment, on his face, when he uttered those words, nor will I forget the shock on Lemstrom's face.

My partner and I stood outside, cordoning off the area, for several hours, as investigators and brass arrived and started collecting evidence and towing vehicles. We watched as the ambulances came and left, carrying our wounded coworkers.

A large crowd gathered out in the street and was kept back from the station. Little did I know that my late father was out in the street, franti-

for several hours, he, as I'm sure others did, rushed to the station, in order to find out how their police officer family members were. Imagine the panic that must have consumed them in the hours of uncertainty that passed between the bombing and information coming out as to who was and was not a casualty.

Once released from perimeter security, I went into the station, along with my partner and saw first hand, the carnage that the bomb had reaped upon my work place and friends.

The window to the business office and an interior window, where prisoners were processed for booking were blown out. The walls and furniture were pock marked by shrapnel. Barbed wire fence post staples, from the bomb, were scattered throughout the ground floor of the station. Blood was all over the floor, desks and walls and was heaviest where Sergeant Brian V. McDonnell suffered mortal wounds to his neck, eyes, face and brain.

The station looked like a scene one might expect to see in a war, with wounded officers, blood, shattered windows, damaged walls, floors and ceilings, but then; it was a war. It was indeed an urban war and it was being conducted by subversive and murderous groups, such as the Weather Underground, whose doctrine advocated the overthrow of the U.S. government, by any means, including murder and assassination, with the goal of replacing it with communism, and by their allies in the Black Liberation Army, whose primary purpose was to kill police officers and destroy our system of government as we know it.

The bomb had been set to explode at the change of watch, when the largest number of police officers would be in the business office, coming on and going off duty. The on oncoming of-

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have slipped my mind with time.

Officer Jerry Doherty, a good friend of mine, who was a mentor and later became my Lieutenant, when I was a Sergeant, rushed to the aid of Sergeant McDonnell, ripped off his uniform shirt and applied pressure to the sergeant's neck wound, in an attempt to stop the bleeding. Unfortunately, the sergeant died a couple of days later, without regaining consciousness. He left a wife and two kids. He was forty-five years old, his life snuffed out by the murderous cowards of the Weather Underground.

As a side note and to add some more of the human element to the story I would like to add that my wife, who was pregnant, had been home, doing dishes and watching the news, just after feeding our infant daughter. She was tired and fed up with the news of rioting and unrest on the college campuses and streets of America and turned the T.V. off in disgust. She finished her household chores and went to bed. She slept peacefully through the night, knowing nothing of the deadly drama that had unfolded at Park Station. I feel very fortunate for this because I don't know what the trauma of uncertainty would have caused her or my second daughter, who she was carrying, if she had been subjected to the emotions and fear that would have accompanied the uncertainty of my status.

The next morning, I remember seasoned day watch officers coming into the station stunned and in shock. I remember one of them, in particular, an old timer who was usually a joker and a funny guy. He broke down in tears, unable to grasp what had happened to his friends and the station that he had worked at for so many years.

Think about this people and absorb the incident that I have just related to you.

Think about the tragedy that befell the McDonnell family, a family that had already lost two other members, in the line of duty, the first in the 1930s and another in the 1950s.

Think of Sgt. McDonnell, his life stolen from him, at the age of 45 and his wife and children being left without a father and husband.

Think about all the wounded and maimed officers and their families.

Think about the ignorant and clueless people who believe that just because this incident happened thirty nine years ago that "we should just all move on and let the past stay in the past." I've got news for them. The dead don't rise. They stay dead.

Think about Sergeant McDonnell

and all the murdered and maimed victims, of the Weather Underground, when you see the smug, unrepentant face of the sniveling, gutter crawling rat, who goes by the name of Professor Bill Ayers.

Think about his loathsome wife, Bernardine Dohrn, who has been named by former undercover informant, Larry Grathwohl, as the wretched sub human scumbag, who planted the bomb that killed Sergeant McDonnell.

Think about these two criminals, Ayers and Dohrn, who got off on technicalities because a judge ruled that wire tap evidence, collected by the FBI, violated the rules of evidence.

Think about Ayers' statement, after the dismissal of criminal charges, when he said, "Guilty as hell and free as a bird."

Think about Ayers and Dohrn and their positions, as educators, at two different prestigious universities, the University of Illinois, at Chicago and Northwestern, also in Chicago.

Think of how they have access to the minds of impressionable young students, in the controlled environment of academia, free to spread the radical ideas that they espouse, some of which were developed and nurtured on trips to Cuba and in consultation with agents from other communist countries. Think about the role that they play as they endeavor to corrupt a whole new generation of young, impressionable people, to their radical Marxist ideas.

Think about how Bill Ayers and Bernardine Dohrn and others of their ilk have lived and prospered in our society, a society that they had hoped to destroy.

Think about how these two Marxist Leninist traitors are allowed to breathe the air of freedom, when they should be gasping on the stagnant stench of a prison cell or better yet moldering in a post execution gravesite.

Before giving these two despicable people a forum, in your newspapers and periodicals, perhaps you should do a little bit of research, on their past and present activities. You will find that under those calm facades and intellectual masks, that Bill Ayers and his wife, Bernardine Dohrn are vicious, cowardly terrorists and are probably guilty of murder, as well.

Give up your political correctness, overcome your liberal bias and do some honest research into the background of these two criminal frauds, Ayers and Dohrn. Uncover their past and reveal them to the public. The American people deserve nothing less.

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Catastrophic illness program — family member

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News From the District Attorney's Office

DA Harris Announces 25-To-Life Sentence For Child Molester

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced today that Frederick Kilmer, age 54, CTN 2377688, was sentenced to 25 years to life in state prison, having been convicted of a third strike by a jury for sexually molesting a 13-year-old San Francisco boy. The crime was charged as a felony, as a result of the defendant's prior convictions for similar sexual assaults committed against minors.

"With this sentence, we've made sure that this habitual sex offender will never be able to manipulate or abuse children again," said District Attorney Harris. "This convicted child molester who preyed on children and showed no commitment to his rehabilitation, despite repeated incarcerations for his disgusting conduct should spend his life behind bars."

The sentence was handed down on March 20, 2009 by the Honorable Katherine Feinstein in Department 220 of San Francisco Superior Court following a month-long jury trial before Judge Feinstein in Department 17.

Victim impact statements from the victim's mother and a 38-year-old man, who was allegedly victimized by the defendant as a child, were submitted to the court.

The 38-year-old man identified only as Casey N. wrote, "First to the DA Office, thank you for your successful prosecution of this individual. Because of your hard work we are one step closer to having this child molester off the streets."

Discussing the impact of his alleged assault by the defendant in 1984, Casey N. wrote, "...his actions affected me in detrimental ways throughout my critical adolescent years, as a young adult, and even as a 38-year-old today."

In her statement the victim's mother wrote, "I would hope that the courts would hand down a 'sentence' of life, because that is the sentence my son will have – a lifetime of memories that cannot be erased."

The guilty verdicts against defen-

dant Kilmer were handed down on Friday, December 19, 2008. After deliberating for four hours, the jury found defendant Kilmer guilty of one count of annoying or molesting a child under the age of 18 in violation of Penal Code section 647.6(c)(2) having had at least one prior conviction for lewd or lascivious acts upon a child under the age of 14 in violation of Penal Code section 288(a). The jury also found true the allegations that the defendant had in fact sustained two felony convictions in the past, once in 1986 and again in 1991, for sexually assaulting boys under the age of 14.

Defendant Kilmer of San Francisco was arrested on July 21, 2008 at his home in Bernal Heights. According to court documents, defendant Kilmer had one teen boy working for him doing odd jobs on Saturdays when he offered a weekend job to the 13-year-old victim. The victim testified at trial that defendant Kilmer introduced himself to the victim one Friday afternoon as the victim was walking near his home, also located in Bernal Heights.

During back-to-back days on the witness stand, the victim described conduct by the defendant over the course of a weekend in July 2008 in which the defendant exposed the victim to sexually explicit material and behavior that made him feel increasingly uncomfortable, offended and ultimately, scared. The victim specifically testified that the defendant told inappropriate jokes, made remarks and inquiries about the victim's anatomy, and without solicitation exposed him to nudity and pornography.

Defendant Kilmer then began a process of insinuating himself into the victim's family by temporarily employing the boy's father in his contracting business over the next few days. The boy gradually revealed the sexual conduct to his parents, who in turn confirmed defendant Kilmer was a habitual sexual offender on a Meghan's Law List website, and reported the incident to authorities.

In 1984 defendant Kilmer was ar-

rested for molesting a boy with whom he had been having an inappropriate relationship for almost a year. His conduct resulted in a conviction out of Alameda County and a three-year state prison commitment. After serving a subsequent prison commitment for drug charges, defendant Kilmer was out of custody for less than a year when he became a member of a local church in Solano County. His past sexual offenses were unknown to the church or community when he expressed an interest in leading youth activities. He began hanging out with a teenage boy whose single mother he met through the church. After offering

him pay for odd jobs, and buying him gifts, he sexually assaulted the boy. Defendant Kilmer's criminal conduct resulted in a six-year prison sentence handed down in 1991.

Inspector William Murray of the San Francisco Police Department Juvenile Division and a San Francisco District Attorney's Office investigator led the inquiry into this case. Asit Panwala is the Assistant District Attorney who handled the case initially. Jerdine Clarke is the Victim Witness Advocate who assisted the victim. The conviction was secured by prosecutor Lisa Culbertson of the San Francisco District Attorney's Office.

Defendant Pleads Guilty to 2nd Degree Murder and Felony Battery

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced that Gregory Gray, age 58 and CTN 2217098, pled guilty to second degree murder for the shooting death of Bruce Franks and battery with serious bodily injury to Kalifa Coulibaly. This conviction will result in the defendant being sentenced to 19 years to life in state prison.

The prosecution is the result of an investigation by Lt. Tom Cleary and Homicide Inspector Karen Lynch of the San Francisco Police Department. Linda Allen is the Assistant District Attorney who prosecuted the case.

"Thanks to the bravery cooperation of Mr. Coulibaly and the two witnesses we were able to bring this murderer to justice," said District Attorney Kamala Harris. "My office will continue to utilize all tools and resources to prosecute crimes in this City."

Defendant Gregory Gray, of San Francisco, was arrested on May 9, 2005 in front of Conard House, a nonprofit social service and mental health provider. He was charged with one count of murder with the use of a firearm for the killing of Bruce Franks, and one count of assault with force likely to cause great bodily injury with an allegation of inflicting great bodily injury and one count of battery with serious bodily injury for injuring Kalifa Coulibaly.

The defendant pled guilty to one count of second degree murder and one felony of battery with serious bodily injury on February 26, 2009 before the Honorable Kevin McCarthy in Department 24 of San Francisco Superior Court. In pleading guilty, defendant Gray admitted to murder-

ing Bruce Franks and injuring Kalifa Coulibaly. Sentencing is scheduled before Judge McCarthy in Department 24 on March 27, 2009.

The defendant, a former employee of Conard House, was terminated approximately one year before the incident on May 9, 2005. The week before the homicide, the defendant was seen lurking around Conard House. Shortly before 9 a.m., the defendant got inside the office of the nonprofit where the first victim, Bruce Franks was at work alone before others arrived. There was an apparent struggle based on the disarray of the office. The defendant shot and killed Mr. Franks with a revolver.

Soon thereafter, the second victim, Kalifa Coulibaly arrived at work. Mr. Coulibaly could not get inside because the office was dead-bolted from inside. He knocked on the door then the defendant opened the door with blood on his face. The Defendant was holding a shotgun pointed downward and told Mr. Coulibaly to get inside. Mr. Coulibaly grabbed the shotgun and struggled with the defendant in an attempt to control the shotgun and prevent the defendant from firing it. Two men who were outside on the sidewalk saw the struggle so they assisted Mr. Coulibaly. The three men together disarmed and detained the defendant until police arrived. Mr. Coulibaly suffered a dislocated shoulder and fractured ankle during the struggle. The revolver was found inside the office near Mr. Franks' body. The police also found additional ammunition for both the shotgun and the revolver at the scene.

Defendants To Be Arraigned for Drug Dealing and Murder in Tenderloin

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced today that 24-year-old Barbara Barnes, 28-year-old Javon Fee, and 31-year-old Rorico Reyna, will be arraigned tomorrow, Friday, March 20, 2009 in Department 11 of San Francisco Superior Court on felony charges related to the murder of Latesha Hunter and attempted murder of John Iglehart during an apparent dispute over drugs in Tenderloin.

The defendants originally appeared in Department 11 of San Francisco Superior Court for arraignment on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, but the matter was put over until Friday, March 20, 2009. Each defendant faces one count of murder, one count of attempted murder, five counts of assault with a firearm, and one count of conspiracy to distribute cocaine base. Javon Fee and Barbara Barnes are also charged with being felons in possession of a firearm.

The District Attorney has charged the three defendants with conspiring to distribute cocaine and murdering

Latesha Hunter while attempting to murder John Iglehart in retaliation for the theft of drugs. After the drug theft on February 23, 2009, Barnes telephoned Fee, who arrived at Turk and Taylor Streets in a silver Mercedes SUV with Reyna. Fee and Reyna confronted Iglehart about the drugs. Fee directed Barnes to "get the thing" from the car. Barnes went to the Mercedes and gave a semi-automatic handgun to Fee, who then opened fire. A total of six people were hit by gunfire, including Latesha Hunter who was killed.

San Francisco Police arrested Barnes on March 14, 2009, when she was seen driving in the South of Market area of San Francisco. The same day, San Francisco Police also arrested Javon Fee and Rorico Reyna in Oakland, California. The arrests are the result of the investigation by Homicide Inspectors Antonio Casillas and Tom Walsh, with the assistance of numerous other members of the San Francisco Police Department. Linda Allen is the Assistant District Attorney prosecuting the case.

DA Harris Charges Middle School Teacher with Sexually Abusing a Student

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced the charging and arraignment of 45-year-old Stephen Pedersen, CTN 2410517, for having an improper physical relationship with a student.

"Under no circumstances can a teacher be allowed to violate the trust of their students," said District Attorney Kamala D. Harris. "Using one's authority to take advantage of a child is criminal."

According to the court documents, defendant Pedersen is alleged to have developed a romantic relationship with a student at the Marina Student

School where he taught and coached for the last nine years. Defendant Pedersen took the child on romantic dates at various places in the City, including the movies. The improper relationship lasted for more than a year until a fellow school employee saw the defendant kissing the student in the school gym on January 23, 2009 and reported it to authorities.

The defendant was placed on administrative leave immediately following the report of inappropriate conduct. Defendant Pedersen was arrested on March 17, 2009, and is currently in custody.

Bad Kid Calls

A Perspective on the Death of a Child

By Anne Bisek, Psy.D. Submitted by Sgt. Mary Dunnigan Behavioral Science Unit

Why are bad kid calls different? Why do they affect us so much?

Critical Incidents, such as the death of a child are not isolated events in the life of a police officer. He or she brings family history, beliefs about people, and past work experience to every call.

A call for service becomes personal when you can identify with the victim. For example, if you have a child the same age, or have a similar family background to the victim (i.e. you are a stepfather and you respond to a child killed by her stepfather). Perhaps are in a similar stage of life as the family. If your son is two months old, a SIDS call may impact you differently than other officers.

One common belief is that parents should protect their children. When that belief is confronted with the reality of an abusive parent who then murders their child, it becomes

a stressful call.

Past work experience also influences the impact of this type of call. If you have successfully negotiated a child out of the line of fire during a domestic dispute once, but the next call involving a child goes sideways, a sense of failure may follow. This thinking may be irrational, but it can also be painful. Training, training, training! If you cope by relying on your training and experience then you may feel helpless if the child died before you arrived on scene.

Blaming a drug dealer for getting shot, or a smoker for dying of lung cancer are ways to distance yourself from tragedy. Because children are basically innocent, another typical coping tool is missing from the toolbox. If you can't blame the victim, do you start to blame yourself? Do you find yourself thinking, "If only I had...then the child would be alive"?

The death of a child call can leave an impact when the first responder can identify with the victim, and when usual coping strategies aren't

available.

So what do you suggest to a peer who has had a bad kid call?

- Share how you coped in a similar situation/what worked for you Q
• Offer to call a Police Chaplain
• Ask for the CIRT team to respond for support, or call the Behavioral Science Unit for a debriefing of the incident (415) 837-0875
• Exercise off-duty, 30 minutes of cardio

How much time do you spend at the range before you qualify? Being prepared for a shoot out is important because your physical safety could be at stake. Perhaps little can prepare you psychologically for responding to the death of a child. However, it is important that you keep good mental health habits so that stress can be mitigated if possible. You might consider spending time with friends outside of law enforcement, and making physical exercise a routine part of your week. Also important to good mental health is enjoying your favorite hobbies. How long has it been since you have gone

fishing, mountain biking or camping? Do you have a "whatever" approach to your personal time, or are you committed to taking care of yourself and your significant others as well as you take care of your partner?

What do you advise a peer NOT to do?

- Pretend it did not affect you
• Drink too much alcohol the first few days after the call
• "Woulda, coulda, shoulda" or magical/irrational thinking
• Isolate yourself

Anne Bisek, Psy.D. is a clinical psychologist in Fremont, Ca. Her practice focuses on first responders. She is the mental health professional on the San Mateo CISD team, and also provides debriefings for the California Highway Patrol. She is a volunteer at The West Coast Post trauma Retreat Center, and a member of the San Francisco Police Department's Psychological Professional Group.

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Each year the IAWP hosts an Annual International Training Conference that provides excellent opportunities

for professional police-related training, networking, mentoring, and development of friendships with officers and criminal justice professionals from around the world. Scholarships, Recognition and Officer of the Year Award programs are an integral part of the annual conferences and vital to furthering the mission of the IAWP.

We invite you to visit our website at www.iawp.org for more information on the history of IAWP, EEO issues, award categories, membership and scholarship programs, Speaker's

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Advances in LASIK and other vision correction procedures increase approval in extreme and physically demanding professions

All-laser LASIK cleared for NASA astronauts and U.S. military personnel

San Francisco police officers considering vision correction have another reason to be confident in LASIK, now that the National Aeronautics and Space Agency (NASA) has approved the advanced, all-laser LASIK technologies for use on U.S. astronauts. More than 12 million LASIK procedures have been performed to-date, making it the most common elective procedure in the U.S. But it wasn't until LASIK developed into an all-laser procedure that NASA approved it for use on pilots, and mission and payload specialists who face extreme, physically demanding conditions in space. The recent NASA decision was made following review of extensive military clinical data using a combination of two technologies: the femtosecond IntraLase laser to lift the top layer of the

cornea and the wavefront laser to then change the shape of the inner cornea so that patients can see better without glasses and contacts. This combination of laser technologies is called the all-laser LASIK and it has been found to provide superior safety and vision compared to the earlier methods that involved the use of only one laser.

"Being ejected from an F16 or subjected to the G-forces of atmospheric blastoff is as extreme as it gets", said Dr. Ella Faktorovich, Director of Refractive Surgery at Pacific Vision Institute in San Francisco and the author "Femtodynamics", the first book on femtosecond laser application to eye surgery. "With the combination of two lasers, instead of one, as with the earlier forms of the procedure, even patients with the most demanding occupations and life styles can be confident that they will have improved vision with the procedure that has proven to be extremely safe as well." All-laser LASIK has also been cleared

for U.S. military personnel, including Air Force pilots.

Advances in screening technology increase safety

Sophisticated screening technology is used to determine if LASIK is the right choice for the patient or if another procedure will be a better option.

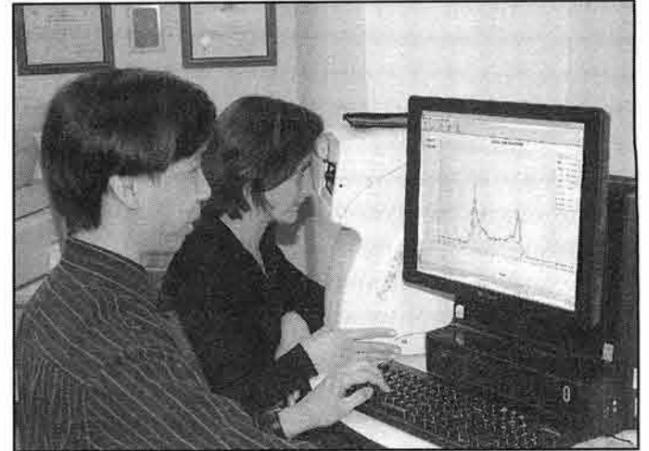
Traditional screening methods involve measuring prescription, checking eye health, and, determining if the cornea is smooth enough and thick enough for LASIK. Over the past several years corneal screening technology evolved - we can now detect very subtle irregularities or "bumps" on the front surface of the cornea. Some times these bumps are so subtle that they are not visible when the pictures of the front surface of the cornea are taken directly. These bumps can only be seen when the pictures are taken of the back surface of the cornea. The bumps will appear as shadows. Patients who have irregularities on their outer corneal surface may not be good candidates for LASIK. These patients may do better with other procedures, such as PRK (photorefractive keratectomy), for example, or ICL (collamer lens implants). With the help of the advanced imaging technology, patients can be steered toward the safest procedure for them.

Another advance in screening for LASIK came with the introduction of innovative technology called Ocular Response Analyzer (ORA). With ORA, we can determine if the patient's cornea is strong enough to have laser vision correction. Up to now, we could only take pictures of the cornea and measure how thick it is. From this, we would infer if the cornea is strong enough for laser vision correction. With ORA, we can measure corneal strength and flexibility directly. The measurements are done much like we do most of the other tests in the eye doctor's office - the patient sits at the machine with their chin resting comfortably and looks at the light in front of them. A quick, gentle puff of air is used to determine what is called "corneal resistance factor" and other features of corneal strength. The result - added confidence that if LASIK is recommended, it is the right choice.

Non-laser options in vision correction surgery

While LASIK is one of the most common procedures performed, it is not right for everyone. Patients with certain prescriptions, corneal features, and vision needs may do better with non-laser procedures such as implantable collamer lenses (ICL), for example. ICL is a biocompatible collagen placed behind the cornea. While it provides a permanent correction, the ICL may be removed or replaced if the prescription or future technology makes it appropriate. Officer Anthony Calasanz of SFPD came to a LASIK vision screening hosted by Pacific Vision Institute at the at POA building last year. During his consultation

process, it was determined that due to his corneal shape, LASIK will not give him the best vision possible. Instead, ICL procedure was recommended. He underwent ICL procedure with excellent results. "I have worn contacts for over 15 years" says Officer Calasanz. "When I would wake up, everything was blurry until I put on my contact lenses. Before I went to sleep, I would



Ocular Response Analyzer is used to test the strength of the cornea to determine eligibility for LASIK

have to remove my contacts, which was rather cumbersome. After my eye procedure, my eye sight improved greatly. Now everything is clear, and I don't have to worry about losing a contact lens."

Options to see better without reading glasses

In the upcoming "Ask the Doctors" column of San Francisco Chronicle, Dr. Faktorovich answers one of the most common questions people over 40 years old have for their eye doctor: "Is there anything for me other than reading glasses to see small print?" The reason we need reading glasses as we get older is that the lens inside our eye loses flexibility, making it difficult to see up-close. Non surgical options can help, such as bifocal contact lenses or monovision contact lenses, where one eye is corrected for distance and the other eye is corrected for near vision.

Laser vision correction is a popular choice for many people facing the loss of near vision, and it involves monovision LASIK or PRK. "I've worn glasses for over 40 years," says Officer Alex Takaoka of SFPD (Northern Police Station) who had monovision LASIK at Pacific Vision Institute, "I couldn't see distance or read without glasses or contacts. My drawer was full of glasses - old prescriptions, prescription sunglasses, shooting glasses, bifocals, and each one costing about \$500. Advances in technology, have given me 20/20. My sight picture for rifle/pistol competition target shooting has never been clearer. And I don't need reading glasses."

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"It was obvious that bad vision was a safety issue at work. Not being able to see clearly, especially when working in the Portero was not only dangerous, it was stupid. My safety, my life, and my partner's life were definitely worth the price. I really don't have to think about my vision being a problem now whether at work or at home. Although you only devote a small amount of time each day to putting in and taking out contacts or finding your glasses, it is just one less thing that I have to be concerned with. And with life becoming more complicated with each day, every little bit helps."

— Officer Richard Ernst, SFPD

"Vision Correction has truly enhanced my work and life. I'm able to work longer hours without worrying about my contact lenses drying out. The care and service I received at Pacific Vision was superior and I highly recommend Dr. Faktorovich and her staff to anyone thinking about laser vision correction."

— Training Officer Donna Obeid, SFPD

"I decided to get LASIK done because I hate wearing glasses. It was something I thought about for a while so after doing some research, I decided to go ahead and get it done at Pacific Vision Institute. Now I can wear nonprescription sunglasses without clip-ons. I was working in the rain a few days ago and did not have to wipe my glasses of the rain drops blocking my vision. That was nice."

— Officer Dien Ha, SFPD

"My result was excellent! Better than I could have every expected... It is so nice to no longer have to deal with the hassles of contacts or glasses. I would definitely recommend Pacific Vision Institute to my friends and colleagues."

— Officer John VanKoll, SFPD

SFPOA Helps Salvage Little League Season

By Kevin Martin

On Friday, March 13, 2009, Mr. Tony Hodges, President of the North Vallejo Little League, reported the theft of all the baseball uniforms and equipment earmarked for this year's Little League season. The theft occurred from a storage shed not far from the field where the games were to be played. President Hodges expressed fear that the baseball season was in jeopardy, which would adversely affect dozens of youngsters this spring and summer.

Word quickly spread of the theft as local television and radio stations aired the story. A fund was soon set up and donations were requested. Acting on phone calls from SFPOA members and from the public, the POA Community Services Committee elected to donate \$2,500 toward the North Vallejo Little League.

Members of the POA Executive Board along with officials from the Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame and In-fineon Raceway of Sonoma California met with Little League President Tony Hodges at the baseball field on Thursday, March 19, 2009 to present a total of \$11,500 to the cause.

To date, over \$13,000 has been raised in a short amount of time.

This is a story that tugs at the

heartstrings. Baseball means so much to these youngsters, and having a season senselessly stolen out from under them is mean-spirited and demoralizing. Our Association was called upon to pinch hit for the League. I think we hit a grand slam, and I am very proud of this organization. League President Hodges expressed his great appreciation, as did the little leaguers who were also on hand for the event.

I received a phone call on Friday, March 20th from President Hodges who once again thanked the POA for our generosity and for coming to the aid of so many youngsters so quickly.

If you are interested in making a donation of money or baseball equipment to the North Vallejo Little League, please contact President Antonio Hodges at "hodges1north@yahoo.com". Thank you for your consideration.



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PAL Corner

By Rick Bruce
SFPAL President

On October 20, 2009, a gala dinner will be held at the Irish Cultural Center in recognition of the fifty year anniversary of the San Francisco Police Activities League. At this dinner, the inaugural class of the SFPAL's Hall of Fame will also be enshrined

For the past two years, a committee of PAL Board members has been poring through lists of past PAL athletes and coaches in an attempt to find those individuals most deserving of membership in the PAL Hall of Fame. The fact is, pretty much every kid who played ball in San Francisco in the 1960's and 1970's was a PAL athlete, so this wasn't an easy task.

As of this writing, this is who we have chosen thus far:

Donald Strickland. Outstanding PAL football player and current 49er defensive back. Just as important, Donald continues to give back to the kids currently playing for the PAL football program, never missing an opportunity to make an appearance at one of their functions to offer a few words of encouragement.

Kelly Waterfield. Retired SFPD officer and former PAL football director. Kelly volunteered as a coach for the PAL football program for three decades, coaching and mentoring hundreds of Western Addition kids along the way. Kelly is still a legend among our PAL football families, many of which have been with our program for generations.

Thelma Williams. Thelma coached in our PAL pee-wee baseball program for many years, coaching not only hundreds of the city's kids, but scores of San Francisco police officers as well. Thelma is no longer with us, but was present several years ago when the baseball diamond at Glen Park was named in her honor.

Earl Gonsolin. Earl is a retired police officer who pretty much single-handedly ran our boxing program for more than two decades. Earl coached and mentored many young men who went on to tremendous success in the ring, including numerous Golden Gloves champions and one national champion. Earl also coached many future police officers, including Dan Hance.

Kevin Restani. Kevin played lots of PAL ball before starring at Riordan and then USF en route to a seven year career in the NBA. Kevin then played several more years of professional basketball in Europe before returning to the states. Kevin continues to give back to San Francisco by working within the SF school district, and still plays competitively at the Olympic Club all these years later.

Rotea Gilford. Rotea was a San Francisco police officer who coached and mentored hundreds of San Francisco kids back in the 1960's, including a young Kevin Restani. Kevin fondly remembers how great it was to be coached and mentored by a real police officer who treated him "...like one of his sons."

Joe Mollo. Joe is another PAL legend (and retired police officer) who not only developed and ran our judo program, but spent many years teaching police recruits the fine arts of self defense and physical conditioning. Joe developed scores of judo champions and also served on the PAL board for many years.

Ray Musante. Ray is a retired police officer who ran our PAL cadet program for many years. Ray was able to mentor many cadets who went on to join the SFPD and serve successfully as San Francisco police officers.

Pete Gardner. Pete was a San Francisco police officer and started the first PAL sports team ever, a soccer team. Pete went on to found the PAL soccer league, and served as its director for many years. Pete had a long and distin-

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guished career teaching aspiring police officers at the City College of SF, and two of his sons (Dan and Matt) still serve in the department today.

Jim Meyer. Jim is a retired police officer and has been involved with the PAL since its inception. Jim ran the PAL track program for 18 years, and continues to serve as an active board member to this day, fifty years after he first began volunteering!

Gus Bruneman. Gus was one of our PAL founders (along with some other great San Francisco officers who understood the need for such an organization). Gus, and some of the other early guys, actually went to the SF Police Credit Union and took out personal loans to keep the PAL afloat in its early days. According to Jim Meyer, were it not for Gus (and a few others), we wouldn't even have a PAL!

In addition to the outstanding PAL participants listed above, these four individuals participated in the PAL in their youth and went on to very successful careers in the SFPD:

Dan Hance. Dan was a great PAL boxer (coached by Earl Gonsolin) and won a local Golden Gloves title. Dan went on to be one of the most respected inspectors in our department's long history. Dan continues to coach boxers even today, and is training a young man who is currently ranked as one of the top amateurs in California.

Gary Delagnes. Gary was an outstanding PAL baseball player, and went

on to excel at both Saint Ignatius and USF (where he is a member of the USF baseball Hall of Fame). Gary has had a long and distinguished career in the SFPD and currently leads the SFPOA as its president.

Ed Chow. Ed was a highly regarded PAL basketball player and starred at both Washington High and USF prior to playing some pro ball in China. Ed has been a standout in the police basketball league for many years, and has been a well regarded member of the department for almost thirty years.

Heather Fong. Heather was both a PAL cadet and a civil service cadet, and rose through the ranks to eventually become chief of the SFPD. Heather continues to serve in that role and plans to retire in the near future after spending more than thirty years in the SFPD.

Please remember that this is just the first class, and that many very worthy candidates were not chosen this first year, but will definitely be going into the PAL Hall of Fame in the years to come. Note also that we have yet to decide on a representative from our very successful cheer program. Our cheer program is recognized as one of the top programs in the nation, and one of our teams is actually the reigning national champion!

More information about our Fifty Year Anniversary / Hall of Fame celebration will be forthcoming in the next few months.

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8th Annual Guns & Hoses Charity Tennis Challenge San Francisco Tennis Club

By Robin Matthews
BALEAF Treasurer

It's that time of the year again for our upcoming benefit tennis challenge between members of the San Francisco Police Department and the San Francisco Fire Department versus members of the San Francisco Tennis Club. The 8th Annual Guns & Hoses Charity Tennis Challenge will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2009 at the San Francisco Tennis Club at 5th Street and Brannan. The tournament will be held from 1600-1900 hrs, followed by dinner and a raffle from 1900-2200 hrs. A silent auction will also be running throughout the event.

Proceeds from the event will once again be split between two very worthwhile organizations — the Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (BALEAF), which provides support to the law enforcement family who have had members killed in the line of duty, have been seriously injured, or who have experienced a catastrophic event, and the San Francisco Firefighter's Toy Program, which provides toys to needy children.

If anyone is interested in playing tennis at the event, please let me know and I'll send you a player application. This is a fun, but competitive event and people of any playing ability

is most welcome (you'll be paired with someone of equal playing abilities). If you don't play, but your teenaged child does, we'd love to have him or her play, as well. Players fees are \$100.00, which includes tennis, dinner, beverages (soft drinks, water, beer, or wine), and a t-shirt. For those of you who would just like to come for the dinner and cheer on your favorite player, the cost is just \$30.00, which includes dinner and beverages.

Payment can be paid by cash or check; checks should be made out to the "Guns & Hoses Charity Tennis Challenge" and sent either to myself at 850 Bryant Street, Room 577-4, or mailed to Bob Lopez at 828 Maple Avenue in Burlingame, CA 94010. All donations to the event are tax deductible.

Raffle tickets are currently being sold throughout the Department for \$5.00 a piece or 5 for \$20.00. Some of the prizes for the raffle include hotel stays at the Bay Park Hotel in Monterey, the Palace Hotel, The Stanford Court Hotel, and the Intercontinental Hotel in San Francisco, dinners at MoMo's,



the Paragon, Joes of Westlake, BJ's, and Val's, magnums of wine, cruises on the Bay, and many, many more!

The following Department members can be contacted to purchase raffle tickets:

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- Officer Kevin Martin — Southern
- Lt. Michael Connolly — Bayview
- Sergeant Larry Gray — Mission
- Captain Terri Barrett — Park
- Officer Lorie Brophy — Richmond
- Lieutenant Miriam Pengel — Taraval
- Lieutenant Tim Foley — Academy
- Lieutenant Bill Darr — Airport

Inspector Robin Matthews — EEO
In addition, if anyone has any items that you would like to donate for the silent auction, or know of any businesses, restaurants, stores, or anyone else that might be willing to donate gift certificates or items to our silent auction, please contact me and I'll be happy to take them off your hands! Donor request letters can be provided, if needed.

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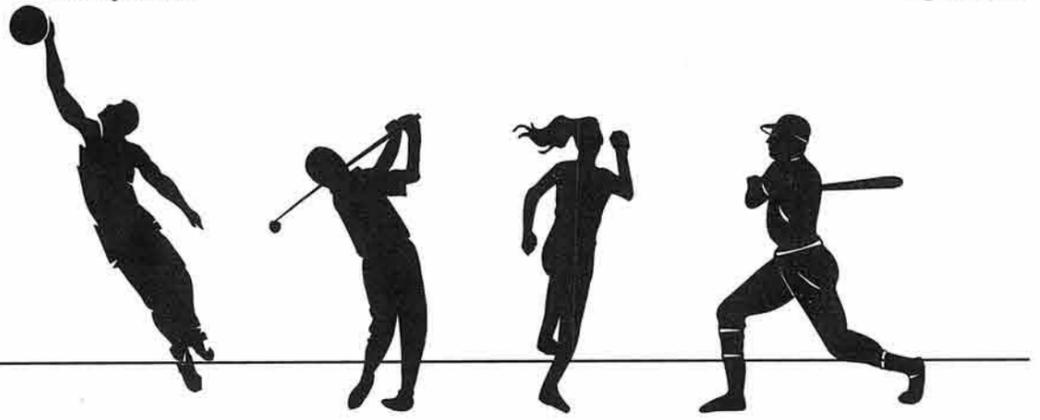
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Sports



NICK'S NOTES

By Nick Shihadeh,
Journal Sports Editor

Department Hoops

CHECK IT OUT: I want to congratulate the Bayview Pitbulls on their department basketball championship when they recently disposed of the surging Northern Bulldogs by a score of 40-31 (see article by Commish Alan Honniball). Credit goes to coach/player Erick Solares who did a masterful job juggling the many players he had to choose from when playing games during the season and playoffs. Kudos to T. Fong, AZ Castro, L. Jackson, J. Chow, T. Moran, S. Coleman, J. Kirchner, M. Cabuntala, D. Thompson and the rest. Northern on the other hand made a nice run from being the last seed going into the playoffs; so, congrats goes to Tim "Big Bird" Flaherty along with Brian "The Machine" Guiney and company for their great effort as well. Speaking of Brian Guiney, I'm sending condolences out to you and your family in the recent passing of your dad.

On a side note for the department basketball league, Commissioner Al Honniball has been looking for someone to take his place for next season. A name who comes to mind is Central Station's Mike Costello. He is someone who is a good organizer and knows how to get things done — I think that he would be an excellent choice to be the next b-ball "commish" if he



decides to step up and take the job.

I also want to mention that this was Narcotics' John Hallisy's last season playing department basketball. He had his last day on duty on Friday March 20th and declared that he wouldn't be playing hoops in the future as a retired member. I'm still hoping to see him on the softball field this season playing as a retired member as I assume it may be his last season there too. Good luck to you John; you will be thoroughly missed.

Department Softball

In mid March, the SF Police Softball League season started. Early results in the B Division showed that the Airport Bureau had an easy time against the SF Sheriffs with an 11-2 victory in week 1; also, Taraval/Richmond got a forfeit victory over Daly City PD. The Tenderloin Rats played a decisive

game against the Sheriffs in week two when they won 21-7.

The A Division had what was supposed to be a good match-up between the Mission Diablos and the Bayview Pitbulls in week 1; but, it turned into a laughter for the Pitbulls when they won 11-2. The Inspectors won a good game that took place against Southern Station by a score of 18-14. Another good match-up was the Park Islanders vs GTF/Narcotics. Park won this one by a score of 14-12.

GTF/Narc bounced back the following week against Airport when they won 17-9. The reason that they played a B Division team is that it was an inter-league game that doesn't count in the standings. This is something new that Commissioner Kevin Worrell installed into this season's schedule. Another inter-league game was between the Northern Bulldogs and the Rats that took place in week one. The Bulldogs squeaked by the Rats by a score of 14-12. I'll have more results along with the standings in next month's column

One more note about the league is the softball comeback Matt Gooden is making with Southern this season. He took an eight year respite from softball before deciding to have another go at it in March. It's good to have you back Matt. Others playing again after long breaks are Mark Madsen and Bob "Hammerhead" Malliaras (both of the Hondas) who haven't played in five years and three years respectively. They're both now playing as free agents for the Airport Bureau.

Washington HS Sports Hall of Fame

I recently spoke with Tom "Lumpy" Lovrin (Airport Range) and he told me about the Washington High School Sports Hall of Fame dinner he attended on March 20th at the Irish Center. He also pointed out to me that Al McCann (retired Traffic co.) was inducted for his excellence in football, baseball and wrestling back when he attended Washington (Class of '70). While in the SFPD, McCann played in the softball league for many years crushing the ball as a left handed hitter at the plate. He also represented the department very well on many all star softball teams over the years. When it came to football, he was a hard hitting linebacker for the SFPD Centurians before they stopped playing back in 1987.

When inducted to the Washington Hall of Fame, McCann joined other department members who were inducted in the past that includes: Kelly Waterfield (retired Inspector) in basketball, Eddy Chow (Richmond Station) in basketball, Damon Kieve (Tactical Co.) for playing and coaching football, Michael Moody (Mission Station) for football and basketball, and don't forget Rob "Robbo" Fung (North-



Airport Bureau's Joe Finigan gets up close to a gator in Myrtle Beach S. Carolina

ern Station) for playing and coaching baseball. I wanted to acknowledge that Captain Keith Sanford (Airport Bureau) was in attendance along with retired Chief Tony Ribera. Both of them played football when they went to Washington back in their day, and Chief Ribera is also on the Board of Directors of the Washington HS Athletic program. Once again, congrats to Al McCann for a well deserved honor.

SFPD Pistol Team

Wendell Jones of the CPC/Tactical Unit is putting together a pistol team to compete in the Western Police/Fire Games that will take place in Santa Clarita, Ca from June 13th to the 20th. The competition will feature "police action" and "run and gun" pistol courses. Anyone interested in participating in this event can contact Jones either through department mail to Building 606 or call him at 415-671-3100 during swing watch hours. Also, for more information about the games in general can go online and type in www.wspfg2009.org.

Joe Finigan's Celebrity Corner

It's now time to discuss the Airport Bureau's Joe Finigan and his brushes with celebrities on or off the job. In the picture that accompanies this column, you can see him getting up close and personal with an alligator while on a golf course in Myrtle Beach, S.C. He would like to think that this gator at one time or another was contacted by Steve Irwin back when he was alive. I guess that could be considered being indirectly in contact with a celebrity. As exciting for him as that experience was, unfortunately Joe missed out on another opportunity to meet someone famous. When the popular Yan Can Cook was seen in SFO back in February, Joe was not around for a possible "meet and greet." I'll keep you posted on any more celebrity sightings or missed opportunities by Finigan.

It's a Sad Time

Finally, I want to dedicate this column to the four Oakland Police Officers who were tragically killed on March 21st. This is written in honor of Sgt. Ervin Romans, Sgt. Daniel Sakai, Off. John Hege, and Sgt. Mark Dunakin. May God bless them and their families....

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The Loons Nest Report

By Ed Garcia, Co. A

Richins & Schmolke in Wire-to-Wire Victory at Shadow Lakes

The Loons Nest Golf Club got the 2009 season off to big start with the Two-Man, Best Ball Championship at the Shadow Lakes Golf Club in Brentwood. Sixty-four players made it out to the far reaches of the delta country on a cool, breezy day with blue skies. Rain fell on the three days prior and followed that night as well, but the Loon's luck held out again as it had at Monarch Bay in December.

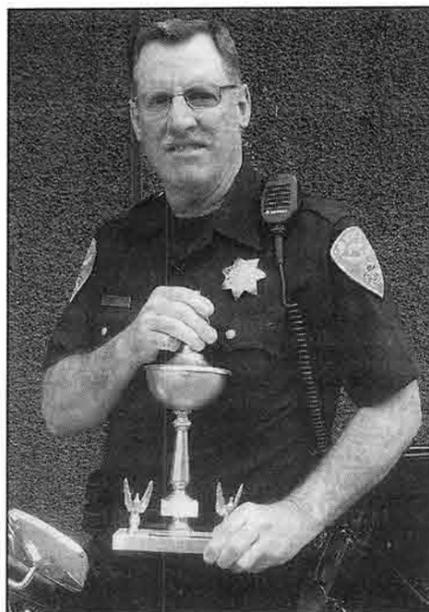
Breaking fast out of the starting gate was the Central Station team of Kevin Richins and John Schmolke. Being a Brentwood resident, Richins used his local knowledge to team advantage and aided partner John Schmolke who is a long time first flight powerhouse. Schmolke birdied the opening hole, which gave the team a net eagle. Richins and Schmolke held or were tied for the lead through the entire day. Richins and Schmolke



posted a team score of 29 on the front side, followed by the teams Enright & Pinotti, Dudley & Finigan and Garcia & O'Connor with scores of 30. Posting front side team scores of 31 were Anzore & Warnke, Chang & Wong, Dyer & Kovaleff and Johnson & Finigan.

Heading toward the finish the team of Brophy and Morimoto got hot and fired a team 30 on the backside, as did the teams of Chang & Wong and Anzore & Warnke. Garcia & O'Connor were in the hunt until they took the gas with a team bogie on the 18th hole. A team bogie on the 17th hole took victory out of the hands of Chang & Wong and the Richins & Schmolke

2009 Two-Man Champions



John Schmolke



Kevin Richins

team finished with two team birdies.

The photo finish showed three teams tied at 61, Richins & Schmolke, Anzore & Warnke, and Chang & Wong. The U.S.G.A. tiebreaker was employed, with victory and the title of Champions to Richins & Schmolke. Anzore & Warnke took second place and Chang & Wong took third. Three teams finished at 62, Brophy & Morimoto, Lum & Lee and the Richmond Station team of Sorgie & Noto. Sorgie & Noto played a fine backside in their late charge. The tiebreakers went to Brophy & Morimoto and Lum & Lee respectively.

Ed Anzore took the Long Drive award with a shot of 286 yards through a cool, stiff breeze. It was a great effort that was challenged by numerous Loon powerhouses, but nobody matched the Anzore rope. In "closest to the hole"

competition, the first place winners were Tim Brophy, Steve Morimoto, Pierre Martinez and Ed Garcia. Second place prizes went to Tim Lee, Ed Anzore, Tim Brophy, and new member Ryan Gonzales of T.T.F.

Two fine individual efforts were noted, as current Club Champion Scott Warnke and 2007 Holiday Classic Champion Steve Morimoto both fired two over par rounds of 74 on the day.

The 19th hole hosted the awards ceremony, as the Loons completed the first event of their 22nd season of tournament golf. The Loons will be making their seasonal migration to the Monterey area for the Spring Championship taking place on April 1st and 2nd. Del Monte Golf Club and the Links at Spanish Bay are the scheduled venues for those dates.

Loons Nest Scoreboard

Shadow Lakes G.C. Two-Man Best Ball Championship

| Players | Net Score | Players | Net Score |
|------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| Richins-Schmolke | 61 | Ferrando-Korte | 66 |
| Anzore-Warnke | 61 | McMillan-Pearson | 67 |
| Chang-Wong | 61 | Ochoa-Pomicpic | 68 |
| Brophy Morimoto | 62 | Crenshaw-Gonzales | 68 |
| Lee-Lum | 62 | Mahoney-Mahoney | 68 |
| Noto-Sorgie | 62 | Hettrich-Watts | 70 |
| Garcia-O'Connor | 63 | Fontana-Wyman | 71 |
| Senkir-Sullivan | 63 | Neeson-Wismer | 72 |
| Flores-McCann | 63 | Barger-Moore | 74 |
| Balma-Karmenphet | 64 | Milligan-Tapang | 74 |
| Dyer-Kovaleff | 65 | Geraty-Martinez | 74 |
| Dudley-Finigan | 65 | Chapman-Pursely | 79 |
| Sherry-Vernengo | 65 | Borges-Fergus | 80 |
| Enright-Pinotti | 66 | Gonzales-Yesitis | 81 |
| Kranci-Landi | 66 | DeRosa-Torrise | 81 |
| Finigan-Johnson | 66 | | |

Close to Hole Winners

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| Hole #4 1st | Garcia | 8'2" | 2nd | Brophy | 10'0" |
| Hole #7 1st | Martinez | 5'8" | 2nd | Gonzales | 7'0" |
| Hole #14 1st | Brophy | 7'6" | 2nd | Lee | 9'10" |
| Hole #17 1st | Morimoto | 8'10" | 2nd | Anzore | 9'4" |

Long Drive Champion — Ed Anzore 286 yards

The men and women of the SFPOA extend condolences to the family and friends of Brian Choy, a long time associate of Ellis Brooks.

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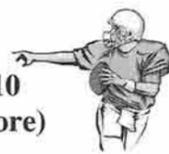
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SFPD B-Ball Championship Game

By Alan Honniball
Burglary

The Championship game pitted #8 Northern vs #7 Bayview. Both teams had a tough but surprising outcome to get to the final game by beating the top seeds in the play-offs. Northern was perhaps the most surprising team as they beat #1 Narcotics who was the favorite going into the season to repeat as champions. Bayview on the other hand saw their season start off slowly, but they finished the season on a roll as they also beat another top seed, #2 CHP, to start the play-offs

The game started off slowly as both teams were cold from either the ice box temperature of Kezar Pavilion or great defense. I think it was the defense as a total of 6 points were scored in the first 8 minutes of the game. Bayview got the hot hand first to build a 12-3 lead, on baskets by Tommy Fong and Erick Solares leading the way. Northern battled back with baskets by Brian Guiney and Ryan Jones to battle back and cut the deficit to 2 points at half time 14-16.

Opening the second half, Bayview got an inspiring pep talk from coach Solares and saw his team jump out to a 7 point lead with great defense and key shots by Fong and Tom Moran. More importantly, Bayview's bench kept up the intensity of play, with great contributions from 'AZ' Castro, Steve Coleman, Jason Kirchner, Marvin Cabuntala and Dack Thompson who supplied the cheers. Though the momentum was tilting to Bayview, Northern battled back slowly led by Mike Tursi, Chris Knight, Steve Wood, as well as Jones and Guiney. For every basket Northern made though, Bayview had a response and kept the lead at 5 midway through the second half.

Needing a spark, Guiney attempted to flare up his team as he pushed his way past several Bayview players as he pleaded for a foul call on a tremendous block by Moran. From my view it was a great block, but Moran got him with the body. Even though it was a no call, Northern couldn't convert on their

possession and Bayview answered with several baskets to push the lead to 9.

From there, Northern simply couldn't match Bayview's tough man on man defense (Leon Jackson and Jeff Chow) nor their bench; thus, Bayview ended Northern's Cinderella season and won the game by a score of 40-31. Great job to the two coaches and organizers of the teams, Erick Solares and Tim Flaherty for getting their teams to the Finals. They especially deserve credit for dishing out playing time for everyone while keeping team chemistry while still winning.

On a side note, the year end Basketball awards were handed out and the votes tallied. The refs vote on the awards with my blessings. Players are considered on all aspects of the game including and most importantly how much a player WHINES about foul calls. With this in mind, half of the offensive stars in the league were eliminated as our main ref, Joe, stated: "they take too much time complaining rather than just running back on defense which is major consideration for the award."

A special award was given out this year as we are going to lose one of the all time great players and persons in this league, John Hallisy. Since I've been playing in this league in the early 80's, John has been at everyone of his team's games through thick and thin. Whether he plays 40 minutes or 2 minutes, you will never see him complaining or whining. He just shows up prepared to play every game. Screw 10-B, court, demos and traffic; if there's a game to be played, John will show up. Though I know you said your "hangin-em up" after this year John, you're still welcome to play for my team.

Results with the final voting at season end:

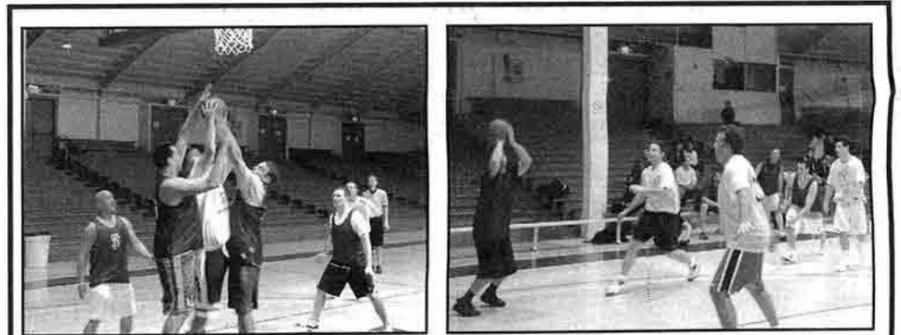
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Jason Lynch, Inspectors
- Rookie of the Year
Nathan Chew, Ingleside
- Lifetime Award
John Hallisy, Narcotics



Northern Station Champions

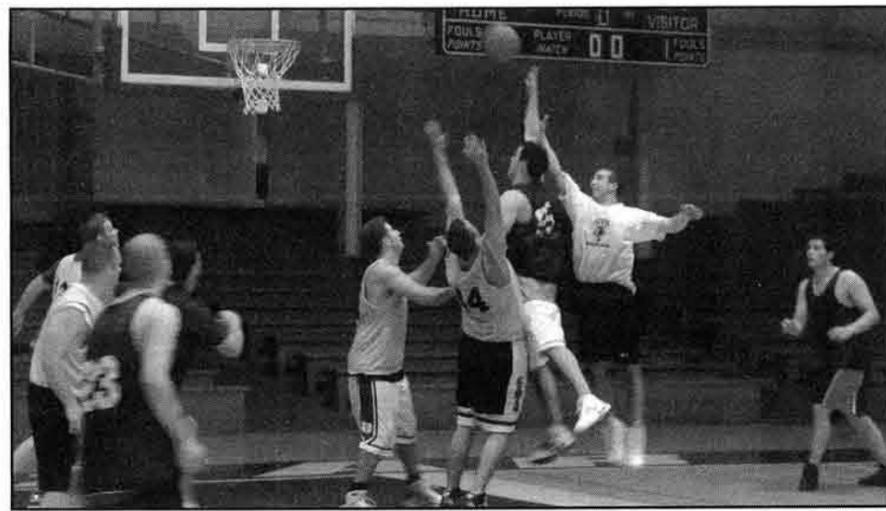


Bayview Station



Northern's Brian Guiney fights off Bill Conley and Brett Thorp of Southern Station's team

Bayview player (I'll get the name to you tomorrow) taking an outside jumper as Central's Tom Costello and Scott Korte look on.



Department Basketball Semi-finals

By Alan Honniball (Burglary)

In the second round of the play-offs, Central Station was pitted against Bayview. The game started with Central jumping out to an 11-2 lead getting their shots to fall while Bayview couldn't get going. They traded shots all the way until half time with Central leading by 2. The underdogs from Central battled through the second half leading 44-39 with 4 minutes to go on a 3 pointer by Matt Sullivan. Tom Moran from Bayview then took over on a follow up tip in and a three pointer to tie it up. Central couldn't convert on their end and Moran came down once again and hit a three from the top of the key to put them on top for good. Bayview had the deep bench to offset the play of Sullivan, Tom Costello, and Scott Korte.

In the second game, Southern Station was up against Northern and came out strong taking a 14-3 lead behind the strong shooting from T O'Connor and Brett Thorp. Northern began to chip away with

strong drives from Mike Tursi and newcomer Ryan Jones to tie up the game. Thorp hit a shot just before the buzzer at half time to go up by one; it was another good game. The second half saw both coaches Mike Slade and Carl Bryant yelling at each other and the other teams in an attempt to rile their opponents.

Both teams were up to the challenge as they traded baskets as Southern built a six point lead with 4 minutes to go. The underdog Northern players began to chip away at the lead stealing the ball several times and converting layups to come within 2 points with a minute and-a-half to go. Southern missed on their foul shot and Jones hit a jumper to tie it up. With the game tied at 44, Tursi held the ball for the last shot and was fouled driving to the basket with 2 seconds left. He hit one of two as Rodney Tong's toss from the length of the court fell short. The Championship game will pit #8 Northern vs #7 Bayview in what should be a great game. Both squads have young talent and a deep bench.

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Vacation Rental

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Word Search

Created by Officer Michelangelo Apodaca Chief's Office

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

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

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- BALAS
- CAPOTE
- DERRIS
- EEL
- FACILE
- GRID
- HAVEN
- IMPASTE
- JILLION
- KININ
- LAPPET
- MALM
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33rd Annual California Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony Schedule of Events

THURSDAY MAY 7, 2009

- ★ **CPOMF LOGISTICS MEETING** 8:00 — 10:00 A.M.
 HYATT REGENCY — Capitol View 15th Floor
 Final briefing prior to ceremony activities for CPOMF Board of Directors, advisors, key logistic personnel, and participating officers who wish to attend.
- ★ **SURVIVORS' RECEPTION** 2:00 — 3:30 P.M.
 HYATT REGENCY — Capitol View 15th Floor
 This time is set aside to give honored families, past-year survivors, and co-workers the opportunity to interact with each other, as well as members from Concerns of Police Survivors and representatives from the law enforcement chaplaincy. A great opportunity to extend encouragement and support to one another.
- ★ **CEREMONY REHEARSAL FOR PARTICIPATING OFFICERS** 2:00 — 5:00 P.M.
 MEMORIAL MONUMENT — 10th Street & Capitol Mall
 Mandatory participation required for all officers involved in ceremony activities.
- ★ **BUFFET DINNER** 6:00 — 7:30 P.M.
 HYATT REGENCY — Ballroom
 All honored families, past survivors, and participating officers are invited to a buffet dinner sponsored by the California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation.
- ★ **CANDLELIGHT VIGIL** 8:30 — 9:30 P.M.
 MEMORIAL MONUMENT — 10th Street & Capitol Mall
 With welcoming comments from the CPOMF President, remarks from departmental and past survivor representatives, a Roll Call of Heroes, as well as music and prayer.

FRIDAY MAY 8, 2009

- ★ **BUFFET BREAKFAST** 7:00 — 8:00 A.M.
 HYATT REGENCY — Ballroom
 A buffet breakfast is provided for honored families, past survivors, and participating officers. Sponsored by the California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation.
- ★ **LAW ENFORCEMENT CARAVAN** 7:30 A.M.
 CHP ACADEMY — West Sacramento
 Staging for the Memorial Caravan begins at 0730 hours at the CHP Academy, 3500 Reed Avenue West Sacramento, departing the Academy at 0900 hours sharp. The procession travels through West Sacramento, concluding on 10th Street, at the Memorial Monument.
- ★ **HONORED FAMILIES PRIVATE CEREMONY** 9:00 — 10:30 A.M.
 STATE CAPITOL — Senate Hearing Room 4203
 Private ceremony with state representatives for honored families, their agency escort officers, and department heads.
- ★ **ENROLLMENT CEREMONY** 10:30 A.M. — 12:30 P.M.
 MEMORIAL MONUMENT — 10th Street & Capitol Mall
 Formal ceremony begins with the 'Walk of Honor' from the State Capitol to the Memorial Monument. Presentations by state representatives, CPOMF's President, and a departmental keynote speaker. Ceremony concludes with a 21-gun salute, taps, and retiring of the colors.
- ★ **LUNCHEON** 12:30 — 3:00 P.M.
 Immediately following the outdoor ceremony, lunch is provided for honored families, participating and attending officers, and past survivors directly across from the memorial monument on the Capitol lawn.

Personal commentary

Trying to Make Sense

One cop's perspective on parolees and the killing of the OPD officers

By Paul T. Swiatko
Retired SFPD

Every morning I engage in the ritual of dropping my boys to school and stopping by the local Starbucks to read my morning newspapers. Being retired and a resident of quiet Clayton does have its benefits. I don't have to get up at 0430 am to beat traffic to get to work or get tied up for hours in return traffic. I can sit in the coffee shop occasionally meet someone I know from the Department and talk about old times. Today was different. I read the papers and soaked them up like a sponge. I shook my head and felt a knot swell up inside my gut like I felt so many times before. As I read, the contempt and disgust grew harder and harder to choke down. I heard people talking and began to hate again. I hated what they were saying because they had not earned the right to talk about it. They had not earned it because they never put a badge or star on and rolled on hot 221 calls or experienced the death of a fellow officer or survived a near death experience in one on one combat or gunfire. They had not been where most police find themselves at one time or another.

My father was a person of authority when he spoke about parolees. He spent over twenty years counseling them and working for the Warden of Georgia State Penn. He was a guard and served on the staff of the prison Warden. He told me, "You can take them out of prison but you can never take the prison out of them. Ninety-nine percent of them come back." He even taught the success courses of

Napoleon Hill to many inmates only to see them return time and time again.

In these hardest of times that I can remember, how in hell are we supposed to be able to support a parolee looking for skilled work or any kind of work when most people who are experienced and educated with skills are getting laid off. Just doesn't make sense. Yet we are supposed to feel sorry for this poor parolee who was gunned down after he killed four good veteran cops and wounded one. I read the article on the parolee. He was desperate, didn't like his parole officer. Wanted to go back to prison to get out and find a better parole agent. What could he do? Nothing. Just kill. Doesn't make sense.

We have seen too many cops die in the line of duty. We try to make sense and learn lessons from this by designing better training and tactics. We instill physical fitness and awareness skills. We try to understand beyond all understanding what makes bad guys tick. We learn to care when we should. We learn to be sensitive because that is what the communities we serve demand of police. We try to educate ourselves in all aspects of community policing. We spend thousands of dollars on our own to attend seminars, programs and courses to make us better cops for ourselves, our departments and our communities. I remember the trainers, Don Cameron of Santa Rosa, Retired Lieutenant Jim Hall, the Staskos, Potter, Frank McKee and the range staff. All these names come flooding back. They were the names of Police Officers who dedicated

themselves to the safety and welfare of officers of all ranks and experience. Officers who also had been in the thick of it. They were men of vision who knew full well what was needed to survive the street and tactical encounters. It was people like these who earned the right to talk about the bad stuff that happens out there in the "bush".

I had to take a step back and remember the words of Charles H. Webb Ph.D., of California State University of Long Beach.

"There is no nice way to arrest a potentially dangerous, combative suspect. The police are our body guards, our hired fists, batons and guns. We pay them to do the dirty work of protecting us, the work we are too afraid, too unskilled or too civilized to do ourselves. We expect them to keep the bad guys out of our businesses, cars and houses, out of our faces. We want them to "take care of the problem". We just don't want to see how it is done."

And that is the problem. When everyday people begin to understand why police do what they do and become what they are maybe they will begin to understand. Maybe that understanding can begin to heal what we

feel when we are at a loss to explain the deaths of some of our own. I sat in Starbucks drinking my coffee in wonder of how "safe" I/everyone was chatting over coffee and gossiping before they begin their days of shopping for dinner, keeping the daily schedules of sports kids and homework. I wondered at how "safe" it was over here in Clayton at the Crossroads. I remembered those wild days of car chases, violent fights, gunshots, and injuries. I wondered how cops handle what they do. I sat there sipping coffee watching all the "safe" people as I tried in vain to make sense of it all.

There is little to understand though. Bad things happen because they just happen. We can be as ready as possible for just about anything. You just resign yourself to the risks you must take and move on. It is, after all what you are paid to do and what you signed up for. Why you do it is a personal choice. You can put into it as much dedication as you want. You can do as little as you want and get by just like any job. But there is one blazing difference. You stand for something in society. You stand at the ready to respond whatever the risk. Even though sometimes, "It just doesn't make sense."

Close Encounters

will return next month