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## President's Message

# Thank You, And We Hear You!

By Gary Delagnes,  
SFPOA President

I want to thank the membership for their understanding of these bleak economics times and for their willingness to renegotiate our current contract.

The truth of the matter is that while we did agree to defer 2% of our existing contract, we also extended it an additional year, and guaranteed the membership an additional minimum of 3% at a time when we will most certainly still be dealing with great economic uncertainty.

*"I want to thank the membership for their understanding of these bleak economics times and for their willingness to renegotiate our current contract."*

I can assure the membership that what we have done with the contract is a wise move in lieu of what's going on in the rest of the nation. I recently at-

tended the annual Harvard University summit of the 50 largest police unions in the US and Canada. These conferences always center on the pressing law enforcement issues of the day. This year, without exception, the number one issue that each union was grappling with was the looming specter of job cuts, lay-offs, and/or contract re-openers.

Perhaps most urgent of all is a swelling sentiment among taxpayer organizations and state and local legislators to abolish public pension funds altogether. Just as most large corporations have done over the last decade, the trend is to provide a modest salary increase to each employee in lieu of pension plans, and leave it to the individual to save for his or her own retirement via a 401K plan. The same focus is now being given to generous health plans, as well.

The reality of the situation is that many Americans, while they love us and what we do, still believe that our pension, benefits, and salaries are excessive, particularly so at a time when so many Americans are losing their jobs, homes, and life savings.

Marty Linsky, a faculty member of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, explained that the attitudes of the American people regarding pension systems and health care benefits have changed dramatically, and police unions across the

country better figure that out or they will begin to lose many of the things they fought so hard to obtain for their members. The "us vs. them" mindset will no longer work, and if we follow it, we will lead our members into an economic abyss.

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The other union leaders at the seminar were amazed that at a time when most police departments are dealing with how much they must give back the SFPOA managed not only to hold onto what we have (a 23% wage increase over 4 years which is already



SFPOA President Gary Delagnes

one of the highest in the country) but have been able to increase it by an additional 3%-5% and extend our contract into what should be a much healthier economy when we renegotiate in 2012. I applaud you for your broad vision, and thank you for your vote.

### Greg Suhr Debacle

I realize that many members may have voted against the proposal because of the Greg Suhr "situation." I want to thank you for acknowledging that these were separate issues. The demotion of DC Suhr comes at a time when rank-and-file confidence in the department leadership is most wanting, and it is a disturbing character assassination rife with insider intrigue. Aside from the political issues that were involved in this grievous decision, the unprofessional manner by which Deputy Chief Suhr received news of his demotion is most appalling. No face-to-face, no phone call, just a written notice delivered to him by a hapless PUC underling running an errand for the Chief of Police. Unbelievable.

Rest assured that I am particularly disturbed by the political shenanigans that have effectively denied my membership of one of the most rare commodities in this era of civic government; competent and inspiring leadership. To think that City Hall cares more about political positioning than it does about the morale of working cops is very telling. We at the POA have taken appropriate notice and, when we are inevitably asked, we will respond accordingly to our counter-parts in local and statewide public safety unions.

## 141st San Francisco Presidio Memorial Day Ceremony

*Americans Killed In Iraq & Afghanistan, The Buffalo Soldiers, and SF High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) to be honored*

The 141st official City and County of San Francisco's Memorial Day Observance will take place on Monday, May 25, 2009. The ceremony will be held at the historic Presidio's San Francisco National Cemetery. The 191st Army Band will lead a 10:30 a.m. parade featuring vehicles from the Bay Area Model A Ford Club, from the Parade Ground to the cemetery. The formal ceremony will start at 11:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 noon. Music will be provided by the only military band in the Bay Area, the 191st Army Band, and the San Francisco Cable Car Chorus.

This Memorial Day we will honor the 90th Anniversary of the return of our World War I veterans and those

killed during that war. We also will pay special tribute to all Americans killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. A special Howitzer cannon salute will be given to salute the Buffalo Soldiers. We will also say farewell to the members of the ninety-year old San Francisco Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps, which the SF School Board will put out of business in June. This will be their final appearance.

The ceremony will end with the playing of "Amazing Grace", taps, and a 21- Gun Howitzer cannon salute by the Army's 75th Division and a fly over.

For more information contact Wallace Levin at 415-748-0613 or 415-554-6036.





# POA Board of Directors Meeting, April 15, 2009\*

*Note: Secretary Montoya was excused. Sergeant-at-Arms Breen directed Editor Ray Shine to take and report the minutes.*

1. Call to order by Sergeant-at-Arms Breen at 1210 hours.

2. Breen leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Breen conducted the roll call.

4. Presentation by retiree Dan Hance and associates for HeroCare, a non-profit organization that provides a number of financial services to law enforcement personnel, including insurance and assistance with loans through Police in the Community Loan Program.

5. General Council John Tennant briefed the members regarding the new unincorporated status of
- the POA and discussed the Legal Defense Fund as outlined by the by-laws.

6. President Delagnes discussed the in-progress membership vote regarding the renegotiated contract proposal.

7. President Delagnes discussed the status of the upgrade of retirement discrepancies recently legislated for certain members of the Airport Bureau, as well as their eligibility to enter the DROP program.

8. President Delagnes discussed the pending meet-and-confer with the SFPD regarding the 10-hour day work schedule in the Bureau of Inspectors.

9. President Delagnes discussed possible promotional appointments to ranks of Q-50 and Q-80.

10. President Delagnes discussed the recent failure of the SF Labor Council to rescind a prior vote to appeal to the Attorney General for the release of those men charged in the 1971 murder of Sergeant John Young.

11. Treasurer Halloran discussed the expense recap report, noting that the operation of the organization is thus far significantly under budget.

12. Treasurer Halloran discussed the financial support for gym equipment for certain units and details.

13. Vice President Martin discussed the recent killing of four Oakland PD officers and the significant role that the SFPOA and SFPD played in the planning of and attendance

- at the funeral ceremony and other attendant assistance.

14. VP Martin called for a moment of silence for the four slain Oakland officers.

15. President Delagnes opened the floor for new business. No new business was tendered.

16. President Delagnes adjourned the meeting at 1335 hours.

*\*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.*

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

### SFPOA Members:

The SFPOA is about to embark on its annual scholarship awards for your college bound dependents by offering a series of scholarship awards to dependents of SFPOA members, both active, retired and deceased who have held continuous SFPOA membership for more than one year prior to dependent's application.

Qualified applicants will be limited to 2009 high school graduates with a "C" average or better. This presents a perfect opportunity for those creative students who may not have the opportunity to apply for other scholarships to do so now. Successful candidates will be judged on their scholastic records, extracurricular activities and local community involvement.

The scholarship finalists will be selected by the SFPOA Scholarship Committee. Awards will be presented by August 2009.

Take advantage of this opportunity to compete for the scholarship assistance awards for the 2009 fall college semester.

Applications are available from the SFPOA office located at 800 Bryant St. 2nd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103 (415) 861-5060.

**Completed applications must be returned to the SFPOA no later than May 22, 2009.**

## Board of Directors Meeting Roll Call Wednesday, April 15, 2009

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In Memoriam

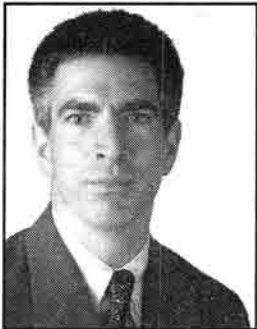
By John Tennant  
SFPOA Counsel

With the tragic loss of four of Oakland's finest and, only two weeks later, three of Pittsburgh's, every word I search for in attempting to write this column seems inadequate, out of place...worthless, really. Seven good men have died, and the last thing that anyone needs to hear is some lawyer prattling on about what is essentially esoteric drivel compared to the sacrifice of these heroes. Silence, frankly, seems more appropriate. I am tempted to leave the space blank where my column normally appears, out of respect for the men.

And yet, the work to which those officers were devoted and ultimately gave their lives demands something

better than emptiness. The protection of the public from harm is the most noble calling there is, and in memoriam to all the officers who have laid down their lives for that great cause, I humbly offer the following to those who carry on the work that will forever remain to be done. My own words are inadequate, so I offer inspiration from three great lights that have guided me in the past and that, I hope will help guide you. (To those of you who regularly read this column, the first two will appear familiar, as I often quote them. I hope you will forgive my continued use of these figures, but their thoughts ring true again and again and seem particularly appropriate at this time.)

The greatest of all American jurists, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., advised



lawyers that if they "aspire to greatness in the profession" then they must be prepared to "immerse themselves in the agonies of the times." The longer I work with police officers, the more Holmes's words seem to apply to your line of work than my own. You, as police officers, stand on the front lines of the nation's social and economic agonies: violent crime, drug wars, domestic violence, racial divides, poverty, homelessness... the list goes on endlessly. We civilians stand in the eternal debt of men and women like the seven heroes who braved those "agonies" for our benefit and protection.

The British author and champion of the common man, George Orwell, was fond of Rudyard Kipling's rejection of those "making mock of uniforms that guard you while you sleep." As an officer in the Indian Imperial Police, Orwell experienced firsthand the contempt of Britain's upper crust toward the officers charged with the unenviable and ultimately unmanageable task of policing the empire. Looking down one's nose at the men and women who must confront daily

what Holmes deemed "agonies" is a too-convenient way of distancing oneself from a world we'd rather not engage. If anything, the outpouring of support for the fallen heroes over the past several weeks demonstrates that the vast majority of Americans truly appreciate the risks that you take on our behalf every working day.

"Nothing can harm a good man either in life or after death." These words were spoken by the father of Western thought, Socrates, just before he was put to death by the leaders of an Athenian society that had lost its way and considered a man like Socrates the enemy rather than the embodiment of all that was good and just. But Socrates refused to succumb to the temptation to escape his jailers when the opportunity arose, because that would have been a betrayal of the Athenian law which he prized so highly. Socrates recognized that there is a goodness in conducting one's life properly that transcends the bonds of mortality. And surely the seven heroes in whose debt we stand recognized that principle as well. They were good men. And nothing can harm them, in life or after death.

"Roll the Union On..."

POA Journal 2009 Deadlines  
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June 2009	May 20, 2009
July 2009	June 19, 2009
August 2009	July 21, 2009
September 2009	August 21, 2009
October 2009	September 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](mailto:journal@sfpoa.org).

Regularly Scheduled Meetings or Events

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

Specially Scheduled Events

Emerald Society Dinner Honoring Lt. Harry Pearson	United Irish Cultural Center	Friday May 15, 2009 7:00 PM	Ann Carew (415) 531-6087
American Legion Awards Dinner	Italian-American Social Club 25 Russia St., SF	Wednesday, May 20, 2009, 6:00 PM	Kyle Ching (415) 553-1041
Retirement Dinner Honoring Steve Christie	Don Ramon's Restaurant 225 11th Street, SF	Thursday, June 11, 2009 5:00 PM	Marlene Christie (415) 640-6155
Retirement Dinner Honoring John Hallisy	Italian Athletic Club 1630 Stockton St., SF	Thursday, June 25, 2009 6:00 PM	Maggie Ortelle (415) 392-4981
Reunion Luncheon 87th SFPD Recruit Class	Caesar's Restaurant Bay at Powell, SF	Wednesday July 1, 2009 1:00 PM	Ed Pryal (707) 552-3499

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# WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' AID ASSOCIATION

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April 14, 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 1:55 PM in the Conference Room of Ingleside Station.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by President Joe Garrity.

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

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING.** Motion by Centurioni, that the minutes be approved as published. Seconded by McDonough. Motion carried.

**BILLS:** Treasurer Joe Reilly presented the usual bills. Motion by Gardner that the bills be paid. Seconded by Mattox. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** The largest donation ever made to the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association from Christina Considine in memory of her late husband, Lt. Mortimer J. Considine. \$260,000. (See article in this issue of the POA Journal for additional

information on this donation.)

Harry Smith, proud father of Officer Lisa Smith, Star #2385, emailed us to point out that there was an error in last month's minutes. His daughter's Recruit Class was the 223rd, not the reported 222nd. My apologies to the latest group of men and women to join the ranks of San Francisco's Finest!

## WE HAD THREE DEATHS THIS PAST MONTH.

**JAMES P. HAYES**, 89 years. Jim was born in San Francisco and grew up in the Fillmore. He attended Sacred Heart High School. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the Navy. He was assigned to the "Seabees" and served in the Pacific. Upon his discharge, he returned home and entered the Police Academy in 1954. He was first assigned to Taraval Station. After a year, he went to Traffic and was assigned to APB. In 1957, he was made an Assistant Inspector, and a Full Inspector in 1959. He worked the Hit and Run Detail all his career. His wife had a Hardware Business on Fillmore St. and became ill so he had to leave his Police Career behind and resign to run the business. He did that for years and turned the business over to his children. They still have the business to this day. Jim was awarded a Silver Medal of Valor for his arrest of an armed prowler with all kinds of stolen jewelry and a stolen vehicle.

**JOHN J. LOPEZ**, 84 years. John was born in San Francisco and grew up in

the Excelsior. He attended Balboa High School. He served his country in the Army during WW II in the Pacific. Upon his discharge, he returned home and was employed as a warehouseman before he entered the Police Academy in 1956. His first assignment was Northern Station, followed by Mission, and then Southern. He also worked at City Prison. John was the regular Wagon Driver at Southern and its hard to say how many drunks he gave a ride to city prison. That's when Sergeants made several round-ups per watch, sometimes 20 at a shot. John retired in 1979.

**TERENCE M. SULLIVAN**, 73 years. Terry was born in San Francisco and grew up in the Richmond. He attended Saint Ignatius High School and USF. He entered the Police Academy in 1959. His first assignment was Taraval Station, followed by Mission and Northern. He remained at Northern for 10 years before being assigned to Juvenile. He served as President of the PAL and was assigned to be director of the Chinatown PAL. He stayed in the Department for 17 years and left to open his own electrical business. He still remained on the board of PAL for many years and coached the PAL Vikings football team and basketball, volleyball, and Soccer at St. Anne's Parish. Terry was awarded a Bronze Medal of Valor for his arrest of a suspect who fired a shot at another person and threatened officers before he was

disarmed

**SUSPENSIONS:** None

**REINSTATEMENTS.** Pursuant to Article III, Section 5 of the Constitution. With repayment of dues and penalties. David Oberhoffer, Kevin Callanan, Alfred De La Cerda and Stephanie Otaguro. President Garrity ordered them back on the rolls.

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES:** Our Investment team from Wells Fargo Bank, consisting of Shane Hiller, Pam Royer and Jerome Paolini gave us a report on out account. We did better this past month and are trying to get past the next few months and hope for a rebound in the economy. We have 31 % in stocks instead of the 40%. Our Real Estate portion of our portfolio is also down.

**ADJOURNMENT:** President Joe Garrity had a moment of silence for our departed members as well as the four Oakland cops killed in the line of duty. We also remembered the men and women serving their Country in the armed forces. He set the next meeting for Tuesday May 12, 2009 at 1:45 PM in the Conference room of Ingleside Station. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM

Fraternally,  
Mark Hurley,  
Secretary.

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By Mark Hurley, Secretary  
Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association of the  
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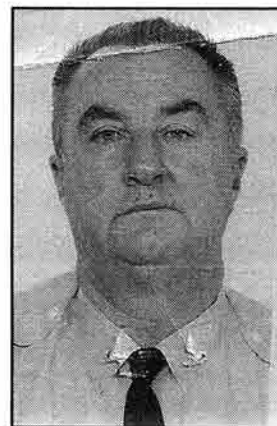
Several months ago, I received a call from retired Deputy Chief George Eimil. George is an attorney who works mostly on Living Trusts and was in the middle of distributing the wishes of Mrs. Christina Considine. Her late husband, Lt. Mortimer (Mort) Considine, (passed in 1994) and her and his wishes was to give to charity the monies of their estate. I was shocked to find how they had the monies distributed:

- \$260,000 to the WIDOWS & ORPHANS AID ASSN. of the SFPD.
- \$260,000 to the Salvation Army.
- \$260,000 to St. Anthony's Dining Room.
- \$260,000 to the Fisher House Foundation.
- \$130,000 to the Disabled American Veterans.
- \$130,000 to the Society For Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals

The Gifts were made in MEMORY OF LIEUTENANT MORTIMER J. CONSIDINE, SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Mortimer Considine joined the SFPD in 1942. He previously worked as a Locomotive Fireman. Mort's first station was Richmond before he was drafted into the Navy until the end of World War II. He returned home and was assigned to Southern Station. In 1953, he made Sergeant and remained at Southern. He then went to Mission for a short time before going to City Prison. He made Lieutenant in 1969 and was sent to command a watch at Taraval. Mort retired in 1972 and enjoyed his retirement at his home in Eureka Valley. I would stop by and visit him when I was in the area, and I always enjoyed talking about some of the times we shared together.

Mort was quite a guy. You could bring up his name with those that worked with him at Mission, Southern, or the City Prison and they could tell you many Mort stories. He was something else. Every wino on Sixth Street and 16th Street in the Mission knew Mort. As a Sergeant, I bet he booked more 647(f) PC drunks than any other cop. Mort was a guy with a "Big Heart" as a lot of people soon realized after getting a few bucks from him on their release from City Prison. A lot of us from Southern say they wanted to be booked to get back to City Prison to see Mort. His gift will still keep giving to those that are in the Widows' and Orphans' and those to come can remember Mort.



Mortimer J. Considine



# AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



By Al Casciato

## ...On the mend:

**S**olo, Felix Sung is on the mend from his December 14, 2008 on-duty motorcycle accident while on an escort. Well wishes can be sent to him via his wife at feliza20@aol.com. He has been able to leave the house and loves being taken to a mall so he can walk around for exercise. So if you have the time drop a line and get together...

## ...Family Fund Raiser:

On May 20th at 6 pm there will be a family fundraiser for **Felix Sung** at the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club at 1630 Stockton Street. Felix's neighbor, Bob Squeri, is organizing the event. Tickets are \$65 dollars call 415-861-6294 Ext 30 or e-mail retired Sgt. **Bob Del Torre** at [bdeltorre@comcast.net](mailto:bdeltorre@comcast.net) to reserve your spot...

## ...Police Unity Tour:

During National Police Week in May of 2009, eight SFPD Officers will ride their bicycles over 300 miles ("We ride for those who DIED") from Northern New Jersey to the Police Memorial in Washington DC. Each participating officer must to raise \$1800 dollars, which will then be donated to the memorial fund. Sgt. **Ron Banta**, Tactical, is coordinating the San Francisco effort. Donations can be mailed to Police Unity Tour POB 881054, San Francisco CA 94188 - Tax ID #13-436176 or for pick-up call Ron at 415-309-6247...

## ...American Legion:

On May 20, 2009 the Police-Fire Post of the American Legion will honor officers **Scott Biggs**, **Daniel Kroos**, **Kevin O'Leary** **Chris Oshita** and **Jose Guardado** for their heroism and bravery in the line of duty. The

Awards Dinner will be held at the Italian-American Social Club 25 Russia Street. Tickets are \$45 dollars available from Sgt **Ray Beazley** 558-5400 Co.D, Off **Maria Donati** 579-3100 Co. I or Sgt. **Kyle Ching** 553-1041, Co. K...

## ...Secret Life:

Muni Details' Sgt. **Jim Seim** is an accomplished ballroom dancer and instructor. Now you know the rest of the story. If you are interested in lessons drop him a note...

## ...Guardians of the City:

Be sure to read **Liane Corrale's** article about the "Guardians of the City" — Public Safety Museum in this issue. Lots of work has been done on the project and it is starting to take shape. We have set a 36-month time frame for getting the museum up and running and for the first time ever I believe that we will get it done...

## ...Congratulations:

Congratulations to **Gianrico Pierucci**, Homicide, on being elected president of the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club. Gianrico is also the author of *The Heart of North Beach* a book which chronicles the history of the SFIAC...

## ...Photos:

For those who attended the POA New Year's Party at the Herbst Pavilion on February 28 there are pictures on line. Manny Lim from Smart Image USA was the photographer for the event. To view the photos go to [www.smartimageusa.com](http://www.smartimageusa.com) enter user name SFPOA then password newyear. If interested in purchasing any pictures register and follow the prompts...

## ...Birth:

Congratulations to **Arthur** and **Jenny Madrid** (Southern) on the birth of their first child, a son. **Diego Madrid** 7 lbs 4 oz 21 ½ inches was born February 26, 2009. Mom, Dad and li'l one are doing great.

## ...PAL Golf:

It is still not too late to sign-up for the PAL Golf Tournament which will be held at Crystal Springs GC on May 18, 2009. If you can not join us donations are greatly appreciated. For more information log on to [www.sfpal.org/golf.html](http://www.sfpal.org/golf.html)...

## ...Calling All Gators:

A networking event will be held on May 7th 5:30 pm at City Hall (Mayors Balcony) for all SF State Graduates who work for the City. Cost is Free. Wine and appetizers will be provided. To RSVP call 415-338-2217 or e-mail [alumevnt@sfsu.edu](mailto:alumevnt@sfsu.edu) by May 5...

## ...Historical Facts:

Retiree **Joe Miles** stopped by Northern Station for a visit a few weeks ago and shared some tidbits with all. Joe recalled the days he walked Beat 25 — Fillmore St Turk to Sutter in 1951. He also pointed out that a "Holding Station" once existed at Post and Fillmore so prisoners could be held while awaiting transfer to the Hall of Justice. We look forward to his next call or visit...

## ...Did You Know?

I was not surprised to hear at a community meeting that there are approximately 2200 parolees assigned to San Francisco parole officers. The West Portal burglar is one of them. No surprise to Taraval Station Officers **Jose Guardado**, **Duane Elzey**, **Juan Gala** and **Gregory Pak** who took him in to custody on April 19th...

## ...Get Your Property:

Treasure Island Station will be re-located on May 8, 2009. All lockers at the current facility must be vacated

by May 7 otherwise the contents will be discarded...

## ...R&D Golf Escape:

Retirees **Don Carlson** and **Roy Sullivan** remind all that the deadline for the September Escape is May 30, 2009. E-mail Don or Roy at [randdsgolfescape@yahoo.com](mailto:randdsgolfescape@yahoo.com) for details; a very good deal if you are a golfer / limited to the first 120 golfers / non-golfing guests welcome...

## ...\$20,000:

A \$20,000 loan program is being offered public safety officers who purchase a home in the City. If you stay with the department for five years, the loan is forgiven. Information comes from retired Inspector **Dan Hance**. Visit [www.herocare.org](http://www.herocare.org) for more information or call 1877-437-6411...

Announcements, notices or tidbits can be e-mailed to [alfirmsf@aol.com](mailto:alfirmsf@aol.com), faxed to 552-5741, or mailed to *Around the Department*, 800 Bryant St., 2nd Floor, SF, CA 94103.

## Guardians of the City

### Police-Fire Museum Nears Reality

By Liane Corrales

*"It's what dreams are made of."*

— Sam Spade, referring to the Maltese Falcon to Sergeant Tom Polhaus

As I sat in historic John's Grill, which Dashiell Hammett patronized and often mentioned in his novels, I felt that one of my dreams is about to come true. As many of you may know, for years a group of San Francisco Police Officers that are involved in the police museum, don uniforms from 1890 and escort the 1906 earthquake survivors to all the festivities every April 18th, as the City commemorates the great earthquake and fire.

Along with a group of firefighters from the SFFD Historical Society, the same group of "Keystone Cops" are working together to create a police-fire museum. Recently the Sheriff's Department has also come aboard, prompting us to name our organization "The Guardians of the City."

I feel that it is imperative that we preserve the history of the crime-fighters of the Barbary Coast, along with the firefighters that saved the City in 1906. For that reason I am

appealing to anyone that has old pictures or other SFPD memorabilia that they are willing to donate or to loan to the museum, please contact me at (415) 558-5529 or at [gc1207@comcast.net](mailto:gc1207@comcast.net). You will be given a receipt and all items that are displayed will acknowledge the donor or lender. We are close to receiving our 501c nonprofit designation. My museum partner from the San Francisco Fire Department, Paul Barry, has almost completed the Guardians of the City website. I will keep you posted on his progress.

Other committee members include Captains Al Casciato and Greg Corrales, Inspector Darlene Ayala, Officer Lee Sullivan, retired fire captain James Lee and Deputy Michael Anderson. We have also received invaluable assistance from museum expert/consultant Jamie O'Keefe.

In closing I would like us all to look at our SFPD patch and envision the museum as the mystic Phoenix rising to create a location for our museum. We hope to include in the museum an interactive classroom where school children and the public could learn about our long history of public service first hand.

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# This & That ...

By Kevin Martin  
SFPOA Vice President

## Oakland Horror...

The tragic, cold-blooded murder of four of "Oakland's Finest" killed in the line of duty has left a deep, painful, indelible mark on many members of our own department. Our very own Officer Noel Schwab, assigned to Southern Station, was the brother-in-law of slain Oakland Sergeant Mark Dunakin. Officer Jayme Campbell, also of Southern Station, is a dear friend of the family of another slain officer. We have many members of our department who have ties to the Oakland Police Department, either by having members of their own family as officers in the OPD, or by being friends with members of the Oakland Police Department. I personally extend my deepest condolences to each of those of whom I speak. I was very proud and honored in the way our department responded to the needs of our brother and sister officers in Oakland.

Many of us first received word of this horror as we were on-line for an anti-war demonstration in the Civic Center area of San Francisco. I was with several officers when our cell phones started beeping and buzzing. The horrible news was beginning to filter in. Officer Neil Cunningham sent me word as other officers were receiving the same news from friends. Some of our people even received updates from other Oakland cops, even as the latter were responding to the scene. All of us were stunned and shocked as the news broke. First the two motorcycle officers were reported shot and killed and later, two more. When receiving the news of the third and fourth officers shot I was hoping and praying that it was a mistake. There was confusion, as often is the case, when an officer goes down. I was hoping against hope that the second and third officers were being confused for the first two fallen officers. Alas, that was not the case.

Officer Schwab had just arrived at the locker room of Southern Station when a fellow officer advised him of the shootings. Noel began asking questions and didn't like the answers he was receiving. Noel ran up to the Lieutenant's office at Southern Station where the information was confirmed. Noel and his partner, Hank Lum, then left to go to his sister's home in Tracy where he consoled his sister and nieces and nephew. It was a desperate time of need.

Not too long after, I received a telephone call from fellow C.I.R.T. (Critical Incident Response Team) member

Sgt. Shaughn Ryan who wisely suggested we go over to Oakland to see if we could be of any assistance. A telephone call to Sgt. Mary Dunnigan, Officer In Charge of C.I.R.T., was made advising of our planned response and without a moment's hesitation she gave her approval.

We first went to Highland Hospital where we met with several Oakland officers who were grateful for our presence. After about forty-five minutes, an Oakland sergeant asked us if we would respond to the Oakland Police Officers Association building where many, many Oakland cops had gathered. We did that, and subsequently spent quite some time meeting with the cops and members of the Oakland POA. OPOA President Dominique Arotzorena expressed his appreciation for our thoughts and assistance. In turn, we expressed our heartfelt sentiments and assured Dominique that we were there for him and anyone who needed to talk. We were gratefully accepted by each of the coppers, and that eased somewhat our difficult tasks. We were not seen as "outsiders" at all, but as concerned fellow cops who cared about their well-being.

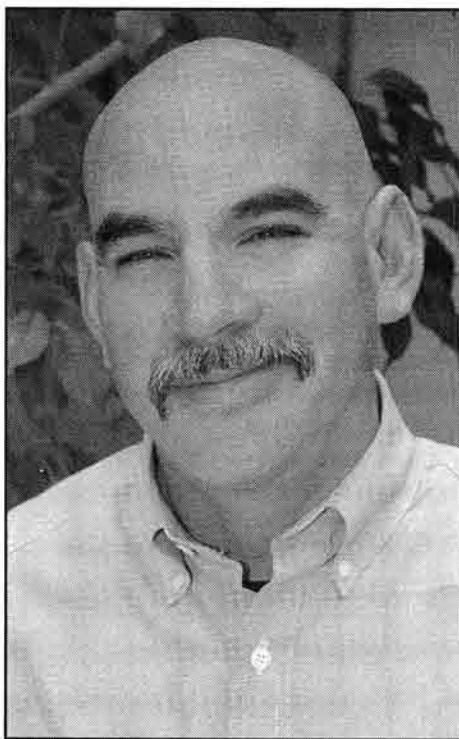
After spending time at the OPOA, we made our way to the valley town of Tracy. We found our way with the great help from Shaughn's wife who was providing us with directions from Oakland.

Once in Tracy, we met up with Noel, Hank, Noel's sister and mother, along with several other family members and friends. While there, the parents and brother of Sgt. Mark Dunakin arrived at the house. It was very sad and heart wrenching to see so many in so much pain and sadness. It really hurt.

Shaughn did an outstanding job that night reaching out to many people and offering his heart and words of comfort.

The following Monday, SFPOA President Gary Delagnes, Tenderloin Station POA Rep. Kevin Lyons, Lt. Bob Armanino, Sgt. Mike Lawson (both of Co.K / Traffic Company) and I went to the Oakland POA where a briefing was held as plans were being made for the memorial service of the four slain officers. Other agencies were involved in the plans of this monumental task. OPOA President Arotzorena made it clear that he wanted the SFPOA to be part of the planning effort. He was assured that anything asked of us would be attended to.

As I mentioned before, I was extremely proud of the way our department and association responded to the OPOA in their time of need. Several hundred of our officers attended the memorial service in Oakland that was



a very beautiful, respectful and honorable event. As many of you already know, law enforcement professionals from every state of the union were in attendance, as were a few from agencies outside our country.

The POA arranged transportation not only for our members, but also for members of other law enforcement agencies both local and federal. The department arranged to have several officers from various units and details assigned to Oakland to provide exterior security in the way of Tactical Units and Specialists, while the SFPD Traffic Company provided escort duties and traffic control. It was certainly a team effort and everyone involved put forth their best effort to represent this department and association in the highest order.

On behalf of POA President Gary Delagnes, the Executive Board and the POA Board of Directors, I wish to thank everyone who had a hand in the effort. I also want to thank each and every member who took the time to attend the memorial service. Each and every one of you made quite an impression on our brethren in Oakland. I prayed to God that we would never see anything like this again.

I also thank General Manager Michael Waters and Mr. Jim Casey of Coach America/Franciscan Bus Lines for providing the buses and drivers who transported us from the Hall of Justice to Oakland and back free of charge. On behalf of our department and association we graciously thank both of you very much for the tremendous donation and effort from your outstanding staff.

Mr. Jim Casey has been a long time friend of our department and association as Jim has many contacts and friend in the department. Many years ago, Jim was the Athletic Director and an economics teacher at the best high school in this city, Sacred Heart (now Sacred Heart Cathedral). Jim has seen many graduates from S.H. go on to be outstanding members of the S.F.P.D. (In spite of all the hue and cry along with the bashing of "the old boy networks from S.I. and S.H." lately, it is good to know that we can call upon the genuine people from these great and historic San Francisco institutions in time of need with tremendous results). Thanks again, gentlemen.

I also thank Mr. Sal Ququndah of "Arguello Super" located at 782 Arguello Blvd. San Francisco, for providing a continental breakfast to those who took the buses to Oakland. Thanks Sal to you and your tremendous staff for your kindness and efforts. If you are ever in the neighborhood, stop by, see Sal and grab one his great roast turkey sandwiches...the best in town,

The gloom had barely lifted when news from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania reported that three Police Officers were shot and killed responding to a "domestic disturbance" call. A mother who was having problems with her son had called 9-1-1. Upon arrival to the house, the son laying in wait hiding behind his mother shot and killed the first two responding officers. He then shot and killed a third officer who was off-duty but nevertheless responding to back-up his brothers in blue. The off-duty officer had been monitoring a police radio while on his way home. The well-armed but cold blooded cop killer barricaded himself in the house and engaged the Pittsburgh cops in a heavy duty gun battle for approximately four hours before surrendering to the authorities. Surrendering? Oh, please...

Later that day, I received a telephone call from Officer Matt Goodin of Southern Station advising that he would like to represent the Department and the POA by attending the memorial services. Matt's phone call set the wheels in motion, and a couple of days later I was on the phone with Officer Patrick Knepp of the Pittsburgh Police Department who put me in touch with Pittsburgh Police Department Headquarters and the Fraternal Order of Police (their POA).

I then contacted Deputy Chief Cashman and talked to him about the situation and planned events in Pittsburgh and the desire of our members to go back to Pittsburgh. The Deputy Chief and the POA worked together to send officers back to Pittsburgh. A bulletin was issued, and in short time twelve officers were on their way.

I thank Chief Fong, Deputy Chief Cashman, and the following officers who attended the memorial services in Pittsburgh: Officers Eric Chiang and Arnold Borgen from Co. C; Officers Matt Goodin, Sean Frost, and Sgt. Eric Washington from Co. B; Officers Alberto Esparza, Nancie Guillory, and Richard Ruiz from Co. D; Officer Steve Spagnuolo from Co. E; Sgt. Russ Gordon from the Juvenile Bureau; and Sergeants Matt Rodgers and Joseph Barretta of General Works.

I received a call a couple of days later from Officer Knepp, Pittsburgh PD who wanted to thank the department and association for our efforts and to let us know that the Pittsburgh P.D. as well the Pittsburgh Fraternal Order of Police were very grateful and taken back by the response from San Francisco cops. Good job, all!

## On to better news...

On Friday, April 17, 2009 several members of the San Francisco Police Department and this association received awards from the local chapter of "The Lions Club" — an outstanding service organization — in recognition for outstanding service to the SFPD and the citizens of San Francisco. A great dinner was held at Patio Espanol, located at 2850 Alemany Blvd. The well-attended ceremony included award presentations to Cesar Perez and Sergeant Dominic Yin of Southern Station; Officer Christina Franco of Mission Station; Officer John "The Duke" Ruggeiro of Richmond Station; Officer Julian Hermosura of Ingleside Station; Lieutenant Kitt Crenshaw and Officer Bill Garcia of Co. K, Traffic; Inspector Dave Tambara of the Gang Task Force, Sergeant Valerie Matthews of the Homicide Detail, and Sergeant Paul Yep of the Vice-Crimes Division.

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keep up the outstanding work! I hope each and every one of you takes great pride for your recognition.

#### Benefit Dinner...

A benefit dinner honoring Officer Felix Sung and his family will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at the Italian Athletic Club at 1630 Stockton Street in San Francisco. No host cocktails at 6:00 PM with dinner to follow at 7:00 PM. As many of you know, Felix was involved in a terrible motorcycle accident which also injured Officer John Anton this past December. Felix was hospitalized for quite some time but has made a remarkable recovery. Please come and celebrate with Felix and his family. The cost for this very special event is \$65.00. Please make checks out to "Felix Sung Benefit". If you are interested in attending, feel free to contact any of the following members: Officer Larry Chan at Park Station; Officer Greg Neal of Southern Station; Matt Gardner or Corrado Petruzzella of Co. K, Traffic; Officer John Anton of Tenderloin Station; Officer Val Kirwan of Northern Station or Officer Kevin Martin at the POA. Raffle tickets are also being sold at \$20.00 apiece. Fabulous prizes for the raffle include Round Trip Tickets for Two (2) to New York City and a six (6) month membership to the San Francisco Bay Club. Please make plans to attend this great event. A big thank you and a tip of the hat to Mr. Bob Squeri of "Preferred Building Services" in San Francisco for putting this dinner together and hosting this event. Bob is a local guy and a long time supported of the SFPD as well as the POA.

#### Graduation Time...

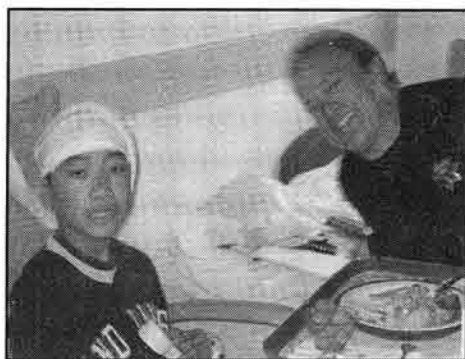
Congratulations to all son's, daughter's and extended family of POA members who are graduating from Universities, Colleges and High School's this May and June. The POA is very proud of all of you for your outstanding accomplishments and achievements. we wish each and every one of you nothing but the best in your future endeavors!!!

#### Summer Job Wanted...

Alexander Loi, (nephew of Sgt. Tom Lee, Richmond Station) is looking for a summer internship job in the area of Financial Risk Management, Auditing and Taxation Services. Alexander is a 21 year old senior at U C Santa Cruz and comes with some very impressive credentials. Alexander is willing to work days, evenings and nights as needed. If any of our readers knows of any business or firm looking to hire an energetic, competent and hardworking young man in this field, please contact me at the POA and I will be very happy to put you in touch with Alexander. Thank you for your interest and concern for this enterprising outstanding young man.

#### UCSF Visit...

This past April 8th, I was joined by Officer Kevin O'Rourke of Bayview Station as the POA made its monthly hospital visit to the sick and infirmed children of the UCSF Child Life Center. Officer O'Rourke did an outstanding job spending a couple of hours visiting and playing games with the youngsters. Kevin spent time with kids in the playroom for awhile and then did a couple of bedside visits with children who were unable to get out of bed. Kev told me he had a great time and can't wait to do it again. Kevin O'Rourke is a great guy who I met last year while we were working on Law Enforcement Night with the



San Francisco Giants at AT&T Park. At the time, Kevin was a motorcycle cop in Oakland getting ready to retire from the OPD and planning to join the SFPD. Kevin worked on the motors with Sgt. Mark Dunakin (one of the four Oakland Officers slain on March 21st) and was very personally touched with the horror in Oakland. While talking after our hospital visit, Kevin told me he really enjoys working with the coppers from Bayview Station and is proud to be a member of the SFPD. We are grateful and very happy to have you here with us Kev, keep up the great work!

#### Oakland P.D. Benefit...

Motorcyclists Wanted...To ride across the San Francisco/Oakland Bay Bridge as honor to the Oakland Police Department, and benefiting the families of the four fallen Officers in Oakland. On Saturday, May 9th, 2009, the Oakland POA is holding a block party where two (2) Harley Davidson "Fat Boy" motorcycles will be raffled off and a huge silent auction will be held. This event will involve several restaurants and bars. There will be a street closure with food and alcohol served. There will also be live music performed that day. Anyone wishing to participate in this event/motorcycle ride is asked to meet between 10:30 and 11:00 AM on the morning of May 9th at Mission Police Station located at 630 Valencia St. Staging will be in front of the station, and departure will be promptly at 11:00 AM. THIS IS AN OFF-DUTY, NON-UNIFORMED EVENT. We hope to get over 100 riders involved for this ride. This event is for both sworn and non-sworn folks. Please direct any questions or concerns to Sgt. Ian "The Big Cat" Furminger at Mission Police Station, 415-558-5400 or 415-558-5409 (direct line). Please plan to attend...Thank you.

#### Catastrophic Illness Program...

Officer Ernie McNett of the Behavioral Science Unit advises of a critical need for donations of time to the Catastrophic Illness/Family Member Program. The San Francisco Police Department currently has four (4) members who are recipients in this most worthy program. The CIP/FM program makes it possible to donate accumulated vacation time to those fellow members who are needed at home to care for family members who have been diagnosed with life threatening illnesses. You may donate to individuals or leave the recipient number blank and BSU staff will assign as needed. Members include Inspector Kim Lewis #001470; Officer Darla McBride # 001475 and Officer Lisa Torres #001487. Three of our members will be going without a paycheck unless we receive immediate and continuous donations of vacation time. PLEASE donate your vacation time on form F2006A - "Family Member" and forward to the Behavioral Science Unit for processing. If you need forms or have any questions or concerns, please contact the BSU at 415-837-0875. These forms may also be picked up at the POA.

#### Sleep Apnea...

Thanks to all members who attended and participated in the Sleep Apnea Screening event at the POA on Thursday, April 16th at the POA Building. Several members took advantage of this offer and because of the great response plans are being made to hold another screening in the near future. My very special thanks to Ms. Victoria Lyustin, Practice Manager of Dental Medicine Providers who helped put this event together. Special thanks as well go to Karen Miller and Angelica Agababyan who assisted in the event. If you would like more information regarding sleep apnea, please contact Victoria at 415-474-4477.

#### Contract vote...

Thanks to all members who voted in the re-negotiated contract proposal. The POA is very pleased with the decision of our voting members who by a clear landslide decided to defer 2% of the 4% pay raise scheduled in July to the back end of the contract. This vote assures the city saving 16.7 million dollars and the POA extending

its contract with the City and County of San Francisco through 2012 with a guaranteed pay raise of between 3% - 5% during that fiscal year.

I thank all that were involved in getting the vote out and explaining the parameters of the contract extension. The association sent a loud and clear message to the citizens and leaders of this city that we want to help out in this fiscal crisis and to avoid lay-offs for any city worker. Of the 937 votes tallied, (less than 50% of association voting) 719 voted to extend the contract, 217 voted against and one voter did not register either way. Thanks again to all who voted in this important election.

This month's article is dedicated to the fallen officers and family members of the Oakland Police Department and the Pittsburgh, PA. Officers who gave their live while protecting and serving the citizen's of their communities. May God Bless and protect the families of these officers and may the fallen officers rest in peace...

## San Francisco Police Department Behavioral Science Unit

### Catastrophic Illness Program — Family Member Vacation Hours Urgently Needed.

The San Francisco Police Department currently has 4 members who are recipients in this program. The CIP-FM program makes it possible to donate vacation time to fellow members who are needed at home to care for family members who have been diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses. You may donate to individuals or leave the recipient number blank and BSU staff will assign as needed.

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# Pittsburgh Heroes

By Eric Chiang

On an early beautiful spring morning of April 4, 2009, three Pittsburgh law enforcement officers were gunned down and slain by a deranged suspect with an assault rifle. Officers, Paul J. Sciuillo II (37) and Stephen J. Mayhle (29) responded to a call regarding a dispute between a mother and her son whose dog who had urinated on the carpet. Officer Sciuillo was shot by the son in the living room while Officer Mayhle was shot in the doorway



before placing the officer down call. Officer Eric G. Kelly (41), who lived blocks away, had just gotten off duty and responded to the scene right after telling his young daughter he would be right back. Officer Kelly, while still in uniform and with 14 years experience, was shot as he exited his personal vehicle. As arriving officers came on scene, another officer was shot in the hand while attempting to rescue and pull Officer Kelly to safety. Another officer sustained a broken leg while climbing the back yard fence that collapsed. Pittsburgh SWAT engaged

the suspect with sustained gunfire that exhausted their ammunition. This necessitated more ammo to be brought forward from their nearby academy. Only until the suspect ran out of ammo did he give up. When it was over, six children of the murdered officers were left fatherless along with grieving wives, parents, and other relatives.

Sergeant Joe Barretta, Sergeant Russ Gordon, Sergeant Matt Rodgers, Sergeant Eric Washington, Officers Arnold Borgen, Officer Eric Chiang, Officer Al Esparza, Officer Sean Frost, Officer Matt Goodin, Officer Nancie Guillory, Officer Rich Ruiz, and Officer Steve Spagnolo joined another approximately 10,000 police officers from around the country and traveled to Pittsburgh to pay our respects and be humbled by Sciuillo, Mayhle, and Kelly's heroism. As we all scrambled to find flights and hotels, we were met with an outpouring of support by the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police, The F.O.P (Fraternal Order of Police) Lodge #1, and the good people of Pittsburgh. They were truly phenomenal.

First, Mayor Luke Ravenstahl closed all city government offices from Wednesday until Monday in honor of the fallen police officers. The city of Pittsburgh honored all three officers by having them lay in repose inside the city rotunda as family, law enforcement officers, and the citizenry were allowed to pay their respects from 3pm until 10pm on Wednesday.

Inspectors from their various bureaus got back into their police uniforms and took over the shifts and handled the beat for Zone 5 where the



SFPD Ofc. Eric Chiang and Ofc. Arnold Borgen with other CA officers from San Jose and Santa Clara Sheriffs.

police officer all worked so that their fellow officers can grieve and attend the funeral.

City buildings and the Peterson Center were decorated in black bunting as a tribute to and mourning for the officers.

The FOP had a police officers stand by the airport to pick various out of town officers up and drive us directly to our hotel even though many flights were delayed by weather. They refused to allow us to take a taxi. Many Pittsburgh police officers donated and worked for free to facilitate the three days of events.

The hotel lowered their rack rate from \$250 per night to \$49.00 for all police officers. They had shuttle buses to take us to the funeral and to various bars to meet and share a drink with our brethren.

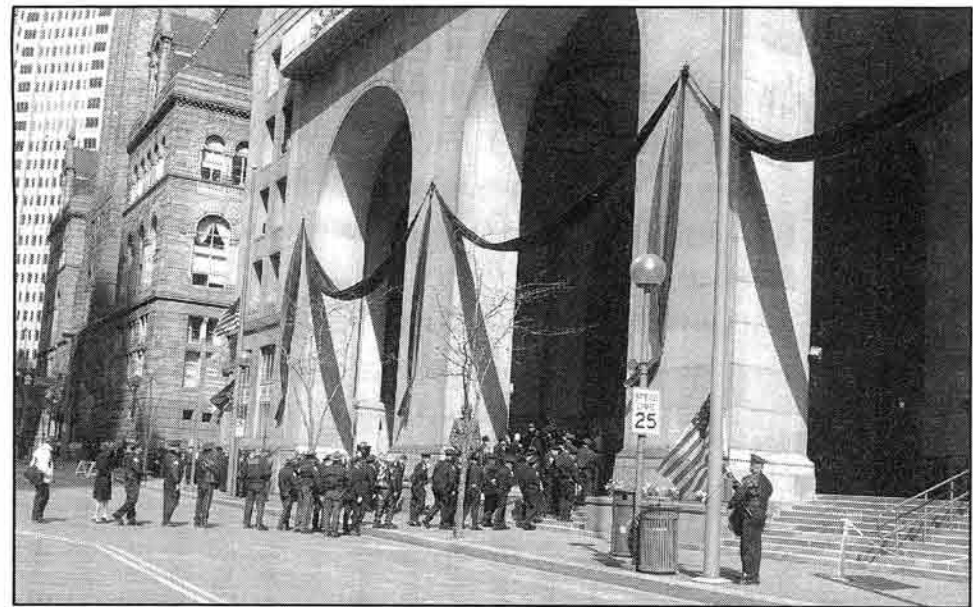
Budweiser donated 40 kegs of beer while Pepsi donated 16 pallets of water.

The Pittsburgh Penguins played a game on Thursday in which the donation bucket was passed around and over \$100,000 was collected. The Penguins wore commemorative t-shirts under their uniforms and

auctioned their jerseys after the game. The Pittsburgh Pirates will play their home opener while wearing a patch on their uniforms and baseball cap for the remainder of the year.

As I sit back and pen this tribute, I wonder if such support would come out of the City of Saint Francis if such tragedy would be fall us. Could our civic and government leaders rise to the occasion? I hope and pray to never find out. Above all, would the people of San Francisco see how police officers are a part of their community who sometimes do extraordinary things in the face of tremendous danger? Of course there will always be a small vocal part of our community that does not know the true meaning of heroism. Many officers told us they love our department and said it was viewed as an east coast police department situated in California. I take that as a compliment.

Our hearts and sympathy go out to the families of Officers Steven J. Mayhle, Paul J. Sciuillo, and Eric G. Kelly. Job well done. Rest in Peace.



Officers from around the country lining up to pay their respects to the fallen officers who were lying in repose.



SFPD officers posing with Cincinnati Police Motor unit.

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# Oakland Police Funeral Remembered

By SFPD Star #38, Retired  
(Name withheld at officer's request)

*With much sadness and exhaustion, I wrote this letter the night of the funeral. It was sent to a few of my family and friends. They responded encouraging me to express these thoughts and reflections to members of the SFPD and OPD. I humbly and discreetly wish to share them with you:*

Today, March 27, 2009, Oakland PD buried four of their finest: Sgt. Dunakin, Sgt. Romans, Sgt. Sakai, and Officer. Hege. I, along with about 18,000 others (with whom 15,000 are sworn officers from all over the states & Canada), attended this unforgettable three hour memorial at Oakland's Oracle Arena. Due to lack of space, thousands of others spilled into the coliseum next door.

For my family, who are currently in Paris/Barcelona, you probably heard of the tragic incident last Sat. 3/21/09. I didn't mention it to you earlier as I find it too difficult to talk about this while you're on vacation. Two of the officers made a 'routine' traffic stop. That driver gunned down both of them, then walked up to them, and shot them in the head execution style. He fled on foot nearby to his sister's apartment. The SWAT team soon located him but the felon shot and killed two of those officers with an assault rifle before he was finally killed by police. This convicted felon was a parole violator who, in his 20's, already committed robberies, carjacks, homicide, and several rapes, to name a few.

I rarely talk of police work, especially to those of you who are not officers. Maybe I feel that some of you don't really understand what I did during my 28 years in the force. From listening to some of your comments over the years, you may think we just go to work...just like you...taking care of business in a protected world, and knowing that you'll make your way home safe without fanfare. Don't get me wrong, your job is appreciated and I am truly impressed with what you've accomplished. But if you really sit back and think of what life is for an officer in uniform, you will be somewhat clouded. Wearing the uniform, just like what those four officers did last week, means public safety and justice... for YOU. We, in uniform, try our best. Our survival skills require having a sense of humor and fun, and importantly, officer safety. But we can't do



everything. It takes one evil person to ruin an officer's life... which leads to ruining hundreds of their loved ones' lives...TIMES FOUR. We then continue to count the family of blue as well.

This morning I had a conversation with one friend who brought up an unrelated traffic stop in which a white officer allegedly stopped a black driver and detained him without cause. Without knowing the details, this friend said it only takes one cop to make us 'look bad'. I asked what does this have to do with the incident last week? (Nothing I hope...just bad timing for bringing it up). This type of comment, leads me to believe that some non-sworn individuals believe this incident is racially motivated. Are we then to blame racial breakdown again, social breakdown, justice system failure, etc.? Are we not helping the criminal enough? Do we continue to go around in circles trying to understand or to give some empathy for the shooter, who happens to be black? Well, to me, it's simple: the cop shooter lives life selfishly, will try to get away with it, and will harm anyone with a blink of the eye. Do we teach our kids this? I hope not. He need not be black or white. He need not be poor or rich or well known. It starts with the parent. So, if anyone wants to bring up those issues, or something to the effect of what could have been done to make the killer's life better, I don't

want to hear it. In China, they execute for stealing rice...just a thought.

This morning, I rode one of the four chartered buses that left from the Hall of Justice. Everyone was in blue; I was the only retired one. The bridge was closed. No civilian cars in sight. We followed a stream of flashing radio cars and unmarked vehicles. Most of the freeway leading to the arena was also closed down for us. Upon arrival, we drove past four small cannons, representing each officer down. We were now among a sea of cars from agencies nationwide, along with thousands of officers lined up in uniform. I thought I was not going to see anyone else in the department, but unexpectedly, I kept coming across officers I knew but haven't seen in years. I sat far up the arena but close enough to the front. As all of us stood in silence, I was touched as the first casket was carried into the arena followed by his loved ones. As the second casket rolled in, I had to take another deep breath to calm myself. As the third one came in, I had to take another deep relaxation breath and held my eyes shut for a split second. And finally, with the fourth casket entering the arena,

I felt numb.

Each eulogy, from the officers and family members, were heartfelt. We were now even more connected. And finally the taps; it's something about that music. Most impressionable are the precision folding and representation of the flags from the coffins to those loved ones. All 20,000 attendees were in silence...twenty thousand; not a stir, not a cough. And this was for at least 20 minutes; this does not happen anywhere else. One by one, as each coffin were carried away, helicopters flew overhead, four each, a set representing the missing officers.

To show my respect, I have attended more funerals than I want to. One officer is one too many, I've attended two officers fallen at the same time, two too many. But four down is the first. I hope this never happens again. This is the saddest time for Oakland P.D.

And for officers, we are expected to carry on. This is one of the times I selfishly feel good to be retired. My star can be passed on.

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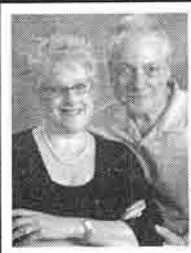
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## Police-Fire Post 456 News

By Greg Corrales

*"An army of deer led by a lion is more to be feared than an army of lions led by a deer." — Attributed to Chabrias (410-375 BC) and to Philip II of Macedon (382-336 BC).*

The American Forces Press Service reports that a change in federal law allows U.S. veterans and active-duty military personnel not in uniform to render the military-style hand salute during the playing of the national anthem and when the national flag is passing.

"The military salute is a unique gesture of respect that marks those who have served in our nation's armed forces," Veterans Affairs Secretary Dr. James B. Peake said. "This provision allows the application of that honor in all events involving our nation's flag."

This provision builds on a change that went into effect in 2007. That change authorized veterans and active-duty military personnel not in uniform to render the military-style hand salute during the raising, lowering or passing of the flag.

Traditionally, the American Legion and other veterans' service organizations rendered the hand salute during the national anthem and at events involving the national flag while wearing their organization's headgear. Otherwise, as with all Americans, the etiquette is to place the right hand over the heart. Now, rendering the hand salute is an option, but is not required. Placing the hand over the heart remains an appropriate sign of respect and honor.

#### Footnote of History?

A recent Gallup Poll found that 90% of Americans viewed WWII as a "just war." D-Day, a pivotal event of the war, however, was largely unknown to many of the young. Among 18 to 29-year olds, only 47% could identify Germany as the enemy nation at Omaha Beach. Just 40% in that age bracket knew the invasion was in France. These dismal results are clearly an indictment of the nation's failed teaching of U.S. History, particularly our military past.

#### Nice to Meet You

Soccer star David Beckham got hit with an armful of Marine humor recently. According to published reports, Beckham "gasped in horror" March 23 as he shook a Royal Marine's hand during an event arranged by Italian soccer team AC Milan — and the arm came off.

Beckham had been set up by Commando Ben McBean, who lost an arm and a leg in an explosion in Afghanistan, according to The Sun, a London-based newspaper. The Marine howled, "My arm! My arm!" as Beckham found the prosthetic limb was no longer attached. With onlookers laughing, Beckham cursed and laughed.

"The fake arm trick — it gets them every time," McBean said.

#### DD-214 Records

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following Web site for veterans to gain access to their DD-214s online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files. Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use the new online military personnel records system to request documents.

#### Camp Lejeune

I have important information for anyone that served at Camp Lejeune in 1987 or before. In the early 1980s, two solvents, trichloroethylene (TCE) and perchloroethylene (PCE), unregulated chemicals at the time, were found in two water systems that served base housing areas in Hadnot Point and Tarawa Terrace. Certain drinking water wells were identified as the source of the chemicals.

The Department of the Navy is funding two independent studies. The Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is conducting a study to determine if there is an association between exposure to the water and certain adverse health effects. The National Academy of Sciences (NAS) is conducting studies to evaluate specific health risks associated with exposure.

The Marine Corps is building a registry of former Marines that lived or worked on board Camp Lejeune 1987 or before, so they can conduct direct notification upon completion of the health studies. Register at [www.marines.mil/clsurvey](http://www.marines.mil/clsurvey) or via the Call Center at (877) 261-9782. I served at Camp Lejeune in 1967 and part of 1968. The water was so bad I was forced to switch to tequila!

#### Awards Dinner

Please see the information in this month's issue of the Journal regarding the post's Officer of the Year Awards Dinner. We will be honoring five super-heroes, Jose Guardado, Scott Biggs, Daniel Kroos, Kevin O'Leary and Chris Oshita. The dinner will be on Wednesday, 20 May 2009 at the Italian-American Social Club, 25 Russia Street.

#### Join us!

The post is anxious to recruit our newer veterans, particularly female veterans, into the organization. If you have any questions, please contact me at Traffic Company. We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 1800 hours. Meetings are held at the old POA Building, 510 Seventh Street. Refreshments are served at the conclusion of Legion business. We look forward to seeing you there!

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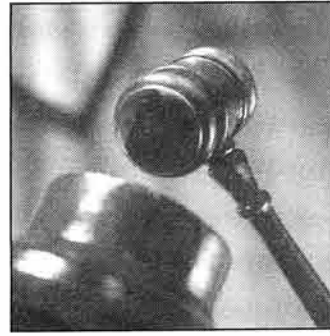
# 2009 Greek Heritage Parade

By Steve Christie, Southern Station

On March 28, 2009 people from far and near came to San Francisco to partake in the 2009 Greek cultural celebration and parade. Captain Tony Fotinos is the Police liaison for the event. Thanks to Tony, the SFPD is represented in the parade, year after year.

The old standbys from Co. B were there: Gary Constantine, Dan Gray and Steve Christie. This year we were happy to have three generations of the Pappas-Sawyer family. Georgia Sawyer (Co. I) and Jason Sawyer (Tac) brought their two beautiful children. Georgia's father was aboard to make sure none of us got out of line! Angelo Angelopoulos (Airport Bureau) has a bit more "juice" than the rest of us, as he was recruited to drive a VIP relative in the parade.

The celebration at the Bill Graham Auditorium gave everyone a chance to meet new people and enjoy the Greek food and dancing.



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## Long-Term Investing

# How to Manage Your Credit During 2009 Global Credit Crunch

By: Edwin K. Stephens,  
The Stephens Group

*He that hath lost his credit is dead  
to the world.*

—George Herbert  
*Outlandish Proverbs, 1639*

Did the Anglican Priest, Scholar and Poet George Herbert, Esq. (1593-1633) foresee the current global credit crisis through his common sense approach to life in his *Outlandish Proverbs*?

Answer: In the early seventeenth century predominately rural audiences understood how to live within their economic means, with or without credit.

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### 5.84 Million Americans Unemployed

As of April 9, 2009, The Labor Department said the tally of initial jobless claims fell to a seasonally adjusted 654,000 down from a revised 674,000 the previous week. However, the total number of laid-off Americans receiving unemployment benefits rose to 5.84 million, from 5.75 million. It is noted that the high level of continuing unemployment claims is a sign that many laid-off workers are having difficulty finding new jobs.

The Federal Reserve Board expects the unemployment rate — now at a quarter-century high of 8.5 percent — will probably "rise more steeply into early next year before flattening out at a high level over the rest of the year," according to minutes from the central bank's March meeting released Wednesday. Many private economists



expect the unemployment rate will hit 10 percent by year's end.

The United States has lost a net total of 5.1 million jobs since the recession began in December 2007, almost two thirds of them in the past five months, according to Labor Department data released the week of April 1, 2009.

### Credit Crunch Effects On Americans

Employers are laying off workers at a faster pace despite a few hopeful signs recently that the recession — now the longest since World War II could be easing. Management consultant The Hackett Group Inc. says its recent research shows companies are finding it increasingly difficult to estimate cash flow accurately, making it harder to zero in on accurate quarterly estimates.

Much of the reason for the difficulty goes back to the current credit crunch. Companies are finding it more difficult

to draw down credit, predict customer demand and anticipate other issues that impact the ability to foresee the short-term future. The Hackett Group's study shows that more than 60 percent of companies say they cannot accurately forecast cash flow within 10 percent and more than 90 percent cannot forecast within 5 percent.

### Credit Crunch Effects On Americans

As the recession, which started in December 2007, eats into their sales and profits, companies are laying off workers and resorting to other cost-saving measures. Those include holding down work hours, and freezing or cutting pay, to survive the storm.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said the recession could end later this year, setting the stage for a recovery next year, if the government is successful in bolstering the banking system. Banks have been clobbered by the worst housing, credit and financial crises to hit the country since the 1930s.

Even if the recession ends this year, the economy will remain frail, analysts said. Companies will have little appetite to ramp up hiring until they feel the economy is truly out of the woods and any recovery has staying power. To brace the economy, the Federal Reserve has slashed a key bank lending rate to an all-time low and has embarked on a series of radical programs to inject billions of dollars into the financial system.

### The 2009 Economic Stimulus Package

On February 17, 2009, the Obama Administration had launched a multi-pronged strategy to turn the economy

around. The historic 787 billion dollar economic stimulus package includes money that will flow to states for public works projects, help them defray budget cuts, extend unemployment benefits and boost food stamp benefits. The administration is also counting on programs to prop up financial companies and reduce home foreclosures to help turn the economy around.

### Managing Personal Credit

*How does an individual manage their personal credit during these tough economic times?*

Carefully. Each person has to establish a list of priorities that will determine their "needs" versus their "wants". Since the banks and financial institutions are being very strict on extending and/or granting lines of credit in the form of mortgage loans, mortgage equity credit lines, credit cards, automotive loans and other forms of refinancing of one's existing debt, it is necessary to use credit wisely and sparingly.

Naturally, if you are unemployed and your unemployment benefits are not adequate to help you survive, then using one's revolving lines of credit or obtaining higher interest "pay day loans" may be a necessary evil in which to provide temporary relief to your immediate situation. Creative personal finance in the form of bartering with individuals and/or vendors is one way that many people are learning how to give new life to their current existence. The goal to keep in mind is that you must have a strategy in which your financial "needs" must come before your personal "wants". It is essential to live within your economic means, with or without credit.

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## 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 decades of experience and job knowledge. The most recently retired POA members are:

- Captain Thomas O'Neill #39 from Support Services
- Inspector Benjamin Spiteri #2105 from Juvenile

*Sgt, Michael J. Sullivan*

## Disabled SF Police Sergeant and Nationally Recognized Expert Retires

By Kelly Dunn

The San Francisco Police Department's nationally acclaimed Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator, Sergeant Michael J. Sullivan, a San Francisco native, will be retiring May 1, 2009 after 32 years of service.

Sergeant Sullivan, 54, himself permanently disabled from injuries sustained in the line of duty when he was only 26 years old, is a nationally recognized expert on the Americans with Disabilities Act as it relates to law enforcement.

Sullivan's career as a street officer came to an abrupt end in the wee hours of January 18, 1982 when his patrol car was struck by a fleeing suspect during a nighttime chase in the Mission District. The suspect's car landed on top of Sullivan's patrol car and pinned Sullivan inside. Sullivan suffered serious injuries including to his leg and heart, required several surgeries, and could not return to duty for a year-and-a-half.

When he did return to work, it was not to the street, much to Sullivan's disappointment. A big man at 6'2", his injuries made it painful to walk — he eventually required a cane and more surgeries — and so was assigned permanent light duty status.

Challenging assignments were difficult to find on light duty status — Sullivan often had to remind people that he still had full use of his brain — but he was not deterred. When the Americans with Disabilities Act was passed by Congress in 1992, Sullivan eagerly accepted the responsibilities of learning how the ADA related to law enforcement and then implementing it within the San Francisco Police Department.

Sullivan was a quick study and immediately became recognized within City government for his expertise. In 1995, he was presented with the City's ADA Coordinator of the Year Award by then Mayor Frank Jordan and received it again in 1997.

Sullivan's reputation grew, and soon law enforcement agencies and disabilities groups from across the country were seeking his expertise. Eventually, the Clinton Administration recruited Sullivan to serve on the Executive Committee of the President's Committee for the Employment of People with Disabilities.

Meanwhile, the SFPD expanded Sullivan's duties to include teaching police recruits as well as veteran officers about the ADA. In conjunction with the San Francisco Mental Health Board's Director, Helynna Brooke, he developed curriculum for the SFPD's award winning quarterly class, the Police Crisis Intervention Training, which is an intense 40 hour class attended by 30 veteran police officers at a time who learn how to increase



## San Francisco Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers

### "Cops for Christ" SPRING LUNCHEON

The San Francisco Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers is hosting a Spring Luncheon. All are welcome!

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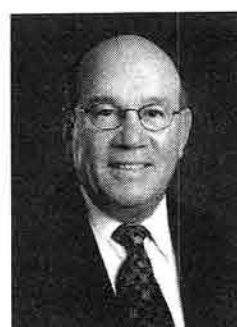


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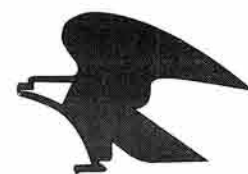
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## POA MAIL



### Rebuttal

*Editor's note: the following letter did not appear in the April issue of the POA Journal. The error was mine, and I apologize to DC Lynch for the omission.*

— RS

#### Dear President Delagnes —

I am writing this letter to you in regards to your full-page article, which was published in the February 2009 edition of the POA Journal. I found your article to be largely lacking in facts; examples of these factual exclusions include your portrayal of the implementation of the DROP program. The article failed to mention the related discussions, Meet and Confer sessions, and Department Bulletins on the subject.

However, I am specifically writing this letter to ask that you correct statements that you have made, in that article, related to my letter to you dated January 20, 2009 regarding the March sign-up. I write this, not on department letterhead, and not as the Assistant Chief, but rather as a member of this department whose reputation and principles have been unfairly attacked by you. I believe that it is only fair to my family and me, that I have an opportunity to defend my reputation in regards to my labor/management principles.

As you may know, my professional roots include at least seven years in which I served as a board member, employee representative, vice president and legislative advocate for the San Francisco Airport Police Officers Association (Airport POA). You may consider this a minute accomplishment, based on the size of that organization (approximately 150 members — who are now part of the SFPOA), in comparison with the SFPOA. However, in spite of its size, the Airport POA was instrumental in improving the status and working conditions for not only its members, but also the current and past membership of the SFPOA, Adult Probation, Juvenile Probation, Deputy Sheriffs and other San Francisco public safety employee associations. The vast majority of these accomplishments were not "given" to these members, but were as a result of Charter amendments, Administrative Code amendments, and negotiations with the Employee Relations Division (formerly under the Board of Supervisors). Virtually all of these improvements included the "Meet and Confer" process that you refer to in your article. I can say, with pride, that as a POA representative I was directly part of many of these negotiations and throughout these processes fought for the right to Meet and Confer in good faith.

30-years ago, when I started this journey, the Airport Police were not treated as a true public safety agency with the rights and benefits of San Francisco peace officers. Specific examples of these inequities

included, but were not limited to:

- Non-Public Safety Pension (SFERS Miscellaneous System);
- Social Security Contributions;
- No 4850 provisions for industrial disabilities (disability pay at normal rate of pay); and
- Inequitable salary compensation (classification within the "institutional police" benchmark).
- In spite of these inequities, the Airport Police did receive benefits that SFPD members had not secured at the time, including a 4-10 work schedule, night differential, State Disability Insurance (SDI) for non-industrial injuries and illnesses, and overtime compensation at a "time and one-half" rate.

During my tenure in the Airport POA I, and a core team of individuals with a common vision, pursued a goal to correct these inequities, maintain previous gains, and to improve benefits to a level that was the industry standard in law enforcement. As a result of our efforts and through established labor/management practices (Meet and Confer, Charter and code amendments, etc.) we accomplished the following:

- Amended the Charter in 1983 to allow the Airport Police (and other San Francisco public safety entities) to contract with CALPERS for a Public Safety pension (at a cheaper cost than SFERS);
- Received a favorable ruling from Social Security that recognized our status as peace officers and removed us from improper Social Security inclusion (consistent with SFPD and SFFD);
- Through the CALPERS Public Safety pension contract, implemented industrial disability compensation that was consistent with SFPD and SFFD;
- Changed compensation formulas to be consistent with county sheriff's departments in the Bay Area (many times exceeding SFPD base rates);
- Maintained night differential and the "time and one-half" overtime rate (models that the SFPOA would later pursue and implement);
- Maintained State Disability Insurance coverage for non-industrial injuries (a benefit lost as a result of the merger);
- Negotiated as-year MOU that included, for the first time for a San Francisco police agency, POST Incentive Pay (a benefit SFPOA would later negotiate for and receive); and
- Re-negotiated and maintained a 4-10 work schedule for patrol members (again a benefit that the SFPOA would later implement).

Each of these benefits was the result of established labor-management negotiation principles. I was

a participant in these processes and experienced first-hand the steps required to implement positive change for an organization. Therefore, I take offense to your contention that the department, through my letter to you, "implied that the standard 'Meet and Confer' process was not necessary in order to implement this change." You failed to include the fact that this process started with the current sign-up in which the department proposed changes in the Captains Watch schedules in Patrol. My reference in the January 20th letter referred to previous discussions between the department and the POA this reference related to:

Discussions held in August of 2008, between the department and the POA regarding these proposed changes in the Captain's Watch schedules. As you may recall in a letter dated August 21, 2008, the Association agreed to those changes. In substance the POA stated, in that letter, that such proposals were subject to Meet and Confer, however that it did not wish to invoke that option on the matter (Captain's Watch). Therefore, consistent with those factors, my letter of January 20th was to notice the POA of additional proposed changes for the March sign-up, anticipating your review and response to this proposal. Based on historical practices and correspondence, the department was fully aware of a potential for Meet and Confer and resolution of any differences through established protocols. This was reinforced in my letter to you, dated January 23rd (a fact which was not referenced in your article).

I would hope that by reading this letter you better understand my position, and that of the department, regarding the March 2009 sign-up. As I have personally stated to you, any healthy organization needs to periodically evaluate its operations to ensure that it is delivering efficient and effective service to those we serve. In light of the recently completed organizational studies and the current economic status of the City, NOW is one of those times. I would hope that you would take these factors into consideration and embrace an opportunity for the men and women of this department to come together to help craft the future of the SFPD.

I am requesting that you publish this letter (in its entirety) so that your readers can receive all of the facts regarding this issue. I ask this not out of respect for my rank, but rather for respect to me as a former labor leader who spent a significant portion of uncompensated time improving the working conditions of peace officers employed by the City and County of San Francisco.

Sincerely,  
James M. Lynch

#### Dear SFPOA —

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness in remembering my husband, Arthur J. Hernandez #703. He truly loved being a San Francisco Police Officer and was so very proud to be one. It is very hard not to see him every day. It's one day at a time.

But, I do know without a doubt that God took one of San Francisco's Finest home and he is in charge of guarding the gates.

I know why he loved that uniform and his fellow officers because the love and caring I saw on the day of his funeral was unbelievable.

Thank you again.

Love,

Jill Hernandez

#### Dear SFPOA —

The Marysville Police Officers' Association would like to express our sincere and heartfelt appreciation for your generous donation to Officer Bart Santti. Your donation was the largest we received and brought tears to our members eyes. Your donation could not have gone to someone who needed it more.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Dustin Brown, President

Marysville Police Officers' Association

#### Dear Community Service Committee —

On behalf of Captain Paul Chignell, thank you for your generous donation to the Sunset Youth Services Annual Fund Raising Gala. It allowed Co. I to continue our support for our community.

Regards,

Judy Riggie

Taraval Station

#### To All at SFPOA —

On behalf of the CPO Foundation 2009 Golf Committee, thank you very much for the Hole Sponsorship from the San Francisco Police Officers Association of our 22nd Annual Survivors' Golf Tournament.

The CPO Foundation is assisting more and more Correctional Officers and Families every year, and we couldn't do it without friends like you helping us keep our Survivors' and Catastrophic Assistance Programs well funded. The longtime support from the San Francisco Police Officers Association is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Pat Bjorklund

Correctional Peace Officers Foundation

#### More on Great West

##### Dear POA —

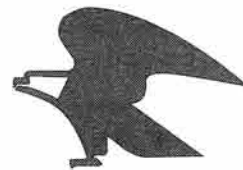
Over the past month, publications in both *Barron's* and the *Wall Street Journal* have outlined, quite clearly, how San Francisco's Stable Value Fund has apparently lost more money than any other city in the country. Mike Hebel's article in the April POA Journal attempted, in a rather convoluted way, to explain how our combined Stable Value accounts are inflated more than \$83+ million above our underlying assets.

Despite my efforts otherwise, Mike Hebel's article has not contested my assertions that he may have misrepresented the performance of our





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I believe it appropriate for Mike Hebel to address the following issues with the membership:

1) How can Great West earn back the \$83+ million loss over a 10-year period, if their contract is only effective for five years?

2) The claim is made that Stable Value losses are common in public employee plans. Can another location be named that has greater losses than we have?

3) Why was the "money market" option eliminated? This immediately caused participants to place money in far riskier venues, specifically the more expensive Stable Value Fund.

For the benefit of the members, it is important to remove any shroud of perceived deception, misrepresentation, or exaggeration. This extends to the genuineness of claimed qualifications. The receipt of the "Top Financial Planner" award touted in the *Journal* as an achieved credential is so simple to obtain, that the exact award, from the same company, has been tendered to POA President, Gary Delagnes (attached). Either the significance of this award is misleading, or similar congratulations are due Gary.

It is not my intention to embarrass or demean any member of the POA, or any affiliate, such as Mike Hebel. However, it is disconcerting that the only response to serious allegations of misrepresentation has been an amplified resume. It is non-negotiable that members should be only provided with clear, objective, and accurate information. Only in this way, members can properly analyze the merits of their investments.

**Lou Barberini,**  
CPA SFPD497@yahoo.com  
(email me for the Barron's or  
Wall Street Journal articles)

### Service and Duty

**Dear Capt. Casciato —**

This letter is to commend and thank two of your officers who showed me exceptional kindness and courtesy on 4 March after my car was stolen from my garage. The officers are Officer Tom Maguire, #1158 and Officer Michael Grande, #302.

Friends took me to the Fillmore/Turk Street Station. A report was taken. I am 82 years old and have difficulty walking due to surgery. While I was sitting in the lobby looking for my cell phone to call a taxi, the officers came from a back office. They offered to drive me home to Locksley Avenue near UCSF Hospital.

The car was located within four hours, the young woman who took my car was taken into custody, and I was notified immediately to my great relief. Later that evening, one of the officers phoned suggesting they would bring the car to me when they got off duty. They brought the car at 3 AM to save me the rigors of picking up the car from towing which would entail much running around to pick it up if it were to be towed. I was ever so grateful.

The police in general get a bad rap. San Francisco residents should also know how many good and kind acts are performed and perhaps never reported.

Here's toi, toi, toi for the men in blue who daily protect us with their vigilance and often with their lives.

*Sincerely from a grateful citizen,*  
**Ruth H. Haller**  
San Francisco

**Dear Editor —**

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank retired Deputy Chief Kevin J. Mullen for all of the interesting and informative articles that he has written for the *Journal* and to thank the SFPOA *Journal* for publishing them. Many officers do not realize that all of our *Journal* publications are kept at the San Francisco Public Library and can be an excellent research source for matters of interest to police officers.

*Best wishes,*  
**Louie Calabro,**  
Retired SFPD

*Editor — I received the following information from Dennis Morris of the DA's office. He read my article about the D'Arcy legacy within the SFPD and wanted to write a note about his son, Chris, and their developing "legacy" within the San Francisco law enforcement community.* — Kevin Martin  
**Kevin [Martin] —**

As per our conversation the other day I would like to give you a little history of myself and my son Chris Morris (Star 1916). I think it is fairly unique that a DA has a son in the local police department and might be worth a little story in the POA paper.

Dennis Morris: USF — BA (1973) and MA (1977);  
Lincoln University Law School in 1982.

Worked as a purchasing agent for the San Francisco Unified School District and the City and County of San Francisco for the five years before joining the SFDA's Office in May, 1983 after four years of night law school.

Experiences in DA's Office —  
Misdemeanor Deputy, Preliminary Hearing Deputy.

In January of 1985, promoted to Felony Narcotics Deputy where I spent four years prosecuting narcotics cases as well as being a cross-designated Assistant United States Attorney wherein I prosecuted larger SFPD cases in the Federal Courts.

Next I was assigned to General Litigation for two years doing general cases.

Next I was assigned for eight years to Special Prosecutions Unit prosecuting white-collar crimes specializing in Elder Financial Abuse.

Next I was assigned to the Felony Rebooking Unit for a couple of years and then I was assigned as the Assistant Manager of the Narcotics Unit for over three years and now I am back at the Felony Rebooking Unit. I have a multitude of trials both misdemeanors and felonies plus over fifty Grand Juries.

I have taught numerous classes to both DA's as well as police officers throughout the State of California for the California District Attorney's Association, POST classes at San Jose State (eight hour Fraud segment), plus I have taught several types of classes at the SFPD Academy.

Chris Morris: Born and raised in San Francisco — graduating from St.

**Editor —**

Herman Bell, Ray Boureaux, Richard Brown, Henry Jones, Anthony Bottom, Harold Taylor, and Francisco Torres murdered Sergeant John V. Young and you bastards want AG Jerry Brown to drop all charges? Are you knuckleheads crazy? Your so-called "union" isn't worth a s\*#!

You should all resign your office! You phony pr#\*ks! I can not believe you knuckleheads carry a badge!

I'm a retired union (CCPOA) worker and my union would never think of doing what your so-called "union" knuckleheads are doing!

**John Sanchez**  
Rosemead, CA

**Dear Mr. Sanchez —**

I am responding to your letter dated 8 April 2009 in which you rant against this organization's petition to Attorney General Jerry Brown for the release of the accused murderers of SFPD Sergeant John V. Young. Since you did not cite your source of information regarding the petition for release of the accused murderers, I must assume that you have misunderstood whatever information you have on this matter.

Perhaps you have misconstrued the Page One article that appeared in the March 2009 issue of the POA *Journal* titled "SF Labor Council Appeals for Release of Accused Killers of SF Officer: Council's action disrespects SFPOA and all SF cops." That article was written by our association president, Gary Delagnes, and it condemns the SF Labor Council for its reprehensible petition to Attorney General Jerry Brown seeking the release of these accused killers. Let me be clear; it was the SF Labor Council, not the SFPOA or any police officer in this association, who is calling for the release of these men. I enclose a copy of that article, and I have highlighted for your benefit key passages in it that most certainly will prove to you that your outrage is sorely misdirected.

I can assure you that none of the executive officers, unit representatives, or office staff of the San Francisco Police Officers Association — our "so-called union" — has ever publicly called for the

release of these accused persons. Furthermore, I can emphatically assure you that I — who was a rookie officer working at Ingleside Station the night Sergeant Young was gunned down and murdered — would publicly condemn any member of this association, the San Francisco Police Department, or any affiliated law enforcement organization who or which would seek to have these accused men released.

Your claimed affiliation with the California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA) is duly noted, and I have forwarded to the Webmaster of that organization both your letter and this response. I want to assure all of our law enforcement brothers and sisters in the CCPOA that the SFPOA certainly does not seek to have the accused killers of John Young released for any reason whatsoever. Of course, it is not likely that your letter will appear on the web site because the site disclaimer reads "Offensive comments will not be tolerated."

There is no misinterpreting your letter to us. It is offensive, and it is intolerable.

The SFPOA has always supported the CCPOA, both in fraternal spirit and with donations to its fundraisers. We respect the organization immensely, and have nothing but the utmost regard for its leadership and its members. It is for that reason that I must conclude that your misconceptions about this matter have severely infected your fraternal civility. There can be no other reason for your belligerent ignorance.

I hope I have clarified to you the SFPOA position on this matter. Please read thoroughly the enclosed article to which I have previously referred. If you still cannot comprehend the truth of the matter and the position of the SFPOA in regards to it, please contact me directly and I will endeavor to convince you in a more simplistic manner. Perhaps I could ask my 8-year old grandchild to explain it to you.

*Fraternally yours,*  
**Sgt. Ray Shine (Retired),**  
Editor and Chief "Knucklehead"  
POA *Journal*  
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Cecilia's grammar school and Sacred Heart Cathedral High School. Chris played football, soccer and baseball for SH (not at the varsity level). Chris received his BA from the University of Nevada at Reno in 2005 majoring in Administration of Justice. Chris graduated from the 212th SFPD Academy Class, completing his FTO at Ingleside Station and his probation was completed at Park Station. Chris is presently assigned to Northern Station.

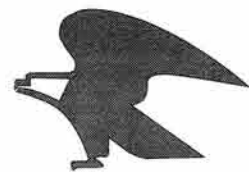
Chris and I talk about "work" all the time especially search and seizure issues and charging issues. It is an understatement to say that I am extremely proud of my son, Chris! His desire to join the SFPD is a reflection

of my affinity for the Department and by the fact that over the course of my 26 years of working with the San Francisco Police Department I have had several police officers to my house talking about cases, reviewing search warrants, or being protected by the Taraval undercover officers for a week when I was threatened by a big drug dealer many years ago. Also, Chris' cousin, retired Sgt. Ron Vernali was around frequently, dropping by the house while in uniform with his squad car, thus leaving a great impression upon Chris for being a police officer.





## POA MAIL



### Justice Delayed

Editor —

I am writing in concern to the murder of Sgt. John V. Young. I want to give my support to you that the murderers of Sergeant Young not be turned into heroes but be held responsible for the life that they took. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Angela Gillam  
Redway, CA

Editor —

What is wrong with this world when the men who are sworn to defend and protect you from crimes such as murder are themselves murdered and the murderers are not held in complete accountability for their actions?

It is not only cities but the state, too, that has turned its back on criminals such as those on Death Row now. People literally are getting away with murder. People are on Death Row for 20 years. Some die, but they can't be executed for their crimes anymore. Meanwhile, the victim's families live in the fear, remorse, and torment that these animals have done.

I used the word "complete accountability" because they should be dealt equally for their heinous actions.

These seven men who killed Sergeant John V. Young should be tried in a court of law along with the SF Labor Council for various charges concerning the murder of an officer.

When will there be justice?

Sincerely,  
Greg La Fortune  
Sonoma, CA

Kevin [Martin] —

I am hoping that you can pass on a message to the Oakland PD for me. As a Reserve unit A Co, 445th Civil Affairs Battalion has several Bay Area Police Officers in the ranks and the news of the brutal murders of four Oakland Police Officers hit us all hard; we wanted to express our deepest sympathy and condolences. I hope that their families and comrades can take some comfort from the knowledge that they dedicated their lives to the good of their fellow man. As Soldiers fighting far from home we are comforted with the knowledge that there are brave men and women like these protecting our families and loved ones.

God bless you all.

Sincerely,  
ISG George Luedtke,  
A Co 445th CA BN Nasariyah, Iraq  
(Bayview Station, SFPD)

### Thank You

POA —

Thank you for your generous donation to support the fight against breast cancer and other cancers. Your donation has helped me reach my goal.

Thank you,  
Julia Ford

POA —

Thank you very much for your generous donation to Hanna Boys Center in Brian Choy's memory.

The Choy Family

Editor —

The boys of Hanna Boys Center sincerely appreciate your remembrance of them and thank you for your \$1,000 gift in memory of Brian Choy.

Sincerely,  
Father John S. Crews, Ed.D.  
Executive Director  
Hanna Boys Center

Dear Gary —

On behalf of Father John Crews, the Event Committee, and the boys, we would like to thank: you for your generous donation of \$1,000 to Hanna Boys Center's 3rd Annual "Evening with the All-Stars."

The 3rd Annual "Evening with the All-Stars" will no doubt prove to be another great night of festivities and fun in our beautiful location in the heart of the Sonoma Valley's Wine Country. Above all, it will be an evening to support the courageous boys who have made the difficult decision to leave their families and friends and come to Hanna for life-changing help. Without your support, the close to 200 boys and their families whom we serve each year might not receive the help they so desperately need.

Again, thank: you for your support of Hanna Boys Center!

Sincerely,  
Kris Van Giesen  
Chief Development and Community  
Relations Officer  
Hanna Boys Center

Dear POA —

Thank you for your loving response to our Christmas mailing. Your generous contribution of \$250 enables us to continue to provide pastoral care, counseling, referral and crisis intervention each and every night of the year when anxiety and adversity can be most extreme, and when so little help is otherwise available.

In addition, Night Ministry becomes a valuable resource for people who are just plain lonely. We offer a listening ear, words of comfort and hope, and share spiritual resources that can provide support and encouragement in sad and difficult times. One message of Christmas is that we are not alone — that God is with us, Emmanuel. Thank you for helping us share to many a holy word of comfort and hope, and for being in partnership with us in our ministry.

May God's unlimited love continue to bless and sustain you in the New Year.

The Rev. Lyle J. Beckman,  
Night Minister

Dear SFPOA —

On behalf of its students and faculty, The Orme School and Camp wish to acknowledge with appreciation your gift donation for the Annual Fund. This gift was made in Memory of John Hege.

The Orme Annual Fund supports every element of an Orme education, particularly the school's most valuable resource—its dedicated and exceptional faculty. The Annual Fund also supports the programs that make an Orme education unique,

such as Horsemanship, Fine Arts Festival and Caravan.

Again, on behalf of the entire Orme community, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
Sharon Barton  
Director of Development  
The Orme School and Camp

Dear POA —

It's with great pleasure that I write to thank: you for your recent gift of \$250 to support the SFSC's annual event. Because of you, it was a successful evening! Your investment in our work is greatly appreciated.

As you know, the SFSC is the oldest senior center in the US and its programs are recognized as models of innovative services for seniors nationwide. Our mission is to foster independence and self-reliance by providing a variety of culturally and linguistically appropriate opportunities for life-long learning, healthy living, and social and community activities. Staying active and connected to the world is what we strive for.

Thank: you again for your support of our programs.

Robert Trevorrow  
Executive Director  
San Francisco Senior Center

Dear Friend,

On behalf of the patients and families we serve, please accept our heartfelt thanks for your donation of \$500 to LLS.

LLS, along with KGO Newstalk AM 810, is committed to finding a cure for blood cancer by funding top research scientists. For more than 28 years, the KGO Radio Cure-A-Thon has successfully invested an impressive \$17 million towards cancer research, and blood cancer survival rates have improved as a result.

With the continued decrease in federal funding for cancer research, your support comes at a critical time. Researchers must rely on sponsorships from organizations like LLS and donations from individuals like yourself.

Sincerely,  
Spider Cantley  
KGO Cure-A-Thon Chairman

Dear SFPOA —

On behalf of the Piedmont Council Board, the volunteers and the youth we serve, please accept my thanks for your generous contribution in memory of John Raymond Hege.

Although I never knew John Hege, who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 1983 from Piedmont Troop 15, I have received many phone calls and emails from those who cared about him, I have the impression of a man of character and integrity who exemplified what Scouts is about. How sad that we should lose him in this way, Thank you for supporting Scouting, which I understand was important to John throughout his life.

Sincerely,  
Josephine Pegrum Hazelett  
Executive Director  
Piedmont Council, Inc.,  
Boy Scouts of America

Dear POA —

On behalf of the Leo T. Walsh Scholarship Program Committee, I want to thank: you for your generous support for the Scholarship Program, and in particular for your support of the recent dinner honoring John Moylan.

Interest in the Program by graduating students continues to be very strong. Again this year we received thirty-five applications; twenty-five from graduating high school seniors, and ten from graduating eighth graders, all competing for the ten available scholarships.

We anticipate awarding those ten scholarships in late-April or early May. Without your help, and the help of many other generous members of the Irish community, the Program would not be able to continue awarding these scholarships.

In closing, and on behalf of the Scholarship Program Committee, I again want to thank you for your generous support.

Sincerely,  
James P. Horan, Chair  
Leo T. Walsh Scholarship  
Program Committee  
The Irish Cultural Centre of California

Supervisor Sean R. Elsbernd  
March 16, 2009

Gary Delagnes SFPOA  
800 Bryant Street, 2nd Floor San  
Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Gary,

Thank you so much for your generous support and contribution to the Second Annual Crab Fest event — benefiting the Laguna Honda Foundation.

I decided to use this year's event to give something back to the community, and with your support we were able to raise over \$150,000 for the Laguna Honda Foundation and the Laguna Honda Hospital — home to many of San Francisco's elderly, disabled and disadvantaged citizens.

The funds we raised will help provide nursing education, clinical research and future programming as well as supplying needed equipment and furniture for the hospital. The Laguna Honda Foundation is working to transform Laguna Honda from an aging facility that has served the City and County of San Francisco for more than 100 years, into an innovative 21st Century model of high-quality, accessible adult care and rehabilitation.

I wish to personally thank you for your support and generosity in this tough economic climate.

Best regards,  
Supervisor Sean R. Elsbernd  
District 7, San Francisco

Dear SFPOA —

On behalf of the Williams Family, we would like to thank the POA and especially Chris Breen for the beautiful flowers and support during the sudden loss of our brother. Your condolences were warmly received and appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Vivian Williams  
Brian Williams



News From PolicePay.com

LA Facing \$530 Million Shortfall; Mayor Demands Union Concessions

From The Los Angeles Times, April 7

LOS ANGELES – Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa on Monday said unions representing city workers would need to make major concessions to avoid widespread layoffs, including possibly deferring raises, cutting work hours and paying more for retirement benefits.

The mayor told reporters that the city is expected to face a \$530-million shortfall in the 2009-10 budget year and that 2,800 workers would be laid off unless the unions agree to “shared responsibility and shared sacrifice.” The mayor’s office is negotiating with the Coalition of L.A. City Unions and other bargaining units on ideas to cut costs.

“The road ahead will not be easy, but there are thousands of jobs at stake, thousands of families looking

to us to do the right thing,” Villaraigosa said.

The mayor made a point to say that police officers and firefighters would be asked to make the same concessions as all other city workers, although he would exempt them from layoffs for public safety reasons: “Every department will participate. It’s the only way it’ll work.”

Los Angeles Police Protective League President Paul M. Weber was quick to attack the mayor’s proposal, specifically the idea of cutting every city employee’s workweek by one hour to save hundreds of jobs.

“We are disappointed that the mayor has fallen back on his promise to make public safety a top priority with his administration,” Weber said, adding that the cut would be equivalent to losing 250 officers from the nearly

10,000 on the force.

Villaraigosa’s spokesman, Matt Szabo, said the only reason nearly 10,000 officers are represented by the league is “because of the mayor’s steadfast commitment to police hiring even in the face of steep budget deficits.”

Barbara Maynard of the coalition, which represents 22,000 of the city’s estimated 36,000 employees, struck a more conciliatory tone than the police union: “We have been in discussions with the city for some time now, looking for ways to avoid layoffs and cuts to services,” she said.

“We are absolutely committed to maintaining city services.”

The unions have the power to reject any measure to cut pay or eliminate raises, since both are locked in by contract. Villaraigosa has the authority to lay off city workers, however.

The mayor said his budget would include provisions for new public-private partnerships that could raise hundreds of millions of dollars, as well as cuts to programs. Villaraigosa is exploring whether to privatize the Los Angeles Convention Center and Los Angeles Zoo, and to sell but lease back city parking garages and meters, which could raise hundreds of millions of dollars.

Even with that cost-cutting and additional revenue, the city still would be approximately \$300 million short, he said. Villaraigosa said the “menu of options” he proposed to workers, including forgoing pay increases -- primarily cost-of-living raises -- could dramatically decrease the number of layoffs needed to balance L.A.’s budget.

He already has instructed the city’s personnel department to make preparations to lay off 400 workers.

Las Vegas Metro Police Union Ratifies Contract Without Cost-Of-Living Raises

From The Las Vegas Sun, April 6

LAS VEGAS, NV – The Metro Police Department’s uniformed officers have officially agreed to forgo a cost-of-living raise next year.

The Las Vegas Police Protective Association overwhelmingly ratified the contract the union negotiated with Metro that gives up a cost-of-living increase for the fiscal year that begins July 1, Executive Director Chris Collins said. Voting ended Sunday, he said. The union’s existing four-year contract expires on June 30.

“It was the right thing to do in these times,” Collins said. “I knew the troops would come up and do the right thing.”

The union represents 2,700 uniformed Metro officers. About one-third of them voted, which is a high turnout, Collins said. Normally, only 10 percent of the members vote on union contracts, he said.

The one-year contract maintains step increases for officers with less than 10 years on the force, he said. Those increases, which reward experience and increased skill, amount to 4 percent a year.

In addition, he said, health benefits will remain the same in the new contract.

The union and Metro agreed to a one-year contract and will probably continue to do so until the economy turns around, Collins said.

The mayor said his budget would include provisions for new public-private partnerships that could raise hundreds of millions of dollars, as well as cuts to programs.

Union officials are pushing for an early retirement program, and the mayor said that’s on the table as well. But he said his main goal was to cut costs without cutting services. A mass exodus of workers nearing retirement would probably affect city services.

The city’s top budget analyst, interim City Administrative Officer Raymond P. Ciranna, in February predicted that the city would face a \$427-million budget shortfall in 2009-10, and \$525 million in 2010-11. (The mayor’s office Monday predicted a shortfall of \$530 million in 2009-10.)

The budget gap would more than double in the next year because of investment losses in the city’s pension systems. The city is legally obligated to keep the systems solvent, which could cost \$458 million in 2010-11 and \$663 million in 2011-12. That expense would be on top of the city’s expected budget shortfalls.

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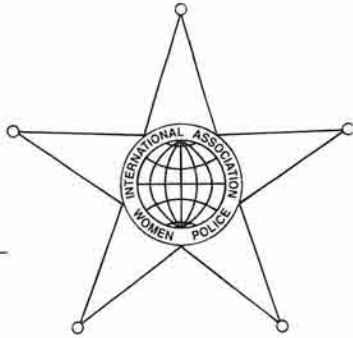
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# Lottery Teams Up with Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation on Scratchers® Ticket

SACRAMENTO — The California Lottery and the California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation have joined forces to create a new Scratchers ticket. The ticket, named "In the Line of Duty," pays tribute to peace officers and assists the families of their fallen colleagues.

"We are pleased to team up with the foundation to support the families left behind by peace officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our state," Lottery Director Joan Borucki said. "Customers can help support the work of the foundation by buying the ticket."

Part of the proceeds from the Scratchers ticket, up to \$300,000, will go to support the foundation. That payment is a licensing fee that will not interfere with the amount of money that the Lottery pays out to education.

"This partnership is a win-win situation for both our organizations," said Don Novey, Executive Director of the California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation. "We are honored to team up with the California Lottery for two great causes. We hope the 'In the Line of Duty' Scratchers ticket reminds Californians of the commitment peace officers make day in and day out."

The ticket will cost \$2 and begin to appear at more than 20,000 retail locations statewide on April 1st.

More than 95 cents of every Lottery dollar is returned to the community in the form of contributions to education, prizes and retail commissions. The California Lottery contributes at least 34 cents of every dollar that players spend on Lottery products to public

education and returns more than 50 percent of sales to players in the form of prizes. Since its inception in 1985, the Lottery has contributed nearly \$21 billion to California schools out of total sales of more than \$56 billion. Retailers benefit too, earning \$3.6 billion in compensation since 1985.

The California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation is a non-profit charitable foundation whose mission is to recognize and honor California's peace officers who gave their lives 'In the Line of Duty' serving the citizens of this great state, and provide support to the family members left behind

## Q & A:

California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation  
Scratchers® Ticket

**Q: How does this ticket support the California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation?**

A: The California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation will receive a licensing fee from the California Lottery generated from the proceeds of ticket sales. We believe this ticket provides the double benefit of supporting an important foundation while supporting the mission of the California Lottery.

**Q: Why is the California Lottery partnering with the California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation?**

A: Over the past several years the Lottery has used licensed properties for our games and we have also been reaching out to create new and innovative partnerships. We seek part-

ners who will generate an interest our players share and to attract infrequent or non-players to our games. In this case we have the added benefit of helping generate funds for a very important cause. We believe that these partnerships are mutually beneficial.

**Q: Will supplementary funding to education be impacted?**

A: No, this Scratchers ticket does not differ from many other Scratchers tickets in the past. Education will continue to benefit, as it has on other Scratchers tickets.

**Q: When does the ticket go out?**

A: Beginning March 30th, the "In the Line of Duty" ticket will be available at all of our more than 20,500 retailers across the state.

**Q: How much is the ticket?**

A: The ticket costs \$2.

**Q: How much can someone win?**

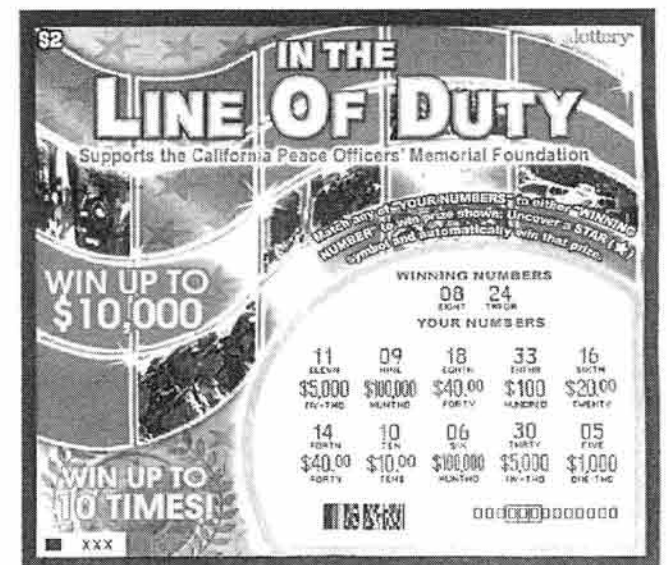
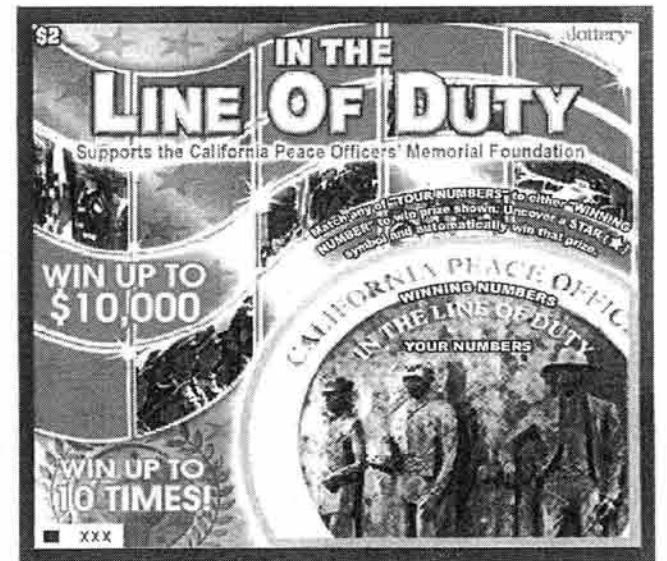
A: The ticket's top prize is \$10,000.

**Q: What are the odds of winning the top prize?**

A: 1 in 240,000

**Q: How do I play?**

A: Once you've purchased your \$2 "In the Line of Duty" Scratchers ticket, you scratch off the area in the bottom



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## Sixth Annual San Francisco Native Jamboree to be Held October 2

The Sixth Annual San Francisco Native Jamboree will be held at The Sir Francis Drake Hotel, 450 Powell Street, San Francisco, CA 94102 on Friday, October 2, 2009 from 6:30 pm to 11:30 pm. The day has been proclaimed San Francisco Native Day by the Mayor Gavin Newsom.

The San Francisco Native Jamboree is a unique event bringing together native San Franciscans who share the common bond of being born or raised in the most beautiful city in the world! Television personality, Greg Sherwood, fifth generation San Franciscan and son of the late popular radio personality, Don Sherwood will be on hand as the Master of Ceremonies. Second generation San Francisco native and pianist, Sandy Cordoni, daughter of the late local big band bandleader, Johnny Cordoni, will provide dinner music. A delicious dinner will be finished off with San Francisco's old time favorite, "Blum's lemon crunch cake." There will also be a cocktail reception, dancing and entertainment.

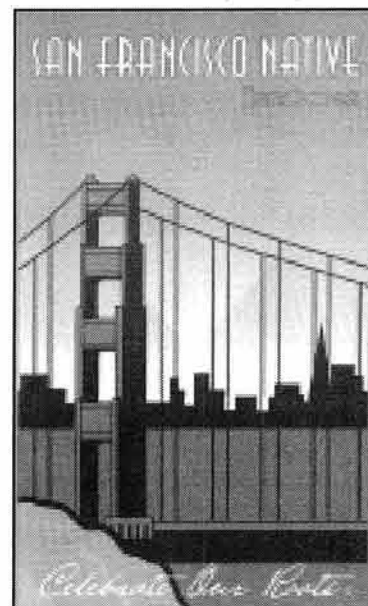
The event's theme is "Playland at

the Beach." With the assistance of the good folks at the Playland-Not-at the Beach Museum, there will be the opportunity to learn about the Whitney's Playland and the Sutro Baths or if you were someone lucky enough to have visited there, reminisce about your good times there.

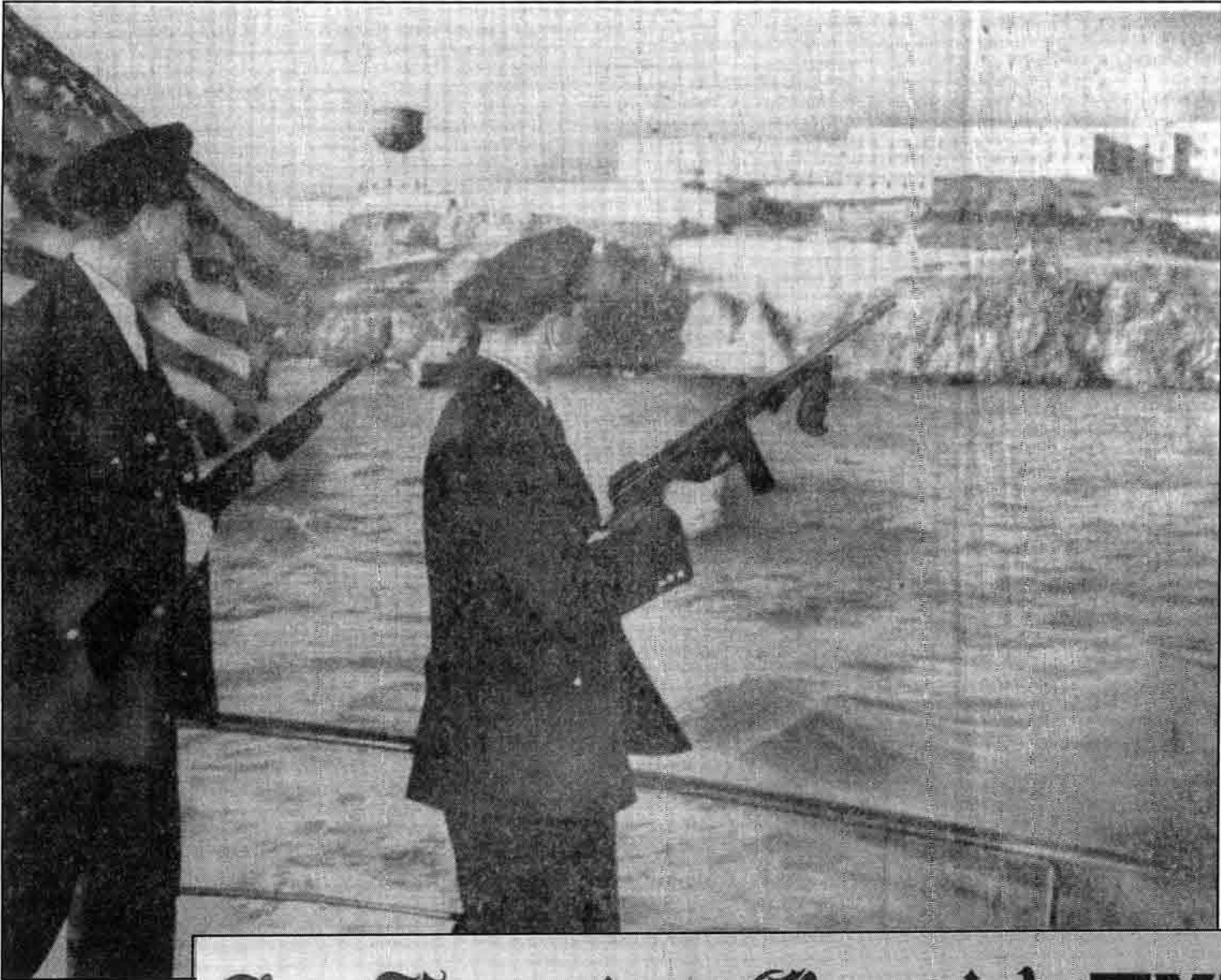
To give back to the community, the San Francisco Native Jamboree supports The San Francisco Conservation Corps which is celebrating its 25th year. Its mission is to help San Francisco's young people by providing education, training, and marketable job skills while addressing community needs through service work. The proceeds of a silent auction and a portion of the net profit will be donated to this deserving organization.

The event is produced by San Francisco Generations, Inc. and sponsored by Monroe Personnel Service LLC and Temptime, Hoogasian Flowers and Doorstep Photography.

For more information, visit the Website at [www.sfnativejamboree.com](http://www.sfnativejamboree.com). Email: [info@sfnativejamboree.com](mailto:info@sfnativejamboree.com) or call 415-732-7520 X 49.







*From the Archives*

**Alcatraz  
Revolt!  
May 1946**

On May 3, 1946 the San Francisco Chronicle ran the headline story about the famous prison revolt on Alcatraz. The SFPD played a pivotal role in regaining the island, and retiree John Brunner forwarded copies of these photographs to the Journal for the interest of our readers.

The images were captured by Chronicle photographer Joe Rosenthal, who had gained national fame for his dramatic snapshot of the US Marines hoisting the flag over Iwo Jima during WWII.

In these photos, one of the officers depicted is patrol officer Bill Keyes, then of Central Station. Officer Keyes would end his SFPD career as a Deputy Chief of Police. One wonders if his apparent expertise with the Thompson sub-machine gun had anything to do with his rise to leadership!

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This photo was taken by Chronicle Photographer Ken McLaughlin from a small boat close to the embattled prison island on Thursday evening.

PRISONERS BATTLE GUARDS ON BAY ISLAND



## Organizing Your Important Documents

Use the form below to keep track of your important documents. This will help you quickly find your records when you need them the most. You may also want to let your family know about this form, so they can easily access the documents in the event of your illness or death.

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### Retirement Board Meeting Schedule — 2nd Tuesday of Every Month

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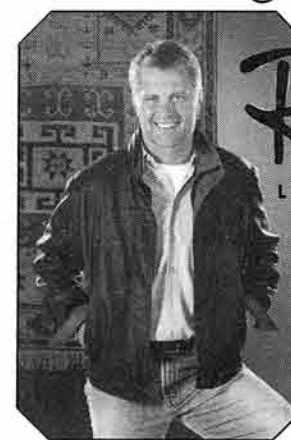
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## PAL Corner

By Rick Bruce  
SFPAL President

Hi Rick:

Today I was reflecting on my long lost youth. I decided to Google Thelma Williams who brought immense and immeasurable happiness to me as one of her little league players. I played on a number of her teams between 1961-1962.

I was thrilled to read your touching article about "Mrs. Williams" as she was addressed by me and other players. I relived those wonderful Saturday morning and afternoon games deep in Glen Park. I do not recall any foggy games or rainy games only the sun shining and Mrs. Williams with her omnipresent score sheet. I still can see her keeping score and reminding the next batter to "get ready."

Albeit she is recalled as having snow white hair I do not recall ever once thinking Mrs. Williams was old. When you are between ten and twelve anyone with white hair is going to come across as elderly. Somehow this notion was never present.

Mrs. Williams was always so full of life and in many ways she personified the vigor which President John Kennedy trumpeted during his much too brief administration.

Like any aspiring ballplayer I was eagerly looking forward to transitioning to the big diamond. It was not long after the transition when I began to rue the absence of Mrs. Williams. Nostalgically I often returned to watch her games with the baseball fledglings who now came under her baseball tutelage.

I religiously read her Sandlot Corner in the old Progress. She even mentioned me once.

Perhaps six years after my final game with Mrs. Williams I enlisted in the Marine Corps, went to Viet Nam and was wounded. I returned quite skinny. One afternoon I went to Big Rec; yes, the same little diamond out in deep right center field from Graham Field. The back stop was still there and so was Mrs. Williams.

At the end of the game I approached Mrs. Williams and was immediately recognized but she was horrified by my loss of weight. I explained how I was wounded in Viet Nam. Mrs. Williams wanted to feed me immediately. Perhaps you recall the little snack shop between Graham and Nealon Fields run by I believe Nick. I demurred. I must tell you Mrs. Williams was shaken by my frail appearance.

As I reflect on that moment I realize Mrs. Williams was more than a coach for boys who loved to play baseball. She was also a surrogate mother for all her players.

45 years latter Mrs. Williams remains the custodian of some of my happiest memories.

Thank you for your article about Mrs. Williams.

Sincerely  
Paul FX Lowery

# Kicking Into High Gear

By Dana Yates  
From The Daily Journal  
March 16, 2009  
Reprinted with permission

A San Mateo soccer team made up entirely of at-risk kids are setting their sights high — shooting for 4.0 GPAs and first place in their league.

And it looks like they'll reach their goals.

Two years ago, the San Mateo Police Activities League decided to take a new direction with at-risk students in the city. Instead of just offering "one-shot" programs like weekend ski trips or Junior Giants, PAL organizers are creating long-term character-building programs that focus on teamwork. That's when police officers formed a soccer team with San Mateo High School students.

The program is helped by a supportive coach, a dedicated PAL Officer Paul Pak and John Kelly, an 80-year-old retired priest and Serra High School teacher who tutors the boys.

The team practices at school and across the street at College Park Elementary School. However, it plays in a weekend league in which the team took second place last year. Next month marks the first game in the new season and no one doubts the team has what it takes to bring home the top medal. But all that is secondary to the program itself and what it is helping the boys accomplish off the field.

"If I can, I'll go to college. I'm going to be the first person in my family to go to college," said senior Antonio Escobedo, who went from a .7 grade point average to a 2.5.

Escobedo was one of two team members honored last month as PAL Youth of the Year. The other was fellow senior Leonardo Nunez, who raised his GPA from under 1.0 to nearly a 4.0.

"I think I can get there [to a 4.0] by

the time I graduate," Nunez said.

Two years ago, graduation was not a consideration for the boys. Now the entire team is thinking about their futures — whether it's as a mechanic, in the Coast Guard or at community college.

Kelly helps the soccer team learn English and pass their classes. It's an unlikely match, but Kelly has always made some unlikely decisions.

Kelly was born and raised in San Francisco, became a Catholic priest and, against his wishes, was assigned to become a teacher at Serra High School. He taught there for 16 years before retiring and "becoming a sort of renegade." Kelly said after retirement he made his own decision about what he wanted to do, figuring the church needed him "more than he needed them."

He was later asked to head the Samaritan House of San Mateo County, leading the organization from a small operation to the major nonprofit it is today. When he retired from the position several years ago, he took at trip to San Quentin State Prison. Now he travels there every week to lead prisoners in spiritual and educational exercises.

Knowing the people in prison helps Kelly talk to the kids about making choices that will help them avoid a life behind bars. He even had 10 to 15 men in prison write letters to the San Mateo kids about staying away from gangs.

"The two or three major things I did in my life, I never really planned," Kelly said.

And how long does he imagine he'll keep tutoring the kids at San Mateo High?

"Till the day I die. They keep me young," Kelly said.



## San Francisco Police Activities League

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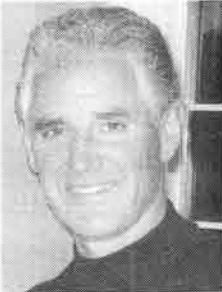
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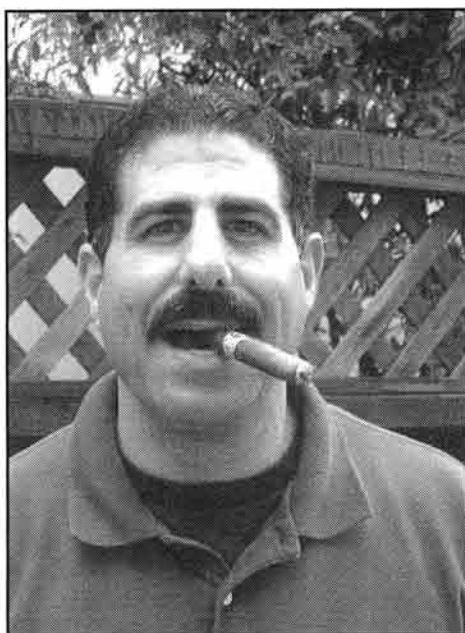
By Nick Shihadeh,  
Journal Sports Editor

### Bayview Pitbulls — True Basketball Champions

**C**HECK IT OUT: I want to start this column with an apology for the error in last month's sports section when the Northern Bulldogs hoops team was listed as being the champs of the Police Basketball League.

This was done with a photo that was shown with Al Honniball's article on the last page of sports — the Bayview Pit Bulls were the champions and should've been listed as such in their photo. This wasn't Al's fault as he would in no way try to slight Bayview's great season. This was just a mistake that was made in our printing office and in no way did they at the office intend to get it wrong.

Even though I got it right in my column hailing the true champs as the Bayview Pit Bulls, I take full respon-



sibility of this mistake as the sports editor. So, to Bayview Station Capt. John Loftus; to Sgt. Dave Hamilton; and, especially to player/manager Erick Solares and the rest of his very successful b-ball team, I want to once again say sorry for the error. Please, take note of the photo of the Bayview Pitbulls as the true champions of the SF Police Basketball League.

### Bayview Pitbulls: The True Basketball Champions



### International Police Winter Games

As far as I know, the only representative from the department in the winter games that took place up at Alpine Meadows in March was Bobby "Hammerhead" Malliaras (Hondas). He competed in the "masters" division

(40-49yrs) in at least two events and came away pretty successful.

Malliaras won a gold medal in the "giant slalom" and a silver medal in the "super g" race — Jeanne Miller (his lovely mother); I hope you're reading this. Congrats to Hammerhead for the fine representation of the SFPD, and I hope to hear from Chris da Roza (Airport Bureau) soon about who did what at the North American Police Winter Games in Colorado that I believe was also in March.

### Loons Nest Golf

I wanted to next congratulate Greg Kane (Bayview Station) for recently winning the two day Loons Nest Tournament that took place down in Monterey back in April. He did a fine job battling the wind and the cold at the Spanish Bay Golf Course to win it all. From what I heard, it was a great time as usual on this latest Loons event that was set-up and planned so very well by Ed Garcia (Central Station) as usual. A detailed article and pics provided by Garcia will be in next month's Journal.

### Department Softball: Banquet and League

Take note of the flyer in this same sports section announcing this year's Softball Banquet that will take place on Wed. June 10th at City Forest Lodge on Laguna Honda. This will be on the same day as the softball championships and will be a "can't miss" event. The price is only \$30.00 for a sit-down prime rib dinner with all the fixings and a hosted bar as well. Not only will trophies be awarded to the first and second place teams of both the A and B Divisions, but the various memorial awards will be given out as well. These include: the Mike O'Brien Award for longevity and contribution to the league, the Layne Amiot Award for most inspirational, the Brian Olcomendy Award for manager of the year, and of course the Isaac Espinoza Award for most valuable player. Hope to see many softballers present or former there.

As far as how the league is going at the writing of this column, check out

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**Bayview Station:** Erick Solares,  
**Northern Station:** Sean Rogers/Tim Flaherty;  
**Richmond Station:** Raffy Labutan/Gary Mendribil;  
**Taraval Station:** Scott Biggs,  
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***So See Ya There!***





Tommy "No Relation to Bugsy" Moran, the Pick of the Year, epitomizes the enthusiasm and determination of the Park Islanders

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Ruben "PI" Reyes in fine form; Brian "B-Rod" Rodriguez over his head and Ed "HitMan" Hunt.

PHOTO BY PATRICK BURKE

the standings that were sent to me by Commish Kevin Worrell. As far as comments from Worrell go, here's what he has to say: "Note Central's win over the Sheriffs back on April 22nd by a score of 11-8. It was a great job by both teams according to Diner Joe Fischer as there were no walks on both sides during the whole game.

It's nice to see Daly City "laying the lumber" this year. I heard the other day that Capt. Al Casciato (aka, George Steinbrenner) just got two of the league's best hitters who recently came off of probation. These guys will remain nameless at this time but the fix is already in. Northern could be the NEW EVIL EMPIRE. "Note to the Park Islanders (specifically to M.A.): when one has two strikes on them during an at bat, the next ball has to be fair or it's an out. That has been the rule in the SF Police Softball League for at least the twenty-two plus years that I've been in the department."

Mission is making a good showing after their disastrous season last year.

Bayview's Solares and company are trying to stay atop the division and make a run at another title. Last year's champs Southern Station aren't doing so well; but, Marquez is quick to remind everyone that they started off slow last year too."

As far as my comments about the league, I can see the "dog fight" going on in the A Division as there are only two games separating all seven teams in the win and loss column. It's true that Southern is having a slow start and it's the same for The Inspectors: but, both of those teams made a run at it late last season and peaked at the right time all the way into the championship game.

Also, even though the Park Islanders are in the middle of the pack, they will be tough to contend with down

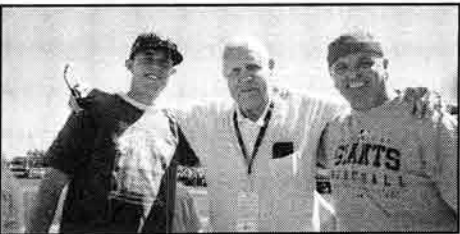
the stretch. Mike Alexander, Ed Hunt, Mark Moreno, Will Elieff and Nelson Wong will continue fighting the fight for Park. Don't count out the GTF/Inspectors team either as Kevin Murray, Quoc Do, Jake Fegan, Danny Manning, and Lenny Broberg will definitely make a strong showing in the second half of the season.

The B Division has a surprising team in first place with the Airport Bureau — they've just been squeaking by teams in recent games. They beat a decent Taraval/Richmond team by a score of 15-14 on Wed. April 15th but probably wouldn't have won if Taraval/Richmond had a full team (they played with eight most of the game). Taraval/Richmond has the likes of Scott Biggs, Kevin Brugaletta, Raffy Labutan, Gary Mendribil and big Scott Lutticken, retiree Frank Lutticken's son, doing the job but could use a little help from another retiree's son; namely, Eric Letsch (Dave's son).

Apparently, Eric couldn't make the Airport game because of domestic duties that could've waited another day or two or three. Anyway, the Airport also was able to edge a tough Ingleside Station team by a score of 10-9 on Wed. April 22nd. Jim "Badlands" Trail and Mike "Bugsy" Moran played tough for Ingleside, but the likes of Jerry Ng, Mike Etcheverry, Bob Chapman, Nick Allen and Kenny Owen continue to make the successful effort for the Airport. It will be a "crap shoot" all through the regular season.

**Joe Finigan's Celebrity Corner**

Here on the same page as my column is proof that Joe Finigan actually came in contact with retired baseball announcer Lon Simmons while he was in Arizona during spring training. Note the pic of Joe, Lon, and Joe's son Doug at Scottsdale Stadium. With all of Finigan's talk over the last couple



Doug Finigan, Lon Simmons, and Joe Finigan at Spring Training in Arizona.

of months: "Lon this and Lon that," it's about time that some evidence was produced. Many wonder if Finigan had to bribe Lon for this picture, or maybe how long it took to talk him into posing for the photo; but, the deed is done. Good for you Joe — looking forward to your next new friend.

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

SFPD Softball League Standings

Team	A Division				Overall	
	W	L	PCT.	GB	W	L
Mission Diablos	3	1	.750	3	1	
Northern Bulldogs	3	1	.750	4	1	
Bayview Pit Bulls	3	1	.750	4	1	
Park Islanders	2	2	.500	1	3	2
Southern Station	2	3	.400	1½	2	3
GTF/Narcotics	1	3	.250	2	2	3
The Inspectors	1	3	.250	2	1	4

Team	B Division Standings:				Overall	
	W	L	PCT.	GB	W	L
Airport Bureau	4	0	1.000	4	1	
Ingleside Station	3	1	.750	1	3	1
Daly City PD	3	1	.750	1	3	2
Tenderloin Rats	2	2	.500	2	2	3
Central Diners	1	2	.333	2½	2	2
Taraval/Richmond	1	3	.250	3	1	4
SF Sheriffs	1	4	.200	3½	1	5

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# Gale Winds Stymie Senior Softballers in Vegas Championship Game

Rafael Labutan, Jr.  
Richmond Station

Just when you thought your softball playing days were winding down, we welcome the S.S.U.S.A. (Senior Softball U.S.A.) for ages 50 and over. Our team called J.U. Entertainment (formerly of O.D.B. and sponsored by Johnny Ugay) flew down to Las Vegas for the Spring World Championship 3-Day Tournament the weekend of March 27-29. There were 101 teams from all over the U.S.A. playing that weekend consisting from AA to Major Plus teams. We are in the AAA Division although after other teams after watching us play figured we should have been playing in the Major Plus Division. This is all about winning a World Championship Ring and being invited to play in the Tournament of Champions in Orlando, Florida in Feb. of 2010.

This Tournament was supposed to be played in Mesquite, Nevada for the opening of a brand new softball complex but was changed earlier in the week to St. George, Utah that was 50 miles away. It was a quick drive through Arizona, but then we had to adjust to Mountain Time in Utah where it is 1 hour ahead of P.S.T. Since we were already booked in Mesquite, an early game scheduled at 10:00 am still felt like 7:00 am with the traveling time and time adjustments etc; in fact, the sun had not even risen over the beautiful desert mountain site.

Before the start of our game our team spoke with the umpires so that we could honor the four Oakland Police Officers recently killed in the line of duty. A one minute moment of silence was of course granted for these "great heroes." We offer our condolences to the Oakland Police Department, families and friends.

We ended up playing the game in 42 degree weather and had to come from behind as our bats began to heat up to beat .50 Caliber from New Mexico. Having the home field advantage hammer, we won by one run. The games are 7 innings long (or a one hour time limit with a 5-run per inning maximum), and the 7th inning is an open inning where you score as many runs as possible. A new rule was



also in effect where only a 3 home runs were allowed per team per game. Any balls hit over the fence after the limit was reached would be an automatic out; thus, home runs would have to be used wisely.

Our next game was against Shawn Enterprises out of Utah and we beat them soundly. Our team was seeded third as we did not score as many runs as the top two teams did. The double elimination started soon afterward and we won our first game crushing our opponents as the rest of the cavalry showed up. We only needed to play one game on Saturday and needed to win to play only three games maximum for Sunday's Championship Day. We were feeling very good about ourselves at this point.

So much for confidence going into Saturday against another Utah Team called JAXX. These guys were some pretty "big monsters" like most of the other teams we faced and they kicked our butts. We could not buy a hit that day and our confidence was shot. We knew if we played our game and hit we could beat this team. So we had time to kill and we all drove as a team to Mount Zion, Utah. Our Team chatter-

box, Brad Spruitenberg, highly recommended this drive and considered it to be better than the Grand Canyon. I must say it was a site to see and well worth the viewing. I would still like to drive to the Grand Canyon maybe later this year as we will be playing in Phoenix, Arizona for another World Championship Title Tournament.

On Sunday and we had an uphill road to climb. One more loss and we are done. Most of the teams were scouting us during Saturday's loss and figured that they could get by us, thus paying their undivided attention to the number one seeded Las Vegas Team. That was okay by us because we knew we were going to be in the Championship Game with Las Vegas if all went well. We would have to win 5 games to win it all!

We ended up putting on a hitting clinic in our first four games. First we beat Sports Line Bulls from El Paso, Texas. Then another team from Utah called Freedom who was supposedly unbeatable. These guys were so good that they were rated the best team out of Utah and much better than JAXX. We could not believe what our team was hearing from the JAXX players telling their counterparts that we could be beaten easily. Well, so much for that. We knocked Team Freedom out of the tournament as they were stunned while Team JAXX saw what we had just done to Freedom and Sports Line Bulls Team. Believe me, you could tell JAXX did not want any part of us by the looks on their faces and that slow walk to enter the dugout. The JAXX Team was never in this one as we continued hitting and tired the big boys out even though they scored 8 runs in their last inning.

By this time Las Vegas had already played their first game and we had to beat them twice in the Championship Game. This was game four for our team and we ended up beating them by a run as we had the "hammer" again. Las Vegas scored 6 runs in their final inning. We were feeling it in two different ways; one was victorious and the other was fatigue. We would lose our first coin flip of the day and then a windstorm kicked in. The Championship Game was on as we were in it through the first five innings, either tied or one team up by a run. We flat out ran out of gas in the final two innings and lost by 9 runs as gale winds must have been blowing at least 50 mph by the third inning. It did not end the way we had hoped for but we

had a lot of respect from the other teams as this was our second major tournament together as a team. In our first tourney in Las Vegas that took place last November, we came in 5th place overall as we lost by one run in each game and didn't have our regular starting pitcher.

Some of our team players were guys I grew up with who have played in the City League in S.F. They are John Nutterfield (Berkeley P.D.) playing outfield Vincent Corcuchia, Jr. ("the Wizard") at Shortstop, Dave Gonzales (Fantasy Island — I Missed da' Plane) at Pitcher, Jerry Jew (Channel 7's 1st Crowned Home Run King), Joe (The Monster Tank/Homerun Blaster) Tang at catcher/designated hitter, Ray Lee (clutch hitter who is not the Specialist from our dept.), Bob "hitting machine" Gatehouse at first base, Brad "pool specialist" Spruitenberg at second base, Brian F. Connors (Attorney) in the outfield, Ronnie "5-tool player" Joseph (outfield), Robert "Bobbo/Mr. Clutch and ex-SF Fire Chief" Navarro also in the outfield, and Johnny Ugay at pitcher/catcher. Finally there was the co-sponsor/pitcher/catcher/coach who had the game winning hit against Las Vegas in the 1st game, Dennis Corcuchia.

Our other teammates who could not make this trip are Michael "Power-Up Ingleside Station" Howard who plays pitcher/catcher/ 1st Base and Rick Cairati at 3B. Two new additions are: Villalurel "Shaq/Monster Tank II" Shackelford in the outfield, along with Nelson Gin who can play almost all positions.

I would also like to thank our co-sponsors Avenue Towing of Berkeley, CA as well as J.U. Entertainment for providing the team uniforms and fees for our tournaments. Thanks also go to the spouses that cheered us on at these tournaments. Our next Major Tournament is the Rock'N Reno for the Northern Calif. State Championship which is another "ring tournament."

It is now time to get warmed up for the Western States Police/Fire Games in June that will be held in Santa Clarita, CA. Gary Mendribil (Richmond Station) and I are looking for guys in the Men's Grand Master Softball Division ages 45 and over. If you are interested, give Gary a call at Richmond on the day shift. Also, our Co-Ed Softball Team may need one or two female players at the time of this article. Lets go out and beat those Southern Calif. Teams!

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# Close Encounters

By Steve Johnson  
SFPOA

Members of the Police Commission finally took our advice and are now touring the District Stations asking the troops what improvements they think need to be made to ensure the SFPD remains the best it always has been. They stopped by Ingleside Station and the officers were extremely open with the Commissioners, informing them just how the 'new and improved' Juvenile General Order doesn't work for those in Patrol. The Commissioners listened and, to their credit, postponed the approval of the order when it came before them shortly after their meeting at Ingleside.

There was, however, one drawback to the meeting. The officers at Ingleside Station were also quite candid with the Police Commissioners in regards to the Command Staff. A comment was made and, the next thing they knew, their Commanding Officer, **Captain Denis O'Leary**, was relieved of his station... purely coincidence.

**Note to Commissioners:** Next time you visit a station check with your office first — Police Commission Commendations are still being mailed out — might be nice for you to personally present them at one of the line-ups. Commendations still mean a lot to our members but something is lost when the certificates are stuffed in an envelope and then crammed into the officer's mailbox...just trying to help.

We wanted to mix this column up a little bit, using recent outstanding incidents with some that occurred years ago...

It was just before midnight on February 28, 2009, when **Officer Joseph Salazar** and **Officer Robert Walker** pulled a motorcyclist over for a minor traffic violation at 4th and Mission Streets. The rider on the Harley had a full ski mask with dark sunglasses under his helmet. He refused to obey the directives given him to remain on his bike by Officer Salazar and, instead, dismounted and started searching for something in the vest under his coat. Officer Salazar again ordered the suspect to show his hands which he did in the form of a fist and then a punch to Officer Salazar's face. There was a struggle which Officer Walker immediately joined and a call went out for back-up. The officers finally got the suspect under control and a subsequent search revealed a fully-loaded, .40 caliber Glock with an extended clip which fell from the suspect's vest during the struggle. A traffic stop of an individual who was armed with a gun...you never know.

It's 1991, and **Sergeant Joel Harms** is responding to a 'shots fired' call on

Laguna. As Sergeant Harms pulls up to the location he sees an individual who matches the description of the suspect. Sergeant Harms attempts to detain him but the suspect immediately goes off throwing punches at Joel while, at the same time, pulling out the .45 caliber, semi-automatic weapon he had been firing earlier. The suspect now shoots Joel several times, one round grazes his scalp, and 2 other rounds hit Joel in the right shoulder and wrist. Sgt. Harms still manages to fight back but the suspect has the upper hand as they are wrestling for the gun while on the ground. The suspect manages to break from Joel's grip and he stands up, points his weapon at Joel's head and is immediately struck by numerous rounds fired by **Officer Robert Ziegler** and **Officer Kevin Cleary** who had just arrived as back-up for Sergeant Harms. Sergeant Joel Harms retired at the rank of Lieutenant, Officer Robert Ziegler and Officer Kevin Cleary are both Inspectors still with the SFPD, and all three received Gold Medals of Valor for their outstanding bravery.

We're back to March 7, 2009, and **Sergeant Kirk Yin**, **Officer Stephen Coleman**, **Officer Deck Thompson**, and **Officer Michael Pheng**, all members of the Violence Reduction Unit in the Bayview District, are responding to a 'shots fired' call on the 1000 block of Gilman. The officers are outnumbered by the individuals they eventually detain in the area but, after a brief search, they recover a fully-loaded, Mac 11 machine pistol belonging to one of the suspects in the group. Another example where members of this Department put their lives in harms way...

It's back to September 11, 1991, and **Officer Carol Scatena** is looking for the armed robbery suspect who just shot his victim who is critical and being rushed to San Francisco General Hospital. Carol locates the suspect at 16th and Dolores. She orders the suspect to stop, "drawing her service revolver", as he reaches into his coat pocket. The suspect pulls out a fully-loaded, .380 semi-automatic, turns towards Officer Scatena, but then decides better and drops his weapon. This incident took place while Officer Carol Scatena was serving in the Mission Police District — she was there for many years. Carol is now serving with the Mounted Patrol in Golden Gate Park, an assignment that is well-deserved.

It's February, 2009, and **Sergeant Josh Espinoza** is patrolling the South of Market District when he stops a car for a minor traffic violation. The driver has no identification on him. Josh takes his information and goes back to his car to run a check and, at the same time, he notices that the driver is now trying to hide something in the back seat of his car. Sergeant Espinoza orders the driver out of the vehicle and, checking the area in question, finds a fully-loaded, 9mm semi-automatic weapon that would have been easily accessible to the driver. The weapon turned out to be stolen from Sacramento and the suspect, when searched, had a large quantity of narcotics in his possession with no prescription explaining why...

Back on July 21, 1988, around 10:20 a.m., **Officer Peter Dacre** was off-duty and on his way to a court appearance

when he saw an individual running from an apartment building on the 1300 block of Golden Gate Avenue. It was just seconds later when another person came out of the same entrance armed with a gun. The armed individual started firing at the man running away. The suspect then chased his victim to the corner, gaining on the man, when Officer Dacre blocked the suspect's path with his car. Officer Dacre jumped from his vehicle and, using it as a shield, identified himself as a police officer and ordered the suspect to drop his weapon. The suspect turned and pointed his gun at Officer Dacre. Officer Dacre fired one round at the armed suspect at which time the suspect dropped his weapon and surrendered. Officer Peter Dacre was later promoted to Sergeant and now serves the Park Police District. He received a Bronze Medal of Valor for his actions.

On February 27, 2009, **Inspector Jim Serna** and **Inspector John Conefrey** were waiting for an individual who had an outstanding arrest warrant for rape and false imprisonment to show up for his court appearance in Department 12 at the Hall of Justice. The court appearance was actually for a Drug Diversion hearing. The suspect showed up, was taken into custody, and, during the booking search, the Inspectors found he had over 13 grams of crack cocaine in his possession... let's hope, since this individual wasn't doing so well with this Drug Diversion thing, that he's re-routed to the appropriate forum.

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