

Co. H Rep was Poised for Leadership Role

By Gary Delagnes,
SFPOA President

Things have been pretty gloomy around the POA following the deaths of Laurence Lynch and Mike Walsh, but things just turned a shade or two more gray, as well. We are an aging bunch around here, and there are too few younger members coming up to take our seats. It's a tremendous cause for concern.

The death of both of these fine men is a tremendous loss to this organization, but the passing of Mike Walsh in particular had a more profound impact on the future of this organization. Mike was an activist, and in many respects he was a significant part of the future success of the SFPOA. I, for one, was counting on Mike to take up the POA banner and help advance it into the next decade. That banner is weighty, and the current Executive Board cannot bear it alone. Unless we can persuade younger, newer members to pick up where Mike left off, we face a fuzzy future as an employee organization.

It's not easy being involved in any aspect of the POA. It can be stressful and tiresome. The flip side is the sense one feels in serving one's brothers and sisters, and their families, and knowing that your efforts do make a difference in all of their lives.

In all actuality, it can be argued that Mike Walsh died in the line of duty. I believe his heart gave out because he simply gave too much of it away to others — particularly to other POA members.

My father used to say that your only real task in life was to "leave this world better than you found it," and to "give back a lot more than you take." I've known few people who personified that credo more than Officer Michael Walsh.

Many people know how to "Talk the Talk." But few of those can "Walk the Walk." Without question, Mike "walked the walk." He committed himself to three things in his life. Family, community, and police work. I don't know if Mike was so good at his job because he came to this profession later in life, and had already endured

many of its ups and downs, but I can say without reservation that he was one of the brightest, kindest, most caring people I have ever known.

He lived his life with a dignity and integrity that came through almost immediately upon knowing him. I cannot remember having a conversation with Michael that did not leave me saying to myself, "Man, I wish I was more like him."

I did not really know Mike that well until he became more involved in the POA as the representative from Ingleside Station and a member who served on several key committees. He was also a confidant, and I often sought out his practical, straightforward advice on any number of pressing issues.

I asked him once where he went to high school and he told me he was a year behind me at SI but I wouldn't remember him because he wasn't a jock.

That was Mike's way. No bravado, no ego, just a good man and a class act living his life in a way that should be an example to all of us.

The more you knew him the more you liked him, and the more you realized how bright he was. A couple of times Mike and I spoke after I had erupted in the press about some thing or another and Mike would say, "Don't kill yourself doing this stuff, the cops know your behind them."

He could have been a sergeant, lieutenant, or captain if he set his mind to it, but Mike chose the most honorable rank, patrol officer, to make a difference by training younger officers and being a true leader at Ingleside.

Anyone who heard his presentation at the Board of Supervisors a couple of weeks ago would never doubt Mike's ability to express himself nor would they question his allegiance to this



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department and its members.

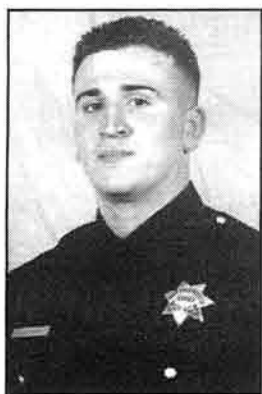
We would have long talks about his family. He possessed unquestioned love for and loyalty to his children. Michael lived life with his priorities in order, his integrity intact, and his fidelity unquestioned.

We can now look back and realize that we were fortunate enough to cross paths with a very special human being.

There just aren't that many Mike Walsh's in the world, but fewer still in the membership of the POA. We need more like him, and soon. He was a natural born leader who would have been instrumental in helping to move this department forward in the days ahead, but as Winston Churchill once said, "The graveyards are filled with indispensable men."

POA Mourns the Loss of Two Active Duty Members

The men and women of the San Francisco Police Officers Association extend sympathy and condolences to the families and friends of two active duty police officers, both also members in good standing in the POA.



Officer Laurence Deron Lynch #4099 died on June 30, 2009 after a valiant battle with ANCA Vasculitis, diagnosed early 2009. Laurence proudly served as a San Francisco police officer since 2001. He was assigned to Mission Station.



Officer Michael Walsh #344 died following a heart attack suffered on June 30th. He died on July 2, 2009. He was 54.

Mike was an 11-year veteran of the SFPD. He was assigned to the Ingleside district. At the time of his death he was serving as the elected representative from the Ingleside Station to the Board of Directors of the SFPOA.

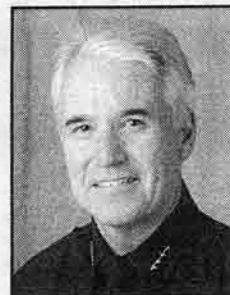
SFPOA Welcomes New Chief of Police

By Gary Delagnes, SFPOA President

On behalf of the men and women of the San Francisco Police Officers Association, I welcome Chief George Gascón to the San Francisco Police Department.

Chief Gascón has a lot of work to do to set this department back on course. Foremost in the challenges he faces will be to restore the morale and confidence of the rank-and-file officers. To the extent that I can, I pledge to work with him in good faith toward that end.

Also on behalf of the membership, I bid out-going Chief Heather Fong a sincere farewell and wish for her a long and healthy retirement. We certainly disagreed over many issues, but I never doubted Chief Fong's sincerity, integrity, or dedication. Good luck, Chief, in all your future endeavors.



POA Board of Directors Meeting, July 15, 2009*

1. Secretary Montoya called the meeting to order at 1205 hours, led the Pledge of Allegiance and conducted the roll call of the Board of Directors and Executive Board.

2. Vice President Martin called for a moment of silence in memory of deceased members Officer Michael Walsh and Officer Laurence Lynch.

3. Rep. Dorgan (Co. E) made a motion to approve the June 2009 minutes. The motion was seconded by Rep. Madsen (TAC) and passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. Treasurer Halloran advised the Board of Directors that the POA Executive Officers had given approval for Florence "Flo" Walsh, the widow of recently deceased Board Member Michael Walsh (Co. H), to continue to receive Mike's monthly POA stipend through the remainder of his elected term.

5. The POA will be holding an upcoming fundraiser for the Family of
- Officer Michael Walsh. Date, time, and location will be forthcoming.

6. Vice President Martin has charged Rep. Jimenez (Co. D) and Rep. Covarrubias (Co. D) with organizing a fundraiser for the family of Officer Laurence Lynch.

7. POA General Counsel John Tennant and POA Labor Counsel Vin Harrington briefed the Board about a proposed charter amendment that could affect future public safety contracts with COLA provisions

8. Rep. McEachern (Inv.) made a motion that the POA pursue legal options to prevent the charter amendment from passing. The motion was seconded by Rep. Sorgie (Co. G) and passed unanimously by voice vote.

9. Counsel Tennant and Counsel Harrington briefed the Board regarding current litigation involving the 1998 Q-35 promotional list and the current Q-50 promotional list.
- Judge Breyer of the Federal Court ruled in favor of the City and the Department. Although Public Advocates filed an appeal to Judge Breyer's ruling, it is anticipated that Public Advocates will be re-filing their writ in State Court.

10. Rep. Sorgie (Co. G) made the following motion. The POA will intervene in State Court in defense and support of all members who have been promoted from the current Q-50 promotional list and are being threatened with demotion from their current rank. The motion was seconded by Rep. Taylor (Inv.). The results of a roll call vote were 27-yes, 0-no and 0-abstained. Motion carried.

11. President Delagnes announced that he will be forming a Building Committee to discuss the future of the POA properties located at 502 and 510 7th St.

12. Rep. Goldsborough thanked the Executive Board for their support and assistance during the memorial and reception for deceased officer Michael Walsh.

13. Rep. Goldsborough (Co. H) made a motion that the POA dedicate the rooftop garden located at the Bryant St. POA Building in memory of Officer Michael Walsh. The motion was seconded by Rep. Dorgan (Co. E) and passed unanimously by voice vote.

14. Rep. McEachern (Inv.) received a request from Lt. John Sanford that the POA sponsor a monthly luncheon honoring and acknowledging the civilian Administrative Assistants who work at the various SFPD Bureaus and Details.

15. Rep. McEachern (Inv) made the following motion. The POA will not be able to provide monies or the use of the POA building for luncheons honoring SFPD civilian employees, however the POA will publish in the POA Journal civilian employees named "Administrative Assistant of the Month." The motion was sec-
- onded by Vice President Martin and passed unanimously by voice vote.

16. Rep. Gardner (Co. K) reminded members of Law Enforcement Appreciation Night at Pac Bell Park on 7-30-09. Contact the POA to purchase tickets.

17. Treasurer Halloran relayed comments from retired Lt. Harry Pearson, who recently completed his year in the DROP. Harry thanked the current and past Executive Board and Board of Directors for all their hard work and dedication with regards to negotiated MOU's and successful charter amendments.

18. President Delagnes made a motion that the POA donate \$5000 to the Dante Benedetti Golf Tournament at USF. The motion was seconded by Rep. Dacre (Co. F) and passed unanimously by voice vote.

19. Treasurer Halloran provided each Board Member with the current expense recap for 2009.

20. Treasurer Halloran advised that the current budget overage involved moving \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Community Service Fund.

21. President Delagnes reminded members that the annual POA Golf Tournament would be held at the Marin Country Club on 9-14-09. All proceeds benefit the POA Scholarship Fund. The POA is looking for tee sponsors, raffle prizes and volunteers. Contact the POA for further.

22. President Delagnes adjourned the meeting at 1440 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tony Montoya
POA Secretary

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Gaming the System

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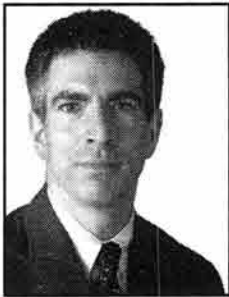
One of my professors at law school made this provocative statement the first day of class: "You take all the substantive rights you want. Just give me the procedure. I'll beat you every time." His point was that no matter how strong a person's legal case, the procedure that governs how that case is decided will ultimately determine whether they win or lose. In this manner, then, procedure trumps substance. Or, to put it slightly differently, procedural power becomes a substantive right, in and of itself. If you are master of the procedure, so too are you master of the substance. Control the rules of the game and no matter how strong or virtuous your opponent, you win — end of story.

Anyone who has studied the history of labor law knows the full and devastating impact of this statement's unfortunate truth on employees' aspirations to achieve parity with management in anything approaching a democratic workplace. It's better left to a future article to explain precisely how labor law evolved to blunt and constrain the hopes of workers, but suffice it to say that we'd do well to dispense with the term "labor law" and replace it with "management law." The procedure of American labor law works time and again to undermine

and undo the substantive rights of America's workers.

What's important to note here is how certain civic leaders in the Bay Area — leaders whose self-styled "progressive" politics one would think to be the antithesis of anti-unionism — have, in fact, proposed a new law that will place them among the ranks of those in history who have thwarted what should be the rightful aims of labor law in favor of a system that automatically benefits employers and penalizes employees. Contrary to what they would have us believe is their "progressive" stripe, these leaders are attempting to restructure the collective bargaining process in a manner that amounts to "gaming the system" in favor of employers. And what is particularly alarming is their ploy to conceal the reality of such anti-union moves under the auspices of "good government" and "fiscal responsibility."

In San Francisco, the Mayor and members of the Board of Supervisors have proposed an omnibus budget-reform amendment to the City Charter which includes the imposition of a May 15th deadline for submission to the Board of Supervisors of proposed labor agreements governing wages, benefits, and working conditions, i.e., what are known as "MOUs," memoranda of understanding. Per the proposed amendment, if such an MOU



— which remains tentative only, until adopted by the full Board of Supervisors — is not submitted to the Board by May 15 of any calendar year in which negotiations for a new MOU take place, no cost of living increase would be allowed for the subsequent fiscal year — even if such an increase were the result of an agreement ultimately reached by the parties or awarded via arbitration under the Charter's impasse resolution procedure.

It is hard to call any collective bargaining process "fair" where the employer retains all the advantage: any delay in negotiations (or arbitration, if impasse is reached) which occurs through no fault of the unions results in the rank and file's automatically not receiving any wage or benefit increase for the next year. Remarkably, however, the proposed Charter amendment does allow for the reduction of wages and other benefits to "become effective at any time." (See Proposed San Francisco Charter Amendment Section A8.590-5(h)). While it is understandable that a city needs some degree of fiscal predictability in its budget, this charter amendment hardly strikes a fair balance between that need and the right of public employees to achieve cost-of-living increases if the relevant labor market conditions so warrant.

Additionally, while the proposed amendment doesn't attack interest arbitration per se as some civic lead-

ers in San Jose and Oakland have threatened to do, it does add substantial constraints to the time frame in which an arbitrator is expected to render a decision. Imagine if you will a court process where the judge's failure to render a decision by a certain date results in one party's losing a sizeable portion of their case. To construct such a regime would be to "game the system" in favor of one of the litigating parties — a consequence as far removed from the fairness one equates with the American judicial system as can be conceived. And here it is worth remembering that for those public employees who don't have the right to strike (like police officers and firefighters), the lack of a fair arbitration process to resolve impasses at the bargaining table transforms collective bargaining into little more than collective begging.

And, thus, one can too easily imagine the long expected assault on interest arbitration coming not in the form of a direct attack but, rather, in the guise of a one-sided timetable for negotiations, where the employer has every incentive to delay and impede both the bargaining process and any arbitration proceeding that may result from a negotiation impasse. Such is the charter amendment proposed by San Francisco's would-be "progressives," adorned even as it is with labels like "good government" and "fiscal responsibility." In reality, it is just another chapter in the long and weary tale of the tragedy that is American labor law: management's "gaming the system" once again.

"Which Side Are You On?"

Calendar of Events

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings or Events

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

Specially Scheduled Events

Emerald Society Golf Tournament	Lake Merced Golf Club	Monday, August 17, 2009 10:30 AM	Brian Philpott (415) 793-4558
Foothill Fuzz Luncheon	Casa Ramos Restaurant Placerville, Calif.	Thursday, August 20, 2009 11:00 AM	rlaprevotte@comcast.net
2009 Ironman/Ironwoman Competition	Hall of Justice, 5th Floor Gym	Wednesday, September 2, 2009, 9:00 AM	Sgt. Ed Yu (415) 553-9082
SFPOA Golf Tournament	Marin Country Club, Novato	Monday, September 14, 2009	POA Office (415) 861-5060
Fundraiser 10K Run Hanna and Mitchell 10K Fun Run	SF Embarcadero	Saturday, September 19, 2009 6:00 PM	Ed Robles (925) 336-6709
Retirement Dinner honoring Joe Buono and Greg Breslin	Italian Athletic Club Stockton Street, SF	Thursday, September 24, 2009 5:30 PM	Liam Frost (415) 412-9020
APOA Scholarship Banquet	New Asia Restaurant 722 Pacific Street, SF	Friday, October 2, 2009 6:00 PM	Eddie Chung (415) 315-2400
Golf Tournament Women Leaders in Law Enforcement	Poplar Creek Golf Course San Mateo, CA	Monday, November 2, 2009	Robin Matthews (45) 553-1093

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July 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 1:50 PM in the Conference Room of Ingleside Station.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by President Joe Garrity.

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

MINUTES OF THE JUNE MEETING: Motion by Bill Gay that the minutes be approved as published. Seconded by Bob Mattox. Motion carried.

BILLS: Treasurer Joe Reilly presented the usual bills. Motion by Matt Gardner, seconded by Bill Gay that the bills be paid. Motion carried.

We Had Three Deaths This Past Month:

WILLIAM T. O'CONNOR, 83 years. Bill was born in San Francisco and grew up in Noe Valley. He attended Sacred Heart High School and served his country by enlisting in the Navy. After the war, he returned home and was employed as a clerk until he entered the Police Academy in the spring of 1947. His first assignment after the academy was fixed post traffic. After a few weeks, he was reassigned to City Prison. A year later he was on his way to Mission Station. Eight years at Mission, then onto Central. After he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, he was sent to Richmond Station, then to Northern, and then to Taraval. He was

eventually transferred back to Central. After he made Lieutenant, he was assigned to the Supervising Captain's Office. He then worked the Bureau and Public Affairs before he made Captain and was assigned as the Commanding Officer of Potrero Station. Bill retired in 1977. He was awarded several Captain's Comp's. He was also awarded a Silver Medal of Valor after a suspect held officers at bay for some time with a firearm before they could distract him and get the weapon. Bill lived in San Francisco and was in a group of retired Captains called the "Wrinkles Club." They met at the Double Play Thrift Parlour, at 16th and Bryant.

LAURENCE LYNCH, 30 years. Laurence was born in San Francisco and was raised on Mount Davidson. He attended Riordan High School and served his country in the Coast Guard. He worked as an electrician before he entered the Police Academy in January 2001. His first assignment was Southern Station for four months before going the Mission. A couple years later, he was assigned to Potrero. He then went back to Mission where he remained until his untimely death from various forms of cancer. With only a little over eight years on the job, he didn't have time to realize a full and effective career as a dedicated cop.

MICHAEL J. WALSH, 54 years. Mike was born in San Francisco and grew up in the Richmond. He attended Saint Ignatius High School and San Francisco State University. He was employed in the private sector before he decided to try the job as a cop. He entered the Police Academy in June

1998. His first assignment was Mission Station, followed by Ingleside and Park before he made it back to Ingleside Station, which was to be his final Station and assignment. He was a Field Training Officer. Mike was awarded Police Officer of the Month for his work ethic, service to the Community and his true professional manner. He served on the POA Board of Directors for Ingleside Station. Mike lived in the district and was known as the "Mayor of Glen Park." He worked on youth sports and summer camping programs even though he and his wife were raising four children. He had a fine Irish tenor voice and was a member of the Oracle Singing Group. Mike was everywhere and will be missed. He died while working out at the Police Academy Gym.

(Note; How important it is to be a member of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association. Our two active officers were only paying dues for ten years.)

REPORT OF TRUSTEES: Our Investment team from Wells Fargo Bank consisting of Jerome Paolini, Shane Hiller and Pam Royer gave us a report on our account. We have just gone through the most powerful rally in years. We had a slow down in June. We are still making steady profits with our account up 2.11 % for the year. The Market will be slow and we should get a good final quarter. When cash comes available within the account we will put it into stocks.

SUSPENSIONS: Pursuant to Article III, section 3 of the Constitution (non payment of dues for six months) Mollie O'Leary.

REINSTATEMENTS: With all dues and Penalties paid. Phillip Dito, Fred-dye Kassim, James O' Meara and Ford Long. President Joe Garrity ordered them reinstated.

NEW BUSINESS: Treasurer Joe Reilly asked that we put a 120-day limit on beneficiary checks issued and not cashed. Motion by Gardner, seconded by Centurioni. Motion carried. (Note we have two checks from recent deaths that are not cashed) A new check will be issued if necessary.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Matt Gardner spoke about getting a web site. He spoke about getting a High School senior to take on the project as part of his or her class credit.

We had a special visitor at the meeting. Mrs. Mary Pedraza and her husband Laurence Lynch. They came to give us the required Death Certificate from her son Laurence Lynch. She told me she could not put it in the mail. She and her husband were introduced to our Wells Fargo investment team and all the officers and trustees. She was given the check with a condolence card signed by all. A case like this makes us all realize how important our job really is.

ADJOURNMENT President Joe Garrity had a moment of silence for our departed members and those men and women serving their Country in the armed forces. He set the next meeting for Tuesday August 11, 2009 at 1:45 PM in the Conference Room of Ingleside Station. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM.

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Writer Wanted

I am looking for one (or, several) retired San Francisco police officers to write a regular Retiree column for the *POA Journal*. You might recall that Gino Marionetti and Mike Sugrue, both now deceased, once penned this sort of column, and each was very well received by our readers.

The Retiree Column should focus on all things pertinent to SFPD retirees. Our retirees are a very interesting group of people who are doing interesting and challenging things in retirement. In particular, I'd like articles or items about what retirees are doing to keep busy in their golden years, such as new career paths, volunteer service, hobbies, activities, physical and mental challenges, etc. (Example: one retiree recently rode his bicycle 2400 miles from SF to the Mid-West via US 50 and the Colorado Rockies to celebrate turning 60!) Topics that would not be appropriate or that will not be accepted are political endorsements, religious topics or dogma, or opinions about the POA or SFPD administrations. Those are more appropriate in a "Letters to the Editor" format, and submitted directly to me.

Interested persons should be familiar with MS Word documents and know how to forward pieces via email attachments. An entirely paperless submission is preferred. It would also be great to know how to attach photos or graphics to an email. Interested persons need only rudimentary email skills. We can develop those quickly and easily for this purpose. The same applies to writing skills. Grammar and punctuation, word choice and other writing skills can be readily enhanced through editorial review prior to printing.

I would prefer a single author who would produce a regular monthly column, but I am open to any number of retiree contributors, and/or semi-monthly contributions.

Interested persons should contact me with ideas or comments at journal@sfpoa.org.

Ray Shine, Editor
POA Journal

Community Service Committee

By Marty Halloran, Chairman

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

The Community Service Committee Fund has been designated as a federal tax exempt 501(c)(3) account at the S.F.P.O.A. The majority of the funds in this account are raised through our annual "Parade of Stars" show held in December each year.

The Community Service Committee met on May 28, 2009 and July 9, 2009 and although many requests are submitted only the below listed organizations were approved for donations.

May Meeting

- Basketball Team Champions (Sergeant Ed Hagan) \$750.00
- Pleasanton Boys & Girls Club Golf Tournament
(Captain Keith Sanford)..... \$1,400.00
- S.F. Volleyball Warriors (Officer Keith Ybarreta)..... \$250.00
- American Red Cross (Sergeant Gabe Galleread)..... \$250.00
- Crossroads Christian Church (Sergeant Marty Bandvik) \$250.00
- Livestrong Challenge
(Officer Angel Poon & Sergeant Maricela Sainez) \$500.00
- Nation Philanthropic Breast cancer Walk \$250.00
- Samoan Community Center \$100.00
- Gabriel Buck Scholarship..... \$250.00
- Irish Immigration Pastoral Center \$100.00
- Long beach Police Officers Association Golf Tournament \$150.00

July Meeting

- Women Leaders of Law Enforcement
(Inspector Robin Matthews) \$700.00
- S.F. Asian Peace Officers Association Scholarship Dinner \$680.00
- Angela Ciucci Memorial Golf Tournament..... \$100.00
- Hanna & Mitchell 10k Run (Officer Ed Robles) \$500.00
- St Mary's Park Basketball Trip (Sergeant Tracy McCray)..... \$2,000.00
- Oakland POA/Law Enforcement Day Oakland A's..... \$500.00
- Making Strides Against Breast Cancer..... \$500.00
- Citizens Against Homicide golf Tournament..... \$250.00
- Crime Victims United Golf Tournament \$900.00
- Riordan High School Golf Tournament
(Retired Officer Al Trigueiro)..... \$2,500.00

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

By Al Casciato



...Thank You:

A big thank you goes out to Police Physician **Dr. Elizabeth Murphy** who has gone above and beyond the call of duty than any other previous department doctor. She visits the stations, addresses watches and when an issue arises such as the H1N1 flu her availability; proactive response is comforting, reassuring and greatly appreciated...

...Moving on:

This past month BSU secretary **Maggie Ortelte** retired or as she calls it "moving on". Anyone who has ever had the pleasure of working with Maggie or being cared for by her, knows that we have lost a true angel...

...PAL:

Retiree **Bob Knighton** writes that the 50th Anniversary dinner and Inaugural SFPAL Hall of Fame Induction will take place on Oct. 20, 2009 at the Irish Cultural Center. Please save the date. For more information call (415) 401-4666 or write info@sfpal.org...

...Births:

Mike and Mary Ellis (Narcotics) welcomed with great joy their second child on June 15, 2009 at 2059 hours. **Claire Mary Ellis** 8 lbs 2 oz 21 inches joins big brother Jack as the pride and joy of their very proud parents; she is also the namesake of her recently departed grandmother...Proud Grandparents, retirees **Henry and Patti Friedlander** announce the birth of their first grandchild. **Sophia Catalina Krause** 7 lbs 2 oz 19 inches born June

26, 2009 to **Emily and Brian Krause** of San Diego, California...Welcomed with love on July 1, 2009 at 1401 hours was **Noah Christopher King** 8 lbs, 6 oz and 20.5 inches the first child of **Stacy and Jordan King**, Northern Station... Congrats to all and may life bring you all the best...

...RIP:

We're saddened at the loss of retired Credit Union staffer **Margaret Mahoney** on July 26. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

... Eagle Scout:

Laurie and Alan McCann (retired Co.K / Solo) are beaming with pride that their son, **Michael McCann** achieved the rank of Eagle Scout on May 7, 2009. As of June 17, 2009 only 2 million young men have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout since the badge was first awarded in 1912. Michael recently graduated from Clayton Valley HS, Concord California where he was an All League Water Polo player, MVP of his team and a scholastic athlete. He will be attending UC Santa Cruz in the fall and plans to work in National Security after graduation. Good Job Michael. Keep it up...

...DC or DB:

A recent San Francisco Civil Grand Jury report urged that our pension system become a defined contribution plan (DC) as opposed to the current defined benefit plan (DB). Having one of the soundest plans in the country leads one to wonder why they would make such a recommendation. Well three years ago the state of Alaska made the switch to DC after similar studies. Now three years later (a very short time in pension timelines) the March 9, 2009 *Pension and Investments* reports that Alaska has grown cold on its 401 (a) Plan and is returning to a DB system. Nebraska and West Virginia have also moved away from DC plans leaving only the State of Michigan with a DC only plan for new employees. Here is how the country breaks down: 38 States offer DB only; 8 offer a choice between DC and DB; 2 offer a hybrid; Alaska is moving back; leaving only Michigan as the lone DC plan. I just don't believe the jury did extensive research on that portion of the report. Retirement System Executive Director **Clare Murphy** will have her response to the report in September and we are sure that it will be quite educational...

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This and That...

By Kevin Martin,
SFPOA Vice President

Our Losses...

The Association mourns the loss of two of our members in the very recent past. Officer Laurence D. Lynch #4099 passed away in the early morning hours of Tuesday, June 30, 2009 at the California Pacific Medical Center after a lengthy illness. Laurence was assigned to Mission Station where he served for the past few years.

Laurence, a native San Franciscan, joined the department and subsequently the POA in July of 2001. Laurence was honored and proud to be a member of the San Francisco Police Department, and was popular amongst his peers.

Laurence Lynch was laid to rest on Tuesday, July 6, 2009 after a funeral service at Saint Gabriel's Church in the Sunset District.

Laurence is survived by his parents and his younger brother Geoffrey.

The Association also mourns the loss of Officer Michael Walsh who shocked us all when he suffered a fatal heart attack and subsequently passed away on Thursday, July 2, 2009. Mike was a very beloved member of not only the department but certainly of this Association. Michael was a force on the POA Board of Directors where he along with Maris Goldsborough represented the members of Ingleside Station for

the past few years. Mike took a very serious approach to his representation of his members and was always a straight shooter. I admired Michael for his ability to grasp things quickly and to speak his mind in a very articulate and direct manner.

I will always remember Michael for his outstanding presentation before the Board of Supervisors when he appealed to the Board to rescind a ridiculous resolution asking the Attorney General of this state to dismiss all criminal charges on the so called "San Francisco 8" (now referred to as the "San Francisco Few" as two of the eight have pleaded guilty to manslaughter charges).

Michael's address was very poignant and dignified...clearly he was the best speaker of the day. (I included a text of Mike's comments in last month's Journal—go to our website and refer to my "This and That" column to read his address).

Like Laurence Lynch, Mike and his family were overwhelmed with the outpouring of support by the members of our department and association.

The hospital was flooded with friends and colleagues for three days while we waited to learn Michael's fate.

A testament to Michael's popularity was clearly evident at his funeral service that was held on Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at St. Ignatius Church on Fulton St. where the church was filled.

Michael passed away with his dear family at his side; His wife Florence



and children Brendan, Molly, Brigid and Colleen.

My sincerest condolences to the family and friends of these two men. May Laurence and Michael rest in peace...

At our best when doing the worst...

The last week of June and the first week of July were incredibly busy but sad times at the POA as we mourned the loss of our fellow officers and worked with their families to lay them to rest. It was during this time when in conversation I remarked to POA Treasurer Marty Halloran that not only "were our backs to the wall, they were pinned to the wall." I also noted that it was during these most difficult of times that we seem to shine as a department and as an association.

Captain Stephen Tacchini of Mission Station and Captain David Lazar did outstanding jobs coordinating events and representing the department and their respective companies during these troubled times. Both Commanding Officers put forth their best efforts and their efforts have been duly noted.

I really can't say enough good things about Co. H—Ingleside Station POA Representative Maris Goldsborough and Mike Walsh's old partner Roel Dilag who were assigned to the Walsh family immediately after Mike suffered the heart attack and throughout the very tough days that followed. My guess is that these two men were putting in at least 18-20 hour days for eight or nine days straight attending to any and every need of the Walsh family. I recommended these two Officers to Captain Lazar because I knew these men were up to the task and because they both had a special bond with Mike and he would have wanted it this way. I also knew that these were absolutely the right men for the task as they are both former United States Marines and I knew they would be able to quickly and correctly handle anything that would come their way. Both Maris and Roel were on top of their games and handled their assignments flawlessly.

I was deeply touched by Roel's words at Mike's Rosary the night before the funeral as he spoke eloquently and with warm humor when reminiscing about a few of their exploits while working as partners in both the Park and Ingleside districts. Roel got a great laugh when he was remembering a conversation with Mike when they started working the "plainclothes" car and Roel told Mike that the plainclothes effort would never work for them because people would never believe they were cops but rather just "some old white guy and his gardener."

I was very proud of how both Maris and Roel showed the Walsh family just how much Mike meant to us all. They both did such a wonderful job and on behalf of the entire Association I thank Maris and Roel along with their wives and families for their understanding and patience throughout the entire ordeal.

There are also many, many more people to thank for their outstanding efforts on behalf of both the Walsh and Lynch Families. From Father Michael Healy, S.F.P.D. Catholic Chaplain who was there from the very beginning for the Walsh Family, to Sister Lillian Repak and even my own brother Tommy Martin, a Seminarian at St. Patrick's Seminary, who assisted with the consecration of the funeral mass.

One of the first officers I saw at the emergency hospital after Mike's heart attack was Miguel Granados, a venerable veteran of this great department for over twenty-nine years. Miguel provided a calm presence during a very chaotic and distressing series of events. Mike's old partner and dear friend Jenny Marino, along with her husband Bill, were just fantastic in providing so much support for the family as well as to the members of Ingleside Station. Jenny has been a member of Ingleside Station for quite some time and along with Mike served as a Board of Director representative for at least two terms. Of course, Lt. Mike "Bugsy" Moran and Lt. Jason Cherniss were always close at hand to be of service.

There are so many more people to thank. Officer Danny Reyes of Southern Station who was an academy classmate and friend of Laurence Lynch and who was a tremendous source of support for the Lynch family. Captain Teri Barrett of Park Station who graciously assisted the Lynch Family with the difficult task of preparing for Laurence's funeral.

I sincerely thank all those who had a hand in any way with being of assistance to the families of Mike and Laurence. I wish I could remember each of you by name and deed but I just can't. Please know that even more importantly, the Walsh and Lynch Families know who you are and how much your kindness and sincere considerations mean to them.

Preparation is vital...

In order to receive the best defense possible when undergoing an investigation and interview at the hands of our old "friends" at the Office of Citizen Complaints, please notify Chris Breen, me, or any member of the O.C.C. Defense Team as soon as you are served with a complaint and either a notice to appear or a Member Response Form. There is no evidence that the O.C.C. is going to slow down and we all know that the O.C.C. has never met a complaint that they didn't like (whether or not the complaint has merit). We also know that the O.C.C. justifies its existence through the complaints its office receives, as well as the "questionable" added allegations the O.C.C. is so famous for throwing into the mix...can you say "piling on" without any basis in fact?

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Your O.C.C. Defense Team members are Kevin Martin, POA/Southern Station; Chris Breen, POA/Richmond Station; Troy Dangerfield, Academy; John Evans, Crime Scene Investigations; Pierre Martinez, Domestic Violence Response Unit; Mike Moran, Ingleside Station; Theresa San Giacomo, Mission Station; Jason Sawyer, Crime Prevention Company/Tactical; John Van Koll, Northern Station; Danny Miller, Northern Station, and Tony Montoya, Mission Station.

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UCSF Visit...

On Thursday, July 9, 2009 a group of POA members went to UCSF Child Life Center to visit a very large group of youngsters and their families and to play "BINGO." There must have been a group of 15-20 children who played that afternoon and we all had a great time. These visits are always so very special and it really means so much to the children, their families and the staff at the hospital. There is nothing better than putting a smile on the face of a sick child...Amanda Cordoba of Central Station joined Chris Dunne of Northern Station, Corrado Petruzzella of Co. K Solos, John Keane of Domestic Violence and me for a fun filled afternoon. I truly thank the above named members of the POA for giving so generously of themselves in such and honorable and worthy effort.

Retirees...

Congratulations to all recent retirees. On behalf of the association, God Bless and good luck in all your future endeavors. The most recent group of retirees includes John Hallisy of Narcotics and John Scully of Field Operations (Foot Beat). John Scully was a tremendous asset to our association as he was a sitting member on our Board of Directors for fourteen out of the last sixteen years successfully representing members from Taraval Station, Youth Services, and the Airport Bureau. John served the City and County for 28 years and was very instrumental in the merger between the SFPD and the Airport Police. In fact, John was the first member from the airport to transfer to the city. John also chaired the SFPOA Political Action Committee and was a wealth of information when it came to city politics.

Thanks to both for all their hard work and service to the members of our association.

Congratulations are also in order for Maggie Ortelles who recently retired from the Behavioral Science Unit. Maggie was a civilian employee for the department for close to or just over 40 years. Maggie was a tremendous asset to the department in general for all her work in the various units and details in which she served but in particular to the Behavioral Science Unit where she spent the last years of her wonderful career. Maggie is just one of those folks who just cannot and will not be replaced. She did so much for so many people with little or no fanfare. I will always remember Maggie for the work she did for the Jack Santos Fundraiser and how she always had a smile and words of encouragement. It is with great pride and honor that I dedicate this month's column to Maggie. God Bless you dear and thank you so much for all you did for all of us over the years...those of us who are lucky enough to know you will always appreciate your great efforts and realize that your job description was more than just words thrown together on a piece of paper...God Bless and be safe...

Fifth consecutive award for Co. K

Traffic Company
Receives National Award

Submitted by Captain Greg Corrales
Traffic Company

The International Association of Chiefs of Police has announced that the SFPD Traffic Company entry into the 2008 IACP National Law Enforcement Challenge tied for first place with LAPD.

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) National Law Enforcement Challenge encourages law enforcement agencies to set comprehensive goals, to strive to reach new heights, to share their experiences with others, and to be recognized for their traffic safety accomplishments; in short, to make significant differences in the communities their officers serve professionally each day of the year.

Each agency entering the Law Enforcement Challenge competed with their peers by size and type of agency. Law enforcement officers and other traffic safety specialists conducted initial reviews for the 2008 Law Enforcement Challenge. Each nomination was placed into a judging category, according to size and type. Each reviewer separately analyzed the entries and awarded points based on criteria set out in the contest rules. These were computed into points. The IACP Highway Safety Committee made the final determination of the eventual winning department in each category, as well as determining the second and third place agencies during their annual meeting. The screening also included the specialized awards. Each competing agency submitted an entry for the activities they conducted during 2008. Judges then reviewed each one using the following criteria:

Policy & Guidelines: 20 Points

- Officer Seat Belt Use Policy5 points
- Enforcement Guidelines (Belts)5 points
- Enforcement Guidelines (Speed)5 points
- Enforcement Guidelines (DUI)5 points
- Officer Training:.....20 Points
- Public Information & Education.....40 Points
- +20 Points
- Saved by the Belt/Air Bag Awards5 points
- Officer DUI Recognition5 points
- Officer Speed Enforcement Recognition.....5 points
- Traffic Safety Enforcement Campaigns 5 points

The remaining 40 points are based on the agency's efforts to promote traffic safety, specifically in the three target areas. Agencies summarize all their efforts throughout the year to promote traffic safety in their community and department.

- Enforcement Activity:40 Points
- Effectiveness:40 Points
- Quality Of Application:15 Points

The San Francisco Police Department was placed in Category #11 of the Municipal Police Department competition. This category is all police departments with 1,250 or more officers. This year's results in this category were:

- 1st Place Tie: San Francisco Police Department
- 1st Place Tie: Los Angeles Police Department (9846 sworn)
- 2nd Place: Atlanta, GA Police Department
- 3rd Place: San Jose Police Department

This is the fifth consecutive year that the San Francisco Police Traffic Company has been honored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

- 2004 1st Place and Special Award for Pedestrian Safety
- 2005 3rd Place DUI efforts — Avoid the 14.
- 2006 1st Place.
- 2007 Special Award for Pedestrian Safety.
- 2008 1st Place tie.

No other police department in the nation has been honored by IACP for the last consecutive five years. I am very proud of the tremendous job being done by every member of the Traffic Company and by the Station Solos on a daily basis. My hat is off to each them! Once again, an outstanding job.



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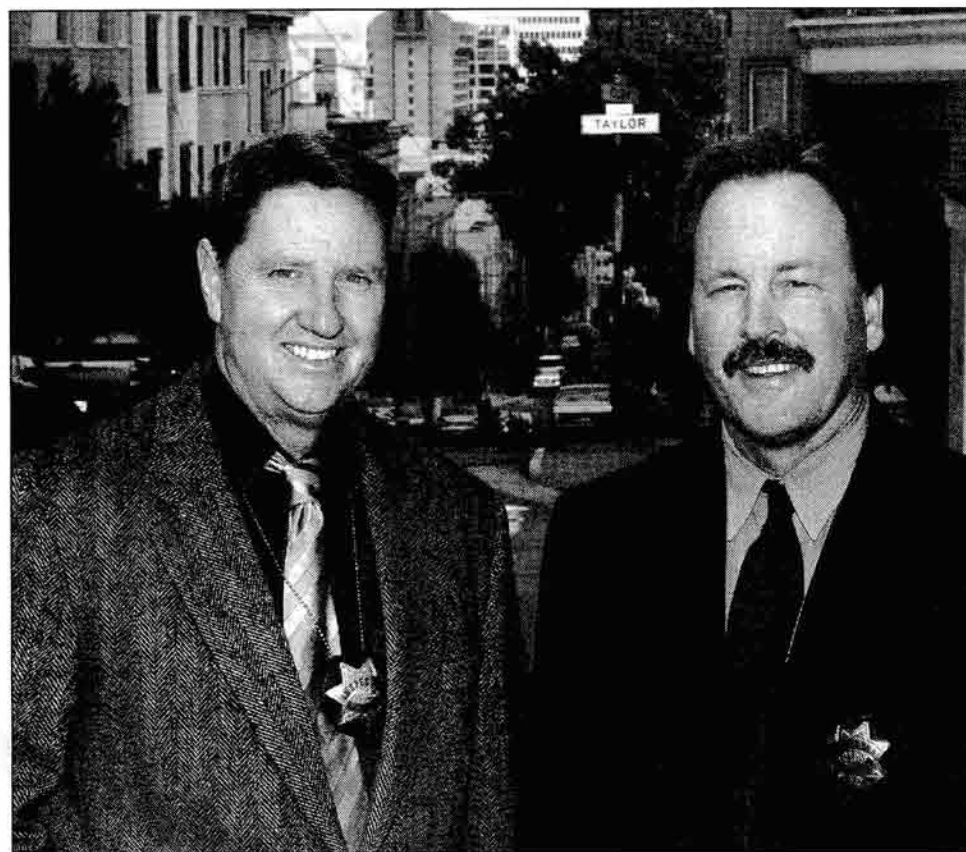
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Inspectors of the Month



Inspector Thomas Newland (left) and Inspector Brian Delahunty have been assigned to the homicide division for the past 2 years. During that time they have been assigned some rather difficult and unusual cases. Their dedication and work ethic have been exemplary. This particular assignment requires that the inspectors work hand in hand with all of the factions of the San Francisco Police Department as well as all of the other adjacent law enforcement agencies.

Three of the most recent cases that they have brought to successful conclusions include: the murder of a 17 year old youth from the Western Addition and the arrest of a well known Eddy Rock gang member; a home invasion robbery/homicide where 3 victims were shot and one succumbed to her injuries, and the triple homicide of a father and two sons by an MS 13 gang member.

Inspector Newland and Inspector Delahunty are to be commended for a job well done.

POLICE-FIRE Post 456 News

By Greg Corrales

"For confidence, spirit, purposefulness, aggressiveness flow down from the top and permeate a whole command. And in the same way do anxiety and lack of resolution on the part of a commander put their indelible stamp upon his men."

— General Mathew Ridgway,
quoted in *Military Review*, June 1987

On June 19, 2009 in Riverside, California, I was present, along with Post Commander Mario Gonzalez, and John Scully, Bob Belt and Rene LaPrevotte to witness Officer Joe Salazar being honored as the California Police Officer of the Year — Valor. Joe was honored at the American Legion State Convention for the heroics he performed in the early morning hours of March 7, 2007 at Seventh and Townsend Streets. He and his partner during the incident, Officer Monica MacDonald, will be honored at the next Police-Fire Post 456 Awards Dinner. Outstanding job done by both officers!

An Army chaplain who witnesses say served Christ and fellow soldiers while a captive in a North Korean POW camp is being considered for sainthood. The Vatican is looking into reports of three healing miracles in the Wichita, Kansas area that Roman Catholic faithful are attributing to the Rev. Emil Kapaun.

Kapaun served in World War II and Korea. In captivity, he routinely risked his life by stealing food for starving fellow prisoners, debating "re-education" instructors and encouraging the troops. Kapaun died in prison.

According to Catholic tradition, potential saints are first declared a "servant of God." If there is enough evidence that the person lives a life of virtue, he is named "venerable." A miracle must be established before canonization. Kapaun was named a servant of God in 1993, said the Rev. John Hotze, judicial vicar for the Wichita diocese.

Navy Chaplain (Lt.) Vincent Capodanno, who was killed in Vietnam and received the Medal of Honor, is also being considered for sainthood.

"It would certainly be significant to see both men canonized, especially considering they are both military chaplains," said the Rev. Richard Higgins, a bishop for the Archdiocese of the Military Services. However he cautioned that canonization can take decades, if not centuries.

The Marine Corps Times reported an amazing story this month about retired Corporal Mike Jernigan, who lost both eyes in an explosion in Iraq. Jernigan's determination to regain his independence after being blinded by a roadside bomb landed him in a new University of Pittsburgh vision restoration center, where in mid-June he demonstrated a unique technology that allows him to "see" through a sensor on his tongue. Called a BrainPort device, it allegedly allows him to perceive shape, size, location and motion through electrical stimulation of the

tongue's surface, chosen because it's a good conductor.

"I just got married a couple of months ago. I've never seen my wife. I've never seen my son. It's very difficult on a day-to-day basis," Jernigan said. "Because of people like this, I have hope again." Good luck to Corporal Jernigan!

It's been eight years since U.S. troops first deployed overseas to battle terrorists and extremists. Congress is still debating whether troops in combat zones should have free postal benefits to receive care packages from home. The House of Representatives approved legislation for a program in which vouchers are issued so every deployed service member can get one package a month from home, but the concept is not fully approved.

One of the two security guards who shot at a white supremacist after he opened fire June 10 inside the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., had been a rifle marksman and a pistol expert in the Marine Corps, according to military records. Jason McCuiston was a sergeant when he left the Marine Corps. He and Harry Weeks, a former D.C. police officer, each returned fire when James W. Von Brunn walked into the museum and began shooting, killing fellow security guard Stephen T. Johns, according to a report in the Washington Post. A bullet hit Von Brunn in the face, and he remains in critical condition at George Washington University Hospital, according to the Post.

The astronauts who made such a monumental impact on space exploration on July 20, 1969 (forty years ago) were — not surprisingly — all veterans. Two walked on the lunar landscape while the third manned the Apollo II spacecraft on his third human voyage to the moon.

Neil A. Armstrong flew 78 missions over Korea between August 22, 1951 and March 5, 1952. He served with Navy Fighter Squadron 51, Air Group 5, aboard the USS Essex. He was shot down once.

Edwin E. Aldrin Jr., was an Air Force jet fighter pilot in Korea. Flying 66 combat missions in F-86 Sabres, he shot down two MIGs.

Michael Collins was an air Force vet of the Cold War. Initially stationed with the 21st Fighter-Bomber Wing in France in 1954, he later flew out of Germany during the 1956 Hungarian crisis.

Police-Fire Post 456 is very anxious to recruit our newer veterans and our female veterans. If you have any questions, please contact me at Traffic Company (553-9601).

We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 1800 hours. The next meeting will be held on August 11, 2009. Meetings are held at the old POA Building, 510 Seventh Street.

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Ask Mike...the Retirees' Corner

CCSF Civil Grand Jury Blasts Police/Fire Pensions

By Mike Hebel
POA Welfare Officer

Q. Mike, why is the SF Civil Grand Jury so upset with police/fire pensions?

A. In mid-July the 2008-2009 San Francisco Civil Grand Jury issued a comprehensive report entitled *Pensions: Beyond Our Ability to Pay*. The Grand Jury said: "The time to payback the pension commitments made over the past 20 years is today, and the City of San Francisco may be unprepared to meet its obligations, without severe cuts in essential services to the residents of the City and the business interests who employ thousands of San Franciscans." The Grand Jury found that "55% of firefighters and 60% of the police, who retired since 1988, currently receive a pension check that exceeds their highest annual compensation paid to them at the time of their retirement." And "nearly 20% of retired safety officers are earning a pension of over \$100,000." Furthermore, the Grand Jury found that retirees' pension benefits continue to "escalate" each year as a result of retroactive salary increases and COLA adjustments. The Grand Jury noted accurately that San Francisco's FY 2008-09 contribution rate to the pension fund is 4.99% of payroll which will increase to 9.49% in fiscal year 2009-10 while the employee's rate remains constant at 7.5% of salary. The City's contribution to the Retirement System will increase from \$178 million to \$338 million. The Grand Jury noted that the Retirement System's investment fund stood at \$15.8 billion as of June 30, 2008, but had declined in value by 20% as of March 31, 2009. (Since then, the fund has recovered about 5% of its loss.) The Grand Jury noted that the Health Service System had an unfunded liability of about \$4 billion for its 50,700 active and retired employees using a "pay as you go method." The Grand Jury was critical of the police and fire departments for allowing "pension spiking and the Chief's disease" for the purpose of increasing the last year's salary and thereby enhancing the pension benefit. (Pension spiking occurs when employees' artificially inflate their final compensation just before retiring in order to increase their pension.) It further noted that 23% of police officers and 46% of firefighters are receiving an industrial disability retirement. The Grand Jury recommended that a third tier pension system be established for all new employees; it recommended a change to a defined-contribution plan similar to the current voluntary 457 deferred compensation plan.

My analysis:

The City's police officers and firefighters work, on average, 30 years in dangerous occupations with the inducement and expectation, protected by law, that in return for their prodigious efforts they will receive a substantial pension and health care benefits. The Grand Jury's report documents that public safety officers are apparently receiving that which

they were promised by the citizens and public officials of San Francisco. As of June 30, 2008 the Retirement System was funded at 104%, amongst the highest in the United States. Currently it is funded at or about 100%, with a 2-3% margin of error, given market losses endured in the 4th quarter of 2008. (The exact percent will not be known until September 2009.) The current City contribution rate of 9.49% is the envy of the public entities in California for its small number. The largest pension system in California, PERS, has a current employer contribution rate in excess of 20% while many small cities are paying in excess of 30%. While the Retirement System will report fund losses for FY 2008-09 at about 15%, PERS has reported a 23.4% loss for this same period. Our Retirement System is indeed fully prepared to meet its pension commitments as it has consistently done since its founding in 1889. With the passage of Proposition B in June 2008, city employees hired after January 11, 2009 will contribute up to 2% of their compensation to fund their retiree health care costs thereby gradually reducing the City's unfunded liability. The accusation of wide spread pension spiking is particularly troubling and ill-documented by the Grand Jury. Perhaps the Grand Jury should also have investigated the lack of/delay in promotional exams in the safety services which does result in the use of provisional appointments and like-like work pay procedures to ensure that sufficient supervisors/managers are available for the work force. The call for a third tier, a defined contribution plan, is both unsubstantiated by the Grand Jury's data and is pernicious to the recruitment and retention efforts of the public safety services in San Francisco.

Q. Mike, where are the bulk of the Retirement System's pension fund invested? If these pension monies are invested in commercial real estate big trouble is on the horizon. There is a definite need for our pension plan monies to be very diverse and safe at this time.

A. Your question and comments are spot on! The Retirement Systems' nearly 53,000 members (31,000 active and 22,000 retired) are counting on the System to pay/continue to pay monthly pension benefits. (The System paid over \$700 million in benefits in FY 2008-09.) The System's investment objective is to maximize long-term rates of return on investments within prudent guidelines. Its investment division's professional staff develops and recommends asset allocation mixes, manages investment portfolios, and monitors the activities and performance of external investment managers. In order to achieve its investment objectives, the Retirement Board, from time to time, adopts an asset allocation policy. Its current asset class and policy target is: US stocks (26%); International stocks (23%); Global fixed income (25%); Alternative assets (14%); Real estate (12%). Alternative assets include: private equity funds concen-

trating on buy-outs, venture capital and special situations. The real estate allocation, to which your question is directed, is managed/monitored by a superb internal professional, Don Holcher. The real estate portfolio has excellent returns for the past three and five year periods. However, it did suffer during the recent global credit crisis. Mr. Holcher has appropriately steered away from the commercial real estate markets. David Kushner, deputy director for investments, and his entire staff are to be congratulated for their recent excellent investment performance results, albeit in suffering fewer losses, when compared to their public retirement fund peers.

Q. Mike, I recently had lunch with a group of fellow police widows. We have generally been happy with our deferred compensation plan accounts until recently. We have started to worry about the safety of the stable value account. Is it insured by the government?

A. No! The stable value account is not insured nor guaranteed by the federal government, nor any other government. However, an increasing percentage of its assets are invested in treasury securities, federal government securities (FNMA, FHLMC, etc.) which do have government guarantees, and FDIC insured bank deposits.

In October 2006 the CCSF Deferred Compensation Plan became the owner of the stable value portfolio so as to provide a greater measure of safety for plan participants since those funds were removed from ING's (the former third party administrator) general account. As part of this transfer ING provided an insurance wrapper to guaranty the book value of this portfolio and provided for a guaranteed annual crediting rate to participants of 5.15% through January 29, 2009. As I have previously reported, when this transfer of assets occurred, the market value to book value was 98%, that is, the account had a book value deficit of about \$19 million. The Retirement Board hired ING Investment Management to manage the Deferred Compensation plan's stable value portfolio. This manager invested aggressively so as to be able to meet its 5.15% crediting rate; it got caught in the global credit crisis and its portfolio began to lose market value. By December 2008 the stable value portfolio's market value to book value ratio had fallen to 85%, that is, the account then had a \$109 million dollar deficit.

The Retirement Board's deferred compensation committee selected Great West Retirement Services, at its meeting of September 9, 2008, as the new third party administrator for the SF Deferred Compensation Plan commencing on January 30, 2009 when ING's 5 year contract expired. On this date, the stable value portfolio was transferred to Great West with Cathe Tocher, their president of investments, as its new investment manager. The market value to book value ratio of the stable value portfolio was still at about 85% at this time of manager transfer.

At its March 10, 2009 meeting the Retirement Board formally adopted a



new investment policy for the stable value portfolio. Henceforth, all new investments must be treasury securities, federal government agency securities, and FDIC insured bank deposits. No money could be put into corporate bonds, asset backed securities, nor foreign securities; the use of leverage was prohibited. By this meeting the market to book value, under new management, had advanced to 88.7% - still a deficit of \$83 million.

You are rightly concerned about the stable value portfolio. The insurance wrapper, provided by ING, to protect the participant's book value is gone with no replacement currently available. While Great West will maintain participant's stable value accounts at book value through out its 5 year contract period (ending January 29, 2014), it did not provide a book value settlement strategy should its contract not be renewed. That said, the Retirement Board's new investment policy is already having a demonstrable positive effect - the portfolio's assets that are compliant with its new policy have a market value to book value ratio that exceeds 100%. The non-compliant assets will be held to maturity and / or sold as market conditions warrant. The goal of manager Cathe Tocher is to carefully manage this portfolio, which holds over 50% of deferred compensation monies, so as to gradually reduce the book value deficit. To date she has been successful in doing so.

The stable value portfolio currently pays 3.25% (annualized). Each quarter Great West announces the portfolio's crediting rate. The Retirement Board's deferred compensation committee continues to actively monitor the stable value portfolio as does the Retirement System's deferred compensation manager Carol Cypert.

Great West did initially move into the space formerly occupied by ING at 1 Front Street, ste 1425. It has recently moved to ste 810. I personally was not concerned about their selection of office space in which to conduct business. I remain focused on the business they conduct as third party administrator of our deferred compensation monies.

Mike Hebel has been the POA's Welfare Officer since January 1974. He is an attorney and a certified financial planner. He has received awards/recognition as a Northern California "super lawyer" and included amongst "America's top financial planners." He represents POA members at the City's Retirement Board and at the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board. He also advises on investment matters pertaining to the City's deferred compensation plan. Mike retired from the SFPD in 1994 after a distinguished 28 year career. If you have a question for Mike, send an e-mail to mike@sfpoa.org or call him at (415) 861-0211.

Long-Term Investing

Economic Recovery: States' Deficits Cause Budget Cut Pains

By Edwin K. Stephens,
The Stephens Group

It is better to be safe than sorry.
—American Proverb

How many States in the Union suffer from budget deficits?

Answer: 48 States. Only Montana and North Dakota have no budget deficits.

United States \$1 Trillion in Red Ink

On July 14, 2009, the Federal deficit had topped \$1 trillion dollars for the first time ever and could grow to nearly \$2 trillion by this fall, intensifying fears about higher interest rates, inflation and the strength of the dollar.

Mr. Martin Crutsinger, economics writer for the Associated Press noted that government spending is on the rise to address the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression and an unemployment rate that has climbed to 9.5 percent. The Obama adminis-

tration forecasts that the deficit for the entire year will hit \$1.84 trillion in October.

President Barack Obama and Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner have said the United States is committed to bringing down the deficits once the economy and financial sector recover. The Obama administration has set a goal of cutting the deficit in half by the end of his first term in office.

Congress already approved a \$700 billion financial bailout for banks, automakers and other sectors, and a \$787 billion dollar economic stimulus package to try to jump-start a recovery. The Federal Government financial outlays through the first nine months of this budget year total \$2.67 trillion, up 20.5 percent from the same period a year ago.

Foreign Investors

The soaring Federal deficit is making Chinese and other foreign buyers of U.S. debt nervous, which could make them reluctant lenders down the road. It could also force the Treasury Department to pay higher interest rates to make U.S. debt attractive longer-term.

Mr. Sung Won Sohn, an Economist at the Smith School of Business at California State University said, "These are mind-boggling

numbers." The economist further noted,

"Our foreign investors from China and elsewhere are starting to have concerns about not only the value of the dollar but how safe their investments will be in the long run."

Mr. Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com noted "We have a deep recession hammering tax revenues and forcing the government to provide a lot of help to the economy." But he added, "without this help, the downturn would be even more severe." History has shown that one cannot assume that an economic downturn has ended just because there have been some marked improvements in the economy.

In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt made this mistake. He believed that the Depression was largely over, and he sought to reduce public spending and to balance the federal budget. This miscalculation undermined a fragile recovery, and pushed the economy back under water in 1937.

Japanese leaders made a similar mistake in the 1990's when they temporarily withdrew government stimulus spending, prolonging Japan's recession into one that lasted a full decade.

California Budget Deficit

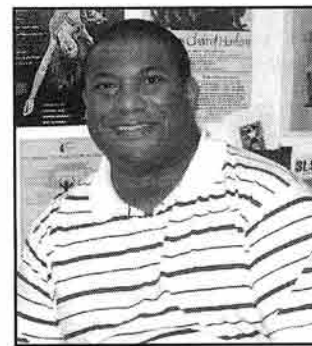
California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger said that he will close the State's staggering \$26.3 billion budget deficit by demanding deeper cuts and that he would not sign anything that


raised taxes or fees beyond what he had already proposed.

Ms. Judy Line of the Associated Press noted that State Controller, John Chiang, has said that he would have to start issuing the IOU on Thursday, July 2, unless lawmakers took steps to stem the state's red ink by then. It is assumed that roughly \$3 billion worth of IOUs will be issued in July unless a compromise on closing the deficit is reached quickly. These IOUs will be sent to state contractors, college students, welfare recipients, low-income seniors, the disabled and others who depend on or deliver state services. Counties will not get paid for social programs they administer.

The Bottom Line

At the time of this writing, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and the California Legislature had not resolved the doughnut hole in the State's budget. There is a lot of pain that will be spread among all levels of people both in the public and private sector as a result of California's budget deficit. It appears that tight fiscal policies will rule the day.



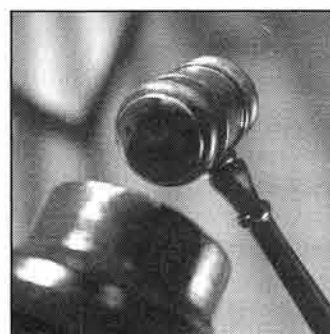
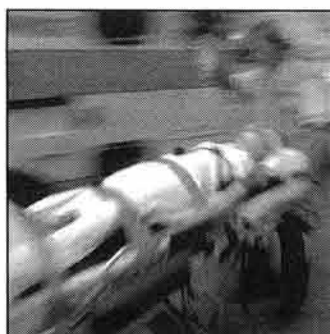
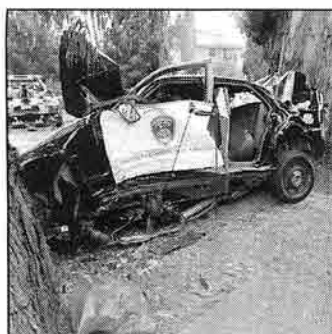


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Wanted: Tales of Women of The San Francisco Police

By Brenda Walker

A landmark archival project preserving the illustrated history of nearly 1000 women in the San Francisco Police Department has been underway for the past two years. Women Police Officers, Women Protective Officers, Policewomen, Matrons, Reserve Officers, Limited Tenure, and Special Policewomen are all included in this project.

Department archivist Lee Nyder Sullivan is in the process of researching the history of women who have served as San Francisco's finest in years gone by. Though often overlooked in discussions on department history, women have long played integral roles in the City's law enforcement agency. Being an officer myself for nearly 28 years I can tell you many stories of how women have made their mark in the police line of history.

Interested in history since her



SFPD Doris Chapman, October 1944

youth, and trained and skilled in the preservation and restoration of photographs, Officer Sullivan who entered the police department originally in 1985, has undertaken this project as a tribute to those women who served (and for those who still serve) the City. Over the course of the past two years, Lee has interviewed dozens of women and their relatives.

Lee has been privileged to share in personal journals, diaries, scrapbooks, and photographs that document Policewomen's service to the City and to the San Francisco Police Department. She also has totaled hundreds of hours of research towards the project. She has begun a journey that no one has attempted before because it is time consuming and arduous compiling all the information that she has collected.

This article is a solicitation to anyone who knows of a story or of a person that Lee can interview and add to her project to keep our history



alive and factual. All others whom have stories, photographs or mementoes are asked to please step up and let them be known and to correct the inconsistency of our history. Some of the stories that Lee has shared with me have been fascinating and incredible, as you wouldn't believe.

"There is no life that does not contribute to history," Dorothy West declared in *The Living Is Easy*. That said, tales and artifacts from yesteryear are of invaluable worth. Now is the time to preserve your part in San Francisco's history. If you currently serve or have served as an officer, or you are a relative, or a partner, or have a connection to such a woman, please know that your contributions are noteworthy and important.

Name changes, unusual spelling, or star number changes may not have been documented correctly on official records. These corrections can be noted in the archive. Who said you can't change history.

There is still time to incorporate names, corrections, photographs and stories of those women not yet included. If you, a relative or friend has not yet been contacted about this project and have something to contribute, please do so at this link: women@sfpdhistory.org.

A comprehensive, illustrated historical web-site is also under construction. Please stop by and visit this fall at: www.sfpdhistory.org.

Lee Sullivan can also be reached at the SFPD Photographic Unit after September 1st, at: 415-553-1164.



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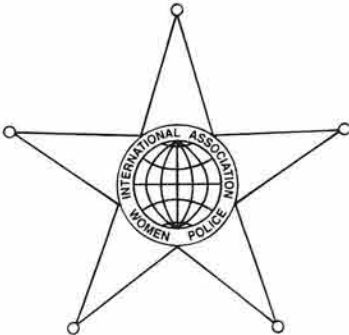
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Go Bananas!

Forwarded by Gus Coreris
Retired SFPD

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Research has proven that just two bananas provide enough energy for a strenuous 90-minute workout. No wonder the banana is the number one fruit with the world's leading athletes.

But, energy isn't the only way a banana can help us keep fit. It can also help overcome or prevent a substantial number of illnesses and conditions, making it a must to add to our daily diet.

Depression:

According to a recent survey undertaken by MIND amongst people suffering from depression, many felt much better after eating a banana. This is because bananas contain tryptophan, a type of protein that the body converts into serotonin, known to make you relax, improve your mood and generally make you feel happier.

Anemia:

High in iron, bananas can stimulate the production of hemoglobin in the blood and so helps in cases of anemia.

Blood Pressure:

This unique tropical fruit is extremely high in potassium yet low in salt, making it perfect to beat blood pressure. So much so, the US Food and Drug Administration has just allowed the banana industry to make official claims for the fruit's ability to reduce the risk of blood pressure and stroke.

Brain Power:

200 students at a Twickenham (Middlesex) school (England) were helped through their exams this year by eating bananas at breakfast, break,

and lunch in a bid to boost their brain power. Research has shown that the potassium-packed fruit can assist learning by making pupils more alert.

Constipation:

High in fiber, including bananas in the diet can help restore normal bowel action, helping to overcome the problem without resorting to laxatives.

Hangovers:

One of the quickest ways of curing a hangover is to make a banana milkshake, sweetened with honey. The banana calms the stomach and, with the help of the honey, builds up depleted blood sugar levels, while the milk soothes and re-hydrates your system.

Heartburn:

Bananas have a natural antacid effect in the body, so if you suffer from heartburn, try eating a banana for soothing relief.

Morning Sickness:

Snacking on bananas between meals helps to keep blood sugar levels up and avoid morning sickness.

Mosquito bites:

Before reaching for the insect bite cream, try rubbing the affected area with the inside of a banana skin. Many people find it amazingly successful at reducing swelling and irritation.

Nerves:

Bananas are high in B vitamins that help calm the nervous system.

Overweight and at work:

Studies at the Institute of Psychology in Austria found pressure at work leads to gorging on comfort food like chocolate and chips. Looking at 5,000 hospital patients, researchers found the most obese were more likely to be in high-pressure jobs. The report concluded that, to avoid panic-induced food cravings, we need to control our

blood sugar levels by snacking on high carbohydrate foods every two hours to keep levels steady.

Ulcers:

The banana is used as the dietary food against intestinal disorders because of its soft texture and smoothness. It is the only raw fruit that can be eaten without distress in over-chronicler cases. It also neutralizes over-acidity and reduces irritation by coating the lining of the stomach.

Temperature control:

Many other cultures see bananas as a "cooling" fruit that can lower both the physical and emotional temperature of expectant mothers. In Thailand, for example, pregnant women eat bananas to ensure their baby is born with a cool temperature.

Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD):

Bananas can help SAD sufferers because they contain the natural mood enhancer tryptophan.

Smoking & Tobacco Use:

Bananas can also help people trying to give up smoking. The B6, B12 they contain, as well as the potassium and magnesium found in them, help the body recover from the effects of nicotine withdrawal.

Stress:

Potassium is a vital mineral, which helps normalize the heartbeat, sends

oxygen to the brain and regulates your body's water balance. When we are stressed, our metabolic rate rises, thereby reducing our potassium levels. These can be rebalanced with the help of a high-potassium banana snack.

Strokes:

According to research in The New England Journal of Medicine, eating bananas as part of a regular diet can cut the risk of death by strokes by as much as 40%!

Warts:

Those keen on natural alternatives swear that if you want to kill off a wart, take a piece of banana skin and place it on the wart, with the yellow side out. Carefully hold the skin in place with a plaster or surgical tape!

So, a banana really is a natural remedy for many ills. When you compare it to an apple, it has four times the protein, twice the carbohydrate, three times the phosphorus, five times the vitamin A and iron, and twice the other vitamins and minerals. It is also rich in potassium and is one of the best value foods around.

So, maybe its time to change that well-known phrase so that we say, "A banana a day keeps the doctor away!"

PS: I will add one here; want a quick shine on our shoes? Take the INSIDE of the banana skin, and rub directly on the shoe...polish with dry cloth.

An amazing fruit!

Do You Know Where Your Paycheck Comes From?

Submitted by Sgt. George Carrington

I'm sure the general impression is that a computer somewhere creates the paychecks we receive automatically. Well, in part that is accurate. However there is also a little office on the 5th floor of the Hall that contains a number of hard working payroll clerks. These clerks spend all day every working day inputting vast amounts of payroll, overtime, changes, adjustments, etc.

Without this human involvement your check, if you received one at all, would be less than accurate to say the least.

For some months now these hard working clerks have had issues, serious issues, with the Department and the City. In order for you to get your checks these clerks have worked overtime, taken work home, come in early, and literally worked to the point that they have suffered injuries. Their office has been understaffed, they have been denied any more overtime, and they have not been paid for quite a bit of overtime that they had already worked. Although clerk positions have not been filled or created, a managerial

position has been created and filled. Does that make sense?

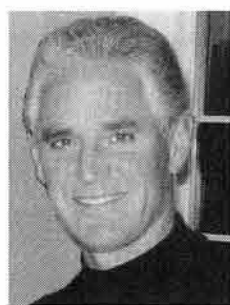
Having worked in the PLES Unit for some time prior to my current assignment I have worked with the Payroll Division in order to get all of that overtime paid properly. I have seen how hard these folks work, how much data entry they have to do, and how meticulous they must be to get you paid correctly and on time.

Members of the Payroll Division have approached their Union and filed grievances as well as having made two appearances before the Police Commission. Unfortunately, as of this writing, there has been no resolution, no improvement in working conditions, no additional staffing, no overtime authorization, etc. It does not appear that anybody takes this issue very seriously, except of course the overworked, understaffed, and overtime deprived Payroll Clerks.

I, for one, appreciate the efforts of this group and look forward to the end product of their work — my paycheck. You should too...

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Book Reviews

Horse Soldiers

The Extraordinary Story of a Band of US Soldiers Who Rode to Victory in Afghanistan

By Doug Stanton

Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

This book has remained on the New York Times' best-seller list for some time. It must be the story that keeps it there because the author has stylistically often resorted to cliché-riddled sentences and hero worship. Of course, the latter is truly understandable, as this group of Special Force soldiers truly performed heroic acts.

The mission was the first to put U.S. soldiers into Afghanistan following the terrorist attack of 9/11. The Special Forces (Green Berets) unit selected for this challenge, no doubt, had very little idea what they were about to get into. After a very detailed description of flying into Afghanistan on a Chinook helicopter they discovered that they were going to war on horseback. Here were men trained in the latest technology, with the tools of modern warfare at their finger-tips, being asked to ride into the desert to assist tribal warlords in finding and destroying the Taliban. And only one of them had ever ridden a horse before! Saddle sores were definitely in their future, and painfully described by Stanton.

But saddle sores are soon forgotten when battles are fought and people die. And the book spares little in describing wounds and deaths. A poignant scene that could easily be under-rated was a U.S. doctor trying to keep a fourteen-year old Afghani alive after he had received a stomach wound that would not stop bleeding. The doctor feared both losing the patient and losing the faith of the Afghani people should he be unsuccessful. The boy was sent home to die, but the Afghanis continued to believe in and rely upon these tough, resilient and smart troops.

There is an attempt to explain how

a young man from Marin, John Walker Lindh, came to be involved with the Taliban and then captured after the battle at the Qala-i-Janghi Fortress. I came away with the thought of how clueless Lindh was and how he has wasted his youth with such a senseless decision.

The involvement of the CIA was clear and the publicized death of Agent Johnny "Mike" Spann is described as a tragic mistake. Spann was considered the first American killed in a post-9/11 battle. The description of the ambush that was set up by the Taliban is quite detailed. On the other hand, the author will sometimes give little detail to other larger fights. This observation leads to my main criticism of the book; Stanton wants you, the reader, to feel like you are there, but Stanton never was. He obviously did a lot of homework; conducting interviews, chasing down battle reports, examining photos and maps, but the fact is, he seems to be trying to liven up the words of those who were present, hence the frequent use of clichés. He did have a very nice description of a night sky, however, that I liked, even though he never saw it: "a moon that hung overhead, a bleached horn driven into the flank of the night."

There is good reason to read this book. We continue to be enmeshed in Afghanistan as our troops are leaving Iraq. The difficulties in conducting a war there are clearly depicted and what it took to succeed at that time, late 2001, gives anyone a better idea of not only how tough, durable and heroic these troops are but also how intelligent one must be to win this conflict. The Special Forces units understood how important it was to win the hearts and minds of the Afghan people. And as they fought alongside these high-desert horsemen they believed it was a cause worth pursuing.

Some Notes About Books From Bay Area Writers

Either You're In or You're In the Way

By Logan and Noah Miller

These Marin twins not only dedicated the book but their "twelve month hell-ride to keep a promise" to their father. They certainly don't represent the peacock feather image of Marin-ites. The book demonstrates the power of positive thinking, of not relying on others for their good fortune and for listening to sage advice wherever they could find it. Readers of this newspaper may find the book even more interesting as they read about the positive influence of retired San Francisco Police Officer, Steve Gough. Coach Gough, as Steve is referred to throughout the book, certainly has been a positive influence on not only these young men but has successfully coached many Olympic lifters and budding athletes. But it is the dedication and love of their father, who died and alcoholic, that grabs the reader. The book was a best-seller in the Bay Area for several months and their film, Touching Home, premiered at the San Francisco International Film Festival in 2008. They are proof positive that the American dream is alive and well.

La Bella Lingua

By Dianne Hales

Being of Italian-American descent, and having spent the last eight years studying the Italian language I would have had an interest in this book without any prompt. My Italian teacher, Stefania Scotti, however, gave me the book as a present. The author has also studied with Signora Scotti and many other teachers including some in Italy. Ms. Hales resides primarily in Marin County but spends many months every year in Italy. A recent issue of the San Francisco Chronicle Book section reviewed the book in a modo divertenti, a simple translation you will discover within its pages. Ms. Hales describes not only the language and its development but the people. I found myself in complete agreement when she quoted some Italians as saying: "...someone who acquires a new language, possess it. In my case, Italian possesses me." Even if you have only a casual interest in things Italian you will find this book not just informative but amusing, entertaining, divertenti!

Hunting Eichmann

By Neil Bascomb

Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

I recently reviewed a novel by Philip Kerr, A Quiet Flame, which had as its premise the idea that many Nazi officers had escaped capture after World War II by fleeing to South America, specifically Argentina. There was mention made of Adolf Eichmann living just outside of Buenos Aires. Kerr created a vivid picture of the corruption that allowed these murderers to live undetected, but it was, nonetheless, a novel — fiction.

Hunting Eichmann, by Neil Bascomb is anything but fiction but Bascomb's writing style has the reader flipping through the pages as though it was a best-selling thriller. The feeling is that of a book that was written with the hope of a movie to be made later.

The book gives the reader an idea of how much has changed in the world of intelligence gathering. Eichmann was roaming around Bavaria and across the borders of Germany immediately after World War II for some time without detection. He was even in the custody of the Allies on two occasions and still remained undetected. He was given an Italian passport under the alias Ricardo Klemment through the Red Cross; aided and abetted by certain members of the Roman Catholic Church; and lived somewhat comfortably, though clearly economically of a lower class, with his wife and three children in Argentina for approximately fifteen years. One realizes that his capture was as much about good-luck happenstance as perseverance.

Much has been written about Eichmann's defense about "only following orders," and about his appearance and demeanor being commonplace and unthreatening. Hannah Arendt, the political theorist/philosopher covered Eichmann's trial as a reporter and described this situation as "the banality of evil." Eichmann was the embodiment of that phrase. Prior to the war he was simply a clerk, nameless and faceless. But once installed as an officer in the Nazi party he pursued his task of organizing "the final solution," or the elimination of Jews from Europe, with relish. While on the stand he stated, "I sat at my desk and did my work." This was his way of stating that he

never personally killed anyone, and in fact no witnesses ever testified that he had. He was also very careful about not being photographed. I recall watching parts of the trial being shown on television and seeing him as a rather bookish insignificant person. Apparently, being in his presence was anything but normal. The author interviewed the agents who captured him and held him in a safe-house before flying him to Israel. Every one commented on "the soul-hollowing effect of inhabiting the same space as 'the man who had been the operational manager' of the Nazi genocide."

Bascomb had access to newly released documents, some of which were a transcript of a tape-recording of Eichmann himself lauding his work ethic. Prior to this book one of the lead Nazi-hunters, Isser Harel, had written the book, The House on Garibaldi Street, which gave an eye-witness accounting of the capture of Eichmann. Harel, however, was not allowed the use of some documentation as it was considered too sensitive at the time.

The unit had different players over time as the hunt alternated from being of utmost importance to all, to being a threat to the German and Argentine governments. Simon Wiesenthal may have become the most famous name involved in the hunt for Nazis, but it was men who refused to give up, like Harel that the reader comes to appreciate: Zvi Tohar, the El Al pilot, who painstakingly weighed the risks of changing flight plans to get Eichmann out of Argentina and into Dakar and, eventually Israel: Zvi Aharoni the dedicated spotter who watched Eichmann's home for days, rain or shine, Tuvia Friedman and the many other men who concocted the plan and carried it out; these seemingly normal men, not supermen, brought one of the world's most prolific mass murderers to justice. Eichmann was convicted and hanged to death in 1962, but the story of his capture in the hands of Neal Bascomb makes this historical event very rapt reading.

By the way, I would have not picked this book up without Jim Hennessy and Father Joe Walsh, two good readers, recommending and loaning it to me. Thank you both.

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BALEAF News



Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (BALEAF) Directors and University of San Francisco (USF) alumni Jo-Ellen Radetich '01 (center) and Kenneth E. Ramirez Duran '01 JD '08 (left) present Dr. Anthony Ribera (right), Director of the USF International Institute of Criminal Justice Leadership, with a \$2,500.00 donation for the Lt. Barbara Hammerman Memorial Scholarship.

Watermelon is a Great Reminder

Submitted by Robin Matthews

Wally Amos-cookie fame has used this as a guide during rough times:

W Whatever you believe creates your reality. Believe that life is a positive experience and it will be.

A Attitude is the magic word. Your greatest asset is your attitude. Be positive regardless.

T Together everyone achieves more. There are no limits to what we can accomplish together. I am more than I am but less than we are.

E Enthusiasm is the wellspring of life. There is no limit to what can be accomplished with enough enthusiasm.

R Respect yourself, as well as others. When you begin to respect yourself, your whole world changes.

M Make commitments, not excuses. There is overwhelming power in the words "Yes I will!".

E Everyday can be a fun day. Fun is the lubricant that keeps life moving forward. Laugh a lot.

L Love is the answer. Whatever the question, Love is the answer. It's the greatest force in the universe.

O One day at a time. How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time. All of life happens in increments of one.

N Never give up or become a victim. You are guaranteed to lose if you give up. Winston Churchill was right, "Never, never, never give up." It works if you work it.

Watermelon is FUN, inspirational and a great reminder for us to always live life from our highest self. Do not allow yourself to be overwhelmed by events. Let watermelon remind you that you are larger than events. You have the power to create and change events by what you believe.

The Hannah and Mitchell Fund

My name is Ed Robles and I'm a Police Officer in San Francisco. I started the Hannah and Mitchell Fund in support of my niece and nephew.

In 1997 my niece Hannah was born with Agenesis of the Corpus Callosum (ACC). This condition causes the two hemispheres of the brain to be partially or completely absent. Effects of ACC are commonly mental retardation, seizures and abnormalities in the vertebra of the spine. At this time there is no standard course of treatment for ACC.

In 2002 Hannah's little brother, Mitchell, was born.

During her pregnancy with Mitchell, my sister was assured by doctors that Mitchell would be fine and would not be born with the same condition as Hannah. After concerns of Mitchell's slow development, it was determined by evaluations and tests that Mitchell does indeed also suffer from ACC.

Hannah and Mitchell's condition demands an expensive level of care and will continue over the course of their lives. I sponsor this run in hopes of building a trust fund for these two wonderful kids. Despite their disabilities Hannah and Mitchell bring new light to our family. They are two special kids who have found two special parents who need our support.

On September 19, 2009, I will be sponsoring the Hannah and Mitchell 10k Fun Run along the Embarcadero in San Francisco.

As well as rounding up as many joggers and walkers we can find to participate, I will need a ton of support from people like you.

100% of your donation will go to Hannah and Mitchell's Fun Run and trust fund.

With a donation of \$250 I will list your business as a sponsor of the Hannah and Mitchell 10k Fun Run on the website at www.hannahandmitchellfund.org. The website is receiving numerous hits and will grow as this event grows.

I will also list your business logo on the Hannah and Mitchell 10k Fun Run T-shirt each participant will receive. This is the First Annual Run for Hannah and Mitchell! It's the only evening run held in San Francisco with a 6pm start. San Francisco is known for its "Indian Summers" with September being its hottest month. It should be a great evening for a jog or walk along the beautiful Embarcadero.

As a Police Officer of this great City, a father of three and an uncle of two extremely special children I ask for your help, on their behalf. Thank you for your time and consideration!

Best Regards,
Ed Robles

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- Officer Francis Achim #1448 from Traffic Company, Solos
- Officer James Adams #211 from Medical Liaison
- Inspector Richard Alves #462 from Special Investigations
- Officer Edward Chow #956 from Richmond Station
- Officer Philip Fleck #784 from Fiscal
- Officer Sheila Jackson #1134 from Property Section
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Dear SIEU:

I was outraged to read in the *POA Journal* (June 2009 issue) that, "The San Francisco Labor Council voted to ratify a resolution on February 9, 2009, calling on the Attorney General of the State of California, Jerry Brown, to drop all charges against the San Francisco 8 Defendants." These individuals are accused of murdering Sgt. John Young, and also shooting and wounding the station clerk at Ingleside Police Station on August 29, 1971.

I subsequently learned that my own union, S.I.E.U., Local 1021, was among the signatories. In an era when SIEU union members are expected to make sacrifices, accept furloughs, and give back hard won gains, I very much resent our union, who takes dues out of our paychecks, for spending their time, resources, and energy defending suspects in a criminal court case in which a Police Officer was murdered and a clerk was shot.

Why is SIEU, Local 2021 more concerned about the welfare of suspects in a criminal case than the safety and well being of the clerical personnel that the union is supposed to represent?

If S.I.E.U. now believes it is their mandate to support defendants in criminal court cases that have nothing to do with union concerns, and in fact where a union member was a victim of a vicious assault, perhaps we should be looking for a new union to represent civil servants in San Francisco.

S. Black, Station Clerk
Tenderloin Police Station

Ray Shine
Journal Editor
San Francisco Police Officers Association
800 Bryant Street, Second Floor
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Ray,

In the July 2009 edition of the *Journal* you printed a letter in "POA Mail" written by Lou Barberini. The letter titled "Conflicts of Interest" claimed conflicts of interest by SFPOA Welfare Officer Mike Hebel according to Mr. Barberini. Though

the members of the San Francisco Veteran Police Officers Association (VPOA) are not interested in becoming involved in this issue the membership does want to ensure that inaccurate statements are clarified.

The letter states, in part, "Additionally, Hebel prepared a half-page *Journal* article recommending Herb Meiberger, and petitioned the retired police officers to make Meiberger an honorary member." This is not true. Ray Allen, as a member of the Board of Directors, brought the subject of Mr. Meiberger's honorary membership up at a VPOA Board of Directors meeting. The subject was then brought before the membership. Mr. Allen made the Motion for Honorary Membership, the motion was seconded, and approved by unanimous vote (November 13, 2007 VPOA minutes). At the July VPOA meeting Mr. Allen made it clear that Mr. Hebel had nothing to do with Mr. Meiberger's Honorary Membership in the VPOA.

It is the desire of the membership of the VPOA that it be known that they hold Mr. Meiberger and Mr. Hebel, both VPOA members, in the highest esteem.

Fraternally,

Larry P. Barsetti
Secretary

San Francisco Veteran
Police Officers Association

Dear POA —

We would like to thank you so much for your generous donation to the work of the Bay Area Women's and Children's Center. Our work with low-income families, children and women has expanded a great deal over the past years and you have helped to make that possible.

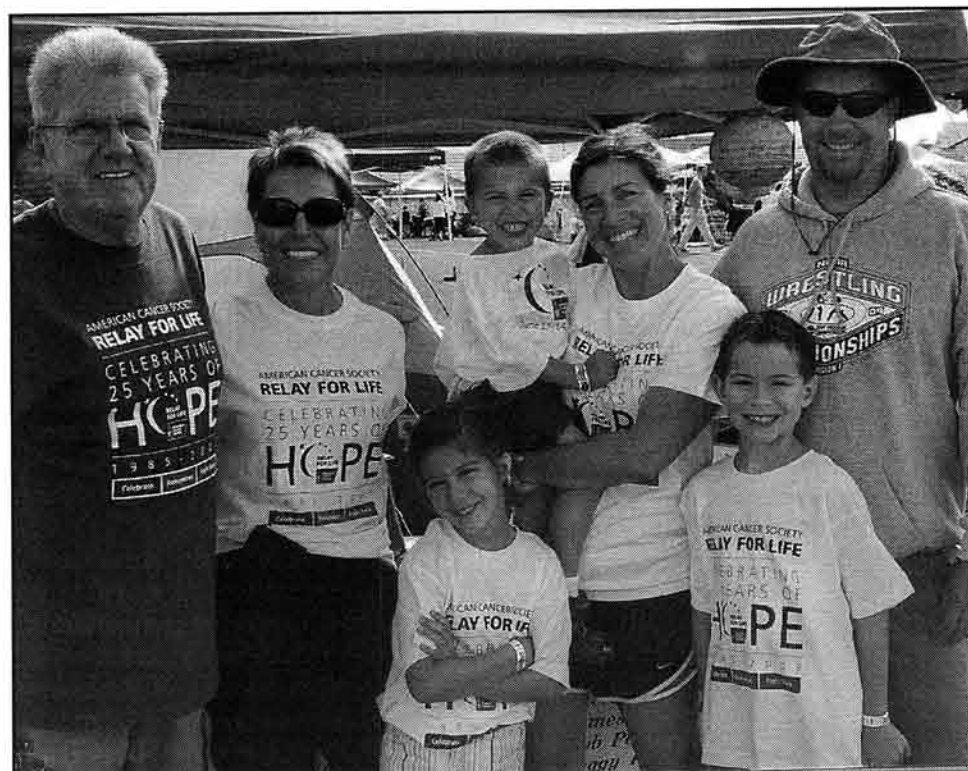
Thank you again for your generous support!

Sincerely,

Midge Wilson, Executive Director
Bay Area Women's and
Children's Center, San Francisco

Dear SFPOA —

The baseball game was fun and it was my first, but I'll like to thank everyone who gave up their time to make the trip fun. A thank you to



Simone/Kirkwood family at Relay For Life 2009; Kevin & Elaine Kirkwood, Ella, Luke, Kris, Daniel, & Dan Simone (Tac)

the GREAT, POA, and ATF for coming from cities near and far. The game was fun and it couldn't be better. Thank you.

Mainor Catias

Dear SFPOA —

I would like to thank the POA, ATF, and GREAT for inspiring us kids not to do any bad things, telling us what the consequences are.

Thank you for taking your time when you didn't have to to teach us. You have inspired me on not to do bad things.

Once again, thank you.

Sincerely,

Gabriella Fonseca

Dear SFPOA —

On behalf of San Francisco Police Activities League (SFPAL) board of directors, coaches, volunteers, families and especially the youth we serve, I would like to acknowledge a \$1,000 donation made by the Purple Heart Patient Center. This donation was referred by the San Francisco Police Officer's Association.

We appreciate your support, which will help us ensure that all youth can participate in our programs without regard to their ability to pay. Your donation will help us to directly reach out to underserved communities and engage more youth who are at-risk of academic failure, dropping out of school or becoming chronic offenders. We will leverage your donation with the hundreds of volunteer hours our coaches contribute as they mentor our kids and help them reach their potential. We will partner with other community-based nonprofits and serve children who would not otherwise have these opportunities.

Thank you for your commitment to today's youth and for partnering with us to build positive and productive citizens through sport and leadership activities.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Woodruff-Long
Executive Director
San Francisco Police Activities League

Dear Marty [Halloran]—

Just after Christmas I was talking with my kids, Daniel, Ella, and Luke, about a New Year's Resolution. We decided to get involved with a charity. My kids were leaning toward some involvement with animals. But later that winter, I received a call that my aunt, Sheryl Kirkwood, had passed away. She was involved with the American Cancer Society Relay For Life. I knew then what organization we were going to get involved with. I explained to the kids what Relay was about, and what cancer was about. I thought they would not be interested because it had nothing to do with puppies and kittens, but I was wrong. And so I took on the task of being a team captain for team "Sheryl Kirkwood." As with all my teammates, we walked for 24 hours to remember loved ones lost and to honor the survivors, one of those being my dad. Our goal was to raise \$2000, but we actually raised over \$4300.

Marty, I cannot begin to thank you and the POA enough for the donation that you made. I was very touched.

Please know that you were a part of something very special!

Your friend,
Kris Simone

Dear Mustang Booster —

The event at LaRocca's was a success! Everyone seemed to enjoy the stories and the food and drink. I cannot begin to thank you enough for your support over the past seven years. The success of our program is directly related to your support financially and attendance at the games. Our program has experience some great success on and off the field.

Thanks, and GO MUSTANGS!

Philip Ferrigno
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Dear POA —

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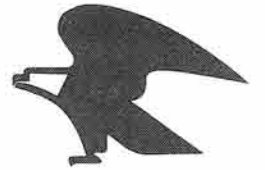
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try Club is not a non-profit entity, we have opened a benefit fund with the Tri-Valley Community Foundation. The Tri-Valley Community Foundation provides support to small charitable organizations and single event fundraisers like this one. Through them, Sequoyah's Fallen Heroes Benefit can comply with all the IRS requirements for a charitable endeavor.

Thank you again for your gracious support for the families of our fallen Oakland police officers.

Sincerely Yours,

Hope K. Righetti, Co-Chair
Sequoyah's Fallen Heroes Benefit

Dear SFPOA —

Thank you for your donation of \$2,500 to Jerry Brown 2010.

The next statewide election is a year away, but given the huge sums required in such a race, I have to start early.

As Attorney General, I am presented with hundreds of important decisions each year. On topics as far ranging as the environment, crime, employment, securities and consumer regulation, I am responsible for enforcing the myriad and complex laws affecting Californians. My goal has been to carry out these responsibilities fairly and with a sense of practicality.

Thank you for your continuing support. I deeply appreciate it.

Sincerely,
Jerry Brown

Dear Friends —

Thank you for empowering researchers to deliver better therapies to patients faster through your latest contribution in support of Mindy Steiner's fundraising efforts for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Team In Training America's Most Beautiful Bike Ride. Because of friends, like you, LLS now has another weapon in its research arsenal called the Therapy Acceleration Program (TAP).

Launched in 2008, TAP addresses some of the hurdles associated with blood cancer drug development by reducing investment risk and accelerating clinical progress. The program facilitates partnerships between university researchers, medical centers, and companies to move promising basic discoveries through development, FDA compliance and clinical

trials. As part of this program, LLS also works to advance potential therapies that would not otherwise have priority due to the orphan status (small market share) of most blood cancer treatments.

LLS is currently investing \$13 million in nine TAP projects across the country, and has more than 60 other research projects with near-term potential in the pipeline. We are very close to achieving our mission and you are an essential part of the process. Thank you for donating to LLS and paving the way for researchers to find cures faster.

We sincerely appreciate your partnership,

Jennifer Fagerstrom
Executive Director

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Dear Editor —

On behalf of the family of my recently departed father-in-law Tony Patch, I wanted to extend our thanks, appreciation and gratitude to the outstanding men and women of the SFPD family.

First and foremost, thanks to POA Vice-President Kevin Martin who took the time to offer condolences to my family and me. To Officer Damon Keeve, thank you for paying your respects and for sharing the experience you had with Tony at Galileo High. Also, thanks to Officer Petruzzella and Sgt. Lawson for paying their respects to my father-in-law while at Duggan's Mortuary to escort Officer Mike Walsh to his final resting place. In addition, they and the rest of the Company K team delivered a world-class escort for my family. Their professionalism and respect will never be forgotten.

I also wanted to thank POA President Gary Delagnes, retired Chief Tony Ribera, retired Deputy Chief Mindy Pengel, retired Commander Leroy Lindo and Lt. Mary Stasko for their attendance at the funeral Mass. Our appreciation also goes out to Officer Rafael Labutan and his wife Jean Solomon and also former CSI Mark Hawthorn and his wife Sheila for their kind words and shoulders for us to cry on.

I can only apologize if I neglected to name any other SFPD member that took the time to comfort us or offer their sympathies in our time of grief. The actions of those named above truly represented the spirit of the department and has created

memories that will be with us for the rest of our lives.

We also want to extend our sympathy and condolences to the families of Officer Laurence Lynch and Officer Michael Walsh. We pray that our Heavenly Father will guide you through this time of sorrow and that with each passing day your pain will ease as you remember your loved ones in your hearts and mind.

Respectfully,
F. George Brown

Captain Greg Corrales —

I want to thank you and your Solo's for a job well done at my family member's funeral. I am so proud to be a member of the San Francisco Police Department. I cannot describe the feeling seeing our members perform the escort. If you have experienced this, you know what I'm talking about. My entire family and friends approached me and let me know that "Auntie Fena" had a beautiful last ride.

I would like to thank Lt. Mike Favetti for making it happen. Sergeants Robert Guinan #1400, Donald Woolard #999, and A/Sgt. George Fogarty #651 for their supervision. Officers Eric Neff #696, Paul Schlotfeldt #438, Jordan Hom #1819, Matt Gardner #671, Mike Becker #1573, John Anton #2479, Steve Lee #1057, Allyn Luenow #635, Allen Vugrincic #620, and Joe Coggan #2145 for performing a safe exciting escort.

Thank you all and be safe,

Vinny Catanzaro
Central Station

Dear SFPOA —

On behalf of Rev. Ioane (John) Teofilo and the First Samoan Congregational Church of Antioch, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Kevin Martin, Vice President POA, and the SFPOA for their donations to our church First Annual Golf Tournament that was held at Moffet Field, and, not the least, the officers that participated.

May God bless the SFPD and may he keep you safe and in his gentle care!

Thank you,
Fa'alai Leao,
Clerk, Hall of Justice, SFPD

Dear San Francisco Police Officer's Association —

THANK YOU for your generous gift toward Angel Poon's LIVES-STRONG Challenge fundraising goal. Your donation helps us fulfill our mission to inspire and empower people affected by cancer.

I appreciate your generosity. Together we are making a difference.

Doug Ulman, President & CEO
Livestrong Lance Armstrong Foundation

Dear SFPOA —

On behalf of the California Narcotics Officer's Association-Region One, and the San Mateo County Narcotics Task Force, I would like to thank you for your donation and support of the Survivors Memorial Fund BBQ Luncheon.

The success of the luncheon would not have been possible without your support. The total amount of money raised by the luncheon exceeded our expectation. The money raised by this event will go directly to the spouses and children of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

I will be presenting a check to the Survivors Memorial Fund during the Annual C.N.O.A. State Training Conference hosted in November in San Francisco, California.

Thank you once again for your generous support.

Sincerely,
Dave Lundgren,
Region One Chairman
California Narcotics Officers' Association

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Deaths of Police On Duty Rise 20 Percent, According to U.S. Report

From The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, July 13, 2009

The number of law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty leapt 20 percent during the first six months of this year compared to the same period last year, according to a national report released Sunday.

Through June 30, 66 officers have died this year, said the report, jointly prepared by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund in Washington and the Missouri-based Concerns of Police Survivors. By June 30 of last year, 55 officers had died, the report said.

This year's numbers include the three Pittsburgh police officers killed on April 4: Eric G. Kelly, Stephen J. Mayhle and Paul J. Sciuillo II. They were fatally shot while responding to a domestic disturbance.

"Incidents like that one continue to show the unpredictable nature of law enforcement," said Kevin P. Morison, spokesman for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. "Even with better training, preparation and bullet-proof vests, sometimes tragedies just happen. It's extremely sad."

This year's figure includes six of-

ficers who were gunned down in two separate incidents. Four Oakland, Calif., officers died on March 21. Two deputies with the Okaloosa County (Fla.) Sheriff's Office died on April 25. Those events and the April 4 shootout occurred within a five-week period.

"Officers continue to face serious threats from armed offenders who don't think twice about opening fire on law enforcement," said Craig W. Floyd, the memorial fund's chairman and CEO.

Pennsylvania's mid-year total of six officer fatalities was second only to Florida, which had seven, the report said. California and Texas suffered six officer fatalities.

Chuck Hanlon, vice president of the Fraternal Order of Police Fort Pitt Lodge No. 1, said the departments and the rank and file continually try to make officers' jobs safer.

"The department's always trying to add more training and we have officers who pay for their own safety training," Hanlon said. "I just think society's getting more violent."

Officer deaths in the line of duty have continued to decline since the 1970s, Morison said. Last year, the 133 officers killed were the lowest since 1960.

"What surprises a lot of people is that the greatest dangers officers face are traffic-related," Morison said. "If the current trend continues, 2009 will be the 12th year in a row that more officers have died in traffic-related incidents than were shot."

As of June 30, 35 officers had died in traffic-related incidents, the report said. By the same date last year, 30 officers had died in traffic-related incidents.

"What surprises a lot of people is that the greatest dangers officers face are traffic-related."

In most cases, those incidents are preventable, Morison said. Drivers not paying attention or who become distracted strike and kill officers who are outside their vehicles and issuing tickets, for example. Other officers

have been killed by drunk drivers. And sometimes, officers die when hurrying to calls and lose control of their vehicles.

"It's either about the public paying more attention or officers exercising more caution and discretion," Morison said.

Hanlon said police have implemented new approaches to increase officer safety including speaking to pulled-over drivers from the passenger side of vehicles.

"But it's case-by-case," Hanlon said. "You don't know where the car's going to stop. Sometimes if that person's being dangerous, you might have to put yourself in danger. In a DUI situation, you have to stop them. It's an inherently dangerous situation no matter what."

One positive trend Morison noted is that 46 states have passed laws that require drivers to slow down and move over a lane if possible when passing a law-enforcement officer working on the side of the road.

The report showed that 22 officers died from gunshot wounds by June 30 this year, compared to 20 last year. And nine died this year from physical-related incidents — such as heart attacks — compared to five last year.

Report From Scientific American:

Should Thursday Be the New Friday? The Environmental And Economic Pluses of the 4-Day Workweek

From The Scientific American, July 24

As government agencies and corporations scramble to cut expenses, one idea gaining widespread attention involves cutting something most employees wouldn't mind losing: work on Fridays. Regular three-day weekends, without a decrease in the actual hours worked per week, could not only save money, but also ease pressures on the environment and public health, advocates say. In fact, several states, cities and companies across the country are considering, or have already implemented on a trial basis, the condensed schedule for their employees.

The economic downturn started the trend, as companies looked to avoid laying off employees, notes John Langmaid, organizer of an upcoming symposium on the issue for the Connecticut Law Review. Firms soon realized that when they closed on Fridays they could save money without having to reduce weekly hours. Indeed, Langmaid remarks, the idea of a four-day, 40-hour workweek "has been out there for quite some time as a response to environmental issues, commuting pressures, as well as work-family balance."

Local governments in particular have had their eyes on Utah over the last year; the state redefined the workday for more than 17,000 of its employees last August. For those workplaces, there's no longer a need to turn on the lights, elevators or computers on Fridays—nor do janitors need to clean vacant buildings. Electric bills have dropped even fur-

ther during the summer, thanks to less air-conditioning: Friday's midday hours have been replaced by cooler mornings and evenings on Monday through Thursday. As of May, the state had saved \$1.8 million.

Perhaps as important, workers seem all too ready to replace "TGIF" with "TGIT". "People just love it," says Lori Wadsworth, a professor of public management at Brigham Young University in Provo. She helped survey those on the new Working 4 Utah schedule this May and found 82 percent would prefer to stick with it.

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The environment seems to like it, too. "If employees are on the road 20 percent less, and office buildings are only powered four days a week," Langmaid says, "the energy savings and congestion savings would be enormous." Plus, the hour shift for the Monday through Thursday workers means fewer commuters during

the traditional rush hours, speeding travel for all. It also means less time spent idling in traffic and therefore less spewing of greenhouse gases and other pollutants. The 9-to-5 crowd also gets the benefit of extended hours at the DMV and other state agencies that adopt the four-day schedule.

An interim report released by the Utah state government in February projected a drop of at least 6,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions annually from Friday building shutdowns. If reductions in greenhouse gases from commuting are included, the state would check the generation of at least 12,000 metric tons of CO₂—the equivalent of taking about 2,300 cars off the road for one year.

Still, not everyone thinks a four-day workweek is good news. Some voice concerns that longer days in the office might lead to increased exhaustion and sickness, less time for working out as well as more frequent stops at fast food restaurants. So far, however, surveys suggest otherwise. "Utah employees actually show decreased health complaints, less stress and fewer sick days," Wadsworth says, noting previous research finding that fatigue is typically triggered by workdays over 12 hours. Early results from another multicity survey indicate that just 20 percent of respondents said they felt they ate more fast food and only 30 percent said they worked out less. In fact, 30 percent said they exercised more. Anecdotal evidence from Utah also points to an unexpected benefit: increased volunteerism.

As the yearlong experiment with

this new model nears its end next month, employees of the cities of El Paso, Tex., and Melbourne Beach, Fla., among others, are following Utah's lead with their own TGIT trials. Struggling automakers have also spotted the potential savings. Starting August 10, General Motor's plant workers in Lordstown, Ohio, will work four 10-hour days a week. (It was the car industry—Henry Ford, in particular—that made the five-day 40-hour workweek standard back in the 1920s and 1930s. Organized labor also helped drive federal legislation that in 1940 locked in a 40-hour week from what had commonly been more than 50 hours, and also banned child labor.)

New York, a state with higher energy costs and a workforce approximately 10 times larger than Utah's, might especially benefit from a four-day workweek, according to Michael N. Gianaris, a Democratic member of the New York State Assembly. Dealing with a "massive budget deficit," the state continues to look for "innovative ways to save money without causing pain to existing programs and raising taxes," says Gianaris, who introduced legislation to test the schedule among state employees. He sees growing momentum for the idea, which boasts "very little downside and a whole lot of upside."

"As we move further into the 21st century, governments need to look for ways to become more efficient. Moving to a four-day workweek should be at the top of the list," Gianaris says. "It helps the environment. People like it. It's a no-brainer."

LRIS New

California City Avoids Bankruptcy After Police Union Agrees to Cuts

From The San Gabriel Valley Tribune, July 1

EL MONTE, CA — The city averted bankruptcy Tuesday night after all four of its employee unions, including the Police Officers Association, agreed to cuts in benefits to help eliminate the city's budget deficit.

Though a round of applause spread through the City Council chambers after the last-minute announcement was made, many residents and staff members walked away from the meeting still frustrated by El Monte's dire financial situation.

"City departments are working with skeleton crews, and we are being forced to concentrate on essential services," acknowledged City Manager Jim Mussenden.

The council Tuesday approved a budget for the 2009-10 fiscal year, which began Wednesday, that includes massive cuts to city services and recreational programs. It also will result in the layoff of 100 employees and the closure of one of the city's four fire stations.

The cuts totaled \$12 million - more than one-fifth the city's total \$49.3 million budget.

The deficit is the result of falling sales tax revenues combined with retirement costs and deferred compensation benefits in employee contracts.

Sales tax revenue has been dropping since 2007 and fell an estimated \$5.5 million last fiscal year alone. It is expected to continue falling in the coming year, despite a half-cent sales tax increase voters approved in November. Sales tax in the city stands at 10.25 percent, one of the highest rates in the state and country.

The added taxes are expected to produce \$2 million this fiscal year.

About 60 percent of the city's total general fund budget will go to police and fire services, while 18 percent will be spent on the city's administration, planning, maintenance, engineering, parks and recreation, senior services and other non-emergency departments. The remainder is for insurance, benefits for all employees, and "non-departmental" expenses.

Mussenden has said residents can

Defiant off-duty firefighters are disobeying Fire Department orders and voluntarily staffing three Boston fire companies that were closed today as part of a new "brown out" policy aimed at reducing overtime spending.

"It's the people's firehouse. We are volunteering to staff these firehouses to make sure the public gets the protection it deserves," said Boston firefighters union President Ed Kelly, who used a department radio this morning to report that "Volunteer Engine 20 is in service."

The Fire Department "browned out" three fire companies this morning: Engine 56 in the Orient Heights section of East Boston, the first Boston engine company to respond to emergencies at Logan Airport after Mass Port's fire units; Engine 20 in the Neponset enclave of Dorchester and Ladder 18 at the D Street Station in South Boston.

The temporary closures of the three companies are part of a new plan taking effect that instructs division commanders to "brown out" up to four companies citywide, per shift, before hiring any firefighters on overtime to cover for jakes who call in sick or miss work.

Fire Commissioner Roderick Fraser said the "brown outs" were triggered by 33 firefighters calling in sick, which he called "excessive" but slightly below the normal 36 who call in sick on a typical day.

"We have a problem of sick-leave abuse in the department," Fraser said. "We will not be bullied by them. Come to work, do your job, and we will not need brown outs."

He added that the department has told the union that Boston firefighters are prohibited from volunteering to perform their jobs, a violation of federal law.

"The chief has ordered them not to

expect longer emergency response times, fewer recreational programs, and longer waits to get city help in the coming year.

El Monte resident Virginia Beltran said she has already felt the impact of cuts.

Every year she and two dozen of her neighbors host a giant block party on July 4th that draws hundreds of friends and neighbors to a blocked off part of Orchard Street.

For the past eight years, Beltran has had to pay the city \$100-\$150 to block the road.

This year, those fees more than doubled and Beltran said the city gave her a mountain of paperwork to fill out. She said she was willing to pay and file, but she couldn't find anyone to explain the process to her.

"Nobody could tell me where to go, they couldn't give me direction on how you have to do this and that," she said.

In the end, she gave up. The neighbors will hold their party without blocking off the street.

"Everyone said we've read about all the budget cuts, but they are all disappointed," Beltran said.

Despite the cuts, officials and residents applauded the concessions made by employees.

"During the tough times you find out what people's character is really like," said Jim Beres, neighborhood services manager and vice president of the Mid-Managers Association.

Employees agreed to forgo pay increases they were due starting Wednesday, accept a \$200 lower contribution from the city for medical benefits, and, in some cases contribute 5 percent toward their PARS retirement accounts.

The non-police employees also agreed to continue through June 2010 the 10 percent cut in pay through furloughs they agreed to late last year.

In addition, upper management, including the city manager, assistant city managers, finance director, police chief and assistant police chief

get on the apparatus, not to handle the equipment and not to respond," he said.

"They've ordered us not to do it. But our union's members are saying, 'If someone's house catches on fire, I'm not going to let it burn down,' " said Richard Paris, the union's vice president, noting that some firefighters fear that the department will file charges against them for disobeying the order.

Paris pointed out that East Boston, for example, is served by only one other engine company, which carries water. Beyond that, the next nearest engine company to Engine 56, which is on the outskirts of the city, is located downtown and would have to travel through a tunnel and could take nearly 15 minutes to get to the neighborhood, he said.

"If (the ladder trucks) are without the water, you are endangering the lives of the rescue teams," Paris said.

Union members also picketed outside Engine 20 with protest signs, including one saying, "Mayor Menino is gambling with your lives."

The Menino administration has blasted the union's move as a smoke-screen meant shroud the 33 firefighters collecting disability who filed for retirement this week, many in order to beat the repeal of a pension provision allowing them to retire at a higher rate if they had filled in for a higher-paid supervisor.

Kelly noted that of the three browned out fire companies, one is near his Dorchester home and the other is near South Boston City Councilor Michael Flaherty, who is seeking to unseat Menino and who has picked up the union's endorsement.

But Fraser insisted that politics had nothing to do with which companies were targeted for "brown outs" today.

"I did not take part in the decision, neither did the mayor," he said, noting they were made by a deputy chief in the field based on "logical reasons."

all agreed to continue the 10 percent cuts they accepted last year, and accept a \$200 lower contribution from the city for medical benefits. Civilian management also agreed to contribute 5 percent of their salary towards their PARS retirement accounts and police management agreed to forgo their 4 percent pay increase due July 1.

Mussenden had said earlier in the week that without the employee concessions El Monte would have to consider initiating Chapter 9 bankruptcy proceedings immediately. The council meeting began without the Police Officers Association in agreement, but halfway through, Detective Brian Glick, the POA's president, announced his unit would accept the cuts.

"We've tried to help the city out in the financial situation they are in, and I hope the city recognizes the sacrifices all the unions have made. And I hope that they are able to take this time and these give-backs from the unions to make some improvements so we aren't back at the table in another three or four months," he said Wednesday.

Some residents were relieved that the POA finally joined other city employees in accepting pay cuts.

"I'm glad the POA agreed. I'm glad they reached a compromise. But we're walking a fine line," said resident Kim Goddard.

With the budget hurdle cleared, now the city is worried the state will borrow \$3.5 million in property and gas taxes, as proposed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to help fix the state's budget deficit.

City officials are working with other cities to establish financing mechanisms to avoid further cuts if the state borrowing does take place.

"We realize we still have some challenges to deal with real soon if there is any type of state takeaways or big change in the economy," said Dante Hall, assistant city manager. "But it's almost like a break in the clouds on a dreary day where you get a little bit of sunlight that comes through."

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K9 Unit Training Day

By Brenda Walker

K9 Sgt. Darryl Tsujimoto was a great cop and a wonderful friend to many people and animals. On May 2, 2006 he was involved in a training exercise on Treasure Island when he suffered a massive heart attack. He was taken from us way to early in his life and on May 27 the San Francisco K9 Unit held the Third Annual Sgt. Darryl Tsujimoto Training Day in his memory.

Ten agencies from California and one from Nevada participated in the training provided by the SFPD K9 Unit. K9 Sgt. Ron Banta is now the sergeant in charge of ten K9 handlers. K9 Officer Michelle Liddicoet, with the help of State Park Police Officer Neil Wu, were responsible for all the logistics of the training and the terrific barbecue. Thanks Michelle and to everyone who pitched in to make it a great day.

The training consisted of building searches, narcotics searches, explosives searches and patrol scenarios. There were male and female K9s consisting of German Shepherds, Belgian Malinois, Dutch Shepherds, Golden Retrievers and Labradors Retrievers. The K9 handlers come in just as many sizes both male and female.

I don't know if you know a lot about training a Police K9, but just for the record it's not easy. Along with being obedient, the dogs are trained to be

loyal to their handlers and family. All K9s must obey their handlers for without their direction a K9's life can be over in an instant. They work in cities streets along side vehicles and pedestrians that could cause them harm with out their handlers. Don't get me wrong these are well trained K9s and are the smartest of dogs, but they need direction and confidence from their handlers. It's teamwork to the tenth degree. So many hours of training are needed to keep these dogs on top of their game.

I watched as K9 Draco found a decoy in a large abandoned building and put the bite on him. Just as quickly another decoy came out of nowhere and started to attack K9 Draco while he was on the bite with the first decoy. The handler jumps in and now the K9 officer is getting attacked by one of the decoys. K9 Draco heard Michelle's command for help and came flying over to put the big bite on the bad guy. Job well done Michelle and Draco. I also overheard the officer in-charge of the training compliment Michelle for having such a well trained dog.

Treasure Island was a perfect place to conduct the training. Not too many vehicles and lots of empty buildings. Everyone enjoys watching Mike Matous and other decoys working on protection training. It's actually an art and is exciting to see what the dog will do when the decoys try to trick the



dogs and try to get a away from them.

Decoy work is sometimes long and boring until that one nano second right before the dog locates them and then puts the bite on them. In one scenario the dog is given a command to search and off it goes following the scent of the decoy hiding in the attic. The dog climbs the ladder and finds the decoy. The K9 delivers the bite and the decoy gives up and the dog is rewarded with praise. Rewarding the K9 is an important process that cannot be overlooked as just giving the dog a toy. It builds the K9's drive to encourage the dog to continuing doing the correct behavior.

The individuals listed here all played a big role in putting together the K9 training day. Michelle says thank you to everyone.

- Neil Wu, US Park Police, procured donations for the BBQ, designed the T-shirts, helped plan the event.
- Brad Myers, Butte Co. Sheriff's, ran the attic insertion scenario.
- Sandor Csitar, US Coast Guard, EOD proctor.
- Mike Matous, K9 Trainer SFPD, patrol scenario proctor.
- John Rodgers, Pershing County Sheriff's, Nevada, patrol scenario proctor.
- Sgt. Ron Banta, San Francisco Police, narcotics scenario proctor.
- Officer Roly Canales, San Francisco Police, EOD scenario proctor.
- Officer Tom Tsang, San Francisco Police, EOD scenario proctor.
- Brian Howard, Douglas Co, Sheriff's, Nevada, Coordinated all decoy's and proctors.
- BBQ grillers were Officer Alex Brunner and Officer Kirk Bozin.



P.S. For those of you who are out on patrol and need to call on a dog to search a vehicle or building, DON'T GO IN before the dog arrives. Wait for the dog to do its job. By going in the building or vehicle you have disturbed the scent or odor of the person or narcotics that the dog needs to detect.

Last but not least, there was a Police K9 trial held in South Lake Tahoe on July 10, 11, and 12 and yep, SFPD came home with more trophies. K9 handler Sgt. Ron Banta and partner Kyra came in 2nd place Narcotics/Vehicle, open class, and 3rd overall Narcotics-open class. K9 handler Officer Andy Kofman and partner Maggie came in 1st place in the Patrol Novice category. K9 handler Officer Michelle Liddicoet and partner Draco placed 4th in the Patrol Novice category. Constantly practicing with their K9s has paid off and makes a good impression for the SFPD K9 Unit at the dog trials.

Tsujimoto would be proud to know how hard everyone has worked to keep the SF K9 Unit as one of the best in the state. Darryl will never be forgotten for all of his enthusiasm, which lives on within the San Francisco K9 Unit. Enjoy the photos.



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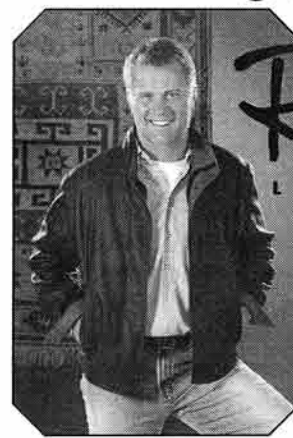


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SFPD and SF Muni Help Make-A-Wish Come True



POA Staff Report
Photo forwarded by Mary Ellen O'Brien, SF Muni

Eleven-year-old Henry Mulvey, who is battling mitochondrial disease, has a passion for historic trolleys. Henry lives in Massachusetts and even dressed up as a trolley for his Halloween costume!

Of all the restored and historic trolleys in the U.S. that he has researched, Henry chose as his first wish: Trolley #952 on San Francisco Muni's F-Line.

Planning for Henry's wish began last summer, but then his father was diagnosed with cancer, postponing the trip. Now, both Henry and his dad are well enough to travel, and Henry's wish came true on Tuesday, July 7.

Captain Ron Roth of the SFPD contacted Mary Ellen O'Brien regarding Henry's wish. In short order, Mary Ellen had the Muni hierarchy on board, and she was able to set into motion all the necessary clearances to provide Henry with his very own trolley ride.

Henry had his own fan club to welcome him aboard — as a surprise, the city took "his" trolley out of commission for the day and Henry and his family were able to ride their very own trolley!

Mayor Newsom arranged a proclamation calling it Henry's Day in the City of San Francisco.

Before boarding the trolley for his first official ride, Henry was welcomed by Make-A-Wish staff, volunteers and friends. The crowd gave him a rousing send-off on his ride, which ended at

the Geneva Storehouse and maintenance barn. There, after a brief presentation, he was given a tour of the facility by SFMTA officials and then treated to another trolley ride back to Fisherman's Wharf.



Henry's wish is a wonderful reminder that sometimes it is the simple things that can mean the most. It was touching to see so many transit employees in tears and how honored they were to make Henry's wish special.

The family was truly touched by the remarkable efforts of everyone involved and couldn't believe how many people came up to Henry with gift bags full of trolley paraphernalia and well wishes. Henry's mom was particularly impressed by the kindness of the trolley operators who assisted her each time Henry boarded a new trolley.

She told Make-A-Wish that it was a pleasure to have so many people who were happy to help Henry, and it gave her hope that public transportation services nationwide would follow San Francisco's lead and adopt such a welcoming attitude when assisting handicapped riders.

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Sports



Nick's Notes

By Nick Shihadeh,
Journal Sports Editor

Police/Fire Games

CHECK IT OUT: I wanted to first make a correction on the caption for one of the photos that appeared with Kevin Worrell's article on softball in last month's *Journal* sports section. The caption read that "Airport" was the silver medal winner; actually, The Seals were the ones that competed in the Western States Police/Fire Games and took second place. I can only hope that Kevin and his team can find it in their hearts to forgive this "sports editor" for the mistake. I want to once again congratulate them on their silver medals in Santa Clarita.

I next want to acknowledge the silver medals that the SFPD Blues baseball team won during the games as well. There's an article with much detail about Rob Fung (Northern Station) and his team in this same sports section and I recommend you "checking it out". Dominic Celaya (General



Work) runs the baseball Seals which is the department's number two team that competed down in Santa Clarita. They didn't medal but had a good time playing ball just the same. I'm looking forward to an article with pics from Dom sometime soon. Any more results from the games are always welcome.

Jerry D'Arcy and SF Giants Law Enforcement Night

By the time this column comes

out, Law Enforcement Night will have already taken place at AT&T Park on Thurs. July 30th. Jerry D'Arcy (Tenderloin Station) will have successfully and beautifully sung both the National Anthem (before the game against the Phils) and God Bless America (during the 7th inning stretch). He has done this for some years now and has even sung before a Golden State Warriors game in Oakland. I think that this would be a good year to get him on board to sing at The Stick for one of the Forty-Niner games. I've already put a bug in a few ears about this and am hoping that those efforts can make this happen. Now if we can just find a connection down in San Jose for a Sharks game, then Jerry will complete the Bay Area sweep on major pro sports.

Women's Soccer

Note the flyer in this same sports section requesting interested members in signing up for a Women's Soccer Team representing the department. An indoor league is taking place this year while the 2010 Police/Fire Games will take place in Reno next summer. Like the flyer says, contact either Amanda Cordoba or Esther Gonzalez at Central Station (415-315-2400).

Golf Tournaments

This year's Emerald Society Golf Tourney is taking place later this

month on Mon. Aug. 17th at the Lake Merced Golf Club. There's still time to get your foursome in by contacting Brian Philpott at Tenderloin Station (415-345-7300). Also, the annual SFPOA Golf Tournament is taking place on Mon. Sept. 14th at the Marin Country Club up in Novato. Contact either Marty Halloran at the POA at 415-861-5060 or Larry Mack (Narcotics) at 415-850-6831 to enter your foursome. Check out the flyers on these tournaments in this same sports section for more information.

Hoops League

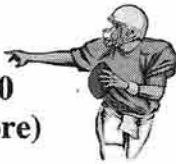
Al Honniball (Burglary Detail) is still stepping down as the commissioner of the department basketball league and he really really needs someone to "step up" to take over under his guidance. I put this out there a few months ago suggesting that Mikey Costello (Central Station) would be a good choice as he is someone who knows how to get things done. I'm also going to put out there Kevin Murray (GTF) as someone who can co-commish along with Mike. Things need to start happening soon as the season is supposed to be taking place this fall and it would be a shame if this doesn't get done. How about it fellas? Take charge and contact Honniball soon at 415-553-1949.

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

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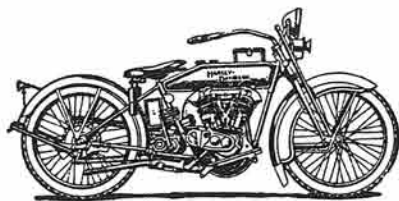


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SFPD Blues Baseball Team Takes Home Silver Medal for Second Consecutive Year

By Ron Fernando

(brother of Ernie and uncle to John and Nick)

With the SFPD Blues baseball team still smarting from their extra inning loss to Sacramento Fire in the Gold Medal game last year in Boise Idaho, the usual cast of characters embarked on a fun-filled journey to "Mickey Mouse Land" to try and achieve what they could not do last year: win the gold medal in the Western States Police and Fire Games, held this year in sunny Santa Clarita. This year's team, unlike last year, was much smaller. They were missing the likes of Adam Rakela (CHP), Ryan Seto (Academy), and Pablo Ossio (Juvenile Bureau). They did add a very talented Dan "Wonderboy" Rosaia (Southern Station), who is an SFPD rookie who added some punch to an already potent line-up. The Blues had only twelve players and knew they were in for a tough time numbers wise, especially against the local teams who would pretty much have everyone available at a moment's notice.



Top Row: Ryan Seto, Dan Rosaia, Phil Gordon, Josh Kumli, Colin Stewart, Steve Pomatto, Steve Griffin, Kevin Walsh
Bottom: Ron Ferrando, Jon Rochlin, Mark Schaukowitch, Ruben Herrera, Rob Fung, Jimmy "Rudy" Trail

art (Sants Clara PD) and "Wonderboy" Rosaia both went "yard" In this game, with Rosaia getting his second of the tournament. Steve Griffin (Southern Station) got the win and the pitching staff remained on pace, preserving arms as a result of the shortened contest.

The third game (second game of the day) was one the Blues had no trouble getting up for, facing a team made up largely of the same guys that beat the Blues in the gold medal game last year. This time around the Sac Fire team took on the moniker of the Sacramento Saints. The winner of this game would get the "bye" the following day, while the loser would enter the losers' bracket. Since the Blues were thin on pitching, they knew they had to take care of business and did just that. They won their second consecutive game by the 10 run rule and had their third win overall without a loss. Hitting stars were many, but of special note was Rosaia's third home run of the tournament. Even more important was Stewart's effort on the mound; he went the distance and kept the pitching staff as fresh as possible. In Pool play the Blues hit 6 home runs, and now had a day off to tour around LA County to show for their efforts.

After a day of fun in the sun, (roller coasters and water slides) the Blues went right back to business and took on the LASD Stars. They were somewhat weary since coming out of the losers bracket the day before, and had to face a hot hitting and well rested Blues team. The Blues once again were formidable, with Stewart and Rochlin each contributing two home runs in the contest — Rochlin now had four for the tournament. Not to be outdone, Rosaia kept pace and added a homer of his own. This was his fourth as well to match Rochlin. Kevin Walsh (CHP) and Steve Pomatto (Northern Station), who both wanted in on the action, each smacked a "dinger" as well. This made it a total of seven homers in the contest for the Blues and thirteen overall for the Police/Fire Games. Ruben Herrera (CHP) was on the mound for the win, and the Blues staff remained fresh once again as a result of the shortened contest. This was quite an exhibition, and the Blues were just getting warmed up: next up were the upset minded LA Co Fire, who beat a very good Orange County Sheriffs Titans team earlier in the day. The game would only last three innings however, as the pitching weary LA Co. Fire team finally threw in the towel after Rochlin's fifth homer of the tournament put the game out of reach. Josh Kumli (GTF) was another player to go "yard"

to add to the ever increasing home run total for the Blues. More importantly the Blues won their fourth game in a row by the 10 run rule and fifth in a row overall — they were heading into the gold medal game at College of the Canyons with a perfect 5-0 record and bragging rights as the only undefeated team left in the tournament.

Shortly after their contest against LA Co Fire, the Blues learned that they would meet their longtime rivals LAPD in the gold medal game the following day. Poetic justice seemed to be served as the Blues now had the chance to avenge a heartbreaking loss to this same team from two years ago (in Mesa, AZ) when the Blues were knocked out of the gold medal game. Upon arriving at the field, the Blues looked across the diamond and saw twenty-three LAPD players lined up to play ball. Are you kidding me? Although the Blues made it as easy as possible on themselves by waltzing through the tournament relatively unscathed, they still only had twelve players most of who had sore arms, backs and legs.

Steve Griffin would start on the mound for the home team Blues. Although his command was not the best, he dug in and fought hard despite giving up a solo run in the first, two more in the second, and solo runs in the third and fourth. He was eventually relieved by the equally tough nosed Schaukowitch. The Blues did manage to scratch out runs in the second and third innings to make the score 5-2 after five innings. After a solo home run by LAPD in the sixth and with their pitcher throwing "darts", the Blues were left for dead going into the bottom of the sixth down 6-2. However, somehow, somehow the Blues clawed back and tied the score 6-6.

The sixth inning rally was started on a solo home run by Herrera, and this seemed to put a spark in the

bats of the Blues. Rosaia followed the HR with a booming double to right center, and the comeback was now being sensed by the "never-say-die" Blues. Walsh sent Rosaia to third with a single, and this was followed by a double off the bat of the sizzling hot Rochlin, who "plated" Rosaia and sent Walsh to third. Rob Fung (Northern Station) then followed that with a searing grounder to second to score Walsh, and next up was the clutch hitting Kumli. He promptly hit a single to left to score Rochlin which knotted the score at 6-6; and, there it stood going into the seventh inning.

Neither team scored in the seventh inning, sending the game into extra innings. It was déjà vu all over again, as memories of last year's extra inning affair in the gold medal game against Sac Fire played in the minds of the Blues. In the top of the eighth LAPD scored two runs on a homer and a ball lost in the brutal mid afternoon sun, and the Blues had their backs against the wall once again. Could they still pull it off? It sure looked like it as Walsh led off the bottom of the eighth with a shot off the scoreboard in left field, making the score 8-7; but, the score stood at that, as the Blues suffered their second consecutive extra inning gold medal game loss in two years.

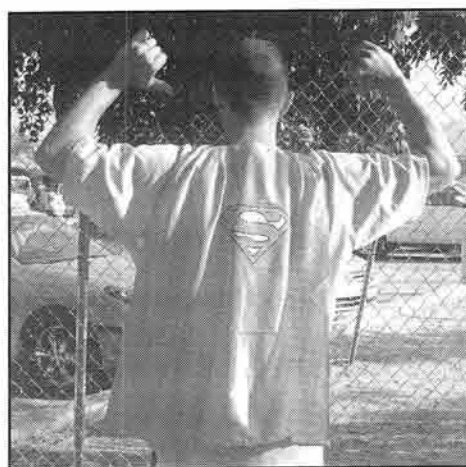
Even with the stunning loss to LAPD, the Blues remained upbeat knowing they had played some great ball throughout the games despite only having twelve players. All in all they hit seventeen home runs, played solid defense, and had some great performances on the mound. The Blues would like to send out a very special thanks to the SFPD Seals baseball team and to both the women's and men's softball teams as well, who came out to support the Blues in their quest for gold. Although the Blues fell short, it will never be forgotten how these folks came out to support the team and cheer them on. You guys are the greatest! See you next year...



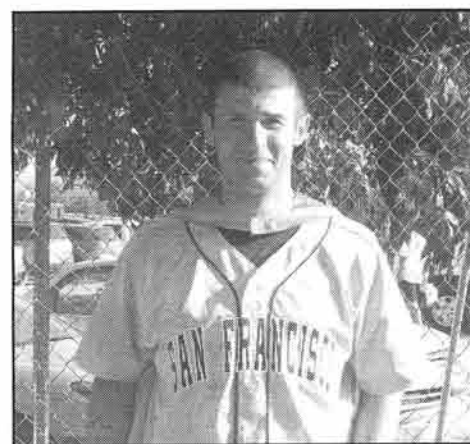
Jon Rochlin, 5 home runs in 4 days.

The Blues would have three games in the first round of Pool A play, with the first game coming against a largely unknown LA County Fire team. All they knew was that they had never beaten LAPD, but that was about it. In the first inning the Blues jumped out to a 4-0 lead, led by a 2 run homer by Jon "Rock" Rochlin (Academy). It looked like the rout was on, but the LA Fire pitching staff caught a second wind and held the Blues to only 1 run for the next 5 innings. In the meantime, LA Fire scored 4 of their own to make the game 5-4 going into the seventh inning. With the game on the line, Rosaia hit a ball that landed somewhere in San Diego, making the score 6-4. That was followed by another two run homer by Rochlin (his second of the game), and the Blues now had some breathing room with an 8-4 lead. That homer proved to be very critical as LA Fire scored two more runs in the bottom of the seventh to make the score 8-6, but that is where it ended. The Blues had their first win of the tournament, with Mark "rubber arm" Schaukowitch (CHP) pitching a much needed complete game to get the win.

The second round robin game in Pool A was against the LASO Dirtbags, and they were handily put away by the 10 run rule after 5 innings. Colin Stew-



Dan "Wonderboy" Rosaia displaying his cape, 4 homeruns in his first 4 games as the newest member of the baseball team.



Dan "Wonderboy" Rosaia

2009 Ironman/Ironwoman Competition

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2009
WHERE: 850 Bryant (HOJ) Gym 5th Floor.
TIME: 0900 HRS
CONTACT: Sgt. Ed Yu (GTF) 415-850-5094
Competition to be completed at the San Francisco police pistol range located at Lake Merced and Skyline Blvd. awards luncheon to follow the competition.

CLASSES OF COMPETITION: A person may compete in as many categories as he or she wishes.
TEAM OPEN (5 persons, either sex , from the same unit)
TEAM SENIOR (5 persons, either sex, 40 and over, from the same unit)
MIXED DOUBLES (male/female, split the events. one does 2, partner does remaining 3)
IRONMAN OPEN (any age. all five events)
IRONMAN SENIOR (40 and over)
IRONMAN SENIOR/MASTERS (50 and over)
IRONWOMAN OPEN (any age. all five events)
IRONWOMAN SENIOR (40 and over)
IRONMAN 200 LB AND OVER OPEN (Clydesdale) (any age, all five events)
IRONMAN TWO MAN TEAM. one does 2, partner does remaining 3)

1ST EVENT-BENCH PRESS 1000 + POINTS
10 points per repetition to 100. The bar must touch the chest and be raised to full arm extension. The weight lifted will be 100 pounds for men and 60 pounds for women. Three, five second pauses in the lockout position will be permitted. Last year's best score: 92reps, Ed Yu, GTF
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2ND EVENT-PULL-UPS-1000+POINTS (WOMEN HAVE THE OPTION OF DOING THE BAR HANG -1000+ POINTS)
20 pts. per pull-up to 49 . A pull-up consists of a participant gripping the bar with the hands facing outward at shoulder width; feet shall be together; arms extended fully; the body will rise until the chin is touching the bar; the body will then descend and the arms will lock out, feet shall not touch the floor. (Kipping is allowed) Women: hang from the bar, with hands facing outward; 3 points per second. Last year's best score: 49 pull-ups, Dan Silver, GTF.

3RD EVENT- SIT-UPS- 1000 + POINTS
5 points per sit-up in a 3 minute period. A sit-up consists of lying supine, legs bent, hands touching behind the head. Raise body and touch both elbows to both knees then lower body until back touches the mat. Last year's best score: 200 sit-ups, John Burke, SPEC.

4TH EVENT-PISTOL SHOOT-1000 POINTS
From the 50 yard line; 20 shots (10 right handed and 10 left-handed). The participant may use the barricade for support. Department issued handguns only (.40 cal Sig Sauer). 10 minute time limit for all 20 rounds. Last year's best score: 845 pts ,Tie between Angelo Spagnoli (TAC) and Matt O'Leary (TTF).

5th EVENT-4.7 MILE LAKE MERCED RACE-1000+POINTS
Start/Finish at the Lake Merced Range parking lot. 27 minutes-1000 points. Subtract 1 point for each second over 27 minutes for men and 30 minutes for women. Last year's best time: 28:30, Sean Griffin, GTF.

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Women Leaders In Law Enforcement First Annual Golf Classic

By Robin Matthews

The Women Leaders in Law Enforcement 1st Annual Golf Classic will be held on Monday, November 2 at the Poplar Creek Golf Course in San Mateo with an 1100 hrs. check-in and a 1200 hrs. shotgun start. (See flyer on the event in this issue of the Journal). The cost for this fun event is only \$125.00 per person, which includes green fee, cart, boxed lunch, and awards banquet, which will immediately follow the golf classic. (To attend the banquet without playing golf, the cost is \$30.00).

The golf classic will be a fantastic way to kick off the 2009 Women Leaders in Law Enforcement (WLLE) Training Symposium that will be held Tuesday, November 3 and Wednesday, November 4 at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport at 1333 Bayshore Highway in Burlingame, CA, 650-347-1234 or 800-233-1234. Rates are \$140.00 for single or double occupancy.

The Symposium's theme this year is "Sharing Strategies for Success — Together: Service With Fortitude". This is the 4th annual training that WLLE has hosted, and it has fast become THE premiere training in California to attend. If you haven't had an opportunity to attend this event before, I hope you'll take advantage of it this year, especially with it being held right here in our own backyard — the training is phenomenal, and the connections that you'll be able to make with other women in law enforcement is priceless. Check out the WLLE website on www.wlle.net for more information on the training, speakers, golf tournament, and other events that will be going on during the symposium. Registration for the training is just \$175.00, which includes 2 Continental Breakfasts (Tuesday and Wednesday), 1 Lunch (Tuesday), and 1 Hosted Reception (Monday). An optional box lunch will also be available for purchase for Wednesday.

The POA's Community Services Committee has graciously donated a foursome and tee sponsorship to this 1st Annual Golf Classic. As an incentive for you to attend, the first foursome that contacts me that are confirmed registrants to the training symposium, I will set you up with this donated foursome! If you're a golfer, this is a win-win for you — great golf and great training!! I can be contacted by e-mail at RLM2214A@aol.com, at work at 415-553-1093, or by cell at 415-794-1229. I'm also on Facebook. I look forward to hearing from you!

Many thanks again to the POA's Community Services Committee for their generous donation! Hope to see as many of you there as possible!

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SFPD Shooting Team Up-Date

By Alex Takaoka,
Northern Station

In June members of the SFPD Shooting Team traveled to Santa Clarita to compete in the 2009 Western States Police and Fire Games, hosted by the Los Angeles Sheriffs Dept. Off. Ignatius Chinn (GTF), Joe Emanuel (Mission Station), Roderick Suguitan (Ingleside Station), Uwem Obot (Ingleside Station), Alex Takaoka (Northern Station) and sixty-two other competitors shot the Hi Power rifle event at the Desert Marksman Range in Palmdale.

This event was shot at the 200 yard line, 300 yard line, and 600 yard line. This was the most difficult range and poorly run match anyone has ever shot. The range is 4500' in elevation and the targets were another 200' up from the shooting area. Altitude effects bullet travel for shooters who are used to shooting at sea level. The firing points were crowded, uneven,

and sandy. Also, high temperatures and gusting winds blowing fine dust did not help. Finally, someone walked into the nearby bushes and stirred up a swarm of bees to get in the way of the shooters.

On the first day, the shooting started at 0700 hrs and Takaoka didn't get to fire his first shot until 1300 hrs. Takaoka's last shots were fired at sunset; but, even with poor lighting conditions, he scored a 99 out of 100 at 600 yards. This was a "trial by fire" for the new shooters. All rifle matches after this one will be a "piece of cake"; otherwise, the SFPD Rifle Team placed fourth and Takaoka took an individual bronze award.

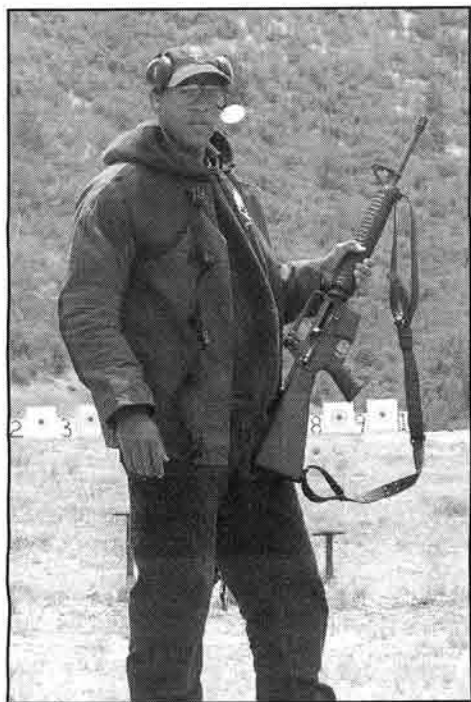
The next day Takaoka fired the "small bore" rifle event at the LASD range which was a nice facility with a manicured lawn and no wind. This event is shot at the 50 yard line in the standing, kneeling, and prone positions. The team shot it's way to a silver medal, while Takaoka got an individual silver medal.

Emanuel, Suguitan and Chinn shot the "action pistol" at the LASD range. This year's event challenged a shooter's accuracy, speed, multiple targets, moving targets and shooting on the move. Emanuel and Suguitan continued their shooting adventure by competing in the P.P.C. pistol event which is shot at the 7, 15, 25 and 50 yard lines. Emanuel walked away with the gold medal.

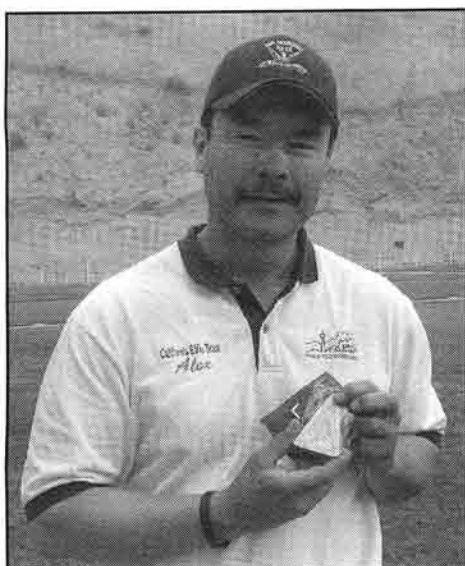
On a side note, Chinn also took a silver in the bench press event for his age group. Seamus Hodgin (Bayview Station) became the shooting team's newest member in July sporting a

Match Grade Remington 40X bolt action rifle chambered for 308 with a switch barrel in 284/7mm.

The 2010 Games will be shot in Reno, NV next July. Anyone interested in shooting the pistol events should contact Off. Wendell Jones at TAC (415-671-3100). If you want to shoot rifle, contact Alex Takaoka at Northern Station on the midnight shift (415-614-3400). Training for the rifle events must begin in January to be ready for the Reno shoot. Shooting the qualification course at Lake Merced or the Airport Range is a good way to "tune-up" pistol skills.



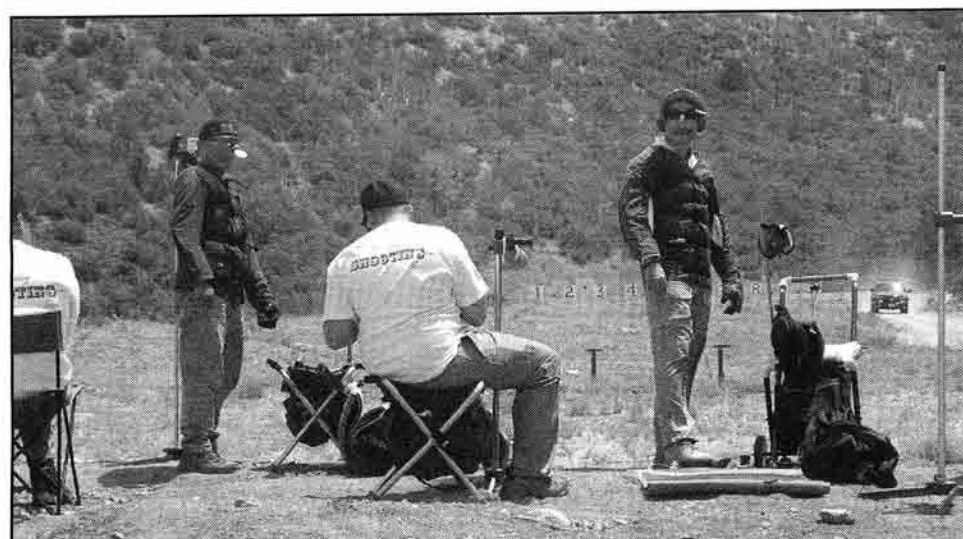
Obot at 200 yards with rifle



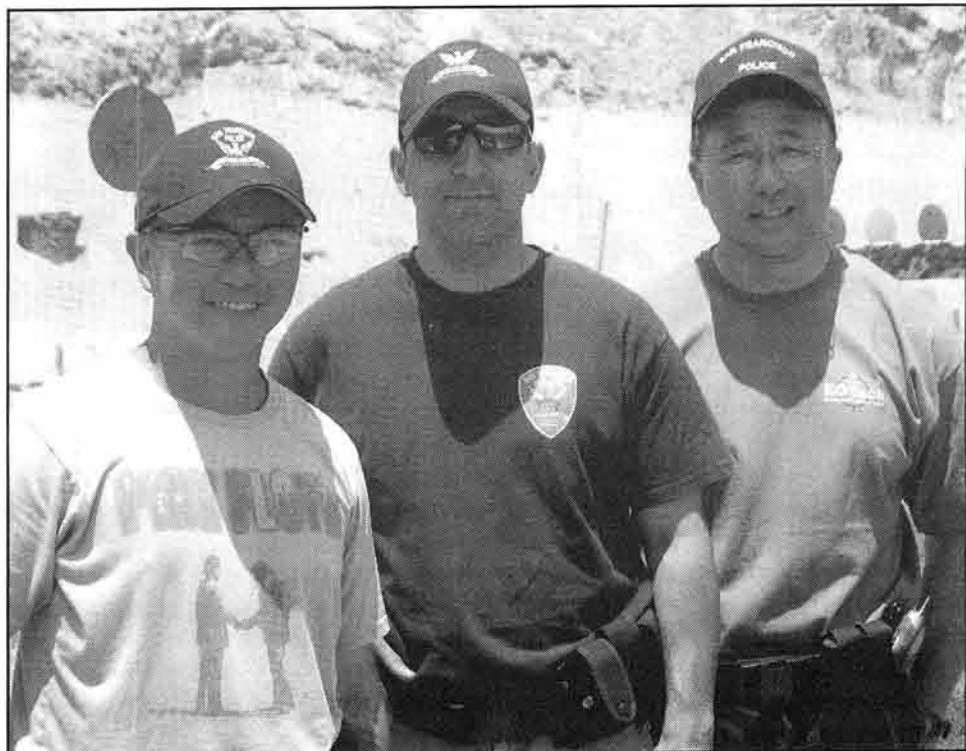
Alex: Silver Medal for small bore competition



Chinn in action handgun shooting competition



Alex and Suguitan at 200 yards.



Pistol team: Joe Emmanuel, Erik Suguitan and Ignatius Chinn

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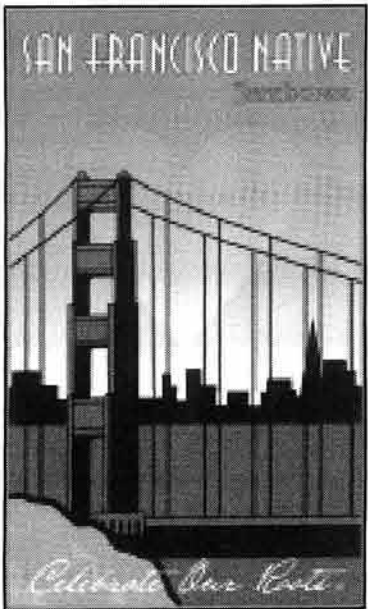
Sixth Annual San Francisco Native Jamboree to be Held October 2

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 it's 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.

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2006 HONDA CBR 954. 23,000 miles Black & Silver paint, race exhaust, tank bag, new slick race tires. Never laid down \$9500. Call Katherine (707) 393-9432

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Vacation Rental

RELAX IN CARSON VALLEY! Carson Valley Golfers Retreat Vacation Home Rental. Gorgeous Views of the Sierra Mountains, 4 Bed, 2.5 Baths, 2300 s.f. SFPD/SFFD Member Rates: \$150 night or \$900 Week Call Vince at (415) 302-2500

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Vacation Rental

FALL-STIMULUS-PACKAGE SPECIAL FOR SFPD 2 bedroom/2 bath South MAUI CONDO RENTAL available September 10 to October 29. \$99 night 5 night minimum. sleeps 2-6 (winter dates, also available — ask for rate). Located across from Maui's BEST BEACH — 6 tennis courts, 3 pools and barbecues on 10 acres of security patrolled tropical gardens. Enjoy nightly palm tree sunsets from our private lanai or walks on our local sandy shored beach. Condo is located within walking distance to shopping, dining, scuba, surfing lessons and swimming with turtles! Numerous Championship golf courses near by. View our condo at: www.VRBO.com/221566. Contact Alan McCann, (925) 672-0578. MauiCondo.MauiVista@gmail.com. Mention that you saw the SFPDPOA ad!

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Close Encounters

By Steve Johnson,
SFPOA

Hard to decide whether we want to congratulate the new Police Chief, **George Gascón**, or offer him our condolences . . . Imagine inheriting a law enforcement agency where the local Board of Supervisors recently stripped the police department budget of all Police Academy classes for the coming year. No new classes!? (Funny how there didn't seem to be much of a protest from the outgoing Administration . . .)

Then there's the Investigations Bureau — or what's left of it. The San Francisco Police Department's ability to follow-up on criminal enterprises has been severely crippled due to a personnel shortage. It is anticipated that 8 experienced homicide investigators will be leaving the Department this year. (The Inspectors in Homicide are some of the most conscientious we have . . . or had.) That unit has the steepest learning curve of all so where do we go from there?

And, finally, the new Chief just had his command staff budget cut in half. O.k., we can always debate the numbers — but why wouldn't the members of the Board of Supervisors at least give the new Chief an opportunity to navigate his own way through the murky political waters of the island of San Francisco with the command staff he needs?

So it looks like it's up to the members of this organization to help the new guy out. The only advice we'd offer up is to see if he could strike a balance somewhere between the big-brother "Early Intervention System" with the 24/7 reality show in which every San Francisco police officer plays a role . . .

We got hooked on mixing the old with the new in this column so this time we're going all the way back to **August 6, 1946**, in the early afternoon on the 500 block of Frederick Street where **Officer Francis Lynch** and **Officer Edward F. Murphy** responded to a 'man with a gun call'. The actual language contained in the First Grade Meritorious (Gold Medal) filed with the Police Commission reads, "the suspect **menaced** the officers with a .44 caliber American double-action revolver". The suspect shot Officer Murphy in the leg while Officer Lynch returned fire, exchanging 5 rounds with the suspect. Officer Lynch was not injured and the suspect was "dispatched to Mission Emergency Hospital". "Menaced" is such a great word describing what happened, we may have to bring it back . . .

Chinese New Year's was celebrated on **January 26, 2009**, and people were calling in to our 9-1-1 Center describing two individuals who were mixed in with the large crowd of people at Jackson and Grant both armed with guns. **Sergeant Joe Fischer**, **Officer Christopher Ritter**, **Officer Jeremy Cummings**, **Officer Brandon Thompson**, **Officer Thomas McWilliams**, **Officer Tina To**, and **Officer Matt Sullivan** maneuvered through the crowd trying to locate the suspects. They finally located the two who were "menacing" others with their weapons (2 fully-loaded 9mm semi-automatics), isolated them from the crowd, and introduced them to the holding cell at Central Station.

The only problem writing about some of the past outstanding work by our members is that there isn't a lot of

information provided in the historical files. So we just do the best we can . . . On **July 4, 1946**, **Sergeant Leo Hayes** tracked down a suspect who had shot 3 people in the early morning hours somewhere on 3rd Street. **Sergeant Hayes** found the man he was looking for and gave chase. The suspect fired at the **Sergeant** during the pursuit but was soon captured. (Like we said, not a lot of information.) **Sergeant Hayes** received a First Class Meritorious (Gold Medal) for his courageous actions.

It's **January 23, 2009**, and a young woman is using an ATM machine on the 700 Block of Beach Street at 10:30 a.m. when she is approached by two suspects brandishing guns. They demand the woman's wallet, she complies, and they take off with the stolen property. The 9-1-1 call is made and **Officer Noel DeLeon**, **Officer Terry Laubach**, **Officer Benny Chin**, and **Officer Steve Matthias** respond to the area. They set up a perimeter and eventually locate the **armed** suspects recovering all of the victim's property.

Back to **August 15, 1959**, and **Inspector George Rosko** responded to a call of a sniper with a rifle shooting pedestrians from a rooftop. (Unfortunately, the files weren't descriptive enough to give us a location where this incident took place.) The suspect had already shot 2 people and had no intention of stopping anytime soon. **Inspector Rosko** managed to position himself where he had an advantage and "shot the rifle from the hands of the suspect". Wow! This was back in the day when there was no Tactical Division, no entry teams, just some very good, old-fashioned police work. **Inspector Rosko** received a First Class Meritorious (Gold Medal) for placing his life on the line.

For over 2 hours on **January 24, 2009**, several carpet-bagging suspects from the East Bay were busy robbing people in the downtown Russian Hill and Nob Hill areas. There were at least 5 separate incidents, one in which an innocent victim was pistol-whipped. **Officer Jeremy Cummings** and **Officer Charles August** parked themselves at a freeway on-ramp and, sure

enough, here comes our enterprising young felons on their way home. They only got as far as the Treasure Island off-ramp where **Officer Cummings** and **Officer August** (along with a tremendous supporting cast) put an end to their 'night out'. A positive identification was made on all suspects by the victims, almost all of the stolen articles were recovered along with the **guns** the suspects were using.

There was a high-speed chase after a supermarket was robbed by two armed suspects on **March 13, 1959**, and **Officer Thomas Chope Jr.** was right in the middle of this caper. (Again, because of the vagueness of how this incident was chronicled we don't know where it occurred.) We do know that **Officer Chope** was later engaged in a gunbattle with the suspects and they eventually surrendered. **Officer Thomas Chope Jr.** was awarded a First Class Meritorious (Gold Medal) for his outstanding bravery.

The award for the most unsophisticated commercial robbery suspect this month goes to the individual who was shopping at the Burlington Coat Factory at 5th/Howard Streets recently, trying on a number of articles of clothing. The only problem was the **9mm fully-loaded, semi-automatic weapon he was carrying in his waistband kept getting in the way**. Another customer noticed how uncomfortable our suspect was and called 9-1-1 to report what was going on. **Captain Dan McDonagh**, **Sergeant Pete Thoshinsky**, **Officer Joseph Salazar**, **Officer Hank Lum**, **Officer Chris Muselman**, and **Officer Christine Moylan** responded and set up a perimeter. They they closed in on our fashion-conscious suspect relieving him of his weapon with the serial number filed off and escorted him past the check-out counter . . .

Interesting how the tactics dealing with criminals have changed with new technology and training, but the part where the officers put their lives on the line hasn't. It doesn't matter whether it's 1946 or 2009, police work in San Francisco remains the same — very, very dangerous!

San Francisco Police Officers Association 18th Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, September 14, 2009

Tournament Schedule:

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

See page 26 for entry form and details

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