

Proposition "A"	(School Bonds)	YES
Proposition "B"	(Safety Street Bonds)	YES
Proposition "C"	(Consensus Pension Measure)	YES, YES, YES
Proposition "D"	(Adachi Pension Measure)	NO, NO, NO
Proposition "G"	(Sales Tax)	Yes

Minutes of the October 19, 2011 SFPOA Board Meeting*

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

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

3. Al Casciato and Joe Driscoll who actively represent members on the Retirement System Board introduced Debra Landis who is a candidate for the San Francisco Retirement Board. Both Al and Joe spoke briefly on their endorsement of Ms. Landis. Ms. Landis who is the current SFPD Chief Financial Officer spoke briefly of her qualifications and what lead to her candidacy. Ms. Landis is challenging incumbent Herb Meiberger.

4. Lt. Jason Cherniss addressed the Board of Directors about on-going efforts on renaming the park across from Taraval Police Station, "The Bryan Tuvera Memorial Park". The projected cost would be \$150,000.00. Since this will be a long process, Lt. Cherniss talked about establishing an immediate memorial garden in the park. Lt. Cherniss would like to purchase a plaque that would be donated to the Park and Recreation Department to be placed in the park. The cost of the plaque is \$11,000.00 and Lt. Cherniss was looking for a donation of \$5500.00 to order the plaque.

5. Sgt. Kevin Mannix spoke to the Board and requested a \$1500.00 donation towards the Officer Bryan Tuvera Memorial which will be held at Taraval Police Station on 12-22-11 at 1900 hours.

6. Rep. Sorgie (Co. G) made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 2011 Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Rep. Madsen (Tac) and passed by voice vote without opposition.

7. President Delagnes spoke about the recent SFPOA Golf Tournament. Although the tournament
- generated approx. \$40,000.00, there was a dismal representation of POA members. Only Ten POA members golfed in the tournament. This year, the POA was able to award \$34,000.00 in scholarships through the POA Scholarship Committee. Due to the lack of commitment from our members over the past few years, this was the last POA Golf Tournament. Sadly the current Scholarship Fund will be exhausted in two to three years.

8. President Delagnes also talked about his disappointment with regards to the lack of POA members turning out for the recent precinct walk involving Proposition C. The firefighters turned out 320 members while the POA turned out 17 members. President Delagnes reminded the Board of the dire consequences if Proposition C fails to garner more votes than Proposition D. Current polling information has Proposition C with a slim 9% lead over Proposition D. There is still much work to be done with regards to making sure Proposition C beats Proposition D at the ballot. The next precinct walks will be October 22nd and 23rd and November 5th and 6th.

9. President Delagnes talked about his disappointment that the OFJ and APOA were endorsing Paul Miyamoto for San Francisco Sheriff. As you know, former POA President Chris Cunnie is also running for San Francisco Sheriff. President Delagnes is drafting letters that will be sent to the OFJ and APOA Presidents. The letters will appear in the POA Journal.

10. President Delagnes announced that the POA continues to meet and confer with the Department over the career development program. One of the major areas of discussion revolves around educational pre-requisites for taking future promotional exams.

11. Rep. Rodgers (Co. D) opened a

- discussion involving the MOU sections addressing mandatory rotation. After much discussion, it was determined that further information needs to be gathered so the matter can be addressed.
12. Treasurer Halloran provided each Board Member with the monthly copy of the Expense Recap Sheet. We are currently \$527,000.00 dollars under budget.
13. Rep. Kato (Co. I) made a motion to donate \$5500.00 towards the plaque for the Officer Bryan Tuvera Memorial Garden. Motion was seconded by Rep. Martinez and passed by voice vote without opposition.
14. Vice President Martin made a motion to donate \$1500.00 for the Officer Bryan Tuvera Memorial which will be held at Taraval Police Station on 12-22-11. Motion was seconded by Rep. Kato (Co I) and passed by voice vote without opposition.
15. Vice President Martin made a motion to donate \$5000.00 to Operation Dream for the annual toy drive. Motion was seconded by Rep. Rodgers (Co. D) and passed by voice vote without opposition.
16. Meeting adjourned at 1430 hours.
- Respectfully Submitted,
Tony Montoya
POA Secretary
- *These minutes will not be adopted by the Board of Directors until the next General Membership meeting. Corrections and amendments might be made prior to a vote to enter the minutes into the permanent record. All corrections and/or amendments will be published in the succeeding issue of the Journal.

Board of Directors Meeting Roll Call					
Wednesday, October 19, 2011					
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	George Rosko	E	Hdqtr.	Kim D'Arcy	P
Co. B	Larry Bertrand	P		John Evans	P
	Jayme Campbell	E	Narcotics	Dave Falzon	E
Co. C	Dermot Dorgan	E		Frank Hagan	P
	Chris Schaffer	A	Tactical	Dan Laval	P
Co. D	Kevin Healy	E		Mark Madsen	P
	Matt Rodgers	P	Invest.	Pierre Martinez	P
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Co. F	Peter Dacre	P		Reynaldo Serrano	P
	Rob Imbellino	P	Retired	Ray Allen	P
Co. G	Chris Breen	P			
	Dean Sorgie	P			

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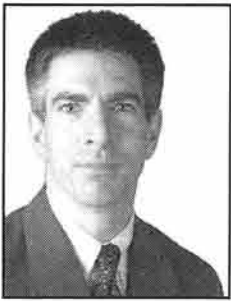
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Counselor's Corner

Appellate Court Rules that Officer May Waive POBRA Rights

By John Tennant,
SFPOA Counsel



One of the more nettlesome questions in jurisprudence concerns the extent to which legal rights can be waived. And even if this question is answered in the affirmative with regard to a particular law, a second question instantly arises: waived by whom? While it has long been known that a police union does not have the power to waive individual officers' rights under California's Public Safety Officers' Procedural Bill of Rights Act (POBRA) — say, for example, in exchange for a pay raise or benefit improvement — the law has been unclear as to whether an individual officer could ever elect to waive his/her own POBRA rights and, if so, under what circumstances.

While it might seem a matter of common sense that an individual possesses the power to forego his/her own legal protections, there are any number of laws where concerns over the potential imbalance in bargaining power between the parties result in a prohibition against the presumably weaker party's having the ability to waive rights afforded him/her by the law enacted for his/her protection. An example of this is the inability of a worker covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act to volunteer services for his/her employer that are substantially similar to work s/he regularly performs as an employee. The justification for this seemingly patronizing prohibition arises from the very real fear that an employee can never really be thought of as voluntarily waiving his/her right to pay under the FLSA and thereby "volunteer" for unpaid work given the employer's inherently coercive power over the employee (e.g., one can imagine an employer's sub-

tly signaling an employee that if she doesn't "volunteer" for a certain task, her future prospects for promotional opportunities will be slimmer than would have otherwise been the case had she in fact "volunteered").

Enter POBRA: does a police officer ever really voluntarily "waive" his/her POBRA rights, given the imbalance in bargaining power between an officer facing a potential loss of employment and a public agency, wielding its inherent authority to seek termination? California's Second Appellate District Court recently answered that question in the affirmative, ruling that an officer's partial waiver of POBRA rights was valid when entered into during the course of disciplinary proceedings and in exchange for reduced discipline and continued employment. (*Lanigan v. City of Los Angeles* (Oct. 4, 2011) 11 C.D.O.S. 12637).

Los Angeles police officer Robert Lanigan became the subject of disciplinary proceedings due to alleged misconduct when he was stopped for a traffic violation while off-duty. The chief of police referred Lanigan to L.A.'s Board of Rights (BOR) and proposed termination. Before the BOR proceedings commenced, Lanigan's attorney negotiated a settlement agreement with the City, in which the proposed penalty was reduced to a 22-day suspension in exchange for Lanigan's agreeing to resign immediately from the L.A.P.D. if he received any further complaints, as well as to waive certain POBRA rights in the event of a future complaint.

Slightly more than a year later, Lanigan received an additional complaint for allegedly providing false information to and failing to cooperate with L.A. sheriff's deputies who were summoned to a disturbance at a hospital. The complaint stated that Lanigan had entered the hospital intoxicated, unnecessarily identified himself as an officer, "terrified" other patients,

and exhibited discourteous conduct. The chief of police sustained the complaint, processed Lanigan's resignation pursuant to the settlement agreement, and removed Lanigan from employment.

Lanigan sued, claiming that the settlement agreement he had signed and his waiver of POBRA rights were legally unenforceable as contrary to law and public policy, as well as both procedurally and substantively unconscionable. In essence Lanigan's arguments paralleled the idea (which I outlined above) that certain legal rights simply cannot be waived — even by the individual possessing them — because of the disparity in bargaining power between parties. The trial court agreed with Lanigan and ruled the settlement agreement was unenforceable and void.

The Second Appellate District, however, disagreed and reversed, holding that the settlement agreement was enforceable. Quoting prior case law on the subject, the Appellate Court did acknowledge that certain waivers of POBRA could be deemed to be unenforceable: "If law enforcement agencies could routinely require applicants to waive their respective rights under POBRA as a condition of employment, these employers could render POBRA nugatory vis-à-vis all new peace officers, essentially forcing these officers to opt out of the Act before they even begin work." (*Lanigan*, quoting *County of Riverside v. Superior Court* (2002) 27 Cal.4th 793 at 805).

But the Second Appellate District took pains to distinguish the facts of Lanigan's case from a situation where an imbalance of bargaining power would render void an officer's waiver of POBRA rights:

"Oppression occurs where there is an inequality in bargaining power which results in a lack of real negotiation and an absence of meaningful choice. .

.. As a result, procedural unconscionability generally takes the form of a contract of adhesion which is ...imposed and drafted by a party of superior bargaining strength [and] relegates to the subscribing party only the opportunity to adhere to the contract or reject it. [citation omitted] Here, the Agreement was not...adhesive, oppressive, nor a surprise to Lanigan. Lanigan's attorney had the opportunity to negotiate the contract and its terms."

In reaching the conclusion that Lanigan's wavier of POBRA was truly voluntary in nature, the Appellate Court relied upon certain evidence in the record:

"Settlement agreements between an officer and the LAPD are *not* simply presented to officers for signature in 'take it or leave it' fashion and are often negotiated. Indeed,...the LAPD will sometimes agree to [a] change. Further Lanigan's bargaining strength was equal to the City's. Not only was Lanigan represented by an attorney of his choosing, Lanigan had an alternative means of maintaining his job — an appearance before a BOR."

(emphasis in original).

Thus, the upshot of this decision is that while pre-employment, blanket waivers of POBRA rights are legally invalid, an individual officer's negotiated waiver of POBRA rights in the context of a disciplinary matter is enforceable. Such result will stand unless the California Supreme Court weighs in on the case and rules differently than the Second Appellate District.

"Roll the Union On . . ."

Calendar of Events

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings or Events

Event	Location	Date & Time	Coordinator
Meeting, Veteran Police Officers Association	Pacific Rod & Gun Club 520 John Muir Drive, SF	Second Tues. of Every Month, 11:00 AM	Larry Barsetti (415) 566-5985 larry175@ix.netcom.com
Meeting, Widows & Orphans Aid Association	Hall of Justice, Room 150, (Traffic Co. Assembly Room)	Second Tues. of Every Month, 2:00 PM	Joe Reilly (415) 681-3660 woaasfpolice@gmail.com
Meeting, American Legion SF Police-Fire Post	War Memorial Building 410 Van Ness Ave., SF	Second Tues. of Every Month, 6:00 PM	Greg Corrales (415) 759-1076
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

Memorial Mass SF Probation Officers & Family	St. Michael's Ukrainian Church 345 7th Street, SF	Friday, November 4, 2011 Noon	Kerry Totah (415) 553-1496
Retirement Celebration Honoring Robin Matthews	Hyatt Fisherman's Wharf San Francisco	Saturday November 5, 2011 6:00 pm	LAHogue@aol.com
Veteran's Day Parade Montgomery to McAllister	Market Street,	Friday, November 11, 2011 11:00 am	sfveteransdayparade@gmail.com
SFPD Challenge Make-A-Wish Fundraiser	Aquatic Park, San Francisco Jefferson at Hyde Streets	Saturday, December 3, 2011 9:00 am	www.SFPDChallenge.org
Operation Dream Toy Drive 49ers v. St. Louis	Candlestick Park, Entry Gates	Sunday, December 4, 2011 9:00-1:00	
Dudley-Perkins Toy Run Benefiting Felix Sung Trust	Mariposa Yacht Club, SF 405 Terry Francois Street	Sunday December 11, 2011 9:00 am	Don Woolard (415) 627.7997

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' AID ASSOCIATION

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The monthly meeting of the Widows and Orphans Aid Association was called to order by President Matt Gardner on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 1:48 p.m. in Room 150 at the Hall of Justice.

President Gardner opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Officers:

President Matt Gardner, Vice-President Mark McDonough, Secretary Joe Reilly, Treasurer Dean Taylor, Trustees John Centurioni, John Keane, Al Luenow, Bob Mattox and Harold Vance were present.

Report of the Trustees: (taken out of order)

Mr. Jerome Paolini, Ms. Janet Walker, and Mr. Ashley Daggs of Wells Fargo Bank, Association's investment manager, reported on 3rd quarter portfolio activity. Several factors weighed heavily on the market including the downgrade of the U.S. debt rating by S&P and the continuing European debt crisis. As anticipated, the 3rd quarter continued the volatility seen since the beginning of the year. The Association's portfolio, while experiencing a loss but thanks to diversified investment strategies, still managed to outperform the leading market indices. However, the market seemed to recover toward the end of the quarter and allowed for some recovery in the portfolio.

Approval of the minutes of the September meeting:

A motion made by Luenow, seconded by Mattox to approve the September

minutes passed without objection.

Receiving applications for new members, suspensions and reinstatements:

Secretary Reilly reported that notices of suspension were sent to the last known address of each of the nineteen members suspended at last month's meeting for being delinquent in payment of dues in excess of six months, as required by Article III, Section 3 of the Association's Constitution. Reinstatements to membership: Joyce Watkins, Vincent Neeson, and Michael Farrell, upon payment of back dues and penalties. President Gardner instructed that these members' suspensions be vacated and their membership restored.

Report of the Trustees:

Two member deaths were reported in September:

Andrew J. Farren, 98 years, 15th Recruit Class, Star #1317, San Francisco native, graduate of Commerce High School. Andrew was appointed to the SFPD in 1943 after working at the Hunter's Point Naval Shipyard. His first assignment was to Co. F, however he was inducted into the Navy later that same year and served with the Shore Patrol until discharged in 1946.

He served briefly at Co. K upon his return to the Department and was then transferred to the Chief's Office in 1947. He was appointed Sergeant in 1953 and temporary Lieutenant in 1972. While At the Chief's Office, Andrew was assigned to the Movie Detail, and he became acquainted with Hol-

lywood legends like Alfred Hitchcock and James Stewart. Andrew worked on locations for many films shot in San Francisco in the 1950s and 60s, including Hitchcock's "Vertigo". One of his duties was to escort the co-star, Kim Novak, to her car after filming was done. According to Andrew's family, this prompted Andrew's wife Anna Mae to adopt the Kim Novak look and wear her hair just like the actress.

Christopher B. Sullivan, 74 years, 90th Recruit Class, Star #225, San Francisco native, graduate of Sacred Herat High School. Christopher was appointed to the SFPD in 1961 after having worked as a delivery driver. His first assignment was to Co. G followed by a transfer to Co. F. in 1962. Christopher was transferred to the Inspector's Bureau in 1967 after having walked the Haight Street beat during the "Summer of Love". He was appointed an Assistant Inspector in 1971 and Inspector in 1976. While in the Bureau he served in both the Narcotics and Sex Crimes Details. Christopher received the following Medals of Valor: 1968 a Third Grade Meritorious (Bronze) for the capture of an armed suspect who had robbed a bank moments before. 1976: A Bronze Medal of Valor for his role in the capture of four armed suspects, one of whom fired at the officers and escaped but was captured by the same officers two days later. The apprehension of these suspects closed a murder case in Sparks, Nevada, an armed robbery in Marin County and helped solve a series of crimes committed in Baja, Mexico.

Communications:

Routine correspondence and the normal monthly bills were received in September.

Bills Payable:

Treasurer Taylor presented the routine monthly expenses of the Association, including payment of death benefits, and requested approval for their payment. A motion by McDonough, seconded by Mattox to approve payment passed without objection.

Unfinished Business:

The Association's annual audit is nearing completion. Returns are due in mid-October.

New Business: None

Good of the Association:

If you are a Widows and Orphans member who will be retiring soon, or if you have retired in the last year, please remember that payroll deductions for dues will stop. Please contact the Association for instructions on maintaining your membership. Members can contact the Association at woasfpolice@gmail.com in addition to the Association's voice mail phone number (415) 681-3660, or speak to any one of the Association officers.

Adjournment:

President Gardner set the next meeting for Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at 1:45 p.m. in Room 150 at the Hall of Justice. A moment of silence was observed for our deceased members. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Fraternally,
Joe Reilly,
Secretary

Deaths

The POA Journal was notified* of the recent deaths of the following SFPD members, non-sworn employees (n/s), or affiliated persons:

Name of Deceased	Date of Death	Age	Status	Notification by
Jerry Akins	August 23, 2011	Unk	N/S SFPD	R. LaPrevotte
Martin Curtin	October 5, 2011	82	Retired SFPD	M. Ortelle
Richard Duane	October 14, 2011	Unk	Retired SFPD	R. LaPrevotte
Charlotte Lundberg	October 12, 2011	65	SF ADA	M. Ortelle
Frank J. Parenti	October 12, 2011	94	Retired SFPD	Editor

*Notifications are made by a POA member, family member, or other reliable source.
The POA Journal believes the information to be true and correct, however the staff or employees of the SFPOA make no official confirmation.

Submitting Obituaries and Memorial Tributes

Any member may submit a separate memorial tribute to a deceased member. Any such piece will not appear in the matrix, but will be placed in the Mail section, or, with prior approval of the editor, as a sidebar piece. The Journal will also accept and publish in the Mail section short letters about a deceased member written by a person in the immediate family. However, the Journal will not reprint obituaries or photos that were published in any other print media, web site, or Internet blog.

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Retirements

The San Francisco Police Officers Association congratulates the following POA members on her recent retirement from the SFPD. This veteran will be difficult to replace, as she takes with her decades of experience and job knowledge. The most recently retired SFPD members is:

- Inspector David Ambrose #253 from Internal Affairs Division
- Captain Gary Jimenez #1938 from Special Operations Bur.
- Officer Michelle Kern #1557 from Medical Liaison
- Officer Cynthia Kulstad #321 from Medical Liaison
- Officer James Maginniss #649 from Richmond Station, Solo M/C
- Inspector John Tursi #382 from Narcotics
- Officer Diane Stokes #2239 from Airport Field Operations
- Officer Thomas Vellone #28 from Tenderloin Station, Solo M/C



AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

By Al Casciato



...Holiday Season:

The Holiday Season is just around the corner and the opportunities for giving and sharing are abounding. American Legion Police Post 456 (Fire and Police) member will make their annual visit to Fort Miley Veterans Hospital escorting Santa and distributing gifts of cash to the veterans; contact Captain Greg Corrales at Mission Station for date and time. The POA will visit several hospitals and distribute gifts to the young patients; contact Kevin Martin at the POA to get on the notification list and check POA Bulletins. - Operation Dream will again collect toys at the December 4th 49er game and distribute same during the holidays; contact Paul Yep in Community Relations to sign up for either the collection day or to assist in the gift distribution - Lefty O'Douls will again do its annual Christmas Eve Collection and Christmas Day distribution with fire, police and community members; leave a message for Lee Houskeeper at Lefty's to volunteer...

...Speedway Meadows:

Jimmy's Annual Car show at Golden Gate Park's Speedway meadows brought out over 500 entries and a strong representation of SFPD members were present both as attendees and participants. Partial list of those having cars on display - Carl Paine Central Station, Al Casciato, Airport, retirees Bob Gin and John Payne...

...Police Family:

The Police Family has its good and bad just like any other family. We just have to make the best of the situation that we are dealt knowing that there

will be good and bad times. Don't get mired down emotionally thinking about the dysfunctional members of the family, concentrate on the good...

...America's Cup:

If retiring anytime between now and America's Cup don't get rid of all your uniforms as you may need them if you are one of the 250 retirees the City will hire back for the event. Watch for upcoming announcements from personnel...

...Traffic Company Mixer:

On Wednesday November 16 the Traffic Company will host a pre-holiday mixer at China House Powell between Francisco and Bay. All current and former members of Co. K and friends of Co. K are encouraged to attend. Dinner fare \$30 dollars, contact Matt Gardner, Steve Landi or Jordon Hom at Co. K to reserve a seat. Representative of The Guardians of the City Museum will be in attendance to collect any historical pictures or items anyone would wish to donate to the museum...

...Guardians of the City:

The Guardians hosted a very nice event at the fire museum to commemorate the 22nd anniversary of the Loma Prieta earthquake on October 17. Prior to the solemn moment of silence at 1704 hours Mayor Ed Lee, Supervisor Mark Farrell, Sheriff Mike Hennessey, Chief Joanne Hayes-White, Chief Greg Suhr and DEM Executive Director Anne Kronenberg shared their thoughts and reflections about that fateful day 22 years ago and how it is so important that we all be prepared for the next big earthquake. A big Thank You to Dave Ebarle, Liane Corrales, Jan Ford, Jamie O'Keefe, Margaret Sutherland, Jim Lee, Mike Braum, Paul Barry, Jacqui Martin, Mike Anderson, President Tom O'Connor San Francisco Firefighters' Local 798 and the San Francisco Fire Credit Union for organizing and hosting the event and wonderful reception...The ceremony was filmed by SFGOV TV and can be viewed on-line at www.sfgov.org...

...10-7 Retirement:

Thank You Northern Station: On 10-7-2011 Northern Station's Cynthia Kulstad went 10-7R and a 34 1/2 year career came to an end. In appreciation of all her fellow officers and support staff Cynthia sponsored an all day catered feast on October 26 at Northern for all to enjoy. A very nice event that gave retirees, actives on and off duty the opportunity to come by say hello and enjoy lunch or dinner. Thank You Cynthia we wish you all the best...

Announcements, notices or tidbits can be e-mailed to alfrmsf@aol.com, faxed to 552-5741, or mailed to Around the Department, 800 Bryant St., 2nd Floor, SF, CA 94103.

Chief's Corner

To say October was a busy month would be putting it mildly. We welcomed members of the Navy, Coast Guard, and Marines to our great city for Fleet Week. The Nike Women's Marathon, the Leukemia Walk, Italian Heritage Parade, the Oracle Open World Convention, the Cal Football Team at AT&T Park, and numerous other events moved through our City as well.

For Fleet Week, nearly 10,000 military personnel came into San Francisco with over a million other visitors joining them. This year marked three decades of Fleet Week in San Francisco and the 100th anniversary of Naval Aviation in our country. A special mention goes out to retired Marine Corps Major General Michael Myatt for making sure that the SFPD was included in all the festivities. Make sure to say thank you to the "Gentleman General" whenever you see him at the Marine's Memorial on Sutter Street. The Blue Angels once again dazzled anyone who could see with their unparalleled aerial acrobatics over the City. An enduring memory of what is truly best in America. They are often described as the "sound of freedom" — man, am I glad those guys are on our side.

The 143rd Annual Italian Heritage Parade in North Beach wrapped up Fleet week and could not have taken place on a more beautiful Sunday. This event is the oldest such celebration in the City and one of the most enjoyable. Folks of all ages come from all over the world to take in the pageantry and good fun...the food and drink might draw a couple people too. One more reason why we should count ourselves fortunate to belong to the Police Department counted on to keep this world class city safe.

Closer to 850 Bryant, in fact on the 5th floor of the Hall of Justice, another very proud moment for the department took place with the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Special Victims Unit (SVU). This Unit brings together several units, including Domestic Violence, Juvenile, Missing Persons, Sex Crimes, Elder/Financial, and Human Trafficking for the first time in one space. It is so important to have a special place for our most vulnerable victims to be able to come and know they are safe and cared for. Next time you are at 850 Bryant, drop by, see the space, and congratulate them on their opening.

This month, Election Day is November 8. We will elect the next Mayor, District Attorney, and Sheriff; as well as casting votes that will settle other critical ballot measures to our City and Department's future. Every vote is critical! Get informed, get involved, and remember to vote! Your vote will make a difference.

As we prepare to celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday with family and loved ones please take a minute to take in all your blessings. They are many. In difficult economic times like these, we really are blessed to have what we have — even if we are getting used to getting by with less. Were it not for our blessings, times could be a lot tougher as they are for so many other Americans. Take some time this Holiday Season, as often as you're able, to bring something special to the day of someone less fortunate than yourself. Someone once said, "There is no greater way to brighten your day than to do something to brighten the day of someone else." On or off-duty, give it a try...I know it works.

From my family to each of yours, I wish each of you a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

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A Solo evaluates the new Kawasaki Police model. Five were recently added to the SFPD fleet.

SFPD Breaks Tradition, Buys Kawasaki Motorcycles

By Eddie Dare
Traffic Company

On October 17th, 2011, SFPD EVOC & Co. K (Solo Training Unit) assembled three major police motorcycle manufacturers at Treasure Island Motorcycle Training Facility. Co. K Solo motor officers were welcome to ride and

evaluate the following police motorcycles: BMW R1200RT-P; Harley Davidson FLHP and FLHTP; Kawasaki ZG1400CB.

Co. K currently utilizes the HD FLHP but recently added five new Kawasaki ZG1400CB police models to the fleet.

Sgt. George Rosko Concluding DROP Service

POA's Longest-Serving Unit Rep Soon to Retire



Mike Hebel, right, congratulates George Rosko on his longevity of service.

Staff Report

Sergeant George Rosko, Co. A, entered the department in 1977, a member of the 129th Recruit Class. Mike Hebel (the longest-serving POA Executive Staffer) was one of his Tac officers. His father, George Rosko Sr., entered in 1950 in Class #65 and retired in 1982 as Captain of the old Potrero Station. He passed away just last month at age 87. Two maternal uncles also served. Dan Kiely (Godfather) was in Class #1, and his brother Phil Kiely entered in Class #3. Both retired as captains.

George will be retired from DROP on July 7, 2012 and will be the last Rosko blood link since the SFPD Rosko Dynasty began in 1935. His niece, Michelle, is married to Brent Cader of Bayview Station.

George's primary FTO at the old Northern Station was Ray Shine (the longest-serving POA Editor). His other FTOs were Mike Paulsen and Gene Larson. His first assignment was Richmond Station. In May of 1980, George was transferred to Mission Station. That started his FTO service, which

continued at Central Station. Between Mission and Central, he was an FTO for a record 32 San Francisco police officers.

George transferred to Central Station in May of 1983 and remained there until he was promoted to sergeant in 1990. During his Central tour, he was elected to the POA Board of Directors in 1988. Since that time, he has served continually without break — nearly 24 years.

George has represented hundreds of officers at OCC, and dozens more at Management Control, DABOR, and Chief's Hearings. He has also served on several key POA committees, including the most demanding Negotiation Committee. George has been on each contract committee and negotiations since the Prop D win. Only President Gary Delagnes and George have served on that committee for each contract negotiated since Prop D.

"It has been a great run and one I would do over again in a heartbeat." Says George. "But now I look forward to retirement with my wife Yvonne."

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This and That...

By Kevin Martin
SFPOA Vice President

First Fijian police Officer Retires...

Officer Mukesh "Mike" Chandra, known by his friend and peers as Fiji Mike and Mike the Cop is presumably the first Fiji born Police Officer in the United States, he retires from the San Francisco Police Department after 32 years of honorable service.



Officer Mike Chandra

He was born in Fiji Islands and migrated to United States in 1971. He graduated from South San Francisco High School and attended College of San Mateo and San Jose State University. He started his law enforcement career with Department of Corrections as a Correctional Officer. He joined the SF Airport Police in 1979 and in 1998 joined the San Francisco Police Department. During his tenure he was assigned to all facets of duties in law enforcement including the Inspectors Bureau, Auto theft detail, Hostage Negotiator, Field Training Officer and Gang Unit with CDC.

He served on the Board Of Directors for San Francisco Police Officers association two years. He loves sports he participated in numerous Police Olympics playing soccer, softball and tennis.

Chandra will not be completely retired; he has taken a position in the private sector as CEO and President of Baystar Security Patrol, which he founded in 1979.

Enjoy a much deserved retirement, Mike, and thank you for your service to the department and the POA.

Occupy This...

I wanted to give a big tip of the hat to each and every member of this department and association who in any way has been involved with the downtown San Francisco and Justin Hermann Plaza/Ferry Plaza proliferation of citizens who have decided to take up residence in our fine city...

The cops have done their usual outstanding job of insuring these fine citizens' first amendment rights to engage in free speech and like practices while at the same time acting as targets and punching bags for vitriolic verbal abuse from the same people we are protecting.

There have been many marches in many areas of our city by this disgruntled group of citizens of whom, I believe, less than 15% are true residents of the city. And that estimate includes the out-of-control takeover mob at the Police Commission meeting on Wednesday, October 19, 2011.

A great majority of these folks are the usual "rent-a-mob" crew from the

"have-a-demo-will-travel" school of dedicated causes.

For many of the veteran members of this department, these demonstrations of civil disobedience and passive-aggressive behavior are nothing new. The demonstrations have become an integral fabric of the San Francisco culture and community. Our department (perhaps outside of New York City) handles more demonstrations and crowd control actions than any big city in America and we are very good at what we do.

For some of the younger and less-senior members of our department, and maybe some who are lateral transfers, I can only imagine what an eye opener this has been!

There is a very concentrated effort on the part of the department to insure First Amendment Rights and like actions on the part of these demonstrators while at the same time adhering to the rules and implementations of law and our department policies and procedures. There is a very fine line between the two, and the philosophies surrounding either side of the equation.

How long will the city allow these bands of demonstrators to use our city's parks, plazas and like areas as residential grounds?

How will the city differentiate between established homeless people living on the street and demonstrators who have taken impromptu residence in the aforementioned areas?

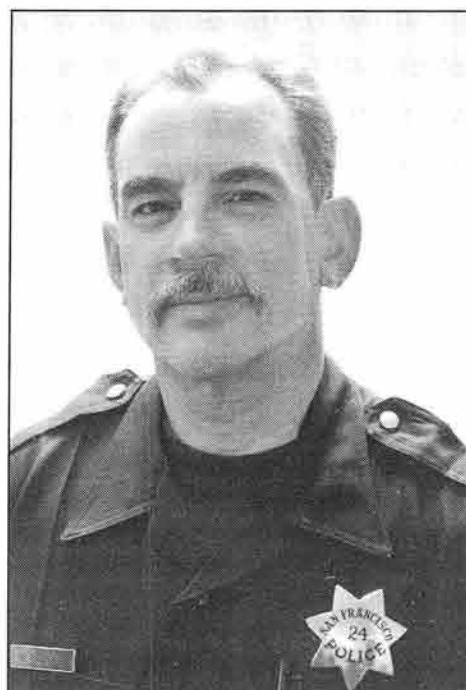
How will the city address the public health and sanitation concerns caused by these newest residents?

How much will the demonstrators cost the taxpayers of this city in terms of police and public works overtime?

How will the city leaders plan and implement the removal of these campsites once the city has decided it has had enough or is there no end in sight to their occupation?

How will the leaders of this department protect its members from the onslaught of complaints headed our way? (Or will it be up to the POA to once again be the lone defender of our members?)

One of the more troubling sights I have experienced during these demonstrations is the participation of one of our esteemed San Francisco Labor Council groups, SEIU members marching in support of the "Stop Police Bru-



tal, Repression & the Criminalization of a Generation" demonstration held Saturday, October 22, 2011 at noon which started at 3rd and Palou streets and at one point stopped in front of the Hall of Justice.

I almost puked when I saw a contingent of about 15-20 clown heads proudly wearing their purple and yellow signature SEIU T-shirts chanting anti-police slogans along with the rest of the Einsteins in the crowd.

It is always refreshing and uplifting to see a group of Tim Paulson's Labor Council minions rise up against another local labor organization.

We have seen it before in the not all too recent past when the San Francisco Labor Council came out in loud vocal support for the cold blooded killers of Sgt. John V. Young.

We see it now again and trust me; these one-way jerks will be vocally against again in the future. It's what they do and how they are.

Time and time again, the cops have been called to protect these SEIU members when that have a pro-labor rally or when they are demonstrating against some employer or entity in this town that they feel are not treating them fairly.

They have in the past evoked the name and members of the POA into their speeches when talking about labor solidarity when it has been convenient or beneficial to them.

Then they turn right around and spit in the face of every cop in this town. What a bunch of

one-way Adam Henrys.

(Adam Henry as related to me many years ago by a forgotten party was an individual of questionable integrity and a perennial pain in the side to normal, reasonable people, especially cops).

I spoke to one these finer people about this and was told, "We're not demonstrating against you individually, just as a group in general."

Well Boy Howdy! That just made me feel so much better! It's nice to know that these folks are in the business and practice of profiling cops...at least someone can engage in the behavior of profiling people and get away with it. They don't for one second have to defend themselves from the practice. In fact, they appear to laud it.

Imagine you were a cop assigned to this demo, having to listen to this blatant crap over megaphones and bullhorns for hours on end just to look into the crowd and see some supposedly city of San Francisco labor group marching and screaming against you and your fellow officers. One might find that just a tad sad, disgusting and somewhat frustrating...just another day in the life of a San Francisco cop.

Funny, one of the more "cherished" union slogans is, "An injury to one is an injury to all! What unmitigated horse crap!

I never once saw or heard from any SEIU group or delegation when Isaac Espinoza, Nick-Tomasito Birco or Bryan Tuvera were killed in the Line of Duty...

I guess in the midget mind of Tim Paulson or his like-minded minions when it comes to matters like this, injuries or deaths do not quite cut the mustard when cops are the victims.

In their eyes, we can ONLY be seen as the enemy.

If I wasn't a compassionate, caring person, I might tell them to all to go to hell. But since I am, I won't!

I actually found a group I despise more than the Boston Red Sox...and that's no easy task!



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By Greg Corrales

"It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by the dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions and spends himself in a worthy cause; who at best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who, at worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly; so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory or defeat."

— President Theodore Roosevelt,
1910

Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor the end of World War I, then known as "The Great War." The war officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919. Fighting ceased, however, seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied Nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918 is generally regarded as the end of "the war to end all wars."

In November of 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us, and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

In 1954, after having been through both World War II and the Korean War, the 83rd U.S. Congress, at the urging of the American Legion and other veterans organizations, amended the holiday by replacing the word "Armistice" with the word "Veterans." On June 1, 1954 November 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Joe Brown was born and raised in Tucson, Arizona. He played college football at Ohio State, and then made his way onto the Seattle Seahawks team where he played from 2001-03. The defensive lineman enjoyed his time on the field, but he had a nagging feeling that he should be doing something else.

"I felt like joining the military was something I needed to do," said Brown, now 34. His father had a 26-year career as an Air Force fighter pilot and his grandfather died in a prisoner of war camp during the Korean War. So he joined the Army and became a Ranger, going to Iraq the first time in 2004.

Once back home, Brown decided to get his master's degree while he was still in the Army and then return to the NFL. But by March of 2007, Brown was back in Baghdad for a year-long deployment. Five months into his tour, he was atop a three-story build-

ing calling in airstrikes. As his team was headed down off the roof, Brown fell through a 30-foot stair shaft. He shredded his calf and landed on his face, causing severe brain bleeding. His injuries ended his NFL career.

Today, Brown is athletic coordinator for the Harker Heights Parks and Recreation Department. Wheelchair basketball, hand cycling, and rock climbing are just a few of the sports now offered to disabled residents and veterans. Brown says it's important that the wounded know they are wanted and needed in the community.

"So many of these guys feel broken," Brown said. "The more community based programs we offer them, the better off they will be. Sports programs are good mental outlets."

"Joe is an amazing human being," Harker Heights Mayor Ed Mullen told the (Austin, Texas) American-Statesman. He's something out of a Hollywood movie."

Pfc. Jason Estopinal, a member of 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marines, was killed February 16, 2010 in Helmand province, Afghanistan. The young man from Paulding County, Georgia, had a simple dream — to get a Jeep when he came home. It didn't happen until last week, more than a year after his death, when his parents won the lottery.

Jason's father, also named Jason, said that shortly after his son's death, one of his platoon-mates wrote to say his son had plans to buy a Jeep when he got back from Afghanistan. Because of this wish, his parents take special meaning in their October win in the Georgia Lottery, where they won a new Jeep and \$25,000.00

Jason's mother, Clair, said she believes her son was with her when she bought the winning ticket. "Mostly it's a reminder of him," the Marine's father said. "Looking at the Jeep is a reminder that he's still with us."

Holy Smoke, an Alabama company launched by two game wardens, is attracting interest from service members, police, hunters, and other firearms enthusiasts for its unusual funeral offer. In what company owners say is not so different from spreading a loved one's ashes in a favorite place, the company will add cremated remains to ammunition so the departed can go out with a real bang, numerous bangs, in fact. A pound of cremated ashes is enough to fill about 250 shotgun shells, according to a Reuters report. I don't know about any of you readers, but I'm in! That is exactly my style!

Law enforcement officers that are veterans are continuing the service to this country, and to our communities that we started while in the military. That is one of the reasons that every member of our Department that is a veteran should join the San Francisco Police-Fire Post of the American Legion. We are very anxious to have our newer veterans join the post, especially the female veterans who are very under-represented. Meetings are on the second Tuesday of every month at the Veteran's War Memorial Building, 401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 212. Meetings start at 1800 hours.

Semper Fidelis, Pfc. Jason Estopinal,
Rest in Peace!



Guardians of the City

By Liane Corrales

On October 17, 2011 at 5:04 PM, the bells tolled slowly and eerily throughout Station 10 of the San Francisco Fire Department, to commemorate the 22nd anniversary of the Loma Prieta Earthquake. Many of us were working that day, when our city shook as our Giants were preparing to play in the World Series (I was in a radio car at Candlestick Park with by partner).

To commemorate that day, our "Guardians of the City" held a reception at the aforementioned Station 10 of the SFFD. This Station has a small, but extremely interesting fire museum attached to it. They very generously allowed us to display some of our "Guardians of the City" exhibits and artifacts. Upon the conclusion of remarks by Mayor Lee, Police Chief Suhr, and Fire Chief Hayes-White, attendees strolled through the museum, viewing the museum exhibits, as well as the "Guardians of the City" displays.

The feedback we received was very positive and enthusiastic. Attendees were very supportive of our goal of creating a first responders museum. Viewing items that were utilized by the crime fighters of the Barbary Coast

and by the fire fighters who saved our city in 1906 will bring excitement and tears to the eyes of every San Franciscan. The event concluded with a reception, generously hosted by the San Francisco Fire Credit Union.

Our tireless committee has been working toward the opening of the museum for a number of years. This committee includes retired Fire Captain James Lee, Firefighter Paul Barry, Deputy Sheriff Mike Anderson, San Francisco Police Captain Al Casciato, Inspector Liane Corrales, retired Inspector Darlene Ayala, David Ebarle from Department of Emergency Management, and our museum curator, Jamie O'Keefe.

Thanks are due to Chief Greg Suhr, Chief Joanne Hayes-White, and Sheriff Mike Hennessey for their continued support for this project. It should be pointed out that San Francisco is one of the few major cities without a police museum, and the time has come to remedy this unacceptable situation.

We need only look at our SFPD patch to see the phoenix rising out of the ashes of the 1906 earthquake and fire to appreciate the power of our history.

Helping Our Own

The following members of our law enforcement family need our help:

Amanda Amoroso

Amanda Amoroso, daughter of Officer Mike Amoroso of Co. E, Northern Station, is battling cancer. Officer Mike Amoroso has been accepted into the Catastrophic Illness Program FM. He is in need of hours. Only vacation hours can be donated in 8-hour increments on CIP-FM donation form, his number is 001705. Please contact the Behavioral Science Unit at (415) 837-0875 or the POA at (415) 861-5060 for donation forms.

Financial donations can be made directly to The Amanda Amoroso Relief Fund at the SF Police Credit Union, Acct #1378496 — Kevin Martin

Frankie Shouldice

Frankie is the 12-year old son of Inspector Ronan Shouldice of CSI. Frankie is battling leukemia. A "Friends of Frankie Shouldice" account has been established at the SFPCU #1373520

— Marty Halloran

Madeline Cashion

Dear SFPOA —

I am five years old and I have cancer. It's called embryonal rhabdomyosarcoma. I had a surgery to take out a big owie from my tummy. Now, I am taking medicine through my tubbies to get the rest of the owie out of my tummy. The medicine is called chemotherapy and it makes my hair fall out. I am in treatment for 46 weeks to get rid of my cancer. I will kick the owie's booty! Thanks for caring!

— Madeline Claire Cashion

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November Has Been Deadly Month for SFPD

14 Officers Killed or Died in Line of Duty

The months of January and November each share a sorrowful distinction. Since the inception of the San Francisco Police Department, fourteen In-the-Line-of-Duty Deaths have occurred in each of these calendar months. The officers killed in November were:

Officer James Guelff

Age: 40
Tour of Duty: 10 years
Badge Number: 1461
Cause of Death: Gunfire
Date of Incident: November 13, 1994
Weapon Used: Rifle; Semi-automatic
Suspect Info: Shot and killed
Officer Guelff succumbed to gunshot wounds sustained the previous day when he was shot by a carjacking suspect. The suspect had carjacked a vehicle in Mountain View and drove to San Francisco where he pushed out the car's owner.

The suspect then drove to Pine Street where he double parked the vehicle. The man opened fire on Officer Guelff with a semi-automatic rifle as the officer approached the vehicle. Officer Guelff emptied his service weapon at the suspect, and was reloading when he was shot again.

The suspect was wearing a ballistic helmet, a flack jacket, and carrying hundreds of rounds of ammunition. Members of the San Francisco Police Department SWAT Team shot and killed the suspect, but not before another officer, a paramedic, and a civilian were wounded by gunfire from the suspect. Officers found the suspect was also in possession of a police scanner, gunpowder, fuses, and three vials of painkiller.

Officer Guelff had served with the San Francisco Police Department for 10 years. He was survived by two children.

Officer John Blessing

Age: 36
Tour of Duty: 12 years
Badge Number: Not available
Cause of Death: Struck by vehicle
Date of Incident: November 14, 1989
Weapon Used: Not available
Suspect Info: Never apprehended

Officer Blessing was struck by a vehicle and killed while in a foot pursuit with a narcotics suspect. While chasing the suspect, Officer Blessing stopped traffic at the corner of Army Street and Folsom Street so he could get into a backup unit when a passing truck stuck him from behind. The narcotics suspect was not apprehended. Officer Blessing had been with the agency for 12 years and was assigned to the Special Operations Task Force. He was survived by his wife and two children.

Officer Douglas E. Gibbs

End of Watch: Wednesday, November 23, 1977
Age: 27
Cause of Death: Gunfire
Weapon Used: Handgun
Suspect Info: Sentenced to life w/out parole
Officer Gibbs was shot and killed as he was placing a man under arrest for pick pocketing. Officer Gibbs was a member of the decoy unit, and after setting up an operation they moved in on a suspect for arrest. When officer

Gibbs apprehended the suspect he placed him on the hood of his car so he could be searching. As Officer Gibbs was conducting the search, another suspect walked up behind him and fired, killed Officer Gibbs. The suspect later surrendered to police and was sentenced to life in prison with no parole. Officer Gibbs was survived by his wife and three daughters.

Officer Herman George

Age: 33
Tour of Duty: 4 years
Cause of Death: Gunfire
Date of Incident: November 13, 1967
Weapon Used: Rifle; .30 caliber
Officer George was shot and killed as he sat in the Hunters Point Project Police Station. Three assailants opened fire with a .30-caliber rifle as Officer George and two other officers were typing reports. Officer George was killed and another officer was wounded. Officer George had been a member of the San Francisco Police Department for four years, and is survived by his wife and four children. He was survived by his wife and four children.

Officer Cornelius Brosnan

End of Watch: Monday, November 15, 1937
Cause of Death: Automobile accident
Date of Incident: November 15, 1937
Officer Brosnan was killed in an automobile accident while on duty.

Officer Charles Rogerson

Age: 32
Tour of Duty: 6 years
Cause of Death: Struck by vehicle
Date of Incident: November 24, 1930
Suspect Info: Not available
Officer Rogerson was killed when a vehicle stuck him as he helped a woman cross Geary Street at Eighth Avenue. The driver later stated he was blinded by the sunlight and did not see the officer in the street. Officer Rogerson had been with the agency for six years and was survived by his mother and sister.

Officer Frederick N. Spooncer

End of Watch: Saturday, November 24, 1928
Age: Not available
Cause of Death: Automobile accident
Date of Incident: November 24, 1928
Weapon Used: Not available
Suspect Info: Not available
Officer Spooncer was killed in an automobile accident while on duty.

Officer Joseph G. Conroy

End of Watch: Monday, November 5, 1923
Age: 30
Cause of Death: Struck by vehicle
Date of Incident: November 5, 1923
Suspect Info: Not available
Officer Conroy was stuck by a vehicle and killed while directing traffic at the corner of Fourth Avenue and Geary Street. Officer Conroy had been with the agency for less than a year and was survived by his wife and three brothers who were all members of the San Francisco Police Department.

Detective Sergeant Antone Schoembs

Cause of Death: Gunfire
Date of Incident: November 19, 1919
Weapon Used: Officer's handgun
Suspect Info: Convicted
Sergeant Schoembs was shot and killed as he attempted to arrest car thieves. Sergeant Schoembs and his partner were trailing a vehicle with stolen license plates. Sergeant Schoembs jumped onto the running board of the vehicle was attempted to arrest the suspect when one of the men twisted Sergeant Schoembs gun from his hand and shot him. The two suspects were later apprehended in Santa Clara County. As the deputies drove the suspects to jail in the stolen car one of the reached under the seat and produced a handgun and shot one of the deputies. The other deputy was able to apprehend the suspects, who then confessed to murdering Sergeant Schoembs. Sergeant Schoembs was survived by his wife and to children.

Corporal Frederick Cook

Cause of Death: Gunfire
Date of Incident: November 24, 1915
Weapon Used: Gun; Unknown type
Suspect Info: Shot and killed
Corporal Cook was shot and killed in a shootout with an armed robbery suspect. Officers had chased the suspects 40 blocks through San Francisco. Once the vehicle was finally stopped a shootout ensued and Corporal Cook and one of the suspects were fatally wounded. The suspect's accomplices were also arrested and charged with armed robbery and murder. Two were sentenced to life in prison and one was sentenced to seven years probation.

Officer Thomas Finnely

Cause of Death: Gunfire
Date of Incident: November 26, 1911
Weapon Used: Handgun; Flare gun
Suspect Info: Not available
Officer Finnely and Officer Charles Castor were shot and killed when they attempted to arrest a suspect that was wanted for murder in Veley, Greece. The officer were informed by an informant that the suspect would be arriving in San Francisco on that day at the Ferry Building. When the officers attempted to arrest the suspect they were both shot by the suspect. The suspect also shot and killed the informant, who pointed him out to the police.

Officer Charles F. Castor

Tour of Duty: 22 years
Badge Number: 314
Cause of Death: Gunfire
Date of Incident: November 26, 1911
Weapon Used: Gun; Unknown type
Suspect Info: Not available
Officer Castor and Officer Thomas Finnely were shot and killed when they attempted to arrest a suspect that was wanted for murder in Veley, Greece. The officer were informed by an informant that the suspect would be arriving in San Francisco on that day at the Ferry Building. When the officers attempted to arrest the suspect they were both shot by the suspect. The suspect also shot and killed the informant, who pointed him out to the police. Officer Castor had served with the agency for 22 years. He was survived by his wife and six sons.

Chief of Police William J. Biggy

Age: 41
Tour of Duty: 8 years
Cause of Death: Drowned
Date of Incident: November 30, 1908
Chief William Biggy drowned after he fell overboard from the police launch Patrol. Chief Biggy had served with the agency for eight years and is buried in Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery, Colma, California.

Officer George P. O'Connell

Age: 49
Tour of Duty: Not available
Badge Number: Not available
Cause of Death: Gunfire
Date of Incident: November 16, 1906
Weapon Used: Handgun; Revolver
Suspect Info: One shot and killed, two arrested

Officer O'Connell was shot and killed when three masked suspects tried to rob a saloon he was a patron in. Officer O'Connell opened fire, killing one suspect, but was fatally wounded by one of the suspects. He died two hours later at the hospital. The two other suspects escaped, but were later arrested.

To read more about the brave and selfless San Francisco police officers who have died in the line of duty, visit: www.odmp.org/agency/3445-san-francisco-police-department-california

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The Night Investigations Unit

By Lieutenant William D. Canning
Northern Station

I am in the sunset of my career with the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD). It is an honor to be a member of the SFPD family and a privilege to interact with the men and women who valiantly serve the City of San Francisco every day. I have served in Stations of the Field Operations Bureau (FOB) and Details of the Bureau of Investigations. As an Inspector of Police, I spent nearly 12 years in the Night Investigations Unit (NIU). I was there during its inception in 1990. Sadly NIU was disbanded four years after I returned to Patrol. NIU, its individual members, and my experiences there, played a big part in the development of my career with the SFPD. I decided to write this article to recognize the members of the Night Investigations Unit who soared the evening hours investigating crimes and searching for suspects just like our mascot, "The Owl," soars the night in search of its prey.

NIU was formed in July 1990 to address the need of having Inspectors available to investigate crimes and accidents 24 hours a day. Prior to that, each Detail within the Bureau of Investigations assigned "on call" Inspectors to handle incidents occurring after hours, on holidays, and on weekends. There were two major problems with "on call." First, an Inspector, usually at home, gave advice over the phone and did not respond to the scene. Second, if the Inspector decided to respond, he would usually respond from a distant city like Novato or Concord. The patrol officers would have to secure and maintain the crime scene for approximately 1 to 2 hours before the on-call Inspector could arrive on the scene.

In 1989, Frank Jordan was the Chief of Police. There had not been a promotional examination given for the ranks of Sergeant or Inspector since 1983. In 1989 separate exams were finally given for both ranks. In 1990, newly promoted Sergeants were assigned to "Patrol" and newly promoted Inspectors were assigned to the "Bureau of Investigations." Those who were "dual rank" (promoted from both the Sergeant and

the Inspector lists) were also assigned to the Bureau of Investigations.

In 1990, Frank Reed was the Deputy Chief of Investigations and Richard Cairns was the Captain of the Investigations Bureau. They assigned Lieutenant John Carlin as the Officer in Charge (OIC) of the newly formed Night Investigations Unit. Lt. Carlin was transferred from Central Station to NIU. His mission was to take command of 13 newly promoted patrol officers and train them to become criminal investigators. Those 13 original investigators were:

Sgt/Insp. Jim Bosch
Sgt/Insp. Rick Bruce
Sgt/Insp. Tom Buckley
Sgt/Insp. Larry Camilleri
Sgt/Insp. Bill Canning
Sgt/Insp. Ken Esposto
Inspector Paul Falconer
Inspector Loral Hall
Inspector Jeff Levin
Sgt/Insp. Dave Oberhoffer
Sgt/Insp. Mike Puccinelli
Sgt/Insp. Lonnie Ramlan
Inspector Jim Spillane

Sgt/Insp. Gary Elsenbroich was the only veteran investigator who volunteered to be a full time member of NIU and assist in training the newly promoted investigators assigned there. Inspectors Ken King and Joe Pieralde volunteered to be detailed to NIU for the first month to assist with the training. There was no POST ICI Investigators' Core Course training at that time. The only training available was a 5-day orientation at the academy. This training consisted of a "Show and Tell" briefing by members of each Detail from the Bureau of Investigations. Basically, the Inspectors told us, "these are the forms we use in our Detail and they all go in this folder called a case file."

We were pretty much left on our own to figure out how to investigate cases. We began investigating crimes like Patrol Officers and not Inspectors. We started out like the old "S" Squad from the early 1980's; Lt. Carlin told us where crimes were being committed and we'd "saturate" the area. If we made an arrest, we wrote a report, put the report in a case file with some RAP

Sheets, and routed the packet to the appropriate Detail. We didn't do the follow-up investigations or rebookings. We left that for the Inspectors at the Day Watch Details. As you can imagine, this frustrated the Day Watch Details.

NIU Inspectors were having fun running around at night making lots of arrests and this created more cases for the Inspectors at the Day Watch Details to rebook. Additionally, when NIU was formed the "on-call" pay was significantly reduced or even eliminated from most of the

Day Watch Details. These things caused some resentment. Within a few months, NIU started investigating our own cases, completing the follow-up work, and the rebooking. Not only did NIU eliminate most of their "on-call" pay but because many of the exciting incidents occurring at night, NIU was also taking most if not all of the "good" cases.

Another source of resentment or frustration between NIU and the Day Watch Details was the 10-hour workday. In 1989, the 10-hour day was new to the San Francisco Police Department and was specifically offered to Patrol. The 10-hour day was a perk for those officers working in Patrol. It changed the desire of many officers to promote to the rank of Inspector and transfer out of Patrol. Before the 10-hour day, Patrol Officers worked an eight-hour shift with rotating days off. During that rotation, officers had to work as many as seven days straight before they had three days off. Officers could never work less than 5 days straight and only had a couple of weekends off every other month. During that time, many officers wanted to get promoted to the rank of Inspector so they could get off of the night watch and have weekends off.

NIU was the first detail within the Bureau of Investigations to get the 10-hour day work schedule. It was a perk for the NIU Inspector who had to basically work a modified midnight shift and weekends. The Inspectors from the day watch were not anxious to sign-up to work nights and weekends although the 10-hour workday schedule was appealing and made them think about it.

Eventually NIU was operational from 1800 hours to 0600 hours, 7 days a week. NIU had 14 Inspectors that would respond anywhere in the city within 15 minutes of being notified. Patrol loved NIU; the 1½ hour wait for an Inspector was reduced to an average of 15 minutes, Patrol Officers were able to get away from a crime scene and quickly get back to patrol, and Patrol Officers were in constant contact with an Inspector. Because of the citywide coverage, NIU Inspectors were assigned most if not all of the "Hot" cases. Once again, with the exception of the Homicide Detail, this took overtime away from the Day Watch Details.

The NIU members fondly labeled themselves as "The Bastards of the Bureau" because certain Day Watch Detail Inspectors despised us for the reasons mentioned above. This resentment caused members of NIU to consider their selves more a part of the Field Operations Bureau (Patrol) than the Bureau of Investigations.

Within a few months, Acting Lieutenant John Madden, Insp. Bob C. Davis, Sgt/Insp. Mark Mahoney, Sgt/Insp. Tim Foley and Sgt/Insp. Mark Potter transferred into NIU. With the additional Lieutenant and Inspectors, NIU was divided into two teams. Due to Rick Bruce's administrative expertise, he developed the "platooning schedule" which NIU implemented.

With NIU members working between 1800 to 0600 hours, the SFPD



agreed to budget an Assistant District Attorney to handle the rebookings at night. Jerry Eisenberg agreed to be the Night ADA. He rebooked our cases, reviewed and approved our arrest warrants, reviewed and approved our search warrants, and was available at night for legal advice.


When John Carlin and John Madden were transferred out of the Night Investigations Unit, Lieutenant Dan Lawson became the new OIC of NIU. He made a senior Sgt/Insp. the team leader for each of the two teams. They supervised their teams and were responsible for assigning the cases that came in from the Operation Center.

Dan Lawson had an extensive training background. He taught at the Academy and was a criminology instructor at the City College of San Francisco. In 1995, he was tasked with the responsibility of developing a program to train future Inspectors. He drew on his expertise and sought the advice and experience of the members of NIU. I had recently completed the ICI Core Course in Sacramento and briefed Dan Lawson on the program. After several meetings with POST, The SFPD became a sponsor of the Robert Presley Institute of Criminal Investigations (ICI) Core Course. Inspector Dan Dougherty was the NIU Day Liaison Officer during this time. He became the SFPD POST ICI Core Course Coordinator and some of the members of NIU became instructors. Eventually, all SFPD investigators attended the ICI Core Course as part of their investigations training.

Eventually NIU members gained more experience. NIU was given specialized training in accident and arson investigations. Each member attended the Basic POST ICI Arson and Explosives training and began responding to fires to assist the San Francisco Fire Department with arson investigations. NIU investigated all fatal and serious traffic collisions occurring throughout the city at night. Several NIU investigators attended and received ICI POST Certificates in Homicide, Robbery, Burglary, and Fraud investigations.

The main responsibility of NIU was investigating violent crimes. Drive-by shootings escalated in the early 1990's. Kidnappings were common occurrences. Home Invasion robberies were also popular. Many of these violent incidents involved gang members. NIU investigated many gang cases and worked closely with the Gang Task Force. As a result, members of NIU were familiar with the locations of the different gangs and their members throughout the city.

NIU investigated Domestic Violence Cases that occurred at night until the Domestic Violence Response Unit was continued on page 11



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PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

November 24, 1993

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Subject: Aggravated Assault of Homeless Man/Arrests Made

Contact: Inspectors Bill Canning and Jeff Levin
553-9180

San Francisco Police Chief Anthony Ribera announced today that three individuals have been arrested in the case of an aggravated assault of Dennis McCormick as he lay sleeping in an apartment building doorway. The victim was doused with rubbing alcohol and set on fire by the suspects. In announcing today's arrests Chief Ribera said:

"This is a combination of excellent police work on the part of Inspectors from the Night Investigations Unit and cooperation from citizens who came forward to offer assistance. The result was the arrest of one adult and two juveniles we believe are responsible for this cold hearted attack of a defenseless man. It is important that these three individuals charged with this violent, callous assault are off the streets of the City."

Arrested 11/23/93/ at 6:00 P.M.
Richard A. Henry WM 11/26/73
Charged with: Attempted Murder, Aggravated Mayhem, Torture, Assault by Means likely to Cause Great Bodily Injury, Assault with a Deadly Weapon.
Held at San Francisco County Jail in lieu of \$2 million bail.

Juvenile Male 15 years old, held at Juvenile Hall
Charged with: Attempted Murder, Aggravated Mayhem.

Arrested 11/24/93 at 12:05 A.M.
Juvenile Male 17 years old
Charged with: Attempted Murder, Aggravated Mayhem.
Held at Juvenile Hall

These charges carry a maximum penalty upon conviction of life in prison.

NEWS RELEASE

1993 Press Release of Arson Capture.

The Night Investigations Unit

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created. NIU members were always the first investigators on scene at homicides that occurred at night. NIU members assisted Homicide Investigators but did not investigate homicides. Likewise, NIU members assisted with Narcotic, Fraud, and Sex Crime incidents but rarely investigated them. Because NIU was centrally located and investigated a variety of crimes throughout the entire city, we were able to quickly recognize crime patterns and crime series. Our rapport with the plainclothes officers at district stations and our personal knowledge of career criminals, helped us to know where to focus our investigations and who to focus them on.

NIU evolved into an elite investigative entity due to the various backgrounds and expertise of its individual members. To name a few; Gary Elsenbroich was experienced in search warrants and auto theft investigations, Robert Guinan was experienced in search warrants and vice-gambling investigations, Bob Davis was experienced in search warrants and vice-prostitution investigations, John Troche was experienced

later, his client confessed to me and was sentenced to State Prison. I didn't get a lot of snot but I got some tears from the suspect and some four-letter words from the defense attorney.

There were many exciting times because members of NIU were involved in many "High Profile" cases. Members of NIU were involved in Officer Involved Shootings, lengthy high speed vehicle pursuits of felons, coordinated search warrant executions, numerous robbery series investigations, and investigations involving celebrities. On two separate occasions, the Robbery Detail was investigating armed robbery series occurring during the daytime in specific neighborhoods. The Robbery Detail requested NIU's assistance. NIU had a suspect description and saturated the areas for a couple of days. In one of the series, the suspect was spotted casing his next victim and immediately arrested after a short struggle. In the other series, the suspect was spotted and attempted to flee. He was shot and killed by Sgt/Insp. Camilleri when he pointed his gun at the pursuing NIU Inspectors.

Members of NIU gave plenty of in-



NIU Christmas Dinner December 5, 1995.

Night Investigations Unit Guideline and Resource Manual.

Members of NIU gained a lot of investigative experience in various crimes in a short period of time. This experience aided the dual-rank investigators in future promotions. Fifteen NIU dual-rank investigators became commissioned officers; one Deputy Chief, one Commander, 5 Captains, and nine Lieutenants:

Deputy Chief	Richard Bruce
Commander	Michael Puccinelli
Captain	Valerie Agard
Captain	Gary Jimenez
Captain	Donna Meixner
Captain	George Stasko
Captain	Garret Tom
Lieutenant	Thomas Buckley
Lieutenant	William Canning
Lieutenant	Timothy Foley
Lieutenant	Mark Mahoney
Lieutenant	David Oberhoffer
Lieutenant	Lawrence Ramlan
Lieutenant	Simon Silverman
Lieutenant	James Spillane
Lieutenant	Robert Yick

Of the 13 original members of the Night Investigations Unit, only two stayed from the unit's inception in July of 1990 until it was disbanded in January of 2005. They were Laurel Hall and Paul Falconer. At the time of this writing, 8 of the original members have retired and 5 getting close. The five are Jim Bosch, Tom Buckley, Ken Esposto, Jeff Levin and I.

The following is a list of the men and women who were assigned members of NIU. Some were there for years while others were there for only a few months. This list does not include many of those individuals who came to NIU during their investigation training cycle.

Lieutenant John Carlin, Lieutenant John Madden, Sgt/Insp. Jim Bosch, Sgt/Insp. Rick Bruce, Sgt/Insp. Tom Buckley, Sgt/Insp. Larry Camilleri,

Sgt/Insp. Bill Canning, Sgt/Insp. Ken Esposto, Inspector Paul Falconer, Inspector Laural Hall, Inspector Jeff Levin, Sgt/Insp. Dave Oberhoffer, Sgt/Insp. Mike Puccinelli, Sgt/Insp. Lonnie Ramlan, Inspector Jim Spillane, Sgt/Insp. Gary Elsenbroich, Inspector Bob Davis, Sgt/Insp. Mark Mahoney, Sgt/Insp. Jake Stasko, Sgt/Insp. Mark Potter, Sgt/Insp. Tim Foley, Sgt/Insp. John Troche, Sgt/Insp. Gary Jimenez, Inspector Dan Yawzak, Sgt/Insp. Bob Guinan, Sergeant Matt Krimsky, Sgt/Insp. Raj Vaswani, Sgt/Insp. Kevin Cleary, Sgt/Insp. Valerie Agard, Sgt/Insp. Garret Tom, Sgt/Insp. Phil Wong, Sgt/Insp. Tim Brophy, Inspector Jim Garritty, Sgt/Insp. Rick Martin, Inspector Ray Luk, Sgt/Insp. Donna Meixner, Sergeant Johnny Velasquez, Inspector Brian Danker, Sgt/Insp. Ted Mullin, Sgt/Insp. Sergio Chin, Sgt/Insp. Mike Serujo, Sgt/Insp. Simon Silverman, Inspector Clint Wilmerding, Inspector Dan Dougherty, Inspector Lynne Atkinson, Inspector Sydney Laws, Inspector Yvonne Pratt, Sgt/Insp. Robert Yick, Officer Sandy Ganster, Inspector Jim Ramsey, Sgt/Insp. Steve Morimoto, Sgt/Insp. Brian Ogawa, Inspector Jim Custer, Sgt/Insp. Dave Toschi, Officer Laura Bianchi, Inspector Lynne Richardson, Inspector William Gonzalez, Lieutenant Dan Lawson, Lieutenant Judie Pursell, Lieutenant Rick Parry, Lieutenant Tony Fotinos, Lieutenant Henry Hunter, Lieutenant Lou Casanego, and Lieutenant Henry Parra.

NIU had a positive impact on the careers of its members and on the history of the SFPD. NIU played a valuable role in the manner in which investigations are conducted today. As I reflect upon my years of experience in the Department, I have an appreciation for the influence and selfless service of those individuals I had the pleasure of knowing and working with. When I see the NIU logo, I feel a sense of pride to have belonged to such an outstanding unit.



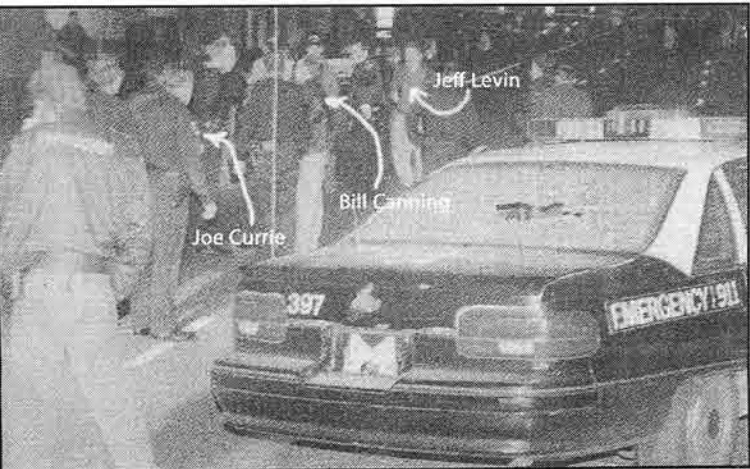
NIU January 1, 2001.

in narcotic investigations, Phil Wong was experienced in Asian gang investigations, Jake Stasko and Mark Potter were experienced in Tactical matters, Cal Nutting and Gary Jimenez were experienced in robbery investigations, Matthew Krimsky was experienced in accident investigations and the vehicle code, Tim Brophy was an expert in surveillance, tracking, and auto burglary, and Jeff Levin was experienced in accident investigations, arson investigations, and legal updates.

The majority of the members were very efficient at interviews and interrogations. Sgt/Insp. Buckley would say, "If you don't get snot, it's not a good confession." The best complement I ever received from a defense attorney was during an interview. The attorney told his client, "don't say anything to this Inspector; he can get a confession out of a head of cabbage!" Two days

interviews and had a good rapport with members of the media. TV and movie crime storywriters and actors regularly came on "ride-alongs" with members of NIU. The Learning Channel and other educational programs also did "ride-alongs" and filmed programs with members of NIU.

The SFPD and many of its members benefited over the years from the Night Investigations Unit. Most of the current sergeants, lieutenants, and investigators received some form of training and instruction from one or more members of NIU. Some of the investigative forms: Cold Show Admonition, Photographic Line-up Admonition, Suspension of Investigation, Medical Release, etc. were developed or standardized by members of NIU. The current SFPD Investigations Manual originated and was updated from the



1994 Guelff Murder Scene Photo ID.



Homicide Scene March 20, 1996.



Oberhoffer, Buckley, Ramian and Canning, about 1992.

A Holiday Dream

By Aimee Gonzales

I am a 22 year old young woman and I believe in Santa Claus. That's right everybody, Santa is real. My definition of Santa Claus may perhaps be a different version than your typical mental image of a jolly-round man with a white beard, a red suit and a sleigh pulled by reindeers. My Santa Claus is bigger than that, my Santa is greater.

I believe that Santa Claus is an entity. He is a gesture. A gesture of kindness, goodwill and selfless generosity. When I was only a little girl, growing up in the rough neighborhood of Bayview-Hunters Point in San Francisco, times were simply not easy. I was faced with certain obstacles an average 8 year old normally would not encounter.



Aside from not understanding my family's financial instability, leading to weeks of Top Ramen dinners and unclean clothes, I struggled with the trouble that came from having white skin in a predominately black neighborhood. I would never fit in because of my appearance, but in time I found a way to stand out and still fit in. I got involved.

Getting involved got me a long way. Programs like S.F.P.D.'s Operation Dream gave me a home. Having a home means feeling safe and makes you feel like you always have somewhere to go. As a child, I was a recipient of Christmas toys from Operation Dream's annual Toy Drive. I participated in the Bret Harte school play each year, done by the Kidstock program that worked with Dream. I went to my first circus, my first ski trip and to Disneyland with Operation Dream.

Growing up I could not help but feel like I was worth less than I am, having gone without some of the necessities most people take for granted in life, and having dealt with cruel and prejudiced treatment by my peers and sometimes my community. But Operation Dream helped me shine like the star that I was. It was the opportunity to be a part of something, the SFPD Officers and the Operation Dream team who cared about us. It was this ongoing support that provided the perfect distraction from the harsh realities of being raised in a tough, low-income neighborhood.

I am blessed.

I didn't have an age when I stopped believing in Santa Claus. I had only a moment. I clearly remember that it was the day after my 8th Christmas. I barely received any presents, and nothing from Santa. I was devastated.



I marched right up to my mom and I told her that Santa was not real because he didn't get me anything for Christmas, at least not even close to what I had hoped for. My mom told me the only thing she could. She told me the truth. She told me that Santa Claus lives inside of people who live among us. They are the San Francisco Police Officers who were devoting their time and efforts to get me Christmas presents that year. I believed her and she couldn't have been more right.

My journey from Bayview-Hunters Point was an adventurous one, filled with its fair share of ups and downs, and has certainly taken me far. In December I get to call myself a college graduate. I will be graduating from Sonoma State University with a bachelor's degree in Communications and a minor in German. I have been employed part-time since I was 16, living on my own since I was 17, and I have studied abroad in Europe for more than a year. I have everything I could have ever hoped for in life. Now I have the opportunity to give back, something I have wanted to do for a long time.

My story has taken me full circle. Now I am Dreams' newest team member. I am the Operation Dream Holiday Toy Patrol intern, and will have the chance to be on the giving end this time. Now that I am having the chance to work behind the scenes, I know that the entity that I believed to be Santa is really many people and loads of effort all strung together to make magical things happen. Santa wears a blue suit with a star, a SF 49er uniform, and the many looks of the countless volunteers on the Dream Team.

Because I have never had the chance to do so before, I guess now it's my turn to say a special thanks to the many "Santas" of my childhood, who continue to contribute to this great cause today. Thank you to the San Francisco 49ers and the 49er Foundation. Thank you to the S.F.P.D. and the S.F. Police Officers Association. Thank you to the Dream team and all my new co-workers. Dreams could not come true for all our kids without your ongoing support and assistance.

This is your chance to help us by taking part in a cause that goes far beyond the joy of having a beautiful, shiny toy for the Holidays. It's a chance to make a child feel cared for and loved, two of the most important elements of a child's positive personal development. We will be collecting toys and donations at the San Francisco 49er game December 4th against the St. Louis Rams at Candlestick Park. You can also put a toy in our barrels at the SFPOA Office or any of the 10 SFPD District Stations during the Holidays. Help me make our special magic for all our children in S.F. Public Housing. My best wishes for a wonderful Holiday Season.

2011 CCSF Combined Charities Campaign

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Friends and Colleagues:

The annual City & County of San Francisco Employees' Combined Charities Campaign is underway. As the nation continues to struggle through difficult economic times, amongst the most impacted are charitable organizations. Many of you know that I have been deeply involved with a non-profit organization for several years. That organization, Blind Babies Foundation, was there to guide, counsel, and mentor my family through the task of rearing and educating a blind child. My daughter Caitlin, now 21 years old, was served by Blind Babies Foundation from birth to 5 years old. Caitlin, a senior at U.C. Santa Cruz, will graduate next year with a degree in Literature.

Through home visits provided at no charge, Blind Babies Foundation's Vision Impairment Specialists help parents move from crisis to self-sufficiency. Blind Babies Foundation provides services including parent education, connecting families to resources, accompanying families on medical visits, administering visual and developmental assessments, and helping families to network.

If you plan to participate in this year's Combined Charities Campaign, please consider making Blind Babies Foundation the recipient of your contribution. Blind Babies Foundation can be found in the "Heart of the City" pamphlet under the "umbrella" group of Local Independent Charities of America, donation code #L2283.

Best wishes for a happy and safe holiday season.

Mark Hernandez
Central Station

Remember BALEAF During Combined Charities This Year!

By Robin Matthews
BALEAF Treasurer

Greetings! Although this year's Combined Charities program is in full swing, there's still time for you to make a donation through the City Wide program to the Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (BALEAF). BALEAF is listed under the Local Independent Charities section of the Combined Charities flyer, and their code number is L2027.

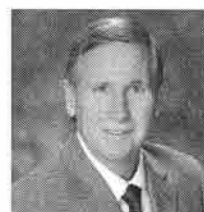
BALEAF was founded in 1999, and provides support to the law enforcement family who have had members killed in the line of duty, have been seriously injured, or who have experienced a catastrophic event. Agencies able to be assisted by BALEAF include members from the San Francisco Police Department and Sheriff's Department, and all law enforcement agencies approximately 2 hours north, south, and east of the Bay Area; however, those who are often helped

the most through BALEAF have been members and family members of the SFPD.

Because of annual donations that are made to BALEAF by everyone on the Board of Directors of the organization, 100% of ALL money that is donated to BALEAF goes directly to programs and services. And, all donations to BALEAF are tax deductible!

For those who either don't donate annually through the Combined Charities Program, or if you've already made your donation through Combined Charities, donations can still be made directly to BALEAF and would be most appreciated! Just mail your check, made out to BALEAF to the Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund, P.O. Box 31764, San Francisco, CA 94131.

Thank you for your continued support. For more information on BALEAF, please go to their website at www.baleaf.org.



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SFPD K9 Unit Attends Event

Pet Food Express Raises Funds for K9 Body Armor

By F. Joseph Leonard-Peray
POA Friend and Supporter

I recently attended the "Cover Your K-9" fundraiser at Pet Food Express on California Street in San Francisco. I took many photos of SFPD Canine Pyro #11, Officer Canales #223, and many of the customers and staff of Pet Food Express. It was a great event in which everyone was so appreciative of the hard work done by the police officers and the police dogs. There were many donations (my mom, Jacqueline, and I both contributed, of course!) I took lots of photos and I would like to grant you permission to publish them in the POA Journal (My family has been a long time subscriber-1973!) - F. Joseph Leonard-Peray

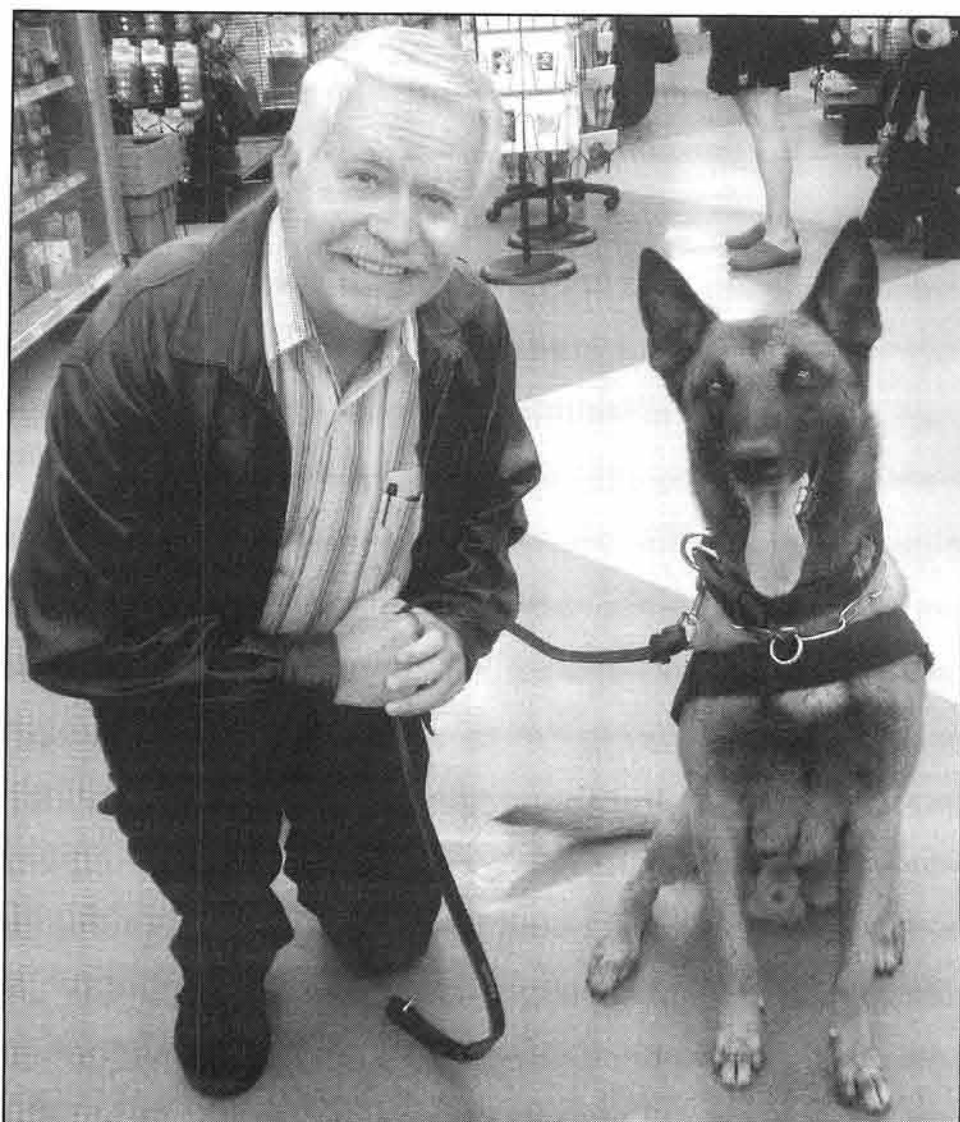
San Francisco Police Department K-9 Pyro was with SFPD Officer Canales at the Pet Food Express on California Street in San Francisco for a fund-raising event to raise money for the Cover Your K-9 Fund. The fund

provides bulletproof vests, trauma kits, heat sensors, and other safety equipment for police dogs. Cover Your K-9 was formed to help California police departments struggling with budget cutbacks.

San Francisco Police Department K-9 Pyro, a Belugum Malinois, and his partner, SFPD Officer Canales were the center of attention of the event. The friendly staff at Pet Food Express was excited to support the fundraising drive. Many customers asked questions about the police dog work, posed for photos, and donated money to the fund.

There are 11 police dogs with the San Francisco Tactical Unit in which four are crossed trained in the Explosive Unit and seven in the Narcotics Unit. The Narcotics Unit has two full-time dogs, while the Muni Unit has five bomb sniffing dogs. The San Francisco Airport has a unit that consists of twelve police dogs. US Customs has a separate Federal program where dogs search for illegal agriculture and money (the dogs can smell the ink on large amounts of money).

There are many police dogs around the Bay Area that need of safety equipment and training. For more information or to make a donation, go to www.coveryourk9.org or send a check to the "Cover Your K-9 Fund", P.O. Box 620629, Woodside CA 94062.



The author poses with SFPD K-9 named Pyro.

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Deferred Compensation Program

Retirement Board Approves Target Date Funds

By Mike Hebel, Financial Correspondent
Certified Financial Planner

At its meeting of October 12, 2011 the Retirement Board voted to replace the 3 deferred compensation portfolios (long/mid/short term) with Target Date Funds. The Board selected Russell Investments to propose the asset class weights and asset allocations for the new target date funds. February 2012 was selected as the period in which the transition from the three portfolios (long/mid/short term) to the newly constructed Target Date Funds.

Target Date Funds

Target date funds, which generally start shifting to a more conservative mix of investments as participants approach their retirements, are becoming increasingly prevalent savings options. According to a recent Charles Schwab survey, 76% of employers offer target date funds in their 401(k) plans. Target date portfolios exploded in popularity following the introduction of the Pension Protection Act signed by President George Bush in August 2006. In February 2012, the CCSF deferred compensation 457 plan will join this ever growing group of employers.

Target date fund strategies shift participants' monies away from stocks in favor of bonds and cash as the

participant approaches a retirement date. This stock market exposure "derisking" strategy is commonly called a glide path. Russell Investments has proposed target date fund allocations for participants currently retired as well as those planning to retire in 2015, 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040, 2045, 2050, and 2055. Russell Investments will use US stocks (large and small cap) international stocks, emerging market stocks, global real estate investment trusts, global commodities, global infrastructure, and global high yield/emerging market debt for its growth category. For its capital preservation category it will use US fixed income, treasury inflation protected securities, and short duration bonds.

Target date funds help individual investors with the trade-off between investing in a portfolio that provides moderate risk protection on the downside and a portfolio with high upside potential. While an aggressive (stock heavy) portfolio generally, over a lifetime investment cycle (20-30 years) delivers more end-term wealth, it does so with more volatility. Target date funds call for higher levels of stocks at the beginning of a planning period with the percentage of assets devoted to stocks diminishing over time. The sought after objective of these funds is to achieve higher returns, over the

investment cycle, with less risk. The use of target date funds may hold great promise because most investors, as studies consistently document, are notoriously bad investors making poor decisions about asset allocation and chasing returns which subsequently underperform.

The 2008 Market Crash

While target date funds are often touted as a simple and relatively safe way to invest for retirement, the stock market crash in 2008 blindsided many target-date fund investors who were close to retirement. Many of the funds suffered losses as high as 50%. An investor outcry forced fund companies to tinker with their target-date funds' long term strategies and to take steps to make them safer. In the last two years these funds have rebounded.

In my estimation it would be inaccurate to consider target-date funds as "safe" or "low-risk." Their long term growth oriented portfolios can easily suffer double digit annual losses if there are future market collapses similar to that experienced in the 2008 "Great Recession." They are constructed to help manage market risk over a life-time investment cycle rather than to avoid risk since a strategy to avoid risk would likely also produce disappointing long term wealth.

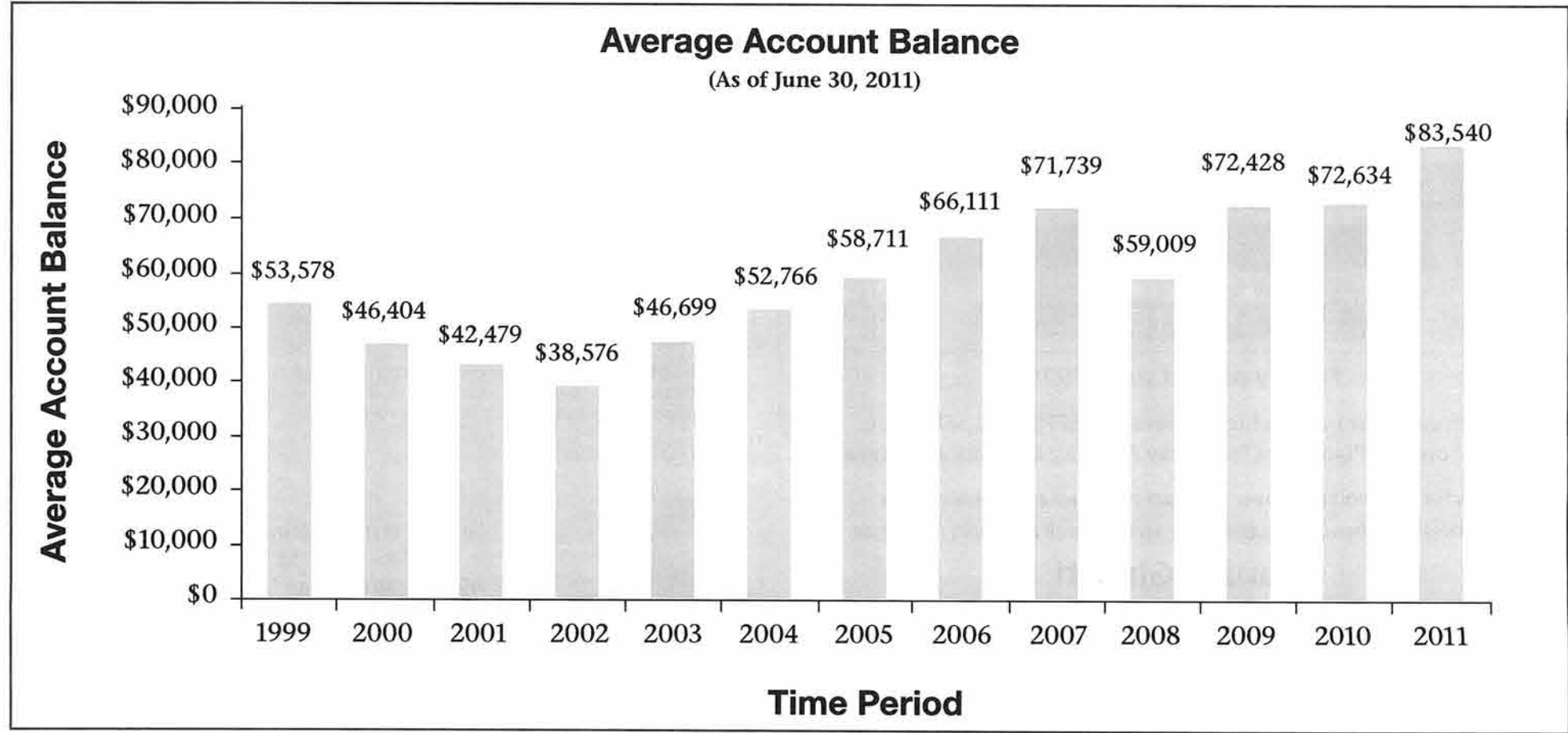
Which Target Date Fund Should I Choose?

The City's deferred compensation plan will provide target date funds for those now in retirement as well as those planning to retire between 2015 and 2055 – at 5 year intervals. It is best to decide what kind of investment portfolio is most appropriate for your situation and risk tolerance. Then choose the target-date fund that fits these needs, regardless of your retirement date.

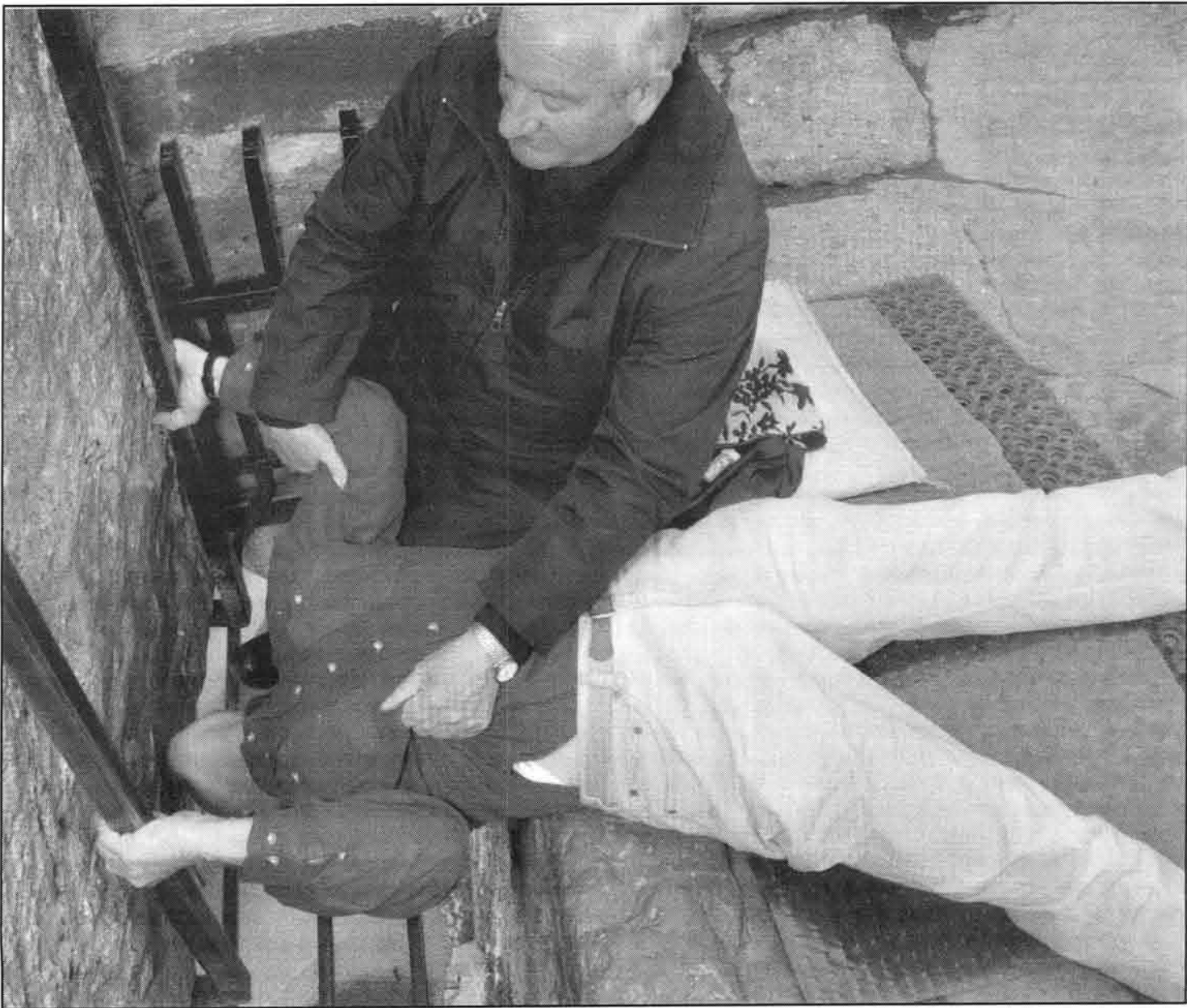
For example, if you are going to retire from city employment in 2020, but plan to undertake post-retirement employment elsewhere and defer beginning distributions from your deferred compensation plan until 2030, then a 2030 target date fund may be most appropriate for you. It will mean owning more stock for a longer period of time, but it is likely to reward your with higher returns.

The deferred compensation plan will shortly announce meetings for participants so that these new target date funds can be fully explained. I would urge you to attend one of these meetings for a target date fund could well be part of your overall investment portfolio.

Age Group Participation and Average Account Balance				Participation by Account Size		Number of Funds Utilized per Participant		
(As of June 30, 2011)				(As of June 30, 2011)		(As of June 30, 2011)		
Age Group	# of Participants	Total Balance	Average Balance	Account Size	Participant Size	# of Funds	# of Participants	Percentage Allocated
25 and under	113	\$912,667	\$8,077	\$1 – \$100,000	16,895	Portfolio	11,493	47%
26–33	1,769	\$30,696,098	\$17,352	\$100,001 – \$200,000	4,581	One	10,227	41%
34–40	3,062	\$116,990,832	\$38,207	\$200,001 – \$300,000	2,156	Two	3,713	15%
41–48	5,158	\$338,958,841	\$65,715	\$300,001 – \$400,000	692	Three	2,904	12%
49–55	5,207	\$450,025,489	\$86,427	\$400,001 – \$500,000	224	Four	2,355	10%
56–58	2,275	\$259,972,092	\$114,273	\$500,001 – \$600,000	100	Five	1,592	6%
59–62	2,945	\$354,537,739	\$120,386	\$600,001 – \$700,000	31	Six	1,170	5%
63–65	1,539	\$197,462,600	\$128,306	\$700,001 – \$800,000	11	Seven	826	3%
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						Total Participant Count		24,705
						Average # of funds being used		2.73



Mike and Gity Hebel recently traveled to Ireland. While there they traveled to the southern County of Cork – location of the Blarney Castle and its internationally famous “Blarney Stone.” Hoping for an infusion of investment acumen, Mike climbed to the top of the Castle and did indeed kiss the “Blarney Stone.” But, as he subsequently learned, investment acumen is not the promise of this Stone — eloquence is. “There is a stone there, that whoever kisses, Oh! He never misses to grow eloquent.”



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Mid Term Portfolio	4.80%	21.64%	5.80%	7.27%	.57%
Near Term Portfolio	3.63%	12.61%	6.89%	6.86%	.48%
International					
International Equity Portfolio	4.67%	29.41%	5.26%	7.93%	.56%
Specialty					
Real Estate					
Real Estate Portfolio	9.47%	33.87%	2.78%	11.59%	1.01%
Small Cap					
Small Cap Core Equity Portfolio	8.48%	38.21%	5.43%	7.12%	.54%
Small Cap Growth Equity Portfolio	9.73%	43.09%	4.63%	5.71%	.32%
Small Cap Value Equity Portfolio	7.24%	33.45%	5.92%	10.84%	.76%
Mid Cap					
Mid Cap Core Equity Portfolio	8.55%	34.29%	6.72%	10.91%	.99%
Mid Cap Growth Equity Portfolio	7.18%	39.46%	6.19%	9.40%	.77%
Mid Cap Value Equity Portfolio	6.44%	39.31%	4.09%	9.66%	.80%
Large Cap					
Large Cap Core Equity-Active	4.38%	28.21%	2.69%	6.17%	.92%
Large Cap Growth Equity	5.00%	30.87%	3.89%	6.34%	.56%
Large Cap Core Social Equity	4.50%	26.57%	.48%	.77%	.16%
Large Cap Core Equity-S&P 500	6.01%	30.67%	2.97%	2.74%	.05%
Large Cap Value Equity	5.73%	26.97%	N/A	-3.31%	.49%
Bonds					
SFDCP Core Bond Portfolio	2.99%	5.93%	8.85%	7.37%	.47%
Stable Value					
Stable Value Portfolio	3.40% annualized				

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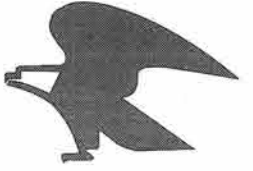
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I know your jobs aren't easy and I am ashamed at the demonstrations going on surrounding the shooting of a criminal and suspected murderer, who fired at police officers. Though it appears those who are riled up over this are in the few. I still feel compelled to express, that your service to the community is still highly valued. Few have what it takes to do what you do each day. And I am honored to send this letter and say,

*Thank you and Bless you,
Debbie Cecile*

Dear SFPOA —

Thank you for having our mom in your thoughts and sending the beautiful flower arrangement. It is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

The Petterson Family

Dear SFPOA —

Thank you very much for the flower arrangement. We also really appreciate your support and condolences.

Matt Sullivan & Family

Dear POA Brothers and Sisters —

Thank you for the beautiful flowers for my father's funeral. They were the most beautiful display at the mortuary. It was noted by many family and friends the fine showing by SFPD officers. This is why the POA and the SFPD are so special. My father was truly honored by your

presence. It was great to see so many retirees and hear the great stories and fond memories.

God bless.

The Rosko Family

Dear SFPOA —

Thank you very much for the generous scholarship award I recently received! What a great send-off as I pack my bags to leave this week for the New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music!

*With Gratitude,
Chris Jefferies*

Dear SFPOA —

I am writing you today in regard to the scholarship of \$750. I would like to thank you on the behalf of myself and my family. The money has provided me with so many more opportunities.

As a freshman at Sonoma State University, I plan to receive a bachelor's degree and transfer to a graduate school. I'm not sure what I would like to major in yet, but it will probably be something in the medical field. I've always wanted to dedicate my life to helping others.

The money has allowed my family to not feel the pressure of rising tuition costs. I never knew how expensive college was! My father was out of work last year for almost ten months, and I didn't know how my family was going to afford college. Thankfully your organization was able to provide my family with assistance.

I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart. I apologize this letter is so late from the day I was notified that I received a scholarship. School has been overloading me with work and my family has recently had some hardship, but I wanted to make sure your organization was aware of my extreme gratitude. Thank you so very much again for investing in not only my education, but investing in me as well.

*Sincerely,
Amanda DeFoe*

Dear SFPOA —

Thank you for taking the time to read my essay on "How has America changed in the 10 years since 911 and the death of Osama Bin Laden?" I wanted to thank you and the Committee for choosing me as one of the recipients of the Jeff Barker Scholarship Awards. It is truly an honor and privilege to be part of the S.F.P.D. family. I plan on working hard at Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo to earn my degree and hope one day to follow in my father, Kurt's, and grandfather, Gus', footsteps by becoming one of the City's "Finest."

*Thank you again,
Brett Bruneman*

Dear SFPOA —

I want to thank you and the community service committee for the generous scholarship that I was awarded. It is a great help for me as I begin my freshman year at Butte College. Thank you so much.

*Sincerely,
Erin McEachern*

Dear SFPOA —

Thank you so much for the generous scholarship. Getting the scholarship made it a lot easier for my parents to send me out of state for college. I am currently here at UNR

and enjoying all the campus has to offer. Once again, thank you!

Danny Cuddy

Dear SFPOA —

I would like to thank the members of the POA who selected my scholarship application. The 3rd place finish was more than I could have imagined. The \$2,000.00 was really helpful in paying for books and fees.

Thank You.

Courtney Lewis
(Utah State).

Dear SFPOA —

Thank you very much for the generous scholarship. I am honored to have been awarded the money. With the funds, I was able to purchase all of my books.

*Thank you again,
Connor Clausen*

Dear SFPOA —

This letter is just a small thank you for your scholarship contribution towards my college tuition. Every penny from that \$750 scholarship will not go to waste, and will motivate me to be the best student I can be.

I would also like to say that this scholarship means a lot more than just money to me. It represents hope and trust for me. My parents have given me more than I can ever pay them back, but this scholarship shows them that I care and I do want to use this opportunity that they allowed me to have and be the person that I want to be.

Thank you for choosing my essay portion as a winning essay. It means more to me than you think.

*Sincerely,
Robby Yee*

Dear POA —

Thanks so much for hosting a wonderful golf tournament, dinner, and entertainment. It was a pleasure to be in your company, and I appreciate the opportunity to be a sponsor. Please keep me in mind for your future years in which you need support.

*Yours truly,
Jesse Fowler*

Dear SFPOA —

Thank you for your donation to the Annual Tenderloin Halloween Festival for the children of the Tenderloin community. Your donation will make it a special and enjoyable Halloween for the hundreds of children that live in the Tenderloin neighborhood.

Once again, thanks from all of us at the Tenderloin Police Station for helping us make this possible.

*Very truly yours,
Captain John. J. Garrity
Commanding Officer Tenderloin
Police Station
Officer Mike Torres Permit Officer*

Dear SFPOA —

On behalf of the Blind Babies Foundation board and staff, I would like to thank you for your sponsorship of the Fifth Anniversary of the Blind Babies Foundation "Swing for Kids" Golf Invitational at TPC Stonebrae in Hayward. We are grateful for your participation in this year's event, which will support the work BBF does to help families with children who are blind or who have

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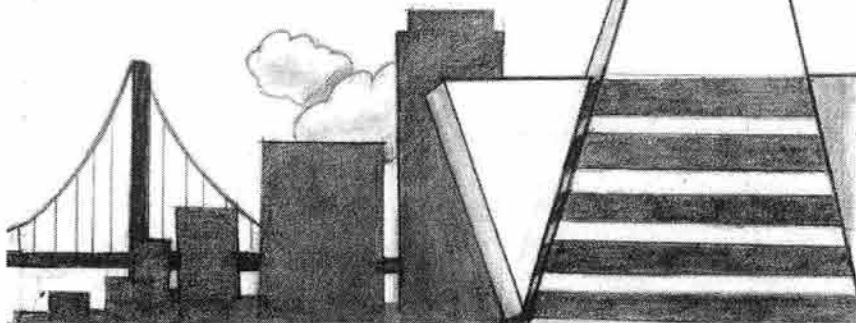
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visual impairments. You can view pictures of all the foursomes on-line at www.bit.ly/swingforkids2011.

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Because of the generous support of people like you, this year's Golf Invitational was a great success. Once again, thank you for your contribution.

Sincerely,
Steven Love
Director of Development
Blind Babies Foundation

Dear SFPOA —

Your gift just arrived along with your meaningful donation. We are deeply touched by your thoughtfulness.

You are an integral part of the Helpers Community and since we are in communion together, we walk with our special, precious people who have suffered so much in their lives — yet bring such joy to each of us.

With affection,
Joy Venturini Bianchi, Director
Helpers of the Mentally Retarded

Dear SFPOA —

On behalf of the San Francisco Veterans Memorial Committee, I would like to thank you for your generous contribution of \$2,500.00 to the War Memorial Gift Fund in support of the San Francisco Veterans Memorial Project, a common cause to honor our nation's military veterans.

Through private donations like yours, we will fulfill the original vision for the San Francisco War Memorial Complex by designing and installing a San Francisco Veterans Memorial to pay tribute to veterans' sacrifices and honor those who have served our nation defending our freedom.

We look forward to keeping you informed on the progress of the Veterans Memorial Project and thank you again for helping us Keep the Promise to our nation's veterans.

Sincerely,
Maj Gen J. Michael Myatt, USMC
(Ret.)

Chair, San Francisco Veterans Memorial
Working Committee War Memorial
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Dear SFPOA —

On behalf of Father John Crews, the Event Committee, and the boys, we would like to thank you for your participation in

Hanna Boys Center's 19th Annual Golf and Tennis Classic, which took place Friday, September 16th at Silverado Golf and Country Club in Napa, California and Monday, September 19th, 2011 at the Sonoma Golf Club in

Sonoma, California. Thank you for your generous contribution.

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

Sincerely,
Kris Van Giesen
Chief Development and Community
Relations Officer
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Dear SFPOA —

We would like to thank: you for your generous donation to the Crime Victims United Classic Cup Golf Tournament.

Crime Victims United Charitable Foundation operates solely on donations and your generous gift will help ensure we will be able to continue our worthwhile work for victims.

Without the support of caring individuals such as yourself and your organization, we would not be able to award the Catina Rose Scholarship to young victims nor provide for Teddy Bear Rooms for children in District Attorneys' offices throughout the state.

As always, we appreciate your continued support of public safety and victims' rights and look forward to seeing you at the tournament.

Sincerely,
Harriet Salarno, Chair
Nina Salarno Ashford, Co-Chair
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Dear SFPOA —

On behalf of the Dominican Sisters, faculty, staff, and students of Immaculate Conception Academy, we thank you for your purchase of advertising space in our gala program. Your support of ICA's 4th Annual Gala, "Education That Works," to be held on Thursday, October 20, 2011, is greatly appreciated.

Gratefully,
Sister Diane Aruda, O.P. President

Dear POA —

On behalf of the officers of the Bayview Police Station, Bayview Merchants' Association and Bayview Renaissance, we thank you for your generous donation to "National Night Out" on August 2, 2011.

The event was highly successful and safe for the officers and members of the community who attended.

We truly appreciate the POA assisting us in this worthwhile endeavor.

Fraternally,
Captain Paul C. Chignell
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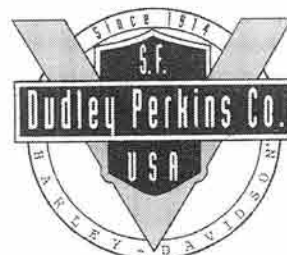
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Book Reviews

A Feast Day of Fools

By Arthur Krystal

Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

By James Lee Burke

Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

I have been a huge fan of James Lee Burke for more than twenty years. His series that featured the protagonist Dave Robicheaux was a such a hit that it resulted in two money-making movies. I attended a book signing of his several years ago and listened to what he had to say about the process of learning how to write and found him to be in person as enjoyable as he was on the page. Like his books, he was erudite and folksy, warm but steely inside. I couldn't wait for his next book to be released, and this novel, *A Feast Day of Fools*, had received high praise from many respected writers and critics. I had read the prequel, *Rain Gods*, and had enjoyed it immensely. All that being said, I can't figure out what happened. Did I change? Did Mr. Burke, in his quest to become a new and different writer, develop a style I can't appreciate? Or is the book just not that good?

The author has brought back Hackberry Holland, a sheriff in a South Texas town that seems to be a magnet for violence, drugs, religious maniacs and those who would wield the sword of justice in the heart of the maelstrom. The combination should work for a rip-snortin' kind of crime thriller, especially in such able hands. And I wanted it to work, so I kept reading to the unsatisfactory end.

Sheriff Holland was held prisoner during the Korean War. Those horrible memories have infected his mind and no matter how many years have passed and positive attempts to rehabilitate were made, he is still tormented at unexpected moments. This scenario would also make Sheriff Holland approximately the same age as the author, Mr. Burke; late seventies, early eighties. That stuck in my mind as Sheriff Holland did battle with crazy young murderers and was pursued romantically by a Chief Deputy who seemed likely in her late thirties. I guess some guys are just born with great genes.

To enjoy most thrillers and murder-mysteries one needs to let loose from trivial realities, but this book is so far beyond the norm I couldn't believe Mr. Burke was the author. He has brought back Preacher Jack Collins, a religious spouting serial killer who carries his gun of preference in a guitar case. The gun happens to be an Thompson fully-automatic .45 caliber machine gun, which killer Collins seems to have an unlimited supply of ammunition for. Where that ammo comes from is a bit of a puzzle as the entire story takes place in an isolated desert. At the end of Mr. Burke's last novel the readers had cause to believe that Collins had died. We were not so fortunate. He's

back and crazier than ever.

There is a mysterious woman named Anton Ling who may or may not have at one time worked for the CIA but is now harboring immigrants as they cross the border from Mexico into Texas. For some reason the thugs and crazies that abound in this book fear or respect Ms. Ling or La Magdalena, as she is nicknamed. Not Sheriff Holland. She reminds him of his wife who had died several years ago. This, of course, creates a bit of a problem for the Sheriff's Chief Deputy, Pam Tibbs, who can barely keep her ardor under control.

There is the Reverend Cody Daniels, the man who built the fundamentalist Cowboy Chapel up in the hills where he spies on everyone with his telescope. I'm not giving away too much to tell you that he is murdered in a bizarre manner by a complete psychopath named Krill who is wandering around with the ashes of his children who were killed by what might have been a United States government helicopter raid, but then again, maybe not. Krill wants La Magdalena to baptize these ashes, for unknown reasons.

In the meantime everyone is searching for Noie Barnum, an escaped federal prisoner, and not just the good guys. Krill wants to capture and sell him to Al Qaeda, the FBI wants him because he knows too many military secrets.

Am I making sense here? Of course not, and that's my problem with the whole book. It's as if Mr. Burke was trying to write a morality play or Biblical epic. He is definitely trying to re-write the American Western novel.

To be fair, when Mr. Burke puts his mind to it he can craft a beautiful sentence or two. Describing Sheriff Holland examining the scene where two men had been murdered he writes,

"Other than the broken yellow tape, impaled and fluttering among the creosote bush and agaves and prickly pear, there was little to indicate in the reddish-blue melt of the sunset that two men had pleaded for their lives on this spot less than thirty-six hours ago, their sphincters failing them, their courage draining through the soles of their feet, all their assumptions about their time on earth leached from their hearts, their last glimpse of the earth dissolving in a bloody mist."

And another, shorter example of Mr. Burke's talent pops up when Sheriff Holland's deputy R.C. has been left to die in the desert, he thinks, "The soul could go where it wanted,...It existed, didn't it? If it could fly from you at death, why couldn't it leave you while you were alive?"

If only Mr. Burke had found a better plot, an idea more worthy of his talents with words. As the police are frequently quoted while at crime scenes: "Move along folks. Nothing to see here."

The Sense of an Ending

By Julian Barnes

Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

This novel was awarded the Man Booker prize in October, 2011. The Man Booker is a literary prize awarded each year for the best original full-length novel, written in the English language, by a citizen of the Commonwealth of Nations, Ireland or Zimbabwe. The Man Booker has been controversial in recent years, and this year was no exception. The winning book is always an excellent example of a professional writing. *The Sense of an Ending* qualifies as both highly professional writing and sure to garner much controversy. At only 176 pages it doesn't seem to qualify as a full-length novel, resembling most definitions of a novella. And although the subjects dealt with are of importance and the writing clear and absorbing, Mr. Barnes has done better in the past. Maybe mysteries aren't his thing.

Anthony "Tony" Webster is a man in his middle sixties, retired, divorced with an adult daughter. The first, shorter part of the book describes Tony's years in high-school and college. He and two close friends allow a new member into their clique, Adrian, who makes all their lives much more interesting than the recent past. Adrian is clearly the more intelligent and confident of the group. He shines in school and at parties. He also goes to a better college upon leaving high-school. The men keep in touch but as time goes by, they do so less, with the exception of Adrian and Tony. Tony receives a letter from Adrian asking his blessing to date Tony's previous girlfriend, Veronica, admitting that they had been seeing one another prior to the letter. It is startling for Tony to receive the next news, that Adrian had committed suicide.

Mr. Barnes has done a very good job of examining the frailty of memory, especially over time. As Tony moves along with his life, marriage, a child, divorce, work and eventually retirement he begins to examine the whole of his life as best as he can recall. The words of a school master come back to him. When he quoted Churchill's famous remark that "history is writ-

ten by the victors" the school master responded "that it is also the self-delusion of the defeated." Adrian had added, "History is that certainty produced at the point where the imperfections of memory meet the inadequacies of documentation." There are many such clues planted along the way and the idea of clear winners and losers becomes less clear. That seems to be the book's strongest suit; examination of one's life from a distance and how easily we can deceive ourselves.

Forty years after Adrian's suicide he receives a legal notice, stating he has been given both some money and a diary as directed by the will of his former girl-friend's mother. At this point the mind-bending becomes much more difficult for Tony. His firm belief in what had happened in the past becomes soft, fuzzy, even wrong. He ex-wife offers a place to safely discuss some of the problems all this new information has foisted upon Tony, but she reminds him, "You're on your own now." Aren't we all, at the bottom of things? Has Tony's life been one resulting in comfort, or was he just not up to the challenges. Did his friend Adrian, in his suicide, follow a true philosophical belief that Tony never had the courage for, or does any of it matter?

Mr. Barnes saves the resolution of the mystery for the last few pages. A reader might find this exciting, but it became work, especially as he reduces the former girl-friend, Veronica, to an almost robotic, mentally damaged, angry aging woman. And the ending is of such a nature that you may find yourself going back to read either the whole book or at least large chunks of it to see if you have understood correctly. It struck me as a bit of a magic act, pulling an unexpected card from behind someone's ear. But it will challenge you to figure out what happened. There is plenty of cheeky British sexual humor, if you like that type of reading. With the award being given to Mr. Barnes the book will likely soar up the best-selling charts quickly. Some time back I read his *The Lemon Table*, which I found a better book, but *The Sense of an Ending*, was time well spent.

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PIMCO's 242 Billion Dollar Fund Managers Speak

On 9/29/11, Dr. Mohamed El-Erian, CEO and Co-Chief Investment Officer of the world's largest bond fund PIMCO Total Return Fund was interviewed by Ms. Susie Gharib, business reporter on PBS's Nightly Business News. Dr. El-Erian spoke about the United States economy and the European financial stability facility or the EFSF. The EFSF is Europe's version of America's TARP bailout fund.

Ms. Susie Gharib asked Dr. Mohamed El-Erian if he thought that the United States economy is in better shape than we thought. Dr. El-Erian stated, "So the good news is we grew at 1.3 percent instead of 1.0 percent for the third quarter, 2011. But the reality is we should be growing at 3.0 percent plus. So we are still way below potential, way below what we should be and that speaks to the structural impediments. We have problems with the housing market.

Everybody knows that, with the labor market, with credit, with infrastructure, with public finances, so we need to do a lot more if we are to grow rapidly and if we are to lower unemployment." Dr. El-Erian, a Democrat, said that he rarely talks with the Obama economic team, especially after his recent public complaints about weak leadership in Washington.

On 8/21/11, John Harwood, New York Times Political Writer interviewed Mr. Bill Gross and Dr. Mohamed El-Erian the chief investment officers of PIMCO. Both money managers stated that they support curbs on the United States entitlement spending. Mr. Bill Gross and Dr. Mohamed El-Erian noted that the United States needed to move simultaneously to fix five overlapping structural problems.

Dr. El-Erian stated that the U.S. government needs to ease refinancing rules for homeowners who remain current on their payments but do not meet borrowing criteria. The second is the labor market, which has steered too many workers toward the hous-



ing, retail and leisure sectors, which will not fully recover anytime soon. To create new and better jobs, the government needs a renewed focus on improving math, science and engineering education, as well as job retraining programs to make workers more competitive.

Mr. Gross, a billionaire and a Republican, noted the third structural weakness is America's fraying infrastructure. It is important that the United States updates its roads, bridges and airports as a way to provide an engine for reducing unemployment faster. Mr. Gross stated, "You've got to create a demand for labor." He said, "The private sector is not going to do it." Even if the government must do it directly, he added, "putting a shovel in the hands of somebody can be productive."

Dr. El-Erian said a fourth weakness is in lending. Banks want to lend to big companies that do not need money but not to small business that do. He added, "credit pipes are clogged."

Dr. El-Erian stated that lending to small businesses can be done through a public-private partnership, like the Infrastructure Bank that the Obama Administration has proposed. Finally, the fifth problem, the government's questionable long-term solvency has to do with spending on Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security entitlements. Mr. Gross and Dr. El-Erian stated that spending on these entitlements must be curbed, and that taxes must go up on the affluent and perhaps the middle class.

However, a comprehensive economic solution requires the country to "step back and say, 'Where do we want to end up in five years?' Dr. El-Erian further noted, "Neither voters nor elected officials typically show such patience."

Europe's Rescue Fund—EFSF

The European financial stability facility or the EFSF is Europe's version of America's TARP bailout fund.

Ms. Susie Gharib noted that EFSF functions like a bank providing loans for troubled Eurozone nations. Of the 17 countries making contributions, France, Germany and Italy have put in

the most money. The fund works like this, a troubled country like Greece applies for a loan. It negotiates terms with the European Commission and the International Monetary Fund. Then, the loan must be unanimously approved by the fund's members.

Many economists believe that the EFSF needs at least \$2 trillion dollars to be effective. The loans are not a handout; they must be paid back with interest. Ms. Gharib noted that the rescue fund is low on cash. It started out with \$340 billion a year ago, but was tapped out after making loans to Portugal and Ireland. Eurozone countries were voting to expand the fund to nearly \$600 billion. Ms. Gharib asked Dr. Mohamed El-Erian, "How long is it going to be before the European economy starts growing again, helping American businesses and U.S. markets?"

Dr. El-Erian stated that it will take a long time for the European economy to grow. He noted that at PIMCO they did their assessment and they think that for the next 12 months, Europe is going into recession. It was his opinion that Europe will probably contract by 1 percent, the United States is not going to get any help from Europe. If anything, Europe will be a headwind for us economically.

Where is a Safe Haven for Money?

When Ms. Susie Gharib asked Dr.

Mohamed El-Erian that given this uncertain and very volatile climate, how is he investing for his PIMCO clients? Dr. El-Erian stated that when he last appeared on the Nightly Business News program a few weeks earlier he said don't underestimate the value of cash. It gives you a lot of optionality, the world is very uncertain.

Dr. El-Erian said that at PIMCO we are very cautiously positioned. The money manager said, "We think that this is a time where you worry about the return of your capital and not the return on your capital. So we invest in countries with very strong balance sheets when it comes to the bond side. On the equity side, we are focused on multinationals that are attractively valued and importantly have high dividends as cushions and when it comes to corporate bonds, we are also focused on the strongest companies. This is a time to be cautious. This is a time to be patient, because there's a lot of uncertainty and there will be better opportunities to take risks down the road." Dr. El-Erian's words on investing are very wise in an uncertain world economy.

It is apparent that each person needs to evaluate their immediate needs to have cash on hand and then to decide what will be the best investment strategy based on their financial objectives and one's ability to tolerate risk.

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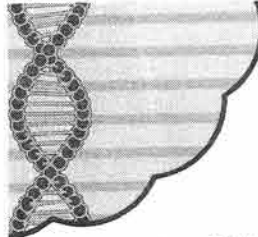
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Police Union: Let 65-Year-Old Officer Work

From The Hartford Courant.

BRISTOL, CT — After a popular police officer was forced into retirement earlier this month, the union's regional office is calling on city leaders to reconsider.

Jerry Pare was told he was out of a job Oct. 8, the day after he turned 65. City police officers and some city council members say that seems like the wrong move, since Pare has stayed physically and mentally fit and was still working front-line patrol downtown until his last day at work.

The union says the city's actions are simply wrong.

"We'll do everything in our power to see that Jerry is treated fairly," said Officer Lang Mussen, who heads the Bristol police union.

On Thursday, the regional union office notified Ward that it wants the city to reconsider. A letter from Council 15 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees said he shouldn't be forced out.

Ward could not be reached for comment Friday. During a council meeting Oct. 11, Ward and a city attorney said the union would have to formally request action before the city could even consider the matter.

At that council meeting, dozens of police, hospital workers and other supporters showed up to support Pare's plea to resume working.

Privately, many police say they're puzzled at why the city would force out a competent and well-liked patrol officer with a reputation for hard work, particularly when the patrol division is desperately short-handed because of budget reductions. A few have questioned why city leaders would play hardball with Pare when for several years they'd allowed disgraced or troubled commanders to stay on the job.

Pare is less than a half-year short of the 25 years of service he needs for his pension, but the city has already agreed to let him collect it anyway. Pare, who struggled for three years to return to police work after a devastating injury in 2000, has earned commendations and is generally popular with downtown business owners. He has said he simply wants to keep being a Bristol officer for as long as he can handle the job.

The city passed a mandatory retirement ordinance a couple of years ago, but the union has emphasized that state law specifically allows communities to grant up to three consecutive one-year waivers. Ward on Oct. 11 directed a city lawyer to look into the matter, but several council members said it was too late to do anything. The union has complained that the council and Ward knew about Pare's impending forced retirement for two weeks but took no action.

Mold Overtakes Police Officers' Lockers

PHILADELPHIA, PA — The locker room at a local police station has officers fearing for their health.

We're talking about mold, and lots of it, inside the lockers at Philadelphia's 39th District, Fox 29's Jeff Cole reports.

The 39th Police District building is a hulking stone symbol of a time long past. Built in 1915, its age is showing.

"Dirt, mold — you name it, rodents, bugs," said Philadelphia Fraternal Order of Police president John McNesby.

Pictures of a moldy uniform and equipment bag were shot by a cop angry over conditions and sent to FOX 29.

It's gotten so bad that the basement lockers have been abandoned forcing cops to live out of their cruisers.

The district's captain says it's the unknown that's the problem.

"Any level of mold is a problem, and the city's doing the best they can, at this point, to get it under control and to remove it," Capt. Stephen Glenn said.

At the 39th District on Tuesday, area residents streamed in and out of the lobby, some to use the ATM inside. They seemed stunned to hear of the mold.

City inspectors have found water enters the basement of the 39th through the walls, the drain and then backs up. The heat of the summer and the moisture provide a perfect environment for the mold to grow.

"These are police officers. They're expected to go in and live and work in these conditions and then go home at night and possibly take it home to their families," McNesby said.

The 39th is not the only district with a mold problem. A city source told us at least four other districts have the very same issue. Repair work has started on the drain at the 39th, and we were told Tuesday that a city inspector advised anyone in a police uniform dealing with mold to wear a respirator, Cole reported.



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Oakland Chief Resigns As Police Takeover Threatened

OAKLAND, CA – The city with the state’s highest violent crime rate is again in search of a top cop after Oakland Police Chief Anthony Batts announced his resignation Tuesday, saying a burdensome “bureaucracy” left him without enough power to fight crime and build community trust in his department.

officers were charged with beating or framing drug suspects in West Oakland in 2000.

The city initially had five years to make reforms but is now entering its ninth year of trying to comply. Unmet goals include identifying habitually abusive officers and protecting internal whistle-blowers, attorneys said.

...Batts’ views were often in conflict with those of Mayor Jean Quan, who was elected in November, and several council members. “I found myself with limited control, but full accountability,” Batts wrote in his resignation letter.

Batts, a charismatic leader who sought to bring Oakland into step with a trend toward data-driven policing, was hired in October 2009 by then-Mayor Ron Dellums, seven months after four city police officers were gunned down. He said he took the job because of the tragedy and he quickly won over many residents.

But Batts never firmly planted himself in Oakland. He applied for the chief’s job in San Jose last year, remaining in Oakland after an internal candidate was tapped for the job.

Batts announced his resignation a week after the City Council set aside three crime-fighting proposals he had supported and amid warnings from a judge that the federal courts could take over the Police Department. Moreover, Batts’ views were often in conflict with those of Mayor Jean Quan, who was elected in November, and several council members.

“I found myself with limited control, but full accountability,” Batts wrote in his resignation letter.

Batts, 50, who was police chief in Long Beach before moving to Oakland, appeared at an afternoon news conference at City Hall. He said he plans to depart next month and is considering a position with Harvard University.

Federal control?

It remains unclear how much Batts was influenced by the threat of increased federal control of the Police Department.

Last week, U.S. District Judge Thelton Henderson warned Oakland officials about the city’s failure to meet the terms of a consent decree to reform the department in the wake of the “Riders” scandal, in which several

consensus builder,” she said.

Control undermined

Batts also faced a budget crunch. Under his watch, the council decreased the force from 803 to 651 officers.

In July, Batts addressed the council and told them his control of the department had been undermined. The City Council curbed the use of gang injunctions, grounded the police helicopter and refused to implement curfews, he said.

In addition, he said, the council negotiated a contract with the police officers’ union this summer that reduced his ability to deploy officers by mandating four 10-hour shifts – rather than more flexible five-day, 8-hour shifts.

“The game changed on him,” said Sgt. Dom Arotzarena, president of the police union, where some members have questioned Batts’ commitment. “We wish him well.”

Batts said it was difficult in Oakland for a “chief to be chief,” echoing concerns from at least two of his predecessors, Richard Word and Wayne Tucker. Batts said he had to report to at least 11 different people, from a city administrator liaison to court monitors to the City Council’s public safety chair.

John Burris, an attorney for the plaintiffs in the “Riders” civil suit that led to the consent decree, said failures in reforming the department were a result of the command staff not being able to get “the line officers and the sergeants to do what they’re supposed to do.”

Burris added, “I thought the chief was committed in terms of meeting the terms and conditions of the consent decree. I was surprised that he would leave in midstream, if you will.”

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It's Monday night at the Excelsior Boys and Girls Club gym, and the air

is tinged with excitement.

At one end of the court, the 10 players of the SF Cyclonez are busy dribbling, passing and taking practice shots, all in anticipation of their game against the Irish Hoopsters, just moments away.

The players, decked in bright yellow jerseys, look like any other team in the PAL fall basketball league. But they are unique in one respect: They are an all-girls team, while their opponents are all boys.

The Cyclonez are the only all-girls team among the 37 PAL basketball teams.

(Altogether 34 girls out of 370 kids play PAL basketball, but the Cyclonez are the only all-girls team while the other 23 girls are on coed teams.)

Competing against boys doesn't bother the Cyclonez a bit. They are



Sgt. Sergio Chin Leads All-Girls SF Cyclonez in PAL basketball

The 10 team members of the SF Cyclonez are all smiles after the game. Back row, left to right: Alana, Nina, Saida, Carolynn, Cameron. Front row, left to right: Gisela, Justine, CJ with the ball, Melissa, Tiffany,

energized by it, as evidenced by how hard they will play tonight.

Their coach is Sergeant Sergio Chin, an inspector in the Tenderloin Station. Chin has been with the San Francisco Police Department for 18 years.

Chin's daughter is on the team, but he says, "They're all my daughters."

Chin has coached basketball for 31 years, and the Cyclonez for two years. Besides PAL, the girls play together year-round on an AAU team, also coached by Chin. (AAU, or Amateur Athletic Union, is one of the largest youth basketball programs in the country.) Chin also has coached his daughter's school team at St. Anne's, and currently coaches the 7th grade boys basketball team.

A referee blows the whistle, and all but a handful of players move off the court.

The ref blows the whistle again—jump ball—and the game begins. A Cyclone girl leaps up, grabs the ball and tears down the court, looking for a teammate to pass to. She lofts the ball over the heads of two boys, and her teammate easily catches it and races toward the hoop. The boys, disoriented for a moment, snap into defense formation under the basket. A player tries to shoot, a Hoopster blocks the shot, snatches the ball and races in the opposite direction.

The action is fast-paced and vigorous, with players on both teams who are skilled and good ball handlers. The girls range in height from 5'0 to 5'8, which means they are a pretty good match for the St. Cecilia boys.

Chin calls a timeout, bringing the girls into a huddle.

"That big guy on their team," he murmurs. "You got him ..." he says motioning to Carolynn. "You girls got to support her ... He's gonna score if you let him. You've got to box him out, don't let him get in there ..."

The girls put their fists into the center of the circle. "Defense!" they yell in unison.

"Let's go!" Chin says.

PAL basketball is played in the fall, from September 26 through November 19. Chin likes this set-up because it gives his girls extra playing time before the school and competitive club leagues begin their winter season.

Playing against the boys also helps sharpen their skills. "It's good for them," he says. "I tell them on court, play hard."

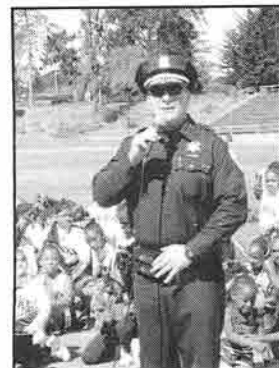
The Cyclonez range in age from 12 to 14; all are in 8th grade. They attend a mix of public and private schools, including Presidio Middle School, St. Phillips, St. Anne's, and Aptos.

Chin says this group of girls has unusually good chemistry. "My philosophy is, create a fun atmosphere. We don't have any cliques on this team. I empower the girls to solve problems on their own. I've been with a lot of teams over the years. I haven't seen a

team with camaraderie like this."

He tells the girls, years from now they won't remember the wins and losses. What they will remember is the fun they had.

The Cyclonez get the first two baskets, one nice short jumper from a few feet out followed by a high arcing shot just inside the 3-point range. They're up 4-0. That lead won't last, and in the third quarter, the team's energy sags a bit. They finish out the night with a 43-19 loss. Even so, the final score fails to capture the girls' skills on the court, their tenacity and energy, and the fact that they play in a very competitive bracket against very accomplished teams.



The Cyclonez chose to play against boys teams in PAL because "basically it makes us get better," Chin says. "The intensity is the same, but the boys are faster and stronger." To get the same level of competition in all-girl basketball leagues, Chins says the Cyclonez "play up," competing against high school junior varsity teams.

Despite tonight's loss, the girls are all smiles as they come off the court. Says Nina, "It was really fun!"

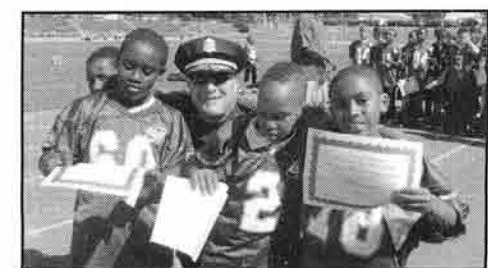
Do they like playing against the boys? Justine says, "Yes, because it's a challenge."

Adds Cameron, "You have to be more aggressive to play against the guys."

Gisela sums up the girls' feeling about the game: "We're happy because we played as a team."

Chief Greg Suhr Special Guest at PAL Seahawks Homecoming

On October 2 at the PAL Seahawks homecoming game, Chief Greg Suhr made a special appearance and addressed the kids, parents and guests at half-time in Kezar Stadium.



Chief Greg Suhr provides PAL Seahawks with certificates of participation for sportsmanship and teamwork.

The PAL Seahawks have been a part of Western Addition since 1959. Most of the volunteer Seahawks coaches were players as youth themselves and contribute 20-30 hours a week. They volunteer to give back to a program that many believe changed the course of their lives.

A former PAL football player himself, Chief Suhr shared how his experience as a "PAL kid" shaped his life. He encouraged players to continue in their healthy team activities and to appreciate their dedicated coaches who give so much time to the program and make it possible. All players received a personal handshake and certificate of participation congratulating them on their teamwork and sportsmanship with the PAL Seahawks.

PAL wishes to thank Chief Suhr and the SFPD for their increased and invaluable support of the Seahawks program this year!

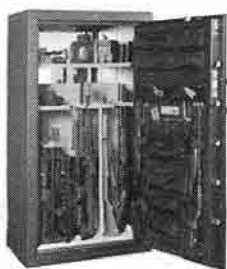
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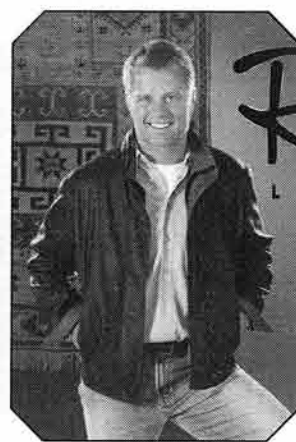
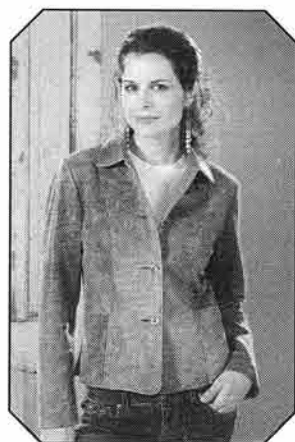
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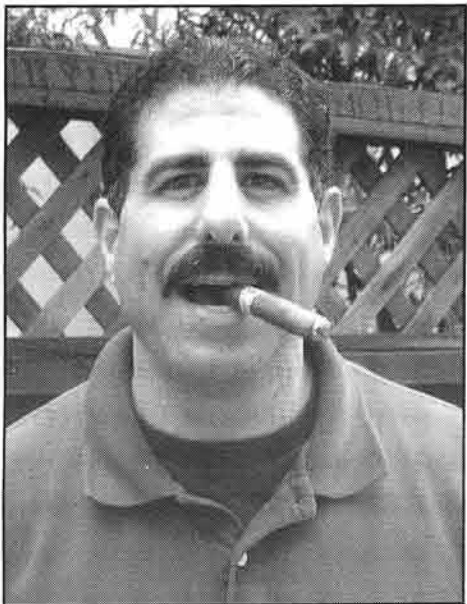
Nick's Notes

By Nick Shihadeh,
Journal Sports Editor

Fall Sports

CHECK IT OUT: October is my favorite time of year as our fall weather is always the best. College and pro football are in full swing with the local teams doing pretty well this year (especially with the Niners and the Stanford Cardinals). Playoff baseball is also being played even though it's winding down with the World Series having been decided by the time this Journal reaches you. Another important event that took place in The City was the Bruce-Mahoney high school football game between St. Ignatius and Sacred Heart Cathedral — this was played on Fri. Oct. 21st before a packed crowd on a beautiful night at Kezar Stadium.

According to Park Station's Dom Panina (a valued SH alumnus), he was accosted by a trash talking John Crudo (a fraud? I mean he works at Fraud) about SI's superiority before the game was played. Panina said that he took the high road and was hoping his "Irish" would do his talking on the field. Well, apparently the players of Sacred Heart did their talking very loudly as they defeated St. Ignatius by a score of 38-14. This game moved SH



higher in the Bay Area's Top 25 rankings while at the same time knocking SI completely out of the rankings. According to Panina, the Bruce-Mahoney Trophy hopefully will soon be back where it rightfully belongs at the SH campus.

I want to make it clear that I'm not taking sides here as I'm a public school "kind've guy" (having gone to Lowell High), and I have friends who attended both schools; but, I did need to state the facts of this year's match-up as it was related to me. Congrats to Sacred Heart Cathedral...

It's a short column this time around....stay safe and So See Ya next month.....

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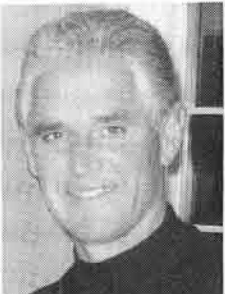
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SFPOA 2011 Ironman Competition

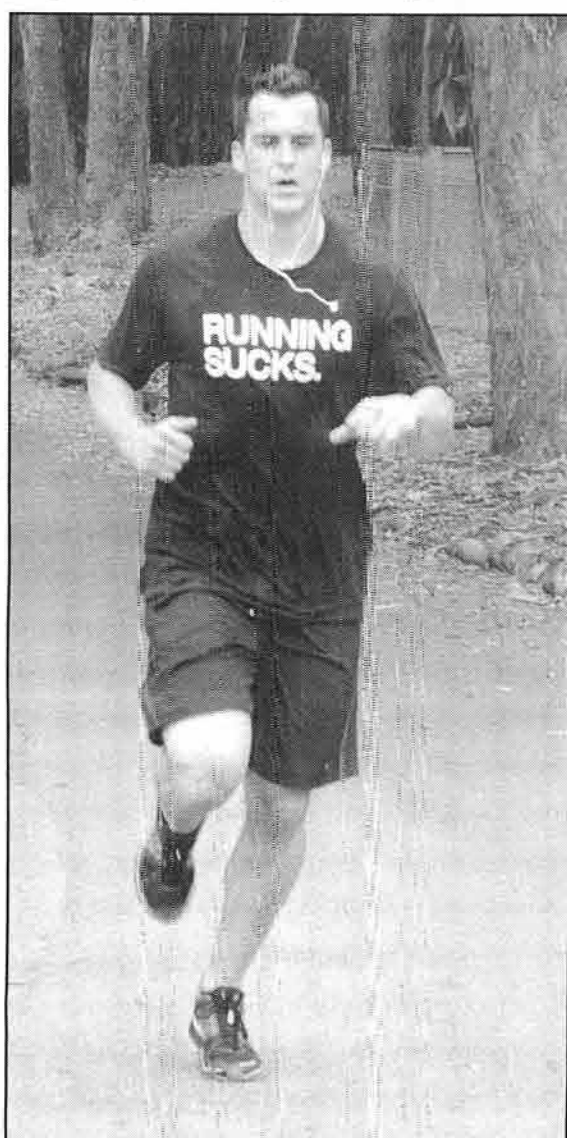
By Eddy Yu
Gang Task Force

This year's SFPOA Ironman event was held on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at both the Hall of Justice gym and at the Lake Merced Range. There were a total of 47 competitors, which included eight open teams and two entrants in the senior division categories. As the defending champion



Overall individual points winner
Malcom Anderson.

from last year, Gang Task Force (GTF) was the host for the 2011 Ironman. Many thanks go to the event's primary sponsor, your San Francisco Police Officer's Association, for their generous donation of the SFPOA 2011 Ironman T-shirts and a luncheon at Café Roma for participants. It's a great example of



Moran sporting a nice RUNNING SUCKS t-shirt.

your POA dues at work.

The Asian POA and Sports Basement generously donated prizes for all participants. This will be the fourth straight year that Sports Basement has provided gift prizes for our competition. My thanks also go out to Chief Greg Suhr for his continuous support and facilitating the contribution of prizes from the SF Forty-Niners and the SF Giants — this was made possible due to his positive involvement with those organizations. The Super Bowl letterman jackets were the grand prizes in the raffle drawing during the luncheon, and the four lucky winners all left with smiles on their faces. A special thank you goes out to the Lake Merced Range staff for their assistance with the 50 yard pistol event. Thanks also go to Officer Les Smith (Tenderloin) who designed the SFPOA Ironman T-shirt. The 2011 Ironman event succeeded in raising over \$800.00 for the Isaac Espinoza Trust Fund.

For those of you not familiar with the Ironman Event, a brief history: the Ironman was originally established in 1982 by a group of SFPD Narcotics and Vice officers. The original event was referred to as the "Narcotics/Vice Pentathlon". Originally, the event included a 10 mile bike ride instead of a 50 yard pistol shoot. There were eight competitors at that first event. One year later, the event included the pistol shoot and the basic format has remained unchanged. In those early days Officer Jeff Barker was one of the driving forces that kept the event alive. Jeff Barker was taken prematurely from us and his family due to a sudden illness, and the event suffered a 12 year hiatus until reorganized with new vigor by Capt. Rick Bruce (has since retired) in 1998. The 1998 event was held in honor of Jeff Barker "who exemplified the athletic spirit inherent in many of the members of the San Francisco Police Department." *POA Journal, Ironman Results* by Rick Bruce.

Since 1998, the Ironman has been held continuously for twelve years and has evolved into an event that has sought to be increasingly more inclusive by establishing more categories. It has included some new traditions that reflect the changing face of the SFPD as we move into the 21st century. With the tragic death of Officer Isaac Espinoza in 2004, the Ironman took on an additional inspiration that sought to honor Isaac's ultimate sacrifice and to celebrate his commitment to competition and physical excellence. Isaac competed in the Ironman in 2002 and 2003. His 49 rep pull-up mark set in 2003 is the official new top score for pull-ups, and anyone completing 49 gets full credit of 1000 points. This tradition symbolizes the fact that we will never see Isaac's equal, and it reminds us of his sacrifice and passion for life. The proceeds from registration fees go to the Espinoza Trust fund account.

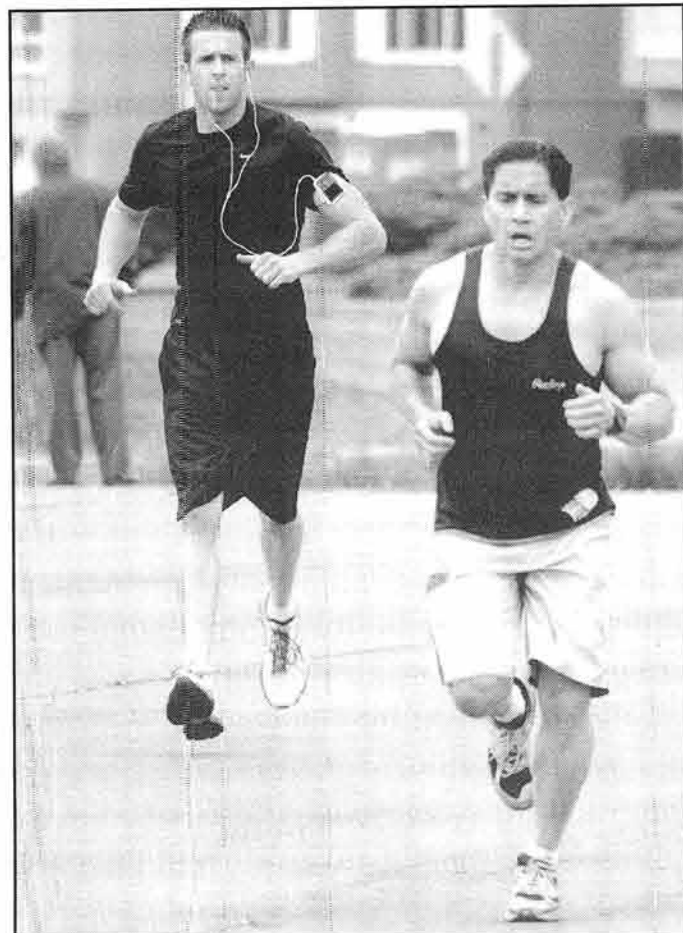
Malcolm Anderson (Southern Station) was the overall winner in total points (3149) for the individual Men's competition and the sole winner for the over 50 division. Anderson,

who has competed in the Ironman competition since 2002, was steady as ever through all his events: 55 reps on the bench, 34 pull-ups, 133 sit-ups, 710 shoot, and a very impressive 34:14 run time around the lake for a guy over 50.

Eric Vintero (RMD) was our winner in the "men's open division" with a total score of 3034 points. Vintero "The Cagey Veteran" managed to edge out two young stud athletes from Northern Station, Tommy Moran and Keith Murphy. Vintero completed 41 reps on the bench, 43 pull-ups, 142 sit-ups, 605 shoot, and shaved close to 4 minutes off his run from last year, completing the lake in 36:19.

The Ironman Team Open winner this year was Team Taraval lead by Nate Manalang. Their total score of 3974 points placed them securely in the lead by 164 points over the second place competitors, Team Mission. Taraval was anchored by Tony Landi 24 reps (top score) with 225lbs on the bench press, and Nate Manalang 49 reps (top score) in the pull up event. Eric lau kept them in the competition with 80 sit-ups. Greg "Top Gun" Mar put on an outstanding performance, posting a score of 860 (top score) on the 50 yard shoot. They were then anchored by Henry Woo who came in first with a blistering run around the lake of 31:14 (top score). For their outstanding performance in winning this year's Ironman, Team Taraval will be the host for the 2012 Ironman competition.

Team Mission, 2nd place, had standout performances by all of their competitors. John Cathey pumped out 17 reps at 225 lbs, then Joe Obidi cranked off 49 pull-ups for a full 1000 points. Adam Kujath's 141 sit-ups kept Mission close, but Taraval just kept on



2011 Ironman open winner Eric Vintero.

outscored them by small increments that ended up being enough to win. Team captain Joe Emanuel held his own with an 830 shoot, and Chris Servat displayed "true grit" by finishing the lake with a time of 34:25.

Third place in the Ironman team event went to Team TAC. Damon Kieve started the team on right track with 93 reps (top score) with 100 lbs. Rex Calahaun kept pace with 41 pull-ups and Andy Meheen posted the top sit-up score with 144 reps. TAC left the HOJ gym with the lead in overall points after three events. Dave Batchelder shot a very respectful 780, but the run around the lake by Giuseppe Festa (36:00) was not enough to hold off Teams Mission and Taraval.

Finally, everyone who showed up and every team who participated deserve a big "Fist-Pump!" from all the SFPD's members. This type of event is not so much about who wins, but about a lifetime commitment to fitness and a healthy lifestyle. The SFPOA Ironman is a tradition that builds camaraderie among our participants, and most importantly, lasting memories.



2011 overall team champions, Taraval: R. N. Manalang, G. Mar and Tony Landi.

2011 SFPOA Ironman Statistics

Men's Open

		Bench Press	Pull-ups	Sit-ups	Shoot	Run	Total Score
1.	E. Vintero	41x100(410)	43(860)	142(710)	605	36:19(449)	3034
2.	T. Moran	54x100(540)	36(720)	101(505)	600	37:01(401)	2766
3.	K. Murphy	43x100(430)	18(360)	107(107)	55	36:10(450)	1830

Men's over 50

		Bench Press	Pull-Ups	Sit-ups	Shoot	Run	Total Score
1.	M. Anderson	55x100(550)	34(680)	133(665)	710	34:14(544)	3149

Team Open

		Bench Press	Pull-Ups	Sit-Ups	Shoot	Run	Total Score
1.	Taraval	T. Landi 24x225(960)	N. Manalang 42(820)	E. Lau 80(400)	G. Mar 860	H. Woo 31:14(754)	3974
2.	Mission	J. Cathey 17x225(720)	J.Obidi 49(1000)	Ku Jath 141(705)	J. Emmanuel 830	A. Servat 34:25(555)	3810
3.	TAC	D. Keeve 93x100(930)	R. Calaunan 41(820)	A. Meehan 144(720)	Batchhelder 780	G. Festa 36:00(460)	3710
4.	GTF	E. Yu 87x100(870)	K. Knoble 40(800)	J. Kumli 136(680)	S. Sakurai 510	M. Ferriera 31:48(728)	3588
5.	RMD	J. Valdez 14x225(560)	E. Vintero 42(860)	N. Mazor 91(455)	A. Ting 765	C. Franco 36:33(607)	3247
6.	Southern	R. Junio 69x100(690)	J. Burgaren 38(760)	J. Campell 111(555)	A. Wilson 730	J. Fibrillo 41:07(333)	3068
7.	DA/Combo	Santiago 24x225(960)	S. Steward 29(580)	P. Britting 99(495)	P. Britting 0	32:52(652)	2677

Team over40

		Bench Press	Pull-Ups	Sit-Ups	Shoot	Run	Total Score
1.	Central	E. Santos 59x100(590)	E. Carew 27(540)	M. Moran 101(505)	P. Perra 800	K. Ritchins 31:43(723)	3158

Team over 50

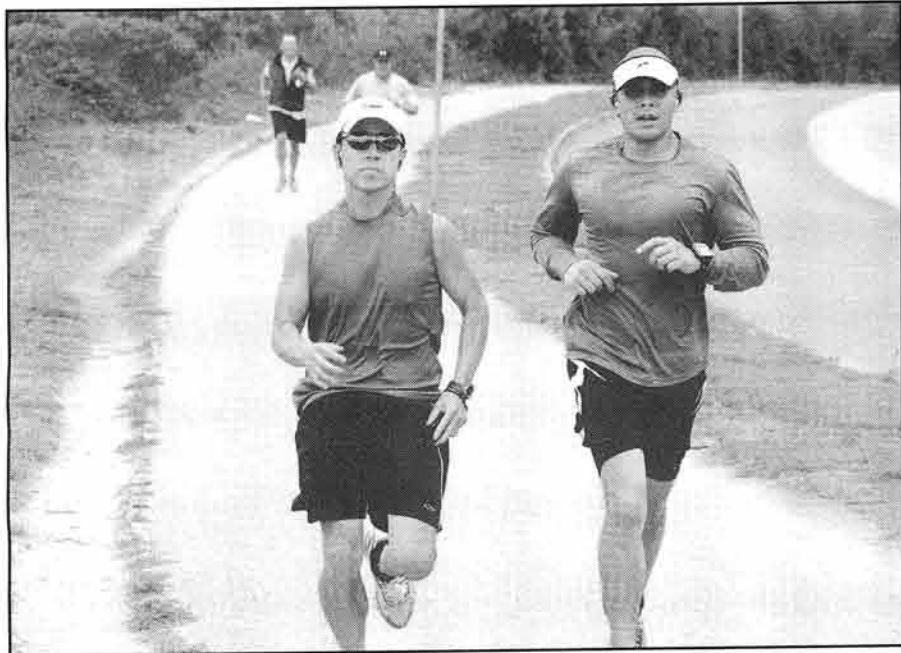
		Bench Press	Pull-Ups	Sit-Ups	Shoot	Run	Total Score
1.	FOB/Combo	G. Salcedo 51x100(510)	G. Suhr 31(620)	R. Padmore 79(395)	M. Anderson 710	M. Biel 40:37(187)	2422



Ironman competitors ready to start 4.7 mile run.



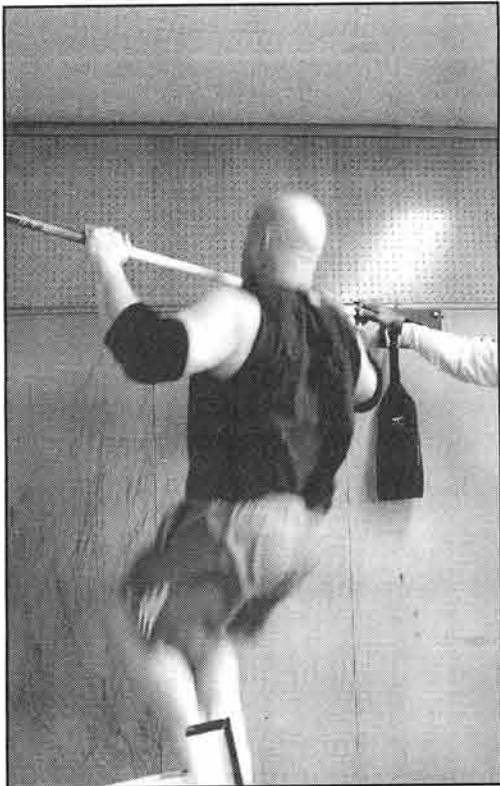
Tony Landi cranks out his 24 reps 225lbs.



Henry Woo, Taraval Station, paces himself to 1st place finish around the lake.



N. Manalang enroute to his 49 pull-ups.

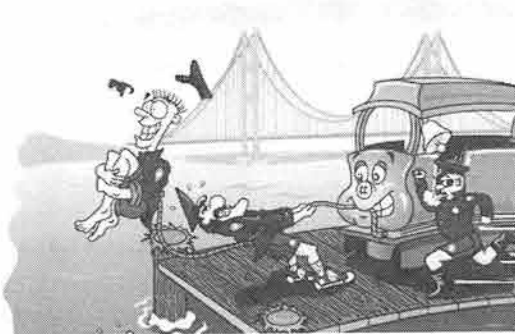


Chief Suhr leads his over 50 FOB team with 31 reps on pull-ups.

SF Cops Versus SF Fire Department

The 4th Annual SFPD Challenge benefiting the "Make A Wish Foundation" has been set for Saturday December 3rd at Jefferson & Hyde Streets. This year's event will feature a holiday theme with Santa Claus joining us and will include starting at 8 am our Cops & Coffee at the World Famous Buena Vista Café. The Holiday Fun begins at 10 am with the Santa Plunge into frigid San Francisco Bay followed by the Santa Pull aka Cable Car Pull. Whether you can pull a cable, jump into the frigid bay waters or just have coffee & visit with Santa Claus there's something for everyone to do.

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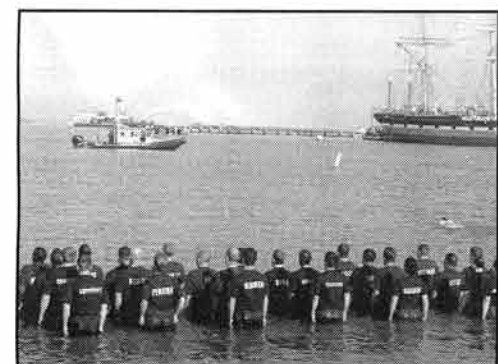
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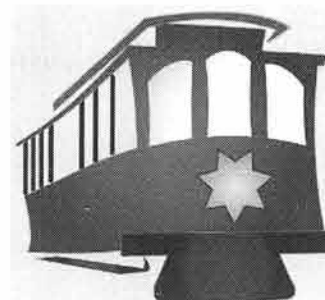


Shane, age 7



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Close Encounters

By Steve Johnson,
SFPOA

Not bad when a simple parole search of 2 suspects, who should know better, ends up with the recovery of a revolver, a shotgun, and a whole lot of narcotics which is exactly what took place when **Officer Michael Ellis** and **Officer Dave Nastari** were invited to assist several parole agents checking on a residence on Oakdale.

There was a swarm of street robberies taking place in the Ingleside District nearby Balboa BART Station, City College, and the Church Street/San Jose corridors between Randall and Cesar Chavez. **Sergeant Aaron Lozada**, **Officer Miguel Gonzalez**, **Officer Oscar Abucay**, and **Officer Michael Blume** decided to do something about these felony abuses. They waited until another robbery took place in the Taraval District nearby and then set up on the route they thought the robbery suspects would take. Sure enough, the felons drove right by a checkpoint the officers established and, after a picture-perfect felony stop, all suspects and property were in custody.



There was a fight involving several people reported at 3rd and Palou so **Officer Ken Koenig** and **Officer Andy Castro** of the Violence Reduction Detail took the call. When they arrived they found a large crowd circling a shooting victim. They also saw a young man running from the area with a handgun. The officers caught him a block away and also located a sawed-off shotgun someone else had abandoned in the area.

The officers originally thought that this suspect was responsible for the shooting but they found out later that another armed suspect who had been taken into custody by **Officer Ramon Reynoso** and **Officer Ricardo Santiago** was actually responsible for the assault. Way too many players...

Officer Josh Hinds and **Officer Mat Neves** were patrolling the South of Market neighborhood when they noticed that the car that just pulled in front of them was the same one reportedly involved in an auto burglary the day before. The officers stopped the vehicle with 3 on board to check it out. As **Officer Hinds** and **Officer Neves** were conducting their investigation, Dispatch broadcast a description of a vehicle and suspects that were responsible for a robbery that just took place 3 blocks away... yep, same car and same suspects that **Josh** and **Matt** already had in custody.

A broken tail light gave **Officer Omar Alvarenga** and **Officer Meghan Lyons** the opportunity to stop and warn the driver of the BMW of the violation. However, a further check revealed that the plate on the BMW didn't match — it actually belonged on a Subaru. Further investigation revealed the registration was way overdue so a decision was made to impound the car. All 4 occupants were asked to step out at which time **Officer Alvarenga** and **Officer Lyons** observed the fully-loaded, 9mm semi-automatic weapon on the front passenger seat.

Officer Mary Godfrey was patrolling the Union Square shopping district when she saw a man running down the street with a knife while being chased by several other people. **Mary** was able to maneuver ahead of

the armed suspect and managed to detain him. Turned out he had just robbed an unconscious person of his wallet and pulled a knife on the witnesses who had been chasing him.

Officers in the Bayview District responded to a call where a suspect had threatened to shoot several of his neighbors. The suspect's family said that he had been acting very 'unstable' recently. **Sergeant Chris Creed** set up where he thought the suspect might drive and, sure enough, the car showed up. **Sgt. Creed**, along with other Bayview units, conducted a traffic stop on the suspect and found he was in possession of a full-loaded, .380 semi-automatic weapon with an additional 50 rounds of ammunition.



Officer Rachel Murphy and **Officer Aaron Fischer** were determined to find the domestic violence suspect who had kicked his wife in the face and the ribs, breaking several. The officers knew the suspect from prior contacts and, after a prolonged search of all the Mission District hotels, they found the felon and had him in custody within 24-hours of the assault.

A stabbing took place at the Balboa BART Station at 6:00 a.m. and **Officer Jude Rand** and **Officer Tracy Turner** responded to the call. They located the stabbing victim who was bleeding profusely and rendered aid until the paramedics arrived. They also put out a description of the suspect. Once the BART police officers arrived **Jude** and **Tracy** left to go back on patrol. They then received a call of a suspicious individual a few blocks away who, it later turned out, was the suspect from the BART assault. The suspect was over 6'4" tall and weighed in at 250 plus. In addition, he was armed with not one, but two large knives and had no intention of going to jail. **Jude** and **Tracy** managed to get him in custody before he could do any more damage.

Stolen autos are always a risky stop because you never know what you're going to be dealing with. But there are

also some interesting stories, based on the reasons why our suspects 'borrow' the cars. **Officer Phil Gordon** and **Officer Matt Sullivan** stopped one suspect who, when confronted with the fact that he was driving a vehicle not his own admitted that he just needed transportation from Rohnert Park to SF... And then we have the individual playing the radio on his 'borrowed' steed a little too loud which attracted the attention of **Officer Daniel Guzman** and **Officer Joe Gummo** — once stopped the felon explained he was simply "test driving" the car for a possible purchase...

But this month the 'What Was I Thinking' award goes to the suspect who grabbed the cell phone from his victim and ran. There was a trace placed on the phone by **Officer Terri Kerlegan** and **Officer Alexander Lentz** which resulted in the suspect being detained by **Officer Ryan Crosby** and **Officer Daniel Rosaia** at Golden Gate and Jones. **Officer Kerlegan** told the other officers that she would be dialing the victim's number and that it should play the (former) theme song ring tone to Monday Night Football — sure enough, that was the tune being amplified from the suspect's pocket...

And, speaking of mistakes being made... We reported last month in our column that the OCC was investigating an officer because they couldn't locate the acknowledgement to appear form he faxed back to them — even though the officer showed up for the interview it was still an issue?

But actually, what happened, it wasn't the acknowledgement form that was the cause of the belabored investigation. It was the fact that the OCC couldn't locate the Member Response Form that the officer said he sent in.

So, while we made a mistake on exactly what form the OCC was looking for, it still boggles the mind as to why they still need to conduct a full-blown investigation for a missing form when the officer actually showed up for his scheduled interview and cooperated entirely.

Our pencils at the POA still have erasers.

Honor America's Veterans

November 11th is Veterans Day. On this important national holiday, please take the time to thank a military veteran for his or her service to our country. Join with us, the men and women of the San Francisco Police Officers Association, in honoring all of America's military veterans, and those brave and dedicated men and women currently serving at home and abroad.

But, this year our national day honoring America's military veterans is bittersweet. On October 21, 2011, President Barack Obama announced that all US military in Iraq would be coming home by year's end, essentially ending that long war. While we certainly welcome those selfless and brave men and women home, let us not forget that there remains in Afghanistan more than 100,000 US troops. The symbolic yellow ribbon dangling from the "J" on our masthead will not come off until the last of our troops also depart from that foreign field of war.



Veterans' Day Parade

Friday, November 11, 2011

Parade 11:00 AM • Market Street

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