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SFO's new Long-Term Parking facility.

SFO Opens New Long-Term Parking Facility

San Francisco International Airport's new Long-Term Parking facility offers an enhanced range of customer services aimed at providing travelers with the easiest and most convenient parking experience at SFO. The facility, which is the closest long-term parking option at the airport, features guaranteed parking, priority shuttle loading zones, on-site baggage check-in and boarding pass issuance, and a streamlined fee payment system that will soon include FasTrak®.

"We want our passengers to experience SFO's world-class service from the moment they arrive at the airport—and for customers choosing SFO's Long-Term Parking, that means from the moment

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they enter the facility," said Airport Director John L. Martin.

SFO's Long-Term Parking provides 2,624 covered and 1,770 uncovered spaces. Parking is guaranteed: should the facility become full, customers will receive a voucher to park in the terminal garages at the Long-Term rate.

Shuttle service between the facility and the terminals operates 24 hours a day. Electronic displays at the parking facility keep passengers informed as to when the next shuttle bus is due. At the terminals, SFO shuttle buses have priority loading zones, allowing for quick passenger access.

SFO Long-Term Parking also offers curbside baggage check-in service. From 4:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., passengers traveling on Alaska, American, Continental, Delta, Northwest and United may

check their bags and get a boarding pass for most domestic flights before boarding the shuttle to the terminals. The service fees for the new parking check-in service are \$5 for two bags and one boarding pass, or \$2 for a boarding pass only.

The facility's streamlined payment system now allows customers to either utilize a pay-on-foot kiosk, or swipe a credit card to enter and exit the parking area, thus eliminating queuing at a cashier's booth to exit the lot. And, customers whose vehicles are equipped with FasTrak®—the Bay Area's electronic toll collection system—will soon be able to automatically pay their Long-Term facility parking charges using their FasTrak® account.

SFO's Long-Term Parking is conveniently located off of US Highway 101 at the San Bruno Avenue/San Francisco International Airport exit. For more information please visit www.flysfo.com.

Choices Grow at SFO

Alaska Airlines' New Nonstop Services

On October 28, 2006, Alaska Airlines started seasonal nonstop service from SFO to Cancún, Mexico. The airline will offer three weekly nonstop flights through April, 2007.

And, as of October 29, 2006, Alaska is offering new daily nonstop service between San Francisco and San Diego. Alaska operates four daily flights on weekdays and a reduced schedule on weekends, with flights timed for convenient connections to and from other destinations in the Pacific Northwest and Mexico as well as Vancouver, Canada.

The airline also provides nonstop service between San Francisco and Los Angeles, CA; Palm Springs, CA; Portland, OR; Seattle, WA; Vancouver, Canada; and the Mexican destinations Los Cabos, Mazatlán, Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo and Puerto Vallarta.

For more information, visit www.alaskaair.com.

Lufthansa Expands Munich Service

Starting October 29, 2006, Lufthansa expanded its winter schedule to Munich, Germany, by adding two additional flights a week to now provide daily nonstop service. This flight is in addition to Lufthansa's daily nonstop service to Frankfurt. For more information, please visit www.lufthansa.com.

Qantas Airways' Seasonal Service to Vancouver

During the holiday and ski season, Qantas will operate three weekly flights to Vancouver, Canada. The SFO-Vancouver service will be available from December 1, 2006 through January 31, 2007. Information is available at www.qantas.com.

Frontier Airlines Begins SFO-Las Vegas Service

Beginning December 14, Frontier Airlines will launch its new service between SFO and

Las Vegas (LAS). Frontier will offer one flight a day. Service will operate on Frontier's 132-seat Airbus 318 aircraft. Additional information is available at www.frontierairlines.com.

United Airlines' Seasonal Aspen Service

On December 15, 2006, United Airlines will start seasonal service between SFO and Aspen, CO. The service will operate three times per week on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Service will operate on United's regional jet aircraft, with six first class and fifty-eight economy class seats. For more information, please visit www.united.com.

Delta Begins SFO-LAX Service

On December 18, 2006, Delta Airlines will begin two daily flights to Los Angeles. These new flights are scheduled to link with Delta's flights to destinations within Mexico. Additional information can be found at www.delta.com.

United Airlines Boosts Asia Pacific Service

United Airlines will add ten new nonstop flights per week to Asia from SFO, beginning April 1, 2007. The new flights are:

- Reinstatement of United's daily, nonstop San Francisco-Taipei service
- Addition of three more weekly flights between San Francisco and Hong Kong

The ten new flights, all of which begin April 1, 2007, increase United's nonstop flights to Asia by eighteen percent (for a total of sixty-six flights per week) to Nagoya, Osaka, Seoul, Hong Kong, Beijing, Shanghai, Tokyo and Taipei.

Additional information about United's increased service is available by visiting www.united.com.

Airport Commission Vice President Michael S. Strunsky Retires

On August 11, 2006, San Francisco Airport Commission Vice President Michael S. Strunsky retired from the Commission after thirteen years of service. Mr. Strunsky was first appointed to the Airport Commission by Mayor Frank Jordan on November 3, 1993. He was reappointed by Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr. on December 8, 1997, and again on September 2, 2001. From 2003 to 2006 he served as the Vice President of the Airport Commission.

Educated at Cornell University in Electrical Engineering and at Columbia University in Construction Management, Mr. Strunsky began his professional career with the New York Port Authority as Construction Engineer on a number of major projects, including Kennedy International Airport. From there he went to work for progressively larger construction firms, such as Morse/Diesel and Bechtel, assuming increasing levels of responsibility. Mr. Strunsky served as Founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Apersey Construction. He is also the Sole Trustee of the Ira and Leonore Gershwin Trust.

Mr. Strunsky brought his considerable expertise in the field of construction to San Francisco International Airport's \$2.4 billion Master Plan Program (1996-2001), which was the largest public works project in the country at the time. He continually provided guidance to airport staff on this massive construc-



Michael S. Strunsky

tion project, and his expertise in the construction industry helped to provide his fellow Commissioners with a greater degree of understanding of the issues involved in large scale developments.

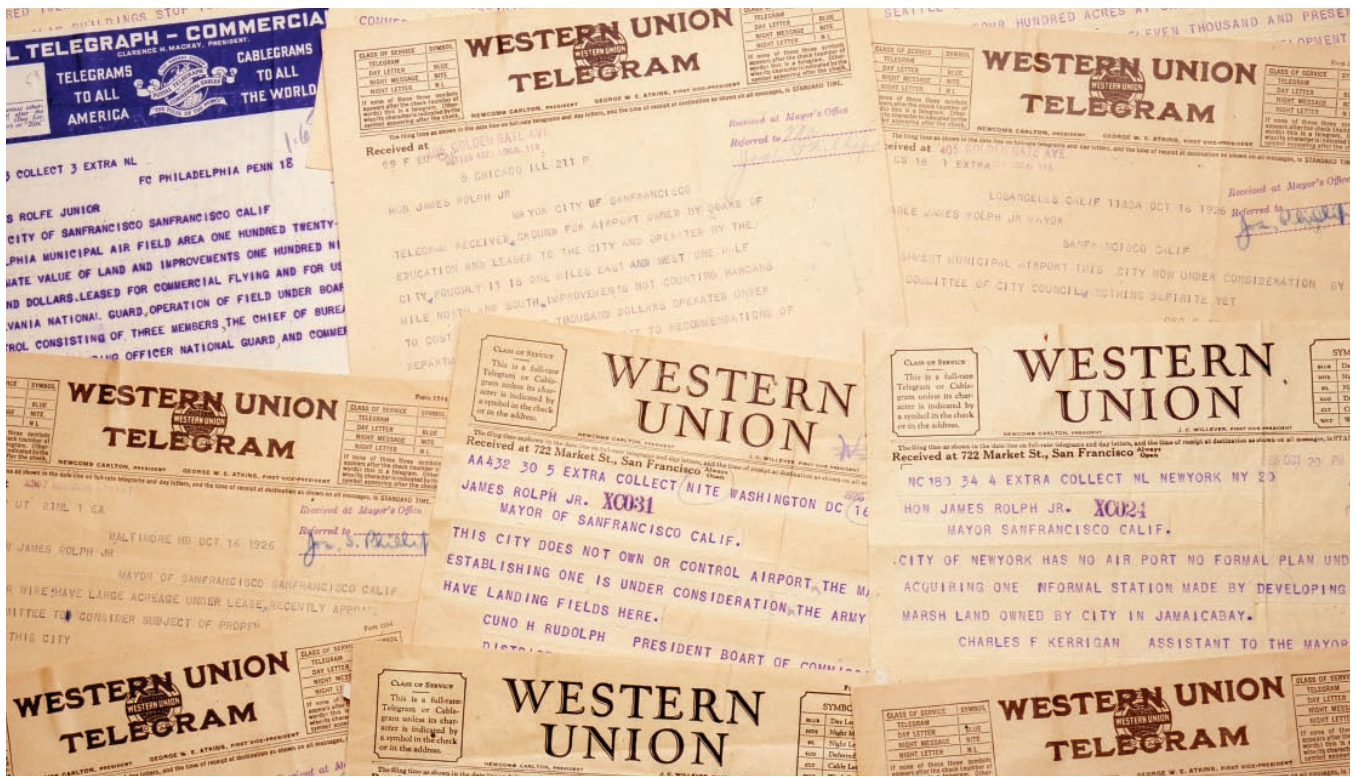
"SFO's entire staff is most grateful to Commissioner Strunsky for his generosity of time and unwavering dedication to SFO. He has had tremendous impact on the development of this world-class airport. Mr. Strunsky's insight will truly be missed," said Airport Director John L. Martin. [SFO](#)



Pick Up Your Passport to Holiday Savings

Start the holiday travel season with special savings at SFO. From November 13, 2006, through January 1, 2007, passengers can pick up a free copy of SFO's *Holiday Savings Passport* from information booths, kiosks and participating tenants throughout the airport. During this time period, the *Holiday Savings Passport* will also be available for download at www.flysfo.com.

The *Holiday Savings Passport* offers coupons for discounts and gifts-with-purchases from more than thirty shopping, dining and service providers in the terminals, as well as from two airlines serving the airport. Whether wanting to shop for a special gift, enjoy a meal, relax before a flight, or even plan a new flight, the *Holiday Savings Passport* is filled with offers to make the most of each passenger's time—and money—spent in the terminals.



Reply telegrams to the Office of the Mayor, 1926, San Francisco Airport Museums.

Mills Field Memories



Mills Field Memories is presented as a series in the *SFO Update* newsletter in commemoration of the 80th anniversary of San Francisco International Airport first dedicated on May 7, 1927. Originally named Mills Field Municipal Airport of San Francisco, the early history of SFO was a period of challenges, reversals, and eventual success as the City took its place in the new commercial aviation industry of the 1920s and 30s in service to the public. Additional resources on the subject can be found at the San Francisco Airport Commission Aviation Library and Louis A. Turpen Aviation Museum, located in SFO's International Terminal Main Hall.

Part 1 Flying the Mail: Birth of the Airlines

It was during the presidency of Calvin Coolidge when, on February 2, 1925, Congress passed the Contract Air Mail Act. The bill was more commonly known as the Kelly Act, named for Representative Clyde Kelly of Pennsylvania who led the effort to transfer airmail service from the Post Office Department to private operators. At the close of WWI, the predominant peacetime use for airplanes was mail carrying. The rapid dispatch of

letters and documents recast these flying machines as tools of communication. Building on the work of the Army Air Service, the Post Office officially opened the U. S. Aerial Mail Service on May 15, 1918, with civilian pilots using railroad tracks to navigate the New York–Washington route. With war spending relaxed and an abundance of surplus aircraft, the government then launched an ambitious coast-to-coast airmail service. By

1924, regularly scheduled transcontinental airmail was established using lighted airfields that stretched from New York to San Francisco.

The Kelly Act was aimed at inducing a commercial airline industry as the legislation called for open competition. The Post Office was authorized to conduct bid calls and award the airmail contracts. The Department of Commerce would regulate the activities of the carriers under the Air Commerce Act. On November 15, 1926, bidding was opened for the two transcontinental sectors: New York–Chicago and Chicago–San Francisco. Fledgling airlines of the day were failing at a high rate, unable to sustain passenger-based business. Federal mail contracts became highly sought, and for most were the only chance for economic survival. Indeed, airmail would become the lifeblood of the airline business for many years to come.

Keenly aware that the airmail was coming to San Francisco, the City government knew that an “air port” with adequate facilities was in order. The Hon. James Rolph, Jr., Mayor of San Francisco, set out to secure the airmail prize lest it slip away to another city better equipped for the coming air age. At the Board of Supervisors a newly formed Airport Committee was charged with placing San Francisco “on the new airways of the world.” There would be no immediate or easy solution, however, as to where San Francisco’s airport would be placed. In fact, the issue had been batted about for years, but now it was a matter of urgency.

In October of 1926, a survey was conducted from the Office of the Mayor in San Francisco’s City Hall. Fourteen fellow mayors across the country were sent telegrams asking if their city owned and controlled an airport. If so, what were its size, location, and cost? If not, were there plans to acquire one? Of the municipalities that wired back only Buffalo, Cleveland, and Philadelphia owned and operated airports. New York, Boston, Baltimore, Washington, D.C., Detroit, Milwaukee, Chicago, St. Louis, Los Angeles, and Seattle had yet to establish city-owned and controlled facilities. Of the latter group, some had alternative airfields at adjacent locations such as the City of New York, which reported an “informal station made by developing one on marsh land owned by city in Jamaica Bay.”

It was announced on January 28, 1927, that the airmail contract for the Chicago–San Francisco segment of the transcontinental route was awarded to William E. Boeing and Edward Hubbard of the Boeing Aircraft Company. Nowhere was this news heralded more loudly than in the chambers of City Hall. The time for San Francisco to create an airport had arrived. [SFO](#)

Airport Employee Dwayne Smith Commended for Life Saving Actions

Throughout his six years as a Utility Custodian at SFO, Dwayne Smith has proven himself a conscientious and caring employee. And, recently his attention and dedication to others resulted in life saving actions.



Dwayne Smith

On the evening of August 18, 2006, Dwayne Smith was headed home from a day of work at SFO. As he passed through Terminal 3 on the way to the SFO BART station, he noticed another custodian. She was performing her job duties, but something did not seem right to Mr. Smith. He realized that

she seemed to be having trouble guiding the broom into the dustpan, was walking in a stagger, and appeared dazed. Although he was in a hurry to make the next BART train home, Mr. Smith remembered his mother’s words to “look and listen for your fellow employees and people surrounding us. That’s why we’re here, to help people.” Mr. Smith stopped and asked his coworker if she was feeling alright, to which she replied she was okay and had “taken some medicine.” Despite her answer, Mr. Smith felt that she was not okay. He had his coworker sit down, and then summoned a Custodial Supervisor to the site. Paramedics were dispatched to the site, and the custodian was taken to a nearby medical facility. Mr. Smith learned the next day that his coworker had suffered a stroke, and that he had undoubtedly saved her life. In response to the praise for his life-saving actions, Mr. Smith modestly stated, “it was a good day.”

Mr. Smith was recently presented with an SFO Safety Award in response to this event, as well as his excellent work safely performing his job duties. [SFO](#)

Mardi Gras Spirit Fills Fifth Annual Employee Appreciation Day

On July 26, 2006, San Francisco International Airport hosted its fifth annual Employee Appreciation Day. More than 1,150 SFO employees and their families enjoyed the Mardi Gras themed event, which featured music from the Mission Gold Jazz Band, carnival games, and a variety of food. Seventy Airport Commission employees worked as volunteers—performing duties from running game booths to serving food—to make the day a huge success. The delicious food was provided by numerous Airport food and beverage tenants.

SFO's annual Employee Appreciation Day provides the opportunity for the Airport Commission to recognize the hard work and dedication of its more than 1,300 staff members. And, with staff from all airport divisions in attendance, the event also offers a venue for employees from various work groups to meet each other.

"Our goal was to show appreciation for all the hard work that Airport Commission employees do throughout the year. And, largely through the efforts of our volunteers, the day was a huge success. It was a pleasure to participate," said this year's Employee Appreciation Day Coordinator, Mark Costanzo. [sfo](#)



SFO Employee Appreciation Day Volunteers Emily Chau, Gail Van Sciver, Nancy Smetanka, Jim Cheng and Linda Rhoades

Just Landed: New Concessions and Offers

Brookstone

Brookstone has opened a second store at SFO. Located on the Departures/Ticketing Level of the International Terminal Main Hall, Brookstone's International Terminal store features this well-known national retailer's selection of functional gadgets related to health and fitness, home, office and travel. Brookstone is also located post-security in Terminal 3, Boarding Area F.

Join Pacific Gateway Concessions' Book Club

Pacific Gateway Concessions' new club allows customers to read their way to a free book. Customers are given a member card and receive a stamp for each book purchased from a Pacific Gateway "Aviator News & Books" or "KTVU News" store. After ten stamps, the customer can choose any book from Pacific Gateway's selection that is priced up to \$10, or receive a \$10 credit toward the purchase of any book priced over \$10.

To join, visit Pacific Gateway's "Aviator News & Books" stores in Terminal 1 or "KTVU News" stores in Terminal 3.

Max's the Greek

SFO's San Francisco Marketplace dining program has added another culinary destination to its offerings by introducing Greek cuisine. Located post-security in Terminal 3, SFO's newest restaurant, Max's the Greek, offers a variety of classic Greek tastes. Mezes and salads, Greek pies, pastizio, and traditional favorites such as lamb mousakka are featured on the restaurant's menu. Max's the Greek is located in Boarding Area F, Terminal 3, near Gate 71.

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