

## A's News Clips, Monday, September 20, 2010

### Mark Ellis, Bobby Cramer lead Oakland A's past Minnesota Twins; Coco Crisp has broken finger again

By Jeff Shelman, Correspondent, Oakland Tribune

Coco Crisp, one of the A's most productive hitters, was unavailable because of a broken finger. The starting pitcher had spent most of this season in the Mexican League. And Oakland was facing a Minnesota team that is in the mix for the best record in baseball.

None of that apparently mattered. The combination of a second very adequate outing from 30-year-old rookie Bobby Cramer and three hits from Mark Ellis was enough to give the A's a 6-2 victory Sunday at Target Field.

As a result, the A's won their fourth series of their last five, improved to .500 on the season and moved within one victory of the 75 they recorded each of the past two seasons.

But if the A's are going to finish the season at .500 or better, they may have to do it without Crisp. The center fielder, who has hit .304 since Aug. 1, broke his left pinkie finger sliding into third base in Saturday's loss. On Sunday, Crisp's pinkie -- the same one he broke in the exhibition series against the Giants that forced him to start the season on the disabled list -- was wrapped.

Crisp is expected to see a Bay Area hand specialist, and his status for the final 14 games of the regular season will be determined at that point.

As the A's enter their final homestand of the season, manager Bob Geren hopes Crisp's season isn't over.

"It's difficult to replace someone who has played as well as he has, but it is September and we have a lot of good candidates if he cannot play," Geren said. "We're still hopeful he can play."

In the series finale against the Twins, Geren went with an outfield of Chris Carter -- who is now 0 for 32 in the majors -- Rajai Davis and Matt Carson.

But despite a lineup that featured four players who are hitting below .200 on the season and zero who are batting .300, the A's jumped to an early lead on Minnesota's Francisco Liriano.

After Daric Barton singled and Ellis doubled down the third base line in the first, Kurt Suzuki singled to get the A's on the board. With two outs and the bases loaded, Akinori Iwamura drove in two runs with a single to center field, giving the A's a 3-0 lead.

That early lead was enough cushion for Cramer (2-0), who was making only his second big-league start. Six days after limiting Kansas City to one run on four hits over 5 1/3 innings, the former Shell Oil employee and substitute teacher was effective against the Twins. Largely staying ahead of hitters, Cramer changed speeds and limited Minnesota to two runs on five hits over 5 2/3 innings.

"When they went out and put up the runs, it just allowed me to pitch a lot more relaxed and kind of attack hitters rather than tiptoe around," Cramer said. "All things considered, it went well. There were a couple of mistakes I wish I could have back, but all in all I feel pretty good about it."

Cramer did have an early scare when a Joe Mauer line drive hit the inside of his thigh in the first inning. While the ball caught Cramer square, he didn't even think about coming out of the game.

"I'm so excited to be here," said Cramer, who pitched in 22 games earlier this season for Quintana Roo of the Mexican League. "They're going to have to do more than that to get me out of the game."

In the fifth, Ellis -- who went 3 for 3 with two runs and two RBI -- gave the A's a 5-0 lead when he launched a Liriano changeup into the Oakland bullpen for a two-run homer.

Cramer, who experienced increasing amounts of back tightness as the game went along, gave up his only runs in the sixth when Michael Cuddyer and Jim Thome hit solo homers.

But Oakland relievers Brad Ziegler, Michael Wuertz and Craig Breslow held the Twins scoreless the rest of the way.

"We know they rested some guys, they had a couple of guys out of the lineup, but that's still a good team," Ellis said. "To come in here and win the series was huge."

Note: Third baseman Kevin Kouzmanoff went through a full session of batting practice before the game as he attempts to return from back spasms. Geren said he is improving, but how Kouzmanoff feels today will play a role on when he may return to action.

## **A's leading off**

San Francisco Chronicle

**Average up, power off:** Mark Ellis is hitting .426 in September, but barring a Troy Tulowitzki-like surge, he will finish the season with single-digit home runs for the first time since 2003. Sunday's was his fourth homer.

## **Cramer tops Twins for two wins to start career**

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MINNEAPOLIS -- Exactly two weeks from now, the A's are likely set to say farewell to another season.

But hurler Bobby Cramer's barely finished saying his hellos.

The 30-year-old rookie, who made his way from the Mexican League to the Minors to the Majors all in a span of a few months this season, stood on a big league mound for just the second time on Sunday, five days removed from his first win in Kansas City.

Cramer's been around the block. He's seen plenty of time pass. No need to put off win No. 2.

Well, thanks to an early offensive showing from his teammates, the A's lefty was able to conquer that second victory in as many tries. And, as a result, Cramer and Co. left Minnesota with a 6-2 victory and a series win at Target Field, where they suffered a three-game sweep during their last visit.

The A's entered the contest attempting to stall the Rangers' journey toward the American League West crown, which is currently riding on a Magic Number of six. The Twins, meanwhile, looked to close in on their Magic Number of five.

The former prevailed, much thanks to the efforts of Cramer, who allowed three hits and three walks but no runs during the first five frames, despite being nailed square on his right thigh on a hard ground ball up the middle from Joe Mauer that he turned into the last out of the first inning.

"I'm just so excited to be here," Cramer said. "They're gonna have to do more than that to get me out of there."

The journeyman southpaw also experienced a dose of back pain throughout the day, but his ability to cruise through a rather dangerous Twins lineup was aided by the early help from an A's offense that touched Minnesota lefty Francisco Liriano for three runs on four hits and a walk in the first inning.

With one out, Daric Barton reached on a single and advanced to third on a Mark Ellis double, which was followed by an RBI single off the bat of Kurt Suzuki to quickly make it 1-0.

Matt Carson proceeded to fly out to right field for the second out, but designated hitter Josh Donaldson kept things going by tallying a walk, and Akinori Iwamura extended the club's lead to two thanks to a base hit that plated Ellis and Suzuki.

"I didn't really have nerves the first time, but a couple of times during the game I had a chance to sit back and think about what was going on," Cramer said. "It was a little overwhelming, but this time the guys went out and put up three in the first and it really helped me relax and settle down, especially against an offense like that."

The A's added on in the fifth inning courtesy of a two-run homer from Ellis, who enjoyed a 3-for-3 day with two walks (one intentional) and fell just a triple short of hitting for the cycle. That frame would mark Liriano's last, as the Twins southpaw exited having given up five runs in five frames while dropping to 14-8 on the season.

"[Liriano's] one of those guys that if he gets on a roll, he's gonna be tough," A's manager Bob Geren said. "You have to get to him early, and we were able to do that. We tired him."

Carrying a 5-0 lead heading into the sixth, Cramer had trouble putting away the heart of Minnesota's order a third time around. He was rocked for solo homers from Michael Cuddyer and Jim Thome to narrow Oakland's lead to three and force Geren to call on the bullpen, out of which Brad Ziegler came and tossed 1 1/3 shutout innings.

Ziegler's work, along with two shutout innings from Michael Wuertz and Craig Breslow, paved the way for Cramer's second big league win.

"All things considered, it went well," Cramer said. "There were a couple mistakes I'd like to have back, but all in all, I felt pretty good about it.

"I'm lucky I was able to get through what I was able to today. I was battling toward the end, but not bad at all."

Cramer admitted to not expecting the success he's enjoyed in the early stages of his late-blooming big league career. But Sunday's performance, especially considering the bumps and bruises he battled, had him feeling a little more confident about his place in The Show.

"What they reminded me here is every team is a big league team, every hitter is a big league hitter," he said. "You don't get here unless you're a great player. That being said, the Twins are having more success this year than the Royals are, so it was a better test. There's some great hitters on that team."

"He did a nice job, a real good job," Geren said. "He was able to mix it up and, even though he was battling, he kept us in it."

Also impressed by Cramer's performance was Ellis, who was more than happy to help out the newbie by way of his ninth multihit game of the month, in which he's now batting .426.

The veteran second baseman's final attempt at completing the cycle came in an eventful ninth frame that resulted in Oakland's final run. Gabe Gross reached on a fielding error by shortstop J.J. Hardy, and Cliff Pennington and Rajai Davis capitalized on the mistake by posting back-to-back singles, the latter driving in a run.

Barton's groundout represented the first out of the frame, leaving Minnesota -- which ultimately had to use seven pitchers -- no choice but to intentionally walk Ellis with runners on first and third.

"Whenever you have a chance to drive guys in, you want that opportunity," Ellis said. "That's just what happens sometimes, though. But you always want to be in those situations."

Nevertheless, the club created no further damage in the inning but finished its six-game road swing through Kansas City and Minnesota with a 3-3 record as it returns to Oakland on a high note for its final homestand of the season, which will bring about the White Sox and Rangers for seven games.

"That's your goal, winning every series," Ellis said. "To come here and beat a good team, that's big for us."

"We're trying to win as many games as we can," Geren said. "We're trying to catch a team that's been winning a lot, but we're going to do what we can on our end to win."

## **A's, White Sox face off with tough hills to climb**

By Jesse Sanchez / MLB.com

Both the White Sox and Athletics trail the leaders in their divisions by almost 10 games.

Both teams appear headed for a second-place finish.

Neither team has given up on the season.

"We're obviously still not eliminated, so we're still shooting to avoid that," A's manager Bob Geren said.

"If that doesn't happen, our next goal would be second place. But we're still going out playing like [winning the American League West] is still a possibility. We want to win every game we can when we step on the field."

Finishing with a .500 record has also developed into a realistic goal for the A's (74-74). The club won two of three games against the Twins over the weekend and has won six of its past 10 games.

They'll also get a chance to make waves in the division later this week when they go head-to-head against the first-place Rangers for four games at home starting Thursday. They currently trail Texas by nine games.

As for the White Sox, they have lost five in a row heading into Sunday's series finale with the Tigers. They were swept last week by the AL Central-leading Twins, and trail Minnesota by 9 1/2 games.

"They're in the same situation as us, eight or nine games back," Geren said. "They're doing everything they can to hang on, and we're gonna go at it the same way every day."

The A's will send Gio Gonzalez to the hill to kick off the series. The White Sox will counter with Gavin Floyd.

Gonzalez lasted just two innings against Kansas City on Tuesday. He allowed seven hits and seven earned runs in his first loss since Aug. 13.

Floyd will have to pitch better. He has lost five of his past seven decisions, giving up 61 hits and 29 earned runs over 43 innings during that span.

### **White Sox: Manny getting on base, but lacks pop**

Manny Ramirez went 13-for-48 with one home run and one RBI in his first 16 games with the White Sox. Twelve of Ramirez's hits were singles. ... Juan Pierre has 517 career stolen bases and needs one more steal base to tie Patsy Donovan for 30th place on the all-time list. ... Chicago is 3-3 against Oakland this season. Andruw Jones and Ramon Castro have the only two home runs hit against the A's for the White Sox this season.

### **Athletics: Kouzmanoff is improving**

Kevin Kouzmanoff (lower back) underwent full baseball activities for a third straight day on Sunday. The injury has kept him out of the lineup for 12 straight games and there is no timetable for his return. ... Coco Crisp, who missed the first month of the season because of a fractured left pinkie finger, might have to sit out the final month due to the same injury. He will see a specialist on Monday.

### **Worth noting**

The A's have hit 94 home runs this season, the second fewest home runs in the Major Leagues behind Seattle (92). They also have the second fewest extra-base hits in the AL with 374.

## **Crisp to see specialist after fracturing pinkie**

By Jane Lee / MLB.com | 09/19/10 2:50 PM ET

MINNEAPOLIS -- Coco Crisp was forced to miss the first month of the season as a result of a fractured left pinkie finger, and the A's outfielder may have to sit out the final month due to the same injury.

Crisp fractured the left finger again in the sixth inning of Saturday's 4-2 loss against the Twins, when he slid into third base while also being tagged out after coming around from first on a throwing error by pitcher Kevin Slowey.

He managed to stay in the game, and manager Bob Geren said on Sunday morning that Crisp will see a hand specialist in the Bay Area on Monday to determine if he can continue playing with the fracture.

We'll know in the next day or two where he stands," Geren said. "Right now it's just sore, and he's day to day."

The 30-year-old Crisp was sidelined from April 3 to May 20 with the first fracture, which occurred when he was tagged by San Francisco's Juan Uribe while sliding into second base in an exhibition game with the Giants.

His indefinite absence will allow a handful of outfielders the opportunity to receive playing time. On Sunday, Geren placed Rajai Davis in center, with Chris Carter in left and Matt Carson receiving the start in right field.

Davis is likely to stay in center for the time being, and Geren has plenty other options on the corners, including Gabe Gross, Jeff Larish and Jack Cust.

Crisp was batting .316 with five homers, 20 RBIs, 26 runs scored and 18 stolen bases in his last 39 games, representing something of a sparkplug for a struggling A's offense.

"It's difficult to replace someone who's played as well as he has," Geren said. "There are good candidates to fill his spot, but I'm still hopeful he'll be able to play."

Surprised Donaldson in the lineup at DH

MINNEAPOLIS -- Josh Donaldson's phone was rather active Sunday morning, and for good reason.

Donaldson took a peek at the lineup and surprisingly found his name in the designated hitter's slot, batting sixth against Minnesota's Francisco Liriano for the club's rubber match against the Twins.

The news had Donaldson sending out a handful of texts to family and friends, making them aware of his first start since being recalled from Triple-A Sacramento on Tuesday.

Donaldson made his Major League debut earlier in the season when catcher Kurt Suzuki went down with an injury. During his two-week stint with the A's beginning April 30, he collected his first Major League hit -- a home run in Toronto -- and went 4-for-26 in 10 games, including seven starts. Five of them came behind the plate, while two were in the DH spot.

While Donaldson's offensive numbers weren't exactly impressive, he said he took a good lesson from his initial experience in the big leagues.

"I struggled a little bit when I was first here," he said on Sunday. "I was trying to rush things too much, swinging at bad pitches and not letting them come to me. Having been here awhile and not playing, I've just been able to hang out with the guys and watch the games. That's allowed me to slow everything down.

"When you're able to slow the game down, you usually have more success. Having been here showed me I can play at that next level. I'm just going to try to stay focused on every at-bat."

Donaldson endured his own injury with Sacramento following his brief stay with Oakland, as he remained on the disabled list with a sprained right knee from Aug. 4 to Sept. 2. Still, he was able to finish the season with a career-high 18 home runs despite appearing in just 86 games. He also posted 67 RBIs while compiling a .238 average.

Donaldson, 24, is more than happy to be back with the big boys in green and gold. Making the return even more enjoyable is sharing the experience with a handful of players who also spent most of the year in Sacramento, including Chris Carter, Steve Tolleson and Eric Sogard.

"When I was here the first time," he said, "I saw a lot of familiar faces, but it was still a big adjustment getting to know everyone. It helps being more comfortable with the guys here.

"I haven't seen live pitching in a while, but [I'm] hoping a few of us River Cats can do some damage."

Worth noting

Kevin Kouzmanoff underwent full baseball activities for a third straight day on Sunday as he continues to rehab his lower back, which has kept him out of the lineup for 12 straight games. He took batting practice and fielded ground balls at third base. Geren, however, said there is still no timetable for his return. "He's still day to day," he said, "but he's getting closer." ... A couple of lineup regulars received the day off on Sunday, including Cliff Pennington and Jack Cust. Thus, Steve Tolleson got a start at shortstop while Josh Donaldson filled the DH role. ... The A's entered Sunday's rubber match having compiled a .213 batting average with 14 runs scored in five games on their current road trip. They're 5-for-31 (.161) with runners in scoring position.

## **Major League: Crisp fractures finger**

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Coco Crisp has done it again. He's fractured that left pinkie finger, the one that kept him out nearly a month and a half at the start of the season after he broke it while sliding into second base in an exhibition game with the Giants. This time, he did it while sliding into third, at which point he was tagged out after coming around from first in the sixth inning yesterday. He managed to stay in the game, though, and Geren is hoping he'll only be out a couple days. Crisp will see a hand specialist tomorrow to determine whether he can continue playing with the fracture or not, and the team will know in the next day or two about his availability.

In the meantime, there's a grab bag of outfielders here ready and willing to get some playing time. Remember Gabe Gross? And Matt Carson? Jeff Larish? Geren has Carson in right today, with Carter in left and Davis in center.

## **Ellis homers as A's top Twins 6-2**

Associated Press

Facing Joe Mauer in the first inning of his second career start, Bobby Cramer braced himself when the reigning AL MVP sent a liner back up the middle.

The ball hit Cramer's right leg, and he hurriedly picked it up and threw Mauer out at first.

"They're going to have to do more than that to get me out of the game," the 30-year-old Oakland rookie said.

Cramer earned his second consecutive win and Mark Ellis had three hits, helping the Athletics beat the Minnesota Twins 6-2 on Sunday.

Besides the game, the AL Central-leading Twins also lost Mauer to a balky left knee. Mauer tweaked the knee while swinging when he grounded out in the sixth and was replaced defensively by Jose Morales in the seventh.

"We're going to see how it is the next couple of days and go from there," Mauer said.

Cramer (2-0) faced a much tougher lineup than he did in his big league debut last week at Kansas City. He was working on a three-hitter before Michael Cuddyer and Jim Thome went deep in the sixth.

The left-hander departed after Thome's two-out drive, but Brad Ziegler, Michael Wuertz and Craig Breslow combined for 3 1-3 innings of one-hit ball.

"It was a better test," Cramer said. "There are some great hitters on that team and there were some fun at-bats, too. ... It's fun to face guys who are going to be in the Hall of Fame. Good lineup to face."

Ellis and Akinori Iwamura each scored twice and drove in a pair of runs against Francisco Liriano (14-8), who lost for the first time since July 9 at Detroit. The lefty is 8-1 with a 2.84 ERA in his last 12 starts.

Iwamura hit a two-run single in Oakland's three-run first and Ellis went deep with two out in the fifth, hitting a 3-1 pitch into the seats in left-center to make it 5-0.

"It was good to come in here against a good team," Ellis said. "We know they rested some guys, they had a couple of guys out of the lineup, but that's still a good team. To come in here and win the series was huge."

Liriano didn't get much sleep the previous night thanks to a rash, but said his long night didn't affect his performance.

"Liriano just didn't have his stuff it looked like today," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "He was misfiring basically from the get-go."

The A's added an unearned run in the ninth after Gabe Gross' grounder went between shortstop J.J. Hardy's legs. Gross scored two batters later on Rajai Davis' single.

Gardenhire was ejected in the fourth after Thome hit into a bizarre double play. Davis appeared to drop Thome's fly ball to center, but replays showed he made the catch before dropping the ball as he prepared to throw to second. Delmon Young, who went to second on the apparent drop, was subsequently called out for not tagging up at first.

The manager pointed out that second-base umpire John Hirschbeck initially called Young safe at second after the throw.

"I think they understand that something was really screwed up out there," Gardenhire said. "Delmon had nowhere to go."

NOTES: A's rookie Chris Carter went 0 for 3 and is hitless in all 32 of his major league at-bats. ... Oakland 3B Kevin Kouzmanoff took batting practice as he attempts to return from back spasms. Manager Bob Geren said he is improving, but how Kouzmanoff feels Monday will help determine when he returns. ... Twins rookie Ben Revere picked up his first two major league hits. ... Gardenhire confirmed Scott Baker will start Tuesday against Cleveland to give the rest of the rotation an extra day of rest. Baker has recently been bothered by tendinitis in his right elbow. ... Twins CF Denard Span (shoulder) was held out of the lineup for a third straight game as a precaution, although he took batting practice and Gardenhire said he would be available to play if needed. RF Jason Kubel (wrist) also took some swings and rested.

## **Meet the Radio Hall of Fame's class of 2010**

Ben Fong-Torres, San Francisco Chronicle 9/19/2010

I've got 20 Bay Area Radio Hall of Fame inductees to cover in about a thousand words, so here we go with the class of 2010, being enshrined Saturday at a dinner at the Doubletree in Berkeley. (Visit [www.broadcastlegends.com](http://www.broadcastlegends.com) for ticket info.)

### **Announcer/Personality:**

**John McLeod:** A 45-year radio veteran, McLeod began at Foothill College's KFJC in 1965, joined KLIV (1590 AM) in San Jose in 1967, and has gone with the flow of format changes, from Top 40 to disco to standards to news. He does weekday traffic for Silicon Valley in both morning and afternoon drive.

**Dave Morey:** Until he retired in 2008, Morey was the rock-steady anchor of KFOG's morning show. He came to San Francisco from Michigan in 1980 as "Dave Kent" on KSFX, and joined KFOG when it switched to a rock format in 1982. Morey moved to mornings in 1992 and also produced the feature "10@10."

**Don Sainte-Johnn:** A native of Southern California, Sainte-Johnn is best remembered as an affable, straightforward DJ on KFRC in its "Big 610" years. He spent a decade there, then moved on to KYA, KBGG, KSOL and K101. He continues to do voice work and has a DJ show on V1011fm.com.

**Tom Saunders:** Tommy Saunders, as he was known, arrived in 1964 to work as a DJ on KYA. The Chronicle's **Ralph J. Gleason** called him a Top 40 version of **Terry Southern**. Saunders moved on to KSFO, KSFX and, from 1980 until his retirement in 2005, KOIT, where he anchored the morning show.

**Bonnie Simmons:** Beginning in 1970 at KSAN, the free-form rock station, Simmons became a DJ and program director until 1978. Her other radio credits include KFOG, KITS ("Live 105"), KOFY-FM, KDBK ("Double 99") and KUSF. She continues to spin eclectic music on KPFA on Thursday evenings, 8 to 10.

### **News:**

**Stan Bunger:** A native of San Jose, Bunger earned his broadcasting degree at San Francisco State University and joined KCBS in 1982, when he was 25. He left in 1992 for other ventures, and returned in 2000, soon becoming co-anchor of the morning news. He also plays electric guitar with the Eyewitness Blues Band.

**Dave McQueen:** Blessed with a booming, no-nonsense voice and delivery, McQueen was on KSAN for more than a decade before moving on to KNEW, KFRC, KKCX ("The City") and KKSF. He joined KCBS in 2002 and anchored the news until he retired in June 2009, noting about the many formats he's worked: "A microphone is a microphone."

### **Sports:**



**Jon Miller:** Recently honored by the Baseball Hall of Fame with the Ford C. Frick Award, Miller is a native of Hayward who got his first play-by-play job in 1974 with the Oakland A's. He was 22. Besides calling Giants games on KNBR and television, the talented Miller does Sunday night games on ESPN.

**Amaury Pi-Gonzalez:** He left his native Cuba in 1961, and after serving in the U.S. Army, became a pioneer Spanish-language baseball announcer, beginning with the Oakland A's in 1978. He also called Golden State Warriors and Giants games in the '90s. Today, he broadcasts A's games on the Spanish Beisbol Network.

**Gary Radnich:** Although he made his name as the irreverent sports anchor on KRON-TV, Radnich long ago proved that his all-stops-out personality was equally suited for radio. Since 1992, he has had a show on KNBR. The 9 a.m.-noon program is simulcast on Comcast Sportsnet Bay Area, where Radnich also hosts Giants and Warriors pre- and post-game shows.

### **Specialty:**

**Ben Fong-Torres:** The Hall of Fame says: "Became almost famous as an editor and writer for Rolling Stone, but has always held radio near and dear to his heart as a DJ or host (KSAN, KFOG, KOED, KFRC) and Chronicle Radio Waves columnist. Author of 'The Hits Just Keep on Coming: The History of Top 40 Radio.' "

**Isabelle Lemon:** From 1974 to 2006, Lemon was a dynamic promotions director for KNBR. Fellow inductee and former KNBR GM **Heber Smith** calls her "the most creative, energetic promotions director I've ever known." Lemon does volunteer work for community and arts organizations.

### **Engineer:**

**Art Lebermann:** A 40-year broadcasting veteran, Lebermann was chief engineer at KRE, and is the transmitter engineer for KGO and sisters KSFO and KMKY. He helped supervise the installation of a solar power system at KGO's transmitter site in 2008. He also restores vintage radios and broadcast equipment.

### **Owner/Manager:**

**Allan Newman:** From 1962 to 1974, Al Newman was PD at KSFO, keeping reins on such stars as **Don Sherwood**, **Jim Lange**, **Al "Jazzbeaux" Collins** and **Carter B. Smith**, and bringing in **Dan Sorkin**, **Terry McGovern**, **Bobby Dale** and **Gene Nelson**. Today, he works in fields not far removed from his old job: He's a teacher, counselor and hypnotherapist.

**Heber Smith:** A seasoned radio sales manager, Smith was named general manager of KABL in 1966 and steered the station to excellent ratings. He left in 1971 and joined KNBR, adding **Mike Cleary** and **Carter B. Smith** to join a lineup anchored by morning star **Frank Dill**. Now retired, Smith lives in Contra Costa County.

### **Pioneer:**

Thanks to **David F. Jackson** and the Hall of Fame for the following bios. **Evangeline Baker:** One of the first female performers to serve in a starring role on local radio in the Bay Area, "Vangie" started as a "girl singer," then hosted and produced programs on KPO and KGO before becoming one of the first stars of KGO-TV.

**Hilario "Lalo" Caballero:** A true legend of Spanish-language radio, "Lalo" was the No. 1 disc jockey and promoter of conjunto music on the local airwaves, most notably at KLOK.

**Budd Heyde:** Versatile and talented, Heyde hosted all manner of programs, from children's shows to historical dramas. During a career spanning three decades on KPO, KNBC and KNBR, he was the common thread from radio's golden age to the modern era.

**Lewis Hill:** Founder of the first listener-supported radio station in America, KPFA, in 1949. The Berkeley station became part of a network of progressive Pacifica Radio stations. Hill was a pioneer in FM broadcasting, independent media and community-based radio.

**Walt Jamond:** A friendly, stalwart voice on numerous Bay Area stations for three decades, Jamond worked behind the mike at KROW, KABL, KQBY, KRE/KPAT, KNBA and KMPX, among other stations.

The Hall will also present KGO with its Legendary Station Award. The honor, said Jackson, is "in recognition of its more than eight decades of excellence in programming and its commitment to community service in the Bay Area and Northern California."