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"America is too great for small dreams."

— Ronald W. Reagan

Presidents Day 2010

Trustees Monthly Meeting

The regular meeting of the Sheriffs' Relief Association convened on Wednesday, December 2, 2009, 11515 Colima Road, Whittier. The following officers and trustees were present: Paul Drake, President; Jake Katz, Secretary-Treasurer; Trustees Bernice Abram, Edward Godfrey, Arthur Herrera, William McSweeney, Richard Maradiaga, Andrew Thompson and Robert Wachsmuth; Robert Ciulik, General Manager; and Carrol Leonard, Assistant General Manager. Trustees not present: Joseph Fennell, Thomas Laing and John McBride.

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m. A motion was made by Trustee Abram, seconded by Trustee Thompson and unanimously carried, to approve the Minutes from the November 4, 2009, meeting and the October Foundation expenditures.

COMMUNICATIONS

General Manager Robert Ciulik reported that communications were received from the following during the month of November:

From Eileen Kelly, President of R.F.D. Social Club, "This letter is to again thank you and the Association for your generosity for the donation to our R.F.D. November luncheon and fundraiser. We certainly do acknowledge Sheriffs' Relief's contribution to our organization and the membership is very appreciative, for sure. We realize that there have been many demands on Sheriffs' Relief this past year due to the poor economy and we, therefore, appreciate even more Sheriffs' Relief willingness to assist our organization it has done.

Again, many thanks for your assistance, Bob, and that of the Association. Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season from all of us to all of you."

BENEVOLENT REPORT

MORTUARY BENEFITS PAID DURING NOVEMBER: $43,000.00

MORTUARY BENEFITS PAID YEAR TO DATE: $586,535.70

LAWS & LEGISLATIVE REPORT

After a brief discussion a motion was made by Trustee McSweeney, seconded by Trustee Thompson and unanimously carried to have the slate of officers remain the same for the year 2010. They are:

Paul Drake, President
Joseph Fennell, Vice-President
Jake Katz, Secretary-Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

A total of 21 new membership applications were received during the month of November. A motion was made by Trustee Katz, seconded by Trustee Abram and unanimously carried to accept the following new members:

Samantha M. Belanger, Allan Y. Cabisaga, Mark A. Caldwell, Jorge Castellanos, Lucy Ceja, Ann Chan, Myoung Chang, Maritza Escobar, Crystal R. Hernandez, Joselito Jacob, Tony Lien, Maria E. Maz, Thomas M. Negron, Daryl M. Shinyama, Kenneth K. Takigawa, Rakiya J. Ugeh, Pedro Valencia, Norma Vargas, Michael S. Villanueva, Tina Wang and Jing Yi Yu.

There were 19 new retirees, two deaths of active members, five deaths of retired members, two new honorary associate members and 14 members who resigned, were discharged or transferred from the Sheriff's Department during the month of November.

PUBLICATION REPORT

General Manager Ciulik advised the Board that since ad revenue is down, the *Star News* is costing the Association more to produce. However, he felt it was a good member benefit. Assistant General Manager Leonard indicated that there were a lot of new articles coming in on a regular basis.

SHERIFFS' RELIEF FOUNDATION REPORT

A request was received from Special Victims Bureau, to support their annual charity golf tournament which benefits abused children and the 999 for Kids program. In the past we have donated a gift basket with items from the Emporium. A motion was made by Trustee McSweeney, seconded by Trustee Thompson and unanimously carried to donate a basket again this year.

NEW BUSINESS

General Manager Ciulik passed out the SRA budget for 2010. He asked that if any Board members had questions or concerns to please call him or Carrol Leonard. ☆

Retired Deputies

By Don Fandry, President and Chickee Nelson, Vice President
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NEXT MEETING:
Thursday, April 22, 2010
@11:30 a.m. Cost $13

Glendale Elks Lodge
120 E. Colorado Street
Glendale, CA
(818) 242-2105

Happy February holidays: Lincoln's Birthday, 12th; Valentine's Day; 14th; Presidents' Day, 15th; Ash Wednesday, 17th; and Washington's Birthday, 22nd.

On December 2, the Hi-Desert retirees had their monthly luncheon at *Carrow's Restaurant* in Hesperia. Attending this month were Dick and Lue Obney, Ron Bridges, Bill and Marie Eden, Gil Sherwood, Ed and Shirley Sznaper, Woody and Liz Polidore, Chickee and Norman Nelson. I don't believe this, and you aren't going to believe this either, but Gil bought another NEW car. For real! This one is a black sparkly 2009 Aura Saturn. He drove it to the luncheon! Marie got her driver's license when she was 22 in North Carolina, but had been driving since she was 15. Her birthday is February 7, but on her driver's license it is Feb 17, because it rained, her birth certificate got wet, the ink got wet and made a mark in front of the 7 that looked like a 1. Something like that couldn't happen to anyone else but Marie! Woody brought raisin bread to the restaurant and had them toast it, since they don't have raisin bread! We did

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THE CIVILIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

By Carolyn J. Scott

On Tuesday, December 8, 2009, Leadership and Training Division hosted the Civilian Advisory Committee's monthly meeting in the city of Commerce. Fae McLean, a new member of the committee and 29-year veteran of the Department, expressed sheer delight while introducing Chief Roberta Abner as this month's guest speaker. The committee listened intently as Chief Abner took a few moments to deliver updates on her division, as well as to share insights on being a successful leader in all facets of life. She was able to give many examples on effective ways she has managed throughout her tenure in this Department, while also referencing recently read books titled *Adaptive Leadership* and *The Fred Factor*. During the question-and-answer segment of her presentation, the co mmittee commended Chief Abner on her commitment to lifelong learning and service outside of this Department as an EMBA student at USC through LASDU and member of the Executive Council for Special Olympics.

Chief Richard Barrantes presented Ofielia Holquin (outgoing officer, 15 years of service) and Sonia Wilson (13 years of service) with an Exemplary Service Award to mark their dedication in serving on this committee for the last three years. Both recipients gave a short acceptance speech while assuring us that their replacements will fill their shoes just fine. We truly appreciate the commitment to service you have provided through the years and will definitely miss your smiles at the monthly meetings.

Before concluding the impromptu awards portion of the meeting, the Civilian Advisory Chairperson, Tarqueenia Ellis, led the team in giving thanks to Director Richard Weintraub and Chief Richard Barrantes for their assistance throughout the year in serving as advisor and liaison to the committee. All had positive feedback and words of appreciation for the support and encouragement of the leaders of this Department committed to "Be the Change" that we wish to see in this world.

This year was packed full of exciting events and learning experiences. As we enter 2010, our mission is to expand our efforts to include even more activities geared for the benefit of all professional staff in our Department. If you have any questions or concerns … please direct them to your divisional CAC representative or the general e-mail box at *civadvcom@lasd.org.* ☆

FORT CARSON

By Robert Anderson
Carson Station

Can you believe it? 2009 will soon be history, and a new year awaits. Carson Station would like to extend our warm wishes and hopes that the new year will be as fulfilling as the last. "Happy New Year" to the rest of the County, and we hope your holiday season was filled with fun and enjoyment with families, friends, coworkers and loved ones.

I can tell you, from firsthand knowledge, we here at Carson Station made the best of the holiday season. The Carson Station holiday celebration was one to remember, as personnel from the station flocked to the city of Carson's Community Center. It was a perfect venue. The ballroom chosen by Captain Abram and her holiday committee was ideal, and the room was nicely decorated for the evening event. The committee thought of everything. Many attendees had the opportunity to smoke their favorite cigar in the outside lounge, while they mingled with coworkers and friends. A picture booth was there for those who wanted to remember the occasion. There was an excellent catered dinner to boot.

Now, we all know that a great holiday celebration never gets off to a good start without some great entertainment. Did you know we had our very own dance-off? Nope, it wasn't one of those hard-core dance-off competitions like the ones you would see on television. This was a straight-out grudge match between two friends who claimed they could out-dance each other. It was set up well, and it really got the tempo and mood for the rest of the holiday celebration kicked into high gear. On a side note, I thought to myself, "This really isn't going to happen." I knew the possibility was there, since one of the contestants was a former *Star News* participant, and the other was bragging earlier about his excellent dancing skills. Not to mention, this was a PM versus EM thing, and that is never a good mixture. But when the introduction was made by the Captain, there was no backing out. Had you been there, you would have seen a great tribute to Michael Jackson, as Deputies Brandon Love and Cevin Preston made Carson Station proud. The two of them had moves I know my body could not have endured, nor recuperated from by the next day.

As the night moved on to late evening, everyone was still hanging around enjoying each other's company, away from work, but with the common goal of mutual respect for the occasion. The holiday celebration went on without a glimpse of problems. Everyone was responsible and had a great time.

Carson Station would like to thank everyone involved in putting the event together. A very special thank you goes out to Mike Chacon and Steve Williams for the planning of the party. It was definitely one to remember, and one that will be hard to beat in the future. However, having worked under Captain Abram for some time now, I am sure she has something up her sleeve for next year.

In the end, there would never be a celebration without recognizing the outstanding achievements by our personnel. Carson Station would like to thank the following who worked diligently throughout the year. Each one of the personnel receiving awards were voted upon by their peers and supervisors.

The winners are as follows:

Deputy of the Year – Deputy Michael Chacon and Deputy Michael Ong
Rookie of the Year – Deputy Michael Kennard
Detective of the Year – Detective Jose Corrales
Professional Staff Employee of the Year – Melody Degraff
Reserve Deputy of the Year – Deputy Sheldon Rocker
COPS Deputy of the Year – Deputy Wayde Farrell
Captain's Corner Award – Deputy Eddie Matsumoto and Tammy Michelson

Of course, there would never be a good holiday without a great arrest. On Christmas Eve, deputies from the Early Morning Shift received a call of a burglary in progress. The deputies quickly contained the residence and were able to detain three suspects. Now, I'm sure you were all thinking, "That's a pretty normal call and arrest." Of course. However, there was still one outstanding suspect who was believed to be hiding inside the residence. Deputies remained at their containment positions as the handling unit, along with K-9, entered the residence to clear it. What the deputies and the K-9 unit quickly discovered was that they had already detained the suspects involved, and a very elaborate marijuana grow was inside the vacant residence. Deputy Armando Guzman, just recently off training, had the handle and did a great job in coordinating the call. All I can say is outstanding job by everyone involved. Armando, great work, welcome to patrol and nice Christmas Eve present, my friend.

Again, Carson Station would like to say Happy New Year, and we all hope the next decade is just as fulfilling as the last. Stay tuned for next month's article, as I expose one of those embarrassing moments for one of our best. Let's just say, a large city statue was broken, and we had to find the one responsible and hold him/her accountable. You will never guess who it was …

As the County and Carson Station turn, and the news and events are established, I will put fingers to keyboard and send it your way. Until next time, be safe, work as a team and go home in one piece … ☆

a Christmas bulb exchange, which was fun. Marie gave everyone a bag of cookies. She is a great cook. Thanks, Marie. Come join us the 1st Wednesday of the month at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

On December 3, The Firestone Retirees got together at *Maggie's Pub* in Santa Fe Springs for their Christmas Luncheon. Here is the list of attendees: Jim White, Don DiMarzo, John and Ellen Spiller, Lydia Hernandez, Norma Hernandez, Bob Stephens, Jack Miller, Tommy Rosas, Ken and Madelyn Smith, RC and Sophie Jones, Duke deDuBovay, Phil and Margaret Katz, Beto and Cecelia Kienast, Annabelle Ishii, Chickee and Norman Nelson, Marion and Mimi Sickman, Bill Reed, Yvonne Short, Pat Connolly, Joe and Angie Lesnick, John Hawksley, Gar Austin, Jon Austin, Lorrie Raia, Ron and Bonnie Moya, Gary and Karen Everson, Fritz Campbell, Gil Figueroa, Joe Castorina, Chuck Vaughn and Guy. That was a nice turnout for the luncheon, John, so it wasn't your BAD jokes that ran people away. They showed up this time.

On December 4, the 5th annual LASD Prescott area retirees Christmas party was held at the *Lone Spur Café* on Gurley Street. It was a cold evening, 35 degrees. Hi there, ho there! We're wishing all of you readers a belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the retired deputies in and around Prescott, Arizona. The mood was a festive one as everyone gathered to share the Christmas spirit. This year there were 34 in attendance, down from last year of 48. Those who were in attendance had a grand old time. Prior to dinner there was a social hour where we caught up on the various happenings. This year's attendees were as follows: Ev and Julia Moore, Moon and Robyn Mullen, Gerald and Rehab Boswell, Ken and Terry Leffler, Mike and Gloria Jones, Tony and Cin Hollins, Wayne and Loyce Hillard, Curt Irwin, Lou and Darle Moulton, Jack and Bonnie Palmer, Joe and Ruth Parkinson, Ollie and Carolyn Taylor (all the way from Henderson, Nevada), Harry and Jeanne Allmoslecher, Victor and Agnes Guerrero, Nancy Bonini, Dennis and Nancy Carroll, Jerry and Detta Taylor, and Walt and Mila Bouman. The menu for the evening was prime rib, baked halibut, calamari, baked chicken, vegetables, rice pilaf and various desserts, including a root beer float. Prescott is known as Arizona's Christmas city and everyone's hometown. Y'all come and see us sometime, ya hear? — *Written by Tony Hollins*

On December 9, the Desert Heat Retirees had their monthly luncheon at the Lake Havasu Elks Club. Those attending: Don and Susie Sackett, Bill Violette, Norman and Chickee Nelson, Doug Muchmore, Wayne Powell, Mike Robbins and Jerry Gillen. Jerry wasn't really at the luncheon. He did show up but then he left because he had to do that four-letter word: work. He was only there a hot minute. We were all able to sit at one round table, so we solved the world's problems! It is still $8.00 per person, which includes tax and tip. You can't beat that. You choose from a menu of several items. Everyone is welcome, so join us the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. Hope to see you next month.

On December 9, The Mother Lode Loafers had their monthly luncheon at *Goomba's* located in Grass Valley. Present were Arthur Conley, Ron and Jane Riordan, Jack and Jo Neilhouse and Clyde and CeCe King. Jack Neilhouse, will you get back to me? I need to confirm your e-mail address. The same for all of the readers. Due to a computer problem, I no longer have an e-mail address file. Speaking for all of the "loafers," have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

December 9 was the day for the Antelope Valley retirees to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. The celebration was held at the *Lancaster*

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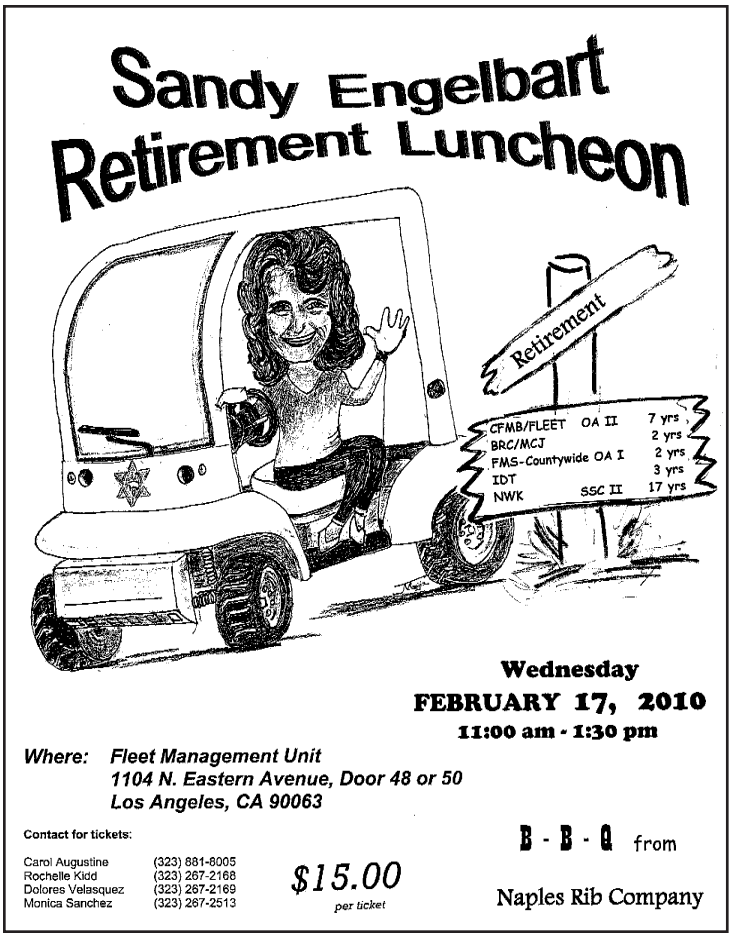

By Ray Cardenas
Norwalk Station

I'll start off with a very short PSA announcement: Friends that break bread together make good partners …

Deputy Rick Lavan finally was given his ultimate gift. As a child, Rick always dreamed of getting a pony for Christmas. Thirty some years later, his wish finally came true.

ANNUAL DB TREE LIGHTING

This year's honor of being selected to light the tree was awarded to Sergeant Craig Harman. It was a very tough decision for DB Lieutenant Myron Johnson to make, but I was told Craig was the most deserving. Congratulations to all of you who were nominated.

HOMELAND HERO

Detective Pat Rincon was awarded the South Whittier Deputy of the Year by Supervisor Don Knabe's office. Prior to making detective, Pat served as the town sheriff for the unincorporated area of Whittier. Pat served in this position for several years and definitely improved the quality of life for the area residents. Congratulations, Pat, for being recognized for your hard work.

HOLIDAY PARTY

For the past several years, the Norwalk Station holiday party has been a huge success, due in large part to the hard work of Sergeant Brian Doyle, Deputy Frank Barragan, LETs Kerry Wolf and Monique Patino. This year's party was again a sold-out event and another great success. As usual, numerous door prizes were handed out. This was a great party. We had 220 people attend and 219 behaved themselves. Next year's party is looking even more promising, so don't be left out in the cold — and make sure to attend next year.

CAPER OF THE MONTH

For the month of November, the award is presented to Deputy Anthony De Leon. Anthony was checking a local motel in the city of Norwalk, when he contacted a parolee and his female companion. A search of the parolee revealed that he was in possession of methamphetamine, and the female possessed a handgun. A further search of their vehicle revealed a second semi-auto pistol, which was stolen from the city of Whittier. The parolee and female companion were arrested for a variety of charges, which should put them away for some time. This was a great arrest of two local gang members who possessed two handguns and narcotics. Thanks for a job well done!

KUDOS

The Legendary Lawman Pin was awarded to Deputy Mark Lovitch for his 10 years in uniformed patrol. Mark was presented with his pin in October. Congratulations, Mark, for a well-deserved accomplishment.

OUT THE DOOR

Lieutenant John Gannon snuck out the door almost overnight and is now at Communications and Fleet Management Bureau. John was selected to manage some multimillion-dollar projects right away, and we weren't able to give him the proper send-off that he deserved. John, your experience and leadership will surely be missed on PM Shift. We wish you the best in your new position. Also, leaving us was Deputy Andrew Rubalcaba to TSB. Andrew wasn't here with us very long, but did a fine job while assigned to the overlap car in the County. Deputy Roy Aldana also pulled up stakes and is now at Twin Towers. Thanks, Andrew and Roy; good luck to you guys as well.

Be safe and watch those hands. Happy Valentine's Day. ☆

Greenhouse Café, with the management providing the Christmas decorations on the tables and the beautiful Christmas tree adorning the entrance to the banquet room. The delicious dinner consisted of three different pastas, two different salads, toasted bread and drinks. The mini sweet cakes provided by the management were supplemented by a Christmas-themed, frosted carrot cake. After dinner, gifts were exchanged and drawings were held for the many door prizes that had been donated. Everyone attending was able to take home a gift. We wish to acknowledge and thank P.O.P.A., Sheriff's Relief Association and A.L.A.D.S. for donating the gifts that contributed to making this dinner a happy and great success. I would also like to thank my wife, Bette, for all of the time and effort she put forth to ensure the success of this dinner. We would also like to thank the management and staff of the *Greenhouse Café* for their wonderful service. Attending the dinner were Merv and Ruth Neis, Vance and Juanita Kirkpatrick, Gil Sherwood and Carol Engle, John and Carol Sylvies, Robert and Gloria Bullard, Stephen and Hollyjoy Ehlers, Dennis and Linda Papp, Mike and Betty Valdez, John and Barbara Ament, Ron and Joy Shreves, Tom Morrissey and son Robert, Don and Barbara Ott, Fred and Peggy Fate, Ron and Sandi Oest, Al and Louann Shoomliansky, George and Joan Degreave, Scott and Mae Budge, Carlton and Gail Brandon, Steve and Laura Mulcahy, Joan Hill and Carlos and Bette Valdez. Since this article will not be published until after Christmas, we pray that all had a very happy and safe Christmas and that all of your wishes came true. May the year 2010 bring you a happy and healthy year. Until next Christmas, "Happy birthday, Jesus" and thank you for the blessings you bestowed upon us this past year. — *Carlos Valdez*

On December 14, lunch was held for R.O.M.E.O at *Johnny Carino's* in Downey. In attendance were Chris Beattie, Jerry Berry, Dick Cooper, Ed Dahlstrom, Mike Fields, Al Goodwin (first but hopefully not last time), Frank Matillo, Ron Morgon, Mike Preston, Bob Pryor, Don Reeves, Bill Richardson and Bill Snyder. Al Goodwin won the prize for furthest away — Hawaii via San Diego. Woody Polidore won the prize for not showing up. (Liz probably wasn't available to give him directions.) If I left anyone out, please accept my apologies and attribute it to old age and "Mad Cow." Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! — *Bill*

On December 18 the A.V. Retirees held the breakfast due to the monthly breakfast day falling on the same day as Christmas with 18 persons attending. Criticism of the activities of the governments and swapping memories of year's past as deputy sheriffs were the focus of conversations. Not being able to solve the world or domestic problems, we turned to the most important thing of the morning, eating breakfast. Attending this month's breakfast were Ron Nybakken, Glenn Hutchinson, Tom Morrissey and his son Robert, Mary McKain, Keith Hoyt, Danny Gilmore, Vance Kirkpatrick, Lee Ballenger, Ron Oest, Chuck Wood, Merv Neis, Bob Bullard, Ron Shreves, Dan DeVries, Bob Wallace, Dennis Papp and myself, Carlos Valdez.

The next scheduled monthly breakfast will be on January 29th, same place, same time. All retirees of the L.A.S.D. are welcome to attend. For information on the A.V. retirees events, contact Carlos Valdez at (661) 943-0125 or *valdez5150@msn.com*.

Lynwood Station Reunion 2010. Lynwood Station opened in 1977 and closed in 1994 when Century Station opened. A committee has been created to ascertain the interest in a reunion for Lynwood Station alumni in September 2010. The reunion will be an informal gathering of friends, with a minimal cost for food and spirits. Before moving on with 2010 plans, the committee is asking for Lynwood alumni interested in attending to contact the below persons in order to make sure enough alumni are interested. The reunion will be held at a residence in the city of San Dimas. Please contact the following individuals if you are interested in attending the reunion, or willing to help: Bettina Aschenbrenner (aka Prets/Youngern), cell: (909) 544-7409, e-mail: *kulred@verizon.net*; Al Garcia, cell: (626) 484-9488, e-mail: *algarcia2@verizon.net*; Ray Walker, cell: (562) 522-2859, e-mail: *rhwalker@lasd.org*.

It is the goal of the Purple Heart Anglers to produce a program that aids in the healing of the wounded warriors of the United States Military. By connecting individuals, private companies, non-profit organizations and government agencies, a community is in place to serve the past, present and future wounded warriors that they may continue to have mental, emotional and physical access to the country they served and are honored for their commitment and service to that community. The website for this terrific organization is *www.purpleheartanglers.com*.

Anyone have a difficult time with Tri-Star regarding their disability medical care or problems with their case handler can contact Sergeant Vince Moultrie at LASD Health and Safety, (323) 300-1903, or *vmmoultr@lasd.org*.

The COLA accumulation information is on the LACERA website (the website is at the end of this message) for those who are interested. If you click on benefits and then type in COLA, you will be directed to the chart that shows, based on your retirement date, whether or not you have anything in your bank. No one who retired after 3-31-05 has anything in their account, and those who retired between 4-1-88 and 3-31-05 have 1.4 percent in their COLA bank. If they retired between 4-1-87 and 3-31-88, they have 2.8 percent in their COLA bank, and if they retired between 4-1-86 and 3-31-87 they have 2.9 percent in their COLA bank. The numbers continue to creep up slowly until about 1982 where it jumps to over 10 percent and then 1981 where it jumps to 17 percent. *http://www.lacera.com/benefits/Retired_Member/COLA_Accumulation.html.*

Hope to see you in April after the Roundup. The Retired Deputies Luncheon will be a week later due to our gathering in Laughlin. Chat with you later. Take care. God bless. — *Chickee and Don* ☆

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By Mo Angel
Pitchess Detention Center, South Facility

MEANWHILE BACK AT THE RANCH ...

Hello, faithful readers, and welcome to another edition of "What's Up!" here in paradise, aka South Facility.

This edition features the unsung, hardworking deputies and professional staff at the Motor Pool. Yes, the Motor Pool — another one of the critical assignments under the wing of Captain Golden and South Facility!

The Motor Pool operation is managed by South Facility Ranch/Field Lieutenant Steve Maggiora, and Ranch/Field Sergeant Steve Vine, and is directly supervised by dedicated Senior Deputy Mark Sutherland. The Motor Pool is a Department-wide support unit. Our truck drivers transport inmate laundry, equipment, food and supplies from the Pitchess Detention Center to all of the custody facilities and Sheriff's stations throughout the entire County every day.

In addition to those duties, our deputies and professional staff oversee the County car wash operation, maintain a liaison with Penske Motors (who maintains and repairs all Sheriff's vehicles in the region), operate and maintain the PDC fueling station, conduct trash pickup for all of PDC and run cardboard and electronic waste recycling centers.

If that isn't enough to keep everyone busy, the heavy equipment operators take care of the nearly 2,800 acres of PDC property by maintaining the dirt roads and conducting routine grading and construction operations. They also are responsible for watering nearly 500 trees planted on the property. The photos show Captain Golden and retired Lieutenant John Hernandez with the water tanker used daily here at South and a group shot of Lieutenant Maggiora, Senior Sutherland and some of the heavy equipment operators and truck drivers. Thank you all for the great job that you do every day!

MORE EAGLES HAVE LANDED ...

Well, more happy times have descended upon the good folks here at PDC South. Congratulations go out to Deputy John Shepard and his partner, Nancy Navarro, on the birth of their son, Ethan James Shepard, who came screaming into the world on November 10, at 7 pounds, 5 ounces. John, he'll be driving before you know it!

And it's another baby girl for Deputy Val Paniccia and his wife, Mona. Baby Emma Lynn Paniccia (6 pounds, 7 ounces) arrived in the nick of time at 0533 hours on December 18. I just got off the phone with Val and all are doing great! Congratulations!

THE IN AND OUT SHACK ...

Well the patrol list just came out, and Deputies Sylvester Hardison, Jason Goedecke, Danny Gore and Jim Deloof are all headed up north to Lancaster Station. Good luck out there and remember to watch out for Sergeant Mayhew!

Also headed out to patrol is Deputy Anthony Pacheco, who will be wearing his class As at East Los Angeles Station. Good luck and be safe!

Well, my brothers and sisters, be well, be safe, be aware — and, as always, stay frosty! Mo-out ... ☆

TEAM TEMPLE

By Margaret Archibold and Joe Morales
Temple Station

Greetings to everyone from Temple Station.

HOOK OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Deputies Jose Lopez, Deanna Ballesteros and Steven Lopez for December's Habeus Grabus Award for an outstanding arrest.

On December 9, 2009, Deputies Jose Lopez and Deanna Ballesteros were assigned as Unit 57F on PM Shift, patrolling South El Monte. Their attention was drawn to a Chevrolet Cavalier that was in violation of several vehicle code violations. Due to their observations, they stopped the vehicle. As they attempted to make contact with the driver, he fled. When they returned to the vehicle, they found almost 30 items of stolen property, drug paraphernalia used for the sales of narcotics and several pieces of evidence implicating the driver. During the course of their investigation, they learned the possible whereabouts of the driver and identified him as a local gang member. This information was passed on to Deputy Steven Lopez, who later located and arrested the suspect. Because of their investigative skills and attention to detail, they recovered several pieces of stolen property and took a known gang member off the streets. This is an excellent example of teamwork and proactive communication coupled with outstanding investigation skills. Your dedication, tenacity and enthusiasm toward police work has not gone unnoticed and is an example to all. Congratulations on an outstanding arrest.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Lieutenant Michael O'Shea was selected as Employee of the Month for January 2010. The employee of the month nominations are normally approached by seeking out an employee who has gone beyond what is expected of them and recognizing that person for what they have done, and/or, accomplished. Lieutenant O'Shea was chosen as Employee of the Month in recognition for his years of dedication spent here at "Team Temple." Here are just a few of the positive comments made about him and submitted by Temple Sheriff's Station sworn and civilians staff members: "Mike has been a true leader and much more importantly, a true friend, coworker and supporter of all of us. No matter what the day might bring, regardless of how busy he would be, Mike always made time for the troops."

"He is great to work with! I don't think we could ask for a better supervisor. He provides valuable feedback and constructive criticism. His positive energy, attitude and professionalism has had a big impact on all of us at the station. He is well respected by all the sergeants, deputies and civilian staff."

Lieutenant Mike O'Shea, your leadership and friendship will be sorely missed. We all wish you the best with your future endeavors and wish you well with your new assignment at OHD.

ROSEMEAD DEPUTY OF THE YEAR

Deputy Patty Ruiz was honored by the city of Rosemead as the city's Deputy of the Year. She was selected by the city for her many accomplishments, which included nine commendations for her role in solving a murder and also for making significant arrests, including many for weapons violations, robberies, stolen vehicles and narcotics sales. Deputy Ruiz would always pay attention to detail. She would often read Rosemead's weekly reports, teletypes, BOLOs and would identify who was committing crimes based on her knowledge of the criminals in the area. She solved multiple cases this way. Her knowledge not only benefited the Rosemead team but also many other units looking for information. Here she is receiving her award from the city. Congratulations!

CHRISTMAS PARTY

This past December, Temple Station had another successful Christmas party. Over 100 people from

the station attended and a good time was had by all. There were also some lucky winners who left with great door prizes. Sergeant Tony Haynes won a $100 gift card to Glen Ivy Spa, L.E.T.s Kristen Venegas and Lisa Rico both won iPod Shuffles; Detective Greg Abejon won a Blu-ray DVD player; and Deputy Ben Grubb won Angels tickets. Deputy Jesse Cabadas was so excited when he won his Reindeer candle holder and $40 gift card, he actually moon-walked to the stage to get his gift! Special thanks to Sergeant Jim Dexter for doing an excellent job as the emcee of the event. A special thanks to L.E.T. Maria Sigala for all your hard work in putting this all together.

BABY ON BOARD

Congratulations to Detectives Richard and Tiffany Burgoyne (MCB) on the birth of their second son, Luke Grant. Baby Luke arrived five weeks early and weighed 4 pounds, 9 ounces. Mommy and Baby Luke are doing well. Daddy is busy keeping up with Luke's 3-year-old brother, Jackson!

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FROM THE DOCS

ARE YOU CO-DEPENDENT?

By Phyllis Armstrong, Ph.D.

Codependency is our way of emotionally protecting the wounded child within. You may ask yourself … who is the wounded child within? To answer this question, you will have to look at the messages that were learned from your family of origin and society.

In our families, rules set within the system may contribute to the development of codependency. The following are examples of rules that may have been taught:

• It's not okay to talk about problems or else I will not be loved.

• Feelings should not be expressed or else I jeopardized not being loved.

• You must be strong, good, right and perfect or else you won't be loved.

• You must make the family proud or else you won't be loved.

• Do not cause problems or else you may not be loved.

Unfortunately, shame-based societies also contribute to the development of codependency. In such a society, we are taught that a number of negative characteristics (e.g., not being perfect, being too fat, too thin) determine our self-worth. When individuals own these types of characteristics, it is also possible that one's ability to feel worthy of love and affection can be negatively affected.

Utilizing an outside source to determine ones sense of value or worth can become a way to cope. The problem with giving control to another person is that an individual's self-esteem can change on the whim of another person. It's never stable and always temporary. Imagine the emotional roller-coaster ride that would become a daily way of living. The individual stands to lose themselves in an effort to become what everyone else wants them to be.

There are two types of codependent individuals determined by the experiences in early life. The *classic codependent* in many ways has learned that love is conditional. This individual must please others usually at their own expense be it physically or emotionally. It is not uncommon for such individuals to entertain negative messages (i.e., I cannot become angry; I cannot set boundaries I cannot hurt anyone).

The *classic counter-dependent* individual must not allow their sense of vulnerability to be exposed. These individuals tend to avoid getting close, intimate or become dependent on others.

Both types of individuals work hard at protecting themselves from abandonment. The *classic codependent* does this by avoiding conflict and pleasing others. The *classic counter-dependent* does so by pretending that they do not need others in their lives. Both are unrealistic, unfulfilling ways to approach life.

The following are steps that can be taken to overcome codependent behaviors:

• Own who you are and how your codependent pattern developed. Once you recognize that you have been holding others close or pushing them away at your expense, you no longer need to be the victim.

• Accept responsibility for your own feelings and expectations. Once you accept responsibility, it is easier to see that you can make choices for yourself and feel empowered even if the outcome isn't always perfect. You can learn that an error in decision-making doesn't translate to being worthless as a person.

• Understand that it is not necessary or effective to control your self-worth by controlling your relationships. Decide to be honest, and show others who you are as an individual. Realize that your true worth is determined by you and never by others.

If you feel that you are struggling with the issue of codependent behaviors and would like to discuss it, feel free to contact Employee Support Services Bureau. You can call for a consultation or to make a confidential appointment at (213) 738-3500. Additional information may also be obtained by visiting our intranet site *http://intranet/intranet/ESS/Index.htm.* ☆

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ROSE PARADE

Deputy Steve Busch is one proud daddy. His son was in the Rose Parade with the Glendora High School marching band. Many family members came from out of state to share in this once in a lifetime experience. Congratulations.

INCOMING AND OUTGOING

Welcome to Lieutenant Thomas McNeal, Deputies Robert Alvarez, David Brewer, Ricardo Catano, Richard Dee, Billy Khounthavong, Michael Louie, Andres Martinez, John McNicholas, Francisco Montes Jr., Luis Pinedo Jr. and Steven Snover. Good-bye to Roger Ballesteros and Gladys Meyer (COPS); Jose Correa, David Gutierrez, Mona Chappelle (CS); Adam Hensel, Wadie Musharbash and Michael Smith (MCJ); Eduardo Gonzalez and Dennis Marmolejo (TSB); and Jorge Zamora (TST).

Until we meet again, may the road rise up to meet you. May the wind always be at your back. ☆

You are invited to the 5th annual Temple Brunch on Saturday, March 13, 2010, from 0900 to 1500 hours.

The location will be at the Royal Vista Golf Club, 20055 E. Colima Road, Walnut, CA 91789.

Good food, great conversation, no speeches, presentations or prizes. Please send $17.53 for each person who will be eating to:

Temple Station Brunch
1336 Carleton Way
Fullerton, CA 92833

Refunds for cancellations will be given until March 10, 2010. For further information, contact Michael Nelson: (714) 738-8167 or *nelsonmd@earthlink.net*.

L A 2 Y A

By Scott Hennessy
East Los Angeles Station

FIRST OFF

This article is the 2009 December Christmas article that slipped through the cracks in operations and missed the deadline, so I had to change what I could to make it work for a Valentine's article and still have it make sense to all of you!

FRIENDS? PARTNERS? OR WHAT NOW?

We all have those relationships which start out good and go bad. We have those relationships with people we like, then we hate! Here's another story where no one knows where they stand; however, it has been pretty funny with the talk or "no talking about it" which has gone on since the incident! A few years ago, Detective Angel Rodriguez purchased a house on the Parker strip on the Colorado River. Even though Angel had the place at the river, he did not own a boat, but like all good river homes, there was room for one. A few years ago, Deputy Tony Forlano thought it would be a good idea to buy a boat — only problem was, he never had a place to store it. Here is where our deputies' paths crossed! Apparently, a few years ago Angel offered his driveway to Tony for his boat. In return, Angel could use the boat when he was up there, and Tony could use the house when he went to the river. Sounded like a good idea ... at the time! Well, a few months ago Angel rolled up to the river with former ELA Detective Pachuca. Rumor has it that they used the boat, had fun and parked the boat back in the driveway. A few weeks later, Tony went to the river to enjoy his boat. Tony donned on his speedos, grabbed the family and hit the water. As soon as he hit the gas, he noticed the boat pulled out of the hole like an oil tanker with a 25-horsepower outboard engine on it! Tony "coasted" back to the dock and put the boat back on the trailer.

Now, let me just say if you did not know this, Detective Rodriguez has been a detective at ELA for over 10 years and a deputy sheriff close to 25 years. Detective Pachuca is also a detective at Cargo Cats, was a detective at ELA and was actually trained by Detective Rodriguez back in the early '90s at Norwalk. Needless to say, both these detectives are veterans, know about evidence and how to use it against a suspect and all. Keep this in mind as we go back to Tony.

While Tony was back at the river house and his boat on the trailer, he noticed the prop was dinged up, and there was "a little bit" of damage to the boat. Tony also claims he found evidence of boat repair resin and fiberglass products in the garage and found a receipt for these items in a nearby trash can! Guess our detectives did not hide the evidence very well! When Tony came back to the station, questions were asked! The one thing these detectives did remember is their Miranda rights! Guess neither one is talking! When Tony questioned Angel, he said, "Did you talk to Pachuca yet?" When Tony hit Pachuca up, he said, "Did you talk to Angel yet?" Hmm, seems both detectives are exercising their Fifth Amendment right. As of today, Tony still does not know what happened other than the boat is not working properly! I did give Angel the opportunity to tell me his side of the story, but he just laughed and would not say a thing. At the time I was asking him, he was too busy taking down the 49s posted around the station with a "C line" of felony vandalism, hit-and-run boat and lying to a peace officer. I am sure the three of them will work it out! As of today, the boat is not fixed. Good luck, Tony!

REDEMPTIONS

If you read the November 2009 article, you will remember Deputy Hector Andujo had a little issue with his undercover training. Well, in true deputy form, when put on the spot in real time, we all step up! The Special Problems Team often works with the Major Crimes Vice team with a few massage parlors (these are not the ones you are thinking of, or maybe you are) in our area. God bless the Vice team detectives. I can't say working undercover in these types of operations is a pleasure. If you have no problem getting a massage from some dirtbag and potentially being in a provocative position when your partners come in, then you can do this. Since the Vice team gets burned at some of these locations, they are always asking for "volunteers" to work as the decoy. Well, fresh out of his U/C class, and with some peer pressure from his team, Hector stepped up and said he would do it! Hector was briefed by the Vice team, and off we went. Thankfully, I was part of the takedown team and was outside. Detective Kathy Miller (MCB) was in charge of the wire and gave us a detailed story over our radio of what was going on inside. Here's a short synopsis:

Kathy: OK, he's in ... OK, she is taking him into a room ... OK, he's got a girl in there with him. I hear some small talk. OK, he's getting a massage. OK, she just left the room. OK, I hear a dog in the room now. OK, there is a dog in the room now and the girl left. OK, the girl is back, and I still hear the dog in the room (yes, we are wondering what's going on by now). OK, the dog sounds like a small dog. OK, he got the violation, and the girl left the room again. OK, go ahead and go in, team!

We went into the location. The dog was now sleeping! All kidding aside, Hector did a great job, got the violations and three females were arrested for prostitution and drug charges; however, I am not sure Hector wants to take one for the team again.

In another redemption caper, November's article about our Marine (Big Ben) and dog came to a good conclusion. Based on the probation check at that location, and a few other capers, the graffiti team was able to build enough evidence to return to the location with a search warrant. Deputy Kamalyan stepped up to write his first warrant. During the week or so preparing for the warrant, the knuckleheads at the house and some of their home boys from neighboring houses began to cause some havoc in the neighborhood. What started out as a simple one-location warrant snowballed into a four-location search warrant and several ramey warrants for some robbery cases from D.B. and OSS. For a full day, I listened to the graffiti team try to figure out how to handle this pitbull, and, moreover, a second pitbull at the location across the street. Long story short, a plan was made and executed. What was going to be a one-location hit by the graffiti team turned into four teams hitting four locations at the same time, and all the locations were next to each other. The D.B. team took the location across the street, and they kicked down the "B" team (they said that, not me) pick and ram detectives. Yes, I guess the "B" team ram guy is our famous Detective Mitchell, with Detective Camargo as the pick. Ironically, this was the location with the dog and the team I was with. As all four locations were hit, I could hear the OSS team inside their location, the D.B. team in their location and our location, which actually consisted of two locations — well, we were still outside the door. What I could hear from my position was SEVERAL sounds of a ram hitting a door and a loud "urg" with each blow. This went on for quite awhile. With Detective Mitchell's persistence, the door was finally opened and we made it safely into the location.

As with all operations, a post briefing was done, and of course Detective Mitchell heard it from his partners in D.B. The following excuses were used: I had the small ram! The door was on the wrong

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WHAT'S COOKIN' IN L.A. COUNTY JAILS?

By Tyrone R. Horn
Correctional Services Division, Food Services Unit

Greetings to all! We hope you had a wonderful holiday season. With the new year upon us, we will continue to contribute and fulfill our mission to serve staff and inmates wholesome meals in a clean and sanitary environment.

SPOTLIGHT ON TWIN TOWERS CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

The Food Services Unit at Twin Towers Correctional Facility operates with a staff of 44: one senior food services manager (SFSM), one chief cook, seven head cooks, 26 senior cooks, six intermediate food service workers (IFSW), one head baker, one warehouse worker and one senior typist clerk.

The TTCF Food Services staff prepares 11,000 dinner meals and serves 18,000 meals daily. Dinner meals are cooked by TTCF staff and distributed to Men's Central Jail and Twin Towers Correctional Facility. All special functions, such as emergency field feeding and special events, are cooked and distributed to other locations for setup and serv ice. The medical diets kitchen has a staff of six IFSWs and one head food services worker (HFSW).

The complex functions within TTCF are supervised by SFSM Ray Dualan, who is a 20-year veteran. SFSM Dualan is assisted by Chief Cook Gregory Hawkins, also a 20-year veteran, in the administrative and overall operational duties that include food ordering, personnel scheduling, meal preparation, meal distribution, meal service, equipment maintenance and sanitation. Seven head cooks supervise different phases of the operation: Roy Price supervises the daytime Officer Dining Room (ODR) meal preparation and service; Edward Toles supervises the daytime operations; Samuel Mendoza supervises the early morning ODR and mainline meal distribution and service; Abraham Baroque serves as the daytime and evening relief; Jose Herrera supervises the warehouse and the ordering of food and supplies; Marlon Lazo serves as relief factor and is the administrative assistant to the manager and chief cook. Marlon Lazo is also assigned as the "receiver" for e-CAPS and retrieves and enters data into the Computrition program.

TTCF Food Services operates an ODR that serves 500 meals daily. ODR meals are prepared with the utmost care by our experienced staff of senior cooks: Robert Frye, 20-year veteran; Angela Miles, 10-year veteran; Sherry Nave, two-year veteran; Herman Williams, 20-veteran; and Maria Goytia, three-year veteran of LASD Food Services Unit. This highly acclaimed group of cooks is supervised by Head Cook Roy Price, an exceptional cook who endeavors to serve only the highest quality delicious and appealing food.

Senior Cook Miguel Hernandez prepares and supervises meal service in the Afternoon and Early Morning Shift, which is staffed by Senior Cooks Clarence Chih, Yen Hsiao, Tedoricio Rosell and Delois Williams.

Twin Towers Food Services prepares approximately 600 medical diet meals on a daily basis. Medical diets are detailed and specifically prepared in accordance with physician-prescribed orders.

The 26 senior cooks are the driving force of the TTCF Food Services. These dedicated and experienced cooks supervise inmate work crews in the preparation, packaging, delivery and service of all hot-dinner meals for inmates housed within TTCF and Men's Central Jail. This monumental task is carried out daily with the utmost precision and teamwork. The person who organizes and compiles data for reports, maintains time sheets, submits food orders and answers telephones is their capable Senior Typist Clerk Earnestine Abernathy, who is a 35-year LASD employee. We commend the entire Food Services staff of TTCF and look forward to greater accomplishments in the future as Food Services expands their service to other local law enforcement agencies within the County. Their efforts are noteworthy and commendable. Great Job!

HOLIDAY CHEER

On Wednesday, December 23, 2009, TTCF Food Services sponsored a Christmas celebration. Two of the specialty items that were served were: Tur-duck-en, a deboned turkey that is stuffed with a duck that has been stuffed with a chicken; these three fouls created a succulent specialty and subject of conversation. Senior Food Services Manager Ray Dualan purchased a whole pig that had been roasted in the manner that is prepared in the Philippines (see photos). The dining room was beautifully decorated by Senior Cook Wanda Jamerson, who

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PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM

By Joseph Abercromby
Peer Support Program Coordinator

By the time everyone gets to read this, we should be in 2010. Hopefully, everyone had a safe and happy holiday season!

2009 was a busy year for the Peer Support program, and 2010 looks to be a full year as well.

In 2009, we conducted two three-day basic peer support classes—and one class for the new Vets4Vets peer group members.

These training classes allowed us to add much-needed new blood to the Peer Support program, and to expand the Vets4Vets group.

In 2010 we intend to have at least one, if not two, basic peer support classes. The first class is set for early March. We will also be seeking to expand both the Vets4Vets program and the OIS (Officer Involved Shooting) roll-out team.

The Peer Support program has grown significantly over the last two years, and we hope to be able to continue that growth into the future.

I would like to thank all of the members of the program; without all of you, this program would not be the success it is!

If you have any questions, or if you would like more information on the Peer Support Program, please do not hesitate to contact me at ESSB, (213) 738-3500 or via County e-mail at *jdabercr@lasd.org.* ☆

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side! I did not have breakfast yet! In addition to the excuses, Big Mitch said he only hit the door four times! Well, I was there, and it was more like 10 times, Mitch, but we won't tell anyone! Well, all good stories come with a good ending, so in the end, three males were booked for various felony crimes, a shotgun was recovered and one female went to jail for some outstanding warrants. On a side note, both pitbulls were taken into custody by animal control and no deputies were injured in the above story (Mitch even remembered to let the team in after he FINALLY got the door open).

SOME GOODBYES

Detective Cobos and Deputy Corcio have gone over to Special Victims Bureau, Deputy Issa also left us for a job at EOB and Detective Brian Villa has finally left for TRAP. Although I could probably tell you a story or two about each of these individuals, I will just pick one so this article does not go into the classified ads of the *Star News*.

It was late in May 1999, my second day at East LA (first day I had to work a parade, go figure), and I was on a break from trainee orientation. I was standing in the old briefing room (which is the captain's conference room now, which is soon to be the new men's sleep room — told you we are always moving stuff around here) with former ELA trainee and Master F.T.O. at LKD, Louis "Lumpy" Vigil. As we were looking around, I heard someone ask, "What are you guys doing in here?" As I turn around, I see this guy in civilian clothes. He had this tired look on his face and a bottom lip sticking out about three inches with a big wad of tobacco in it. He had this dry, firm stare as he looked at us. As I began to explain myself, he cut me off, and, to say it in a nice way, wasn't very receptive to my comments. When he turned around and walked out the door, the only thing that was in my brain was every four-letter word I knew! I hoped not to run into him again. Since I was assigned to work EMS on training, I had to come back that night. As I sat down in briefing, down the stairs came the same guy I saw earlier that day! This time, he's in his class "A" with this two chevrons and once again his lip sticking out with that tobacco. Needless to say, my limited powers of observation told me this guy was a training officer here on EMS and on the same shift as me! Great, I thought! I survived that briefing and went to get my car ready. My T.O. jumped in the car, and we drove around the radio car parking lot. My T.O. decided to stop right in front of the booking door as this guy walked out! This guy walked over to my side of the car, leaned in, said hi to my T.O. and then gave me that stare again! As he just stared at me for about five seconds, but seemed to be five minutes, he finally said, "What's your name?" Thinking to myself, I just told you twice, once in the conference room and at briefing; why do you keep asking me? Well, in my trainee ways, and not thinking right, I said "Scott." Well, apparently this was not the name he wanted to hear. I won't tell you what name he wanted to hear, but it sure wasn't Scott. As he walked away, he did tell me, "Have a good night, SCOTT!"

That was over 10 years ago! Today I call this guy Brian (yes, Detective Villa). I consider him a good friend, a good partner and an overall great guy. We have had fun together away from work, at work and our kids have played together on a few occasions. Just a few months ago, when Brian was putting together the last arrangements for the 10-33 ride, he told me thanks for everything and he was glad he could always count on me to help him with anything. I suppose the moral of the story is not to judge someone until you really know them. In the past 10 years, I have become good friends with Brian as many trainees who are now deputies at ELA have, too. So Brian, thank you for doing your job when I first got here, and thanks from EVERY trainee who has passed through the doors of ELA the last 10-15 years. Brian has been the back bone for B2V and the 10-33 ride here at ELA. Yes, his absence will be missed here, but in true ELA tradition, someone will step up and do the job.

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STR8 OuttaCompton

By Anthony Lucia
Compton Station

Whew! Now that 2009 is over, it's time to start all over again here at Compton Station. We ended the year with a huge bang with Gifts for Guns (768 guns just for December; kudos goes to the Community Relations staff), toy and food giveaway, DUI checkpoints and our yearly holiday party, just to name a few that occurred in December.

Our holiday party this year was at the Long Beach Renaissance and was a huge success with all the outstanding food, great prizes — and, of course, it wouldn't be complete without the traditional after-party dancing! Captain Walker emceed the event and she did not hold back in giving out great prizes, compliments and even was a hit on the dance floor. However, as you can see from the photos, Vince Plair tried his moves around the dance floor; we think he is looking into some lessons for next year! A special thank you goes to April Tardy, Tammie Famble, Tamora Burton, Pam Edwards and Joe Gooden for putting this event together. On a side note, we were very impressed with all the hard work, but when we found the planning came with food taste-testings, we all sighed, "Hmmm ..."

2009 AWARDS

Professional Staff Members of the Year:
Administrative – Tammie Famble
Timekeeping – Vickie McMillon
Patrol Secretary – Lizet Rosales

Law Enforcement Technician/Property
Custodian – Teneka Irby

Detective of the Year:
Detective Alex Miller

Field Training Officer of the Year:
Deputy Donald McNamara

Rookie of the Year:
Deputy Allison Holland

Deputy of the Year:
Deputy Michael Kurinij

Volunteer of the Year:
Ms. Georgina Pickens
Mr. James Knox

2009 also marked our ninth Christmas parade here in the city of Compton. This year's parade was a huge success; however, it was not without some snags, one being the rain! We were rained out! Regardless, everyone stepped up to make sure the event was a success, with a compliment of 72 deputies, mounted patrol, motors, reserves, volunteers and our explorers made this another safe and fun event for the community.

Now that 2010 is here, we have all rested and are ready to do it again. With Baker to Vegas just around the corner, it is time to burn off those holiday calories. We are looking to put together several BBQs and fundraisers to hit the ground running. ☆

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So, thank you again for being a friend, partner and mentor, and good luck at TRAP.

Well, here was some of the Christmas wish list that is now the Valentine's wish list:

Deputy Tony Forlano: A new prop for his boat.

Deputy Kristine Heischuber-Monarrez: Curb finders for her gun-side hip.

LET Oflelia Avila: DVDs — you have to ask her which kind, though.

Detective Dan Bravo: A winning season for the Raiders, UCLA football and/or a Dodgers championship (sorry, Dan, didn't happen again this year).

Lieutenant John Rueff, Deputy John Rueff, Deputy Joe Manfree and Detective Mitchell: A season in which USC can win against ALL their PAC-10 opponents.

Deputy Tom Arellano: A computer to go with his monitor, keyboard and mouse.

Deputy Hector Andujo: He needs all of the above.

Lieutenant Tippings: Just for everyone to be happy and get along.

Sergeant Ruiz: For everyone to yell "Officer on deck" when he enters a room (he misses when he was important back at SEB).

The Robbery Assault team: A new sergeant.

Sergeant Nava (the robbery/assault sergeant): A new team that does not pick on him.

Sergeant Matsumoto and Sergeant Haily: A lifetime supply of cigarettes.

Detective Mitchell: Some respect.

Detective Hernandez: A little more respect than Detective Mitchell is asking for.

Sergeant Westall: His team to come up with a good plan how to handle a violent dog.

The traffic office: Less cats falling through their ceiling.

Deputy Mark Carrillo: Less jokes.

Secretary Claudia Tapia: Some good earmuffs (gets loud in D.B.).

Deputy Rene Vasquez: Any good deals on more JUNK.

Deputy Stephanie Hile: Not to be thought of as a "working girl" when working undercover for taxi undercover operations.

Deputy Leo Sanchez: A larger towel when working as a U/C at the massage parlors.

Detective Villa: Another Baker-to-Vegas win.

Deputy Javier Murrillo: His son to sign a pro baseball contract so he can retire.

Deputy Chad Millan: Another victory over USC by UCLA (didn't happen, maybe in 2010).

Time Keepers Marji Morales and Naomi Siquerios: No more fire overtime slips!

LET Eric Chinarian: A block on his phone to prevent Deputy Arakawa calling him on Day Shift.

Well, I hope you all have a great month. 'Til next month, be safe! ☆

SHERIFFS' RELIEF ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
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MAY 12TH - 16TH, 2010

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Department personnel authorized to go will be carried "on-duty" on May 13th and May 15th for the Candlelight Vigil and the Capitol Memorial Services, however each participant must pay all travel expenses.

The trip includes:

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- Participate in the wreath laying at the Toumb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetary
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Tour cost for the trip is $1495 per person based on double occupancy. A $150 non-refundable deposit will hold your spot. There are only 22 rooms available this year, so reserve early!

Per popular demand, we will also be offering an optional 3 night stay in NEW YORK CITY - May 9th-12th! Always a good time! Details to follow!

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(714) 672-9150

For more information on this year's trip, contact Captain Ruth Nelson ranelson@lasd.org or Deputy Ruben Valencia at rmvalenc@lasd.org

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RETIREES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Thank you for your many years of dedicated service to our Department.
We wish you long life, happiness, relaxation and many years of personal fulfillment.

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Peace Officer's Fellowship

By Chris Minor
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STRAIGHT UP

It is what it is. Where did this saying come from and what the heck does it mean? I've never liked it because it doesn't really make any sense. I've heard several people use this phrase when meeting with them after they've been involved in a DUI or other alcohol-related problem, but I've never asked what *they* think it means. Recently, I met with an employee who had unfortunately been involved in a DUI and is now going through the Department's discipline process. We were talking about the circumstances of his incident and how he coped. He shrugged slightly and said, "It is what it is," immediately following this with a look of disgust, and then blurted, "I've always *hated* that saying!" He said it never made sense to him because he wondered what "it" was. I agreed, saying it was similar to when most of us first learned algebra and questioned what *n* and *y* were and, honestly, did we care? He continued, realizing after his DUI he now knew what the phrase meant — i.e., "it" happened and it "is" a fact and there's nothing you can do to change it afterwards. He said he regretted his decision to drink and then drive, especially when he was already tired from working a double, knowing it was irresponsible. He's always thought of himself as being a responsible person, and while lying on a jail cell bunk in a station after booking, his thoughts turned to his wife and kids. He knew he was lucky that no one was hurt or killed in his incident and, if this occurred, wondered who would care for his family if he was gone. Not having had more than one drink at a sitting since the incident occurred over a year ago, he added that it doesn't taste the same as it once did and he doesn't need a drink to have a good time. Fortunately, he has the support of his wife, family and friends and has told as many people as will listen, to think about their responsibilities and do what is right. Even after paying court fines, attending a court-ordered DUI offender program and AA meetings, having his car insurance more than double and now getting hit with discipline by the Department, he remains upbeat and says it is all a learning experience. He actually thought his discipline was too light and expected 30 days on the bricks. He believes his experience has made him a better, stronger person. I told him that he is carrying out what I remind others to try to live by: Don't have regrets about your past. It's easy for us to worry about what has occurred and wish that we could change things, but there are no time machines. All the things that have happened to you or that maybe you have done to others, good and bad, make you who you are. Take your experiences and strive to do better. Don't make the mistakes you once did and help direct others in the right direction. When it comes to your drinking, think about what your actions do to you and to those around you. If you strive to better yourself and succeed, you can pass on this success to others who need a little kick in the rear. If you think you have an issue with your drinking or know someone that fits this description, you have several choices. Call Employee Support Services Bureau. You can speak confidentially with a law Enforcement Psychologist or deputy personnel. Or seek out one of the many Peer Support members located at various units; check the ESSB Intranet site for a current roster. Or contact one of the Peace Officer's Fellowship members listed here. No judging, just help. Do you and those close to you a favor … without regret. Make "it" something positive. Be seeing you. ☆

These people have agreed to give up their anonymity so that others who are in need of help can find the POF. Don't worry about bothering us; helping other alcoholics is one of the ways we stay sober.

NAME	HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE	WORK PHONE
Eric Castano	(562) 493-5465	(562) 673-3374	(310) 605-6500
Joe Collins	(320) 684-4008	(909) 240-0509	
Chris Loomis	(626) 447-9011	(626) 230-3137	
Ray Terhorst	(505) 705-5656		
John Heckman	(661) 272-5756		
Marty Weirich	(360) 570-1216		
John Valencia	(909) 599-1160		

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used her artistic imagination to create a memorable setting for this occasion. We were pleased to have visiting with us Senior Cook Ernest Brown, who retired in 1997. It was a pleasure to see Mr. Brown during this festive occasion. The food was great and the fellowship was outstanding; we are looking forward to next year's holiday celebration.

FOOD SAFETY: SAFE FOOD PREPARATION

Keep everything clean!

• Hands should be washed thoroughly after using the bathroom, and before preparing or eating food.

• Wash hands before and after handling raw meat and poultry.

• Sanitize cutting boards often in a solution of one teaspoon of bleach to one quart water.

• Don't cross-contaminate. Keep raw meat, poultry, fish and their juices away from other food. After cutting raw meats, wash hands, cutting board, knife and countertops with soapy water.

• Marinate meat and poultry in a covered dish in the refrigerator.

• Always wash fresh fruits and vegetables under cool running water to remove lingering dirt, while also removing or reducing any bacteria or other substances. Certain hearty vegetables, such as potatoes and carrots, can be scrubbed with a produce brush if you plan to eat the fiber and nutrient-rich skin.

• When preparing fruits and vegetables, cut away bruised or damaged areas.

Until next month, that's "What's Cookin' in L.A. County Jails." ☆

By David Rozas
Lomita Station

The holidays are over and everyone around Lomita Station is getting back to their normal routines. The station had a great holiday party at the Doubletree Hotel in Torrance. It's always nice to see the other side of people in a casual and relaxed atmosphere. Sergeant Dave Ward is one of those people. His "unusual" style of dancing has changed his name around the station to "Disco" Dave or the new "Gene Gene the Dancing Machine." The other dancing fool, Erick Moultrie, couldn't stand a chance against the pro. In the dance-off competition, Dave won hands down. As usual, the pinnacle of the evening was the announcement of the personnel of the year. Winners were:

Deputy of the Year – Ximena Fabian
Rookie of the Year – Jessica Haugh
Detective of the Year – Mike Holmes
Professional Staff of the Year (non-uniform) – Operator Diana Mc Whorter
Professional Staff of the Year (uniform) – LETs Gary Pfahler and Patrick Duran
Reserve of the Year – Bryan Alarid
Volunteer of the Year – Bob Wilson

Congratulations to all the winners!

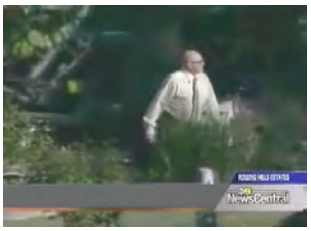
This past month, Deputy Brittany Fraser has become the focus of a few tantalizing *Star News* items. Brittany is one of those people who likes to patrol her area and make sure it's clean and free of debris so the flow of traffic can freely move about. As pictured, Brittany took it upon herself to rid the street of those ever-pesky palm fronds. Instead of moving them to the side of the street, she decided to load the backseat with them. Of course, she brought them to the station for disposal, but not before the "car czar" — LET Gary Pfahler — let her know the backseat was for bad guys, not palm fronds.

WANTED

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MAN?

WANTED FOR QUESTIONING IN THE MATTER OF THE 1967 PATTERSON FILM HOAX.

USE EXTREME CAUTION WHEN APPROACHING THIS MAN, AS HE IS OFTENTIMES VERY GRUMPY!



More on Brittany: While she was booking a 422 suspect, our jailer, Ben Cariaga, noticed a single bullet on the booking counter. Brittany exclaimed, "Oh, that's mine." Ben replied, "Are you trying to be Barney Fife?" Brittany, with that enigmatic stare, asked, "Does he work for our Department?" Ben stood with his mouth open as Brittany smiled from ear to ear. Talk about generation gaps!

Deputy Nick Resendez responded to a 594 and found a broken window at a local residence. The informant told Nick the window was shot out with a BB gun. The always-observant Nick perused the crime scene and took in all the different views and angles. His attention was drawn to a possible suspect peeking around a mailbox from a home a few doors down. As Nick called for backup regarding a possible suspect, the engines of the radio cars roared up to the location. Sergeant Roger Di Gerlando and Deputy Anna Zhuraleva jumped from their cars and ordered the suspect to "show his hands." The non-compliant suspect ignored their instructions and refused to come out. The duo cautiously approached the mailbox when the jack-in-the-box elf emerged from his inflatable chimney. A rather embarrassed Roger quickly told Anna, "Not a word! Do not tell anyone what just happened." Don't worry, Roger. Your secret is safe.

I'm sure every station has that one detective who does a great job, always complains and has the "doesn't care" attitude. We have Detective Mike (OT) Holmes. You know the type — always grumbling when he has to go out in the field. This time the news media was covering a breaking news story in Rolling Hills Estates. The helicopter shot caught the long stride of our beloved detective. Our own traffic investigator, Reese Souza, saw the hard-working detective making his perimeter check of the crime scene. As many traffic investigators are hardworking, ours seems to have all the time in the world, as you can see by the comparison of Mike and "Bigfoot."

Speaking of hard-working traffic investigators — Reese Souza is pictured with two phones. One of the callers is the captain asking why he isn't at his desk. The other is his wife asking why he is never at his desk.

While making her rounds as watch commander, Lieutenant Doreen Alcaraz wandered into foreign territory as she made her way downstairs to the reserve coordinator's office. The lone coordinator had his country music playing from his computer as he worked at a feverish pitch writing the *Star News* article. As the George Strait song "Heartland" came on, the effervescent lieutenant stopped her verbal tirade and began doing the two-step in the middle of the office. As the song stopped, she continued her tirade right where she left off, never missing a beat.

Finally, after seven years of the self-proclaimed "car czar" of Lomita, LET Gary Pfahler, has decided to move on and transfer to Avalon Station. We wish Avalon the best of luck. We will miss you, Gary. ...

That's it from the crown jewel of the County ... Lomita Station. Stay safe. ☆

INDUSTRIAL STRENGTH

By Ramon Escamilla
Industry Station

THE LOVE BOAT

I wanted to start this month's article with a big thank you to the following people who helped organize our Christmas party in December: Captain Mike Claus, Lieutenant Jim Wolak, Sergeant Liza Vera, Sergeant Mark Lopez, Deputies Jennifer Dresmal and Ray Dudgeon, C.A. Tina "I used to be Simons but now I'm Flores" and Captain Claus' secretary, Armida Molina. All of you are commended for making the evening a huge success. I also want to thank Deputies Carrie Waugh and Jesse Valenzuela who played the part of paparazzi, snapping numerous pictures of everyone in attendance. Everyone who attended had nothing but positive things to say about the party. Even long-tenured personnel said it was the best Christmas party they had ever been to in their entire career. There were prizes given away, and some of the evenings biggest winners included Detective Tony Peraita, CSO Fernando "C'mon man!" Rios, Deputy Alexander Khasaepanth and Sergeant Dwight Miley, who won some spending money courtesy of our friends at Altadena Dairy, Haddick's Tow, Majestic Realty and Hinkle Inc. Sergeant Kris Kovac and Deputy Pete Gomez won flat-screen TVs, which were donated by Costco, Best Buy and Vizzio. Others walked away with gift certificates for dinner, a round of golf and other great prizes which were donated by *Chili's, Olive Garden* and other city of Industry businesses. All but one sergeant won a prize at the party. Sergeant Carlos Herrera, refusing to go home a loser, took home all of the dinner table centerpieces in protest. Couple funny stories from the party included Sergeant Miley showing up in a kilt. And this gem from Deputy Mike Rinden: There was an open bar and dancing prior to dinner. Deputy George Meza and Mike Rinden were two of the first to show up to the dining room. Mike attempted to start a conversation with George by saying, "So are we having fun yet?" George immediately sat down and began to devour a bowl of salad as Mike ranted about how unimportant lettuce and tomatoes are to one's diet. George drowned out Mike's voice with grunts and sounds of "mmm" and "yes." Just as George was about to finish, Mike said, "Hey, I'm gonna sit over here where there's no assigned seating." George paused, looked up at Mike with a mouthful of salad and a leaf of lettuce hanging from his cheek. Mike told George to look at the card next to the salad bowl so he could see who was assigned to the seat he was sitting in. As George looked at the card he saw "Captain Michael Claus." Of all the seats

he could have sat in, he picked the captain's, and to top it off, he ate his salad, too. Mike failed to tell me about the glass pyramid he built at his table which came crashing down after repeated pleas to stop. Sources said Mike was like a kid who had candy for the very first time. Captain Claus has told everyone this year's Christmas party will be even better.

DEPUTY DIVIZIO STARRING IN: NATIONAL TREASURE OR GONE IN 15 MINUTES AND 60 SECONDS

It was Christmas Eve 2009. Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. Just Divizio (remember, this is not his real name)! It's 30 minutes 'til EOW for our fearless mall cop. All he had to do was take the short drive to the station, change out and go home to celebrate Christmas with his beautiful wife and lovely children. But what kind of story would this be if it ended like that? Deputy Divizio, or "Master Blaster," as he is commonly referred to by his partners, forgot to pick up a roast he left at the Puente Hills mall security office. While en route to the mall, he begins to play license plate lotto when he strikes it rich. Bingo! He gets a 10-29V hit, but loses it because he was concentrating too much on his succulent roast that he left in the fridge. Divizio gets on the patch and says, "10-33, look at me." He advises all of his partners that he has lost a 10-29V and requests units to 927C the area. Approximately 15 minutes and 60 seconds later, Divizio gets back on the patch: "10-33, I've found the victor; I'm at the eastbound 60 freeway and Phillips Ranch Road." Well, to make a long story longer, Deputy Divizio, the mayor of Barter mall, goes Code 9 all the way into San Bernardino County. He calls for Aero, Chino P.D., Ontario P.D., San Bernardino County S.O., C.H.P., and the National Guard for assistance. A felony traffic stop was eventually conducted in the parking lot of Ontario P.D., where he takes the suspect into custody. Now I'm not even close to ending this story 'cause it just keeps getting better. While conducting an inventory of the recovered stolen, Divizio finds a large bucket full of ching-ching goodness. You name it — dimes, quarters, nickels and pennies which the suspect had also stolen. Divizio starts sweating and stuttering because his phone starts to ring. It's the W.C. (Wife Commander). He quickly looks at Deputy Joe Chavez and says, "Hey Joe, how would you like to buy my obs?" Joe didn't buy it, but did agree to help him count all the change (which was a big mistake). So our fearless hero, who 30 minutes

prior to his big catch was oh so close to going home and hugging and kissing kids and kissing his family and celebrating Christmas, was now wondering how he was going to explain his tardiness to her. My informants said as soon as he answered the phone, he told his wife, "Hey, Hooooooooney, I stopped this stolen truck and caught it all by myself. I have the bad guy in custody and I'm going to be a little late getting home." Divizio now stood in the parking lot of Ontario P.D. with his cell phone 10 feet from his ear. I won't write what was said, but I can say promises were made and subsequently broken. Divizio spent Christmas with a bad guy and over

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$500 in change, which Deputies Chavez, Chu and C.A. Phillips helped count. The moral of this story: Happy spouse and kept promises = happy deputy. If you wanna know how late he stayed and you know the true identity of Deputy Divizio, feel free to give him a call and ask.

MMMBLANDO MMMBLIOS

Industry's favorite CSO had some dental work done prior to starting his shift. He called the watch sergeant and attempted to advise him he was going to be late. The following is the conversation Sergeant Ernie Barbosa had with this CSO:

Sergeant Barbosa: Industry Station Watch Sergeant, what do you want? I'm busy.

CSO: Mmmbl mmbl mmmblentist, mmblate.

Sergeant Barbosa: What? Who is this?

CSO: Mmmblando mmmblios, mmmblentist mmmblate.

Sergeant Barbosa: Listen, whoever this is, I don't care how sick you are, get in here!

CSO: Is mmmblando Blios. I bleaving ma mlentist. Me mate twenthy minbits.

Sergeant Barbosa: Is this Fernando Rios?

CSO: @$*&$ Ma mon an! YETH!

Sergeant Barbosa: And you're leaving the dentist and gonna be 20 minutes late?

CSO: (pause and crying heard) Yeth thir.

Sergeant Barbosa: Oh. Well, why didn't you say so the first time instead of playing these games?

Poor Fernando "C'mon Man!" Rios. He had some serious novacaine going on, but was able to let the sarge know he was coming in no matter how much pain he was in. After all, he's worked Firestone, Lynwood, Compton and Century stations since Pampers.

CAPER OF THE MONTH

Deputy Rudy Zamora stopped a vehicle with a cracked windshield and paper dealer plates while patrolling through Bassett. When he contacted the driver, he politely advised Deputy Zamora he was an unlicensed driver and the vehicle he was driving did not belong to him. Rudy ran the vehicle's VIN number and discovered it was reported stolen out of La Habra. Rudy interviewed the suspect who told him a person named "Pinky" let him borrow the car. The usual explanation a car thief gives when they get caught: that "a friend let me borrow it." Deputy Zamora interviewed the other occupants in the vehicle who all threw up on the suspect. One of the occupants said the suspect had been driving the vehicle for a few weeks. Deputy Zamora arrested the suspect for 10851 CVC and one of the passengers for a no-bail warrant for receiving stolen property. Good obs, Rudy.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SERGEANT LOPEZ

Sergeant Mark Lopez celebrated his 40-something birthday. The entire EM crew didn't want to do the usual ice cream and cake routine, and others couldn't get the time off to celebrate at Chuck E Cheese, plus some forgot to get him a gift. What to do? Well, the shift put their heads together and came up with a brilliant idea. They combined balloons, toilet paper and shoe polish for the ultimate birthday present. See the accompanying photo to see all the love Sergeant Lopez received on his special day.

FENDER-BENDER

I was involved in a minor fender-bender with another patrol car while rolling to an emergency. Before you all go asking if I'm okay and how bad was the TC, I was actually parked. As I was beginning my two-minute journey down Code 3 lane, I heard the sound of scrrraaaaaap! I stop and look back and see the car door of the patrol car parked next to me was open. Luckily no one was hurt, but I'm not one who takes on-duty TCs lightly. They really get to me. These cars are my office. I got a little emotional, as you can see.

INDUSTRY STATION GIVES BACK

On Christmas Day, Captain Mike Claus, Lieutenant Jim Wolak (accompanied by his children), Sergeant Jason Wolak, La Puente Manager Josi Kenline, La Puente City Council member David Argudo and Sergeant Wolak's nephew Kevin Jablonsky delivered presents to needy families in the La Puente area. They also supplied a full dinner complete with all the fixings. The children were surprised by the visit and the gifts provided, which were likely the only ones they received this holiday. Deputy Pete Hish and his family shopped for the gifts, and the Captain's secretary Armida Molina and Sergeant Sandra Gannon wrapped them up. It was an experience for all involved, and a great way to "give back" to our community on Christmas.

INDUSTRY'S HERO AND CONGRATULATIONS

A couple of months ago, Deputy Abel Jimenez was patrolling through Hacienda Heights when he heard a Code 3 call of a vehicle vs. tree. When Abel arrived on scene, he saw a male driver unconscious and strapped into his seat with his seatbelt. Abel also noticed the car had caught on fire. Abel ran to the vehicle and with flames melting the wax off of his boots and sparks and debris shooting up his pant legs, Abel struggled to free the driver from his seatbelt. Abel eventually freed the driver from his seatbelt and pulled him out of the vehicle. In a scene out of *CHiPs*, the vehicle burst into flames as Abel dragged the driver from certain death. Deputy Jimenez not only saved a life, he made Industry Station very proud. Good job, Abel. Deputies Jeff Troung, Aily Xie and Tom Marquez recently got off training and are now full-fledged patrol deputies. And with that, I'm out of here … C'mon man! ☆

EXCEPTION TO THE HEARSAY RULE

TESTIMONY FROM THE VAN NUYS COURTHOUSE

By Mike Ascolese
Court Services, West Bureau

HALLMARK HOLIDAY

It is here again — that Hallmark-initiated holiday invented to separate you from your hard-earned wages and guilt you into purchasing flowers unceremoniously sliced from their stems and ridiculously priced confectionary treats just to prove you love your spouse. Well, do not forget to do whatever your spouse expects, because it is getting a tad too cold to be sleeping in the dog house right about now.

CHANGE OF VENUE

Bienvenido to Deputy Osbaldo Zavala, who transferred here from the Santa Monica Court. He gave up the boring beach scene to bask in the impressive natural scenic beauty of the city named Van Nuys. Obviously he used the wisdom of Solomon in his decision-making process.

HOLIDAY PARTY

On Saturday, December 5, 2009, the Van Nuys Court staff had a holiday party, which was held in the Aviation Room at the Holiday Inn–Los Angeles Airport. Deputies Angie Alvarez, Denise Jamison, Susana Vasquez, Yenika Moreno and Tania Giggles made up the committee that put this shindig together. The ladies did a fantastic job. A large number of deputies and their significant others attended and were treated to a wonderful evening of dinner and dancing. There were even many door prizes given out. Deputy Glenn Crites won one of the many prizes, a gift certificate to the *Red Lobster*. A terrific gift, if your religion does not forbid you from eating shellfish. It falls under the same conundrum as kosher ham.

I understand the Airport Control Tower threatened to shut down the festivities due to difficulties hearing the local airplane radio traffic over the incredible volume of Deputy Gary Hatfield's booming voice. Thankfully, no airplanes crashed due to this technical problem; however, several flights were delayed for landing.

CAUGHT KISSING

A few days ago Deputy Jeff Cousin told me his son, Ryan, was going to a KISS concert that evening at the Staples Center. I was surprised because I knew KISS had played two shows in Los Angeles the week before. I checked to see if they had scheduled a third gig because I wanted to attend, but discovered that KISS was actually playing a concert in Austin, Texas, that night, not Los Angeles. The bad news is Ryan had told a little white lie in order to be somewhere other than where he had informed his parents he would be. The good news is he had actually seen the KISS concert at the Staples Center nine days prior, albeit without parental permission or knowledge. I have a feeling that young man had quite a bit of explaining to do that evening when his parents got home. I am sure his grounding will not last for too many years. The adjacent photo shows the sneaky offspring in full KISS makeup the night of the actual concert. He is the one wearing the Celestial makeup.

POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION

Who is the deputy rumored to have asked a life-altering question while he was down on one bent knee? It turns out it was just a practice proposal. Look, just get divorced again. If that feels good to you a second time, then propose for real.

Which bailiff actually proposed over the holiday season? I still cannot tell if he is smiling or crying.

Who is the Main Lockup deputy that has been banned from Knott's Berry Farm for life? That is a tough thing to do. This deputy's next scheduled trouble-making stop is the house Mickey built.

What is the name of the COPS Bureau operations lieutenant that declined having his photograph taken while he was busy getting a pedicure and manicure at his local nail salon? It was a family outing, as his wife and two daughters were also enjoying a spa treatment.

The docket is now clear and we're adjourned until next time. ☆

SHARK TAILS

By Kim Donahue
Avalon Station

Well, you haven't seen an article from Avalon Station in over a year or two, so here is some of the catch-up. Life on the island has been very busy in the past six months with all of the visitors and cruise ships. Just about every weekend, members of LASD come over to take part in all the fun that Catalina has to offer. The most recent was retired Commander Kathy Taylor and her husband, Jim (retired lieutenant), who rented out the Wrigley Mansion for their New Year's Eve night.

With the influx of visitors, our little island population goes from 5,000 to as many as 15,000. So to say the least, this keeps us very busy, especially on PM and EM Shifts. (Avalon has more ABC licenses in California per capita than any other city.) Many of the tourists are not familiar with Avalon, and recently LET Kathy Estrada, while working days, received a 911 call from a tourist telling her there was a herd of deer running through town, and was very upset and didn't know what to do. Kathy calmed the caller and explained that it's a daily occurrence, and that they would probably see more of them while they were on the island.

On September 30, Catalina participated in a Homeland Security exercise. The participants were U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Civil Air Patrol, L.A. County Fire, Avalon City Fire, U.S. Marine Corps, L.A. County Cert Team and Sheriff's Boat. The Marines flew fire equipment to the island from Camp Pendleton as well. Our very own Avalon Station CERT team is the only CERT team that is qualified to do decontamination of contaminated participants in California, and they did a great job during this mock exercise.

A few notes on some of our staff here on the island: Sergeant Fred Keelen (Mr. SEB) finally has everyone at the station trained on the correct way to fill out a time sheet. His hair is completely gray now, but he looks a lot less stressed when doing the time sheets, and he doesn't give you that Dirty Harry look anymore. Sherri Krug, our station clerk, who has a wealth of knowledge on how the station should be run, is doing a great job in training the sergeant, as well as Lieutenant Donahue.

Deputy Justin Martin, who is one of our crime fighters here on the island, has a new nickname: "Ever Ready." Could it be after the Ever Ready Bunny? Justin has the energy of five people, and has made some fantastic arrests and wrote some great search warrants. Deputy Bert Lyon is doing a great job working with our Youth Athletic League. They are kids involved in fencing, judo and tae kwon do, as well as many other activities. He has about 40 kids involved and even some of their parents as well.

Kris Cleveland took the reins in organizing the annual Star Dive; this was the 12th year for this fundraiser. The money raised from this event is divided between The Youth Athletic League and The USC Recompression Chamber for divers. Even with tough times and less divers than last year, more money was raised this year than in the past. It was a great success.

Our fearless dynamic duo resident deputies, Jim Pennington and Bruce Sterlow, had their hands full at the Isthmus with a pirate or two during Buccaneer Days. It is where everyone thinks they're a pirate for a weekend. They kept all the wannabe Captain Jack Sparrows in check. This annual event is attended by around 3,000 pirates and their mates.

We have had to say goodbye to some key people from the station. Deputy Doug Miller who has been assigned to Catalina for a little shy of 25 years is now enjoying retirement. LET Connie Shepard, who did a little of everything, has left us to go to Santa Clarita. OAI Irene Teran has moved on to a new job at Star Center, which is close to her new home. Although with retirements, there is always good news for someone to fill in after them. Deputy Joe Kirk took over as watch deputy and is enjoying the good life assisting DB. Sources say that Joe now has several new Tommy Bahama shirts in his locker, one for each day of the week!

We also have to say welcome to some new faces around the station: LET and Reserve Deputy Gary Pfahler and Deputy Doug Parkhurst and Richard Johnson are great additions to our team. We feel very lucky to have them with us.

Deputy Doug Parkhurst and his wife, Kim, welcomed a new baby girl, Lei La, to their family as well.

Our weekend comedian, Sergeant Larry Knott, is at home recovering from knee-replacement surgery. We miss his smile and humor around the station. This will improve his walk into retirement, I am told.

Until next month, be safe — and wishing you all a great 2010 from all of us here on the island. ☆

Deputy Alvaro Diaz (shown above with First City President/CEO Terry O'Steen and Director of Member Relations David Wong) was the lucky prize winner of First City Credit Union's recent "Go Green" Sweepstakes. First City, the original Sheriff's Department Credit Union, designed the sweepstakes to promote its new eGreen Checking Account program. Deputy Diaz was the proud winner of $3,000. ☆

By John Knight
San Dimas Station

I SAW SANTA KISSING MRS. LINDEMEYER

Christmas came over a month early for all of us here at San Dimas! A lot of you will remember last Christmas when I reported that Sergeant Gary Lindemeyer had a reoccurrence of leukemia. I put Gary out on Front Street in that issue and made him promise he'd make it out of The City of Hope and return to us. I referred to Gary as our personal Santa Claus, being that he was the only guy who could bring us what we really wanted for Christmas in 2009. Himself! Well, he kept the first half of his promise. On November 13, 2009, Gary walked out of The City of Hope under his own head of steam and got into a limo where his wife, Robin, and his two sons (Brad and Brian) were anxiously waiting for him. With scores of cheering family and friends, including San Dimas and Industry Station personnel, Gary made that oh so sweet ride home to be with his family in time for the holidays.

Gary is a member of a very exclusive club, one that few (if any) of us would willingly aspire to. Gary has survived, for the third time in seven years, a regimen of treatment that few people ever come out of the first time, much less a repeat. This is a true testament to Gary's unfailing will to survive against all odds. Gary has decided to retire a little early to begin enjoying the fruits of his tenacity. However I'm sure that after the holidays, when his batteries are back up to full charge, he will grace us with his presence. Gary is not out of the woods just yet, as he is still scheduled for more follow-up treatment in the future. But he's home! And that means almost as much to us as I think it does to Gary. Thanks to ALL of you who called, visited, wrote and most of all prayed for Gary. He appreciates it more than words can ever express.

Thanks also to semi-retired Sergeant Joe McDonald (you know, the first cowboy/astronaut on the Department) who took on the job of liason between us and Gary's family. Joe sent us weekly, sometimes daily, detailed updates on Gary. Joe has also been keeping busy these days developing an ingenious free-fall safety device for bucked-off cowboys (dubbed the "Horse-Chute®") and is looking for a marketing firm. Gary, thanks for keeping your promise, my friend! We look forward to seeing you real soon! XOXOX Big Bird!

THE CLONE WARS

I know it seems that I constantly pick on the same select group of guys every month, but really folks, when you work in a place like this, the victims are plentiful and the pickin's easy. Take Gabe Enriquez for instance. I was sitting in briefing minding my own business when I looked up and there was the photo-op of the year! Gabe was flinging his usual anti-geriatric gang of smack at me and then looked up just in time to see me taking his picture. (See picture.) I then gave Gabe an Austin Powersism about a reverse "Minnie Me" and he looked to his left. Sitting there was an almost exact clone of himself! Only bigger! I promised the cloned deputy that I would not drag him into our station drama by printing his name in this article. I'm sure this mug run will do just fine! Keep up the good work, Gabe!

THE DEUCE QUEEN

Well, she couldn't have taken it down to the wire any closer if she would have tried. With exactly 11 days left in December, S/R Deputy Debbie Iketani has achieved quite a remarkable feat by making 50 DUI arrests within the 2009 calendar year! That's pretty impressive considering that in addition to being a full-time real estate broker who owns her own firm, Debbie is also on our San Dimas Mountain Rescue Team, an experienced "brothel madam" for Sergeant Mario Estrada's morals crew on occasion — and is a part-time range master operating the mobile range here at San Dimas!

Now I don't want to insinuate that Debbie has no social life to speak of, but she can be found on almost any Friday and Saturday night riding with one of the traffic cars in the city looking for drunk drivers. Debbie is pictured here holding the

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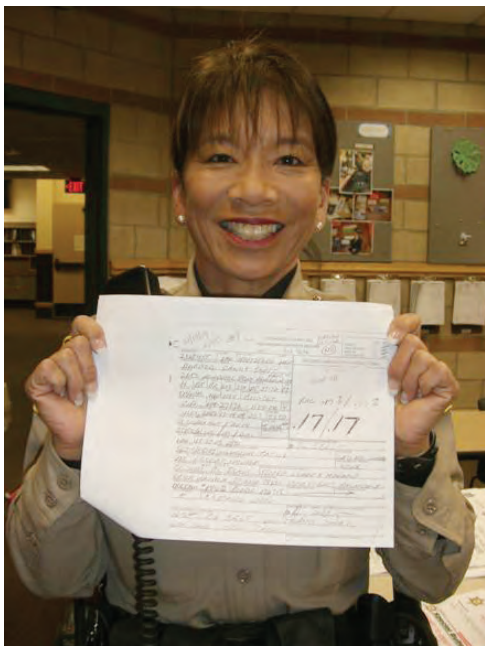

booking slip to the lucky driver she crowned as "Mr Fifty." Debbie will be going to Sacramento in the spring to receive her MADD commemorative pin at a ceremony that will be attended by her "little brother," California Highway Patrol Commander D.R. "Ike" Iketani. I don't think a sibling could be prouder. Great job, Debbie!

THE CHIEFTAINS

Some of you might remember the "fair and balanced" reporting my captain had a hand in regarding the infamous "funeral-escort cop" pursuit my partner and I were involved in a few months ago. Unbeknownst to me, until a mole downtown told me, there is a review board of all pursuits (the documented ones at least) wherein all three patrol division chiefs sit down and evaluate each pursuit as to its adherence to Department policy. I am further advised that when this particular pursuit was reviewed the whole room was, well, shall we say, unusually boisterous. A somewhat better word might be amused. Now I'm not one to frown upon a group of people having a good (I heard it was actually more like convulsive) laugh at my expense; it's just that I need some reassurance that I'll not be taking an unplanned holiday in the next few months. Granted my personnel file looks like the bottom of a parakeet cage, what with the occasional faux paus I have committed in my 28 years in patrol; however, I implore the court that I've never knowingly and/or intentionally violated Department policy. I've retained legal counsel with the renowned law firm of Dewey, Cheatem and Howe. Any further inquiries can de directed to them in writing.

HOSTAGE CRISIS OVER

It's been a reoccurring theme in this article within the last year or so. Of course I'm talking about the saga of Deputy Jim Steinert's beloved Yankees jacket. This gut-wrenching ordeal finally ended as quietly as it began over a year ago. The apparently dry-cleaned and pressed garment was surreptitiously left on a hanger with no apology or confession. Jim proudly took possession of his jacket (see picture) and vowed to never take it off in the station again. And really, Jim, the jacket wasn't needed anyway, as the Yankees crushed the Phillies in the World Series!

MR. CLEAN?

About a month ago, while the captain was giving me a good-faith estimate of possible discipline regarding the above hearing, he mentioned that our reigning Division III Chief Tom Angel was retiring soon. And as is customary, feelers were sent out countywide to gain the compromising information one needs when one plans on roasting said retiree. Joe (I feel that after the beating I took, I can call him by his first name) said that the scandalous information was slow in returning. The information had very strict provisos about "immunity" and possible "reprisals" and the ever-popular "I have a family to think of" kind of responses. The boss was at a loss to explain the virtual clean laundry list he was getting from Tom's contemporaries. Could it be that Tom is no angel? Is it possible he holds some virtual "Sword of Damocles" over all his peers, so much so that they're afraid of ending up under the south goal posts at The Meadowlands? And speaking of Jimmy Hoffa, don't get in that County car with Tom unless you really trust who's in the backseat! So come on, guys; "fugget about it!" What have you got to lose but a few fingers or an ear? This is a free country; exercise your First Amendment rights! Just not before your Fifth Amendment rights! We hope to see you all there!

CAPOS AND LIEUTENANTS

If there ever was a day to buy a lotto ticket at the station, Friday, December 18, 2009, was it. All across the County, many folks sat anxiously by the JDIC machine to see if a dream would come true! As the computer printed out the "intent to promote list," a hat trick of epic proportions was in the making! And just like three wise guys sitting in a bar in Brooklyn, with hopes of becoming made guys, so too were three old crew members here at San Dimas waiting for the word. Not since the miracle of Saint Michael of Rosson has such benevolence been bestowed upon such a small flock! Congratulations to soon-to-be lieutenants Eddie Arnaldo and Dave Vega, and soon-to-be captain Mike Rodriguez! For a station as small as San Dimas, to get three spots on this list is, well, pretty amazing!

I know that by the time this goes to print, you guys will be promoted and out of here. So if I'm gonna get all mushy and sentimental, I've gotta do it now! Mike, it's been a pleasure working for you, and I hope the peeps at your next assignment have the good sense to *not* let you go 10-8 out in the field unless you're supervised! Eddie, what else can I say but how far you've come since you were a slightly smug know-it-all trainee (who actually did know it all) back in the late '80s. I always knew you were going places, I just wondered what took you so long!

And Dave, you on the other hand have completely amazed me in that I thought your 60-grit personality would condemn you to stripes forever! You obviously must have an enlightened renaissance side to your personality few people get to see. And I absolutely *loved* working for you! Whenever I had a complaint and you would show up to "diffuse" the situation, I would waltz out of the whole thing in five minutes without as much as a blemish! Because after talking to you the complainants forgot all about me and wanted to beef you instead! You have the gift of being able to tell people exactly which way the wind blows. And that, my friend, is a gift seldom seen these days. You make all of us old dinosaurs proud!

And so, gentlemen, it is with a heavy but happy heart we bid you a fond farewell and good luck at your new assignments. All we ask is that you not forget your roots and stop by and see us once in awhile. Remember, we're the last stop for that free County gas before you go home!

Until next time, keep your powder dry and your topknot on tight! ☆

THE OPEN MIKE

By Patti Sippey
Sheriff's Communications Center

Anyone fall off the New Year's resolution wagon yet? Can't fall off if you never got on, I say. Anyway, we enjoyed a lovely Christmas here at SCC and are looking forward to the new year!

Congratulations are in order this month to PRD Lisa Varela and Deputy Scott Hennessy (ELA) on their recent engagement. We are so happy for you both! Also, congratulations to CFMB's Captain Scott Edson and Radio Room Watch Sergeant Daphine Bates on recently passing the written test for their FCC General Class Amateur Radio Operators licenses. This brings the total, for the Radio Room, to eight licensed amateur radio operators, plus others from MDCS training, ISD, JDIC and the rest of CFMB. Well done!

And now it's time for this month's bloopers. We had some good ones over the holidays, so here goes:

SCT-415F — Inf's son/19 yrs, threatening mom with pepper spray. Stole mom's prescription meds, won't give them back. (Well, someone needs a time out!)

LAN-918 — At Wienerschnitzel. Male bit the head off a pigeon and laid it on the counter. (Could I get a bun for this?)

SDM-390 — Transvestite, walking toward Azusa, pants keep falling down to ankles. (Respond and belt her … No, I mean literally ...)

CVS-927C — Inf sees someone or poss a statue, fully clothed, leaning or propped up against a wall. It has not moved for several mins and inf is concerned. (Concerned that she doesn't know the difference between a person and a statue ...)

CVS-P417/P918 — Inf thinks the house next door was 459'd. Once the DPs saw him, inf went back into his house. He thinks the DPs are pointing a gun up to his peep-hole. (That's just wrong. Hilarious, but wrong.)

LMT-905V/905S — Stray Rottweiler growling and chasing joggers (who are now full-out sprinters).

LKD-P5150 — Inf states his blind friend is possessed by a demon and may attack them. D/P has a white cane, but is military-trained. (Where do I even start?)

TEM-594JO — Male tagging street signs. DP has crooked neck. (?)

NWK-415N — Male refusing to leave, wearing SHVD jacket. (Is that a shaved jacket or a letter jacket revealing an ailment you may have?)

LAN-920F — At Bank of America. Female/80 has been at loc since 1400 hrs. Daughter brought her and left loc. Business is closed. (You can forget your checkbook or your purse, but your mom?)

LKD-P273.5 — Inf received a message from a friend stating her boyfriend was choking her. (I've heard of texting while driving, but texting while being strangled?)

LNX-P5150 — Female walking up the exit of the freeway, yelling and stripping.

TSB-925 — Female on board train with nauseous odor. All patrons are inside the same train with the female (trapped like rats …).

WAL-918 — At Wells Fargo Bank inside Ralph's Market. Female trying to withdraw cash. NSF. Been at teller window for one hour, staring at bank employees. (Attempting to use mind control? You will give me money, you will give me money …)

NWK-415B/G — Inf says she hears a lot of pounding. (I shall not go there.)

SDM-415Js — At Carl's Jr. 2 males/13 yrs, loitering. Were asked to leave for bothering customers. They are now making rude gestures at people thru windows. (Oh joy, dinner and a show …)

OPS-918 — 550-year-old female, saying that she is pregnant. (Now, that's the oldest mother on record!)

SDM-510/927C — Several skate boarders and box car racing in the area. (Come on, Scrooges! This is just good, old-fashioned fun!)

LNX-594N — Female is outside with a stick threatening inf. With a stick and hitting veh with a stick. (And the weapon is????? Maybe … a stick?)

PRV-905V — At Rio Hondo Park. 2 pit bulls on the loose. Park goers and other pets concerned about possible drive-by chewing. (Hah!)

LKD-927 — A lot of blood in front of inf's mom's door and in the elevator. Advise if 902R needed. This call cleared as "code-4, jelly only." (Toast needed ...)

LAN-417A — Inf says brother stabbed himself. No weapons. (Did he stab himself with a tennis ball? Come on …)

NWK-P902A — Telemarketer called male to sell him something and was told the male was out of work and was going to kill himself. (That will make you rethink your career.)

PRV-415/602N — Inf's 14-yr-old daughter was found sleeping with unk 18-yr-old male in her room. (Can you say statutory?)

SCT-902R — At Ralph's Market. Customer just ran over another customer with electric cart. (Holiday shopping gets ugly ...)

LNX-P5150 — Female wearing a dirty blue nightgown in center divider, flashing passers-by with no under garments underneath. (There's an unexpected little treat for you … Eeeek!)

LKD-927B — Back door to house is open. The handling unit advised "code 4, loc is vacant, except for cockroaches." (Big enough and clever enough to open the back door?)

LKD-245JO/417 — Inf's grandmother pointed a loaded semi at her cousin after they were fist-fighting. (Wow, my grandma just baked cookies and hugged us a lot.)

STOOPID SPELLERS

P459N — Susps put "pellets" in bed of veh.

927P — Home was sold, alarm still active, but new owner is "non-deriuos." (Yikes.)

902T — Veh "roller" over.

415F — Brother is "schyzo."

920C — Suffers from Alzheimer's/dimensia. (You can spell Alzheimer's but not dementia?)

242R — DP is a female with a red "fury" thing on her head.

P459N — Neighbor who is "death" and mute at loc.

415FT — Fighting and "scraming" heard. The desk then updated the spelling to "scrdaming." (Either way, it's a hoot ...)

415F — Dispute over a "Chiwawa" dog.

902R — 2-yr-old "injuried" his head.

902R — Male is breathing but "non-responsible." (?)

P5150 — Inf scared, said he was thrown on the "grown." (Someone's a poet and doesn't know it ...)

902R — Male "bearly" breathing.

And finally, PRD Stephanie Brody was on the phone with an alarm company and asked: "Is it an audible or silent alarm?"

Alarm Co: "No."

Stephanie: "Is it audible or silent?"

Alarm Co: "No, it's coming from the panel motion."

Stephanie: "Okay, but is it ringing or is it not ringing?"

Alarm Co: ***silence***

Stephanie: "I mean, well is there a bell ringing or is there nothing?"

Alarm Co: "Oh … Well, I guess it's making noise." (Honestly, like pulling teeth …)

And with that, I shall bid you adieu until next month. ☆

To Protect and to Surf

AN ANTHOLOGY OF MALIBU MYSTERIES

By Mark Rediger
Lost Hills Station

Greetings from the sunny side of the County.

"WEEBLES WOBBLE BUT THEY DON'T FALL DOWN"

Remember those things? Well, if Deputy Dave Huelsen does not, he should. Deputy Vanessa Bernard-Martinez had a party at her house and rented one of those Moon Bounce things. You know, the inflatable thing that little kids climb into and jump up and down in? Dave must be a kid at heart because he is certainly not little. Dave and his girlfriend were in there merrily bouncing away when he lost his balance and fell over. This caused the Moon Bounce to list to one side and the real kids to fall on top of Dave. What was particularly humorous was Dave's wildly flailing arms, attempting to avoid what he believed to be the sharp blades of the fan that keeps the Bounce inflated — all the while entangling himself in the netting of the windows. Equally funny was the sight of Dave's 80-pound-when-soaking-wet girlfriend trying pull Dave up. Dave, leave the kiddie toys to the kids.

PRACTICAL JOKE GONE AWRY

Deputy Jim Mulay and Detective Tim Cooley thought they would have some fun with Detective "J.T." Manwell. So, a couple of days before Christmas, Jim removed one of the hubcaps from J.T.'s car and put it in his (Jim's) trunk. What with the Christmas holiday, our pranksters forgot all about their hijinks. About a week later, J.T.'s wife borrowed his car. When she got home, she noticed the hubcap was missing. After retracing her steps, and getting a friend to help in the search, she was unable to find the missing adornment. Meanwhile, Jim — whilst installing a new stereo in his car — discovered the hubcap. J.T.'s wife was not pleased as she had almost paid $70 on eBay for a replacement.

SPEAKING OF J.T.

For those of you who have forgotten what J.T. looks like, here is a photograph of him skulking about the captain's office. What he was doing was never completely determined but, judging by the smirk on his face, it could not have been on the up-and-up. The investigation is ongoing; more details as they develop.

CONGRATULATIONS

We received news a couple of weeks ago that our captain, Tom Martin, will be promoted to commander. Sergeant Jeff Price will also be promoted, to lieutenant. Sergeant Tony Arnold will be taking over as operations sergeant. Sergeant Derek Alfred has been plucked out of Patrol to run our Juvenile Intervention Team. Way to go, sirs!

INS AND OUTS

Sergeant Tom Hill is leaving us for the Office of Public Safety. His stay with us was short, but memorable.

That's all I got. ☆

☆ IN MEMORIAM ☆

WAYNE M. HALEY	ACTIVE MEMBER	DECEASED 11-28-09	LAW ENFORCEMENT TECH/ CRIME LAB
RAYMOND K. WEDMORE	RETIRED 05-28-81	DECEASED 09-30-09	SERGEANT/PERSONNEL
MARY L. BEENE	WIFE OF RETIRED MEMBER DENNIS BEENE	DECEASED 10-17-09	
MARJORIE (GERRIE) EDGINGTON	WIFE OF RETIRED MEMBER THOMAS EDGINGTON	DECEASED 11-02-09	
MARTHA H. GUTIERREZ	WIFE OF RETIRED MEMBER CHRISTOPHER R. GUTIERREZ	DECEASED 11-02-09	
BERTHA H. SMITH	WIFE OF RETIRED MEMBER JOHN H. SMITH	DECEASED 08-30-09	

The Chaplain's Notebook

By Chaplain Casey Cox
San Dimas Station

IS THERE A GOD ON YOUR ARM?

We live in a society and culture that is often referred to as a rat race. There are many ways to get ahead in this rat race. Time management, personal boundaries, increased efficiency, technology and others, but the truth remains that as long as we are in the rat race, we remain the rats. While some may find joy in being the fastest rat, I am seeking to discover how to get off of the spinning wheel. So how do we get out of the rat race, yet remain present in the real world? We have jobs that require too much; we have family demands we can't ignore; we have responsibilities to fulfill we have desires that too often die and so we continue the losing battle of getting everything done in the time allotted. The truth remains that we all have the same amount of time every day. How we spend that time is either up to us, or we surrender that right to others. Some will quickly say: "If it were up to me, I'd blow this job" or "I don't have a choice when I get to see my kids …" Well, the truth of the matter is that you do have choices; we just don't like our options. For many of us, we allow our time to dictate our choices, rather than us making choices about how we will spend our time.

There is an old African proverb that says: "Westerners have watches but no time. Africans have time but no watches." The answer to the above dilemma about choices is found in the watch or, better said, the control of the watch. Our watches teach us, train us and force us to be perfect (rats). We know when we are late or when we stop getting paid or when we have missed a deadline or how much longer we have to be in a place we'd rather not be … The list goes on. Our watches become control agents of our time, and eventually our choices. Anything that we submit ourselves to and allow to control us is a form of a god to us. Do you have a god on your arm?

In the Bible, the book of Joshua chapter 24 presents a story of a choice. Whom will you serve: the gods of those who are around you and the ways of the real world, or will you serve the one true God, who set the sun and moon in motion? The watch is a manmade creation that has captured the precision of the sun and the coordination of the moon. We have missed the beauty of creation and the God who placed us in it, by giving our focus and attention to our own creation (the watch) that mirrors the first. Do you need more time to figure this all out …? I hope you don't look to your watch to find the answer. Talk to your local chaplain today.

Chaplains can be contacted at their unit of assignment, or by calling (213) 738-3500. ☆

L.A. County Retired Marshals Lunches For 2010

ALL LUNCHES ARE SCHEDULED FOR 12 NOON

Feb. 3	Marinos Italian 17126 Bellflower Blvd., Bellflower	**Aug. 4**	Johnny Reb's BBQ 16639 Bellflower Blvd., Bellflower
Mar. 3	Home Town Café 11471 South St., Cerritos	**Sept. 1**	Edward's Steak House 9600 Flair Dr., El Monte
April 7	Damon's Steak House 317 N. Brand Ave., Glendale	**Oct. 6**	Villa Tepeyac 2200 E. Garvey (South), West Covina
May 5	Paco's Tacos 200 East Foothill Blvd., Arcadia	**Nov. 3**	Hoff's Hut 7005 Knott Ave., Buena Park
June 7	Hoff's Hut 7005 Knott Ave., Buena Park	**Dec. 1**	Edward's Steak House 9600 Flair Dr., El Monte
July 7	Elephant Bar 12002 Lakewood Blvd., Downey		

4th Annual Charity Golf Tournament
Presented by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's

Friday, February 26, 2010 □ Whittier

Tournament Details

Registration Check-In 7:30 - 9:00 am
Shotgun Start 9:00 am
Awards Luncheon and raffle immediately following the tournament. Each participant will receive a goody bag & refreshments on the course.

Awards for:

- □ Longest Drive (male and female)
- □ Closest to the pin (male and female)
- □ Hole-in-one
- □ Putting Contest

California Country Club
1509 S. Workman Mill Rd.
Whittier, California 90601
Clubhouse: 626.333.4571 ~ Pro Shop: 626.968.4222

Tournament Contacts

- □ Sgt. Nancy Drake (562) 946-8216
- □ Dep. Janet O'Bryan (562) 946-8217
- □ Barbara Stroup (562) 946-7920

Deadline for Registration
Friday, February 12, 2010
This tournament is limited to the first 144 registrants. (*register early, don't be left out!*)

REGISTRATION

PLEASE CHECK THE LEVEL OF SUPPORT

- □ Individual Golfer $130
- □ Foursome $500
- □ Luncheon Only $30
- □ Platinum Sponsor $2,500-includes 4some
- □ Silver Sponsor $1,500-includes 4some

- □ Bronze Sponsor $500
- □ Tee Sponsor $100 (payment due by 2/5/2010)

FOURSOME NAMES:

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2: _____
3: _____
4: _____

Make Checks Payable To:
Sheriff's Relief Fund 209
C/O Nancy Drake
S. Colima Rd., D106
Whittier, CA 90604

Name _____
Address _____
11515
Phone (_____) _____

This event will help raise funds for the Sheriff's Department's Special Victims Bureau's Relief Fund and the "999 for Kids" Program

Walnut/ Diamond Bar Station

By Mark Saldecke
Walnut/Diamond Bar Station

Since my last article, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas have all gone by. By the time this article goes to print, we will have already celebrated (safely, hopefully) the new year. On behalf of everyone assigned to Walnut/ Diamond Bar Station, I wish all of you a healthy and prosperous New Year.

I would like to take a moment and review some of the highlights from 2009....

In the early part of the year, our station experienced a sharp increase in residential, commercial and vehicle burglaries. A task force was formed with Detective Dan Duran in charge. The task force, consisting of three station detectives, five Rowland Heights Team deputies and two patrol deputies, began to attack the problem by eliminating gang and tagger activity through zero tolerance. The hard work of the task force resulted in a 54 percent reduction in residential and commercial burglaries and a 32 percent reduction in auto burglaries. During that same period, the station's arrests dramatically increased 31 percent from the previous quarter. The success and the significant impact of the task force was the direct result of the dedicated leadership of Detective Duran.

Deputy Joe Kim was recently commended by our Master FTO for conducting an outstanding traffic stop on a 459 vehicle. After effecting a felony traffic stop, Deputy Kim immediately took control of the situation. Once the assisting units were in place, the suspects were ordered out of the vehicle and taken into custody without incident. Our MFTO, Deputy Phil Geisler, commended everyone for their planned approach, moving in formation, covering all areas of threats and the safe apprehension of the suspects.

Sergeant Bruce Lang, our Training/Scheduling sergeant, is recovering nicely from a recent surgery. Instead of flowers, everyone signed an inflatable donut, which he seems to keep forgetting to take home, leaving it on his chair instead.

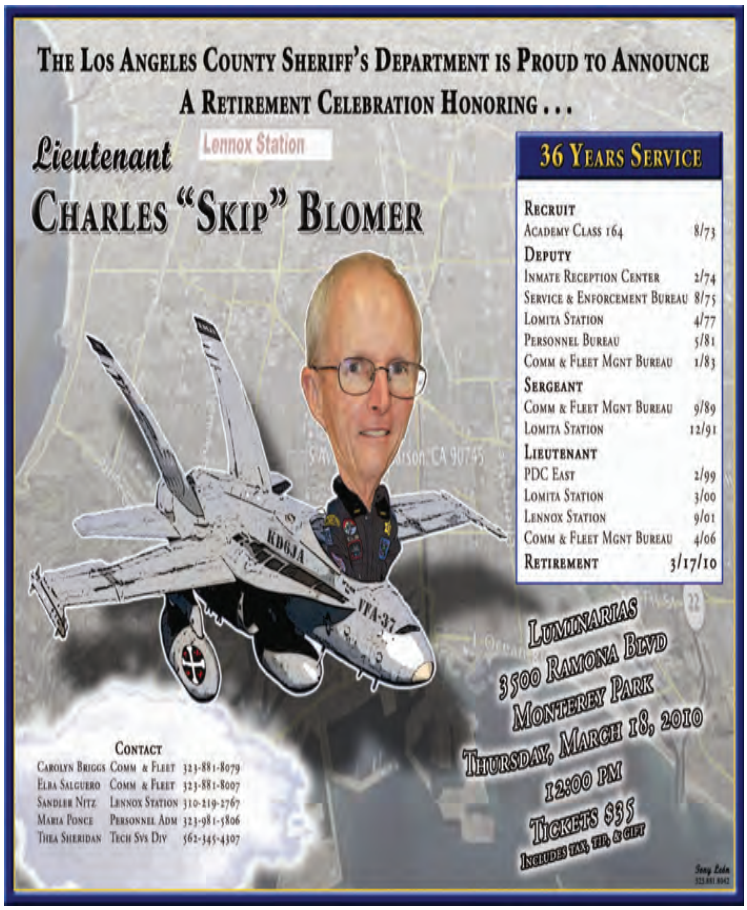
Three sergeants recently arrived at the station: Roberto Causey, Mike Galvan and Teresa Evers. Welcome to Walnut/Diamond Bar Station, the crown jewel of FOR III. We also had Sergeant Tim Robarge leave patrol for greener pastures in the Detective Bureau, and Sergeant Brad Gray left for TTCF, Custody Division.

Crime Analyst Curtis Kim left us for the Community College Bureau, and Grant Miller came in to replace him. Goodbye, Curtis, and welcome, Grant!

We recently held a station golf tournament at Royal Vista Golf Course in Rowland Heights. I'm not sure who actually won the tournament, but rumor has it that Deputy Tony Gonzales shot an 88, and Deputy Tim Broad deserves an honorable mention. Deputy Joe Kim had quite the tee shot on the last hole, imitating Happy Gilmore on his drive. We're all looking forward to the next one! That's a subtle hint, Bo!

The Reserves recently went out to Lanterman Developmental Center right before Christmas for their annual gift distribution. Over 100 gift bags were handed out to the deserving and appreciative clients at the facility. A terrific time was had by all. We're looking forward to next year's event!

Again, best wishes for the new year.... ☆



Sheriffs' Relief Association
2010 Tickets Available For "Members Only"

ATTRACTION	SRA PRICE Adult/Child	REG. PRICE Adult/Child
KNOTT'S BERRY FARM	**$***26.99/$19.99*	*$51.99/$22.99*
Tickets good thru 03/31/10	*(Children 3 & under 48" tall; Senior-Age 62 & up = separate ticket)*	
LEGOLAND	*$44.00*	*$65.00/$55.00*
Tickets good thru 08/14/2010	*2nd Day free-must use w/in 90 days of 1st visit/use*	
SEA LIFE AQUARIUM	*$9.00*	*$18.95/$11.95*
Tickets good thru 07/22/2010		
LONG BEACH AQUARIUM	*$16.95/$9.95*	*$23.95/$11.95*
Tickets good thru 11/30/2010	*(Children 3-11)*	
MAGIC MOUNTAIN	*$23.99/$15.00*	*$54.99/$27.50*
Tickets good thru 12/31/2010	*(Children 3-11 & under 48" tall)*	
MEDIEVAL TIMES		
Tickets not valid 12/30-12/31/2010	*$41.65/$31.40*	*$55.95/$37.95*
PIRATES DINNER SHOW	*$41.50/$31.50*	*$57.73/$38.57*
Tickets good thru 11/30/10	*(Children 3-11)*	
SAN DIEGO ZOO-DELUXE	*$27.50/$20.50*	*$35.00/$26.00*
Tickets good thru 03/16/2010	*(Children 3-11)*	
SEAWORLD-2FUN DAYS	*$50.00/$44.50*	*$65.00/$55.00*
Tickets good thru 06/30/10	*(Children 3-9)*	
UNIVERSAL STUDIOS	*$59.00*	*$67.00*
3 DAY PASS	*Must be activated by 05/31/2010*	
Blackout Dates: July 3,10,17,24,31; August 7 & 14; December 26-30/2010. Blackout dates apply to second and third pass usage only.		
UNIVERSAL "Value" PASS		
Ticket prices not available at time of publication.		
WILD ANIMAL PARK	*$27.50/$20.50*	*$35.00/$26.00*
Tickets good thru 03/16/2010	*(Children 3-11)*	
UNRESTRICTED MOVIE TICKETS: "Good Nationwide"		
AMC	*$7.50*	*$10.50*
REGAL/EDWARDS	*$7.50*	*$10.50*
DISNEYLAND/CALIFORNIA ADVENTURE TICKET OFFERINGS:		
1 DAY PARK TICKET: GOOD 1 DAY @ DISNEYLAND OR 1 DAY @ CALIFORNIA ADVENTURE		
Blackout Dates: March 21; June 21-22; July 4; August 22-23; October 9-10, 15-17, 22-23; November 12-13, 21-22; December 10-12, 17-31, 2010; and January 1-2, 2011		
Tickets good thru 01/03/2011	*$67.00 AGES 10+*	*($72.00 REG PRICE)*
	$59.00 AGES 3-9	*($64.00 REG PRICE)*
1 DAY (2) PARKS HOPPER TICKET: *GO BACK & FORTH BETWEEN BOTH PARKS*		
Tickets good thru 04/24/2010	*$72.00 AGES 10+*	*($97.00 REG PRICE)*
	$64.00 AGES 3-9	*($87.00 REG PRICE)*
DISNEYLAND PREMIUM PASSPORT: *VALID 365 DAYS*		
MUST BE USED BEFORE 01/03/11 (Includes Parking)	*$407.55*	*($429.00 REG PRICE)*

PLS NOTE: PAYMENT CASH OR CHECK (CHECK PAYMENT LIMIT=$750.00). TICKETS LIMIT = 10 PER ATTRACTION PER MONTH (Except for DISNEYLAND tickets limit is only 8). "IF MEMBER IS HAVING SOMEONE, OTHER THAN SPOUSE, PICK UP TICKETS; ONLY THE MEMBER'S PERSONAL CHECK WITH EMPLOYEE # WRITTEN ON THE SAME CHECK IS ACCEPTED FOR PAYMENT." ALL SALES ARE FINAL. PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE. REVISED 1/19/10.

Star News 50 Years Ago

Reprinted from the February 1960 *Star News*

Sheriff Pitchess wants new legislation to suppress narcotic peddlers

SHERIFF ADDRESSES SUPERVISORS ON NARCOTIC LAWS

Editor's Note: The following is a statement of Peter J. Pitchess, Sheriff, Los Angeles County, at the Board of Supervisor's Meeting, Tuesday, February 16, 1960:

"The grave problem of illicit narcotic traffic has reached alarming proportions. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department has constantly and aggressively taken a firm stand for new legislation to summarily suppress one of the most despicable and fearsome threats to our community and our youth — the narcotic peddlers.

There are only a few general statutes governing the laws of arrest, which aid officers in determining whether a given arrest is lawful, and a search and seizure of evidence proper. Primarily then, narcotic law enforcement is critically in need of legislative modification of the Exclusionary Rule in narcotic cases.

Another area for consideration concerns stiffer penalties for narcotic law violators. I hasten to add that unless legislative modification is made of the Exclusionary Rule and the naming of informants, I fear that more severe penalties — in and by themselves — will not fully resolve our problems in narcotic law enforcement."

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