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Sheriffs' Relief Association Welcomes the Parks Bureau to *Star News*

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Trustees Monthly Meeting

The regular meeting of the Sheriffs' Relief Association convened on Wednesday, February 3, 2010, 11515 Colima Road, Whittier. The following officers and trustees were present: Paul Drake, President; Joseph Fennell, Vice-President; Jake Katz, Secretary-Treasurer; Trustees Bernice Abram, Edward Godfrey, Arthur Herrera, Thomas Laing, John McBride, Richard Maradiaga, Andrew Thompson and Robert Wachsmuth; Robert Ciulik, General Manager and Carrol Leonard, Assistant General Manager. Trustee not present, William McSweeney.

The meeting was called to order at 4:50 p.m. A motion was made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Herrera and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2010, meeting and the December Foundation expenditures.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

From the Iona Meade family to Dennis Walsh and the Association: "Just to let you know the flowers were so greatly appreciated for my dear mom. Gratefully yours."

From Store III: "Dear Board of Directors, your thoughtfulness at the holidays was really

appreciated, and your thoughtfulness throughout the year is greatly appreciated."

From Tim Abrahams: "Sheriffs' Relief Board, the loss of my mother last month has been very painful. Your kind words and unselfish contribution to my family made a difficult time a little easier. Thank you very much."

From the family of Charles J. Werns, Jr. to Dennis Walsh: "My family and I appreciate all you have done. We enjoyed the fruit and snack basket very much. Your help with getting my dad's death benefits in order was also appreciated. Looking forward to receiving the flag case."

BENEVOLENT REPORT

MORTUARY BENEFITS PAID DURING JANUARY: \$73,000.00

MORTUARY BENEFITS PAID YEAR TO DATE: \$73,000.00

LAWS & LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The Annual Membership meeting will be held on Monday, March 1, 2010. There will be no March 3rd meeting. The retreat meeting will be held on March 21st, and there will be no April 7th meeting. The next regular meeting will be held May 5th and will be reporting March and April business.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

A total of 55 new membership applications were received during the month of January. A motion was made by Trustee Godfrey, seconded by Trustee Katz and unanimously carried, to accept the following new members:

Cody L. Agee, Alex F. Alfaro, Stanley P. Avila, Diana I. Becerra, Jessica Bargara, Noe P. Bogarin, Dennis M. Bransfield, Ediser R. Briones, Brian A. Cabral, Carolyn D. Cale, Raul G. Canchola, Kai R. Carter, Eli Celnik, Jennifer T. Chan, Catherine S. Cox, Tara Crutchfield, April Davidson, Jonathan U. Ekanem, Michael J. Espinosa, Saido A. Garcia, Dean M. Gialamas, Steven Giron, Jose A. Grimaldi Jr., Susana Guerra, Holly D. Gulley, Adriana Guzman, Keisha Hughes, Supattra Hwangthweevit, Krystal F. Jackson, Jeffery L. James, Keith A. Jefferson, Marlen Licea, Yvone Lomeli, Michelle A. Luz, Blanca Macias, Zoraida N. Manalang, Stephanie Martinez, Andrew C. Norton, Albert Nunez, Robert H. Odenthal, Luis F. Orozco, Victor B. Paladino, David Prado, Diana J. Ramirez, Armen Sardaryan, Ryan M. Sauls, Richard G. Tomlin, Myron L. Trimble III, Waldon B. VanSciver, Robbin J. Velasco, John B. Weber Jr., John B. Weber Sr., Rushell N. Westby-Brown, Jeffrey R. Wolak and Brad D. Wygant.

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Retired Deputies

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On February 3, the Hi-Desert retirees got together for their monthly luncheon at Carrows restaurant on I Avenue and Main Street in Hesperia at 11 am. Those present were: Dick and Lue Obney, Ed Kirstie, Ginger Cupkie, Paul and Marlyn Meunier, Edward and Shirley Ann Sznaper, Norman and Chickee Nelson, Gilbert Sherwood, Beth Combs, Manuel "Manny" Reyes, Ron Bridges, Edward Ballinger, Liz and Wood Polidore. Ginger brought Norman a loaf of raisin bread. Norman always asks if a restaurant has raisin bread and 98 percent of the time they don't. Carrows does NOT have raisin bread, so Ginger supplied it! Mentally challenged Woody Polidore was up to his usual tricks. He brought a BLT from home and had the restaurant supply the mayonnaise. He had to put on a show for everybody since he brought gifts

for Norman's birthday and our anniversary. (Thank you!) Gil did not show up in a new vehicle this time. What's up with that? You can join our friendly group anytime on the 1st Wednesday of the month. The doors are open.

On Monday, February 8, the San Gabriel retirees met at Bella Italia in San Gabriel at 11 a.m. Not too many showed up, but those that did had a good time reminiscing. Attending were Don Fandry; Charlie Gillmann; Dave Kading; Michael Kapic and his friend, Bobby Minnick; Richard Smith; Art Garcia; and Jack Rohrer. We meet on the second Monday of every month. The meetings will

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“Life is difficult.” Those are the first three words in Scott Peck, M.D.’s book *The Road Less Traveled*. But what is it that makes life difficult, you might ask? Obviously the list could be long and exhaustive. However, as Dr. Peck points out, once we accept that life is difficult, we can then get on with living life and dealing with its challenges as well as enjoying being alive. He views life’s difficulties as a series of problems that require solving. “Problems are the cutting edge that distinguishes between success and failure. Problems call forth our courage and our wisdom, indeed, they create our courage and our wisdom.”

In my many years as a psychologist, I have had the opportunity to listen to many different stories of life’s difficulties. And yet, while there are a myriad of different problems, the underlying reasons or root causes for those difficulties, more often than not, seem somewhat similar. I will discuss several of those causes in this article in hopes of providing some food for thought.

Consider the concepts of “choice” and “responsibility.” I often hear or see firsthand the reluctance, inability or choice to disclaim, disavow or ignore being responsible for one’s choices and actions. If one looks at the world around them, it is easy to see avoidance of responsibility on a grand scale. Whether one looks at various governments and the people running them, the greed of some of those in the banking world, mortgage banking, investment firms or someone you may work for or with, some people conduct themselves without much if any ethical or moral responsibility.

We periodically see the wreckage and carnage caused by such things. Some recent examples are the crash in the U.S. housing market and the problems with the banking system. Nevertheless, in one’s day-to-day life, one of life’s difficulties often revolves around not taking responsibility for one’s own decisions and actions. Take the spouse who perpetrates domestic violence on their partner. In speaking with that individual after the violence, I often hear “He/She provoked me to do it.” This is an example of avoidance of responsibility for one’s actions of anger and rage on another. Or the individual or family who took out an interest only loan knowing that they would not be able to afford to pay their mortgage when the loan eventually converted into a higher interest rate. Thousands of families are now dealing with losing their houses or facing foreclosure as a result of such choices and actions. Some people have what is referred to as “entitlement,” meaning that they are owed things. Others complain that they were tricked or somehow didn’t really understand what they were doing. Again, this is avoidance of responsibility.

Until one accepts responsibility for their actions and mistakes, there is no opportunity to learn from the experience. This is most clearly seen in individuals with severe personality disorders that include, among other symptoms, the avoidance of any responsibility for what happens to them. It is always someone else’s fault; there is always an external reason for the problem. But, in the final analysis, it is necessary for one to evaluate their choices and actions and then deal with whatever difficulties may arise.

Next, consider the concept of “discipline.” This is a quality that defines an individual who is of a particular mindset to follow a certain path in service of solving life’s difficulties. Take, for example, the individual who comes to therapy because they are feeling depressed or anxious. One of the best medicines for depression is regular cardiovascular exercise. It doesn’t matter whether you walk, run, swim, use a treadmill or elliptical machine, shoot hoops, etc. All that matters is that you get your body moving. Oddly enough, when given the option of medication or exercise to possibly help with depression or anxiety, a fairly large percentage of folks choose the medication rather than the exercise. Those that apply the concept of discipline and begin exercising almost always report feeling better. Anyone who has adopted a lifestyle that includes exercise of some sort on a regular basis is employing discipline in their life.

In summary, it boils down to “we get what we choose.” I don’t say this lightly as I know that situations can often be complex and very difficult. However, the idea that one “deserves” or is “entitled” to something doesn’t fit with being responsible and disciplined.

If you are struggling with any of the concepts shared in this article and would like to learn more, feel free to contact Employee Support Services Bureau. You can call for a consultation or to make a confidential appointment at (213) 738-3500. To obtain additional information, you may visit our intranet site (<http://intranet/intranet/ESS/Index.htm>). ☆

Trustees Monthly Meeting *continued from page 2*

There were 9 new retirees, 1 death of an active member, 11 deaths of retired members, 3 cancellations of active membership, three cancellations of retired membership, 1 new honorary associate member and a total of 7 members who resigned, were discharged or transferred from the Sheriff’s Department during the month of January.

PUBLICATION REPORT

Bob Bouffard advised the Board that when he spoke with Christine Morris, wife of deceased retired member Bill Morris, she told him how much

she and Bill enjoyed the *Star News*. She said it is a very professional magazine, and that she intends to become an Honorary Associate Member so she will continue to receive it.

SHERIFFS’ RELIEF FOUNDATION REPORT

General Manager Ciulik advised the Board that he was auditing the Sheriffs’ Relief Foundation accounts to make sure they were updated.

NEW BUSINESS

A request was received to support the McArthur

Reunion again this year. A motion was made by Trustee Wachsmuth, seconded by Trustee Herrera and unanimously carried to support this well-attended event again this year.

Trustee Laing informed the Board that the Annual Sheriff’s Conference was being held in Orange County this year. All the different departments are asked to furnish one gift basket to give to each of the attending Sheriff’s wives. A motion was made by Trustee Laing, seconded by Trustee Godfrey and unanimously carried for Sheriffs’ Relief Association to provide this. ☆



By Carl Anna
Norwalk Station

Sergeant Jimmy Tatreau and Detectives Gil Arakawa and Ted Caraisco answered that question with a resounding “yes!” They developed information from a local informant about some marijuana being sold in the South Los Angeles area. With their extensive experience and unmatched work ethic, they sniffed out a location that was dealing a wee bit of marijuana. One hundred and forty-four pounds of the dried green leafy substance to be exact! They arrested the main bad guy, who was also in possession of a gun. Job well done!

Hello, everyone. It’s a new era here at Norwalk Station. As you will read about further in the article, our very own *Star News* reporter for the last several years, Detective Ray Cardenas, has promoted and moved on. For some strange reason, I volunteered to take the helm at the word processor to report the news here from Station number 4. I first need to thank Ray for his 14 years here at Norwalk Station. He has been an outstanding deputy and detective, and I thoroughly enjoyed working with him both in patrol and back here in D.B. Ray, I wish you the best.

Now, a little about me. I got off training here in 1995 and worked in all of our patrol areas for several years before realizing I had an interest in working traffic. I worked my way into a traffic car and worked as such until November of 2006, when I became one of our station traffic investigators. Now, there is nothing in my background that actually qualifies me to be a reporter. No journalism school. No high school yearbook experience. Nothing, unless you count years of watching Connie Chung, Tawny Little and Christine Lund. (Some of you may have to ask your parents who these ladies are!) With that said, I can only tell you that my articles will differ from Ray’s in a few different ways. First, I will use words with more than two syllables. Second, I will use only truthful information from reliable sources (unless otherwise necessary) and, lastly, there may be a slight traffic slant in my articles. Now, on with the news that’s fit to print.

Drug lords, beware! The Norwalk Station area is not the place to sell your poison. There have been two very large narcotics arrests at our station in the last month. First was a t-stop made by Deputy Walter Arcos Jr. in the Whittier County area. He made a traffic stop to conduct a stolen vehicle investigation. Upon searching the car, he found 10 pounds of meth and went 10-15 with two gentlemen who were in the vehicle. What a great job by Walter. He has only been here at Norwalk for a few months, and already has his first “Caper of the Month” award.

The great philosopher Lynyrd Skynyrd, once asked “Oooh, oooh, that smell. Can’t you smell that smell?” Well, our Detective Bureau team of

sergeant. She will be missed. Sergeant Hanson, we wish you the best at your new assignment. Then, there is Detective Ray Cardenas, who is going to be a brand new sergeant (and *Star News* fodder) at IRC. Keep in touch, Ray; it won’t be the same without you here. And finally, we say good-bye to Detective Rebecca Basnett, who is also promoting to Sergeant and transferring to CRDF. Rebecca’s enthusiasm was contagious, and I know she will be a great supervisor at her new assignment. Now, we just have to find someone to replace

her as the station photographer.

There are some fine deputies that are also transferring out. Dave Perry went to Compton Station. Mark Kang went to TSB. (By the way, Mark, just when we had you all trained up as a very good traffic deputy, you had to go and leave us!) Alex Garcia and Jose Lopez left us to go to CJ. I know you will all



Now for the sad news. We are losing some outstanding personnel here. First is Sergeant Amylynn Hanson, who is transferring to ICIB. I had the pleasure of working with her as a deputy here, and then again when she came back as a

continue your great work at your new assignments.

We are also losing another outstanding person: Lieutenant Jenny Ha is retiring. She’s pulling the plug a little early in her fine career, but it’s for good reason. I was in Academy class 252 with Jenny and I know what a terrific lady she is. Jenny, I know you are going to be reading this article. All I’m going to say is stay strong, we all look forward to you visiting us for many, many years to come.

Well, that’s it for my first article. I will be trying to scoop any good information from all of our shifts, including our professional staff, volunteers and all the other fine people that make Norwalk Station a great place to work. FYI, if you have any criticism of my article, please feel free to send it to: carlsrecyclebin@cjanna@lasd.org. It will be promptly processed. ☆





By Lee Davis
Community College Bureau

Greetings from the College Bureau and here's the 411 on everything.

HAPPINESS, TOGETHERNESS & FOREVERNESS

This just in: Deputy Diane Dodd, Team Leader at Los Angeles Trade Technical College, married her wife (Cherie Summer-Dodd) on 08-08-08. We would like to congratulate them on their one-year anniversary and wish them continued peace and happiness.

YOU SEE, IT'S ALL ABOUT THE "HOOK" & THE "BOOK"

Team Leader Ricky Baker of L.A. Valley College responded to the bookstore regarding a theft call. Upon his arrival, he was informed that a suspect had stolen a book titled *Criminal Procedures* and was trying to sell it back the bookstore. It was also reported that the suspect had stolen the same book twice prior to this incident. Check out the irony! On the front cover, this book illustrates the criminal procedure step by step. For example: Step 1: The crime is committed. Step 2: The crime is observed and reported. Step 3: Law enforcement

responds to affect an arrest ... etc., etc., etc. The suspect provided Ricky with his own visual aid and practical application. A wise old sergeant once said, "The book doesn't do you any good if you eat the cover" or something to that effect. Anyway, great job to all involved.

Team Leader Jose Garcia and his trusty sidekick, Deputy Frank Velasco, also had a bookstore caper that went a little something like this. One afternoon on the campus of East L.A. College, they responded to the bookstore regarding two suspects who had ordered books online with fraudulent credit card information and were having them sent to an address. However, this time, the suspects arrived at the bookstore to claim their fraudulently purchased items which alarmed the store manager. Both deputies detained the suspects and subsequently arrested them for their despicable act of criminality. Deputy J.G. contacted the detectives who responded to the scene. The suspects were interviewed, a search warrant was prepared and an entry team was quickly assembled. The operation came together effortlessly as a result of the College Bureau's team effort. The operations plan was prepared, entry made, evidence was recovered and booked and no deputies were injured prior to the writing of this article. I would like to commend you all for your outstanding job performance during this critical

incident. Okay, okay, okay. I know I got this from the commendation written by our Captain. Great work anyway, fellas.

THE NEW SECURITY OFFICER INTERVIEW POSE

Security Officer Alfredo McKenzie would like to demonstrate the new pose. You have to have your finger placed perfectly on your lip and your expression has to have that "Dr. Evil" piercing stare. Thanks, Welch, for providing such a candid photo. It should be noted that Security Officer McKenzie approved his photo being published.



THE DASH

It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of Security Officer Erric Roman's father and Security Officer Al Moreno's sister. Based on accounts of their words, their loved ones were beautiful people. It's not the date you were born or when you leave, but what you do in between, hence "The Dash." May memories of their loved ones be of comfort to them.

This is what we do and this is who we are ... Be safe till next time! ☆

Retired Deputies *continued from page 2*

be on April 12 and May 10, at Bella Italia Restaurant, 7232 Rosemead Boulevard, San Gabriel. This is on San Gabriel Boulevard, just south of Huntington Drive. The cost is \$10.00, which includes the tip and an outstanding Italian lunch. Help us try and build up our attendance by attending the May luncheon. —Don

On Monday, February 8, the ROMEOS met for lunch. I just realized that I haven't received his article. Hopefully, we will get it in next month.

On Wednesday, February 10, the Desert Heat met for their monthly luncheon at the Elk's Lodge in Lake Havasu, Arizona. The attendees for the luncheon were as follows, Bob & Joan Day, Claude Anderson, Sydney Costello, Gus Carlton, George Bachmeier, Jerry Gillen, Doug Muchmore, Craig Zasadil, Jim Bergfeld and Don Sackett. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 11:30 a.m.

On Thursday, February 25, Firestone Retirees

had their monthly luncheon at Maggie's Pub in Sante Fe Springs. These are the ones who showed up: Ron Erickson, Bob Pash, Ted VonMinden, John Spiller, Jack Boberg, Lydia Hernandez, Norma Hernandez, Guy Mato, Gil Figueroa, Red Sickman, Dick Howard, Richard Orosco, Duke deDuBovay, Fritz Campbell, Pat Devaney, John Hawksley, Joe Castorina, Woody and Liz Polidore, Tom Strain, Jack Miller, Bob Stephens, Corky Jackson, Ray Lloyd, Chuck Vaughn, Sam Miller, Katie Miller, Walt Thurner, Don Bricker, Stacy Silva, Rocky Costa, Mike Muravez, Chickee and Norman Nelson, Thomas Rosas and Mike Goldfeder. John forgot his folder which contained his famous weird jokes, so we had to put up with him making fun of people! Rocky Costa, Mike Goldfeder and Bob Pash were first-timers to the luncheon. Maybe they will return since John didn't tell any of his freaky jokes! This was Norma Hernandez's birthday. Woody's

feelings were hurt because his name wasn't in the article when he attended, but he didn't call or e-mail like he was supposed to and let them know that he was coming to the luncheon so his name wasn't on the list. Whose fault is that?

On Friday, February 26, eighteen retirees bravely ventured out in the typical Antelope Valley weather to attend the monthly retirees breakfast. The breakfast was held at the usual favorite eating spot, namely Carrows restaurant in Lancaster. A favorite eating spot because it provides an almost private dining room separate from the main dining area and the waitresses know the dining desires of most of the members. Of course, it's somewhat easy as everyone orders from the senior menu which only has about or four/five choices. Attending were: Tom Morrissey and his son Bob; Dan DeVries;

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PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM

By Joseph Abercromby

Peer Support Program Coordinator

WHAT IS THE OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING (OIS) TEAM?

From the team pamphlet: “The OIS team is a volunteer group of specially selected and trained sworn personnel who are members of the Employee Support Services Bureau Peer Support Program. The purpose of the OIS team is to provide immediate peer support to any Department member involved in a shooting. All team members have both been involved in a shooting incident and have received specialized training in critical incident management from ESSB law enforcement psychologists.”

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE OIS TEAM?

The purpose of the OIS team is to provide immediate on site 24/7 support to Department personnel involved in shootings. Department procedures, common reactions to critical incidents, and assistance in coping with critical incidents are explained by the team members. Team members may also request the assistance of a Department psychologist if needed.

OIS TEAM PROCEDURES

The OIS team is one of a number of Department

units automatically notified by SHB after an Officer Involved Shooting.

Once at the involved station, it is the responsibility of the team member to contact the handling Homicide lieutenant and secure permission to speak with the involved personnel. The ESSB has a strong working relationship with the Homicide Bureau who recognize the importance of providing immediate support to the involved personnel.

The next step is to contact the Watch Commander or Watch Sergeant to get updated on the details of the incident and explain the role of the OIS team member to them.

After all of this is done, then we contact the people we came to see in the first place, the involved personnel.

WHAT DOES THE OIS TEAM DO FOR THE PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT?

When I contact the people involved in the incident, I make it a point to always say, “I am glad that you are okay.” I let them know that I am there for *them* and that I am not part of the investigation.

The OIS member will check to make sure that the involved employees’ basic needs

have been met: do they need a cup of coffee or something to drink? Have they been allowed to contact their significant other and let them know that they are alright?

The OIS member will also “walk you through” what you can expect from the investigation(s), and will explain the various Department procedures following an Officer Involved Shooting incident.

The OIS member will explain common reactions to critical incidents, as well as to provide a number of coping strategies. Possible reactions of coworkers, supervisors and family members will also be discussed.

The OIS member is FORBIDDEN from discussing the details of the incident with you until you have completed your debriefing with Homicide and/or Internal Affairs. When I am the “roll out” person, I always make the offer to stay with the involved employees if needed. I also will give them contact information if they want to talk about the incident at a later time.

If you have any questions about the OIS team, please do not hesitate to contact me at (213) 738-3500; or e-mail me at jdabercr@lasd.org.

Stay safe. ☆

Retired Deputies *continued from page 6*

Mary McKain; Jack Larkins; Ron Shreves; Glen Hutchinson; Chuck Woods; Danny Gilmore; Keith Hoyt; Bob Bullard; Scott Budge; Betty McWilliams; John Ament; Steve Ehlers and his wife, Holly Joy; Don Ott; Merve Neis and his wife, Ruth; Pat Hood, Joan Hill, widow of the late Walter Hill and one of the founders of the breakfast get-together 20 some years ago; and myself, Carlos Valdez. There was sad remembrance of member George DeGreave who passed away this month. George had been retired for thirty (30) years. Some discussion was held regarding the Great Northwest get-together of former Antelope Valley retired deputies, which will be held on June 18th, 19th and 20th at the home of retired Lieutenant Tom Fryer and his wife, retired deputy Barbara Fryer, in Kamiah Idaho. Some of us will be traveling from Antelope Valley for this get-together, which is always very enjoyable. Oh yes, the typical Antelope Valley weather I mentioned,

well today we had warm sun; temperatures around 60 degrees; high, thin clouds; and a light coolness in the air. Very pleasant. Tonight, who knows? Snow is predicted down to the 4,000-foot level, which will make the local resort operators very happy, especially since they still have much snow on the ground. Until next time go in peace.

Lakewood Station Alumni. As a past or current member of Lakewood Sheriff’s Station, please consider joining the “LASD-Lakewood Station Alumni” group on Facebook. This site is dedicated to the men and women (past and present) who worked at Lakewood Sheriff’s Station in southeast Los Angeles County. Your memories and photos while you were at Lakewood Station are a valuable part of Lakewood Station’s history. Please consider sharing them with the group. Facebook search: “LASD-Lakewood Station Alumni.” Please pass this information on to other Lakewood Station

alumni you may still be in touch with. Thank you, Tim Dowling, for this information.

Lynwood Station Reunion: A reunion for all personnel who were assigned to Lynwood Station is planned for September 18, 2010. Personnel who were assigned to Lynwood Station, at 11330 Bullis Road, Lynwood, including: OSS, Narcotics, Gang Enforcement Team, etc., are invited, as well as any former Lynwood Police Department Personnel. The response has been overwhelming with more than 150 Lynwood Station alumni expressing an interest in attending. The reunion will be held at: San Dimas Canyon Golf Course, 2100 Terrebonne Avenue, San Dimas, CA 91773-1349, (909) 599-2313. Date: Saturday, September 18, 2010, Time: 6:00–11:00 p.m. Cost: \$40 per person. A buffet trio of grilled chicken, marinated tri-tip and gourmet sausages,

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By John Knight
San Dimas Station

EXODUS

The station is all abuzz with the impending transfer of several sergeants and lieutenants due to promotions and the recent Safety Police merger. As mentioned in last month's issue, we got out our bon-voyage hankies for Dave Vega, Eddie Arnaldo and Mike Rodriguez. And if this monumental void wasn't enough to inspire a disaster movie worthy of James Cameron, we heap upon this the loss of Lieutenant Stan Penner and Sergeant Bill Yeager, who've already left us for the newly formed Parks Bureau. Sergeant Yeager, sir, I know our relationship has (on occasion) been somewhat adversarial, what with me coming into your briefings and trying out new material on the EM troops before a PM Shift



debut. You took my abuse well and flung it back with surprising veracity, and velocity. However, even though your words may sing a different tune, I think deep down you really dig me! Good luck in your new assignment, sir.

Stan, what else can I say other than it's been a pleasure working for you off and on for over 20 years, both as a sergeant and a lieutenant, at not one, but two stations. I'll always remember the one shift I was your watch deputy at the old station! It was during a week of torrential rains and for

two days the Mountain Rescue Team was either actively pulling people out of San Antonio Creek, or recovering them downstream. To say I was a little overwhelmed was an understatement. You, however, kept your cool and after awhile so did I. And I took absolutely no offense to your comment as we walked out the back door that night when you said, "Let's not do this again, ever." Gentlemen, the best of luck at your new assignments!

HOOK OF THE MONTH

A group of folks here at the station formed a kind of ad hoc committee (see the movie *The Star Chamber*) to recognize outstanding police work and to hand out a monthly award for said work. The inaugural award for "hook of the month" goes to

about sales of narcotics with strong inferences (finger pointing actually) directed toward the ladies in the car. Henry contacted the females who, on the surface, looked like a couple of housewives going to the store. This contact led to the mother lode (pun intended) of a meth, cocaine and rock cocaine for sales arrest.

The female suspects were so thorough in their business endeavors that every baggie (over seventy in all, see picture) was labeled with a "sticky note" with the weight and the cost. The writing on the baggies perfectly matched an equally detailed pay and owe sheet, which in turn matched the writing in the suspect's personal checkbook. Throw in over \$700 in funds and you've got a pretty nice hook! Great job, Henry!



none other than our PM Shift Magnet of Mayhem Deputy Henry Saenz! Henry was without a trainee for awhile and was just cruising around one afternoon when he spied an interesting trio of folks in the parking lot of a local, shall we say, bargain basement motel. Henry observed some seemingly innocuous behavior between two middle-aged females in a car and a male pedestrian. Curiosity however got the best of Henry and he engaged the male (later identified as suspect #1) in some casual chit-chat about his activity at the vehicle. This conversation led to a very cathartic confession

DETECTIVES ARE COPS TOO

And while we're on the subject of great hooks, I feel I need to recognize some good police work by the folks in "the back room" here at San Dimas. Detective Robin Amador got one of her many generic who-done-it residential burglary reports dumped on her desk awhile back. A few days later, she got a snippet of video footage from a gas station surveillance camera where the victim's stolen credit card was used. This provided a license number of a

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car. That led to a name, then an address, and, well, if you're a detective, you know where this is going. I came into work a few days later and there was the station cargo van loaded to the gunnels with an evidentiary nightmare that would make any seasoned deputy cringe. The detectives looked like a bucket brigade as they off-loaded item after item of evidence from the van. The attached picture is but a tiny portion of the evidence recovered.

As a result of the search warrant Robin wrote, six bodies came to jail for: burglary, narco for sales, receiving stolen property, identity theft, etc., with warrants for two more in the system. Add to that a bunch of stolen/recovered jewelry, credit cards, laptop computers and computers belonging to the suspects for identity theft, and you've got a pretty good caper! Great job, Robin!



SANTA HAS A WARRANT

When you've worked an area long enough, you get to know all the thugs, troublemakers, losers and general ne'er do wells. And if you're especially aware you also get to know who the really good people are in your area. Such was the case when EM Shift Sergeant Jeff Reiley and his small-but-benevolent band of elves decided to help a local family who:

- 1.) are genuinely hardworking, good people.
- 2.) were doing all the right things in their lives.
- 3.) were having difficulty making ends meet this holiday season. Jeff and Company (with their own funds) bought presents for the children and spent their own time before and after shift wrapping them. Top this off with enough food for a grand Christmas dinner and then some!

The EM crews loaded up their black and white sleighs on Christmas Eve and off they went with "lights a-flashin'!" (All within Department guidelines and regulations of course!) Now I wasn't there for the presentation, but via one of my many snitches I hear there wasn't a dry eye in the house,

from either the givers or the receivers! (See picture). The streets of Azusa were a "Grinch-free Zone" for one night thanks to the Kevlar Elves! Plans are already in motion for an even bigger campaign next year.

COPS FOR CATS

It was one of those slow weeknights right before Christmas during a spell of very cold weather (39 degrees by 2100 hrs) and my partner and I were bored to tears. I then said what every patrol deputy knows never to say, "Bro, it's dead, I'm gonna grab a bite to eat." Just as I was about to turn a \$5 foot-long Cold Cut Combo (no product endorsement implied) into a memory, the box went nuts. A call of a house fire came out and we were one of two units given the Code-3 response.

While rolling Code-3, my partner (S/R Deputy Mohammed Salami, aka "The Persistent Persian") got a quick refresher course in physics. I was driving, utilizing all of the techniques my EVOC Jedi-Knight Deputy Robbie Robinson had taught me about the ways of the g-force. And for a split second, as I hit the apex of one curve, it was almost like Robbie was right there in the car with me!

However at 6'10" and a Happy Meal away from 300 pounds, I'm glad he was only there in spirit!

Mohammed, meanwhile, got very familiar with Newton's 2nd law ("Force equals mass times acceleration") as we hit the apex. As I was leaning into the hard right turn, Mohammed was not anticipating said turn. This resulted in a classic Three Stooges situation wherein both of our heads tried to occupy the same space at the same time. After a few obligatory expletives (in English and Farsi), we arrived.

Apparently the local engine companies were bored too, as they all seemed to be there, along with 7 black and whites, and two sergeants. With smoke still billowing out of the back of the house, T/O Dave Baltazar and his trainee Antoinette Wilson quickly took control of the call and began garnering information for the report. The husband and wife had made it out of the house okay and stated their children were at "grandma's for the night." The cause of the fire seemed to be one of many lit candles in the master bedroom that was apparently knocked over by a family cat.

While giving this information, the wife had a

kind of *Home Alone* moment and suddenly realized the cats were still inside the house. The husband dutifully rushed inside the still-smoking house and eventually located suspect number one (tabby cat, male, "Dexter") and brought him outside. Dexter looked awfully relaxed for having endured such an ordeal, until the wife realized he wasn't breathing. This put into motion a multi-agency life-saving operation! With Dexter laid out on the driveway, the wife began blowing into Dexter's mouth, and Deputy Wilson began giving chest compressions. Things were looking pretty grim until a fire fighter walked by and saw a golden opportunity to try and steal the show. The fire fighter quickly brought over an oxygen bottle and, with the mask totally engulfing Dexter's somewhat singed head, began administering oxygen. Within a few minutes Dexter came to and immediately blamed the fire on the other cat, which had apparently fled the location.

So here's a tip of the firefighter's hat to Deputy Wilson for beating the fire department at their own game!



IN MEMORIAM ... "LINDY"

With a smile that seemed to go from one side of the room to the other, and a heart to match, Sergeant Gary Lindenmeyer was one of those special people who made this world a better place. And I am at a loss attempting to condense the life of such a person onto a printed page, for mere words fail in comparison to the man. Gary lost his four-year battle with leukemia on February 5, 2010, with his wife, Robin, and his two sons, Brad and Bryan, at his bedside at The City of Hope, the same place where Gary spent many grueling months fighting the disease that eventually claimed his life.

However, Gary never let his disease define him as a person. He instead chose to adopt a very different way to cope with it. We spoke candidly

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a few times about it when he first transferred to San Dimas in March 2008. Gary always understood cancer patients are never cured, they are just in remission. He described his previous two ordeals with chemotherapy and a bone-marrow transplant. So with such a seemingly perpetual dark cloud hovering, you would think a person couldn't possibly have a positive outlook on life. Nothing could be further from the truth!

Gary approached life in a positive way we as cops do, or at least we should. It is the mindset that every day is a gift. And Gary was one of those people who was truly thankful for each day. This was probably due in part to the unique perspective on life you get while at a place like The City of Hope. He never grumbled about having to do force packages, writing SHAD 92's, deputies crashing cars or coming in at the end of his shift with a handful of reports.

Gary was like a mother hen and "his deputies" were his chicks, so to speak. He always looked out for us and went out of his way to help an errant deputy correct a problem he or she might be having. Be it tactics, report writing or the occasional citizen complaint, Gary was always willing to give you the benefit of his experience. Then, after a little fatherly advice, came some quality time with Gary. There was many a night, after both of our shifts were long over, that Gary and I would sit in the Watch Sergeant's office and

Gary and I may have even arrested the same suspect once or twice! And we both had run-ins with a certain eccentric family in East Valinda. Rhymes with Farham I think!

Gary was an old-school gun guy. And by that I mean he knew weapons completely inside and out. He was also well versed in the tactics that went along with them. This passion for weapons and tactics eventually won him a coveted position at Weapons Training Bureau in July 1999. With this appointment, Gary took on the always-challenging task of training cadets in the Academy. One such cadet was a reserve officer for The Los Angeles

Port Authority Police and you just might recognize him. (See picture.) Gary is shown patiently standing behind Shaquille O'Neal as he mugs for the camera with a Thompson sub-machine gun, which I doubt the Port Authority still uses. Gary liked to

many former cadets out there who owe a heartfelt sense of gratitude to then Deputy Lindenmayer for teaching them the skills that may one day save their lives, or that of another. Gary always had fond memories of his time at Weapons Training and the great people he worked with while he was there. He



often described it as "the best job I ever had!"

Gary was also an accomplished muscle car enthusiast! Gary could sit for hours and show you pictures on the Watch Sergeant's computer of his "babies!" Gary not only loved his muscle cars, he worked on them too. Gary always commented about how understanding his wife, Robin, was when he would bring home a "basket case" of a car for restoration. The term "she's a keeper" was often used by Gary to describe his lovely wife. And Gary never wavered when he described what his number-one priority was: his family. Family was everything to Gary. He reveled in talking about his boys and which one was going to get to drive what muscle car!

We here at San Dimas were lucky to have had Gary with us for almost two years. We struggle to understand and it's so hard for us to rationalize what has happened to our good friend. We question the divine decision of a life taken so prematurely, one lived so selflessly. Each of us who knew and loved Gary will somehow in our own way find the strength to deal with his passing. We join with Gary's wife, Robin; sons, Brad and Bryan; their family and his extended LASD family in our profound thanks for the honor of serving with Gary and the joy of knowing him.

Vaya con dios mi amigo! You will most certainly be missed.

Until next time ... keep your powder dry and your top knot on tight! ☆



talk of the "old days." We would reminisce for hours about all the characters we had both worked with at Industry Station back in the '80s. (See Gary, back row, in the very grainy black and white picture taken on EM Shift at "The Bulb.") We'd then rack our brains about who was where, doing what. I think

brag that he was one of the few guys who ever "talked smack to Shaq" about his shooting scores. Gary worked with Shaq on his shooting skills and apparently remarked to Shaq one day that maybe he could help him improve his free-throw percentage too! I'm sure there are

Welcome to April where only a “fool” would keep writing this article, so here I go ...

When’s it going to end?

Well, as I wrote last month, Lieutenant Nick Tippings left us for Homicide. Prior to walking out the door and slamming it, Uncle Nick was nice enough to send out a good-bye e-mail. In his e-mail, he wrote about the fact that he was happy to be able to talk to us when some (only some) of the time(s) he was wrong. Well that was in the first paragraph; when we scrolled down to the third paragraph, we could see he was wrong again! He told us the construction at the station would be coming to an end soon! I am requesting we change our station name from “The Fort” to the “Winchester House”! If you have never heard of the Winchester House, look it up and you will understand.

On that note, another project has been completed. The men’s bathroom in the locker room was just completed. During the construction, a lot of deputies had their input for the bathroom, and I am glad to report some of those were done. Instead of the three existing stalls, we now have two spacious stalls for more room. In addition, a nameless deputy(s) requested a lower urinal. That

to Ofelia Avila, ELA LET EXTRAORDINAIRE, and the others who provided the workers with a nice lunch for all their work. It only took about a week after the completion of the bathroom for another crew to roll in and put a big hole in our radio car parking lot to pour concrete for our new mobile range, which is coming soon.

B.Y.O.M. (BRING YOUR OWN MUSIC)

I received a photo of Lieutenant Marquez from an anonymous source and was asked to add it in the *Star News* ... Well there it is. Lieutenant Marquez is one of our newly assigned lieutenants here at ELA. I am guessing he was told if he needed anything here, he was to bring it in himself. On a few occasions the Lieutenant has brought his dog in. This dog is a large bull mastiff and part lab. One look at this dog and you would think it could do some damage if it got a hold of you, but not so. This dog follows him around and just invites everyone to pet him. I am just waiting for him to go 10-8 with the dog and get this dog a bite or find some dope!

Well back to the headline, and the photo. As always, we like to have BBQ’s here at ELA and it

he did not find an entire ensemble, but he did find a lone musician that would play for food. Our lone musician played his heart out, ate and, in good community policing fashion, got a chance to hang out with deputies, and even got a ride back home!

Well this month’s article will be short since many have been avoiding me to prevent landing onto the



pages of this fine magazine. However, I do need to catch up with welcomes and good-byes. Some of these people have been here a few months and have had their new jobs for a bit, but hopefully I won’t forget anyone and catch up now.

Welcome to Delphina Castro (VIDA), Tony Guillen (OSS); welcome back to Sergeant Frank Trabbie (OSS) and congratulations to Detective Jesse Lucero going from ELA patrol to ELA OSS. Congratulations to Detective Liz Aguilera who went back to D.B. from patrol. Welcome in and back to Lieutenant John Roberts (patrol & D.B.) and welcome in Detective Janet Sandor to ELA Narco. Good luck to Sergeant Looney and Sergeant Fernandez who will be going to C.O.P.S., and a big good-bye to Sergeant Keith Wall who will be taking on a new challenge with the new parks contract. Keith has always been a wealth of knowledge and a great source if you needed an answer for anything. Thank you again for your services at ELA!

One last congratulations to my partner, Deputy Kristine Heischuber and her husband, Deputy Brain Heischuber on their recent pregnancy. Kristine took a bullet for our team and offered her services working the complaint desk. It has been a new world to her, seeing what it is like on the other side of the call!

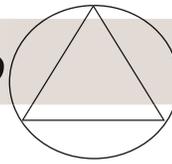
Till next month, avoid the construction areas in and around the station and back each other up all the time! ☆



was done as well. Another nice addition was the tile work done in the bathroom. Our station boot and helmet was made out of tile and placed in the floor to put the final touch on our new bathroom. To the construction workers who went the extra mile to complete the bathroom, thank you. A big thank-you

seems Lieutenant Marquez stepped up and offered to cook one night. With any good BBQ, you need music! I was told the Lieutenant jumped into his radio car before the BBQ and rolled up and down Whittier Boulevard looking for a mariachi band to roll back with him to the station for the BBQ. Well,

Peace Officer's Fellowship



By Chris Minor
ESSB

STRAIGHT UP

A commonly used phrase, "You're driving me to drink," usually uttered in a joking fashion, isn't all that funny for some. What actually "drives" one to drink? A traumatic event or maybe stress from home or the job can cause some to feel that a little "hair of the dog" will help them bid adieu to their problems. Of course, it doesn't; it only numbs them for awhile. The problems are still there when they sober up.

So, why do some turn to a bottle in order to feel better while others find a different way of coping? No one knows exactly. But this much is known: drinking to drown troubles never works. It's a short escape that does nothing to build problem-solving skills and can actually make things worse if the drinking involves DV, DUI or overspending.

If you recognize yourself among the group who avoids problems by hitting the bottle, first ask yourself: when did alcohol ever solve anything? Then ask yourself: are you ready to make a change for the better?

Not sure yet? Consider the following: In a tragic event that occurred in December 2009, a 19-year veteran LAPD officer's luck hit bottom when he solo TC'd his bike. He had been drinking at the Academy bar in Elysian Park and, they surmise, probably elsewhere. He made a fateful choice that cost him his life and left behind a widow and five kids without a dad. He was only 47. Was he drinking that hard because he was happy? Possibly, but unlikely. Did he solve any problems by drinking so hard? No, he just compounded them and

These people have agreed to give up their anonymity so that others who are in need of help can find the POE. 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		

passed them on to his family in his absence.

After reading this story in the *L.A. Times* online, I checked out the "readers' comments" section. I shouldn't have, because the average IQ exhibited in most of these sections hovers at a number considerably lower than the average July temperature in Palm Springs. Many of the comments railed about a double standard for cops when it comes to DUIs, along with several questioning why a bar exists at the LAPD Academy. A couple of remarks were from cops or other LE employees who wrote that they personally knew ten officers arrested for DUI. Obviously, there's still a lot of hard drinking on the Department, at least some of it is likely by folks avoiding problems. But is there a double standard? Should there be? Back in the day, some twenty years ago, most cops stopped for deuce would have been poured into the radio car and driven home, or a phone call placed to someone for a pickup. Several sworn members popped for

a 502 have told me they screwed up and shouldn't have been driving, with some adding the arresting officer could have shown "a little love." While this still happens sporadically, why bet a career and life that you'll get a pass?

What about you? Do you ever drink to flee from troubles? How would you feel if your family got saddled with those problems and more after you checked out behind an alcohol-related incident? And what are you teaching your kids and the young ones in your unit by using alcohol as a place to hide? If you feel that you are setting the wrong example time after time, give us a call at Employee Support Services Bureau. We have Law Enforcement psychologists and me ready to help. Or seek out Peer Support members located at various units, or one of the many chaplains connected to ESSB. Check the ESSB Intranet page for more information. Be driven to success. Be seeing you. ☆

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along with a complimentary Lynwood Station Reunion T-Shirt and a drawing ticket for any prizes obtained will be included in the price of your ticket. A no-host bar, that only accepts cash, will also be available. If you are interested in attending, please e-mail Al Garcia at algarcia2@verizon.net. Your name will be added to the reunion e-mail group which will provide periodic updates. When e-mailing Al Garcia, please provide the years you were assigned to Lynwood Station, the name of your spouse or date and if you opened the station, indicate which station/assignment you transferred from. Tickets will be going on sale in June and it is requested that tickets are purchased prior to the reunion, which will allow us to order sufficient food and T-shirt

sizes. An e-mail containing a reunion flier will be e-mailed prior to June, with instructions regarding whom to make your check payable to and where to mail it. In order to accommodate everyone and ensure that you can purchase a T-shirt your size, it is requested you pre order any additional T-shirt purchases. If you have any questions, please contact any of the following: 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; Toni Veltri, cell: (562) 900-4591, e-mail: tgvetri@lasd.org.

If you are medically retired and having issues with Tri-Star or Corvel (Utilization Review Unit),

the Return to Work Unit (formerly known as Health and Safety Unit) has established a help desk where those in need of help, can e-mail for assistance. This help desk is open to all active and medically retired LASD members. You can send your inquiries to returntoworkhelpdesk@lasd.org and a staff member will look into the issue and reply to your inquiry. You can also contact the unit by telephone at (626) 300-1900.

This month sure went by fast. We missed a few of the luncheons this month because we went on back-to-back cruises which took up most of the month. Hopefully, we will see all of you next month at a luncheon somewhere. Until then, take care and be safe. —Chickee and Don ☆



MAC SMACK

By Kym Duxbury
NCCF

*“Care for him who shall have borne
the battle ...”*

— Abraham Lincoln



Welcome back to our Military Activation Committee’s *Star News* article.

EVENTS

On Thursday, February 11, 2010, the Winter Management Conference was held at the Quiet Cannon Country Club in Montebello, where Sheriff Baca recognized our most recently returned hero-veterans.

The Management Conference is attended by all Captains, Directors and above ranks. During the meeting, Sheriff Baca took some time to introduce each veteran who has returned to work in the last quarter from a deployment. Each one came to the podium to receive a certificate from the Sheriff which honors his or her service and contribution to our country. This meeting’s honorees included (not all are pictured):



From Courts: Deputy Ryan Imaizumi from Court Services Central, Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center; Security Assistant Manuel Amaya from Court Services East, Los Padrinos Juvenile Court; Deputy Heriberto Barboza from Court Services West, Long Beach Court; and Deputy Arturo Villegas from Court Services West, Van Nuys (Mall) Court.

From Custody: Deputy Don Gifford from PDC East; Food Services Manager Jimmy Ledesma, from CRDF; Deputy Yen Liu from IRC; Deputies John Baum II, Ungrey Holifield, Lawrence Loughlin-Morales and Mark Torres all from MCJ; Custody Assistant Andrew Stowers from

Mira Loma; Deputies Austin Embleton, Ricardo Garcia-Toscano, Paul Mendez, Steven Snover and Kevin Spier all from NCCF (“my” guys! We miss Steve who has since gone to patrol at Temple); Deputies Randolph Ortiz and Frank Parga Jr. from PDC South; Deputies Christopher Baker, Antonio Chavez, Roberto Gonzalez Arevalo, Javier Lomeli, Daniel Ruiz Aguilar, Brewster Thomas and Nurse Practitioner Cecilia Mendoza-Rivera, all from Twin Towers!

From Patrol: Deputy Roland Burk from Compton; Deputies Ron Carter and John Trojanowski from Lancaster; and finally Deputy Antonio Delgadillo from Santa Clarita.

Once again and I can never possibly say this enough: Thank you, thank you a million times over for your service. You are in my heart and the hearts of everyone for your selfless sacrifices and dedication!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 15th, when Commercial Crimes Bureau (CCB) and the Military Activation Committee partner on Armed Forces Day to host an officially sanctioned run named the “American Heroes 10K and 2 Mile Family Fun Run.” It will be held at STARS Center in Whittier and boasts a race course which is “fast and accurately measured.” There will be live entertainment, refreshments, goodies and other family-fun displays and activities. In addition, this year’s run will also include resources for the family of our deployed service members. A portion of the run’s proceeds will benefit not only the Military Activation Committee but also 999 For Kids and CCB’s Employee Fund.

Detective Bill Lovell from Commercial Crimes Bureau is spearheading the event and he is known for putting successful Department events together, in years past. He now brings his talents to STARS Center to benefit the community we serve and our “American Heroes.” I am personally looking forward to volunteering and bringing with me as many reserve-hero-volunteers as I can, to help contribute to a great turnout and as much attention

to this worthy cause as is possible. See you there!

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

I am gratefully receiving so much response now from other units wanting to share with me stories about their reserve personnel, that I finally have to narrow down the submissions in order to share them all with you (otherwise this article would be too long!). This month, I highlight four heroes, three who have come home from deployments in the recent months, and one who recently left for another ...

Our first spotlight is on Deputy Arturo Villegas



who works Court Services West at the Van Nuys Court. Deputy Villegas is a Sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corp with the 5/14 NOV Battery (an artillery unit) and an MOS (aka “job” for all of us military-vernacularly-challenged!) of “0811” canon crewman. He served in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan from January 2009 to January of this year.

Next to stand out is Deputy Antonio Delgadillo who returned to work at Santa Clarita Station after a very long absence. Deputy Delgadillo is a Chief Warrant Officer III in the U.S. Marine Corp with an MOS of “5702 CBRNE (Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear High Explosives).

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He was activated from February 2009 to January 2010 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Deputy Delgadillo is pictured here with 4-Star General, Michael Hagee, 33rd Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Our spotlight then turns to Deputy John Trojanowski from Lancaster Station. I am lucky to have received this special story from him. In it, he briefly describes the mission he was sent to last year, which I would like to share to give you some insight into the operations of our heroes' missions, working to better our world:

"From September 2008 to August 2009 I was mobilized as a Staff Sergeant (SSG) with the 426th Civil Affairs (CA) Battalion (BN) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. I was in charge of a CA Direct Support Team for the 4-25th Field Artillery BN. My responsibilities were to act as the liaison between military officials and local national government, to coach, to teach and to mentor local government officials in the proper management of government money, establish recurring meetings with different members of government, prioritize goals, and meet the needs of the people they serve.

When I left Afghanistan I assisted with the implementation and completion of over \$1,000,000.00 in projects, 500 tons of HA distribution, and over 1,000 hours of speaking to key leaders within my area of operation. If coalition forces continue to meet the needs of the people and the creation of a self-sustaining government and infrastructure, I believe that Afghanistan can become another successful democracy in the world."



SSG Trojanowski conducting a Key Leader Engagement (KLE) with a village elder in Wardak Province, Afghanistan.

Thanks for sharing this with us, John. I'm sure it's rewarding to help others help themselves!

And under our last spotlight is a hero who is currently deployed from Santa Clarita Station: Reserve Deputy Rafael Borrayo. Deputy Borrayo is also a Captain in the U.S. Army with Airborne Special Operations. Just this January, he was deployed (again) for another 400-day mission which took him to Basrah, the largest city in southern Iraq. Rafael is not expected to finish this deployment until March 2011. Rafael not only found time to volunteer his service as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff in Santa Clarita working patrol for the past five years, but also remains actively committed to the service of our country in the U.S. Army.



To Deputies Villegas, Delgadillo and Trojanowski: Thank you all for your service! We're so glad you're home. Our thoughts and prayers will continue to be with Deputy Borrayo, as they are with all deployed personnel, for their quick and safe returns home.

TOPIC OF THE MONTH

This month I would like to share a bit about one type of military absence known as "weekend drills" and how it relates to a Military Reservist's obligations and rights. Most people correctly assume that when reserves are deployed for missions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom or Enduring Freedom, there is no question that he or she must be permitted to leave, but when it comes to the less-complicated absences, otherwise known as "weekend drills," there is a lot of confusion. Basically, as with other militarily necessitated absences, one has the right to go.

However, a common lack of understanding comes regarding how much notice one is to provide and how the absence is accounted.

Also "weekend drills" do NOT qualify for any portion of "military" or "offset" pay, but DO qualify for the right to be gone and the right to select how the time will be carried. In the case of these absences, our Department affords an extra bonus by allowing our reserves the option of swapping RDO's to avoid using personal benefit time (MPP 3-02/030.10 "Military Leave"):

If the employee's reserve obligation falls on a regular work day and the Department is given at least five working days' notice, then the Unit shall make every attempt to change the employee's schedule to avoid the necessity of using vacation and/or other accrued time.

This is great but, of course, the reserve also has the right to forego this option if he prefers to keep his RDO's the same before his departure. When I talk to reserves here at NCCE, I can't preach enough that he or she should notify the scheduling office as soon as the dates of the weekend drill are known. Some military branches provide this information at the beginning of their fiscal year. Other military branches are not as proactive as to have this information posted far in advance, but all branches DO provide weekend drill dates well ahead of schedule. Please do not delay notifying your unit of your weekend drill dates as soon as they are known. Your training/scheduling coordinator would be very appreciative to have this information well in advance, rather than the day before.

One last point on this issue: Should the reserve elect not to rearrange his RDO's, or if he was unable to provide five days notice, he cannot be forced to use his benefit time. Per USERRA, §4316(d) "... No employer may require any such person to use vacation, annual, or similar leave during such period of service." However, if the reserve elects to not use his benefit time, understand that he will receive no pay for the days of absence which were not adjusted to RDO's.

I hope that some of this information helps. As always, if you have any questions, I always welcome phone calls and while I cannot portray myself as the expert, if I don't know the answers, I can help direct you to the experts. Until next issue ... be safe!

Have you thanked a soldier today? It's the least we can do considering what they do for our country! ☆



By David Rozas
Lomita Station

Well, here we go again. Another round of budget woes. It seems like we go through this every few years, yet we always come out better for the experience. Our Scheduling and Training Sergeant, Jeff Cale, is determined to do his part by scheduling everyone but himself to CARP a few shifts each month. Nothing like leading by example I suppose. Of course, I have to pat myself on the back for being the first sergeant to CARP. If my memory is correct, I was the first supervisor to CARP last go round as well. Just leading by example I suppose. Now that DB Sergeant Graff and I are nearing our retirement years, we can't work past 2200 hours or "the nod" starts. Now, if I can only remember what I have to do when I get CARP'd.

Our station mechanic Fernando "Pepe" Juarro and LET Patrick Duran have solved the problem of what to do when your shift hours run out. The velcroed "Out of Service" signs come in handy when the lieutenant walks down and asks, "Why aren't you working?"



The newest member of our crack Surveillance and Apprehension Team (SAT) was recently seen in his assigned "undercover" vehicle rolling to a hot call. To the general passerby, it might look just like every other car driving down the road with no clue that it is "Johnny Law." Except for anyone following it, seeing the brilliant reflective neon yellow reflective vest with "Sheriff" emblazoned on it clearly visible through the rear window. Gee, I wonder who that could be, Detective Hoy?

If you have ever directed traffic at a busy intersection in front of a middle school at dismissal time, you can probably relate to this story. Our top-notch CSO Erin Guerrero arrived early and jumped out to her spot in the middle of the intersection. Hundreds of moms in their SUV's lined the roadway awaiting their turn to pick up

their precious cargo. As the bell rang, the 1,900+ students mobbed the sidewalk and ran toward the street to get across safely at the direction of our multi-talented crossing guard. Middle-school-aged children are a little different. They are always trying to be funny and push the envelope. One such sweet child decided to roll a tennis ball directly toward Erin. The ball slowly rolled in her direction. Her attention was at the traffic but was diverted to the slow-moving tennis ball. Being the kind and sweet person, she bent down to pick the ball up to return it to the precious little 12-year old. Of course, what could go wrong will go wrong. Erin felt a strong gush of air throughout her lower extremities and noticed that her pants had ripped from the middle of her backside and down the inner seam. Standing in the middle of a rather busy intersection with torn pants and your bloomers hanging out with an audience of hollering 10- to 12-year-olds is not fun. Like the true professional she is, Erin kept her composure and continued directing traffic much to the delight of the school kids and the sympathy of the passing moms. Great Job, Erin. Hopefully, the Watch Commander will sign the Damaged Uniform request; if not, maybe the EPC will consider Spandex as a uniform.

We can't leave out Joe Vazquez. Being the dedicated and hardworking Training Officer, he has to be the epitome of professionalism and in top-notch physical shape. Lately, he has partaken in the "Spartacus" workout regimen. You can see Joe on a regular basis roaming the hallways, flexing his muscles as he firmly grasps on to his vitamin water and Deputy of Year trophy. When asked how he stays in shape, his reply: "Since I'm such a good catch, my wife has become an exceptional cook and she feeds me well. She has me on the Power Diet of rice, beans and chicken. OK, Joe, you are the best and yes your beautiful wife is a great cook, but you won Deputy of the Year two years ago. We all need to move forward.

It is with great pride that we announce our very own Erick Moultrie and Lennox buddy Frederic White traveled to the city of Lomita's sister city Takaishi City, Osaka, Japan, and competed in their

annual marathon. Erick made us all proud not only as a representative but also for having the stamina to finish the marathon in freezing temperatures. Way to go, Erick!! It has been a long time since one of our runners has finished. Fred gave it a yeoman's try and put away 15 miles and then said, "Run Erick Run!"

After he returns from a great vacation, he has to get back to work. As you can see, the always photogenic Erick Moultrie is holding the nice 905V Rottweiler, while the animal control officer snaps a picture. How does that work???



Congratulations are in order to Lomita Station Explorer's Christina Rodriguez who received the Young American Award, and Adriana Medina who received the Leadership Award at the 25th Annual Explorer Banquet. Good job!

We have to say good-bye and good luck to Sergeant Dave Ward. The "Dancin' Fool" will be transferring to the dispatch center of the Office of Public Safety (OPS). Good luck to his co-workers, and make sure you have your dancing shoes on.

A hearty Lomita welcome to Sergeant Annmarie Matusick from NCCF.

Has anyone seen Gary Pfahler?

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

THE OPEN MIKE

By Patti Sippey

Sheriff's Communications Center

I always love the month of April, not only because I usually take a 2-week vacation, but I just love the weather. Okay, it's really about the vacation.

Last month we said good-bye to our own radio room Sergeant James Winkelpleck who retired after 30 years on the Department. He was given a send-off by his co-workers, the dispatchers on the Early Morning Shift. We really enjoyed working with him and we will sure miss seeing him around here. Congratulations, Sarge. Enjoy your retirement!

Well, I guess it's time for this month's bloopers, so here we go:

LMT-904A—Unk desc of veh. (Unknown description? It's the one with flames shooting from it!)

TSB-314—Male aboard the train sitting with his pants around his ankles, no Hanes. (Get on board the love train.)

SCT-415F—Inf was hit by his wife with hands/fists and a power strip (Spousal abuse has gone high-tech).

AVA (Yes, Avalon) 902N—Veh poss hit sprinkler, water running downhill. (Oh the horror!)

CPT-415F—Kids beyond parental control. (I wouldn't even be able to admit that!)

SDM-415B—At San Dimas High School. Male/15 threw a chair through a window. Student is calm at this time. (And sitting on the floor, I gather?)

IDT-902R—Male choking on an apple. (Sometimes you're just better off eating the ice cream ...)

LAN-415FT—At Food 4 Less, 2 males fighting, running towards Pet Smart. Now at Wal Mart garden area. One party now seen toward the 99 cent store. Now running through Wal Mart fighting. (This call brought to you by Food 4 Less, Wal Mart, Pet Smart and the 99 Cent Store ...)

LKD-P5150—At T Spot Liquor. Male outside of loc arguing with himself. Appears to be shadow. (Fighting demons ...)

PLM-931—Mother has hot water running all day so that everyone else gets cold water. Inf is in the process of evicting her mother. (So that they can finally take a bath!)

IDT-594JO—To a veh. Susp was girlfriend's husband. (Say no more ...)

IDT-459A—At "Spearmint Rhino." (It covers front and rear motion, and front and rear motion, and front and rear motion ... and the pole.)

TEM-488JO—Unk person just stole briefcase from trunk of inf's car. No one seen. (Why don't we just make this a 488 report? Or would you like it to remain a wild-goose chase?)

CAS-415F—Persons at loc are taking furniture from house and running over the property with their truck. (At 1:00 in the morning no less ...)

LKD 415F, P918—Inf's daughter and friends at loc. Friends are causing a disturbance and refusing to leave. Inf states D/P's are using narco and that her daughter and her friends are all 6 yrs old. (Say what?)

TEM-P273.5JO—Male loading car on grass. (Exactly what does that mean?)

SCT-P5150—Female/70 refusing to take her medication, attacking her care-giver. Care-giver now in her car trying to stay away from the 918. (Yet again, another glimpse of my retirement.)

LAN-415F—Inf hears fighting upstairs, baby crying, things breaking. Not able to hear if there are any slaps or punches. (Well listen closer!)

NWK-927C—Several males inside a silver Honda pulling a male juvie on a boogie board behind the apartment complex. (Fun stuff to do on a boring, rainy night.)

LNX-415N—Neighbor vs. neighbor. (Think this call might be a 415 neighbor?)

PLM-314N—Male naked at the bus stop near Sizzler. (Yep, after a fine steak dinner and a good airing out ... I'm headed home.)

NWK-415N—Inf feels uncomfortable speaking with her neighbors re loud moans when they get intimate. (Code 4, Mona 914N.)

WHD-P5150—At the Coffee Bean. Male keeps drinking out of the dog bowl in front of loc, saying he is a police officer. (A really thirsty police officer ...)

LAN 415F—Inf's son throwing bars of soap at her. (Dove may be soft on the skin, but it's brutal on the noggin.)

And my personal favorite:

IDT-415FT—At Fresh and Easy. Male dressed as clown fighting with store employees. D/P wearing red, wht & blu clothes, face painted wht, red nose, no shoes. (Say hello to Ruckus, "The Recalcitrant Clown.")

Recently a LNX unit put out a 459 broadcast in which both susps were described as 6'1", 130 lbs, both with Mohawks. Be on the lookout for a couple of push brooms!

LAN 112D—Ran a 10-38 and gave me the subject's first name as Shawn, spelled SAM - HENRY - ADAM ... pause ... WING - NORA. (Wing? Really?)

PRD Mike Ortiz was taking a 459 alarm recently and asked for the operator's name or number. The operator replied "GBO." So Mike asked, "Is that G like George?" To which the operator replied, "No, that's G like greatest, B like best and O like operator." Wow, someone is not only tooting their horn, they're playing a whole song!

I'm told that PRD Eric Patton actually dined himself off on Facebook by advising that when a PLM unit went code 6 on Golden Circle, Eric advised he was code 6 on Golden Shower. (Ewwwww!)

A PRV unit/trainee recently put out a 503 broadcast in which he advised that the veh taken was a '98 "Flatliner" big truck (a big, dead truck ...).

Regarding an LMT 415D call, 171 advised "Code 4, 415D is 390 only." No offense 171, but duh!

STOOPID SPELLERS

415D—Inf "contactable" via phone.

925's—"Burgalizing" cars.

902R—D/P hit with "bored."

911B—Detectives request deps. Uniform "presents" only.

243.3JO—Susp wearing "kahaki" pants.

211JO—Took gold "neckless."

459A—Covers "roff" hatch.

916B—Juvie fighting with manager who is trying to "detail" shoplifter.

242JO—Father pushed daughter, "scrated" her arm.

415F—Both wearing dark "colores."

Well, I guess that's enough for now. Until next month ... ☆

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EXCEPTION TO THE HEARSAY RULE

TESTIMONY FROM THE VAN NUYS COURTHOUSE

THE FINAL EPISODE

The *Star News* has always been a great avenue to share work issues, commendable actions, upcoming events, past performances, promotions, retirements, deaths, marital unions, birth announcements, change in job venues, comical episodes and hilarious photographs. If done correctly, this can be relayed in a tongue-in-cheek manner. That is how I've tried to relay the high jinks and actions of the Van Nuys Court staff for the past ten years. Unfortunately, it is time for me to pursue other endeavors. That being said, I am jumping down off my soapbox and making this my final article. I earnestly hope some deputy decides to take on the mantle of authoring a new article and instills their own brand of insightful humor into it.

To those who were highlighted in the Exception To The Hearsay Rule articles for the past decade, my thanks goes out to you for letting everyone see the comical side of our profession. For those who did commendable work, I am glad your heroics were revealed to a wider audience. I have been fortunate to have worked with the best cast of characters on this Department, and I had a blast sharing their faux pas, silly photos and outstanding activities with all of you. To those who think their amusing activities got past me, you are sadly mistaken. I wrote them all down, but they were censured somewhere down the line. Maybe those stories will leak out somewhere else, when you least expect it.

WEAPONS SCREENING

Not enough limelight is shone upon the Sheriff's Security Officers and Security Assistants assigned to the two Van Nuys Court buildings. These men and women work incredibly hard and put up with numerous citizens that are uncooperative and obstinate. Through it all, our staff regularly finds illegal weapons and narcotics. Some notable arrests have been made with the help of our weapon-screening employees. These incredible people constantly help ensure the security of our courthouses and those assigned here.

In the past week alone, the security staff discovered an incredibly drunk juror (he was supposed to be impartial, not inebriated) and another gentleman who forgot to get rid of

By Mike Ascolese
Court Services, West Bureau

his baggie of cocaine before trying to pass by our eagle-eyed officers. Excellent job, ladies and gentlemen!



TIP-A-COP

On Tuesday, March 02, 2010, the 6th annual Tip-A-Cop Night was held at The Hamlet in Sherman Oaks. Thirteen Van Nuys Court staff members eagerly volunteered to act as waiters for the evening, earning tips that were earmarked for the Special Olympics of Southern California. Deputies Donald Robertson, Roger Castillo, Michael Cerveney, Robert Wagner, Sean Wax, Mike Ascolese, Glenn Crites, Brandon Zeff, Jeff Contreras, Jose Oseguera, Sheriff's Security Officer Lawrence Uranga, Sheriff's Security Assistants Daisy Alonso-Garcia and Kristopher Fernandez were the emissaries from the Van Nuys Court. Five Special Olympics athletes also worked the crowd: Matthew Raymundi, Fred Orr, Randy Fortune, Adrian Zavala and Anthony Riperti. Everyone worked extremely hard and earned over \$1500.00 in tips. There were a couple of close calls, but no accidental spills occurred. There were three celebrity patrons in attendance: Terri Ivens ("All My Children") sat with her family in the bar area, Petri Hawkins-Byrd (Judge Judy's bailiff) held court at one table, while Duff McKagan (bass guitarist from Velvet Revolver, Loaded, Guns N' Roses) and his two daughters dined with my wife and daughter. They each left very generous tips for their volunteer waiters. Deputy Sean Wax befriended the customers at one table and found out that one girl in the group was celebrating her 13th birthday. Arrangements were quietly made with The Hamlet's manager to have a banana split delivered to her as a surprise. All the deputy waiters surrounded the table and serenaded the young lady with a horrendously off-key version of "Happy Birthday." The birthday girl tipped Sean \$10.00 of her own money for the

evening's event. The other family members at that table also donated funds for the cause.

I would like to thank all the Van Nuys Court staff who participated this year and to the families, friends and Van Nuys Court employees that dined with us and generously donated their hard-earned money toward Special Olympics. Please enjoy the adjacent photograph of Special Olympics Regional Director Laura Mayo, our five Special Olympics athletes and several of the Van Nuys Court waiters.

10-15 WITH ONE

A Florida attorney entered the Van Nuys Court Sheriff's Office yesterday looking for help. He had been bounced around a few times in his quest for assistance. After speaking with him for a few moments, it became crystal clear an interstate child kidnapping had occurred and he would get all of my cooperation immediately. An active No Bail warrant for the named suspect was located in NCIC. A little research revealed the suspect's current residence. A few well-placed phone calls to the police agency with jurisdiction of the suspect's home were made to ensure continued cooperation with the attorney and his client, the children's mother. The attorney was given some sound advice, which he and his client followed, resulting in the arrest of the kidnapper and the return of two children to their mother. In this particular case, a little help went a long way.

98 AND OUT THE GATE

Deputy Robert Stewart finally retired after a quarter century in law enforcement. After vacationing in the jungles of Vietnam from 1968 through 1971, courtesy of the United States Marine Corps, Bob began working for the County of Los Angeles. His first gig was as a probation officer. Bob's next foray was into the Marshal's Department, beginning Thursday, July 05, 1984. He graduated with Academy Class #70 through Rio Hondo College. In January 1994, Bob became a deputy sheriff when the two departments merged. His assignments over the years included the County Courthouse, Criminal Courts Building, L.A. Field Office, Warrant Detail, Van Nuys Court and the Levy Crew. Bob is also a member in good standing with the Iron Works Gymnasium. His official retirement date was Sunday, February 28, 2010. Bob's retirement years will be busy as he will be

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playing Mr. Mom to his five children and attending to all of his wife's needs and Honey Do lists.

Enjoy your retirement, Bob. It is well deserved. Semper Fidelis!

Farewell to Sergeant Candice Briese, who retired after 30 years with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Candice's hire date was Monday, March 21, 1977, and her final day on the job was Tuesday, March 30, 2010. She did have two intermissions in her lengthy career to enjoy the miracles of motherhood. Candice's assignments started with Academy Class #184 and continued with Sybil Brand Institute for Women (SBI), Lakewood Station, SBI, and Employee Support Services as a deputy. After promoting to sergeant, Candice worked at Twin Towers, Biscailuz Recovery Center, Men's Central Jail, Long Beach Court, Airport Court and finally the Van Nuys Court.

Candice and her husband, Glenn Jorritsma, own homes in California and Massachusetts, and will be traveling between them whenever the whim hits them. Their blended family has been blessed with five children and three grandchildren, whom they can now spend even more time with. A romantic trip to Greece is also in her retirement plans.

CHANGE OF VENUE

Au Revoir to Deputy Norma Alvarez who finally transferred out to her first patrol assignment, Santa Clarita Valley Station. Her last shift at Van Nuys Court was a ten-hour overtime spot. I hope she enjoyed it, because I do not foresee any overtime available to Norma in her immediate future.

Ciao to Deputy Heriberto Oseguera who committed an intra-division transfer to the Stanley Mosk Courthouse. It is amazing what deputies will do just to shorten their commute to work. I guarantee he will enjoy the wonderfully abundant parking available in the downtown area.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

No matter where you work or where you shop, every year you are bombarded by Girl Scouts and their parents selling cookies. Every year it gets tougher to not order those delicious delights, despite the fact those delicacies end up as extra pounds somewhere on your body. How can you deny your co-worker or supervisor when you are asked to purchase cookies and ensure the happiness of their little Girl Scout and her troop? Well, this year Deputy Jose Oseguera set up shop again for his daughter, Lauren. Somehow he managed to get Deputy Yenika Moreno to act as his assistant in this endeavor. I watched as she caused grizzled deputies to break down and sign up to buy cookies. At one point during the day, I overheard Yenika desperately

trying to recite her multiplication tables in order to figure out how much money she had wrangled out of her fellow deputies. She was going through her #4 multiplication tables while I was present, and not doing too well. I believe the other reasons Jose hired an assistant are because he completely forgot his multiplication tables. I am surprised Jose did not force her to wear a Girl Scout vest and beret. When all his daughter's cookies are sold, he better reward Yenika with a merit badge.

KISS'S CAT

Bonus I Deputy John Maio, along with his wife, Cindy, and daughter, Skylar, took in the latest KISS concert in V.I.P. style. It helps when John is friends with KISS's drummer, Eric Singer. Eric joined KISS in 1991 and has been painting himself up in the Catman makeup since 2001. He has also been the drummer in Black Sabbath, Badlands, Alice Cooper, Brian May and several other incredible bands. The adjacent photo was taken moments after KISS finished their encore at the Staples Center. The Maio trio enjoyed a fantastic concert and all the backstage festivities. Unfortunately, I was unable to secure any of the pictures capturing John trying on some of that famous KISS makeup.



WHAT IS YOUR FORTUNE?

Deputy Henrik Arapetyan recently opened up a fortune cookie after a sumptuous Chinese lunch and found the following fortune printed on the paper inside: "You will be selected for a promotion because of your accomplishments." I know the Department doesn't normally use fortune cookies in the promotion process, but I think the irony would be delicious.



LUNCH PARAPHERNALIA

Here is photographic evidence of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles lunch-box used on a daily basis by Deputy Sean Wax. Sean even admitted that he had his dear mother emblazon his name on the top of the box and interior of the box to dissuade thieves from absconding with his precious plastic lunch-tote. Sean's favorite classic animated characters are actually older than he is. The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles first appeared in a 1984 comic book, two years before Sean was born. When Sean eventually becomes a father,

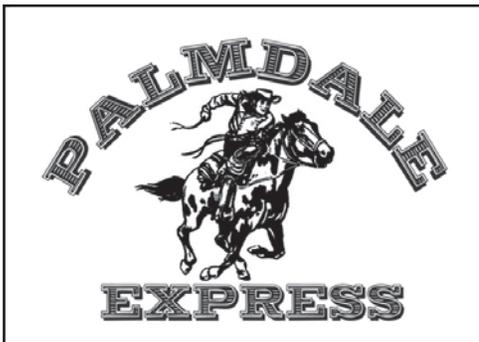
you can bet his boys will be named Donatello, Leonardo, Michelangelo or Raphael.

ZIP IT

Sheriff's Security Assistant Steven Cirillo underwent a uniform malfunction recently. It seems his uniform trouser zipper ceased to function in its designated fashion when he dressed for duty. Panic sunk in quickly. He did not know who to contact or exactly what he

should do, since he did not have another pair of uniform pants immediately available. A desperate search for a safety pin met with negative results. As a last resort, Steve wrapped his uniform jacket around his waist and finished out his shift in fine style. No further clothing dilemmas have plagued Steve since this incident.

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By Chris Bergo and Scott Short

Palmdale Station

Greetings from Palmdale ... It seems change is in the air for 2010. With overtime being cut, it seems personnel at our station have begun to make up for the shortfalls in their budgets. As it turns out, some of our personnel began hunting for their own food, some studied and passed promotional exams and others are left making up stories for the *Star News*. See for yourself.

A HUNTING WE WILL GO ... PART I

Sergeant Dan Ross, Lieutenant Larry Gregg and Lieutenant Clay Porlier went on a hunting trip to hunt for Javalina. All three of them grabbed their tuned-and-sighted rifles and headed to Arizona. During the hunt, Ross was able to hit his target, boom and down fell the animal. Porlier was next, boom, down went his animal. Now it was Gregg's turn. He looked down the sights of his rifle as though it was Christmas morning and he was holding his trusty "Red Rider." Bang, bang, bang, bang, bang and finally a hit, down went Gregg's animal. There was so much lead discharged into the ground near Gregg's animal, the hunting guide called in a haz-mat team to clean up the lead. I have no idea what a Javalina is, but you can see the proud hunters pictured below, posing with their Javalinas.



A HUNTING WE WILL GO ... PART II

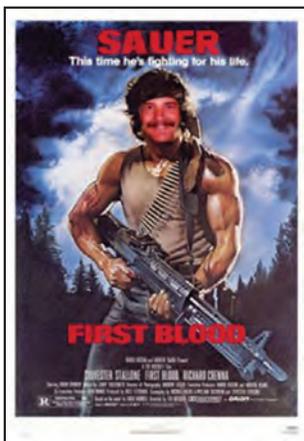
Following the big hunt, Sergeant Ross and Lieutenant Porlier were giving Lieutenant Gregg marksmanship/hunting tips. Gregg, who was recovering from Cardiac Hill, was seated on the ground resting during this. At some point in time,

Gregg made a gesture in response to Ross' and Porlier's advice, I think it was a "thumbs up," at which time Gregg was brutally attacked by a cactus. I found a picture of Gregg seated on the ground next to the suspect, prior to the attack, pictured below. I heard all three made it back from their hunting trip in one piece with no extra large calibre holes in them. I was told not to shake Gregg's hand for a couple of weeks though.



TACTICS AND TRAINING

Sergeant Dave Sauer has begun to implement his training program of using Airsoft guns, purchased by the Boosters, to teach force on force survival pistolcraft. He shepherded the program through review and approval from the Training Bureau, including specific lesson plans and objectives to ensure proper practices are taught and that bad habits are not reinforced. He is able to run people through the program in relatively short sessions after briefings. Sessions are progressive and build on previous sessions. The hope is that before a deputy is involved in a real shooting he or she will have been prepared by several very realistic training shootings. We found a movie poster of a movie Dave starred in. It seems Sergeant Sauer has the background for this type of training. See for yourself. All kidding aside it's nice to see and be a part of such a program.



PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to Detective Mark Machanic, Detective Dennis Dubois, Deputy Andy Lynch and Traffic Investigator Mike Redding on making Sergeant. Mark is headed to Lancaster Station and Dennis, Andy and Mike will be headed to Mira Loma. All of you will be missed!!! Mark will be missed more, his vacancy opens up 96 hours of patrol overtime.

Congratulations to Detective Bureau Sergeant Ed Raulston on making the rank of Lieutenant. Ed will be assigned to Lancaster Station. Good luck in Lancaster, we will miss you. Recently, while driving around Palmdale, I noticed one of the billboards with Ed's picture on it, so I took the liberty of photographing it and attaching it to this article.



PALMDALE STATION MEMORIAL/ PATIO FUNDRAISER/ PALMDALE STATION LEGACY WALL

Palmdale Station, in an attempt to raise funds for its Memorial and patio area, is offering station alumni a once in a lifetime opportunity to have a brick, complete with your name, rank and years of service at the station permanently placed in a wall adjacent to the memorial area. These bricks will be prominently displayed as a part of the patio area and will create a legacy to all who have been a part of the Palmdale Station family.

A minimum donation requested for the bricks is as follows:

Professional Staff: \$30.00

Deputies: \$50.00

Sergeants: \$75.00

Lieutenants and above: \$100.00

Each brick will contain your name, rank and years of service (optional). If interested, please contact Lieutenant Larry Gregg at (661) 272-2457, or Sergeant Don Young at (661) 272-2471 for further information. ☆



The Chaplain's Notebook

By Chaplain Donald Patterson
Lancaster Station

WRESTLING WITH DESPAIR

Recently, a deputy I was riding with responded to a suicide in the community. I ended up manning the tape barrier and separating the warring sides of the family. For three and a half hours I listened to wild accusations from the front lawn and wails of anguish from inside. After the coroner sanitized the situation, I prayed over the deceased with the family.

This is what I call a "normal" night. I don't mean to appear callous when I say I went home and right to sleep. It was sad and pointless, yes, but something I've had enough experience with to handle, as a pastor and a chaplain.

However, I did have another day that challenged my commitment as a chaplain. One event shook me beyond expectation. It may seem much more trivial than suicide, but that's my point. An event that challenges one might go unnoticed by another.

Deputy S. and I caught the tag for a robbery. A twelve-year-old girl had tried to rob a nine-year-old boy for shopping money. Watching the cuffs placed on that little girl and locking her in the backseat was hard for me. As Deputy S. administered the Gladys R. competency test, he asked, "Where did you learn to do this?"

"My brother," she answered.

At the station, the Watch Commander ordered

Deputy S. to keep her out of lock-up "... and no way am I sending this kid to Juvie tonight. Call her parents to come get her."

While the Deputy attempted to contact the parents, I spoke with the girl in the report room. She sat handcuffed, crying in this bad, scary place. Good, I thought, she needs to be scared.

"Remember this," I said. "You never want to come here again."

Meanwhile, Deputy S. got the father on the phone. But Daddy didn't want to come to the station because he had outstanding warrants. Deputy S. said, "Sir, I will write you new warrants, come get your little girl."

He did come to the station, four hours later. By this time, the girl no longer seemed scared. He was bored, which was infinitely worse.

The hard thing, the thing that challenged my commitment, was despair. Twelve years old, I thought. She has a brother who's taught her to steal and a father with warrants for God-knows-what. She has no chance to make it in society. Why am I spending my time for people like this? I should go back to my cozy suburban congregation and stay there.

Later that night, in conversation with a new deputy, I heard, "We should just lock them all up. We're getting nowhere." He was dealing with the

same flood of despair as the chaplain. Hmm ... I found this situation hard, the deputies struggled with it and my wife, a teacher, expressed the same frustrations when I told her about it. So what are we supposed to do? How do we escape the torrent of desperation?

First, I think frustration is not a sign of weakness. The fact that these events bother one shows there's still hope. Second, I know of two people who by God's grace escaped similar situations. One grew up in South Central, in the exact same circumstances. She's now serving a church in the Valley. The other case is a seminary buddy who worked with inner-city kids in San Francisco. One boy in particular caused my friend to despair. Years later, my friend returned to find this problem child leading the youth ministry.

At times, the battle may seem lost, but that's not completely true. There are way more decent people out there than otherwise. Even people who appear hopeless may find hope. If you deputies don't do this often thankless job, who will?

"We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed." (2 Corinthians 4:9)

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

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T-SHIRT-OF-THE-MONTH CONTEST

The inmate depicted in the adjacent photograph tried to win the favor of our Lockup deputies by wearing his interpretation of a law enforcement officer's T-shirt. Now, I am ecstatic he showed his reverence for Harley-Davidson, but I was disappointed he did not buy the sheriff's

version of the T-shirt. You have to play for the audience you have.

TATTOO-OF-THE-MONTH CONTEST

This inmate managed to integrate the decades-old original Neighborhood Watch symbol into his new tattoo. The tattoo reads: "Ain't No Such Thing As Halfway Crooks." This particular inmate is living proof, as he was remanded into custody because he had only done half of his court



ordered Cal Trans work. Sometimes there is truth in advertising.

POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION

Which Main Lockup deputy earned the quickest time for Van Nuys personnel at the recent East Los Angeles Station 10-K Mug Run? The Lockup staff was divided as to which of our two runners would win. The losing supporters had to buy lunch for the winning supporters. The champion runner (ELA alumnus) beat his competitor by fifty-eight seconds.

Which supervisor requested Nitroglycerin for his imagined heart condition when a certain deputy let a suspected narcotics offender leave the courthouse without arresting the culprit? (You give one old guy with an explanation a break and the sergeant's alleged medical condition acts up.)

The docket is now clear and we're adjourned for an indeterminable length of time. ☆



By JB
Narcotics Bureau

Hello, fellow ladies and gentlemen in Tan & Green. Recently, I received the latest *Star News*. As I am sure many of us do, we flip through cover to cover, to search for the articles written for the work assignment that we hold, or have a vested interest in. After reaching the end of the magazine, I found that the assignment I was working at did not have an article representing our fellow co-workers. With today's economy, I am sure that so many of us are trying to work as much overtime as possible, just to help make ends meet. With the little free time that we have remaining in our busy schedules, we are spending every waking moment with our family and friends. I just could not stand idly by any longer and read another magazine without informing our fellow badge holders what the fine employees at Narcotics Bureau have been contributing to the communities we proudly serve. I have decided that I need to remind everyone what Narco is all about.

First, I would like to take the opportunity to welcome all of the new Narcs to the bureau and for all our fellow Narcs who have moved on to different steps in their lives, we would like to say, good luck and much success ...

MARIJUANA ERADICATION TEAM (M.E.T.)

For those who are unfamiliar with M.E.T., allow me to be the first to broaden your horizons on this detail. Our MET detectives search for various types of marijuana farms throughout L.A. County. These detectives receive extensive training in marijuana eradication, static line rappelling and extraction, processing of the evidence for successful criminal



filings and wilderness survival. In the wilderness survival training, detectives learn about all of the wonderful elements that fill our mountainous terrains such as, lions, tigers and bears (Oh my!). Let me not forget all the additional luxuries that go along with a M.E.T. operation, like poison oak. As you can see, D-Rail obviously slept through this part of the training.



During a recent debriefing of a M.E.T. Operation, our James Brolin look-a-like, (initials P. M.) took the opportunity to talk to the team about the "good ole days of patrol." Believe it or not, we were able to dig up a photo that he posed for.

A recent Bonus II promotee was shown gratitude

for his contributions and how much Detective RW will be missed, in traditional form. Congrats on the promotion to BII. Best of luck in your newest endeavors at your new assignment!

After 30 years of service with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, our newest addition to the leadership at Narco is none other than Captain Ralph Ornelas. Captain Ornelas began his career at MCJ, working patrol at Carson and training so many of us as a D.I. at the Academy. He promoted to Sergeant and worked Lakewood and Recruit Training. Once receiving his promotion as a lieutenant, he worked Lennox, Operation Safe Streets Bureau and as a Chief's aide. Recently, I stopped by to see Captain Ornelas. I observed him sitting on a phone book behind his desk. I gazed throughout his office and noticed that he had tapped into the Bureau's budget to hire the finest decorator money could buy (yes, you guessed it, Mrs. Ralph Ornelas). As I stood in amazement of this money well spent, I could not help but notice a "life-size" photograph of Captain Ornelas staring back at me.



I would like to wish everyone a Spectacular 2010. I hope the holidays met everyone with much needed happiness and hopes for the new year. I also hope that we are all able to prosper throughout the tough economic times which have

plagued so many of us and our families. Through so many issues that we have to be concerned with, I am thankful for stability, family and great friendships to help see the

tough times through.
As always, stay safe ... ☆

If you wait to do everything until you're sure it's right, you'll probably never do much of anything.

—Win Borden

INDUSTRIAL STRENGTH

By Ramon Escamilla
Industry Station

MIKE DAVIS HAS LEFT THE BUILDING

Industry Station bid farewell to Sergeant Mike Davis who is going back home to the Force Training Unit. Mike will be doing what Mike does best. Fight! Sergeant Davis was a force instructor in the Academy prior to promoting to sergeant. Mike worked here for two years as a patrol sergeant and as our training sergeant. Mike revamped the field training program and even got us a whole set of brand new X26 tasers. We could always count on him to send us to training classes which benefit us and make us better patrol deputies. He was also the one who set up our active shooter training at the Puente Hills Mall and at the Pellissier building in the City of Industry. Mike opened up the training to other stations and the CHP because he knew it would not only benefit us, but other stations and agencies as well. Sergeant Davis definitely will be missed here at the IDT. Live to train, train to live.

NEXT STOP, CERRITOS, CRDF AND MCJ

Industry Station also said good-bye to Deputy Hugo "Gracias ah ti" Barajas who left us for MCJ back in January. Come back soon, brother. Sergeant Kevin Walk left us for Personnel so he could enjoy an A-plus schedule. Good luck over there, sir. Deputy Jorge Chavez, now Sergeant Chavez will be supervising the troops at Cerritos Station. Jorge promoted in February from band one of the sergeants list. We recently had a bbq at Industry in his honor where he was presented with a brand new Streamlight with his name engraved on it. Good luck in Cerritos Jorge, we will all miss you. We also say good-bye to Detective Laura Sosa who also promoted to sergeant and is heading to CRDF. Good luck and take plenty of aspirin with you.

CONDOLENCES

Industry Station is mourning the loss of retired San Dimas Station sergeant and Industry Station alumni, Sergeant Gary Lindenmayer. Sergeant Lindenmayer passed away on February 5th after a lengthy and brave battle with cancer. Sergeant Lindenmayer worked at Industry Station for a number of years before promoting to sergeant. He will always be fondly remembered by everyone here, both past and present. Our deepest condolences go out to the entire Lindenmayer family and San Dimas Station personnel. We also mourn the loss of

Desiree Sanchez, sister of Deputy Eloise Mayo who also passed away after a brave battle with cancer. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Eloise and her family during this difficult time.

FROM THE "I CATCH IT, YOU CLEAN IT" FILES

To know CSO Fernando "C'mon man!" Rios, you have to understand him. Fernando is part Desi Arnaz, a little Rico Suave and a whole lotta Tony Montana (Scarface), but without the all the cursing. Back in February, Tony, I mean Fernando, had one thing on his mind and one thing only, a cherry Slurpee from 7-11, and no cockroach was going to get in his way because the world was his. Our fearless CSO (who worked Firestone, Lynwood, Century and Compton ... since pampers), or the "bad guy," as he likes to refer to himself, drove toward his favorite watering hole for his tasty beverage. Just as he was beginning to salivate over the sweet tang of a cherry Slurpee, he came across a man standing in the middle of Stimson Avenue and Garo Street. Fernando got out of his CSO vehicle and noticed the male was walking in the path of oncoming traffic. He asked the man, "You want a war? Okay, say hello to my lil friend." The following is the 10-33 traffic that followed:

Fernando: Hey SCC ten turi tri gimme da pash (yes pash) I got a crazy guy heres!

SCC: 140Z2 you're on the patch.

Fernando: This is 140Z2 I got a fiiiifty one fiiiifty in da middle of el street. I'm just a CSO, I didn't sign up for this. I need deputies to rescue me and have them bring tasers por que I don't know what can happen. (A brief pause.) Ay Chihuahua, senora mandame ayuda, send units code 3. This guy is stabbing himself con un pico de ice. Auxilio auxilio! I need Bomberos pero right now! Mandame rescate! This guy is loco!

Aero: What did he say?

We eventually arrived on scene to help Fernando who was all flustered. And what did Fernando have to say? It wasn't thank you. "C'mon man! I just wanted a Slurpee. I never coming down this way again." All kidding aside, Fernando got "attaboys" from Lieutenant Cacheiro, Sergeant Boucher and the entire PM crew for doing a good job on the radio. The 5150 was actually a 245 suspect that was under the influence of methamphetamine. The suspect had just stabbed his girlfriend and thought it would be a good idea to stab himself. Fernando caught it and Deputy Jansen (my new trainee) and I

cleaned it up. Fernando later told me, "Good caper, no paper." Until Sergeant Boucher ordered him to write a sup report. Ah c'mon man!

FEELING FLAT

What PM Shift sergeant recently sprung a leak in one of the Tahoes in the pouring rain and didn't have the tools to fix it? Here's a hint. He came out on a TV show and had such colorful and memorable quotes such as "Hell is coming to breakfast," "I am divorcing all of you" and this gem: "Soup sandwich." Someone forgot to properly fill out their vehicle inspection sheet and also failed to check off the portion regarding tires. The fellas on pm's were kind enough to point that out to him.

DEPUTY DIVIZIO STARRING IN "MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE"

We join our hero Divizio (this is not his real name) in the men's locker room as he is preparing to don his long-sleeved class A shirt and tie. Deputy Divizio and some of his partners from the Industry SAO team were meeting at the station so they could dress in their uniforms and caravan to a memorial service together. Everything was going as planned until buttons on a certain someone's shirt couldn't quite get buttoned. And who was that someone? Divizio of course. Must have been all that Christmas roast he ate. Deputy Roger Flores, who was getting dressed one aisle over, heard the sounds of fabric tearing and grunts like a person doing some heavy lifting. Roger went over to investigate and saw Divizio's bright red face staring at him. So Roger gave Divizio some words of encouragement. "Dude, you're too fat for that shirt." He told Divizio to try another class A shirt which was no better than the last one he tried on. Now everyone from the Industry SAO team started laughing because Divizio looked like the character from Big Trouble in Little China who blows himself up. Roger put on his new County-issue ballistic helmet and dropped the face shield. He grabbed Divizio's collar and pulled it in as much as he could and proceeded to assist Divizio with the top button. Two miracles happened, folks. Roger walked away without a scratch and Divizio was able to get his shirt buttoned. Divizio, with a look of relief on his face, began to wipe all the sweat off his face, but the easy part was over. Now came the hard part. The dreaded tie! Divizio, already dizzy and

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Greetings to everyone from Temple Station.
Happy Easter!

AWARDS

Deputy Rick Adams was named the “Temple City Deputy of the Year.” In addition, the Temple City Council recognized Sergeant Tony Osterman for his part in saving the life of a citizen who had suffered a massive heart attack during a city council meeting.

Deputy Lorenzo Orejel was presented with the “Distinguished Service Award” for his outstanding role in lowering the number of 290 registrants in our jurisdiction.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Deputy Ray Webb was recently honored as our Employee of the Month. Ray is our PM Shift Watch Deputy, armory deputy and one of our range deputies among a host of other responsibilities he has assumed. A well-deserved award. Congratulations, Ray.

SEPARATED AT BIRTH?

Are Deputies Steven Busch and Robert Lund really twin brothers? Hmm ... We are not too sure either. Deputy Godin Gonzales caught both of them in the act when they were practicing their “good cop/bad cop” routine for handing out tickets. We put it to a vote; 3 out of 4 people preferred getting their ticket from the smiling deputy (RL) rather than the grumpy deputy (SB)! (See attached photo.)



INCOMING AND OUTGOING

Welcome to Sergeants Richard Conti, John Cook, James Corrigan, Ronald Miranda, Murray Simpkins and Sidra Sherrod, Deputies Baldomero Enriquez, Christopher Gentner, Paul Han, John Jansen, John Marquez, Claudia Mejia, Cesar Moreno and Adrianna Rodriguez.

Good-bye to Sergeants Jeffrey Bennett, Matthew Elash, Kenneth Frailich and Jeffrey Hunter (OCS); Carlos Lopez (MED); Bobby Wyche (EOB); and Deputies Robert Boese and Benjamin Grubb (SHB); Janine Bowman (CS); Gregory Mahood, John Prentice and Jose Zararte (OCS); and Jed Morales and Ramiro Ramos (TSB).

Congratulations and good-bye to newly promoted Sergeants Richard Burgoyne (TSB) and Mark Wilkening (OCS). We wish you well.

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

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lightheaded from pinching off his carotid artery, attempted to clip his tie on, only to discover that his shirt collar was so tight that the clip would not go in. Now correct me if I’m wrong, but didn’t we get a uniform allowance a few months back? Plus, he should have received some overtime for staying late on Christmas Eve. I’m just saying. If you know Divizio, take a look at his neck and ask him if he has paid a visit to the uniform store. I’m willing to bet money he has.

CAPER OF THE MONTH

We recently had a call of a 245GSV in La Puente involving two vehicles and a woman who was reportedly shot. When we arrived, the vehicles and woman were gone. The only people around were the patrons from a nearby burger stand whose nerves were now on edge. A brief description of possible vehicles involved was broadcast over dispatch 8 and my trainee took pictures of blood splatter and collected a bullet casing. As we were en route

back to the station, Deputies Arman Nashanian and Robin Thistle saw a vehicle leaving a nearby motel with some unscrupulous characters inside. As soon as they lit up the car with their lights, a pee wee took off from the car, obviously carrying a gun which proved too heavy for him to carry. The subject ran from the car and attempted to scale a wall with a man cannon .357 revolver. The other occupants had the good sense to stay in the car. Arman and his trainee detained the other occupants and GSR’d one of the occupant’s hands. How can you tell when someone has shot a gun? When they say, “Are you going to put gun powder on my hands?” Deputies Nashanian and Thistle went 10-15 with the occupants and took a gun off the streets. As for the one who got away, Deputy Nashanian identified him and he should be in custody by the time you read this article.

“WASH YO SHTYLE?”

Deputy Marian Creta recently responded to a 415F/242JO call in East Valinda involving a teenage

girl who was involved in a physical altercation with her mother. As Deputy Creta attempted to take the subject into custody, she became a little you know what and refused to go with the program. After requesting a unit code 3 to assist him, responding units arrived on scene and controlled the subject. As deputies were walking the subject out to Creta’s patrol car, she stopped and looked at Deputy Creta and asked him “Wash yo shtyle?” Just as Creta was about to tell her he studied the art of fighting without fighting, she delivered a vicious spinning heel kick to an area between his stomach and knees. Deputy Creta turned and looked at his fellow brethren and told them “Avenge me!” I’m guessing the subject was not content enough with just a 242, she had to go and add assault on a P.O. as well. Deputy Creta was checked out at the local health works clinic and was prescribed a hernia support to assist him in the healing process. He is doing fine and, I’m happy to say, he didn’t miss a day of work. Till next month, c’mon man! ☆

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

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

Greetings and best wishes to all! We hope you are eating healthy, exercising moderately, practicing food safety and thriving in your lives.

HAPPY RETIREMENT, ELLEN DASTRUP

On Wednesday, February 23, 2010, 100 well-wishers gathered at Ranch Facility to celebrate the retirement of Ellen Dastrup, Intermediate Typist Clerk. Ellen came to the Food Services Unit ten years ago. Under the supervision of Michael McDonald, Senior Food Services Manager, Ellen coordinated food orders, time sheets, time-off slips, work schedules and all relative reports and memos to Food Services Headquarters. Ms. Ellen, as she is affectionately called by the cooks of Ranch Facility, is loved and respected by her peers and supervisors.

The Food Services staff of Ranch Facility worked diligently to prepare a gourmet meal of Kung Pao chicken, broccoli beef, sautéed chicken and vegetables, fried rice and egg rolls with two types of scrumptious dipping sauces.

Lieutenant Joseph A. Badali, Food Services Unit Commander, praised Ellen's faithful work contribution to the Unit for more than ten years. On behalf of Sheriff Baca, Chief Alexander Yim, Correctional Services Division, extended congratulations and best wishes for her

commendable service. Ms. Ellen, we wish you continued good health and prosperity; Ellen does not plan on sitting around the house; she plans to continue working on a personal entrepreneurial venture, travel, practice shooting, ride a bike and read books. Best wishes to Ms. Ellen from the entire Food Services Unit. You will be greatly missed.

SPOTLIGHT ON CORRECTIONAL TREATMENT CENTER – FOOD SERVICES

Twin Towers Correctional Facility has a 200-bed Acute Care Hospital. The operation is directly supervised by Mrs. Eve Wang, Food Chief I, who developed and implemented the dietary protocols that were necessary for licensing from the State of California.

The CTC dietary team consists of:

- 1 Staff Dietician, Kaori Rank
- 1 Head Cook, Carzell Vickers, a 30-year veteran of Food Services
- 3 Head Food Service Workers: Maria Arrellano, 30 years; Felicitas Babaran, 23 years; and Carlos Basurto, 10 years
- 2 Contract Diet Technicians: Lili Wahyuningsih and Susana Alcaraz
- 14 Intermediate Food Service Workers: Lorna Agpalza, Lula Brown, Patricia Castelan, Rosario Javier, Latoyia Manning, Silvero

Castillo, Herminigildo Urrutia, who work the Day Shift; and Felmar Bumanglag, Saul Cuevas, Dominga Carreon, Dun Nang Fou, Jittima Lopez, Steven Si, and Marietta Gardoce who work the PM Shift.

CTC prepares and serves a variety of 37 different therapeutic diets for inmate patients. Their duties include interviewing patients, charting their status, ensuring conformance to dietary requirements and compliance with Title 15 and Title 22 regulations.

This section does an outstanding job in servicing inmate patients in custody. We commend each employee for their hard work and outstanding teamwork. We are very proud of all of you. Keep up the good work!

FOOD SAFETY: HANDLING LEFTOVERS

- a. Divide food into shallow containers for rapid cooling. Put food directly in the refrigerator or freezer.
- b. Cut turkey off the bone and refrigerate. Slice breast meat; legs and wings may be left whole.
- c. Use cooked leftovers within four days.
- d. Cut or cooked produce items, such as baked potatoes or vegetable casseroles, should never be left out or held at room temperature for an extended time period.

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

★ IN MEMORIAM ★

JAMES O. CHRISTENSON	RETIRED 03-19-89, DECEASED 01-07-10	DEPUTY/TRANSPORTATION BUREAU
JAMES D. HARMON	RETIRED 06-02-71, DECEASED 01-01-10	FARM FOREMAN/PITCHESS DETENTION CENTER
DAVE E. HOLTZENDORFF	RETIRED 06-15-95, DECEASED 01-12-10	DEPUTY/COURT SERVICES EAST
CORA L. JACKSON	RETIRED 01-15-93, DECEASED 01-08-10	PROCUREMENT CLERK/FISCAL SERVICES BUREAU
BILL T. MORRIS	RETIRED 07-01-64, DECEASED 01-16-10	DEPUTY/DETECTIVE BUREAU
SILVIANO OROZCO	ACTIVE MEMBER, DECEASED 01-04-10	DEPUTY/NCCF
MICHAEL A. RAWLINGS	RETIRED 03-03-98, DECEASED 01-24-10	SERGEANT/WALNUT STATION
ROBERT L. RAY	RETIRED 03-23-78, DECEASED 01-05-10	SERGEANT/LAKESWOOD STATION
PAMELA H. REUTTER	RETIRED 12-03-81, DECEASED 01-24-10	DEPUTY/PERSONNEL
CHARLENE M. ROTTLER	RETIRED 02-01-74, DECEASED 01-03-10	DEPUTY/ALTADENA STATION
LOIS J. PANTER, WIFE OF RETIRED MEMBER JUNIOR C. PANTER,	DECEASED 01-12-10	

Los Angeles Sheriff's Museum

PRESERVING THE HERITAGE AND PERPETUATING THE PRIDE

Your Sheriffs' Museum is requesting your help. Corky Jackson LASD Sergeant/Retired is currently working on a complete history of Carson Station and is in need of your help. She is looking for photographs, rosters, news articles, reports, other documents and stories or any other items to help in this process. They can be related to the station/building, staff, special events, awards, sports or any other subject connected to Carson Station. If you can help, please contact her at corkynchuck2@verizon.net or through the Museum at (562) 946-7859 or museum@lasd.org. Items can be mailed to L.A. Sheriffs' Museum, 11515 Colima Road, Bldg. B, Whittier, CA 90604. (Please indicate if you would like the items returned or donated to the Museum.) Thank you for your help.

The night sky was ablaze over the Carson Station area on March 28, 1969, after a spark from a trunk unloading low-grade gasoline ignited the fuel

tanks at Fletcher Oil Refinery. The storage tanks, filled with gasoline, jet and diesel fuel, exploded, sending fireballs approx 1,000 feet into the air. The explosions and resulting fires caused the death of one and injured over 40 persons including 18 children. Damages were estimated at over \$1 million. ☆



Please join me at my 13th Annual "Remembering Our Veterans and Their Families: Past, Present and Future" event on Saturday, May 29, 2010, at Arcadia County Park, 405 So. Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia 91006, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A special tribute to our armed forces will be held at 11:30 a.m., co-hosted by Channel 4 Weatherman Fritz Coleman.

Our family event will include skydivers, flyovers, a "Wall of Remembrance" of veterans (bring copies of photos of your loved ones to place on the wall), displays of military vehicles and equipment, a children's area (face-painting, arts and crafts, games, entertainment, free popcorn), free vaccinations, free haircuts and manicures, live entertainment, food booths and much, much more.

Our County departments, governmental, independent and private agencies will provide an abundance of information and resources such as health, employment, child support, legal services, etc.

I hope to see you on this special day as we honor our service men and women!

—Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich



MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH
LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR

Invites You
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REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS & THEIR FAMILIES, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

SATURDAY, MAY 29, 2010 - 10 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

ARCADIA COUNTY PARK
405 S. SANTA ANITA AVENUE, ARCADIA 91006

FEATURING

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- FLYOVER BY WWII FIGHTER PLANES
- FOOD BOOTHS
- LIVE MUSIC

NO COST

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- HAIRCUTS/MANICURES
- HEALTH SCREENINGS

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- VETERANS BENEFIT INFORMATION
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A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO OUR ARMED FORCES
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PARKS BUREAU

By Johnie Jones
Parks Bureau

HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

In case you haven't heard, our Department has absorbed the Office of Public Safety. For the last few months, a transition team has been preparing the way for the deputies, sergeants and lieutenants that will replace the Public Safety Officers that are currently in place and become what is now known as "Parks Bureau." We will be fully staffed and operational with Sheriff's Department personnel (some of which are former Public Safety Officers) by the end of June.

Prior to coming to Parks Bureau, I was assigned to Sheriff's Headquarters Bureau. This was a job that I was fairly good at and quite comfortable in. I had my own little cubicle with the creature comforts I had amassed after begging for, borrowing or obtaining by other means. The bottom line was that I was comfortable with a good group of co-workers, most of the equipment you need to get your job accomplished and fresh coffee every morning.

I begin my first day at Parks Bureau and drive up to the temporary office, which looks somewhat like a bunker, located at Pitchess Detention Center. I enter and observe three work stations. At the work stations are Captain Steve Smith, Lieutenant Maria

Gutierrez and Sergeant John Hargraves, which places me at the bottom of the food chain and makes me wonder where Deputy Jones works at? We begin the morning banter and before I know it, Captain Smith turns into Coach Smith; hey, where did that whistle come from? "Jones, take a lap," he sharply states. Hey, Captain Smith, I think we're taking this Parks and Recreation thing a little too far, don't you? He then responds with, "Make that two laps, you want to try for three?" The bad news was that I actually did the laps; the good news was that all three of my supervisors went with me, as Captain Smith prefers his morning briefings and delegation of duties while walking around NCCF instead of sitting in the office.

One of our first problems to address is having a building in each area of the County for us to house our deputies and equipment. Taking over the existing Office of Public Safety Offices was not an option, as all of those buildings were not suitable for our needs. So off our people go into different areas throughout the County much like Eeoyre did with the help of Winnie the Pooh looking for a house for Owl. In this quest, our personnel have not been winning over the hearts and minds of all of our

fellow brothers and sisters throughout the County. You may be family, but a much extended member. And don't get too comfortable as you will not be staying long. At the time of this article, we have a few nice pieces of property that we will eventually call home. It's kind of fun and exciting starting a new bureau, paving the way for those who will come after us. We will be able to say that we worked Parks Bureau back in the hot years. Well, maybe the hot months, summer will be here soon.

The first injury in the Bureau award goes to Sergeant Roger Wallace. Sergeant Wallace is the guy with one of the most enviable jobs in the County. He is responsible for the eleven deputies who operate the boats and dive operations at Lake Castaic. Unfortunately, he was broadsided while doing off-road enforcement for Santa Clarita Station and received a badly broken leg. Upon visiting Sergeant Wallace at the hospital, his laptop computer had to be forcibly removed from his grasp. He's obviously not aware of the meaning of relaxing and letting your pain medication do its job.

Well, this ends the first of many articles to come for Parks Bureau. Take care and see you next month. ☆



Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
A Night to Remember
A Private Experience at the Park

Six Flags Magic Mountain
April 9, 2010 8-11 pm

Help support the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Foundation by enjoying a special night at Six Flags Magic Mountain with your friends and family.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.sixflags.com/magicmountain for \$40.00 by using the promotional code: SHERIFF

Event tickets are valid from 10:30 am - 11:00 pm on Friday, April 9, 2010. From 8-11 pm the park will remain open for exclusive access to our law enforcement friends and family. You do not want to miss out on this unique opportunity to experience Six Flags Magic Mountain after regular park hours.

Six Flags FRIENDS
Proceeds to Benefit the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Foundation



The American Legion
STAR POST 309
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On Tuesday,
May 18, 2010

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(Just off the I-5 Fwy.)
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Tree Planting @ 1700 Hrs.
Dinner @ 1800 Hrs.

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THE CIVILIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

By Nancy Ruano

On Tuesday, February 23, 2010, Court Services Division hosted the Civilian Advisory Committee's monthly meeting in the city of Alhambra. Court Services Divisional Representatives are Bridget Harris-Morgan and newly appointed member, Nancy Ruano. Bridget has been an active member of

reach out to their Division's professional staff in an effort to identify their needs. Site visits are used to facilitate the CAC mission and are conducted on a quarterly basis. Fellow CAC representative, Christina Ashley from Region I, is currently constructing a Power Point presentation which will provide valuable information with reference to the Civilian Advisory Committee. This Power Point presentation will assist in our site visits and mission.

Court Services Division (CSD) is a very unique Division which offers a variety of services. This Division provides security to all courthouses within Los Angeles County. In addition, Court Services Division offers the service of criminal and civil processes such as restraining orders, evictions and small claims

law suits. Through its Training Unit, Court Services Division provides a variety of training classes for both their professional and sworn personnel.

This month, the Civilian Advisory Committee was honored to have Sergeant Ralph Sheldon as their guest speaker. Sergeant Sheldon has been with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

for approximately 21 years. He has had a variety of assignments over the years. He is currently Court Services Division's Training Unit Sergeant. Among his many duties, Sergeant Sheldon is responsible for the instruction of several training classes for Court Services Division.

Sergeant Sheldon's presentation consisted of an overview of two popular CSD training classes, the Museum of Tolerance and the Leadership Training Class. The Museum of Tolerance is located in the City of Los Angeles. This Museum is designed to examine racism and prejudice within our country. The Museum focuses on the events of the Holocaust and its survivors' stories. The goal of this class is to inform its attendees that although it is human nature to have biases, we must never allow negative biases to influence our decisions or actions.

Court Services Division's Leadership Training Class is a popular class among CSD personnel. This class personalizes its content to each individual unit of assignment. The class offers a variety of tools which aid its attendees on how to become better leaders. The class focuses on the qualities of leadership and how to acquire them. There are many leadership qualities mentioned in this class. For example, trustworthiness, commitment, self-management and being a good listener are all qualities of a good leader. Personnel who attended this class gain a clearer concept of leadership which can be applied at home and at the workplace.

Court Services Division's Chief Richard Barrantes informed the CAC that a CPR class for interested professional staff within the Department will soon be offered by CSD's Training Unit. If you are interested in attending the CPR class, please contact your CAC Divisional representative for further details. Upcoming information on future CAC events will be posted on the CAC homepage. Please visit us at http://intranet.lasd.sheriff.sdn/intranet/sites/civilian_adv_comm/. ☆



the CAC for 6 years. She is currently a Court Records System Clerk III assigned to Stanley Mosk Courthouse, Civil Management Unit. Nancy Ruano is an Operations Assistant II at Court Services Division Headquarters, Personnel Unit. Both representatives are extremely enthusiastic to commence this New Year as Civilian Advisory Committee (CAC) representatives. They look forward to assisting their Division's professional staff with any questions or concerns.

Being a CAC representative is a challenging, yet rewarding, mission. CAC representatives face the challenge of addressing all questions and concerns of their professional staff. In addition, we attempt to provide essential training classes that can enrich and enhance our professional staff's careers within the Department. The ability to impact our professional staff's lives is gratifying. CAC representatives use tools such as site visits to



Please be advised that all transactions conducted at the Sheriffs' Relief Office by active members require the presentation of your Sheriff's Department identification card, unless you appear in uniform. Unit IDs will not be accepted.

Desert Dirt

By Misty Snow

Lancaster Station

HELLO, LASD

The beginning of the year went by quickly and now that we're a few months into 2010, the year looks promising.

Recently, Deputies Steven Borek, Alfonso Stogden and Jeffrey Rhea saved a woman's life. Deputy Borek responded to a check the welfare call. He arrived at the home and was unable to contact anyone. He put his ear up to the door and heard a parrot in a faint voice singing, "Come in, come in." He called his assisting units, Deputy Stogden and Deputy Rhea, and when they arrived, they put their ears to the door and heard the parrot in a faint voice singing, "Come in, come in." Their curiosity got the best of them and they peeked in a window to look for the parrot, but did not see it. As Deputy Borek was trying to open a window to the home, the two much-younger and agile deputies were squabbling over who was going to climb through the window. Suddenly, they saw Deputy Borek climb through the window. Deputy Stogden then followed and climbed through the window while Deputy Rhea entered through the front door. As they entered the home, they heard in the same faint singing voice, "I'm over here." Much to their surprised, they found an older woman on the floor unable to get up. She had received the H1N1 booster and had an adverse

reaction. She had been lying on the floor over 24 hours. Oh, and there was no parrot to be found.

Vice, COPS and miscellaneous units decided to have a "pimp night" in our area. Deputy Nancy Prado and Deputy Sarah Dieguez were chosen from our station to walk up and down the street in their "hooker attire" and solicit as many JOHNS as they could. The deputies arrested 26 people.

Deputy Jeremi Edwards has been forbidden to respond to any calls with any dogs in the vicinity. A few weeks ago he was putting a female in the back of his patrol vehicle when a mastiff jumped over a fence and ran up to Deputy Edwards and clamped his jaw onto Deputy Edward's left wrist. Deputy Edwards ended up shooting the dog, in order for the dog to release his grip. Just the other day, Deputy Edwards was assisting with a search warrant of a marijuana grow. He entered the house with his fellow deputies and a Pitbull mix charged him. Deputy Edwards tased the dog. The dog began foaming at the mouth and went berserk, with Deputy Edwards standing nearby, with his taser ready to go again. The dog was crazy and bouncing all over the walls of the house and eventually ran outside.

In January we received several new trainees and our Training Officers are ready for them.

Welcome, Ronald Carter and Uriel Cruz from East Facility; Russell Deloof, Jason Goedecke, Daniel Gore and Sylvester Hardison II from South Facility; Aaron Tanner from Mira Loma Facility; Mohamed Ahmed from Twin Towers Facility and Joshua Epstein and Javier Munoz from North County Correctional Facility. We are losing Reuben Acosta, Lawrence Lynch II, Scott McMahon to Mira Loma Facility; Daniel Bigelow to Santa Clarita Station and Michael Yost to Cops Bureau.

This month Lieutenant Stefanie Fredericks transferred to IAB, Lieutenant Brian Smith transferred to County Services Bureau, Sergeant Don Rubio transferred to Parks Bureau, Steve Long and Christian Mayhew transferred to County Services Bureau and Michael Willoughby transferred to Personnel Administration. Lieutenant Edward Raulston from Palmdale Station and Lieutenant Joanne Sharp from Custody Division Headquarters joined us, along with Joseph Fender from Operation Safe Streets Bureau, Mark Machanic from Palmdale Station, Michael Rafter from Training Bureau, Justin Diez from OSS Bureau, Robert Rush from Mira Loma Facility and Paul Pfrehm from South Facility. ☆

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Greetings from the sunny side of the County.

WRIST SLAP

Law Enforcement Technician Sharona Kay rapped my knuckles for failing to mention a few things over the past couple of months. So, with head hung low, here they are:

Sharona had a baby girl ("Mia"). Deputy Sandra (Franco) Corral had a baby girl too ("Isabella"). And Law Enforcement Technician Heather Fuquay and her husband bought their first house.

MEET AND GREET

Our new Captain broke bread with some of the PM folks. Pictured left to right: Sergeant Derik Sabatini, Captain Joe Stephen, Deputies Matt Lewis, Joe Covarrubias and Yoav Shalev. The Captain enjoyed himself so much that he has formed a committee to make the site a proper barbeque area. A couple of the ideas include an overhead for shade, and a built-in barbeque.



THAT IS SOME CAR YOU HAVE THERE

Deputy Jeff Slutski snapped a photograph of his partner, Angela Theodorou, whilst she tried out a prospective new car. Looks good.

AWARD TIME

Detective Tim Cooley was honored by the City of Calabasas as the Detective of the year. Great job, Tim, and congratulations on the recognition of your tireless efforts. That is Tim on the right posing with his partner, Detective Steve Colitti.

INS AND OUTS

Welcome to Lieutenant Tracy DeMello, Sergeants Bela Denkinger, Mark Bock and Vivian May. A sad farewell to Sergeants Tom Hill, Greg Evans and to promoted-to-Sergeant Stephanie ShROUT.

That's all I got. ☆



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