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Trustees Monthly Meeting

The regular meeting of the Sheriffs' Relief Association convened on Thursday, December 12, 2013, at 11515 Colima Road, Whittier. The following officers and trustees were present: Andrew Thompson, President; John McBride, Vice President; Josie Woolum, Secretary-Treasurer; Trustees Kerry Carter, Joseph Fennell, Jake Katz, Richard Maradiaga, Raymond Peavy and Ralph Webb; Robert Ciulik, General Manager; and Carrol Leonard, Assistant General Manager.

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. A motion was made by Trustee McBride, seconded by Trustee Maradiaga and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2013, meeting, and the October Foundation expenditures.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

From Mrs Sylvia Garcia, "God bless the Sher-

iffs' Relief, thank you for your assistance when my husband Ruben passed away."

BENEVOLENT REPORT

MORTUARY BENEFITS PAID DURING NOVEMBER: \$48,500

MORTUARY BENEFITS PAID YEAR TO DATE: \$806,449

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

A total of 24 new membership applications were received during the month of November. A motion was made by Trustee Maradiaga, seconded by Trustee Carter and unanimously carried, to accept the following new members:

Francisco J. Aguirre, Jose R. Avila, Alejandrina A. Baird, Kelley N. Barnes, Anita M. Borja, Claudine Caceres, Jesus M. Carmona, Ernestina J. Castro, Melinda M. Contreras, Adriana Guerreo, Andre F. Hernandez, Sune Kitsiricharoenchai, Stephen C. LaRicca II, Angelo R. Linao, Rajah Rapheal

Lomingkit, Neelu Malhotra, Chad J. Micek, April N. Nicholson, Martha L. Nieto, Humberto Olmedo Jr., Corazon D. Pasqual, Collin Sam, Rodney Twigg and Lynda A. Waycott-Davis.

We had 3 deaths of active members, 3 deaths of retired members, 5 cancellations of active memberships and 3 cancellations of retired memberships.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Assistant General Manager Carrol Leonard advised the Board that members are now able to buy most amusement park tickets from our website, receiving our discounts.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:20 p.m., the meeting of the Sheriffs' Relief Association, Sheriffs' Relief Foundation and Sheriffs' Relief Services, Inc. was adjourned. ☆



Retired Deputies

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On December 4, 2013, the Hi-Desert Retirees got together at *Carrows Restaurant* in Hesperia on I Avenue and Main Street at 11 a.m. Those gathering together were Richard and Lue Obney, Ed Ballenger, Beth Combs, Bill and Marie Eden, and Edward and Shirley Sznaper. They exchanged Christmas tree ornaments and ate. Their next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 5, at 11 a.m., since the first Wednesday in January was New Year's Day. Hope to see you in February. Everyone is welcome.

On December 4, the Marshal's Old Timers luncheon was held at the *Northwoods Inn* in La Mirada. The turnout was very good for the last one of the year. Those in attendance included: Rich Duran, Sam "Buford" Combes, Roger DeHaan, John Matarazzo, John Davis,

Al Blomker, Jack Snyder, Cliff Hartfield, Rosie Banuelos, David Gonzales, Eugene "Swanee" Swanston, Steve Jimenez, Leslie Taylor, Dave Grijalva and Al Barnett. Thanks to Richard Duran for getting the names of those in attendance, as I was unable to attend. You will find this year's (2014) schedule of luncheons in the *Star News* and *Star & Shield*. — Terry

On December 9, RELAC RVers got together at *Hokkaido Seafood Buffet* Japanese restaurant in Long Beach for their Christmas luncheon. Those attending were Gil and Eloise Cardiel, Ken and Janet Cerato, Ed Clifton, William and Melba Dibble, Don and Shirley Egbert, Max and Dulcy Georgi, William and Janice Hayhurst, Jeanne Klauk and her mother, Paul and Stinne Ladefoged, Al and Diana Medina, Norman and Chickee Nelson, Joe and Helen

Quintana, Mike and Veronica Reyes, Bob and Linda Reyes, Georgia Rutherford, Leon and Dian Stegall, and Mary Rodriquez from RELAC. A lady from CASA L.A. came to pick up the toy gifts that we brought for the children they help. These are children that are in the court system for numerous reasons.

On December 14, the Sunshine Rollers got together for their Christmas luncheon at the Green River Country Club in Corona. Tom and Pat Jones hosted the gathering this month. There were 28 of us present: Dick and Marcia Cooper, Manual and Sonja Cruz, Art and Joy DeGroots, Bud and Ginger Doan, Carol Engle, Ray and Annie Esquerra, Bob and Glenda Hamburg, Ray and Sandy Hoyal, Lou and Mary Jo Mullady,

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Norman and Chickee Nelson, Gil Sherwood, Rick and Sandy Spence, Claude and Dolores Waddle, Rae Holtzendorff, and Gloria Griskevitch. We had chicken, potatoes, vegetables and several different delicious desserts. We all had a great time laughing and talking.

On December 18, the Las Vegas Retirees' got together for their monthly luncheon at the *Blue Ox* on Sahara. Nice turnout for this month as there were 18 retirees. Those attending: Hershel Aron, David Galceran, Dick Wallace, Ray and Love Casanova Walker, Gary Olson, Gary Gray, Gary Griffith, Jim Ellison, Ron Baltierra, Bob Kuczera, John Essery, Mary Seaton, Doris Gainer, Norman and Chickee Nelson, Joan Raber, Tony Silas and John Hooge. We had the back room to ourselves and ordered from two menus. There was a lot of chattering and talking going on. Normally I can get a lot of gossip, but this time there wasn't much. Tony Silas retired in 1984. That is going on 30 years. Hooray, Tony! It was great to see Joan at the luncheon and hopefully she continues to join us. More gossip next time! If you are in the Las Vegas area the third Wednesday of the month, drop on in at the *Blue Ox* and join us for lunch at noon. Everyone is welcome.

On December 18, the Antelope Valley Retired Deputies quarterly luncheon was held at the Palmdale *Sizzler* restaurant. Although the day was overcast with gray clouds and a prediction that there was a possibility of light showers, 27 retirees and their spouses or guests attended the luncheon. Everyone had a good time reminiscing and conversing, mostly of the years gone by and the good times we had while working. As expected, some conversations were held regarding our various aches and pains, and what was being done to overcome them. Some of us agreed that there just wasn't much more that could be done, so we Band-Aid the problems and go on with life. Vance Kirkpatrick gave an update on retired A.V. Sergeant Vince Bogdanich, who now resides in Ventura, and his wife Joan, who has been ailing. I presented an update on A.V. retired Deputy Jack Larkins, who now resides in Temecula. Jack has been in Temecula Valley Hospital for a few days, receiving treatment for some minor injuries that he sustained in a fall. Jack feels OK; however, he has developed a blood pressure problem that the doctors are working on. Attending the luncheon were: Bob and Gloria Bullard, Ron and Sandi Oest, Scott and Mae Budge, Bill and Kay Strait, Vance and Juanita Kirkpatrick, Ron and Charlotte Nybakken, Al and LuAnn Shoomliansky, Pat and Rosemary

Hood, Gil Sherwood, Carol Engle, John Sylvies, Bob Flores, Mike Rice, Keith Hoyt, Glenn Hutchinson, and me, Carlos, and Bette Valdez. Also attending were Pat and Nancy Burke from Florida via Las Vegas, where they own a condo.

The A.V. Retired Deputies monthly breakfast is held on the last Friday of every month. Any retired member of the Sheriff's Department is welcome to attend. My wife and I wish for all of our fellow members of the L.A. County Sheriff's Department, active or retired, a safe and healthy New Year. — Carlos

On December 18, the following two groups had lunch at the *Pepper Tree* in Glendora, California. IRC: Harold Baldwin-2007, Tom Zeller-2007, Anthony Deleon-2008, Ignacio Mora-2008, James Goodrich-2008, Fred Jordan-2006, Earl Otoide-2011, Bob Turner-2012, Richard Brodka-2011, Ronald Camp (OSJ)-2009, Randy Bass-2009, Dan Salvatore-2009, Pete Farino-2008, Max Hartwell-2012. Temple Sheriff's Station: Dave Kading-1985, Barry McCrummen-2003, Mike Valdez-2003, Mike O'Rourke-2000, Richard Rice-1987, Pete Loomis-2000, Jim Solar-1989, Morgan Lewis-1985, Richard-1992 and Judy Smith-1983. — Richard A. Smith Sr.

December 27 was a nice clear day in the Antelope Valley with a mild briskness in the morning air, and the temperature a comfortable 30 degrees. Right after breakfast my eldest son Eric and I left for a visit with my brother Mike in Covina. I don't know what the daytime temperature was for the A.V., but in Covina it was a hot 80 degrees. This is winter? The Antelope Valley retirees met at Lancaster's *Carrows Restaurant* for the monthly breakfast. As usual, conversations were varied and covered an assortment of subjects. Dennis Papp said that he is still sorting out over a thousand photos that he took during his two-month sojourn to various sites in Alaska. I am anxious to see some of these photos. Mary McKain said that she just recently finished removing the many, many Halloween decorations she posted around her home for the Halloween party that she is becoming famous for. Aside from all of the decorations, Mary has delicious catered food and a live band, along with a best costume contest. Attending the breakfast were: Glenn Hutchinson, Tom Ewens, John Aments, John Sylvies, Dennis Papp, Roy Sylvies, Ron Shreves, Marvin Jones, Vance Kirkpatrick, Mary McKain, Keith Hoyt and me, Carlos Valdez. Also attending for the first time was retired CHP Officer Scott Weldy. The A.V. breakfasts are held on the last Friday of every month at *Carrows*

Restaurant in Lancaster. For information, please contact Carlos Valdez at Valdez5150@msn.com. My wife Bette and I wish all of you a very happy and safe New Year. — Carlos

On November 29, TST the Old Road Warriors met at *Joe's Crab Shack* located in Rancho Cucamonga.

We chose to meet this late in the month, in order for long-time retiree Jerry Boswell, who was visiting from his home in Prescott, Arizona, to join us. As you know, this was the day after Thanksgiving and the last thing on our minds was having any kind of fowl on the bill of fare, so seafood was a welcome change of pace. Since this was a day off for some of our wives, we were joined by my wife, Debbie, Herman Cortez's wife, Colleen, and her friend Desiree Olivas. We were also happy to have Jim Wetzel, Bill Jackson, Mike Guidos, Glen Kovacovich and Herb Wilimsen pay us a rare visit. Ken Rosa, who also resides now in Arizona, took time out from a family visit to join us. Our more regular attendees who made up the rest of our happy group were: John Contreas, Steve Allen, Fred Smith, Herman Cortez and your humble servant, Joe Jimenez. The day's weather was wet and cold, but the comradeship bright and warm, and we regaled each other with stories of past antics and as usual we compared life's experiences. So until next time, be well, be happy and be careful. — Joe

SCV Area Retirees' luncheons: Although we hold these luncheons in the Santa Clarita Valley, they are not solely for former SCV personnel; our luncheons are open to all LASD retirees. Luncheons are all held quarterly on the second Thursday of the month at 1130 hours at the same location: TPC at Valencia Country Club, 26550 Heritage Lane, Valencia, California 91381. Luncheon dates for 2014: February 13, May 8, August 14, and November 13. Luncheon announcements will appear on Moon's site. — Jeff Springs, acousticcaptain@gmail.com

Enjoy your life, it is the only one you are going to have. Signing off, Chickee and Don ☆



By Matthew Bossier
Altadena Station

Greetings from Altadena Station. Another year has come and gone in what feels like the blink of an eye. Here at Altadena Station, December is traditionally a very busy month within the Station and communities we serve, but let's begin with mentioning the recipients of annual awards given out to Station personnel. Congratulations to the following individuals for their accomplishments in the past year: Michelle Philippi, Detective of the Year; Efren Contreras, Deputy of the Year; and Tami Francis, Professional Staff Person of the Year. To all the award recipients, thanks for all you do, and may you have continued success in your careers!



countless number of Station and community volunteers who gave their time and patience to assist our local families in need. The event was planned exceptionally well and flawlessly run. Thank you to all who participated in any capacity.

Leading up to the food and toy drive, the Station received many visitors from the community who donated items for the drive. In addition to items dropped off at the Station, the communities of La Vina and President Streets and Palm Avenue are instrumental in ensuring we have enough food and toy items to give away. On

Saturday, December 7, despite a day of inclement weather, these brave residents made their way to various drop-off locations within their communities to drop off items for donation, and to show their support for a very worthy cause. Thank you!

On Friday, December 13, Altadena Station held its annual holiday party. Once again, a great time was had by all who attended. We may be a small station, but we support each

other and the turnout for the holiday party was amazing. Thanks to everyone who attended, and to East Patrol Division Chief James Lopez, who stopped by to say a few words and wish us a prosperous 2014! And of course, last but not least, Altadena Station recently said goodbye to three exceptional people who moved on to other assignments. Sergeant Carmen Arballo recently transferred to Sheriff's Headquarters Bureau, Sergeant Edmund "Eddie" Eftychiou to Personnel Administration/Recruitment, and newly promoted Sergeant Marc Mrakich to Palmdale Station. Good luck, you will be missed. Till next time! ☆



2013 Medal of Valor AWARDS

The annual Valor Awards Ceremony and Luncheon, held on Tuesday, October 29, 2013, at the *Quiet Cannon* in Montebello, honored the heroic actions of 30 brave men and women of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. ABC7 Eyewitness News traffic reporter Alysha Del Valle, the guest narrator, joined Sheriff Lee Baca and a crowd of over 500 Department personnel and their guests in recognizing our heroes. We wish to thank our sponsors, Galpin Motors and the Commerce Casino, for their generosity and for making the ceremony a truly momentous occasion for everyone in attendance.

them with their flashlights. The gang members immediately separated in all directions and effectively surrounded the deputies on three sides. Before the deputies could exit their vehicle, they saw multiple suspects retrieve handguns from their waistbands while the others ran for cover.

Approximately four suspects instantly fired at the deputies from multiple directions. Deputy Magos was struck in the abdomen with a .40-caliber bullet. Deputy Arevalo exited the rear passenger door but was forced to immediately dive back onto the rear seat for cover. He was showered with flying glass and debris caused by multiple bullet strikes to the vehicle. Deputy Roth returned fire at the suspects North of them, while Deputy Magos fired through the windshield at another suspect in front of their vehicle. A suspect who had taken cover behind a parked car on the South side of the street also fired at the deputies.

The situation was rapidly deteriorating around them. The deputies were trapped inside their vehicle and under a barrage of gunfire. Deputy Magos shouted several times that he was hit by gunfire and noticed Deputy Roth was attempting to clear a stovepipe jam from his .45 caliber pistol. Demonstrating extraordinary courage and in an attempt to save all of their lives, Deputy Magos leaned across and over the top of Deputy Roth and fired several rounds at the suspect North of them in an aggressive attempt to shield Deputy Roth from gunfire. This fearless act prevented the assailants from advancing on the vehicle and protected Deputy Roth long enough for him to clear his weapon. Deputy Roth then re-engaged the suspects as Deputy Magos turned his attention back to the suspect on the South side of the street, who was now crouched behind a parked vehicle.

Deputy Roth shouted at Deputy Magos to "floor it" to escape the kill zone. Deputy Magos feared Deputy Arevalo lay wounded or killed in the back

seat of the radio car and was going to drive a short but safe distance to check on him. As they sped away, the suspects continued to fire at them, striking the vehicle again multiple times.

When they reached the corner of 81st Street and Zamora Avenue, they realized Deputy Arevalo had not been hit. They got out of their vehicle, took cover and scanned the area for the suspects. The gang members suddenly charged toward them on foot, and all three deputies fired at the suspects, sending them into hiding once again. At that time Deputy Arevalo's firearm jammed.

Deputy Roth stood guard over the injured Deputy Magos as Deputy Arevalo covered them both, having cleared his weapon. Arevalo then requested assistance and advised they had just been involved in a shooting and a deputy was hit. Responding deputies and paramedics arrived, and Magos was transported to a local hospital, where he underwent emergency surgery and survived.

A search of the area resulted in the arrest of four suspects and recovery of their handguns. One suspect suffered a grazing wound to his head. The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office charged the suspects with attempted murder on a police officer.

Throughout the gun battle, these deputies' actions were selfless and nothing short of heroic. Their combined efforts and will to survive resulted in the preservation of their own lives and the lives of their partners. For their tremendous courage in the face of immediate life-threatening peril, with full knowledge of the risk involved, Deputy Armando Arevalo, Deputy Gerardo Magos and Deputy Grant Roth were awarded the Department's highest honor, the Medal of Valor.



Deputy **ARMANDO J. AREVALO**
Deputy **GERARDO MAGOS**
Deputy **GRANT E. ROTH**
MEDAL OF VALOR

On the evening of November 16, 2012, Deputies Arevalo, Magos and Roth, assigned to the Operation Safe Streets Bureau, were patrolling the Florence/Firestone area of Los Angeles in an effort to contact members of the 76 East Coast Crip gang. Deputy Magos was driving an unmarked Ford Crown Victoria, with Deputies Roth and Arevalo seated in the front and back seats.

As they drove westbound on 81st Street, the deputies noticed a group of five to seven male gang members walking near the corner of Parmelee Avenue. Deputy Magos stopped the vehicle a short distance away from them. The deputies opened their vehicle doors to contact the group and illuminated

Deputy **TAI PLUNKETT**
MEDAL OF VALOR

On November 21, 2012, Deputy Plunkett, assigned to Crescenta Valley Station, was off duty and refueling his car at a gas station in the city of Burbank when he saw a man and woman arguing in a nearby parking lot while in the presence of two minor children. When he glanced over at the couple again, he saw the man attacking the female with a large knife. He could also see that the children were attempting to stop the attack, placing themselves in great danger.

Deputy Plunkett was not armed and did not have the option of stopping the assault with a firearm, nor did he have time to call 911, as the woman would likely have been killed before he could make the call.

Knowing that mere seconds could mean the difference between life and death, Deputy Plunkett shouted at the suspect that he was a deputy sheriff and ordered him to stop his attack. The suspect looked at Deputy Plunkett but continued to stab the victim several more times. Disregarding his own safety, Deputy Plunkett approached the suspect and kicked him several times in the head, knocking him to the ground and ending the attack.

Deputy Plunkett then restrained the suspect using control holds as the suspect started to resist. A Good Samaritan who had been watching the incident assisted Deputy Plunkett by striking the suspect in the head with a pipe wrench. Another off-duty deputy who recognized Plunkett approached and assisted in restraining the suspect until the arrival of Burbank police officers.

The victim involved in this incident suffered over 20 stab wounds and cuts and was transported to a local hospital, where she was expected to make a full recovery. The children were not harmed.

For displaying great bravery above and beyond the call of duty and placing himself in an immediate life-threatening situation to save the life of a woman being violently attacked, Deputy Tai Plunkett was awarded the Department's highest honor, the Medal of Valor.

Reserve Deputy **NAGAPET N. BOYADJIAN**
MEDAL OF VALOR

On the afternoon of May 29, 2012, Reserve Deputy Boyadjian, assigned to the Weapons Training Company, was off duty and in a jewelry store in Los Angeles when two armed, masked suspects entered the store. One of the suspects grabbed an unarmed security guard who was standing near the entrance, placed him in a rear chokehold, and pushed his handgun into his ribcage. The security officer began to struggle in an attempt to escape the suspect's grasp.

Reserve Deputy Boyadjian saw the commotion and immediately knew an armed robbery was in progress. As the guard and suspect continued to struggle, Reserve Boyadjian sensed the noncompliant guard was on the verge of being shot. Placing his own life at risk, he quickly retrieved his off-duty handgun and advanced on the suspects, who were concentrating their efforts on the struggling guard. He ordered the suspects to stop, but they ignored him.

Fearing for the guard's life, Reserve Deputy Boyadjian fired one round from his handgun into one suspect's lower back, which was the biggest target that presented itself during the fight. The suspect

immediately released his hold on the security guard, ran out the door along with the other suspect, and dropped his gun as he reeled in pain.

Reserve Deputy Boyadjian ordered security personnel in the area to handcuff the wounded suspect and monitor the handgun that had been dropped. The second suspect fled in a waiting car driven by a third suspect.

LAPD Robbery/Homicide detectives handled this case. It is their belief that had Reserve Boyadjian not intervened, the security guard would likely have been shot and possibly killed. With one suspect in custody, they were able to gather enough information to arrest the other two suspects involved in the crime.

For placing himself in immediate life-threatening peril by aggressively defending the life of a man who was engaged in a life-and-death struggle with two armed and violent suspects, Reserve Deputy Nagapet Boyadjian was awarded the Department's highest honor, the Medal of Valor.

Deputy **JENNA M. UNDERWOOD-NUNEZ**

MERITORIOUS CONDUCT MEDAL, GOLD

In the late afternoon of Saturday, April 27, 2013, Deputy Underwood-Nunez, assigned to the Century Regional Detention Facility, was off duty and dining with her family in the Silverwood Lake campground area of San Bernardino County when she suddenly heard someone screaming for help. She looked toward the water and saw an individual splashing approximately 100 yards into the lake and quickly realized someone was drowning.

Fearing the victim would drown if she did not act immediately, Deputy Underwood-Nunez, who was six months pregnant at the time, immediately ran toward the lake. Fully clothed, she dove into the water and swam toward the victim, only to find that the individual screaming for help was the brother of the actual drowning victim. The true victim, a 17-year-old male, was already fully submerged in approximately 15 feet of water, and no longer breathing, at the bottom of the lake bed.

Placing herself and her unborn child at great risk, Deputy Underwood-Nunez dove to the lake bottom and boldly searched the murky water for the victim. She miraculously located him and began to pull him to the surface but, because he

was so heavy, thought she herself might not make it to the surface.

Once they surfaced, Deputy Underwood-Nunez realized she would not be able to make it to shore with the victim in tow. A man in a small inflatable boat saw the commotion and assisted Deputy Underwood-Nunez in dragging the victim's lifeless body to the shore, where she immediately began lifesaving measures to restore his breathing. After approximately four cycles of CPR, the victim regained consciousness and was airlifted to a local hospital, where he was listed in stable condition.

Thanks to the heroic actions of Deputy Underwood-Nunez, the victim, a 17-year-old high school student, was expected to make a full recovery and graduate from high school in June 2013.

For displaying great bravery above and beyond the call of duty, and placing herself and the life of her baby in immediate life-threatening peril, Deputy Jenna Underwood-Nunez was awarded the Meritorious Conduct Medal, Gold.

Reserve Deputy **JASON L. JOHNSON**
MERITORIOUS CONDUCT MEDAL, GOLD

Deputy **THOMAS J. BOGDAN**
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LIFESAVING AWARD

Volunteer **STEVEN E. CRONKHITE**
SHERIFF'S STAR SCROLL

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On March 25, 2012, Mrs. Tracy Granger of Juniper Hills, California, was driving on the Angeles Forest Highway during a snowstorm when she lost control of her vehicle near mile marker 10.47. Her vehicle slid off the roadway and down a 350-degree snow-covered embankment. Due to the rugged terrain and weather conditions, Mrs. Granger went unnoticed and lay critically injured at the bottom of the ravine. The next day her husband reported her missing and Palmdale Station personnel initiated an investigation and requested the assistance of Crescenta Valley Station personnel, including Montrose Search and Rescue Team members.

The following day a systematic search of both the Angeles Crest Highway and Angeles Forest Highway began. Over the next several hours, 100 miles of roadway were searched by both land and air.

At approximately 9:30 a.m., Reserve Deputy Johnson spotted tire marks in the snow on the right shoulder of Angeles Forest Highway. He checked the area for any signs of the victim or her vehicle, described as a white pickup truck. Because of a recent snowstorm and the white vehicle, the task was particularly difficult. Reserve Deputy Johnson eventually spotted the pickup at the bottom of the canyon and immediately radioed his discovery.

Fearing for Mrs. Granger's medical condition after being involved in a horrific traffic accident and being exposed to the elements for more than 12 hours, Reserve Deputy Johnson hurriedly descended the rugged snow-covered hillside with his medical bag and without supporting lines. He successfully negotiated a path to the bottom of the canyon and located Mrs. Granger lying outside her vehicle in the snow in extremely critical condition. He was able to detect a very faint pulse and immediately began administering emergency first aid.

A few moments later, Sergeant Slater and Reserve Deputies Moyneur and Sheedy arrived on the scene. With additional lifesaving equipment, they too descended the steep terrain without a support line and provided additional emergency medical treatment to Mrs. Granger.

Approximately five minutes later, Air Rescue 5 arrived and Pilot Deputies Bogdan and Osborne safely navigated the helicopter into the rugged canyon. The crew chief, Deputy Airhart, lowered paramedic Deputies River and Desmarreau down to the crash scene via hoist. Reserve members Daniels, Kogler and Godde, supported by Sergeant Gallo and Deputies Martin, Diana, Burt and Volunteer Cronkhite, also arrived on scene. They worked together as a team to set up a truck-mounted winch cable to prepare for an over-the-side hoist rescue as a backup plan in the event Air 5 could not perform the rescue due to the inclement weather conditions.

Approximately 10 minutes later, the Air 5 pilots decided that an air rescue was necessary due to the



victim's critical injuries. They safely maneuvered the helicopter into the canyon, and Mrs. Granger was ultimately airlifted and transported to Huntington Hospital. According to hospital personnel, the victim had flatlined three times but survived due to the heroic actions of her rescuers.

For their lifesaving efforts, Sergeants Paul Gallo and Mark Slater, Deputies Mark Desmarreau, Darrel Airhart, Rodger Burt, Frank Diana, Jeffrey Martin and Tracy River, and Reserve Deputies Lynda Daniels, Jeff Godde, and Frederick Kogler were awarded the Lifesaving Medal; Volunteer Steven Cronkhite was awarded the Sheriff's Star Scroll.

For placing themselves in potential peril to save the life of another, Deputies Thomas Bogdan and Scott Osborne, and Reserve Deputies Cynthia Moyneur and Robert Sheedy were awarded the Meritorious Conduct Medal, Silver.

For placing himself in immediate peril to save the life of another, with full knowledge of the risk involved, Reserve Deputy Jason Johnson was awarded the Meritorious Conduct Medal, Gold.

Deputy GAMIELLE K. MARSHALL
MERITORIOUS CONDUCT MEDAL, GOLD

Deputy VICTOR T. SOLIS
MERITORIOUS CONDUCT MEDAL, SILVER

On August 11, 2012, at noon, Lakewood Station personnel received a call of a structure fire in the 9500 block of Rose Street in Bellflower. They were also advised that the burning single-family residence was occupied.

Deputies Solis and Marshall were the first to arrive at the scene. They instantly noticed dense black smoke rising from the back of the house and flames shooting out from under the eaves of the roof. They heard a male voice calling out for help from inside the burning residence. They looked

through a living room window and saw an elderly man seated on a chair just a few feet from the front door. Deputies Solis and Marshall shouted at the man to open the front door. He explained that he could not because he was paralyzed. To make matters worse, the deputies saw that the entire structure was fortified with security bars, making entry into the home nearly impossible.

The fire spread quickly as toxic fumes and black smoke began to fill the interior of the home. The situation became even more intense when Deputies Solis and Marshall learned from a neighbor that an elderly female may also have been trapped inside the house.

The deputies requested breaching tools and tried to force the security door and window open with their bare hands. Both deputies knew the victim's only chance of survival hinged on their ability to gain immediate entry into the home. Unable to get through the front door, they ran to the North door, where they saw the garage door literally melting due to the intensity of the heat.

Deputy Marshall returned to the front door while Deputy Solis ran to the South side of the house. Deputy Solis pulled back the security window on his second attempt by bracing his legs against the stucco wall for leverage. When he pushed the window aside, a wave of intense heat and toxic black smoke enveloped him. Feeling a burning sensation to his face and in his lungs, Deputy Solis became ill due to the intensity and level of physical assertion required to remove the security window.

Deputy Solis was unable gain entry through the window, but he refused to give up and ran to the front of the house to find another way in.

During this time, another deputy arrived at the location with breach tools, and he and Deputy Marshall worked feverishly to breach the security door. Deputy Marshall hit the door with all his strength, but the door would not budge. They eventually rammed the door until one of the locks broke off.

Unbeknownst to the deputies, smoke had partially cleared from the South bedroom where Deputy Solis earlier created an opening. This allowed a Good Samaritan to climb into the house. The Good Samaritan ran to the front door and tried to open it, but it was stuck. He then ran to the North door, where the raging fire was spreading, and was able to open it. Deputy Marshall ran into the house and disappeared behind a curtain of black smoke. He quickly located the elderly resident and emerged from behind the smoke with the elderly man hoisted over his shoulder. Deputy Marshall attempted to go back inside to look for a second victim when firefighters arrived, continued the rescue mission, and determined the house was clear of other occupants.

Both Deputies Solis and Marshall were hospitalized overnight for smoke inhalation.

Fortunately, no one else sustained injuries as a result of this incident.

For placing themselves at grave risk to save the life of a paralyzed, elderly man who surely would have perished in the fire without their intervention, Deputy Victor Solis was awarded the Meritorious Conduct Medal, Silver and Deputy Gamielle Marshall was awarded the Meritorious Conduct Medal, Gold.



Sergeant **CHRISTOPHER L. JOHNSON**
Sergeant **ROBERT G. MAYBURY**
Deputy **BRENT D. DEL VALLE**
MERITORIOUS CONDUCT MEDAL, GOLD

On November 29, 2011, at approximately 3:30 a.m., Sergeant Johnson, Sergeant Maybury and Deputy Del Valle, assigned to Norwalk Station, received a “suicidal person armed with a gun” call. As they drove to the location, the call was updated to indicate the suicidal person had just fired his weapon.

Responding units rushed to the intersection of Dune and Elmcroft Avenues, approximately two blocks away from the location, to determine if less-lethal options could be used. The call was updated again, indicating the suspect had left the location without his weapon and was headed toward Lakeside Park. Based on this information, Sergeant Maybury and Deputy Del Valle quickly established a containment.

As the sergeants and deputy drove toward the location, they saw a man matching the description of the suspect run into the middle of the street carrying a bottle of liquor in one hand and a semiautomatic handgun in the other. The suspect, who had his gun down at his side, immediately began challenging Maybury, Johnson and Del Valle to kill him. They shouted at the suspect to put his gun on the ground, but the suspect continued to yell and demand that they kill him, at one point getting down on his hands and knees, pointing at his forehead, and telling the deputy and sergeants to shoot him.

The suspect suddenly got back on his feet, and

Sergeant Maybury and Deputy Del Valle immediately took cover behind their patrol vehicle’s open car doors as Sergeant Johnson took cover by his Chevy Tahoe. The suspect pointed his gun at them and fired a shot, striking the Tahoe. Knowing that inaction could result in injury or death to either themselves or their fellow deputies, they returned fire and struck the suspect, who fell to the ground and dropped his handgun.

They immediately formulated a plan to use less lethal means to arrest the suspect, who continued to be uncooperative as the deputy and sergeants approached him. They pulled the suspect out of the street and behind the cover of an SUV, as they did not know if additional suspects were still inside the location.

The suspect was handcuffed and Sergeants Maybury and Johnson, along with additional deputies, cleared the location. The suspect’s handgun, a Smith & Wesson 9 mm semi-automatic, was recovered at the scene.

Sergeants Maybury and Johnson and Deputy Del Valle demonstrated a high degree of discipline and tactical excellence during this incident by exhausting all options prior to using deadly force. For their exceptional bravery and placing themselves in immediate life-threatening peril by engaging an armed and dangerous suspect, Sergeant Robert Maybury, Sergeant Christopher Johnson and Deputy Brent Del Valle were awarded the Meritorious Conduct Medal, Gold.

Lieutenant **DAVID J. THOMPSON**
Deputy **JILL R. GREENWOOD**
MERITORIOUS CONDUCT MEDAL, SILVER

On July 27, 2012, a man kidnapped his estranged wife at gunpoint from her place of employment in the city of Malibu and forced her into her vehicle. In a violent rage, the suspect accused his wife of sleeping with a co-worker and said he would kill her, her boyfriend and himself before going to prison. The suspect held his wife at gunpoint while committing a violent sexual assault.

Malibu/Lost Hills Station detectives interviewed the victim, who detailed the suspect’s violent past and said he owned a semiautomatic handgun and never left his home without it. She was fearful the suspect would kill her, her children and her co-worker. Her statements painted a picture of a dangerous, disturbed and violent man.

Realizing the suspect was an immediate and

imminent threat to the victim and the community as a whole, detectives quickly orchestrated a detailed plan to apprehend the suspect. They coordinated a pretext telephone call between the victim and suspect, and the suspect agreed to meet the victim at a local restaurant.

Undercover detectives were in a position of surveillance and intended to swiftly apprehend the suspect as he walked toward the restaurant. Lieutenant Thompson and Deputy Greenwood posed as patrons inside the restaurant to assist in positively identifying the suspect as he approached.

Suspicious the police were present and waiting for him, the suspect, who did not look anything like his recent booking photo, used his familiarity with the restaurant to make it inside without being seen. However, one of the undercover detectives was convinced he was their man, as he appeared to be holding down his shirt to conceal a firearm. The detective immediately alerted Thompson and Greenwood of his observation.

Lieutenant Thompson and Deputy Greenwood positioned themselves between the suspect and innocent bystanders, and watched as the suspect walked around for a short time. He then exited the building and they followed him outside.

The suspect appeared to be very nervous and agitated. When he positioned himself in front of pedestrians, including children, and appeared to identify Lieutenant Thompson and Deputy Greenwood as peace officers, he reached for a concealed weapon in his waistband. Due to the suspect’s position, lethal force was not an option. Demonstrating extraordinary courage and exceptional officer safety tactics, the detectives, without regard for their own safety, placed themselves directly in the line of fire to protect the public and attempted to distract the suspect. The suspect suddenly reached for his weapon, and they grabbed him before he could retrieve it. As they controlled his arms, Lieutenant Thompson was able to remove the weapon from the suspect’s grasp.

A subsequent search of the suspect netted chilling evidence of his ominous plan. Concealed on his person was a loaded handgun, 63 rounds of ammunition and a suicide/farewell note to his parents. He later admitted he had identified the two detectives as police officers.

By placing themselves in harm’s way to protect innocent children and physically confronting an obviously armed and dangerous suspect, the selfless, heroic acts of the detectives averted an extensive and tragic loss of life. For their selfless courage in apprehending a man intent on ending the lives of numerous innocent victims, Lieutenant David Thompson and Deputy Jill Greenwood were awarded the Meritorious Conduct Medal, Silver. ☆



By Christine Ostrander
Norwalk Station

To begin, I want to thank Sergeant Jodi Hutak and Commander Patrick Maxwell for working the field with us on Christmas Day. We were privileged to have Commander Maxwell working 43K3 alongside us and Sergeant Jodi Hutak working as 40S. Commander Maxwell is a veteran out here in Norwalk and it just wouldn't seem like Christmas if he wasn't 10-8 with us. We always love having guests 10-8 with us, though, and we had a lot of fun with Sergeant Hutak. You're always welcome back whenever the opportunity arises!

Of course, I would be remiss in my duties if I neglected to mention Captain Jensen's contribution to the holidays. Captain Jensen went above and beyond this year and worked two shifts for the holiday. Not only did he work PM Shift on Christmas Eve, he stayed over and made it a double by working EM Shift on Christmas morning! That's dedication!

HERO OF THE MONTH

Day Shift on Christmas started out so well. Deputy Pogodayev and I responded to a typical 459A and after determining that the ground floor was secure, we proceeded to clear the upstairs. After clearing the main area, we were joined by Deputy Castellanos and Sergeant Hutak. Pogo and I stepped out to check one final door in an area that was blocked off from the street by a wrought-iron fence and an 8-foot gate with spikes across the top. Unbeknownst to us, Deputy Castellanos and Sergeant Hutak followed us out. Did I mention that Sergeant Hutak was our guest 40S? Well, not being familiar with the area (specifically the location), she didn't realize that we were stepping out onto a gated terrace. She diligently closed the door behind us, then rattled the door to make sure it was closed and locked. I turned in time to hear Deputy Castellanos ask her, "Did you just lock us out?" That's when it hit all of us what had just happened. My first thought was, "Oh crap, we're gonna have to call the fire department to get us out." As it happened, that thought was shared by everyone else present. After examining the gate, we discovered a space between the

ceiling and the spikes about a foot-and-a-half high. Before I could say, "Who has a camera?," Sergeant Hutak had doffed her Sam Browne and was diligently climbing the fence. Did I mention that this fence was made up of vertical rails? After realizing this was not going to work, I began to formulate an escape plan of my own. Knowing there was little hope of escaping with our pride intact, I called Deputy Maldonado, the Great Storyteller. It was either that or call Commander Maxwell; both seem destined to earn us legendary status. We were passing the time with conjectures about how this legend would be told to future generations when Pogo went into Spiderman mode. Without a word, he took off his Sam Browne and scaled the fence. We all watched in horror, terrified that at any moment he could skewer himself, but to our amazement, he climbed the fence, carefully maneuvered over the spikes, and hopped gracefully to the ground without so much as an Olympic salute. Sergeant Hutak handed him his Sam Browne and he went back around the building to let the rest of us out before Deputy Maldonado arrived. Henceforth, in recognition of his agility and strength, Deputy Pogodayev shall be known as "The Spider Monkey," because Spiderman is trademarked.

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2013

I'm glad to report that Captain Jensen's first Norwalk Christmas party was a success! Thanks to the efforts of Sergeant Brian Doyle and Deputy Frank Barragan, this event was well attended and enjoyed by all. Deputy Shawn Barnes also contributed by putting his son Ryan to work creating a video montage of photos taken in and around the Station over the past year. One photo seems to have been inadvertently left out of the montage, though.



So let me fill in a couple of gaps with the following photos:

Deputy Barnes has become such an integral part of the La Mirada City machine that he's been accepted into the ranks of the "Splash A-Team."

Deputy Araujo paid a surprise visit to the 999 for Kids event and participated as the resident "Pig Whisperer."

Deputy Martinez and Deputy Villasenor escorted the Captain to the 999 for Kids event and took advantage of a unique photo op.



Congratulations go out to Pat Unkle, who promoted to sergeant and transferred out to CRDF. (Really, dude? You only had seven more months to get your legendary lawman! Well, I guess you gotta grab the brass ring when it presents itself. Congrats, buddy.) Congratulations also to Deputies Shawn Barnes, Tara Sookying, Dave Contreras and Israel Renteria, who will be promoting sometime in the near future. You have all been integral parts of Norwalk Station and you will be missed. Well done and good luck!

Speaking of sergeants, welcome to Sergeant JJ Navares (assigned to PM Shift) and Sergeant Chastity Phillians (assigned to EM Shift). Congratulations on your escape from custody and welcome to Norwalk Station.

ANGEL TREE

Thanks to those of you who gave to the Angel Tree charity effort sponsored by the city of Norwalk for needy children. Special thanks to CSA Denise Perryman, who coordinates this project every year at Norwalk Station. She collected 60 gift packages from Norwalk Station alone. Without Denise, 60 of us would have missed the opportunity to do something very good for some very deserving children.

Until next time, stay safe and *watch the hands*. ☆





West Hollywood Knights

By Jill Gardner
West Hollywood Station

Greetings from West Hollywood! We hope you all had a safe and fun holiday, and your new year is off to a positive start. We are fresh off our 2013 holiday party which was held at the State Social House on Sunset Boulevard. We had a great turnout, including Sheriff Baca and Assistant Sheriff Hellmold, which was a nice surprise.

The big prize winners were Toni Merlo (flat-screen television) and Rene Gonzalez (50/50 drawing). Congratulations to both of you.



HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

Each year the COPPS team assists Bonnie Smith, from the city of West Hollywood, with the annual toy and clothing drive. This year the city provided 700 needy families with toys, clothing and food. We had so many generous donations this year. Brooklyn Projects skateboard shop made a 15-year-old boy's dream come true. The boy



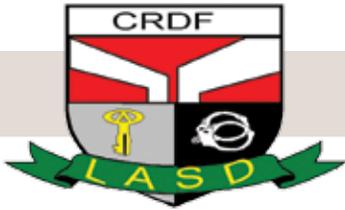
only asked for underwear and socks, but Bonnie learned that his true passion was skateboarding. We stopped by the skate shop to purchase a skateboard and were very surprised by their generosity. We left with a board, extra wheels and a whole new wardrobe for the 15-year-old. A big thank-you to Brooklyn Projects, West Hollywood Station and the city of West Hollywood's Bonnie Smith for making a huge difference in the lives of so many children. I am already looking forward to next year. On a side note, some unknown supervisor(s) were "testing" some of the toys, which met with negative results (see photographs). Thank goodness the mini-cycles don't reach speeds above 1 mile per hour and nobody got hurt!

CELEBRITY CORNER

Once again, Deputy Nisha Shedeve and Deputy Deip Le are photographed at Universal CityWalk rubbing elbows with a celebrity. I'm starting to think they have their own paparazzi! This week, they met country singer Garth Brooks, who posed for a picture with them. I must say he looks a lot like our very own Sergeant Trimarchi.

I would like to wish you and your families a very happy and healthy 2014. Don't forget to book your rooms for Baker to Vegas before they sell out! See you there! ☆





By Andrea Arroyo
Century Regional Detention Facility

Greetings from CRDF! Hopefully everyone had a safe and memorable New Year's Day. It's hard to believe we are in the second month of 2014, so let's begin to make this a fantastic year. We want to take some time to share a few events that occurred during the holiday season.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

This year's CRDF holiday celebration was a successful night that included a photo booth, cigar barista and great music, led by DJ Sergeant Lyndon Dancel, who had us dancing all night. The committee would like to thank those individuals who participated in fundraising to make this a special night. Thank you to the following: Frank Genovese, LaTonya Freeman, Thin Oo, Pamela Woods, Toni Babers and Graciela Perez. We would like to thank our very own head cook, Altha Hines, for taking amazing photos through-

out the night. The grand prize went to Deputy Jenny Trinh, who won \$300 cash, and the second prize win of \$200 went to Mrs. Tanner. In addition, Mrs. Terry Chien from Food Services won lots of prizes and was very happy to have participated in our opportunity drawing. We all had a great time!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

On Tuesday, December 18, CRDF personnel attended the Brooklyn Avenue Early Education Center holiday party with Sheriff Leroy Baca. Along with a visit from Santa Claus, the volunteers also presented toys to the young students. This was such a heartwarming experience for our



personnel because it made the children feel extra special during this holiday season.

Deputy Alicia Williams volunteered at the 999 for Kids Holiday Celebration, which is a festive event for victims of child abuse held at STARS Center. The children were able to participate in activities including train rides, inflatable jumpers and face painting. Deputy Williams said it was truly an amazing experience that had a positive impact on her. She looks forward to volunteering again next year.



The City of Hope Annual Toy Drive was another successful event. Directing this event, Bonus Deputy Robert Thoms, along with CRDF volunteers, collected and delivered gifts to the sick children. With the generosity of everyone, the toy drive continues to run successfully year after year. Bonus Deputy Thoms said making a child smile is the true meaning of the holiday spirit. Thanks to the following volunteers: Deputies Cla-



rissa Prentice, Miriam Lopez, Vanessa Guzman, Lizeth Verdugo, Priscilla Quinones, Paul DiGaudio, Custody Assistants Evelyn Bustos and Gloria Welsh, and Lieutenant Angela Walton.

A BIG WELCOME

Welcome Classes #395 and #396! We wish you all the best as you begin your career here at CRDF.

CRDF's Deputy Crystal Ponce was happy to attend her brother's Class #396 Academy graduation on November 26. Deputy Ponce is very proud of her tan-and-green family, including her father, Sergeant Jose Ponce Jr.; brother, Deputy Christopher Ponce; and her significant other, Deputy Anthony Ledesma. Congratulations!



NOTABLE INCIDENTS

As part of our ongoing effort to combat crime within our jail facilities, our personnel continue to go above and beyond their duties. Here is a perfect

example, highlighted by Sergeant Melinda Berry. Deputy Denise Martinez intercepted a kite from the men's facility addressed to a female housed at CRDF. The kite instructed her to stockpile razor blades, have them transported to court and ultimately to the male facility. The following deputies are commended for their excellent joint effort in the investigation: Deputies Denise Martinez, Lisa Diaz, Eneida Montano, Alicia Williams, Iris Bernal, Kelley Barnes, Lauren Britt and Claudia Perez, and Custody Assistants Brittany Rubalcava, Sharnae Ford and Mariam Gasparyan. With this information, Deputy Albert Murad and Deputy Carlos Alfaro were able to identify all inmates involved. A special thanks to OSJ Deputy Ruben



Olmos for his continued assistance and the training he provides to CRDF staff.

A "job well done" goes out to Deputies Mark Farino, Claudia Saucedo and Patricia Miramontes for their excellent performance. The swift action of this CRDF team immediately rendered aid and summoned assistance during an attempted inmate suicide. Outstanding work!

Deputy Pierina Gentile recently recovered methamphetamine while searching an incoming line of inmates, which led Deputy Lauren Britt and Deputy Latosha Walker to motivate the suspect to disclose a dope house containing numerous firearms. Great teamwork!

Congratulations to Officer Esther Teixeira and Deputy Andrea Arroyo for receiving a Department commendation for Quality Service, given to them by Sheriff Baca during his visit at CRDF.

FAREWELL WISHES

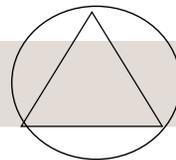
Best wishes to Sergeant Lakida Ford upon her recent transfer to Court Services; keep your sweater on, Sarge!

A PRECIOUS GIFT

Officer Aida Calzada Barahona welcomed her baby, Ashley, who was born at 11:28 a.m. on December 8. Congratulations on your beautiful blessing!

As always, CRDF believes in "Excellence Through People" and we wish you a great year! ☆

Peace Officer's Fellowship



Note to readers: Periodically there will be submissions, such as this, written by a POF member and anonymous, with no byline. These are not in the STRAIGHT UP series written by Chris Minor.

ASHAMED

The date was July 1, 2010. It was date night. And like most date nights, I really didn't feel like going. In hindsight, he probably didn't really want to be with me, either. After all, who wants to hang out with an angry woman who is always in a bad mood, looking for reasons to pick a fight, and who is overall just discontented about life?

Sushi was our usual spot. I ordered a large sake and pounded it down. Now, those who drink sake know that normal drinkers don't "pound" sake. But I did. Because I knew within just a few short moments, the warm, "fill me with happiness" feeling would take over. I knew that in very short order, I would relax and begin to enjoy myself. Eventually, I would drink myself into a buzz, which would lead me to a better mood and help me feel like I actually wanted to be there. Being a normal drinker himself, and knowing sake was not meant to be pounded, he asked me sarcastically, "So how ya feelin' now?" My equally sarcastic response, offered with a lifeless shrug, was, "Well, it's doing its job, I guess." That was the first time I subconsciously realized alcohol had a job to do in my life: make me feel different, now! Good or bad, I needed to feel something! Alcohol cleared a path to the feelings I was incapable of having in a sober state.

Something was different about that night. The alcohol wasn't working fast enough. I couldn't "get my drink on" like I was used to. Being the kind of drinker I am, when I don't get to that "sweet spot," I am restless and irritable.

I suggested we go to a bar. I needed more alcohol because I just wasn't getting to my happy place. So we did. And I did. I was nice and buzzed, but this time the alcohol hadn't changed my mood like I expected it to. I was still annoyed, speaking rudely and acting like the selfish and immature person that I was. So in the car on the way home, I decided to express my anger by ignoring him. I stared out the passenger-side window, my back turned toward him, head tilted down so my long hair would hide my face. It was in that moment I experienced the bitter morass of shame. I felt ashamed. Ashamed to realize I

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

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Eric Castano*	(562) 493-5465	(323) 537-0927	
Joe Collins	(320) 684-4008	(909) 240-0509	
Chris Loomis	(626) 447-9011	(626) 230-3137	
Bob Ghan		(714) 916-3299	
Ray Terhorst	(505) 705-5656		
John Heckman	(661) 272-5756		
Marty Weirich	(360) 570-1216		
John Valencia	(909) 599-1160	(951) 316-3633	
Kathy King		(714) 323-8600	

*Active LASD

was dependent upon alcohol to alter my mood. I was ashamed of myself and my behavior. I felt like I wanted to crawl in a hole and die. I couldn't handle the feelings that began to seep out of my skin. I needed my head to be quiet and I couldn't find even a little piece of happiness. I was completely submerged in shame.

I wasn't only ashamed about that particular July night. I had finally become overwhelmed by the shame of a 17-year drinking career, littered with so many instances of inappropriate drunken behavior, which led to consequences, regret and promises to change. I had made promises to not behave that way again, promises to cut back on my drinking, even promises to stop drinking entirely. There were so many promises I had intended to keep and never did. The memory of each drinking episode layered atop the last left me flooded with shame and remorse. I feared my downward spiral would never improve, that I would never be happy inside. Somehow, the feeling of shame broke through my self-told lies and the façade that I was a successful career woman, athlete, wife and mother. I had convinced everyone I was invincible on the outside, but really I was dying inside. I couldn't stand the thought of living this way even one more day. July 1, 2010, was the last day I would pick up a drink of alcohol. Little did I know that my journey into Alcoholics Anonymous would lead me into the Peace Officer's Fellowship, and ultimately take me on a path that would slowly change this broken, shamed woman into a self-respecting woman of value.

The positive changes didn't happen immediately. It's been a slow process. When I came to Alcoholics Anonymous, I was still ashamed. At the beginning of my sobriety, I was ashamed to admit I was an alcoholic. I thought being an alcoholic made me less of a person. I feared what others would say if they found out I go to meetings, that I have a sponsor, and that I work the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. I was afraid of telling anyone I was sober. What if I didn't stay sober? Then I would be ashamed all over again. Yet despite my doubts and fear of failure and embarrassment, I pressed forward anyway, one day at a time.

On July 2, 2013, I celebrated my third sober birthday. Today, I have an amazing life that I owe to Alcoholics Anonymous and the Peace Officer's Fellowship. I am no longer ashamed of the woman I see in the mirror. I am no longer ashamed to admit I am an alcoholic woman. In fact, today I am grateful to be alcoholic and to have close relationships with other alcoholics. I am no longer alone in my disease of alcoholism. I am part of a fellowship of alcoholics whose primary purpose is to stay sober together and help other alcoholics get sober. And we do it one day at a time.

If you think you might have a problem with alcohol or know someone who does, there is help through Employee Support Services and the Peace Officer's Fellowship. There is hope. There is a way to live life without alcohol. Even more important, there is a way to *enjoy* life without alcohol! ☆

TEAM *TEMPLE*

By Sherif Morsi
Temple Station

DEPUTY DAVE MARCH MEMORIAL REDEDICATED

The memorial dedicated to Deputy Dave March was destroyed on November 28, 2013, in an early morning traffic collision. The memorial was originally built by the Irwindale Police Officers' Association (IPOA) as a tribute to Deputy March following his death. When the memorial was destroyed, IPOA, without hesitation, took it upon themselves to rebuild the memorial to continue Deputy March's memory. The entire memorial was rebuilt within one week due to IPOA's diligence and commitment. In addition, the tree that once provided shade for the memorial was replaced with a crape myrtle tree that will be in full bloom every year during the anniversary of Dave's passing.

The Irwindale Police Officers' Association, in partnership with the Temple Sheriff's Station and the Irwindale Police Department, held a rededication ceremony for the new memorial on December 11. The ceremony was well attended by numerous officers from Irwindale, Monrovia, Arcadia, Azusa and CHP, as well as several private citizens. March's family was very grateful for the outpouring of support. Dave's widow, Teri March, mentioned how his memorial possibly stopped the vehicle from colliding into the wall. She eloquently stated although he's no longer with us, Dave is still saving lives and protecting the citizens of Los Angeles County.

Temple Sheriff's Station, as well as the entire Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, is forever grateful for IPOA's initiative.



"A TRADITION OF SERVICE"

As in the past, Temple Station personnel helped make Christmas a little bit better for some of our residents. Deputy Bill "I'll Handle It" Harrington, with the help of many reserve deputies and volunteers, did an outstanding job in coordinating the gathering, sorting and distribution of boxes of toys and food. After all the hard work was done, the easy part was delivering the goodies. Deputy Harrington enlisted the help of our SAO teams to make the deliveries and watch as children's faces lit up with joy. When all was said and done, over 200 children received toys and 70 families received holiday dinners that hopefully made their holiday more



joyful. In addition to Temple's area, we also made deliveries in Pico Rivera's area, Monterey Park, El Monte and the city of San Gabriel.

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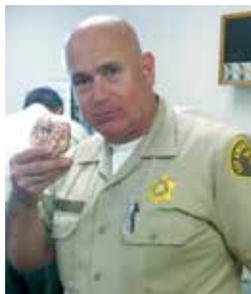
ONE BUST AFTER ANOTHER

Our Narco crew has been busy shutting down one marijuana grow after the next. In November alone, they, along with our South El Monte and Temple City SAO teams, executed several search warrants at suspected marijuana grow locations. The warrants resulted in the confiscation of approximately \$900,000 in plants and equipment, \$525,000 in stolen electricity, and stopped the production of an estimated \$15,000,000 in annual yields. Unfortunately, depending on who you ask, Narco Sergeant Joey Fender has moved. He now has to actually wear a uniform at Crescenta Valley

Station as their new operations sergeant. Sorry, Joey, shorts are not allowed.

FAT PILL

Traffic Investigator Don Moses came in one day with a noticeable spunk in his walk. His face was gleaming with happiness and confidence that I've never seen before. When I asked him what happened, he replied with a big cheeseburger smile, "I had my annual checkup and the doctor said my cholesterol and body mass index are lower than before." No more than 10 minutes later, he was seen walking around the Station stuffing a fat pill down his throat. Come on, Don, one step forward, 29 steps back ... Isn't it true that the doctor



also said your UCLA tattoo is bad for your health? Speaking of fat pills, Sergeant Alan Liu is best known for his iconic fat-pill lunch consisting of a couple of 7-11 hot dogs and a 64-ounce soda. As much as he tries, he's still at .5% body fat. Alan, please share your secret.

GOT BLOOD?

Temple Station will be participating in the Battle of the Badges blood drive campaign. This will mark our eight-year anniversary and we hope that you all will lend your support to this life-saving event. This campaign involves nearly 150 district agencies, including more than 5,000 officers, staff and loved ones. Last year was filled with tragic events but for every somber note, there were hundreds of hope-inspiring moments. We hope that you can be a part of our campaign and help save a life. Please join us on February 6, 2014, as we continue with our tradition. Remember, every blood donation can save three lives. For more information contact Maria Sigala at (626) 292-3367.



Until next time, have fun and do the right thing. ☆

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

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

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Commercial Crimes Bureau

Anthony L. Campbell
Pico Rivera Station

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Industry Station

Ann Chan
Inmate Reception Center

Douglas D. Creighton
Industry Station

Jerry C. Cummins
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Nancy W. Demott
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Court Services West Bureau

COUNTY SERVICES BUREAU

By John Coleman

County Services Bureau

PROFICIENCY TRAINING

On Veterans Day, County Services Bureau hosted a tactical proficiency training. The concept was to give the deputies a refresher course, and the Sheriff security officers some much needed experience on how to handle several situations that occur at our Bureau on a daily basis. Due to the hard work and planning by Sergeant Victor Zavala, and the lieutenants and sergeants assigned as the monitors, everyone left with some practical applications that will help them in handling future calls for service. Due to the size of our Bureau, we will host a second training day about the time you read this, for the second half of everyone assigned here.



OUT OF THE ORDINARY

I must say there have been some strange pictures sent to me lately. Thinking back, it started with one of my informants telling me that Sheriff Security Officer Marcos Da Silva



was caught giving a ride to another person, while on bicycle patrol. Knowing that the bicycle is only meant for one person to ride at a time, I was curious to see the promised picture. A few days later the accompanying picture was sent to me via email.

This mysterious “second person” was what could be best described as a Chiquita banana.

Interestingly enough, a couple days later I received another email with the title “Just a few hot dogs hanging around the loading dock.” It was

complete with a picture to back up the subject line. It’s my guess it may be related to the first story I just told you. Looking at the picture, it does seem that Sheriff Security Officers Erik Figueroa and Ryan Holbrook were willing participants.

That was not all. A little bird told me to walk into Timekeeping one afternoon. As I walked in, I saw what appeared to be a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle, checking its County email. The County does have a lot of employees, so this was not all that strange to me. I did manage to quietly take a picture for you guys before Raphael took off.



MILLIONAIRES – WELL, ALMOST

This story comes to you straight from dispatch. My informant happened to be working in there one night. It started with a large jackpot in the California State Lottery. Someone threw out the idea of having everyone who wanted to participate chip in a few bucks and buy tickets as a group. You know how that goes. Everyone ends up participating because if you don’t, you will be the only one left working when everyone else hits the big jackpot. You will also be thinking about all of your coworkers on a beach in a tropical location every day until you hit the 30-year mark on the seniority scale. Anyway, the money was collected and the tickets were purchased. Then it was time for the drawing. As luck would have it, they hit two numbers and the mega number. Now I realize this is not the jackpot, but with a payout so big, they had to have won something decent. Within minutes someone checked the website and discovered they had won roughly 350 dollars apiece. It was safe to say nobody was going to quit, but the talk was all about how each of them was going to

spend their money. Of course the plan of action was to pick up said winnings as soon as possible. Upon arrival at a lottery location, winning ticket in hand, they were informed they had to wait a couple hours because the computers were still tabulating all of the winners for that night’s drawing. My informant said dispatch was

still humming with talk of what each of them had already spent their money on. That’s when someone went back to the website and noticed a few more winners with the same combination of numbers they had. Actually there were a lot more winners. Talk started to die down a bit. Long story short, over the next few hours they kept checking the website. In short order, the talk went from how they would each spend a few hundred bucks to what change they would need to split five bucks eight different ways. I’m told it was a funeral-type atmosphere in dispatch for the rest of the night. Better luck next time.

A JOB WELL DONE

For those of you who don’t know OA II Gail Tagashira, she works in operations here at County Services Bureau. The staff wanted me to mention her dedication and enthusiastic work ethic. It would be a rare day that she is not smiling. As evident in the picture, she won’t even let a cast on her arm slow her down. She even went as far as decorating it with Christmas colors. Gail, they obviously appreciate all your hard work.

Until next month, stay safe. ☆





By Johnie Jones
Parks Bureau

Hello and happy Valentine's Day to all. Since this publication usually arrives in the first week of the month, this should serve as a reminder to all of the fellas reading this that Valentine's Day will soon be here. If Mama ain't happy, ain't nobody happy. Yes, it is not grammatically correct, but you get the message. Those of the female persuasion usually remember these things and don't need the reminders.

We begin this article on a sad note, losing our Captain's secretary, Kathy Simpson, to retirement. We are very happy for her and her husband, who is also retiring. They are planning to move out of state, like many of the folks who retire from the state of California these days. I met Kathy at the Antelope Valley Station back in the hot years when I was light duty working in the secretariat. She was pleasant, helpful and a pleasure to work with back then and nothing has changed since. She will be missed, but we wish her well.

Two people who actually studied for the sergeant's exam and passed the test are also leaving the green lawns of Parks Bureau for new adventures. Congratulations to Michael Clay and Bernie Lopez, who have promoted and moved on. Parks Bureau gained three new sergeants: Richard Pena, Bruce Waldo and Robert Round.



All very experienced sergeants with a little snow on the roof, if you know what I mean. They will be great additions to the Parks Bureau family. I would try to make a good impression on these gentlemen but as I've known them for years, it's too late.

In the Francine Rizzio department, yes, her again, she was out spreading joy and cheer to the



folks in the South Zone as she seemingly does on a monthly basis. Seriously, Francine is quite the overachiever in the Bureau, but we love her and so do the residents in the South Zone. Francine took her "Stars on the North Pole" event to Lennox Park this December, much to the delight of the 40 children from that area who attended. The kids decorated cookies, made elf hats, played games, ate pizza and received a gift from one of Santa's helpers. Domenic Castanon was assisting in the event and I was able to catch him in a moment enjoying one of the toys. I think we know what Dom was hoping for this Christmas.

Francine and the South Zone crew did the thankless job of putting the Christmas party together last year. Sir James of Blankenship hosted the event and I know some might've been surprised by his hosting abilities. Jim handled the dreaded drawing portion of the event very effortlessly and his humor made it fun. I, for one, had a great time and wanted to say thanks for all the hard work and great job, Jim.

Jarrod Jensen, Roger Wallace, Matthew Fitzgerald and David Gomez led a huge group of MX racers around Glen Helen race track as part of a memorial

to represent Kurt Caselli, #66, and his family members. Kurt recently died racing in the Baja 1000 and will always be remembered by those who knew him best. It was an honor to be a part of this awesome event and huge showing of support for Kurt.

On November 13, 2013, Pedro Echeverria was honored as Parks Bureau's Deputy of the Year for his professionalism and exemplary service to the citizens of Los Angeles County. He received a certificate from Sheriff Baca and Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe. What we didn't know at the time was that on October 25, 2013, he was on his way home on the 91 Freeway when he came upon an accident. A minivan with six

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By Jeff Reiley
San Dimas Station

SAN DIMAS DAZE

“NYRPS”

W hew, can you believe an entire year has zoomed by so fast? Seemed like just yesterday we had to remind ourselves to write “2013” on our checks. With each New Year that arrives, so do the New Year’s resolutions. Most of our “New Year’s Resolution People” (NYRPs for short) make the same resolutions: get in shape, eat more vegetables, more fruits, don’t drink so much, get more sleep, be nicer to your spouse, etc. But, there are a few NYRPs who have made somewhat of a different list:

- Deputy Sean Brady: Ask Deputy Chris Vross where the real gun show takes place.
- Deputy Andrea Cecere: Get on the cover of “Fauxs Are Us.”
- Deputy Marcos Rosales: Write a thank-you letter to the Chief.
- Deputy Randall Bynum: Practice, practice, practice.
- Deputy John Shepherd: Get an autographed picture of his favorite President, Bill Clinton.
- Deputy Michael White: Wear pants.

SAN DIMAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas party was a huge success thanks to Rebecca Rodriguez and every station in East Patrol Division for lending bodies. There is no way it could have been done without their help. *Thank you!* This year Montana’s hosted the party with Friscella’s Catering. It was a great time to unwind and forget about the stresses of work for a while. Along with the festivities, there were some great prizes to be had: a Kindle Fire, camcorders and the grand prize of a 55-inch flat-screen television. Of course, that just had to go to our own Detective Sergeant Raymond Roth. This was Rebecca’s first year hosting the party and it appears she probably missed her calling as a party planner. She did an outstanding job putting it all together. The only thing absent was Marcos Rosales, or so we thought. In came the “Sweater Brigade.” Seems Marcos wanted to host his own competition and see who would be daring enough to wear the funkier Christmas outfit. John Horst, Bradley Jasper, Marcos Rosales, Lenny Hayes and Gabe Enriquez strutted in and thought for sure one of them had the contest in the bag. I mean, how could they not? They must have



pulled those sweatshirts out from pre-1982, when their grandmas bought them. That was until Ismael Guzman walked in and demolished the second-raters. Between the Elton John sparkling glasses and long-sleeve pajama top, coupled with the vested, knitted Christmas sweater, Ismael annihilated all competitors.

During the party, Matt Gauthier was called to the stage to participate in a game where one of three boxes had to be selected (ala *Let’s Make a Deal*). Instead of listening to the crowd calling upon Box No. 2, Matt chose to defer to his nearby wife for the ultimate decision. Box No. 3 it was. Obviously, Matt didn’t have any need for the Kindle Fire that was under Box No. 2, but he always wanted that Elf on a Shelf waiting for him under Box No. 3. Now before anyone gives Matt a hard time, every married man knows who makes the decisions in his family. And for those of you who don’t know, just ask your

wife, she’ll let you know.

OUTSTANDING ARREST

All stations are dealing with daytime thefts. It’s frustrating getting there five minutes after the bad guys have left. But not this time, not this city. A call came out stating a residence was being burglarized and the informant still had a visual of the bad guys. Lickety split, all of dayshift responded, along with Aero and even our captain. With great coordination by all, three bad guys were in custody and two residences were returned their goods. Good job, folks! About time the good guys catch a break and are at the right place at the right time.

NEW GUYS ON THE BLOCK

This month we would like to welcome some new folks: Sergeant Jorge Chavez, Deputy Corey Vross, Training Officer Brian Marr and Deputy David Rodriguez. Already, they have proven to be great assets to the Station and we hope you enjoy your stay.

Until next time, *Happy New Year!* ☆

FROM THE DOCS

LIVING IN THE NOW

By Debbie Campbell, Ph.D.

Although it is crucial to your survival when working in patrol and in custody to anticipate “If ... then” scenarios, in your personal life you must work on being in the Now. Your family and significant others want you to be present with them. You will experience more enjoyment if you are fully living those moments of leisure and pleasure.

When we can't remain in the Now, we are often fraught with useless anxiety: “What if ...?” This phrase is a large part of some people's existence. Our mind anticipates worst-case scenarios. We might then have a hand in those dreaded things happening (self-fulfilling prophecies) or we just stay in a constant state of anxiety and stress as if those things are really happening. Your body exhibits a stress response when the brain focuses on dreaded things. Your body then feels like those events are happening right now. Even in the rare instance that the worst-case scenario occurs, did you really help anything by worrying about it all that time? There are some things that we can't change or control; this can be an especially hard reality for law enforcement to accept.

Being under investigation is a very, very stressful time. One worries about the outcome

and often fears catastrophic consequences. These investigations usually take a minimum of many months to complete. That's a long time to lose sleep, compromise your health and constantly anticipate the worst-case scenario or outcome. One needs to find a way to manage the limbo and stay in the Now. Stay with what you know today. Reinvest in your life as it is today even though the future is unknown. Really, the future is unknown for all of us.

In divorce, people often anticipate worst-case scenarios. Stay in the Now. Do what you can to prepare by seeking legal counsel and preparing for likelihoods (i.e., “the formula”) regarding financial costs. Take control by making plans (budgeting) related to what you can do now to ameliorate your financial pain. Once you have done what you can do, you need to let the worry and constant negative projections go. Exist in the Now.

When facing a stressful event that will be resolved sometime in the future, what can you do to endure the limbo and increase your time in the Now? Of course, you must first take any action you can to gather information about likelihoods, and plan to take any necessary action that might positively influence the outcome of

your situation. Then focus on the Now by engaging in the following:

1. Plan a project and carry it out.
2. Undertake a hobby or volunteer activity.
3. Exercise, exercise, exercise! Remember exercise relieves stress. It also releases endorphins and helps your immune system — this is a major part of your coping strategy.
4. Continually refocus your thoughts from “what ifs” to “what is.” Live in the moment.
5. Be present with your family and/or significant other(s).
6. Develop and utilize a support system (friends, family, ESSB counseling, chaplains, members of the Peer Support Program, etc.).

I close with one of my favorite quotes: “Give today your best shot. Don't worry about yesterday or tomorrow. Yesterday will fade away, and tomorrow will take care of itself.”

If you are going through a difficult time and/or have other problems or issues that you would like to discuss, 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>. ☆

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occupants — mother and father, and four children ages one, two, three and four — was on its side blocking the No. 2 and No. 3 lanes. The mother, whose face was covered with broken glass and blood, was hysterically screaming for her children. Pedro, a trained emergency medical technician, saw that the 2-year-old child had been ejected from the van and were lying in the middle of the freeway. With the assistance of some emergency personnel who were arriving, he grabbed the 2-year-old and went to the shoulder of the road. The father placed the remaining children next to Pedro so he could watch for any change in their alertness while he conducted a rapid assessment of the 2-year-old.

The 2-year-old had a deep laceration on her leg and because she was ejected, Pedro was concerned with stabilizing her neck to prevent further injury. The laceration was very large and he could see all the bone. He immediately

elevated the child's leg and applied direct pressure while keeping her neck stable with the other hand. He did this for 10-15 minutes, as the paramedics were having a difficult time getting to the scene due to the massive traffic backup.

Pedro has kept in contact with the family and they are all doing well and are very grateful for his actions that night. We are very grateful that he works with us.

Captain Smith is always looking for new ways to improve the way we provide public safety for parks. So we started a new program using orangutans to help patrol our parks and wildlife sanctuaries. They are great at climbing trees and watching suspects. They also look really cool riding around on the hood of the car.

Quick thoughts:

- Dan Whitten doesn't like seeing his name in the *Star News*.
- Blankenship and Schrader always seem to be

off at the same times. Are they leaving me out?

Okay, I was joking about the last part regarding the orangutan, but the picture was too cool not to use. Stay safe and until next time, enjoy a day in the park. ☆



Hello and greetings from South Los Angeles Station. The holidays are now behind us and another year has passed us by. The holidays here at South Los Angeles were relatively quiet. For those of us who worked on Thanksgiving, we gathered and shared breakfast, lunch and dinner, depending on which shift we happened to be working. During our meal time, we all took a moment to express how thankful we were for our many blessings, and although many of us could have been home with our families, we were thankful for those with whom we stood by and were working on Thanksgiving Day.

In the month of December, South Los Angeles Station holds an annual toy drive. Large, wrapped boxes are placed throughout the facility for members of the community, including Station personnel, to place unwrapped toys in. The drive lasts up to the week before Christmas. The toys are then delivered to a local hospital, church or residents within the communities we serve, all in an effort to provide a needy family support throughout the holidays. We take great pride in providing gifts for the children in the hope that it brightens their day.

On Sunday, December 17, 2013, we hosted our annual Christmas party at the Portofino Hotel and Marina, overlooking the marina in the beautiful city of Redondo Beach. There were a number of current and alumni Station personnel in attendance for the event. A good time was had by all! Congratulations to all of the big winners of the drawing prizes!

The Christmas party was organized and hosted by our very own Deputy Marco Magana-Gaytan. He managed to keep the crowd entertained with his quick banter as he handed out the drawing prizes. Thank you, Marco, for a job well done. We look forward to next year's party.

As we entered into the New Year, those who had to work all three shifts took the time to share a New Year's Eve meal. Each member of every shift had a potluck and took some time to ring the New Year.

The South Los Angeles Station family hopes you all enjoyed your holiday season, and we wish you a prosperous New Year! Stay safe!

NEW ARRIVALS TO THE SOUTH LOS ANGELES STATION FAMILY

The Wengert Family is proud to announce the birth of their new addition, baby girl Alyssa Wengert, born October 28, 2013. Both mom and baby are doing well.

SOUTH LOS ANGELES STATION PROMOTIONS

Lieutenant Lawrence Del Mese promoted to captain. Sergeant Scott Aikin promoted to lieutenant.

SOUTH LOS ANGELES STATION TRANSFERS

Deputy Nich Adragna transferred to Compton Station OSS. Deputy Ernie Castaneda transferred to Century Station OSS.

Congratulations to all. You will be missed!

OFF TRAINING

Congratulations are also in order to the following deputies, who successfully completed their field training. Job well done! Now it's time to work!

Ezequiel Garcia
Luis Sanchez
Bryan Vernay
Robert Maas
Juan Guerrero
Alan Rojas
Christopher Quinones
Matthew Bengtson
Javier Estrella
Stephen Park
Aaron Rivera
Scott Salvatore

HOOK OF THE MONTH

This month we have two outstanding hooks!

Deputies Gomez and Kelley-Eklund contacted an individual and noticed a large bulge, consistent with a handgun, in his front waistband area. During a search they recovered a replica 9 mm handgun and several baggies of methamphetamine. Deputies Gomez and Kelley-Eklund additionally recovered a

large amount of paperwork and property that did not belong to the individual.

The individual was arrested for reasonable cause robbery and narcotic violations. With the assistance of South Los Angeles Station detectives, numerous robbery victims were located. The victims were able to positively identify the individual as the person who robbed them earlier in the week.

Deputies Will and Nicholas initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle for traffic violations. He was ultimately detained for a narcotics investigation. During their investigation, Deputies Will and Nicholas recovered 44 MasterCard, Visa and American Express gift cards, with each card issued under different names.

The deputies additionally located cellphones, laptop computers, long-range Bluetooth receivers, along with miscellaneous receipts and documents indicative of identity theft. As a result of their investigation, the driver was arrested for utilizing the computers and Bluetooth receiver to illegally gain access to PINs. The driver was duplicating the gift cards and withdrawing money from nearby ATMs. It was later determined that the individual had stolen over \$7,000 in U.S. currency the night he was arrested.

Congratulations, fellas! Well done!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SLA 10-33 Ride: For those who have not yet purchased a 2013 SLA 10-33 T-shirt, contact Deputies Lio, Perez, Nunes or Jun. The cost of the shirts are \$10, both long and short sleeve.

Plans for the 2014 Ride are well underway, so keep an eye out for updates.

We here at South Los Angeles Station wish you and your families a prosperous New Year. We look forward to keeping you updated with new articles in the upcoming year. Thank you all for having taken the time to read our articles and sharing an interest in past and upcoming events here at South LA. Happy New Year. ☆

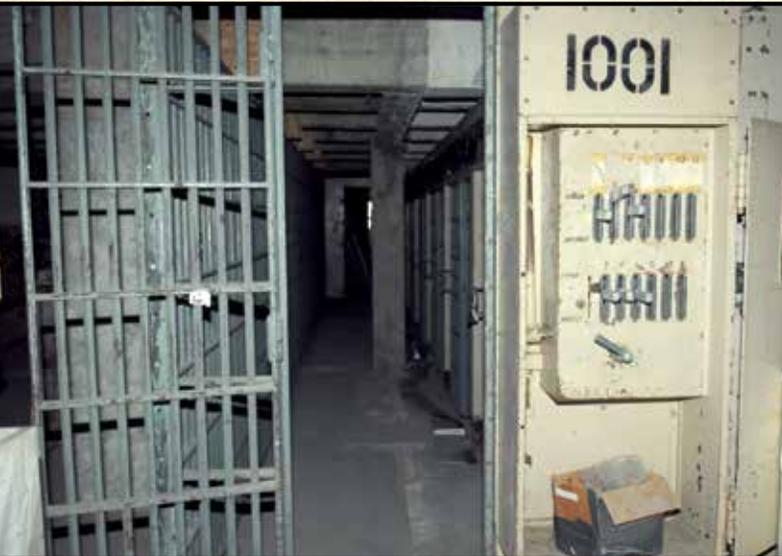
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THE HALL OF JUSTICE UNDER WATER

By Chris Miller

The Hall of Justice in Downtown Los Angeles was built in 1925. This was the nation's first consolidated judicial facility. It housed the Sheriff's Department, Coroner, District Attorney, Public Defender and Tax Collector. At that time, the needs of the Sheriff's Department were not as great as they are today. The 14-story Hall of Justice contained 17 courtrooms for trials and over 750 cells to house inmates. Having a building with a jail in the top five floors and the Coroner's Office in the basement was not without its problems.



Anyone who worked in the Hall of Justice while the jail was open will tell you the nightmares of water coming through their ceiling as inmates in the discipline module on the 13th floor stopped up their toilets and continually flushed them. The jail stairwells located in the center of the floor were turned into waterfalls. The water continued to flow until the water to each of the inmate's toilets was shut off. By then, so much water would have flowed down the stairs that it could not be cleaned up before it flowed through the ceilings of all the floors below. Several hours after the flood occurred, the Hall of Justice Jail would receive calls from the second floor asking to shut off the water that was flowing through their ceiling. By then it was too late to stop; the water would have flowed through the ceilings and floors of all 11 floors in between.

In 1975, I was a module officer in the Hall of Justice Jail. When inmates flooded their cells, I would enter the pipe chase behind their cells to turn off the water to each toilet. After the water had been turned off for a few hours, the inmates would begin complaining that they couldn't flush their toilets after using it. The senior deputy

would order me to turn on the water and when I did, the inmates began flooding all over again. I found a solution that was not convenient, but it did work. I would keep the water turned off in Discipline Module 1353. Every hour I would tell the inmates that I was going to go behind their cell and turn on the water. When I did, I would bang on the rear cell wall so they could flush their toilet. After they flushed it, I turned the water back off and moved to the next cell to repeat the process.

I have talked to Department personnel who worked in the Hall of

Justice on the floors below the jail and who had water flow through their ceilings over the years. They had to keep the top of their desks clear of paperwork, which would become water damaged if it remained there when flooding occurred.

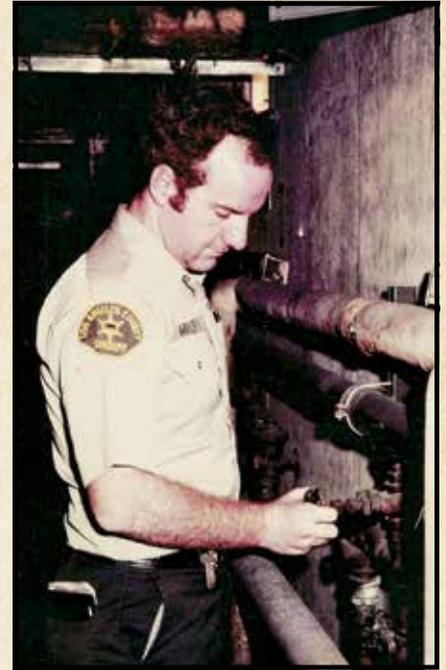
Another problem with the Hall of Justice occurred because the Coroner's Office was located in the basement. Normally, this wouldn't be a problem, but when a decomposing body was brought in, the odor would permeate through the upper floors. This did not create a welcoming work environment.

When the Hall of Justice reopens at the end of this year, these issues will no longer be a problem. The jail cells have been removed and the Coroner's Office was relocated in 1971 and will not be returning.

The Los Angeles Sheriffs' Museum is creating a Hall of Justice Museum on the building's first floor. This museum will allow visitors to take photographs of themselves inside an actual row of jail cells that was moved from the 10th floor. Visitors will also be taken on a visual tour of the Hall of Justice history through a display of photographs.

If you want to learn more about the reconstruction of the Hall of Justice and its history, visit the Los Angeles County Sheriffs' Museum Facebook page, or the museum's website.

If you have documents, stories or memorabilia relating to the history of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department that you would like to share with the Sheriffs' Museum, contact Chris Miller at cmiller@lasd.org. ☆



Desert Dirt

By Mike Ruiz and Annette Lopez
Lancaster Station

Greetings and the happiest of New Years to you all.

HOLIDAY PARTY ANIMALS

In an effort to make this year's Station holiday/Christmas party more fun, the party committee (with some tips from Palmdale Station's party king, Lieutenant Cory Kennedy) added some special contests, including our very first ugly sweater and air guitar contests. Since previous holiday parties had been a little more formal, the committee was not sure how the new changes would be received. All I can say is, "What a great night!" You never really know your partner until you see them walking the "catwalk" in a knit sweater that has been bedazzled or running across the dance floor jumping in the air like Bon Jovi in an '80s revival concert. We can't say any more about that because what happens at the party, stays at the party.

TURKEY FRYMASTER

Almost all of us have had to work one holiday or another. And while we cannot spend the special day with our families at home, we are sometimes afforded a few quiet moments during the shift to spend in the Station with our work family. We are appreciative of people like Sergeant Kevin Pearcy who are not afraid to channel their inner Emeril, or in this case, Colonel Sanders. If you are ever in need of a second income, KFC would be lucky to have you. To those who worked over the holidays and to those who took time to remember them, thank you. We are truly grateful.



IN MEMORIAM

On a much sadder note, Lancaster Station personnel were deeply saddened by the loss of Deputy Devin Freeman. Devin was a great partner and friend who will be greatly missed. We pray his family finds comfort and peace.

IN, OUT AND ON THEIR WAY

The last few months, Lancaster Station has had a lot of movement both in and out. We are excited for those who are inbound starting their journey, and for those who are promoting or moving on to their next adventure.

Congrats to newly promoted Sergeant John Doty, who has left us for the hustle and bustle of Men's Central Jail and to Sergeants Christopher Puetz and

John Vensel, who are now in Palmdale. And congrats to our newest sergeant, Clayton Marion, who is on his way to CRDF. Well done!

We wish our outgoing sergeants lots of luck as they leave us to make their marks elsewhere: Sergeant Roman Castillo, who has gone to Court Services Bureau; Sergeant Ronald Digiovanni has finally made his way to COPS Bureau; and Sergeant Mark Round, who transferred over to Parks Bureau.

We thank you for your knowledge and guidance.

A warm welcome to Sergeants Eric Metten and Harold "Herc" Morrow, who have left the flagship and made their way to our Station, along with Sergeants Jeffrey Hutchinson and Paul Bartlett from Palmdale Station. We look forward to working with you.

There is a fresh batch of trainees who have joined our Station at the northern edge of the County. We have Deputy Anthony Levin from North Facility, Deputy Joshua Bean from South Facility, Deputy Johanna Bailey from NCCF, Deputy Joy Kasper from NCCF and Deputy Christopher Hita from Courts. Welcome.

Well that does it for this edition. For the rest of us here, let's go 10-8 and buckle up. Live well and be safe. ☆

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THE LEGENDS OF SLEEPY HOLLOW

By Judy Leyn and Rick Harpham
Cerritos Station

Hello from Sleepy Hollow as we venture into the second month of 2014. A few culprits, who will remain anonymous, decided April Fool's Day would come early this year (like back in December). Whoever had this idea couldn't have picked a better candidate to pull this prank. It would be none other than Operations Lieutenant Rick Harpham. Somehow, someway, these culprits (I think it was Santa's elves, and Rick somehow ended up on the naughty list for Christmas) were able to connect the "Clapper" to Rick's computer. Now, we have all seen how the Clapper works from all the commercials on TV. These little elves went to work from there. As each elf passed by Rick's office, one would double clap and the computer would shut off. Rick thought there was a power surge and the computer shut off on its own. Rick gets the computer back up and running and he is hard at work getting out those emails and memos. Then there was a double

knock on Rick's window and the computer shut off. Rick goes through the trouble and gets the computer back on. No, he still hasn't caught on yet. The days go by and the double claps and knocks continue and down goes the computer. It took Rick a while to figure out the other computers were up and running without any glitches. We all know how Rick is, so you can imagine Rick scratching his head trying to figure out what could be causing his computer to be shutting off, besides operator error. After a few days of thinking, Rick resorted back to his DB days and started investigating. Lo and behold, he found the Clapper under his desk, but not after several had quite a few laughs behind this. Round of applause to the culprits!

This year's holiday party was a huge success, with over 90 personnel in attendance. Shelly Pierce and Rick Harpham won the most festive outfit and ugliest sweater prizes respectively. Who could forget the celebratory antics of Sergeant Ty Lauderdale,



who was the grand prize drawing winner (a big-screen TV) or Natalie Uyematsu fashioned into the leg lamp from *A Christmas Story*?

Captain Swensson was "Gangnam Style" in his smoking jacket and red pants. He did not win any prizes for his attire but he and his USC Trojans did earn a UCLA Bruin pin. Being a man of his word, Captain Swensson wore

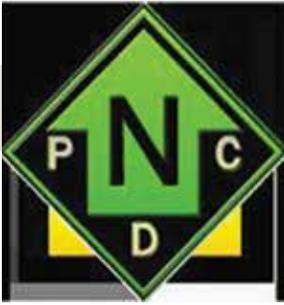
the UCLA pin every day for a week, including to the all-command meeting with the assistant sheriff. He claimed the pin went unnoticed, similar to UCLA's past football accolades.

Welcome aboard to Sergeant John McClure and Deputy Amy Wong, who have joined us here at Cerritos. Goodbye to Sergeant Jorge Chavez, as he headed to San Dimas. We wish everyone good luck in their new stations!

Happy Valentine's Day! Until next month, be safe! ☆

☆ IN MEMORIAM ☆

DEVIN J. FREEMAN	ACTIVE MEMBER, DECEASED 11-28-13	DEPUTY/SANTA CLARITA STATION
VICTOR L. ALBERTS	RETIRED 07-26-82, DECEASED 12-14-13	DEPUTY/TEMPLE STATION
HOWARD J. BRUST	RETIRED 10-02-02, DECEASED 12-05-13	SERGEANT/MCJ
DENNIS A. COOK JR.	RETIRED 03-31-78, DECEASED 12-02-13	INSPECTOR/PATROL DIVISION EAST
RIAL C. DENISON	RETIRED 06-25-68, DECEASED 12-09-13	SERGEANT/BC RANGE
GEORGE G. GUEVARA	RETIRED 06-01-10, DECEASED 12-04-13	DEPUTY/SANTA CLARITA STATION
CHARLES C. LONGAN	RETIRED 01-07-63, DECEASED 03-24-10	DEPUTY/MIRA LOMA
JOEL P. OVIATT JR.	RETIRED 08-78, DECEASED 10-02-13	DEPUTY/NORWALK STATION
JOAQUIN C. REIFF	RETIRED 03-19-90, DECEASED 12-10-13	DEPUTY/MCJ
BARBARA DAHL, WIFE OF RETIRED MEMBER GARY DAHL, DECEASED 11-08-13		
MARY N. SIMPSON, WIFE OF RETIRED MEMBER DON SIMPSON, DECEASED 12-08-13		



By Kathryn Gurrola
Pitchess Detention Center, North Facility

Greetings from North Facility!
Thank you for your previous articles Senior Deputy Goble, I'll take it from here. (Our former writer, Senior Deputy Goble, transferred out to Crescenta Valley Station where he is enjoying the outdoor life and freedom of patrol.)

CATCHING UP

With the closure of East Facility, we have welcomed 51 deputies and two C/As to the North Facility family. These new additions brought great work ethics and positive attitudes despite being forced to leave their beloved dungeon. =)

Our facility is working to provide a swift emergency response to our neighboring facility, NCCF, in case of a disturbance requiring assistance. East Facility was the first responder and we have now taken on the responsibility. To ensure we arrive as quickly as possible, we have ERT response drills to perfect our tactics. Although our new ERT vehicle may resemble a bread truck, we are in the process of choosing a design to make a statement. The design will be drawn by one of our own to become the depicted emblem on the side panel. (I'll have photos for you soon.) Looked more like one of those little clown cars as all the deputies poured out after the drill. It fits a lot of bodies despite the seemingly small interior.



NEW HEAD HONCHOS

First off, we would like to welcome our newest additions to the facility, Captain Kevin Hebert and Lieutenant Ponce de Leon. We all know Lieutenant Ponce de Leon was thrilled, commuting from Whittier. He has been heard saying our facility makes it worth the drive — thank you, sir.

WELCOME TO NORTH FACILITY

An extended welcome goes out to our newcomers from Class #395: Deputy Tracy Ammerman, Deputy Melanie Elliott, Deputy Jake Garcia, Deputy Samuel Hollinger, Deputy James Murren II, Deputy Jessica Rupp, Deputy Albert White, Deputy Jeremiah Clark, Deputy Courtney Ferrell, Deputy John Fink, Deputy Kacie Garcia, Deputy Jaime Gonzalez, Deputy Evan Luster and Deputy Laura Vasquez (Class #396).



OUR GUIDING FORCES

With all the changes occurring in Custody these days, we are thankful to have deputies willing to step up to the challenge of training others. Our congratulations go out to Deputy Juan Calderon, Deputy Benjamin Casebolt, Deputy Shane Chapman, Deputy Chad Conroy, Deputy Ryan Epley, Deputy Joseph Gorrindo, Deputy Taylor Hoeft, Deputy Jamal Jordan, Deputy Maria Martel, Deputy Fabian Moore, Deputy Jose Orozco-Rivas, Deputy Ramon Rosales, Deputy Andrew Stowers and Deputy Nicholas Tutino. Thanks to all of you for your hard work and dedication.

FREE FIREWOOD

Due to recent security enhancements, we will be able to offer firewood to anyone in need in the near future. With the recent tree trimming, or shall we say, tree removal, we not only look more like a prison, we have enough firewood to hopefully last us for the winter.

FUTURE THREE-STRIPERS

Congratulations to Senior Deputy Michael Marion for making Band 1! We would also like to congratulate Deputy David Moser, Senior Deputy Rafael Rodriguez and Deputy Michael Stowers for their placements on the sergeant's exam. Great job, gentlemen; all that hard studying definitely paid off.

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

Captain Hebert picked the following winners for a one-year subscription to the *Law Enforcement Legal Reporter*: Deputy Kyle Dingman, Deputy Robert May, Deputy Gregory Schaefer and Deputy Garrett Wilson.

B2V

A huge thank-you goes out to our Deputy Benjamin Casebolt for his encouragement and support to those participating in our Baker to Vegas team. Deputy Shane Chapman is leading our facility with an under-seven-minute mile! Way to go, Flash!

'TWAS THE SEASON

Thank you to the following personnel for taking the lead on their shifts' Christmas party dinners:

EM: Officer Kristopher Clayborn, Deputy Lawrence Eichner and Officer Carly Reddy

AM: Officer Erik Contreras, Officer Henry Garibay, Officer Christian Martinez and Deputy Brandee Moore

PM: Deputy Pearl Cruz, Deputy Minerva Gonzalez, Mr. and Mrs. Officer Kerry Moore, and Officer Corina Thompson

YOU'RE GONNA LEARN TODAY

Our dedicated training deputy, Carlos Quintana, has been hard at work coming in on all three shifts ensuring we all get our STC hours. Thank you, sir!

Whew! First article written for the *Star News* ... check! ☆



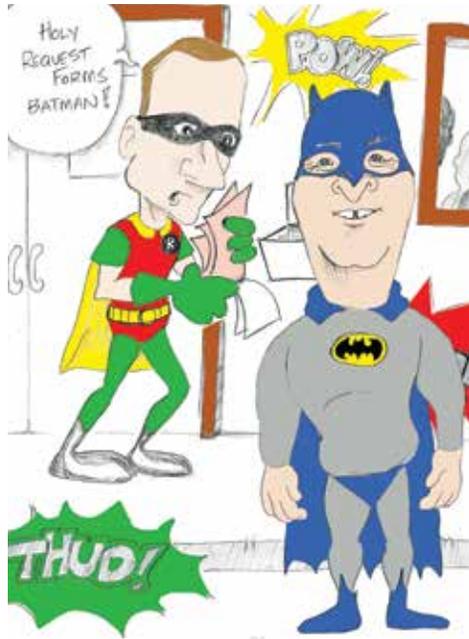
By Jeffrey Slutske

Pitchess Detention Center, South Facility

Welcome back to the Bat Cave. After writing the last article, I realized Boy Wonder (aka Sergeant Lindsay) was missing his partner in crime, Batman. Although we have plenty of photographs to choose from, none of them capture Sr. Deputy Popken as realistically as the drawing created by our very own Deputy Gardner. Together Batman (Sr. Popken) and Boy Wonder (Sergeant Lindsay) are busy at work keeping the streets of South Facility safe and free of inmate complaint forms.

SLIP AND SLIDE

At our age, most of us have given up on using that old yellow slip-and-slide toy that was big in the '80s. But oh, the memories of running and going full-prone position in an attempt to slide down that yellow mat to the pool of water waiting for us at the end. Those of you who know what I am talking about know very well this glorious activity is best suited for the warmth of summer. That's why when I heard C/A Watkins was attempting to recapture his youth by doing the old slip and slide, I was astonished. Especially when I heard the means by which he intended on taking the gravity defying leap. My spies tell me on a cold morning just as C/A Watkins was about to go end of shift, he was traversing the sidewalk near the in-and-out shack. It seems when you mix freezing temperatures and sprinklers you make ice — and unfortunately, C/A Watkins found the layer of ice the hard way. I hear the triple gainer/backflip was a thing of beauty. All joking aside, we all wish you a speedy recovery.



TURKEY DAY

Another Thanksgiving has come and gone, and with it several turkeys have met their demise. We here at South had a very successful fried turkey dinner prepared by our very own Sergeant Contreras. For those of you who have not tried a fried turkey, you're really missing out. Several of us were placing bets on one of the following occurring:

1. The turkey would shoot out of the hot oil and streak across the sky like Haley's Comet.
2. The front of South Facility would have a new charred front façade.

3. We would all be forced to eat ODR, after the Great Turkey Disaster of 2013.
4. Sergeant Contreras would burn all his arm hair and eyebrows off ... again.

I am glad to report none of the above happened. What did happen was a great feast for all to enjoy. A very big thank-you to Sergeant Contreras and all the deputies who helped make Thanksgiving so enjoyable.

ROAD TRIP

Rumor has it our very own Lieutenant "Chuck" Becerra was out on a recent road trip taking in the local scenery. Excited about his voyage, Lieutenant Becerra hopped into one of our illustrious vehicles without looking at the gas gauge. This would prove to be a nearly fatal error. Good thing his cell phone still had enough juice to make a call to our desk requesting an Adam Unit bring him a can of fuel. After a short delay, I am glad to report he was back on the road and taking in all the sights.

GOOD JOB

Recently South Facility has seen a rise in contraband being recovered during routine searches of our housing areas. On one recent search numerous items, such as razor blades, tattoo gun, ink, shanks and a bag of our finest jailhouse pruno, were recovered. A big thank-you to all the personnel who participated in the search. Your dedication to detail and hard work have made South Facility a safer environment for all. ☆



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But the driver of the truck was sitting much higher than I and could see over the hill and farther down the road. God is also higher and can see farther than we can. We depend on God's guidance because we can't see what is ahead. However, unlike that truck driver to me, God is

not a stranger to us. We know that God loves us and desires the best for us. So why is it so hard to wait or to follow God into the unknown?

Instead of fretting about our circumstances, we can rest and simply follow God's signals, knowing that the one whose ways are higher than ours can see the road ahead.

Each day presents, to those of us in law enforcement, new and exciting opportunities to grow in our chosen professions and also spiritually. By the choices we make, we invest that day of our lives in something. Some of these choices are momentous, even life-and-death choices; most seem less momentous but can be far reaching. We can invest our lives in ways that pull us

away from our family, friends and God. Or we can invest in making ourselves and the world more like God wants us to be. We choose. As painful as it is sometimes, I still want to choose to trust the one who can see over the hill, around the many curves in the road of life, and guide me home to safety.

Questions we need to ask of ourselves:

What choices have I made recently that I am not proud of?

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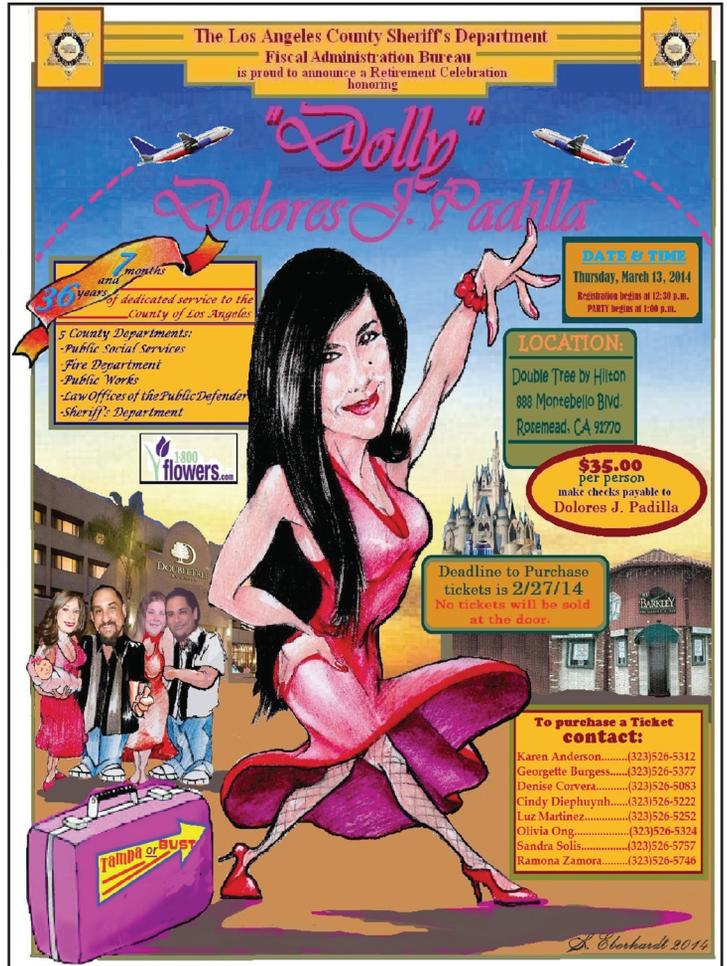
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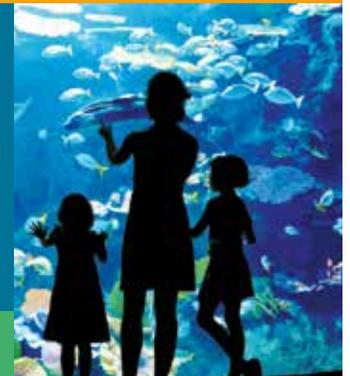
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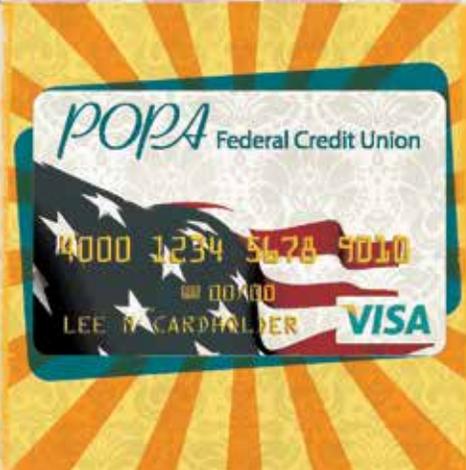
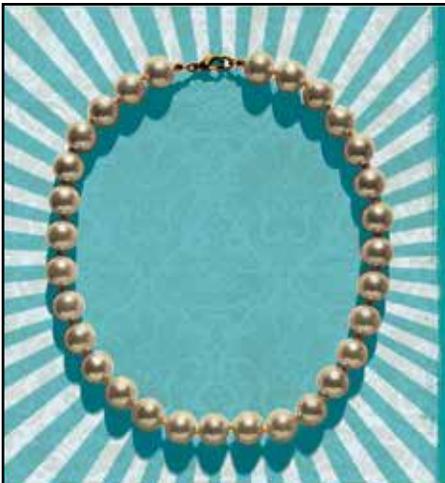
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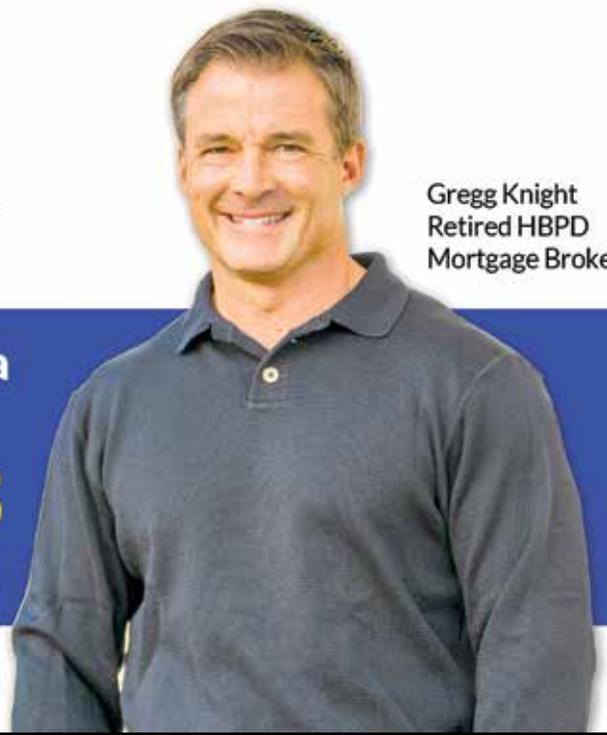
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