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Summer is the best time for Kids and PAL

From the Executive Director

Summer time... the greatest time of the year. Kids plan, organize and prepare for nine months what to do during the three months of summer. From the minute they start back to school in September all the way into June of the next year, kids look forward to being active and outdoors during the summertime.

PAL chapters around the state host the majority of their programs during summer with programs like camping, back-pack hiking, computer labs, fishing, biking, soccer, flag football, surfing, soap-box derbies, reading labs, swimming and many more.

For California PAL, it is also the busiest time of the year. Between July and mid-September, California PAL sponsors six major events: golf tournament, Huntington Beach Play Day, Youth Directors Council Camp, boxing tournament, two campouts and six theme park outings. An estimated 6,000 to 7,000 kids participate in one or more of these great programs and there is an activity for all types of kids.

The philosophy behind PAL is to provide quality programs that are supervised by police officers, PAL directors and volunteers who make a positive impression on a kid's life. Kids want programs and activities that keep their interest. They want to be around their friends and in a place where they feel safe and respected. That is why PAL is so successful. Kids who participate in PAL programs know that they are respected and loved; PAL directors are there for them and want to make positive impressions to help mold young adults into future community leaders.

The California Police Activities Leagues throughout the state are devoted to kids and to their futures. Let's make this summer one that kids will remember fondly and want to repeat in 2005 through activities with their local PAL and California PAL.

Who We Are

The California Police Activities League (California PAL) is a California 501 (c)3 nonprofit organization incorporated in 1971. California PAL is California's largest juvenile crime prevention program with over 110 member chapters and the active participation of over 300,000 youth. Each PAL member chapter is operated by law enforcement officers who network within their respective communities to create collaborative relationships with youth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregg Wilson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Gregg Wilson
Executive Director



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PAL Alumni News: Where are they now?

We want to hear from you! If you were once a PAL kid anywhere in the USA, let us know what you're doing today. We'll share your success story with our readers and with other PAL kids. Email PALmagazine@calpal.org or write to PAL Magazine, 2000 East 14th Street, San Leandro, CA 94577. Be sure to name the PAL to which you belonged as a youth and provide your phone number or email for confirmation.

Justin Davis (*Berkeley Boosters PAL*) graduated with Honors from Stanford University in June. A 2000 graduate of St. Joseph Notre Dame, Davis was one of the top high school basketball players in the country. At Stanford, he started 18 of 30 games as a sophomore and was named Tri-Captain and Honorable Mention All Pac-10 during his junior year. Davis is "a great athlete with a tremendous upside," according to Cardinal Head Coach Mike Montgomery, who describes his 6'9" student as "a very team oriented player who is athletic, runs the floor like a deer, and likes to rebound ... a great leader, an articulate young man who is respected by his teammates and schoolmates." A former PAL basketball player, Davis was coached by Officer Frank Torrence and PAL Executive Director David Manson, a volunteer at the time.

Tyrone Davis (*Oakland PAL*) is a Sergeant with the East Bay Regional Parks District in Northern California. At age 17, Davis was an Explorer with Oakland PAL. He went on to become a cadet with the Oakland Police Department and later a School Resource Officer before joining the Parks District in 1998. He was honored by Oakland PAL June 2 for his support of the program. Davis volunteers weekly on his days off and staff say when he's not there, the kids always ask for him.

Nathaniel Kirtman (*San Francisco PAL*) is program manager for the Community Probation Program at Alameda County's Probation Department based in Oakland, where he has worked for 27 years. Kirtman says police officers introduced him to football when he was a kid. "I always remember PAL because I didn't think I was big enough to play football," he recalls. "I was actually 127 pounds, two pounds over the 125-pounders." Kirtman played football with San Francisco PAL's Seahawks team in 1961-1962 before going on to play at George Washington High School in San Francisco from 1962-1965 and at Stanford University from 1965-1969 on a football scholarship. He was named to the San Francisco Prep Hall of Fame in 2000.

Austin Nichols (*Berkeley Boosters PAL*), a graduating senior at Humboldt State University, CA, was selected for the second straight year to the Daktronics All-West Region first team for men's basketball. The repeat first team member plays forward for the Lumberjacks. Officer Frank Torrence and Berkeley Boosters PAL Executive Director David Manson coached Nichols as a kid during his PAL days.

Kathy Phelan (*San Jose PAL*), who was previously Executive Director of College Advancement at Ohlone College in Fremont, is now Senior Development and

Marketing Director at Midpeninsula Community Media Center in Palo Alto. The former San Jose PAL softball player lives with her husband and three daughters in San Jose. "I have such fond memories playing softball through PAL," Phelan recalls. "I was the catcher and my sister (who is a year older than me) pitched. We were a great team. And the highlight was playing at night at the 'new' stadium under the lights in East San Jose (I'm pretty sure it was brand new at the time)."



Marcus Reed (*San Francisco PAL*) learned his love of baseball beginning at age eight when he and his brother were introduced to the PAL baseball

league in 1980. "I've played baseball for as long as I can remember," says Reed, who played PAL baseball until age 14, then played on teams in middle school, high school, and junior college. He currently plays center field on the San Francisco Giants semi-pro team. When not playing baseball, Reed works for an E-bay auctioneer company in San Mateo. "Through the Police Activities League, it put me on the path of not only being prepared to obtain my dream of playing professional baseball – I'm still trying for that one! – but also to be successful in whatever I may do in life. PAL kept me off the streets and gave kids in the inner-city a chance to compete and learn the game."

Shomari Ross (*Oakland PAL*) is completing an internship with the Alameda County Probation Department in Oakland. The 26-year-old volunteered with the probation office for six months prior to beginning the internship. He has completed some studies at Laney College and will begin a degree program at Morehouse College in Atlanta in the fall of 2004. At a recent luncheon at Oakland PAL, Ross was reacquainted with Officer Margaret Dixon, executive director of Oakland PAL, who is his former PAL track coach. "It's wonderful to be here again," says Ross. "I've been able to see PAL from both sides now."

Penelope Tamm (*San Jose PAL*), who played soccer for 11 years with the San Jose PAL girls' team as a youth, is now a police officer with the Crime Prevention Unit at the City of Pleasanton, CA, Police Department. A San Jose native and graduate of Presentation High School, Officer Tamm says she joined the Alameda County Sheriff's Department for four years before joining the Pleasanton Police Department in 1991.

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Volunteer your Time – Call us at (510) 544-4300 if you'd like to volunteer to help make PAL programs even better.

From the Editor

The summer issue of *California PAL Magazine* recognizes those whose efforts far exceed the norm. Our 2003 Annual Awards were presented March 23 in Sacramento to an amazing group of individuals and corporations that have helped PAL kids throughout the state. Be sure to read about them and emulate their example of leadership.

Another leader to follow is Chief William Bratton of the Los Angeles Police Department. In this issue, you will find a profile on this very interesting man who is changing the landscape of the City of Angels and leading a police department that has already influenced a decrease in crime since Bratton became Chief in 2002.

PAL kids from across the Golden State have been active this spring with over 1,300 competing in our soccer tournament, more than 100 performing martial arts, and hundreds more visiting theme parks or other outings. Read about our chapters' activities in the PAL Highlights section.

Finally, we heard from many of our *California PAL Magazine* readers and thank you for your warm comments and encouragement. We also heard from more PAL alumni. Read about these successful people in the Alumni News section. Please share *California PAL Magazine* with your friends and family, and let us know if you think someone would enjoy a subscription. Write us at PALMagazine@calpal.org or call at (510) 544-4300.



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Our Vision *Build a bond between cops and kids by creating safe communities and enriching young lives.*

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“We want to create a city in which kids can be kids.” –LAPD Chief Bratton

Protecting the City of Angels

By Victoria A. Emmons, CFRE

Surrounded by an official-looking entourage, William Bratton looms large as he enters a roomful of waiting reporters. Much like a politician, he shakes hands and smiles as he makes his way toward the podium. The gray-haired man in the dark blue suit is about to begin his monthly media availability day.

The press room at the Los Angeles Police Department overlooks one of two call centers that field more than 11,000 calls per day. Bratton, who was appointed in October 2002 as the 54th Chief of Police in Los Angeles, is determined to see the calls and the crime reduced.

“With a police force declining in size, we are still keeping crime down,” Bratton tells the media in his soft-spoken, unmistakably Boston accent. But there is nothing soft about this man’s determination and drive to keep the streets of Los Angeles crime-free.

It is March 4, 2004, and the Chief proudly relates declining crime statistics – 14 percent reduction in violent crime and another 6.2 percent reduction in property crime since 2003. He reviews his department’s reorganization, improvements in quality and control, the pursuit policy, and support for staff increases.

Bratton explains that he and Mayor James Hahn will be in Washington, D.C. the following week to advocate for “common sense gun control.” His department has just buried one of its own fallen heroes, Officer Ricardo Lizarraga. Scott Christian of Viacom unveils a new billboard his company has sponsored with a public safety message memorializing Lizarraga. The community is working together to achieve a safe city.

Everyone in Los Angeles has advice for their city’s newest police chief. Less than two years after his appointment, Bratton is getting high marks from his

constituents. He has reorganized the department, lobbied for more officers, streamlined operations, increased staff morale, and rebuilt trust with the community. But all roads lead to his real priority: reducing crime.

“Mayor Hahn has set a goal for Los Angeles to be the safest large city in the country,” says Bratton. “We want to create a city in which kids can be kids.”

The community is supportive of the plan. From taxi drivers to waitresses, everyone agrees Bratton has made progress.

“Bratton is open-minded but balanced in his approach,” says a *Los Angeles Times* reporter who has covered crime there for nearly a decade. “He seems to have the right combination. His officers feel he’ll back them, but he’ll also affect policy and change.”

Walking the Los Angeles airport, two police officers were quick to respond favorably about their



Chief William Bratton
Photo: Courtesy of LAPD.

Chief. “He really supports us out here. He’s good for the city.”

Linda Licht, a waitress at the Hyatt Regency who has lived in the Mt. Washington

area for 30 years, admits that the Chief has some challenges. “He came in with a bang, but I guess he didn’t get all the policemen he wanted. We’re still the drive-by capital of the world. We need more programs for kids so they’ll stay out of trouble.”

Bratton strongly supports more youth programs like the Police Activities League (PAL). There are eleven PAL chapters in LAPD divisions throughout the city and Bratton wants to start more. He wants to create the same friendly environment for kids in Los Angeles that he recalls from his childhood – memories of Boston’s “Officer Friendly” driving in his 1958 police car with the elephant ear loud speakers.

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Three elected to serve on California PAL Board of Directors

Three directors were elected March 23 to serve three-year terms on the California Police Activities League Board of Directors.



Sergeant Charles Steadman, executive director of Hemet PAL, was re-elected to a third term and continues as Board president. A 20-year veteran of the Hemet Police Department, Steadman oversees Hemet's community outreach programs. Since he began at Hemet PAL in 1998, daily youth attendance has grown from six to 150 students, with youth membership now numbering nearly 400. Steadman says that Hemet's 29 percent reduction in juvenile crime in 2002 dramatically demonstrates the effectiveness of juvenile crime prevention programs like PAL. Steadman holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Columbia Southern University. He and his wife, Therese, have four children and one grandchild.

Barbara Bonilla is director of Development and Operations at Redwood City PAL, which is in the last phase of a \$4.5 million capital campaign for a 15,000-square-foot PAL Community Center. Prior to joining Redwood City PAL, Bonilla worked for several cities and YMCAs. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from San Francisco State University with a major in Recreation



Administration and minor in Business. She is completing a Masters in Public Administration at California State University, Hayward. Bonilla is the mother of two daughters, GeenaMarie, 10, and Madeline, 2, and lives in South San Francisco with her husband, Manuel, a police officer with the San Francisco Police Department.



David W. Manson, Jr. joined Berkeley Boosters PAL as executive director in 2001 after volunteering for nine years there. Manson was formerly program director with the YMCA, managed his own consulting firm and coached high school

basketball. In 2001, he was named Contra Costa Times Bay Area Coach of the Year. A native of Chicago, Manson earned a Bachelor of Arts in History with a minor in Youth Work from Christ College Irvine and is pursuing a Master of Divinity at Pacific School of Religion. Manson serves as a youth minister, plays chess and is an avid reader. His 21-year-old adoptee, DeAndre, is a junior at Tuskegee University and a PAL volunteer.

Thanks to Retiring Board Members

Special thanks to retiring Board members Officer Ron Bennett, former executive director of Albany PAL, and Sergeant Mohamed "Mo" Marhaba, officer with Santa Monica PAL, both of whom devoted tireless hours to serving California PAL. □

Member Moves

Send your staff changes, promotions or additions to PALmagazine@calpal.org.

Congratulations to the following new PAL directors who were appointed to their positions within the past several months. And thank you to those outgoing officers who have served their PALs with pride.

Lt. Mike McQuiston was named director of the Albany PAL, replacing Officer Ron Bennett.

Connie Cervantes replaces Stephen Joseph as director of Compton YAL.

Sgt. Timothy Hahn is the newly-named director of Fresno PAL, replacing Sgt. Greg Noll.

George Berrios was named director of Lompoc PAL and replaces Leo Garza.

Roger Coldiron was appointed director of Palm Springs PAL and replaces temporary director Gil Hernandez, who replaced Officer George Palomares.

Sgt. Bud Herring replaces Sgt. Jim Fujitani as director of Roseville PAL.

Officer Rich Sevilla, director of Newark PAL since 1999, retired from the Newark Police Department in June after more than 20 years of service. Thanks, Rich, for all your contributions to PAL!

Letters to the Editor

We welcome your feedback. Write us at PALmagazine@calpal.org or Editor, California PAL Magazine, 2000 East 14th Street, San Leandro, CA 94577. We reserve the right to decline publication of letters and to edit for length.

Sacramento Experience 2004

I just wanted to tell you what a great time our kids had this past week [at Sacramento Experience]. From the new friends they met, the great speakers and, of course, the visits to the Capitol, they talked the whole drive home. They were already planning a fundraiser/community service project for our YDC. This is what it's all about.

Suzanne Green

Executive Director, Vacaville PAL

Although I was unable to attend this year's Sacramento Experience, we sent our PAL board president and our captain along with four of our youth to the event. Today I spoke with our board president to see how the Sacramento Experience went. He told me that it was a great experience and that our youth were very excited. We do not currently have YDC [Youth Directors Council], but I believe that is about to change as the four that attended came back highly motivated and want to start YDC in our PAL. The youth were also excited about their visit to the State Capitol and the opportunity to speak with their Senator Bruce McPherson who I was told was very friendly, allowing the youth to sit in the big chair belonging to the Senator. The youth that attended said that they would like the opportunity to attend this event again. I would like to thank you for making this event possible and allowing the youth of our community to experience something that they will never forget.

Bryan Hieger

Director, Seaside PAL

My son and I enjoyed the State Capitol Rally on the 22nd of March. It was a great pleasure to see the smiling faces of kids interacting with smiling police officers and many others. Keep up the great work for our future leaders.

Ronald D. Purta

California PAL Magazine

Just received the latest *California PAL Magazine* yesterday. Good job!

John K. Novinger

CEO, Celerity Innovations Inc.
Los Alamitos, CA

I got your cool magazine in the mail. I love your new layout...much more people friendly and easy to read... please keep sending it.

Stephanie J. Helms

Stephanie's Custom Framing & Art Gallery
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We received the PAL magazine today. It is sensational! This publication actually makes you want to "go into" the program. The kids and activities come alive and the graphics make it easy to find what you need to know more. My husband was impressed with the whole thing, especially the paper weight and quality. We both liked "Hoops!" as a fun play on words, as well as your articles. A great job!

Mrs. David S. Christy

New York, NY

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"It's like a breath of fresh air to see someone of the higher echelon who supports what you're doing in the community," says Officer Glenda Brooks, director of LAPD Hollenbeck PAL for the past five years. "The PAL program is community policing at its best."

The Office of the LAPD Police Chief is unassuming, tucked away through myriad old-fashioned, darkened corridors that twist and turn through a 1950s-era building. Bratton has transformed the office into a mini-museum of police memorabilia and mementoes of his 32 years in law enforcement. A large table dominates the room and is surrounded by shelves of 1920s police badges, vintage police helmets, photographs, awards and honors.

After a long career cleaning up the streets of Boston and New York City, the former police commissioner traveled the world as a consultant giving speeches about the philosophy of community policing. The events of September 11, 2001, says Bratton, were a grim

reminder about how much he missed working in the public sector of law enforcement.

"I always wanted to be a cop as a kid," explains Bratton, who grew up watching police shows like *Dagnet*. "I got to see many parts of the world, but I always missed the buzz of police work. By nature, I'm an optimist. I like solving and fixing things. I've always been able to impact organizational morale by helping people to feel they're part of something that's working."

Determined to relinquish Los Angeles' 2002 title as murder capital of the U.S., Bratton has already decreased crime rates by 4.2% between 2002 and 2003 and gang-related crime by 7.9%. He articulates the correlation between reduced crime and cost savings to the community, maintaining his strategies have already saved the city over \$462 million.

"I like going into a place that's got a few problems," admits Bratton. "This is the most prideful of any place I've ever worked. This place is so fervent." □

Martial Arts

Colorful practice in multi-cultural exchange

Wielding staffs and sickles, Emily Cope, 18, was a force to be reckoned with. Joining 175 other kids and adults at the annual California PAL Martial Arts Tournament held April 16-18 in San Jacinto, CA, Cope walked away with a first place in Kata and a third place in weapons competition.

Seven California PAL chapters participated in the event, including Calexico, Clovis, Imperial, LAPD Hollywood, LAPD Newton, San Jacinto and Watsonville. Spectators were treated to performances in a variety of martial arts forms.

Cope, who joined San Jacinto PAL in 2002 and has been practicing martial arts since the age of five, teaches PAL kids ages six and older and encourages others to join in. “I tell kids it’s a good idea and you’ll learn a lot. You’ll learn how to focus.”

An ancient practice, martial arts developed originally from the meditation and breathing exercises performed by Chinese monks. But for common people who had no body guards, the art eventually evolved into a form of self-protection and has never been standardized in over 2,000 years of practice. From Karate to Kung Fu to Taekwondo, there are hundreds of different styles of martial arts that vary from country to country.

Colors are synonymous with the sport and competitors wear belts in different brilliant hues to indicate their level of expertise. The color darkens with more experience, with the black belt being the highest and with seven steps of black stripes that may be earned beyond that.



18-year-old Emily Cope of San Jacinto PAL won first place in Kata competition.

The belt had no more significance than something to hold a robe together in the sports’ early days.

“The dirtier the belt, the darker it got,” explained Owen Matthew Aurelio, 26, a first-degree black belt in Taekwondo and a martial arts instructor in Northern California. “With sweating and bleeding onto the belt, a competitor’s belt naturally

darkened.” The darker the belt, the more experienced the player.

The familiar colored belt system that today ranks martial arts competitors is not common to all martial art forms. Not every practice uses the system, according to Aurelio, who has been competing for 13 years. “Kung Fu doesn’t use belts, but Japan and Korea use a belt system.



Female competitors face off.



The Black Belt signals the start of the next round.

Western goals have been infused into Eastern values and result in what we have today.”

“You can never really perfect it,” says Cope, a recent graduate of San Jacinto High School and

an upcoming freshman at Northern Arizona University (NAU). “You’re always learning something new.”

Cope says she plans to follow in the footsteps of her 22-year-old brother Curtis, who teaches martial arts as part of the Young Champions of America program at NAU. “I’m definitely going to help him,” she promises.

As far as the PAL tournament, Cope was modest about her awards. “I really enjoyed the sportsmanship. It was fun seeing other people from different dojo [training halls].” □

Photography: Norman Foster, Picture the Memory.

Sacramento offers experience of a lifetime

You could feel the PAL pride at Sunday morning roll call. The Hollywood contingent made sure they were heard. The group from LAPD Hollenbeck made a deep “Whoooo! Whoooo!” sound, while kids from Pasadena hooted a sing-song “Deeena!” The Oxnard delegation was determined to make the most noise of all.

“I didn't know what respect meant before, but with those wonderful speakers, they showed me what respect and other valuable words mean.”

Jose Murillo, San Jacinto PAL



A rally held March 22 on the steps of the Capitol brought together police chiefs, sheriffs, PAL youth, State Parks employees and volunteers with their legislators and the media to let them hear how PAL has made a significant difference in the lives of many kids.

The youth leaders from California and Florida were gathered at the Holiday Inn, Capitol Plaza in Sacramento March 20-23 to experience



California's capital city in action. Sponsored by California Police Activities League (PAL), the annual Sacramento Experience brought together over 400 participants. The conference united youth ages 12 to 18 and law enforcement officers to gain valuable leadership training, meet their elected officials and watch the legislative process in action.

In addition to their classroom time, the youth expanded their knowledge of history with a tour of Old Sacramento, got better acquainted at a dinner-dance and cruise down the Sacramento River and met with their local legislators to educate them about their PAL programs.

Photo captions: (Upper right) Glenn County PAL staff and youth visit with their Assemblyman Doug LaMalfa (R-District 2). (lower left) Kids from around the state get acquainted through a game... (bottom center) ... and they become fast friends.



Youth debate right to vote

Being in Sacramento also offered kids the chance to discuss important issues. Some expressed their opinions during a debate about proposed California legislation that would give people as young as age 14 the right to vote, even if their vote only counted one-fourth or one-half.

“I think 16-year-olds should get to vote since they also have responsibilities that others have,” said Melissa of Hollywood PAL. “I think they should vote because every count makes a difference.”

Yira of Anaheim PAL disagreed. “I don't think most 16-year-olds would take the time to vote.”

The pros and cons continued as teens considered the implications of what such legislation would mean to them and society as a whole.

“In summer, we have jobs and we pay state taxes, so why shouldn't we be able to vote?” said Morgan from State Parks PAL.

A youngster from Inglewood PAL added, “I'm 12 now, but since I'd have an I.D. at 16 and I would be driving, I should get to vote...even half a vote is better than none.”

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Kids dance away the evening on a riverboat cruise along the Sacramento River.

Nick, from Florida State PAL, who won't be affected by any change in California's voting laws, shared his opinion against the idea. "We're always saying at age 16, treat us like adults. They say we should be like eagles and soar. But we get our voice from our parents and others, so we haven't really formed our own opinions yet."

The Sacramento Experience concluded with an awards banquet honoring youth, police officers, government leaders, media, corporations and volunteers who have made a difference in the lives of many youth and adults. *See related story beginning on page 10.* □



Hemet Police Chief Peter M. Hewitt addresses the crowd on the Capitol steps.

Sacramento Experience Trip

It was beautiful and so green. When I arrived in Sacramento, I knew I was going to have a blast, but I didn't know I was going to learn something about being a leader. I learned many things about drugs, bad music, and bad relationships. I was very touched by the speakers, but most of all I was touched by Ken Johnson. I loved how he spoke and the subjects he spoke about. I just loved the saying "Stuck on Stupid." I realized that people who are stuck on drugs, sex, porno, all the other bad things that people do are just people that are "Stuck on Stupid." So I'd rather be smart than stupid.

The Capitol was a great experience, too. When I got there, I took a picture of it thinking it was the front of the building until my chaperone, Sandy Liera, told me that it was the back. They knew right off the bat that I had never seen a picture of it. I was just glad to see and be in something I had never seen. The Capitol was just beautiful with all the paintings and pictures around it. Our legislator was Bonnie Garcia who listened to our lecture about SAL. The rally was good, too, but hot. I think we got the legislators' attention.

I thought the boat cruise was such fun and the weather was just right. I got to meet a couple of people who were very interesting, too. I also thought the dinner was very nice and the food was ok. I hope to come again to Sacramento Experience because it was a great experience for me and for everyone else, too.

Priscilla Green, age 14, Imperial County SAL

California Experience

I thank San Jacinto PAL for giving me the opportunity to go to Sacramento Experience. The trip showed me a lot. I mean a lot because I didn't know what was going to happen in my life, but with this field trip, my life was changed. I didn't know what respect meant before, but with those wonderful speakers, they showed me what respect and other valuable words mean.

Another thing that I liked about this experience is that the speakers told us what was true -- like when someone doesn't like you, it's their problem, not yours. And no matter what people tell you or if they try to put you down, never give up. God is always with you. And PAL is there to help you with your problems.

Jose Murillo, age 13, San Jacinto PAL

First Flight

Hi, my name is Danny. My Experience in Sacramento was one of the greatest things I have ever done. When I first found out I was chosen to go, I wasn't so excited about it because I knew I would have to ride in an airplane and I had never been in one before. Finally, it was time to get ready to go. The night before we left, I was so nervous and my hands so sweaty that I thought I would pass out. When it was finally time to leave for the airport, during the ride there I couldn't stop thinking about how the plane ride would be. When we got to the airport and I saw how big the planes were, I thought to myself: Oh, no! I am not riding on that. It was time to board and I didn't even want to move. When we got on the plane, it was okay; but when the plane started to move I shut my eyes. Then I realized it wasn't so bad at all, actually really cool, looking down on the world. And when we landed, it was the best thing in the whole flight.

Danny Escalante, age 15, San Jacinto PAL

PAL honors exemplary individuals and corporations at Annual Awards event

Eight individuals and four corporations were honored at the California PAL Annual Awards Ceremony held March 22 in Sacramento, while National PAL also honored a California youth. The winners were selected for their long-term service to PAL and their communities. We congratulate these individuals and corporations for their determination to help others and their vision as leaders and innovators. We also thank our corporate sponsors of the event – Thomas E. Mestmaker and Associates, and Telcom Services, Inc.



President's Award

Jack Shu

California State Parks PAL

Superintendent Jack Shu co-founded the California State Parks PAL in 1996. During his 25-year career with State Parks, Shu dedicated himself to serving urban communities and youth, and developed a unique PAL that encompasses programs for youth statewide. Shu was instrumental in establishing the partnership between State Parks and California PAL to provide quality outdoor recreation programs. He designed many programs, including FamCamp, the P.O.S.T. certified course, Outdoor Recreation Leadership & Community Policing, and the Youth Leadership Institute. His untiring dedication, commitment and vision have made a difference in the lives of countless youth.



Male Youth of the Year

Jerry Albo

Lake County SAL

During his four years with the Lake County Sheriff's Activities League (SAL), Jerry Albo, 17, has demonstrated a strong work ethic and responsible attitude that earned him the respect of the officers and youth he serves. Albo coaches boxing five hours each week and encourages young boxers with beginning skills. He is a lead mentor for Kelseyville's Healthy Start program and is president of his SAL's Youth Director's Council. He supports Lions Club youth activities, volunteers at summer day camp and kayaking programs, and provides leadership during Junior Giants activities. Albo consistently models strong values to the youth he leads.



Female Youth of the Year

Jessica McDaniel

Hemet PAL

Leadership comes naturally to Jessica McDaniel, 17, of Anza, California. A member of Hemet PAL's Mayor Youth Council since 1996, she has served as its president, vice president and chairperson of Kids in Action. She tutors youth, decorates for holiday events, and chairs committees for Hemet PAL. She is a star student at Hamilton High School, where she serves the drama department and manages the football team. This year, she was selected to represent her school at the 2004 Washington Youth Tour in Washington D.C. McDaniel is a true leader who inspires others to achieve their goals.



Officer of the Year

Officer James Ainsworth, Jr.

Tehama County PAL

Officer James Ainsworth's commitment to Tehama County youth began with the creation of Red Bluff PAL in 1996. He broadened the scope of PAL programs and areas served over the years, and in 2003 the PAL was renamed Tehama County PAL. Ainsworth recruited volunteers, secured gyms and expanded programs and partnerships. He helped secure a partnership with the Safe Education and Recreation for Rural Families After-School Program and the Tehama County Mentoring Program. He also serves California PAL on the Conference and Legislative Committees. His dedication and service is unequalled. He is a true hero in the eyes of the community.



Officer of the Year

Detective Tim Heiden

Barstow PAL

Tim Heiden, volunteer director of Barstow PAL, loves playing Santa Claus. A detective and 10-year veteran with the Barstow, California Police Department, Heiden started a small program in 1995 that by last year had raised \$15,000 to buy 5,000 new toys for kids. That success led to the creation of Barstow PAL in 1998. Heiden secured a donated facility, recruited volunteers and spent hundreds of hours managing the PAL program. The Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce named Barstow PAL Organization of the Year in 2003 and honored Heiden as “Man of Continuous Service” in 2004.

“Tim is a fine officer and a special person,” says Barstow Chief of Police Lee Gibson. “The City of Barstow and its citizens owe him a debt of gratitude.”



Volunteer of the Year

Ralph Leal

Hemet PAL

Ralph Leal is serious about boxing. The success of Hemet PAL’s boxing program is in large measure due to this humble man’s tireless devotion to creating a disciplined and well-managed program. Leal joined the Hemet boxing program in 1997 and volunteers to coach kids five days per week. He maintains equipment and makes facility improvements. Leal has coached PAL members who compete at both state and national levels and is dedicated to the PAL kids.

“Without Ralph, Hemet PAL boxing would not be the success it is today,” says Sergeant Chuck Steadman, executive director of Hemet PAL.



Media of the Year/Print

Harry Harris

Oakland Tribune, Oakland, CA

A 36-year veteran journalist, Harry Harris has covered many crime stories throughout his long career with the *Oakland Tribune*. Conscious of his responsibility to keep the citizens of Oakland informed about current events, Harris’ motto is, “A good writer must be able to write about the bad and the good.” Since 1981, Harris has written numerous stories about Oakland PAL. He is recognized as a well-respected and fair reporter and truly a messenger for Oakland PAL. He is dedicated to supporting Oakland’s youth and his excellent coverage over the years has introduced PAL to many children and their families.



Government Leader of the Year

Councilmember Laurence E. Reid

Oakland, CA

Representing residents of Oakland’s District 7, Councilmember Laurence E. Reid is a longtime friend to Oakland PAL. For 18 years, he has supported PAL’s mission and encouraged others to join him. With Reid’s endorsement, Oakland PAL was able to secure a lease with Parks and Recreation and to reopen the Verdese Carter Youth Center. With his support, PAL youth have had greater educational opportunities as Reid has been providing scholarships since 1991 to ten Oakland PAL graduating seniors. Reid is committed to reducing juvenile crime and violence by assuring appropriate facilities and programs are available to the children of Oakland.



Media of the Year/Television

Entravision, Television & Radio, Univision 7

El Centro, CA

The use of television and radio to reach out to at-risk youth proved successful last year in Calexico through a partnership with Calexico PAL and a local television station. Entravision, Television & Radio, Univision 7 helped Calexico PAL to exceed its member recruitment goal by nearly 90 percent. The company aired public service announcements, promotions and sponsorships that helped make the PAL’s recruitment plan a success. Thanks to the immense effort and commitment of Entravision, Inc., Calexico PAL was able to serve over 375 boys and girls in the City of Calexico and in Imperial County. *Pictured above is the General Manager of Entravision – Daniel Osuna*



Captains Edward and Shelley Hill.

Community Corporation of the Year

**The Salvation Army—
Pasadena/Captain Edward Hill
Pasadena, California**

Pasadena PAL began its partnership with The Salvation Army-Pasadena in 1997 when Major Chick Yuill offered use of their 5,500-square-foot Youth Center. The kind gesture has saved Pasadena PAL \$1 million in facility and equipment costs. As a direct result of the partnership, Pasadena PAL has served over 1,400 youth and the City of Pasadena has experienced a drastic reduction in violent juvenile crime. Current administrator Captain Edward Hill serves on the Pasadena PAL Executive Board. The partnership with The Salvation Army-Pasadena has allowed PAL to provide youth with alternatives to crime and the hope for a better future.



Pictured left to right: Matt O'Connor, Bruce Yablonski, Bill Spencer.

Corporation of the Year

**Telcom Services, Inc.
Irving, Texas**

Telcom Services employees devote each and every day to helping kids. From their offices in Downey, Anaheim, San Leandro, Concord, Citrus Heights, Riverside and Colton, Telcom workers man the phones to let people know about the needs of PAL kids. But making calls is not all they do. The company has helped sponsor conferences for six years, volunteered at events and hosted holiday food drives, collecting approximately 150 cans to help fill 300 holiday baskets for Los Angeles County-Century YAL's annual citizens-in-need program. Telcom employees also offered corporate tours for kids in Anaheim and conducted food and toy drives to benefit Los Angeles, Anaheim and Newark PALs.

Corporation of the Year

**Court TV
New York, NY**



In September 2003, a partnership was born with California PAL, Court TV, National PAL, the Los Angeles Police Department, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and Comcast Cable of Southern California to introduce national and community-based programs geared to provide long-term solutions to youth crime. The cornerstone of the partnership was the introduction of the network's Choices & Consequences video and lesson plan curricula into the 120 PAL chapters across the state. It is presently used by thousands of high schools and middle schools across the country. Also in concert with PAL, Court TV produced a PSA campaign to elevate awareness of PAL's youth programs.

National PAL Male Youth of the Year

**Jorge Rodriguez
Fresno PAL**

National PAL recognized Jorge Rodriguez, 17, awarding him a \$2,500 scholarship during its conference in St. Louis, MO, on June 12. The oldest of four children, Rodriguez graduated in June with a 3.86 average from Central High School West and will attend Fresno City College. President of Fresno PAL YDC, Rodriguez was active in Explorers, DARE, and National Honor Society. He was elected president of his class and the Art Angels Club. He attributes his success to the police mentors he had and to his mother.

"My life has had many problems that almost every low-income child has," Rodriguez wrote. "I choose to 'keep my nose clean' and try to avoid the negative aspects of the life of the poor."

"He's a very self-motivated and driven person," says Officer Kristen Santos, YDC Advisor. "He's a great role model for the kids around here. He's just a really good kid."

Create Board Effectiveness through Strategy and Leadership

By Mary Hiland, Hiland & Associates

Effective nonprofit boards fulfill responsibilities through three roles: as stewards, strategists, and leaders. There has been extensive media coverage about stewardship, i.e. ethically safeguarding the resources invested by stakeholders. But what about the strategist role and its relationship to leadership?

It's an old maxim: If you don't know where you are going, you will end up someplace else. This is a basic argument for the importance of strategic planning. A strategic planning process includes:

- Identifying trends, opportunities, threats - the critical issues facing the organization;

- Choosing responses to these critical issues and framing them as measurable results;
- Assessing the organization's capacity to achieve those results;
- Aligning results with capacity while reaching for "stretch" goals;
- Committing - formally adopting the plan; and
- Engaging key stakeholders throughout the process.

Where's the strategy? The plan states what will be achieved. Strategy answers: "How?"

Strategies are the organization's choices of services or products. Together, the staff and board determine which strategies will

achieve the desired results by asking: "What needs to change? What will we stop doing? What will we start doing?" Then, agreed-upon strategies become measurable objectives that are evaluated on an annual basis. The plan is updated annually and, in time, replaced through a new process.

Too often nonprofit organizations launch into a strategic planning process without having dealt with the essential organizational questions that provide the context for that planning. New organizations struggle with the same questions that older ones too often fail to revisit: "Who are we? What business are we in? Who do we serve? Why do we exist?" These are



questions of identity. In asking and answering them, the board leads.

As you consider strategic planning in your own organization, reflect on these questions and others. Effective nonprofit governance and leadership is as much, if not more, about asking the right questions as it is about doing the right things.

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Over 1,300 play in Soccer Tournament



The Napa SAL 16-and-under girls soccer team poses with Ron Exley, AKA "The Handsome One."

Many moms spent Mother's Day this year watching their son or daughter play soccer. Over 1,300 young people from throughout California gathered at the Kern County Soccer Complex in Bakersfield May 7-9 for the 2004 California PAL Soccer Tournament.

Hosted by Bakersfield PAL, the event included 80 teams in three girls' divisions and three boys' divisions for kids ages 11-16.

PAL chapters participating in the Mother's Day weekend tournament included Anaheim, Bakersfield, Berkeley Boosters, Blythe, Brawley, Calexico, El Centro, Hemet PAL, LAPD Hollenbeck, LAPD Hollywood, Lincoln, Los Banos, Lompoc, Imperial County SAL, Inglewood, Napa SAL, Pasadena, Redwood City, Richmond, Salinas, Santa Barbara, Santa Clarita YAL, Tehama County, Vallejo, and Watsonville. □

A Field of Their Own

San Jose PAL Challenge League

As 13-year-old Bobby steps up to the plate, a sea of red shirts positioned in the bright, new outfield at Selma Olinder Elementary School backs up to give him more space. The small, slender teenager packs a wallop and the ball soars into the air. As he rounds the bases, he no longer needs his buddy on the sidelines coaching him to the next base.

“His dad and I had a hard time coaching him onto the field,” recalls 50-year-old Barbara Velasquez, Bobby’s coach for the past three years. “When he first started on the team, he was so shy that he would cover his face. Now he hits and runs the bases by himself.”



Junior Giants players get ready for the game.

disabilities the opportunity to exercise, build self-esteem and teamwork, and to have fun.

Bobby – who was born with Down Syndrome – and his parents have not let his disability get in the way of experiencing the thrill of baseball.

“I always ask them when they come back from running bases, ‘Did you have fun?’” says Velasquez, whose husband and fellow coach Walter pitches to the players. “They always say yes.”

Velasquez and her husband first became involved with the League when it was launched in 1991 through the efforts of Officer Juan Reyes, a patrolman with the San Jose Police Department.

“Officer Reyes started the first Challenge League through Little League in 1989,” explains Velasquez. “When he was given the opportunity to work with PAL, he started a new League. The PAL Challenge League wouldn’t be here today without him.”



There are no outs in Challenge baseball!

A History of Serving All Kids

San Jose PAL, in existence for more than 30 years and one of the largest PAL programs in the nation, serves over 12,000 children each year in 13 different athletic leagues. The PAL Challenge League began with only two teams and a handful of dedicated parents and volunteers. The players represent Silicon Valley youth ages seven to 26. But it wasn’t always that way.

Since disabled kids had no place to play after they reached age 18, the community joined together to change all that. In early 2003, the Giants Community Fund teamed up with the Good Tidings Foundation, San Jose Unified School District and Applied Materials to renovate the Selma Olinder Elementary School field – a \$250,000 project – especially for the Challenge League. The Special Kids Fund of New Jersey donated an additional

\$15,000 to assist with the team’s awards and field maintenance.

“Our many corporate donors really helped us to achieve this vision of building a field for the Challenge

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League,” says Sergeant Anthony Vizzusi, executive director of San Jose PAL.

In March 2004, the first group of “senior” players began running bases at the field and the Senior Junior Giants officially kicked off its first season. With more than 80 players 17 years and older, many kids have been on PAL teams for more than a decade. These young people wanted to play baseball and everyone made sure that happened.

“Opportunities for special needs children decrease as they grow older,” said League Commissioner and San Jose Police Officer Robert LoBach. “I’m thrilled to be involved with the Junior Giants baseball program and to provide these children with the same opportunities for healthy recreational activities.”

The Challenge League teams represent a variety of blended cultures. One common denominator among the players is their disability. Another is that they all love baseball.

The Joy of Baseball

There are no outs in Challenge baseball. The kids play by their own rules, achieve at their own pace and get up to bat at least once in each of the two innings played in a game. If you count the players, you’ll find many more than the usual nine on the field. The inning is over once every kid has had a chance to bat.

“We keep pitching until they hit the ball,” says Velasquez, even if it means 20 pitches.

Challenge League players and their families meet regularly during the three-month season. Safety balls minimize injuries and buddies help players with fielding and running bases. Volunteers coach, serve as buddies, help in the dugout and transport kids. Everyone wins a trophy at season’s end. The kids have learned the joy of America’s favorite pastime.

“Come out and watch us to see how much joy these kids get out of playing baseball,” says Velasquez, whose 24-year-old son, Scott, started playing in the Challenge League a decade ago.

Belonging to a Growing League

The League is growing as word of its success reaches other nearby communities. “Other cities are joining with us,” says Officer Reyes. “Mountain View, Milpitas and Sunnyvale have all expressed an interest in fielding teams for the Challenge League.”

The Senior Junior Giants players are already demonstrating their expertise. “I’ve got some kids who hit that ball over the fence,” says Velasquez. “That’s why we started the older kids’ league. Kids want to be on teams. They want to belong. Without PAL, they wouldn’t be able to play.” □

Happy Birthday, Junior Giants!

Founded in 1994, the Junior Giants celebrate their 10th anniversary this year. The program, funded by the Giants Community Fund, has grown to over 500 teams

The Giants Community Fund provides jerseys, hats, baseball equipment and tickets to select Giants games. The San Francisco Giants provide coaches training



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Three leagues of Junior Giants teams were invited to bring players to the 2004 Play Ball Lunch fundraising event. Kids from East Palo Alto, Daly City and Richmond joined in the fun.

Pictured with Giants Bullpen Coach Mark Gardner (L) and California PAL Membership Director Ron Exley (R) are (L to R) East Palo Alto Junior Giants players Ulysis Sorto, Lexus Julien, Jamar Gaddas, Charmaine Airy, and Franky Valencia.

in more than 63 cities, ranging from San Luis Obispo to Medford, Oregon. The summer baseball league, offered free to children ages 5-18, is active in more than 60 PAL chapters throughout the state, as well as other youth organizations.

and host baseball clinics for the kids. Emphasis in this league is not placed on winning games, but on building character and self-esteem. Coaches teach values such as teamwork, confidence, integrity and leadership to help children make smart decisions and keep them active and off the streets. In 2004, the Giants launched a Senior Junior Giants Team at San Jose PAL’s Challenge League. The first of its kind, the Senior Junior Giants offers baseball for disabled young adults ages 18-24. (See related story opposite page.)

PAL Highlights

Kids Serving Our Local Communities

BERKELEY BOOSTERS PAL

Youth attend Sacramento Experience

Five youth represented Berkeley in Sacramento March 19-23, including Katryna Shattuck, Nalui Garcia, Andy Garcia, Reynisha Franklin and Malcolm Jackson. The kids visited Assemblyperson Loni Hancock and Senator Don Perata, and toured the Capitol. The group also attended a large California PAL rally on the steps of the Capitol. The Sacramento trip was a life-changing experience for our kids. They developed a lasting bond with one of Berkeley's finest, Officer Alan Pagle, and came back with excitement and ideas about how to be better leaders and serve our community in more meaningful ways. *—David W. Manson, Jr., Executive Director*

BRAWLEY PAL

Celebrity Golf Classic Benefits Brawley PAL

Cimarron Golf Resort in Cathedral City was abuzz May 23 with celebrities like Oakland Raider Hall of Famer Fred Biletnikoff, Raider Kenny Stabler, Los Angeles Rams Hall of Famer Deacon Jones and Kansas City Chief Fred Williamson. The Glenn Cadrez Celebrity Golf Classic was co-hosted by Biletnikoff and Cadrez, an El Centro native and two-time Super Bowl champion, and benefited Brawley PAL and the Biletnikoff Foundation. *—Sgt. Chris Eaton, Executive Director*

COLTON PAL

YDC Hosts Clean-up Day and Party

The 13-member YDC at Colton PAL was recognized by the City Council for a project that literally "cleaned up the streets." The young leaders recruited 60 members of the Colton High School football team to help clean up trash along Slover Avenue, a natural habitat for a protected species of sand fly. The kids filled four large trash bins with everything from tires to trashed couches. The YDC also organized an Easter party for



The Easter Bunny, AKA Hugh Margesson, assisted by Colton PAL YDC kids at a party for nearly 80 local children.

80 youngsters, complete with baskets, egg hunt and "Easter Bunny" Hugh Margesson, Colton's child care director. *—Officer Ernie Mireles*

EL CENTRO PAL

12 New Members join El Centro PAL YDC

Jose Ramirez was elected president of El Centro PAL Youth Directors' Council (YDC). Council participants include Tony Dena, VP; Flor Dena, Secretary; Ivette Padilla, Treasurer; and supporting Council members Evelyn Mejia, Fernanda Vides, Alberto Padilla, Celia Aguilar, Rebecca Gomez, Elizabeth Vallez, Berenice Ley and Gonzalo Salas. YDC members will host a graffiti clean-up day and plan to attend Leadership Camp in San Diego and Walt Disney World in Florida. *—Eric Scoville, Executive Director*

MENDOCINO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAL



Children from Willits and Ukiah area are seen here with Phil Kromka Sensei and their PAL instructor Deputy Mike Tobin, Sensei.

Karate Club Attends Okinawan Karatedo

Karate Club kids from Ukiah and Willits attended a traditional Okinawan Karatedo Seminar January 24 at the Hopland Shorin-ryu Dojo. The event featured Eihachi Ota, 8th Degree Black Belt. COMMETT and DEA grant funds supported the activity to

promote drug-free activities and awareness for our youth. On April 17, the Karate Club hosted a traditional Karate training at the Redwood Health Club with Phil Kromka Sensei, 5th Dan, Matsubayashi Shorin-ryu Karatedo.

—Deputy Mike Tobin, Director

NATIONAL PAL

Eight CA Youth Appointed to National YLC

Eight members of the California PAL YDC were appointed to the inaugural Board of the National PAL Youth Leadership Council (YLC), including: Evelyn Gonzales, Manbir Sandhu, Jonathan Grantham, Jessica Gonzalez, Jessica McDaniels, Andrew Elia, Mayra Naranjo, and Gustavo Ramirez.

California PAL Membership by Region

To locate a PAL in your community, call us at (510) 544-4300 or visit www.calpal.org.

Northern California

Etna PAL
Fort Bragg PAL
Glenn County PAL
Jackson PAL
Lake County SAL
Lincoln PAL
Mendocino County SAL
Roseville PAL
Susanville PAL
Tehama County PAL
Weed PAL

SF Bay Area

Albany PAL
Benicia PAL
Berkeley Boosters PAL
Brentwood PAL
Concord PAL
East Palo Alto PAL
Foster City PAL
Livermore PAL
Milpitas PAL

Monterey Bay PAL
Monterey County PAL
Napa SAL
Newark PAL
Oakland PAL
Redwood City PAL
Richmond PAL
Salinas PAL
San Carlos PAL
San Jose PAL
San Mateo PAL
Santa Cruz Co. SAL
Seaside PAL
Union City PAL
Vacaville PAL
Vallejo PAL
Watsonville PAL

Central Valley

Atwater PAL
Bakersfield PAL
Chowchilla PAL
Clovis PAL

Corcoran PAL
Dos Palos PAL
Firebaugh PAL
Fresno PAL
Gustine PAL
Kings County SAL
Los Banos PAL
Madera PAL
Modesto PAL
Porterville PAL
Sanger PAL
Stanislaus County PAL
Stockton PAL
Tulare County Sheriff's PAL
Turlock PAL
Visalia PAL

Central Coast

Lompoc PAL
Ojai Valley PAL
Oxnard PAL
Paso Robles PAL

Santa Barbara PAL
Santa Barbara County SAL
Santa Maria PAL
Ventura PAL

Southern California

Anaheim PAL
Buena Park PAL
Century YAL
Colton PAL
Compton YAL
Corona PAL
East Los Angeles YAL
Glendale PAL
Huntington Park PAL
Industry YAL
Inglewood PAL
LAPD 77th Division PAL
LAPD Central PAL*
LAPD Devonshire PAL
LAPD Hollenbeck PAL
LAPD Hollywood PAL

LAPD Newton PAL
LAPD Pacific PAL
LAPD Rampart PAL
LAPD Southwest PAL
LAPD West Valley PAL
LA Schools PAL
Lennox SAL
Long Beach PAL
Montebello PAL
Norwalk YAL
Palmdale YAL
Pasadena PAL
Rialto PAL
San Dimas YAL
Santa Clarita YAL
Santa Monica PAL
State Parks PAL
Temple YAL
Walnut YAL

High Desert

Apple Valley PAL
Barstow PAL

Desert Hot Springs PAL
Hemet PAL
Hemet SAL
Mt. San Jacinto Community College PAL
Palm Desert PAL
Rialto PAL*
Palm Springs PAL
San Jacinto PAL
Stallion Springs PAL
Temecula PAL*

Imperial Valley

Blythe PAL
Brawley PAL
Calexico PAL
Calipatria PAL
El Centro PAL
Imperial PAL
Imperial County SAL
Westmorland PAL

*New Chapters

OAKLAND PAL

Oakland PAL Honors its Volunteers

At a June 2 luncheon, Oakland honored community volunteers, police officers, probation and city staff who give their time to PAL. Officer Margaret Dixon presented commendations to visitors along with a delicious home-made lunch. "Today we need more centers and more ways for young people to use our neighborhood in a positive way," said Deputy Arthur Hill, one of the volunteers who grew up in East Oakland.

SAN JOSE PAL

Cinnabar Hills Site for 280 Golfers to Support PAL

Three golf courses at Cinnabar Hills in San Jose were barely enough to accommodate the more than 280 golfers who gathered on a perfectly sunny day May 24 to raise funds for San Jose PAL. Golfers played with the likes of San Francisco '49er great Eric Wright and other football greats. The event raised about \$40,000 for PAL. –Sgt. Tony Vizzusi, Executive Director

SAN MATEO PAL

PAL Wins Medals at State Judo Event

Seven members of the San Mateo PAL Judo Club brought home six medals from the California State Junior Judo Championships held May 23 in Fresno. Coached by Krystal Davis and Vinh Chung, the team included James Fu; Silver Medal winners Sylvia Leung and Peter Taylor; and Bronze

Medalists Anna Chung, Alex Chung, Tessa Richards and Susan Taylor. –Officer Mike Buckle, Director

SANTA MONICA PAL

YDC Raises Over \$1,000 at 10K Run

Arriving at 6:30 a.m. and facing six difficult miles, 21 Santa Monica PAL YDC members were determined to finish the Tough



Santa Monica PAL YDC at the Tough Topanga 10K Run.

Topanga 10K Run on May 29. When we arrived, the weather was fine, but running three miles uphill was a challenge. No one could believe how hard it was. Everyone had a sponsor, so no matter the difficulties, each participant had to finish the race. The Santa Monica team collected over \$1,000 in sponsorships to benefit the American Cancer Society. With that success, our YDC will volunteer at the Relay for Life July 24-25. –Mahealani Barr, Santa Monica PAL YDC Reporter

SUSANVILLE PAL

Mumbo Gumbo Headline PAL Fundraiser

A four-hour concert on June 5 to benefit Susanville PAL and Healthy Start Lassen drew a crowd ready to listen to Mumbo Gumbo and two local bands– Penny Lane and F.A.T.E. Healthy Start Lassen manages the tutoring program for Susanville PAL. –Officer Richard Warner



San Jacinto PAL "Under Construction"

San Jacinto PAL broke ground on its new building in early March. Riverside County Supervisor Jim Venable, PAL Executive Director Myra Wood and San Jacinto Mayor Jim Ayres shared the honors. San Jacinto City Councilmember Ken Shaw also attended the celebration. Funded by Riverside County 3rd District and the City of San Jacinto through Community Development Grant Funds, the new building will house PAL activities. Read more about Growing PALs in our fall issue.

Calendar of Events 2004

July 11-13	Golf Tournament, Imperial County
July 27-28	Beach Play Day, Huntington Beach
August 1-5	YDC Annual Training Conference, California State University, Monterey Bay
August 6-8	Boxing Tournament, Oxnard
August 11	Southern California Theme Park, Magic Mountain
August 12	Southern California Theme Park, Sea World
August 18	Northern California Theme Park, Marine World
August 19	Northern California Theme Park, Great America
September 10-12	Southern California Camporee, Silverwood State Recreation Area
September 24-26	Northern California Camporee, San Luis Reservoir
October 17-21	Annual Training Conference and Business Meeting, Los Angeles

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Interested in making a difference in the lives of the youth in your community? A wide variety of volunteer and sponsorship opportunities exist at every PAL throughout California. For more information on how you can become a PAL volunteer or sponsor, contact your local PAL chapter. If you need assistance locating the PAL chapter nearest you, visit our web site at www.calpal.org or call California PAL Headquarters at (510) 544-4300 or (800) 622-5725.



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