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Police Urge Caution, Common Sense to Avoid Becoming a Victim of Crime

Northwest San Pedro, and all of San Pedro for that matter, has seen an increase in property crimes such as burglaries from motor vehicles, residential burglaries, vandalism and GTA's. Also aggressive pan-handlers have been in the area, possibly casing locations for future burglaries.

Please do not buy things from people selling door-to-door, and specifically do not give any of your personal information to them. As far as residential burglaries, remember to always lock and secure your windows and doors.

Also report any unusual activity in and around your home and neighbors residences. LAPD believes that a lot of the burglaries are being done by juveniles ditching from San Pedro High and Dana Middle School.

If school is in session and you see a group of children out during school hours, please call Harbor Station, (310) 726-7700, and report them.

Our Harbor Division senior lead officers have organized task forces to



concentrate on the areas that have been hit hard with crimes. They make numerous arrests, but we won't be able to arrest ourselves out of this problem. Let's not be easy targets. We need to remain vigilant, and constantly be aware of our surroundings.

What You Can Do

Work together in being better neighbors and look out for one an-

other. Remember, criminals have all day and night to think about doing bad deeds, and just have to get lucky once. We have to remain vigilant 24/7.

Consider becoming a block captain and forming a Neighborhood Watch program. Block captains training sessions are available for any community member upon request.

If you have any question please contact Senior Lead Officer Art Ashcraft at (310) 869-2067 or 34536@LAPD.LACITY.org.

To report narcotic activity in San Pedro, please call the Harbor Station narcotics detectives at (310) 726-7840. You can make the call anonymously.

To report gang activity in San Pedro, please call the Harbor Area Gang Enforcement Detail at (310) 726-7891.

Preventing Car Burglaries and Vehicle Thefts

- Avoid leaving your car running with the doors unlocked and windows down.

- Avoid leaving valuables in plain view of passing pedestrians.

- Install anti-theft devices such as, alarm systems and ignition cut-off switches.

- Park in well lighted areas.

- Consider the installation of a portable steering wheel lock.

- Avoid leaving hidden spare keys where suspects can easily find them.

- Make sure to lock your vehicle.
- Report all suspicious activity to police immediately.

- Consider starting a neighborhood watch program.

Street Robberies

- Remember criminals prey on easy targets.

- Keep your valuables out of sight.

- Avoid displaying money in public.

- Avoid giving rides to strangers.

- Shop in pairs whenever possible.

- Report all suspicious activity to police immediately.

For a complete list of home and business crime prevention tips, go to www.lapdonline.org.

Evacuation Planning for the Harbor Area

The recent earthquake and devastating events in Japan have reminded us about the real need for emergency preparedness and disaster planning.

I introduced a motion in 2005, to create a Tsunami Disaster Task Force after the devastating loss of life in Southeast Asia's tsunami catastrophe. The task force brought together the major public safety agencies; including the Fire Department and the Los Angeles Police Department, with the Port of Los Angeles, to work together to implement a tsunami warning system and evacuation plan for Harbor Area residents.

I also worked to establish a new position in the Fire Department to oversee emergency preparedness and disaster response in the Harbor Area. One of the first things I requested from the new Assistant Fire Chief was to develop an evacuation planning report.

As a result of our work, you can now find the tsunami evacuation area and evacuation routes for the Harbor Area at www.emergency.lacity.org/epdtp1.htm.

I saw first hand, how these plans have been put into place by our outstanding first responders, when I

reported to the command post in San Pedro for the West Coast Tsunami Advisory after the Japanese earthquake. I was impressed by the quick establishment of a command center for rapid strategic deployment of firefighters and officers to notify residents, marine terminals and boat owners of the looming threat of possible tsunami-like waves.

I am now convening a working committee made up of the Los Angeles Police Department, the Los Angeles Fire Department, and Port Police and your Harbor Area Neighborhood Council leadership to once again review the current disaster preparedness and evacuation plans that are in place and determine any additional planning that might be necessary.

Once we have these plans ready, we will work together to develop a communication and outreach plan in order to provide the information to the community at large.

While work is being done to review and disseminate emergency and evacuation material to the community, I urge all residents to develop a personal plan for sheltering in place. We know by watching the events in Japan that it is critical that we are all prepared with a home and ve-



- Ask an out-of-state friend or relative to be your family contact... know the phone number

- Organize your important documents in a place that is easily accessible.

- Inventory and, ideally, videotape your valuables.

- Install smoke detectors on each level of the home and hallways near bedrooms. Check them each month and replace batteries when necessary.

- Keep a fire extinguisher in your home and show everyone how to use it.

- Store water, canned food and juice (One gallon of water per person per day).

- Replace stored water every three months and stored foods every six months.

There are several outstanding programs to become personally prepared for disaster. The CERT program, provided by our Los Angeles Fire Department, trains community members to be neighborhood first responders—you can check it out at www.cert-la.com. The COPE Preparedness—Map your Neighborhood Program, assists neighborhoods in organizing to prepare for disaster. You can visit to www.nwsanpedro.org to sign up for the email list for training information.

I have always been a strong advocate for increasing public safety and emergency planning. By convening the Harbor Area Disaster and Evacuation Planning Committee, we will work to ensure that our community not only has emergency and evacuation plans in place but that those plans are communicated to our residents, business, schools and community organizations.

hicle emergency preparedness kits and a family communication plan.

You can find excellent information on emergency preparedness at the City's website: www.readyla.org. Some simple tips from Ready LA:

- Store all emergency contact numbers (fire, police, ambulance, etc.) in a place that all family members know.

- Teach children how and when to call 911 or your local Emergency Medical Services numbers.

- Enroll in First Aid and CPR classes.

- Pick two places to meet for emergencies: right outside your home in case of something such as a fire, and outside your neighborhood in case you can't return home.

- Make sure every family member knows the phone number of your out-of-neighborhood meeting place.

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NWSPNC Committees

Budget and Finance Committee
Recommends budget, reviews funding requests.

Communication and Outreach Committee
Communicates with our stakeholders via quarterly newsletter, speaking engagements, and personal contact with various target groups and gathers community concerns and feedback.

Elections and Bylaws Committee
Deals with elections and bylaws matters.

Issues and Quality of Life Committee
Deals with traffic and transportation, parks, community beautification, and other issues not covered by specific committees.

Planning and Land Use Committee
Deals with planning and land use issues.

Port Committee
Deals with port-related issues and advises our representatives on Port Community Advisory Committee.

Youth and Education Committee
Focuses on meeting the needs of young people in our community, including education, recreation, and crime prevention.

If you are interested in being a member of any of these committees, please e-mail your contact information to board@nwsanpedro.org.

The NWSPNC Governing Board meets on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Peck Park Auditorium, 560 North Western Avenue

President's Corner

By Diana Nave, President

The earthquake and tsunami in Japan remind us of the need to be prepared and work together as a community.

Earlier this year we created a Safety and Security Committee under the chairmanship of John Stammreich (see accompanying articles). If you would like to be a part of this newly formed committee, please contact us at board@nwsanpedro.org. We also asked Councilwoman Hahn to convene a working group of emergency responders and neighborhood council representatives and she has promised to do so.

Planning and land use issues continue to be at the forefront of our efforts. Three major developments are currently in planning stages:

Ponte Vista – The property owner, I-Star, announced plans to construct 1,135 units consisting of 143 single-family, 600 condominiums, and 392 apartments. Currently they are in the process of conducting the environmental review required by the City of Los Angeles. Recently their traffic consultant met with our Planning and Land Use Committee to discuss the methodology they are using in the traffic study. On the positive side, it appears that they are using more reasonable traffic generation formulas. Nevertheless, there is more work to be done to provide a satisfactory analysis. The committee made it clear that we expect them to go beyond the city requirements to realistically project “believable” impacts. Of particular concern to the committee is that the developer find a way to factor in the increased traffic anticipated as the economy recovers. The owner’s representatives have committed to continued dialogue with the Planning and Land Use Committee. We encourage you to attend these meetings and give your input. We have posted a number of documents we received from them on our website www.nwsanpedro.org. The Council plans to review and comment on the traffic study and the Draft EIR when the documents become available.

Marymount College – Marymount College informed us that they are developing plans for their site on Palos Verdes Drive North (between Gaffey and Western). They are contemplating significantly increasing the number of students housed there and building classrooms and recreational facilities. No specifics have been developed yet. Currently they are conducting the traffic study and plan to return to the Planning and Land Use Committee in May to provide additional details.

JCC Homes/Harbor Highlands – This 134 single-family development at the former Kinder Morgan site (Gaffey and Gatun), requires clean up of toxic waste. The back two-thirds of the property just received the necessary certification to proceed. The developers anticipate beginning work on the infrastructure (streets, sewers, electrical lines, etc) within the next two months and estimate that the first homes will be completed in 2013.

Investing in Our Community – This year, a priority for the Board is investing in the youth of our community. Here are the monetary investments we have made, many of which are described elsewhere in the newsletter:

• San Pedro Holiday Parade	\$1,000
• Candy Cane Lane Family Event	\$1,000
• Peck Park Improvements	\$2,920
• Boys & Girls Club College Bound Program	\$6,875
• Youth Sailing Program	\$1,814
• POLA High School	\$3,500

Get involved! We encourage you to attend our regular meeting monthly meeting, 6:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Peck Park Auditorium. Committee and Board agendas are posted at www.nwsanpedro.org

We are always looking for additional members for our committees. If you are interested in any of these issues or have another one you feel we should focus on, or want to join our e-mail list, please contact board@nwsanpedro.org. I would like to hear what your priorities are and what you think we collectively can do to improve Northwest San Pedro.

Letters to NWSPNC

The NWSPNC received this letter from the Boys & Girls Club.

Dear Northwest Neighborhood Council:

Let me begin by thanking you so much for your “sponsorship” of our College Bound program and the technology we need to best serve our Dana Middle and San Pedro High School members through our successful and growing College Bound program. Your sponsorship is so very important as the demand for our college pathway programming and services continues to grow, especially given the continuing cutbacks in public school funding.

College Bound has been serving our San Pedro youth for eight years. Last year, the graduation rate for San Pedro High School was approximately 80 percent and, for the highly at-risk youth in our program, the graduation rate was 95 percent (90 percent average graduation rate for the last five years) with 93 percent of those graduates going on to a two- or four-year college this past fall. Not only do we work collaboratively with the San Pedro High School administration and teaching staff, this year we accepted the additional responsibility of providing our academic case managers to facilitate counseling services in the high school’s College Center two days a week due to their lack of college counseling staff.

Besides College Bound, we also sponsor music, dance, recording arts, fine arts, athletics, leadership development, and more for the youth of San Pedro! Our mission is to ensure that all children, regardless of economic situation, race or creed have equal access to the same positive child development opportunities too often only experienced by their more affluent peers. Our comprehensive programs, including College Bound, DO level the playing field; so we truly thank you once again for your sponsorship!



NWSPNC Presents Panel Featuring Young Entrepreneurs

By Brynn Utovac

In alignment with the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council's (NWSPNC) restructuring of community outreach goals, the Youth Committee recently put on a Young Entrepreneur Panel for 50, teacher-selected San Pedro High School (SPHS) students. The panel comprised Brandon Zankich of Sunken City Skates, Kelley Hart of Kelley Hart Creations, Erik Carlsson of Top 40 Studios, and Brynn Utovac of Maven6 Marketing.

In collaboration with their students, the SPHS teachers, Laura Rodriguez and Lynn Zitkovich, prepared a heavy handful of meaningfully focused questions ranging from initial start-up require-

ments to socially conscious business practices. To which, each panel participant related their story, drawing from experience, personal talent recognition, community investment and support.

The panel was so successful and SPHS students so engaged, NWSPNC has been invited to participate in continued collaborative experiences, including a second panel opportunity, ongoing academic elective support, and a young professionals focus group. NWSPNC continues to research other community youth partners; if you would like to suggest an organization or share an idea for a potential collaborative project, please reach out to BrynnUtovac@gmail.com.

Community Issues Report

Dan Dixon and John M. Mavar, co-chairs

We all have issues regarding the quality of life in our community. The Community Issues Committee's mission statement is to "serve as the gateway, by focusing on quality of life issues that come from the community stakeholders/neighbors and communicate to best resolve and find solutions to advise the City of Los Angeles and governing board of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council."

This committee's goals are to be a "one-stop shop" for stakeholders/neighbors and board members to address issues and provide solutions. We listen to the community and seek to provide assistance and resolution on issues when appropriate.

An example of an ongoing project of our committee is our work to make and maintain improvements along Capitol Drive. From traffic safety to adding handicapped access ramps, to dealing with improvements at Harbor Highlands Park, there are a number of "quality of life" issues along this major thoroughfare through our community.

We are also working with the city of Los Angeles to fix the major pothole on Capitol Drive near the Target driveway. This is not an easy or inexpensive repair because of the natural ground water.

But we are committed to working with the par-

ties concerned and to keep their focus on a permanent resolution. The Capitol corridor is but one of the neighborhood areas we are watchful about.

Our committee meets with Los Angeles Police Department Traffic division officers to provide information on areas of major unsafe traffic locations. But we all must remember to slow down. It only takes one second for a person to accidentally be struck by a car.

Finally, over the past few years our council has worked with city leaders and staff to solve the shopping cart problem. Shopping carts are a continuing nuisance and blight around our neighborhoods. The city has drafted an ordinance to provide a better form of accountability for retail owners that provide shopping carts to customers. We continue to work with the local retail business so that they take a proactive approach on collection of their carts. If you see an abandoned shopping cart, please call 800-252-4613.

Our goal is to try to resolve individual concerns, but also to view issues as part of a connected whole. If you interested in helping us improve the quality of life, please join us. The committee meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m., San Pedro City Hall. Please email johnmmavar@aol.com to find out how we can help.

Emergency Preparedness Programs

The recent disasters in Japan are a sharp reminder that it is imperative that we be prepared for unexpected situations. For most emergencies, our first responders will likely be able to quickly arrive to secure our safety and do what they do best—save lives. However, in a disaster situation, it is possible that we will be cut off from immediate assistance. Our first responders will be saturated with calls for help, and they will have to engage in a triage-type of response. The best way to ensure that the most lives, including yours and your family's, are saved, and that our valiant fire, police and medical professionals are able to focus on those most in need, is to be prepared to sustain our own survival for hours, days and possibly weeks.

The first step in being prepared it to have adequate emergency supplies. Following a major disaster, stores and financial institutions will be closed, utilities will be shut off and buildings and roads may become too dangerous. It is crucial to be self-sufficient by storing emergency kits in your home, car, office and/or school, since no one can predict where we will be when a disaster strikes.

A preparedness guide is available at www.dailybreeze.com/askus. Scroll down the left-hand column to "Disaster Preparation."

Two other important steps you can take are to participate in CERT Training and in the Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) program.

CERT (Community Emergency Response Training) is a free seven-week training that covers topics such as personal and family preparation, fire suppression techniques, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue operations, disaster psychology, and terrorism and homeland defense. The next local offering will be Tuesday

mornings, 9:00 to 11:30 from May 3 through June 14 at the Harbor Administration Building, 425 South Palos Verdes Street. If you are interested in attending, contact David Malin (310) 732-3005 or dmalin@portla.org. For more information on CERT, visit <http://www.cert-la.com/index.shtml>

"Map Your Neighborhood" (MYN) is a program designed to help neighborhoods prepare for disasters. NWSPNC is in the process of setting up a free half-day training to become an MYN coordinator. MYN will help you to:

- Learn the "9 Steps to Take Immediately Following a Disaster" to secure your home and to protect your neighborhood.

- Identify the skills and equipment each neighbor has that would be useful in an effective disaster response.

- Create a neighborhood map identifying the locations of natural gas and propane tanks for quick response if needed.

- Create a contact list that helps identify those with specific needs such as elderly, disabled, or children.

- Work together as a team to evaluate your neighborhood during the first hour following a disaster and take necessary actions.

Our MYN council coordinator is Jody James, and she has been working with COPE coordinator, Lonna Calhoun, to train local residents like you how to organize your neighbors and be prepared to survive a major disaster.

The NWSPNC Website will post the next training opportunities. You can also email us at board@nwsanpedro.org and ask to be put on the list for notification. I encourage all of you to take advantage of these free opportunities to ensure your family is prepared to survive.

What Is New at Peck Park?

Hello, Northwest San Pedro residents!

If you have not been to Peck Park lately, allow me to introduce myself. I am the new director at Peck Park Recreation Center, Joe Stackhouse.

While I have been with the Department of Recreation and Parks for more than



Joe Stackhouse

a decade, my past five years have been in the resident camp program up in Griffith Park. I was thrilled to have been chosen to be Peck Park's newest community steward and look forward to helping Peck Park become a vibrant community center.

Currently Peck Park is hoping to see you at:

- **April 4** spring recreation classes start
- **April 9** baseball opening day and Peck Park Canyon opening day
- **April 16** spring egg hunt
- **April 18-22** spring camp
- **May 2** summer day camp registration
- **May 4** adult basketball league's first game
- **May 7** girls softball and co-rec youth basketball 's first games
- and much much more!

Please feel free to contact me at Peck Park: peckpark.recreationcenter@lacity.org or call (310) 548-7580.

Please join the NWSPNC in welcoming Joe to our community!

Free Workshop and Rain Barrels Saturday, April 16

Help save our precious water and protect the environment. The NWSPNC is pleased to sponsor this free event at which the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Hollywood Beautification Team and the City's Bureau of Sanitation Watershed Protection Division will conduct brief educational workshops about water harvesting and home use of rain barrels. The use of rain barrels reduces the use of potable water on the landscape and reduces storm water runoff to the ocean.

Participants in this workshop will receive their own rain barrel to take home. The barrels are 65 gallons and are the size of a City of Los Angeles trash can. They will fit in most mid-sized vehicles. Must be City of Los Angeles resident and LADWP ratepayer. Please bring ID for verification.

The workshops will be held on Saturday, April 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the San Pedro Science Center, 2001 Barrywood Avenue. Workshops will be conducted every half-hour, at 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, and 11:30 a.m.

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What Rancho Hasn't Told Us

By Pat Nave, Land Use and Planning Committee

There is no issue more explosive to our neighborhood than the 25 million-gallon butane storage tanks on North Gaffey Street. Pun intended.

Although everyone refers to them as the "Amerigas tanks", they are now owned by Rancho Holdings, a subsidiary of a Canadian company, Plains All America Pipeline.

Under the guise of being more open, Plains has embarked on a strategy of holding "invitation only" meetings in our town where, believe it or not, they require you to show your drivers license. The purpose of these meetings is to persuade Neighborhood Council board members, and certain other invitees, that the tanks are perfectly safe and that any assertion to the contrary is impossible.

One such recent meeting was January 11 at the Crowne Plaza hotel. Plains spent a lot of money flying out a consultant from Oklahoma to persuade us that the recent NWSPNC study by Cornerstone Technology (see link on our website, NWSanPedro.org) could not possibly be accurate. The Cornerstone study shows a very large "worst case" impact area in the event of catastrophe at the tank site.

Among other things, Plains claims that an explosion would impact an area only slightly beyond its borders, and that the furthest that shrapnel would be hurled is perhaps about 250 yards, so that it would not reach any tanks at the Conoco refinery.

Plains specifically did not address any seismic safety issues, claiming that the model for such a study is not yet complete, and did not address any rail tank car or truck tank car issues, claiming that such information is "proprietary".

It is quite common for hazardous industries to develop statistical or mathematic models showing little or no risk of either occurrence or impact. Such studies are especially useful in obtaining governmental permits and environmental clearances. They provide government gatekeepers and communities such as ours a level of comfort, a basis on which we can sleep better at night.

The problem with studies like that, is that they are only guesses. They look substantial. They look scientific. They are usually presented by distinguished-looking consultants. But if the studies are wrong, or can be shown to be untrustworthy, they are worthless.

Credibility of what Rancho is telling us is an issue here. For instance, Plains claims that shrapnel could only be hurled 250 yards.

Thank goodness for YouTube.

Here is video of a 60,000-pound rail tank car being hurled six times further than that in an explosion:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xf3WKTwHpIU>.

Here is one of shock wave destroying a building:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_KuGizBjDXo&feature=related

For another facility going up with a visible shock wave, see:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=__1Ym_F94CE&feature=related

Even more troubling is Plains' refusal to consider or evaluate rail tank car and truck tank safety issues.

Amerigas has been on our community radar for a long time. In 2003, Amerigas gave us data showing two tank incidents in the United States annually, on average, but over 13,300 tank car incidents. There are dozens of YouTube videos on those vehicles igniting. These cars run throughout our community. We don't know their routing, whether they are stored on storage tracks in and around the Port, and whether they conflict with the usual transportation routes we use.

We have asked Plains for the information several times and will continue to ask them for it. We also have asked, as have several other groups in our area, most notably San Pedro Homeowners United, for the seismic data. The tanks are on an active fault and are constructed on fill, an especially difficult combination for seismic safety.

We will keep you posted.

Lt. Charles Hearn New Patrol Captain at LAPD Harbor Division

Please join us in welcoming Lt. Charles Hearn, the new LAPD patrol captain at Harbor Station. Lt. Hearn is married with three children and resides in Valencia. He has a B.A. in psychology from California State University Northridge and a M.A. from California State University Dominguez Hills and is a 21-year veteran of the LAPD.

He started in 1989 with five years

patrol in West L.A. and then worked Foothill, West Valley, and North Hollywood divisions.

After attaining the rank of detective he worked at West L.A. and at Central Division as a night watch detective and gang detective. He was promoted to field sergeant and worked in West L.A. and served as assistant watch commander at Van Nuys.

He also worked as a commander's aid at OVB, assistant watch commander Devonshire Division, and a criminal investigator for IAG. Lt Hearn earned the rank of lieutenant watch commander at West Valley Division and lieutenant 2 at the Gang Support Division and Narcotic Division, where he was the officer in charge.

Just prior to coming to the Harbor, he was the commanding officer of Criminal Intelligence Division.

Meet the New NWSPNC Board Members!

Scott Allman



I ran for the board for one reason, to help support San Pedro.

I joined the port committee because I have over 20 years of international logistics experience. My goal is to learn from the people on the committee plus use the knowledge I have about the workings of the port and what I've learned about the area around the port to be active member of the committee. I also plan to get people from the community involved with this committee.

As a result of my involvement with NWSPNC, I was invited to speak at POLA High School about what I do in my job as a logistics manager.

I also have a huge interest in becoming a mentor to students at Cooper High School. Having grown up in an inner city myself, I believe I can help kids understand the importance of an education and staying out of trouble.

The main thing that is missing for these kids is people who can guide them through this very important time of their lives. I hope to get more people involved in mentoring because behind all of the hardness and anger are young adults who need someone to step up and give a little bit of their time to care.

Please contact me at scottnwpnc@hotmail.com to find out how you can become a mentor!

Charles Eldred



Charles R. Eldred, Jr. moved to his San Pedro, his wife, Elizabeth's childhood hometown in 1997. With two sons, Willam (19) and Charlie (17), the Eldred's are a founding family of P.O.L.A. high school. They are also Holy Trinity parishioners and residents of The Gardens. Charles hopes to work with the community to foster smart public private partnerships and improve emergency preparedness as a member of the Land Use and Planning Committee and the Safety and Security committee. Charles is a member of the International Facilities Management Association. He is an alumnus of Marymount Collage and received a B.S. in Business from Long Beach State. Charles was awarded The Navy and Marine Corps Medal for heroism while serving in the United States Marine Corps.

Anise Goldfarb

My name is Anise Goldfarb. I am a student at Port of Los Angeles High-school and I am in the youth seat on the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council. So far being on NWSPNC has been a great experience and I love being able to participate in my community by being on the board.

John Stammreich

John Stammreich returns to the NWSPNC board after a two-year hiatus. An 11-year veteran of the naval service, John works in the aerospace and defense industry as a government supply chain manager, and volunteers as a Dale Carnegie Coach for the Effective Communications and Human Relations course. On his return to the board, John assumed the leadership of the newly created Safety and Security Committee (see article elsewhere in this newsletter).

John currently serves the San Pedro community as chancellor of the Angel's Gate Knights of Columbus Council 1740 (serving Mary Star, St. Peter's and Holy Trinity Catholic parishes), Naval Academy information officer for San Pedro High School, and as chairman of the local Republican Central Committee. Additionally, John serves on the Education Advisory Board for Antioch University Los Angeles. He has been active in a number of local and statewide political campaigns.

John and his wife, Andrea, have two daughters—AnneMarie (6) and Violet (2) and reside in the Park Western portion of San Pedro.

New City Website Seeks More Small Business Vendors

The City of Los Angeles recently enacted a new program to encourage more small, emerging, veteran, women and minority-owned businesses to bid for city contracts. All city department will utilize Los Angeles Business Assistance Virtual Network (www.labavn.org). This virtual marketplace will make it easier and more transparent for companies to learn about the city contracting process and other business opportunities. Businesses in L.A. are encouraged to register on www.labavn.org to receive notifications of contracting opportunities as well as updates on implementing this new program. For more information on doing business in and with the City of Los Angeles, please visit www.losangelesworks.org.

LAPD Harbor Station Phone Numbers

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