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MVPs Honored by Goodwill

MVP was honored as a Goodwill of Southern Nevada Community Partner. At a Goodwill Recognition Reception on June 22nd at the Texas Station, our MVP team enjoyed good food and great company as we were honored along with other Goodwill Recognition Recipients. It has been our pleasure to partner with these people of vision, compassion and dedication.

Goodwill's philosophy of "a hand up, not a hand out" has been instrumental in 496 of our citizens with disabilities receiving workforce

development services to prepare them to start a new career. Their office-training program trained 73 people in basic office and computer skills and their retail sales program trained 351 individuals in customer service, sales floor merchandising, shipping and receiving. Ninety-two percent of their total revenue this year was generated from the sale of gently used clothing and other household items donated by 280,480 people.

We commend Goodwill for turning "gently used" items into new careers for our citizens with disabilities. We look forward to a long and successful partnership with you.



Call For Cards!

Special Events Players, Metro Volunteer Program is calling in your poker hand now. Official poker rules apply. Submit your best regulation poker hand by July 12th. E-mail or call in your hand and the best poker hands will be called in for verification. **W i n n e r** receives a unique, one of a kind, jackpot prize.



Graffiti - What is it and who does it?

By Stan Pekar

MVP's Graffiti Wipe Out Team strikes again on Saturday, June 11th. We will continue to disintegrate graffiti and protect property values in our community. You are invited to join us in our crusade to take back our neighborhoods.

Who is doing all this graffiti damage? There are tagger and gangster types. Among the tagger types, these tend to be boys and girls, 16-26 years old. The gangster types are usually 11-17 years old. The tagger types have some artistic bent on their markings and most are not territorial. Their tag is an expression of artistry, geometrical design, and ability. Their tag is their own sort of unregistered "trademark", in all of its variations, and wherever the mark appears, the same person likely placed it there.

In the world of criminal gangs, graffiti is a code that serves as a challenge and a marker all in one. The gangster type of graffiti can be written by just about anyone. It can be a gang member, wannabe gang member, a brother, sister, cousin, nephew, or anyone that wants to emulate someone actually in the gang. Various gang members in the same gang (set) may have the same moniker (used as a form of respect and emulation of their mentors). One can never be quite sure who actually wrote it on a wall. Most of the time, the writer will post the set name, letter and number code

for the neighborhood they claim. Writers include who they are, whom they are against, and a list of names representing other set members in the local area. Usually the last name in the list is actually the one who wrote the graffiti.

A "Roll Call" is a method for both types of graffiti vandals to denote their set (gang) or "Krew" (tagger group) group, and list all of the members currently in their groups. Roll Calls are especially helpful to police providing useful information as to who is currently affiliated with a particular gang. In Clark County, the LVMPD Gang Unit estimates that there are about 2,000 individual taggers, 200 krews (tagger groups), and approximately 9,000 gang members and associates. The numbers constantly fluctuate. Both groups employ tattoos to denote their membership or tag name.

Gangsters have a dress code that started with fathers who passed their clothes down to

the kids. Naturally, the clothes were too big for the kids (hence the hip-hop look), so to get them to fit, they cut off the pants, etc. (The one thing that does fit is the shirt, and the kids go to great lengths to see that they are kept cleaned, pressed, and in the best of condition.) Gangsters don't like to show too much skin below the neck, as it is not "manly" in public other than to show off their tattoos. Gangsters tend to fall away from active membership in the set after they have kids and wives, but the criminal customs are passed down to the children. Gangs can be as small as three people or as large as thousands of active members. Most sets have some sort of profit motive, and their graffiti is best described as a sort of franchise boundary marking or challenge to other sets. Our next issue describes what happens when taggers get busted, and they will!



L to R: Randy Onato, Darryl Kresser, Don Mathew, Linda Fitzgerald, April Abeyta, Mica Halfacre, Herb Nichols, Rena Keenoy and Syonja Gustafson



Sheriff Bill Young & Mel Ramos

MVP Salutes Mel Ramos

Mel Ramos is honored as Laughlin's Volunteer Extraordinaire. He is recognized for his dedication, commitment, generosity and care as one of the original founders of the Laughlin Substation's Metro Volunteer Program. Not only has he been the site coordinator since the beginning, but he is also the squad leader for the Volunteer Homeland Reserve Unit (VHRU). Mel serves on the Laughlin Community Development Committee and sits on the committee for the Laughlin/Bullhead City International Airport. Mel has just completed his third term as Vice President of the Executive Committee for the American Legion. Where do you get all of your energy?

His community involvement did not start when he retired in 1997 from the Lompoc Police Department as Captain after

over 25 years of service. He was one of the twelve charter members who developed the Lompoc Parade. This parade is now the fifth largest parade in California.

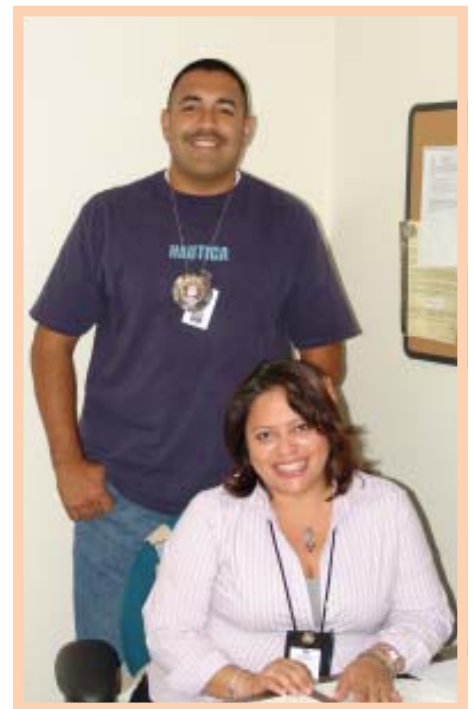
Not only does Mel possess an inexhaustible community spirit, but he is also an international celebrity who has had one of his missing persons cases featured in four movies. In one of these reenactments, he played himself in the movie produced by the British Broadcasting Company. This missing persons case involved a prominent person in the community. Mel had a suspicion that the son was the perpetrator and a psychic supported his theory with specific details of the location and condition of the missing person's body.

Mel Ramos we salute you. Thank you for your continued allegiance to our Department and community.

HEP Appreciates MVP

**By Officer A. Munoz
HART/NEAC**

I want to thank Sandy Marks, Jim Straub, Wally Cox, Jean Richmond, Lesa Lindshield, Barbara Grostick, Ed Glunz, Janet Glunz, Dwight Brown, Wayne Carnes and Geneva Student for assisting the Hispanic Employment Program (HEP) and interviewing students for our scholarship oral boards. In two days we interviewed 96 applicants awarding college scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1000 per year. Without your help the event wouldn't have been a success. On behalf of the HEP Board, we commend all of you for your dedication and time.



Officer Munoz and Geneva Student.





From left to right: Ray Hahn, Bob Boerner, Sgt. Chuck Jones, Bob Schurheck, John Grieco and Dan D'Elia

A Special Thanks to LVFD

The Las Vegas Fire Department, with Citizen Corp grant funds, equipped our Laughlin MVPs with chill out vests. These vests, when hydrated, work like a swamp cooler to keep your body comfortable. During the Laughlin River Run last month these vests were invaluable in the sizzling temperatures. Our MVPs were the official "goodwill ambassadors" of this event and these hydrated chill out vests enabled them to keep their cool under pressure. We appreciate our Las Vegas Fire Department community partner and enthusiastically support their Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) classes.



L to R: Herman Miller, Beverly Miller, Sheriff Bill Young, Rena Keenoy, and Ron Moushey Sr.

Police vs. Fire Charity Golf Tournament

By Kacy, UMC Burn Support Unit

Once again we had a very successful golf tournament. We had 154 golfers that included Police, Fire, and the

public. It was a beautiful day on the course and everyone had a lot of fun. Thanks to Bill Euler, Jack Horn, Rena Keenoy, Joe Langenberger, Ron Moushey, Al Hartenstein, Marc Zuckerman, Herman Miller and Beverly Miller for stuffing bags, checking in golfers, and standing at the hole in ones. We could not have done it without you. You all did an excellent job selling raffle tickets that helped raise over \$2000.00. The final count is not yet in as to how much money will be split between Police Athletic League of Southern Nevada or the Burn Center at UMC, but I am confident both charities will be pleased. Tom Boyce did an excellent job once again this year. To everyone who participated in this years golf tournament.....THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!! See you next year!!!



Rotunda Thunda

Rotunda Thunda blasts off at 0600 hours on July 11th, and the adventure continues for the next eighty-four hours. Your county needs your expertise in manning our Volunteer Reception Center. No experience needed. We will train you. Our mission is to register all spontaneous volunteers responding to the Rotunda Thunda simulated disaster and match their skills to the needs of the situation. All shifts and times available. Call our office (229-5609) to apply.



Could this be YOU?

This is your opportunity to be the King or Queen of Shredding. To protect our employees' and applicants' identity the Personnel Bureau will be shredding all documents containing confidential information. The shredding will take place at our office. This is your mission, if you choose to accept it, please call 229-5609 for further instructions. If not we will be rapidly consumed by paper. Help!



Player's Club Members

Congratulations! We are continuing to break records. In May, 2004, our volunteers contributed 3,574 hours to our Department and community for a cost savings of \$56,499.44. This May our enthusiasm exploded and we exceeded that figure by 1,250 hours when our MVPs donated 4,824 hours for a value of \$77,999.63. Our volunteers are truly AMAZING. Thank you for your energy and devotion to making a difference in our community.

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Silver Club (25+ Hours)

Art Adams	46
Pat Adams	33
Earl Beach	39
Wayne Carnes	37
Paul Doyle	39
Morris Haskins	29
Ira Levy	27
John Murphy	29
Ed Skorynko	30
Allen Tramont	28
Ed Rogers	28
Robert Penton	38
Ed Bower	29
William Carrasco	25
Herb Nichols	25
Ben Bacchi	25
Robert Boerner	29
Dan D'Elia	28
Joe Distefano	42
Ray Hahn	27
Jesse Lewis	40
Dorothy Lewis	42
Joe Ebner	25
Sandy Marks	25

Mike Bercseny	31
Jane Murphy	31
Barbara Mitchell	36
Tim Gardinier	28
Dave Friedman	44
Beverly Miller	29
Ron Moushey	35
Joyce Hammond	32
Tom Mojeiko	25
Russell Jenks	47
Jack Horn	35
Tom Foselli	28
Vance Burchfield	37
Ted Dobrich	30
Mary Ponton	33
Gene Fabac	28
Cecelia Gunderson	37
Geneva Student	33
Bill Gunderson	38
Glenda Rogers	28
Robert Hall	45
Jeff Cox	31
Lawrence Cox	48
Herman Miller	29
Ron Isaacs	31

GOLD CLUB (50+ Hours)

Beverly Bowman	59
Betty Johnson	59
Bruce Bacon	53
Bruno Villa	62
Harold Mann	68
Brenda Lawrance	59
Margaret Priest	68
Dick Bennett	50
Dorothy Sundquist	60
Michael Drashcovich	50

DIAMOND CLUB (75+ Hours)

Sal Tallarico	97
Judy Smith	88
Bob Hoban	84
Marc Zuckerman	94
John Martine	96
John Moses	80
John Phillips	77
Murray Weinstein	84
Joe Langenberger	76

CENTURIONS (100+ Hours)

Stanley Pekar	128
Rick Meade	112
Eber Priest	105
Art Kolb	119