

Letters to the Editor

EARTHQUAKE UPDATE

At 8:40 PM last night (May 17, 2009) we experienced a 4.7 earthquake centered in the Lennox area. This quake occurred on the Newport/Inglewood fault. This fault is approximately four miles east of Manhattan Beach and is capable of earthquakes in the magnitude range of 6.5. The 1933 Long Beach earthquake magnitude 6.2 also occurred along this fault. In that quake 150 people died and Long Beach suffered significant structural damage and fires.

The earthquake last night caused minor damage in our local communities ranging from items knocked off shelves, broken windows, natural gas and water leaks and falling ceiling tiles. Only 1 minor injury was reported from a person who cut their foot on broken glass from the quake.

This earthquake should serve as an important reminder that we must be vigilant in our efforts to continue to improve our

emergency preparedness at home and in our communities. The lessons we have learned over the last year in our exercises and training were implemented last night. The Fire and Police Departments were immediately in the community last night conducting a damage assessment and coordinating that information with Los Angeles County. Fortunately our City did not receive any major damage or injuries.

We all need to remember, "We Live in Earthquake Country" and Manhattan Beach is between two significant faults, the Newport/Inglewood fault to the east and the Palos Verdes/Redondo fault to the west.

Additional aftershocks in the magnitude range of the mid 3's can be expected over the next couple of days.

Frank Chiella
City of Manhattan Beach Fire Dept.
Battalion Chief, B Shift •

People



CONGRATULATIONS

Seth Hartnell is a Mira Costa High School Sophomore who completed Manhattan Beach Police Explorer Post #420, twelve-week South Bay Regional Law Enforcement Explorer Academy at El Camino College.

Seth graduated on May 9, 2009 along with 23 other Police Explorers who are assigned

to various South Bay cities. Seth Hartnell is now an official member of Manhattan Beach Police Explorer Post #420, their only Police Explorer in 20 years. Seth is seen here with a Manhattan Beach Explorer Advisor, Sergeant Bryan Klatt and Officer Steve Kitsios of the Manhattan Beach Department on May 9, 2009. •

Obituaries



munity who have been involved with Alice's active life in El Segundo as friends, fellow parishioners, acquaintances and customers at the pharmacy. She enjoyed the simple things in life, a good laugh, long-lasting friendships and time spent with her family, especially her grandchildren, who energized and brought joy to her over the past eight years. Alice was very active in the community and was an extremely loving and caring person who readily gave of herself to help others in need. Alice's family extends their heartfelt thanks to all those who provided kind thoughts and support throughout the years of friendship, especially over the past two years as she battled cancer and deteriorating lungs.

She is survived by her loving husband of 44 years, Robert (Bob) Crawford of El Segundo, son, Chris (wife, Kathy) Crawford of Manhattan Beach and grandchildren, Megan and Jack. She was one of five daughters and one son of Alejandro and Carolina Limon, all of whom reside in Southern California. Alice and Bob resided in the same house on West Sycamore for the past 42 years, having purchased it from his parents who lived there since 1952.

A vigil service will be held at St. Anthony Church in El Segundo on Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. The funeral Mass will also be held at St. Anthony Church on Friday, May 22, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. A memorial reception will follow at St. Anthony's Hall from 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery in Culver City.

Please go to the mortuary's website, www.LAfuneral.com to send the family messages, share memories, or to obtain directions to the services and check back to view the online video tribute. •

Alice Crawford, a 42 year resident of El Segundo, passed away in her sleep early in the morning on Sunday, May 17, 2009 at the home she and her husband have resided in since she moved to town. Born in Los Angeles in 1927, Alice was 82 when she died and lived all of her life in Southern California. Alice was a long-time and extremely active member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, having served as President of the Church Council for several terms, head of the altar committee and in many other facets before her health began failing. A graduate of Garfield High School, Alice was a general office worker and lived in East Los Angeles for over twenty years, prior to marrying and moving to Hawthorne, then El Segundo in 1967. She was a long-time Homemaker, actively raising a son, before going back to work at Taylor's Pharmacy on Main Street for over ten years until it was purchased. Alice's family thanks all those in the com-



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