



Club Member and Soccer Fan Gives Back to Community, Family

■ **Leonardo Guerra of West Valley Sanitation Yard makes sure teaching his son to play soccer is a high priority.**

The hurried thuds and thumps of soccer cleats pounding on the soccer grass, and the excited cheers of support from fans are regular sounds on most afternoons for the F.C. Barcelona U.S.A. team.

You might think that these would be the sounds of a professional soccer team, but this is in fact a local children's soccer team based out of Pasadena. The cheers come strongest from West Valley Sanitation employee Leonardo Guerra Sr. At the end of the workday, it's common to see Leonardo at a soccer field helping his son Leonardo Jr. with his highly developed ball handling skills.

The soccer club was founded in 1999 to provide a top-quality soccer club for children in Pasadena and its surroundings. The Club plays in the Coast Soccer League, considered the top league in California.

With the commanding voice resounding of the professional soccer coach Cherif Zevin on the soccer field, the children are instructed in team concepts and methods for the present competition and for the future, as they become adults.

"The children learn to be disciplined and become skilled with the great lessons of life during this critical time in their lives, that's why my son has been playing for the last four years," says Leonardo Sr., employee of the City's Bureau of Sanitation in the West Valley Sanitation Yard.



Leonardo Sr. has dedicated many hours to the development of his children and to the 17 boys. These 17 boys comprise the soccer team and through his involvement with the soccer league, he hopes that his 7-year-old twins Tiffany and Kristopher

Guerra will gain the same life and competitive skills that Leonardo Jr. has gathered.

The Club organizes and sponsors international soccer tours each year. These tours not only allow the children to play against top teams from other countries, but provide the children with cultural experiences which many of them would not otherwise enjoy. To date, the children have visited and competed in Spain, France, Italy, Costa Rica and Brazil. ■

18th Annual Dept. of Building & Safety (LADBS) Golf Tournament April 19, 2004

Proceeds benefit: Charity and Special Events Fund

Porter Valley Country Club
19216 Singing Hills Dr.
Northridge



COST: \$125.00 per person
SHOT GUN START: 10:00 a.m.
REGISTRATION: 8:00 a.m.
BANQUET: 4:30 p.m.
TEAM SCRAMBLE

TEE Sponsors Available

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*Country Club Course *Grand Prize Hole-In-One, New Car or Truck *Green Fees & Cart
*Driving Range *Long Drive Contest *Closest To The Pin Contest
*On Course Refreshments *Continental Breakfast *Filet Mignon & Chicken Dinner

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Please register no later than April 1, 2004

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Newsbrief

SOUTH L.A. CENTER:

On Feb. 12, Mayor Hahn joined state and local officials at the dedication of the Exposition Park Intergenerational Community Center in South Los Angeles.

"This is a great facility which helps to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods," Mayor Hahn said. "Giving kids and families access to recreational facilities, at no cost, is one of the smartest things we can do to help keep our neighborhoods safe and our children engaged. I applaud the public and private partnerships that made this possible."

"The Exposition Park Intergenerational Community is without a doubt one of the crown jewels of the City of Los Angeles," said Assemblyman Mark Ridley Thomas. "It is a recreational, educational and cul-



tural venue like few others. The most distinguished feature of EPICC is its intergenerational component where community youth and elders can share common ground for mutual benefit and support. Through its great programs and the community relationship it seeks to engender, EPICC provides the intersection for community for transformation and hope."

The community center is open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. Membership is required, but it is free. Members will have access to basketball and volleyball programs, as well as swimming, cooking, dance and martial arts and an after-school program. ■