







Top: Playwright (and Club Member) Donaco Smyth. Middle, from left: Llana Kira, Sunny Colbacchini and Lee Sherman. Bottom: Darren Meekin.

Donaco Smyth, playwright, Clerk Typist at the LAPD Valley Traffic Division, and Club Member.

Play's the Thing

■ LAPD Clerk Typist and Club Member Donaco Smyth premieres his first produced play in Los Angeles.

POLICE DEPT. — The world premiere of Donaco Smyth's *Annoyed by Life* opens at the Hudson Guild Theater in Hollywood and runs Sept. 6 to Oct. 12. The zany and intelligent comedy is produced by Dancing Man Productions, which has a

history of presenting sketch and improv comedy in New York City. *Annoyed by Life* is the first full-length play that the comedy troupe has taken on.

Smyth has been a City employee for nearly four years and is also a City Employee Club member. He works for the LAPD in the Valley Traffic Division. He has definitely picked up material in his dayto-day work-life that has enhanced his writing. "Who isn't just a little bit annoyed by life in the City?" he says.

Annoyed by Life features five performers each playing a variety of characters. They deal with annoyances including yapping poodles, dating services, unrequited love, inappropriate hairpieces and grandmothers who don't know if they are alive or dead.

The play's director, Domitious Brown, says the show is about some very curious people and how they just don't seem to get what they'd like to get out of their lives. "It's like the frustration that we all feel. But these characters are so odd and endearing; you really root for them while you laugh at their misfortunes."

Donaco's other produced plays include *Capsized Flotsam*, *Grievances*, and *Having No Right to Say So*. This production is his first play performed in Los Angeles. Recently, he finished the second draft of a movie script, a family Christmas comedy.

The cast of *Annoyed by Life* includes Sunny Colbacchini, Llana Kira, Darren Meekin, Lee Sherman and Donaco Smyth.

The Hudson Guild Theater is at 6539 Santa Monica Blvd. in Hollywood. The play runs Sept. 6 through Oct. 12 Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

For more information, log onto: www.plays411.com/life

Golf Tourney to Tee Up

■ Central City Police Boosters' annual golf tournament set for Sept. 22.

POLICE DEPT. — The Central City Police Boosters has scheduled its 8th annual fundraiser golf tournament for Sept. 22 at the California Country Club in Whittier.

The tournament benefits the group's crime prevention and youth programs for the LAPD Central Area.

The Club plans to be there, supporting the event.

Applications can be obtained by mailing to Central City Police Boosters, P.O. Box 532043, Los Angeles, CA 90053



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