

*\* A Message From the CEO \**

# Quality Awards: Pride Runs Deep

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Looking at this month's front page reminds me of my four years on a submarine – lots of pipes, valves and hazards just looking for a victim. This group of men on the cover is just one of 27 teams honored with one of the most prestigious awards a City employee can receive, the Quality and Productivity Award. Read about this team and the others on pages 6-8. I think it's fair to say that in the City, as in the Submarine Service, "Pride Runs Deep."

Also don't forget Father's Day June 18, especially if your dad is as awesome as mine (I'm still trying to be as good to my kids as my dad was to me). And, like most of you fathers out there, I'm always trying to do better than yesterday. Here's an idea I had that I started a month ago, and so far it seems to be helping in building camaraderie in the family. I bought a little dry-erase board from Office Depot and stuck it to the bathroom wall right near the medicine cabinet where everyone can see it. I know it's a little corny, but every morning I write something different. When I come home, my wife, Kelley, has usually responded or

remarked to what I wrote. Sometimes my son, Noah, gets a chair to stand on and writes a line or two from a country music song; at nine he's a die-hard country music fan, and I mean *die-hard*... for the last six months he's worn his cowboy hat to school every single day.



Last but not least, don't forget to look at page 37. We have a new contest that everyone should be able to participate in: it's called "Where Was This Picture Taken?" It will usually be a photo of some very familiar place, so everyone should have a fair shot at winning. All you have to do is describe in as much detail as possible where exactly we were standing when we took the picture. We want to award three winners per month, so don't hold back.

That's it for now. Time to start enjoying our Southern California summer!

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