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L.A. River Runs Through This New Documentary

Anew documentary "The River Report," produced in partnership with Council District One, premieres in November. For centuries, the Los Angeles River flowed majestically throughout the Los Angeles basin. The river, which meanders for 52 miles through the Southland, was the only source of water for Los Angeles as the City rapidly developed.

"The River Report" looks at the Los Angeles River of yesteryear and focuses on the City's efforts, lead by Councilman Ed Reyes, to work with the community and all levels of government to revitalize this valuable natural resource.

Airs: Mondays, Nov. 16 and 30 at 11 a.m. and 10 p.m.; and Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26 at 11 a.m.

Program highlights for November

"Aging in L.A."

Four new episodes premiere this month of "Aging in L.A.," LA Cityview 35's weekly series for seniors. It's produced in partnership with the Department of Aging

"Keen to Go Green" - An Echo Park showcase home serves as a public resource that encourages and demonstrates tactile experiences of "going green" with workshops, lectures and

Airs: Thursday, Nov. 5 at 8:30 p.m. "Grandparents as Parents Tee-Off for Tykes Miniature Golf *Tournament*" – Today, more than ever, grandparents are finding themselves facing the prospects of raising a second family. Practically, financially and emotionally, this can be challenging for the whole family.

In celebration of Grandparents Day, we join Grandparents as Parents (GAP) for its annual Tee-Off for Tykes Miniature Golf Tournament, where we'll be meeting the staff and volunteers from this amazing nonprofit, and talking to grandparents about their experiences raising their grandchil-

Airs: Thursday, Nov. 12 at 8:30 p.m. "Caregiving 101: Surviving the Holidays" - Department of Aging Family Caregiver Specialists Dr. Anat Louis and Susi Rodriguez Shapiro discuss how to cope with the loneliness and stress that the holiday period can bring.

Airs: Thursday, Nov. 19 at 8:30 p.m. "Generation Jones" is a term coined by cultural historian, Jonathon Pontell, to refer to the group of people

born between the years of 1954-1965. This population group would formerly have been classed as either Baby Boomers, especially the oldest members, or as Generation Xers for the youngest members.

Airs: Thursday, Nov. 26 at 8:30 p.m.

"Portfolio"

If you thought maneuvering an SUV into a tight parking spot at the corner mini-mall required utmost dexterity, imagine the type of skill required in maneuvering a cargo ship the size of eight football fields through the docks of the Port of Los Angeles! In a new episodes of "Portfolio," premiering this month, host Jayms Ramirez visits the Port's pilot station and command center to get a handle on what it takes to be a pilot at America's busiest container port.

Next, Jayms gets a lesson on the Alternative Maritime Power program, or "AMP," a one-of-a-kind air quality program aimed at reducing emissions from container vessels docked at the Port. The Port of Los Angeles is the first in the world to employ AMP technology for in-service container ships.

Then it's off to the first annual Cars & Stripes Forever classic car show at the Gateway Plaza Fanfare Fountain. This first-time event drew 7,000 people who enjoyed more than 100 classic cars and motorcycles, food, and live entertainment. The Port's very own Sheila Gonzalez was on hand to chat with participants about their clas-

Airs: Thursdays at 10 a.m.

For airing schedule of the above programs, and for more program listings and information, visit www.lacityview.org and click on Weekly Program Schedule.



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PUBLIC WORKS

Toastmasters Hosts Contest

Local Public Works club hosts area speech contest.

Story by Ivan Gerson, Public Works/Engineering; Photos by Enrico Pena

On Sept. 29, the Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club hosted the Area D44 Toastmasters Table Topics and Tall Tales Contests. The double-header contests were held in the Public Works Building, 1149 S.

The contest co-chairs were Toastmasters Area D-44 Governor Dominic Buenaventura, a Civil Engineering Associate IV, Public Works/Engineering, and Ivan Gerson, President of the Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club and Management Analyst II, Public Works/Engineering. Dominic also serves as the Educational Vice President of the Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club.

The contestants of the Table Topics Contest were all given the same impromptu question to answer: Describe the weirdest dream you have ever had. Against a talented field of veteran competitors, David Castillo, Title Examiner, Public Works/Engineering, won third place in the Table Topics Contest. David answered extemporaneously that all of his dreams were weird, and then he demonstrated how he flies in his dreams.

Second-place winner of the Table Topics Contest was Lt. Victor Dennis, LAPD, who is a member of the LAPD Code One Toastmasters Club.

First-place winner of the Table Topics Contest was Carmen Steward, Management Analyst II, Fire and Police Pensions, who is a member of the City of Angels Toastmasters



From left: Dominic Buenaventura, Public Works/Engineering, and Lt. Victor Dennis, LAPD.

Program Aide Joseph Lee, Rec and Parks, won first place in the Tall Tales Contest, which requires the speaker to write and deliver an unbelievable story. His winning speech was entitled: "Train of Terror." Joseph's speech was a series of horror-inducing lies and humorous fibs about his nightmarish ride on a local train on the way to the contest. Joseph is a member of the Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club and a former Vice President of Membership of the Club.

Second-place winner in the Tall Tales Contest was Frank Alvarez, Student Professional Worker, Office of Finance, who joined the City of Angels Toastmasters Club in Fall 2008.



From left: Ivan Gerson, Public Works/Engineering, and Carmen Steward, Fire and Police Pensions.

The winners are now qualified to compete at the next level of the Toastmasters contest, Division D. This contest was scheduled for Oct. 22.

Toastmasters enhances knowledge and experience in communication and leadership. The Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club meets every Wednesday at 12:05 p.m. in sixth floor conference room no. 6004 in the Public Works Building, 1149 S. Broadway, off the D Dash at Broadway and 12th Street. Guests are welcome to attend and to join the dynamic club. Contact Ivan Gerson, (213) 485-1169; Kola Ajibola, (213) 847-0276; or Michael Sloss, (213) 485-5121.





Frank Alvarez, Office of Finance.

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