



# 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1908-2008

## 1970s

During the 1960s and 1970s, Inglewood continued to grow and develop, taking on a “metropolitan” look. The City became racially integrated in both its residential and business communities and the home of two major hospitals, Centinela and Daniel Freeman. The “City of Champions” was now the site of Hollywood Park Racetrack, recently celebrating 50 years of championship horseracing. The Forum, constructed in the late 60s was to become the home of the World Champion Lakers basketball team.



1970. First Community Service Officers

The new decade was to be one of great innovation and technological progress. Community orientation programs started, under Chief Kennedy, such as the Helicopter Air Unit “Fox 1,” an Explorer Scout Post and Academy, Traffic Control Officers, Narcotics & Vice Unit, Personnel Services Unit, the first Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) approved Reserve Officer Academy and Motorcycle Officers basic and in-service Training Courses. On January 1, 1971, the Department had 125 officers and by September of 1971, 136 sworn officers.



By 1972, the police station (built in 1951) was inadequate and a new 38,900 sq. ft. police facility was on the drawing boards. Construction began in 1973 and temporary quarters were moved to 119 W. Manchester Boulevard (current Library). The building was completed in January of 1975.

In 1974, Patricia Campbell Hearst was kidnapped from her Berkeley apartment by the Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA). On Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, three of the members, Patty Hearst, William and Emily Harris, went to Mel’s Sporting Goods Store at 11423 S. Crenshaw Boulevard in Inglewood to purchase items. William Harris was observed to shoplift an ammo bandolier.



1974. Mel’s Sporting Goods Store

When a security guard attempted to handcuff Harris, Patty Hearst grabbed a sub-machine gun and fired the entire 30 round magazine at Mel’s store front, hitting not only the store front but the sidewalk and light pole. During the scramble, William Harris lost his Colt revolver which had been purchased in Oakland by his wife Emily. Inglewood Police later acquired the address of the Los Angeles safehouse from a parking ticket left in the abandoned VW van, as well as from tracing the Colt left by Harris. On Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, law enforcement descended on the safehouse in which six members were killed. The three SLA members were not present, but in fact, the night before, had been at the Century Drive-In on Century Boulevard in Inglewood. The three members later returned to the San Francisco area where they were later captured. The store is now closed, but a bullet hole is still visible in a light pole outside the store.

