

LAPD Wives: In Good Faith, Standing Strong

■ Pioneering support group helps women find strength in each other.

POLICE DEPT. — Their husbands know that standing together gives strength, support and encouragement.

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They are the wives — and the fiancés and girlfriends — of the male officers of the Los Angeles Police Dept. And they have started what, as far as they know, is the only one of its kind in the country — the LAPD Wives Association.

Recently, Club CEO John Hawkins sat down with the association's three leaders — Lynn Caprarelli, Adel Martin and Stacy Jensen (pictured below) — to share the group's good news.



The Interview begins inside, on page 12.

ClubFest '06 Set for Oct. 1; Bands Return

■ Mark your calendars!

THE CLUB — Put a big "X" over Sunday, Oct. 1: ClubFest is set and ready to deliver all the fun you've come to expect!

ClubFest will take place once again at Calamigos Ranch in the hills above Malibu.

Last year's ClubFest introduced a great new element — live music, played by bands with a City connection. We heard you — you loved the music! So it's back for 2006. If you know of any bands with a City employees connection, turn to page 37 for information about how to apply.

ClubFest 2006 will also provide tons of what you love — food, drinks, games, the famous Club raffle, rides, booths, and many other things, too. Watch this space for more information in the months ahead!

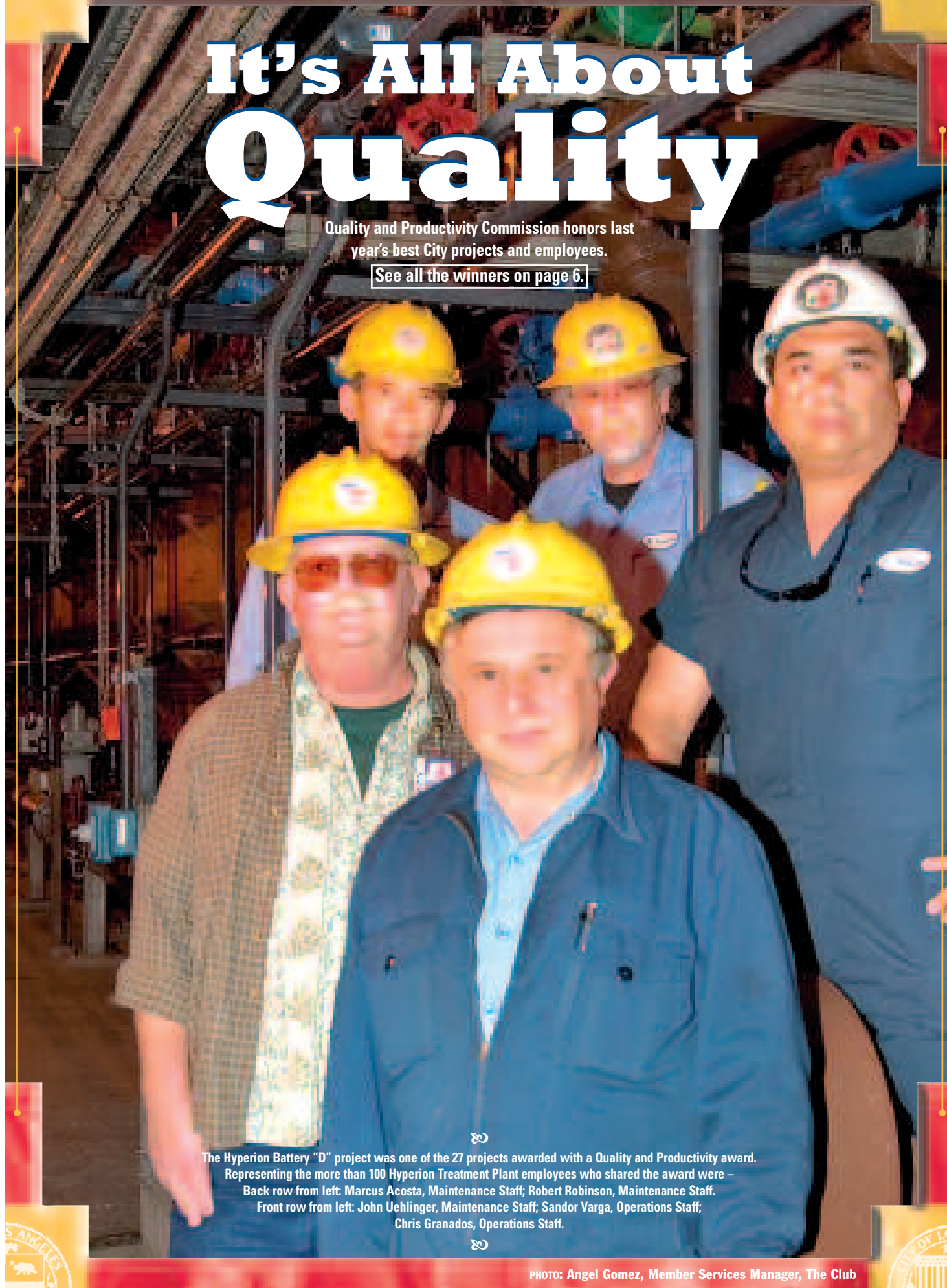


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Quality & Productivity Awards

It's All About Quality


Quality and Productivity Commission honors last year's best City projects and employees.

See all the winners on page 6.



The Hyperion Battery "D" project was one of the 27 projects awarded with a Quality and Productivity award. Representing the more than 100 Hyperion Treatment Plant employees who shared the award were —
Back row from left: Marcus Acosta, Maintenance Staff; Robert Robinson, Maintenance Staff.
Front row from left: John Uehlinger, Maintenance Staff; Sandor Varga, Operations Staff; Chris Granados, Operations Staff.

PHOTO: Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager, The Club



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45 Female	Public Works	Lou Gehrig's Disease	\$18,066
48 Male	Fire	Cancer - Liver	\$50,000
51 Female	City Clerk - Spouse	Disease	\$42,158
55 Male	Street Services	Heart Attack	\$140,483
57 Male	Retirement System	Pending	\$100,000
60 Male	General Services	Pending	\$66,000
63 Male	Retirement System	Disease	\$30,000
65 Male	Retirement System	Disease	\$30,000
65 Male	Recreation & Parks	Car Accident	\$60,106
66 Male	Housing	Pneumonia	\$30,000
71 Female	Retirement System	Pending	\$5,000
76 Female	Retirement System	Heart Attack	\$5,040
80 Male	Retirement System	Heart Attack	\$5,028

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** A Message From the CEO **

Quality Awards: Pride Runs Deep

by **John Hawkins**
President and CEO, The Club



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!

JOHN

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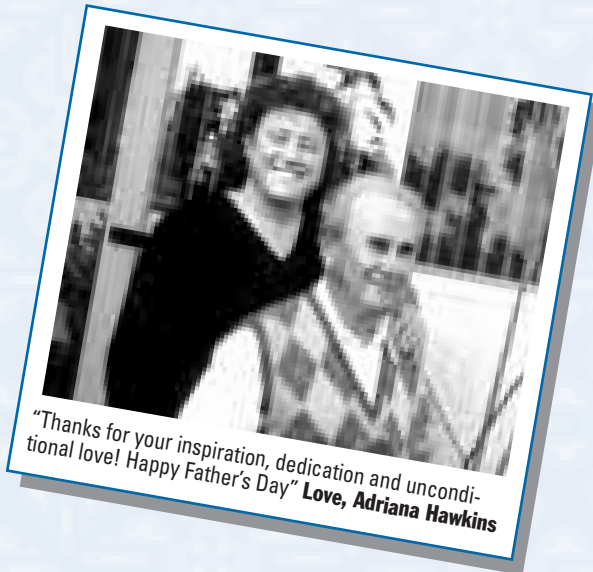
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Happy Father's Day

Here are the personal messages sent to *Alive!* by some very loving and grateful children who wanted to pay tribute to their DAD.

Enjoy!

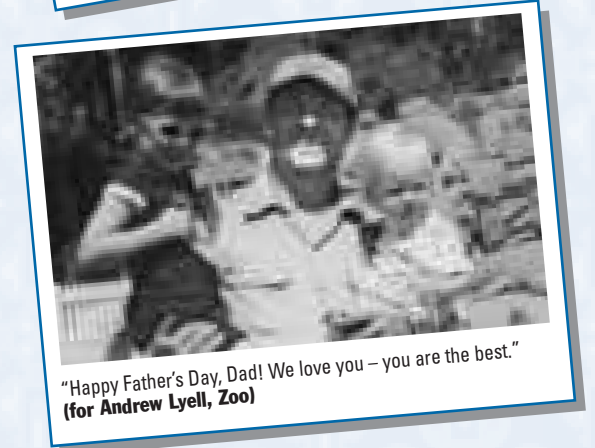
From all of us at the Club, to all the fathers, HAVE A GREAT DAY!



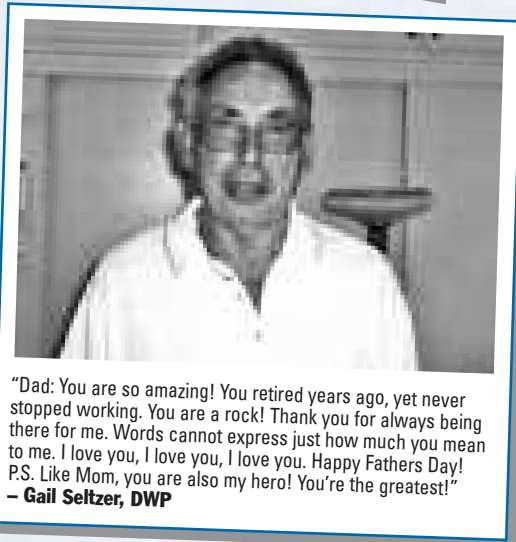
"Thanks for your inspiration, dedication and unconditional love! Happy Father's Day" **Love, Adriana Hawkins**



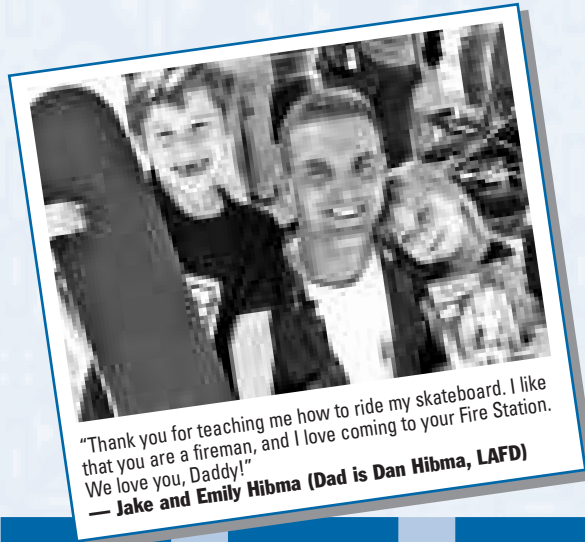
"Happy Father's Day, Dad! We all love you very much!"
— **Jesse, Sienna and Zorianna (for Carlos Garcia, DWP)**



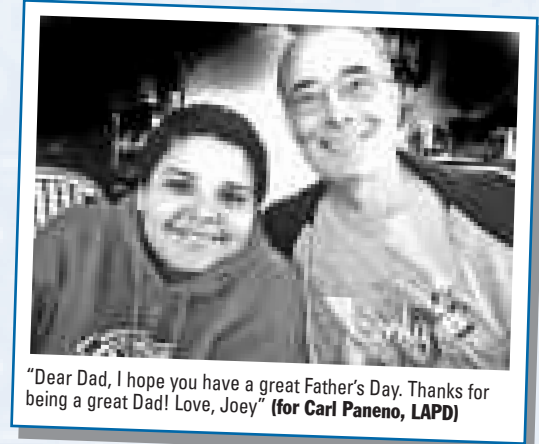
"Happy Father's Day, Dad! We love you – you are the best."
(for Andrew Lyell, Zoo)



"Dad: You are so amazing! You retired years ago, yet never stopped working. You are a rock! Thank you for always being there for me. Words cannot express just how much you mean to me. I love you, I love you, I love you. Happy Fathers Day! P.S. Like Mom, you are also my hero! You're the greatest!"
— **Gail Seltzer, DWP**



"Thank you for teaching me how to ride my skateboard. I like that you are a fireman, and I love coming to your Fire Station. We love you, Daddy!"
— **Jake and Emily Hibma (Dad is Dan Hibma, LAFD)**



"Dear Dad, I hope you have a great Father's Day. Thanks for being a great Dad! Love, Joey"
(for Carl Paneno, LAPD)

Rally On!

■ Housing hosts its first motorcycle rally and car show for March of Dimes.

Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor
Photos by Angel Gomez,
Member Services Manager

HOUSING — The Housing Department held its Motorcycle Rally and Car Show April 22. The event was organized to help raise money for the March of Dimes.

A parade of 200 motorcycles was escorted by the California Highway Patrol from Van Nuys to the rally in Torrance.

At the event, there were games for the kids and contests for 1950s custom styling and cars and motorcycles in general.



Chief Wayne Durand buys raffle tickets from the ladies.



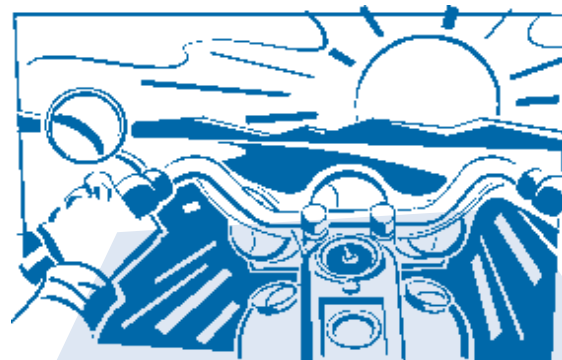
Crystal Sandoval and Stella Trigueos-Cox.



From left: Stacie Saucedo and Dinh Trinh.



Ray Kehoe.



Rudy Gutierrez.



From left: Keith Gordon, Ruben Perez and Cindy Perez.



From left: Ron Diaz and Arturo Solorzano.



From left: Edna Meraz and Irene Scaduto.



From left: Alma Lopez, Crystal Sandoval, Stella Trigueos-Cox and Angie Garcia.



Mike Gregerson, Scott Schafer and Nancy Currey.

LETTERS To the Editor

Enterprise Car Rental Deal Paid For Club Membership

I used my Club discount with Enterprise Rent-a-Car and was very, very pleased. We received a substantial discount and received excellent customer service and a very nice car. (We got a better rate than even with Auto Club.) I saved my Club membership fees with this one transaction! Thanks for negotiating this wonderful discount for our members with Enterprise.

And, let me tell you, the savings were very substantial, between \$80 and \$100 and – get this – because we returned the car with quite a bit of gas left, they gave us credit for a half tank! That is something that they didn't even have to do. That was \$18 right there! So thank the person at the Club who made a deal for our organization with Enterprise.

Now I have to try the other places & see what kind of break they give me!

-- Arlette Menard, Club Member

City Seal Shirts Look Good, Delivered Fast After Order

Hey, I just bought four of your new City seal shirts online. I can't believe how fast you guys processed the order. They were at my house in about a day and a half after I clicked the "purchase" button on your Website. And by the way, they look awesome! Much better than the ones you find on the street.

-- Michael Griffin, LAPD

Note of Thanks to *Alive!* Staff For Highlighting Good Work

Just wanted to drop you a note to say thank you, *Alive!* staff, for putting so much time and effort into highlighting all the things City employees are doing. Keep up the good work.

-- Rebecca Thompson, Club Member since 1985

She Lost Her Taste for Juice After Viewing Dirty Awning

The other day I was really thirsty, so I thought I would get something healthy to drink. Robek's Juice came to mind, so I went downstairs to the City Hall Mall. I was just about to walk in when I glanced up at the awning. I was horrified. It was covered in bird droppings (go see for yourself, but eat first!) It made me so grossed out that I turned around and went back to my office. Someone should really let them know that this is unacceptable; personally I won't go back until they clean the awning off. Hey, I'm a City employee, I expect better.

-- Samantha

Corrections

In the LAPD promotions story in the April 2006 issue of *Alive!*, we should have included Demetrius Matthews in the promotions. He was promoted to Sr. Clerk Typist with the LAPD and attended the LAPD promotions ceremony. Congratulations, Demetrius, and we apologize for the exclusion. — Ed.

Mary Rose Reports on State Of City Streets, and Her Roses

Hi there, cuties. Hope you don't mind, but I just wanted to throw in my two cents on the whole "Mayor of LA taking over the LAUSD" issue. Don't you reckon he ought to get a few streets re-paved first? I tell you, I was down in LA last weekend for a bridge tournament and because of the streets being in such terrible condition it looked like I entered a third-world country. Now I can see why everyone's buying those dagnam SUVs or whatever they call them. Seriously though, I brought my girlfriends with me, and I was somewhat embarrassed about the situation; a great city like LA should be better taken care of. Oh well, guess you can't fight City Hall.

Now, on a more enchanting note, I just planted a new rose in my rose garden, it's called the "Lady Elsie May," and it's simply magnificent! Toodloo for now.

-- Mary Rose Wilkens, Retired City Employee and Proud Club Member

Alive! Cover Turned Architect City Employee Into a Celebrity

Hello Club: I was walking through the new City building down there on Broadway (near the Convention Center) and stopped at the Club table that one of your staff persons had. And as I picked up a copy of *Alive!*, I happened to be standing next to Mahmood Karimzadeh, the principal architect on the cover of the May issue! That was funny but really cool. He seemed to be a nice guy. He seems to be a celebrity now that he ended up on the cover of *Alive!*

Good stuff.

-- Harold Jones, LAPD

Heart Disease Chart Helps Him Eat Healthy, Be Fit, Stay *Alive!*

Hello. I was reading your chart in the last issue of *Alive!* about Claims Paid, and I noticed something really horrifying. Most of the people died of some kind of heart failure. The American Heart Association must be right when they say that the number-one killer of Americans is heart disease. It looks like City employees are examples of such a calamity. It is news like this that makes me appreciate all the exercise and good eating habits I have taken up since I was in my 20s. Twenty years later, I am in great shape, but it has always been so hard to stay the course. Once in a while, you have to indulge in cheeseburgers and fries, but all in moderation. That is my two cents to anyone who will listen and want to live a little longer.

-- Tim Louis, Transportation

City Hall at Sea? Linda Needs Either Validation or Vacation

I work in City Hall, and some of my colleagues and I have experienced something that my supervisors have dismissed as jokes and of poor taste, but I tell you the truth! I typically work late during Tuesdays and Thursdays. Every Tuesday night about 9:50 p.m., I walk through the rotunda on the third floor. Every time I do, there's a faded but noticeable smell of seaweed, sea salt and seashells – the smells of an ocean beach. Knowing that I have to be at least 10 miles from the ocean shoreline, this seems too incredible and I thought I needed to get more sleep.

But what's even crazier is that when I walk near or over the Spanish sailboat centered in the rotunda chamber, I can feel a breeze and I can hear seagulls with the faint sounds of a foghorn. I know what you're thinking, that I need to see someone at EAP or a psychiatrist, but I'm not alone. Several of my colleagues have gone through the same thing. Has anyone else experienced this?

-- Belinda

WRITE TO US TODAY!

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QUESTION

of the Month

Our Club Counselors are all over the City, every day, serving our Club Members. While we're out, we'll be asking City employees a fun question. Keep your eyes open... you never know when we'll be asking you what you think!

"What was your first summer job?"



"A musician at a funeral home."
-- William Charles, City Attorney, Club Member.



"I worked Data Entry at CAN Insurance."
-- Eva Farlow-Malbrough, City Attorney, Club Representative and Club Member



"Painting houses in Orange County for the Youth Program."
-- Fernando Diaz.



"A bar-back at Myron's Ballroom."
-- Jerry Garcia, General Services.



"I was a counselor in training at the LA Zoo."
-- Roxana Villa, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member.



"Cook County [Illinois] Forest Reserve as a Tractor Driver (I was 16)."
-- Bob Gallagher, Geotech Engineer, PW Engineering.



"Collecting apples in Switzerland."
-- Safa Kaddis, Project Manager, Public Works Bureau of Engineering.



"I was a janitor for an Elementary School during a Youth Summer Program."
-- Francisco Encinas, Security Officer, DWP.

CITY OF LOS ANGELES 2005 Quality & Productivity Awards



Photographs by Simeon Rico and Garth Pillsbury, Building and Safety

It's About Quality & Productivity

■ Quality and Productivity Commission awards the City's best efforts. And they are truly noteworthy.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR — On May 8, the City's Quality and Productivity Commission awarded dozens of examples of City excellence, with its annual Quality and Productivity Awards.

The event was held at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel downtown.

The Quality Awards Commissioners were:

- ☞ Loren J. Kosmont, President
- ☞ Howard L. Ekerling, Vice President
- ☞ Jack A. Baylis
- ☞ Julie Butcher
- ☞ Martin M. Cooper
- ☞ Michael Enomoto
- ☞ Carolyn Flowers
- ☞ Kimberly Freeman
- ☞ Ann T. Jackson
- ☞ Jovita Jenkins-Bnafa
- ☞ Gerard McCallum
- ☞ Lee Turner
- ☞ Michael Sirota
- ☞ Paul J. Vizcaino

"This recognition ceremony is an annual event that honors the innovation, the productivity and efficiency demonstrated by each one of you each and every day throughout the City," said Commission President Loren Kosmont in her opening remarks. "Your efficient, cost-saving programs are really the best kept secrets throughout the City. The commission wants changes that will continue to reward employees and really continue to get you thinking outside the box."

"I am not here to audit you, I am here to praise you!" said Controller Laura Chick. "I love this event. I don't think I've missed one during the 13 years I've been an elected official for the City. I love the fact that there are so many City employees proactively jumping ahead as fast as I can run an audit. You're asking yourselves the questions that I'm asking. How are we doing and how can we do it better? The results are just phenomenal."

This event "is so positive, and it's good to hear about what the people who work in the City of Los Angeles and run the City of Los Angeles [are doing], how they feel about doing things for the citizens of Los Angeles," said host and consumer advocate David Horowitz. "That, to me, is not only heartwarming, but also shows what this City stands for in terms of our government and what our government does for those who live here."

Congratulations to all the winners!

You are the Best of the City.

Alive! sends a big thank-you to Kathleen Hardy, Management Analyst II, Quality and Productivity Commission, for her excellent assistance in producing this article. We give you a Quality and Productivity Award, Kathleen!

BEST PRACTICES AWARDS

Presented to City Employees who dramatically reduced costs by implementing "best practice" innovations.

City of Los Angeles Risk Financing Program

☞ Office of the City Administrative Officer



The Risk Management Team implemented two risk-financing programs that covered major City construction projects (\$600 million) and Aircraft Fleet, (22 helicopters and 1 airplane). Results: Increased liability protection, insurance coverage, minority contractors, safety and loss control awareness, bulk buying power, and \$6 million in savings!

Leadership, Empowerment and Advancement Program – L.E.A.P.

☞ General Services



Top-level General Services managers designed and delivered an effective and popular supervisory training program. The 12-session program includes problem solving, decision-making, labor relations, budget, personnel issues and customer service training.

Project Cost Estimator Project

☞ Public Works: Bureau of Engineering



The Engineering team replaced an old labor-intensive system with the new efficient Project Cost Estimator that provides accurate pricing information and calculates project-specific cost estimates in minutes instead of weeks. The five-year projected cost savings exceed \$2 million.

Web-Based Cash Reporting Project

☞ Public Works: Bureau of Engineering

The Bureau of Engineering replaced the old error-prone, cashiering system for fee payment processing with the Web-Based Cash Reporting System. Staff installed new cash registers and hardware and implemented new reporting procedures. The new system saves staff time and produces more accurate audit trails, analyses and reports in record time. Annual savings: \$140,000.

Intellectual Property Asset Management Program

☞ Los Angeles City Attorney



This program identifies, protects and manages the City's valuable intellectual property assets ("patentable" devices, "copyrightable" software, and trademarks — City insignias and logos). New procedures are reducing costly intellectual property infringements while earning more than \$250,000 to date from new licensing agreements.

Primary Battery D at Hyperion Project

☞ Public Works: Bureau of Sanitation



Battery D team members took on complete responsibility for planning, designing, purchasing, construction and post-construction of the new Battery D Pumping Systems. Their actions reduced maintenance and energy costs, reduced odors in the neighborhood and provided a safer, less crowded battery gallery.

Raising the Bar Code Project

☞ General Services



Mail Staff expedited and simplified the City's outbound mail processing and reduced mass mailing costs by 50 percent. The new "Barcode Automation Program" automated mass mailings, saved staff time and earned major U.S. Postal Service rate reductions. Departments no longer rely on staff overtime or expensive out side vendors for mass mailings.



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CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARDS

The City of Los Angeles delivers services that put customers first!

Automated Certificate of Occupancy Project (ACOS)

Building and Safety



Building and Safety issues the City's Certificates of Occupancy. ACOS replaced an inefficient manual process that delayed the process and created costly delays for the customer. The new streamlined process cuts customer wait times by 93 percent and 8000 hours of staff time.

Fire Life Safety Program

LAFD Building and Safety



The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) and Building and Safety streamlined and simplified the Fire Life Safety (FLS) equipment (alarms, emergency lights, pull boxes, etc.) testing procedures. Now developers can schedule next-day inspections instead of waiting weeks. The program has eliminated inspector overtime, increased daily inspections and saved the construction industry more than \$740,000 in various fees.

Compusmart Project

Library



Using the Compusmart (Online Computer Reservation System), you can reserve a computer in the Central Library and its 71 branches from a computer in your home, office etc., saving you time while eliminating staff involvement. The new system also provides self-service public print stations.

One-on-Printing

General Services



The Publishing Services staff provides City departments with graphics, printing, copying and binding services. Staff implemented new procedures, installed new reprographic equipment and software, and conducted training. They efficiently and accurately merged highly variable information (addresses, voter rosters, licenses, etc.) into printed material as needed. Turnaround time is days instead of weeks.

WiFi Community Network System

ITA DWP
Public Works: Bureau of Street Lighting



Now, Wireless Internet Access to web-based City services is available directly outside the Van Nuys Civic Center and inside the Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center. This free service, which requires no registration, is being promoted in brochures and on signs and banners.

SERVING COMMUNITIES & PEOPLE AWARDS

City Employees put the Community and the People first with these projects.

3-D Animated Video for Street and Bridge Improvements Project

Public Works: Bureau of Street Services



The cutting-edge 3-D animation/traffic simulation video system (on mini-DVDs) provides 3-D descriptions of large scale street projects. The videos, that also depict actual traffic flow patterns, vehicle numbers, and real traffic speeds, are distributed to impacted community organizations.

On the Road Again Project

Public Works: Bureau of Sanitation
City Attorney General Services



Sanitation management and crew averted a major disaster when one-third of the trash truck fleet was grounded. They redeployed trucks, modified work schedules, sent mechanics into field, and worked with the manufacturer to identify and fix the problem. They also secured 100 percent reimbursement for all City costs and acquired first ever SCAQMD variance to operate trucks with diesel.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFICIENCY AWARDS

Amazing achievements produce a cleaner environment in the City of Los Angeles.

Alternative Marine Power Project (AMP)

Harbor DWP



The Harbor Department's Alternative Maritime Power Project at the Port of Los Angeles (the world's first electrical shore-to-ship power container ship connection system), allows ships to plug in shore-side electrical power instead of burning diesel fuel. The reduction in emissions from "AMPd" ships equals the pollution from 16,000 daily truck trips or 69,000 diesel truck miles.

Restaurant Food Recycling Project

Public Works: Bureau of Sanitation



Sanitation implemented this food-recycling program to divert restaurant food waste from land fills. The Bureau and a consultant recruit restaurants to participate in a recycling program where their food waste is hauled away and turned into mulch for local growers.

PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARD

City Employees reach out to the community to preserve the City's heritage.

Friends of the Chinese American Museum Project

El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic Monument

Southern California's first Chinese American Museum was established through a partnership between the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument Authority Department and the Friends of the Chinese American Museum. The Chinese American presence has now been restored to its origins in the City's birthplace, the El Pueblo Monument. More than 30,000 guests have visited the museum since its opening.



CITY OF LOS ANGELES 2005 Quality & Productivity Awards

P I O N E E R I N G A W A R D S

City teams have the "pioneering spirit" to produce these visionary projects.

Fly Birdie Fly Project

General Services



General Services' Fleet Services Division maintains a fleet of 27 helicopters and one airplane for the Los Angeles Police and Fire Departments. The project teams analyses of the maintenance processes resulted in recommendations to streamline the procedures. The recommendations were approved and implemented by the manufacturers and FAA for use on all such aircraft nationwide.

Field Automation for Sanitation Trucks/ Project FAST

Public Works: Bureau of Sanitation



The "FAST" Project replaced a cumbersome, manual work order process on sewer repair trucks with a modern wireless systems computer application that includes WAN, GIS maps, GPS satellite modems, and backend database and Web servers. This project dramatically improved sewer and storm water maintenance productivity.

Roto-Tilt Attachment Project

Public Works: Bureau of Street Services



The Project Team sought out and modified the new Roto-Tilt attachment that significantly improves City backhoe operations while reducing cost and collateral property damage. Street Services crews now repair and replace sidewalks at twice the speed without causing damage to adjacent structures, trees, landscaping, etc.

Super Expedited Wastewater Emergency Rehabilitation for Sewers Project (SEWERS)

Public Works: Bureau of Engineering

In 2003 the late Rory Shaw developed "The Super-Expedited Wastewater Emergency Rehabilitation for Sewers" SEWERS program. The SEWERS group now completes sewer repair projects, from pre-design through post-construction, in an unprecedented 3- to 5-week timeframe. The project incorporated a new "unit price contract." More than \$1.6 million has been saved on 185 projects.



World Wide Excellence in Materials Testing Program

General Services
Public Works: Bureau of Street Services

After conducting thousands of tests on concrete asphalt, the team developed new asphalt durability standards that received national and worldwide acclaim. The useful life of City streets has been extended by 25 percent. The findings were presented at the 2004 Annual Academic Conference of China Highway Engineering in the People's Republic of China.



P R O T E C T A N D S E R V E A W A R D S

These outstanding teams have found new innovative ways to "Protect and Serve."

Bike Medic Team Project

LAFD Environmental Affairs



LAFD's Bike Medic Teams now respond immediately to medical emergencies at venues and events where congestion delays ambulance access. LAFD added defibrillators to the bikes' life-saving equipment. Now more than ever, the program saves lives! Environmental Affairs purchased the custom bicycles.

Witness Detail Project

LAPD



Physically located at the City Attorney's office, the LAPD Witness Detail works closely with the attorneys to quickly secure witnesses and evidence, eliminate unnecessary subpoenas and reduce police officer court related overtime and court continuances while complying with constantly changing court requirements.

Illegal Dumping Project

Public Works: Bureau of Street Services
City Attorney



The Bureau of Street Services joined the City Attorney's Neighborhood Prosecutors to rid the City of illegal dumping. The Bureau's Investigators are now authorized to investigate, report and arrest illegal dumpers, previously an LAPD responsibility.

Community Crime Kiosk Project

LAPD

The Community Crime Kiosk Project has resulted in the apprehension of more than 28 outstanding felons. This project shows LAPD wanted bulletins of serious criminals on Cable Channel 35. Viewers can call in tips to detectives at the North Hollywood Division. Public safety information is also provided. The bulletins are also available on stand-alone kiosks and on video screens in the Hollywood Division.



Stolen Vehicle Recovery Pilot Program

Transportation LAPD

DOT Traffic officers now recover parked stolen vehicles, a task previously an exclusive LAPD task. This round the clock program has freed up LAPD officers' time for more serious crime issues while clearing the streets of abandoned stolen vehicles.



It's Vegas for Norma

■ **Norma Sattiewhite retires from Public Works after 25 years with the City.**

Story by Diana Medina, Public Works – Accounting, Club Representative

PUBLIC WORKS — Longtime Board of Public Works–Office of Accounting employee Norma J. Sattiewhite was honored with a Board of Public Works retirement presentation April 19 for her 25 years of City service. Norma was a loyal and dedicated City employee and spent her last 21 years in the Office of Accounting.

She was honored with a luncheon April 25 at the Buffet Land restaurant in Los Angeles. This celebration with music, dancing and comedy was attended by 80 guests, including son Kenneth Brown, aunt Garnetta Green, sister Geraldine Lewis and niece Shrona Young.



Norma retired April 27 and has left for the bright lights of Las Vegas, where she intends to relocate permanently. She is a “born-again believer” and believes that helping others is a blessing. She has purchased two homes in Vegas, and her dream is to open them to veterans, women and children who are in need of board and care. She hopes to realize her dreams through a government subsidy program. Norma will be involved with her church by being the pianist and secretary, and travel is also included in her future plans.

As you can see, there will be plenty for her to do and less time for her to be tempted by Vegas’ so-called Lady Luck.

Norma, congratulations on your retirement!



From left: Shrona Young, niece; Norma J. Sattiewhite, Retiree; Kenneth Brown, son; Garnetta Green, aunt; and Geraldine Lewis, sister.

Newsbrief



TOASTMASTERS DIV. D CONTEST

PIONEERS TOASTMASTERS – The Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club participated in a whirlwind competition against three other clubs April 27 at the Toastmaster International Division D International Speech and Evaluation Contest held at Hubbard College in Los Angeles.

Dominic Buenaventura, Civil Engineering Associate IV, Bureau of Engineering, was slated to represent the club at the Evaluation Contest. However, he was hit by laryngitis and had to forfeit his bid for the Division D trophy. Bureau of Sanitation’s Management Analyst II Yukari Iwai, known as Kari, stepped forward to present “Men in Tights,” an original speech about the American phobia of bringing up our boys as male ballet dancers. It is a little-known fact that many male athletes, including Michael Jordan, have taken ballet to enhance their performance in other sports.

Yet, her competitors in the International Speech Contest – David Cruz of Voces Latinas Toastmasters Club, Police Officer III Michael Skiff of LAPD Code One Club, and David Berkowitz of TransAmerica Toastmasters Club – were unstoppable orators. David Cruz took first place. Michael won second place.

“Going to these contests is like studying abroad at a different country,” Kari said. “From just one visit, I learned so much more than just studying in my home club.”

Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club meets every Wednesday at 12:05 p.m. in the main conference room of the sixth floor at the Public Works Building, 1149 S. Broadway in Downtown LA. Visitors are always welcome to come, to observe and to participate. You do not have to be a Public Works Department employee to join. The club will be holding its semi-annual elections on June 7. For further information, contact Ivan Gerson, (213) 485-1169, or Yvonne Liu, (213) 978-1766.

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Capt. Bowers with the graduating class.

New Animal Control Officers

■ Animal Services graduates six new officers.

Story by Karen Knipscheer, Public Relations Coordinator, Animal Services
Photos courtesy Animal Services

ANIMAL SERVICES — Six new Animal Control Officers graduated from their Animal Services training April 28.

The new Officers are: Vanessa Rodriguez, Felix Lopez, Alec Jaramillo, Lorna Esparza, Lester Baron and Yvette Smith.

They began their new assignments May 1.

The Club sends its congratulations to the new Officers!



Cmdr. Diliberto and Capt. Bowers inspect the recruits as they become Animal Control Officers.



The graduating class of six new Animal Control Officers.

Safety Award

■ Airport Police receives award from airline at LAX.

Story by Officer Belinda Nettles,
Airport Police Photos courtesy Airport Police

AIRPORTS — Geoffrey D. Askew, head of Group Security for Qantas Airways, presented an award to the Airport Police for Group Security "Protecting the Spirit," presented in appreciation March 16.

Congratulations to the Airport Police for their excellent service to safety.



Geoffrey D. Askew, head of Group Security, Qantas Airways (right), congratulates Los Angeles Airport Police Chief Brian A. Walker (left) while presenting him with the Group Security "Protecting the Spirit" award in appreciation to LAX Police.

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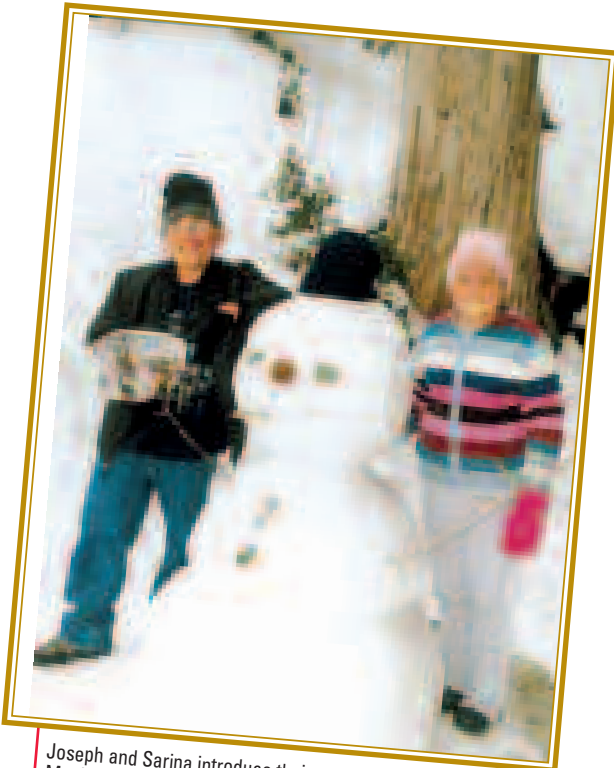
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Joseph and Sarina introduce their new friend from Moniker Flats, Mt. Baldy, to *Alive!*
— Photo courtesy Martin Chavez, Harbor.



Events Guru Michelle Moreno and friend, Angie Martinez, in the land of cheese — at the state capitol in Madison, Wisc.

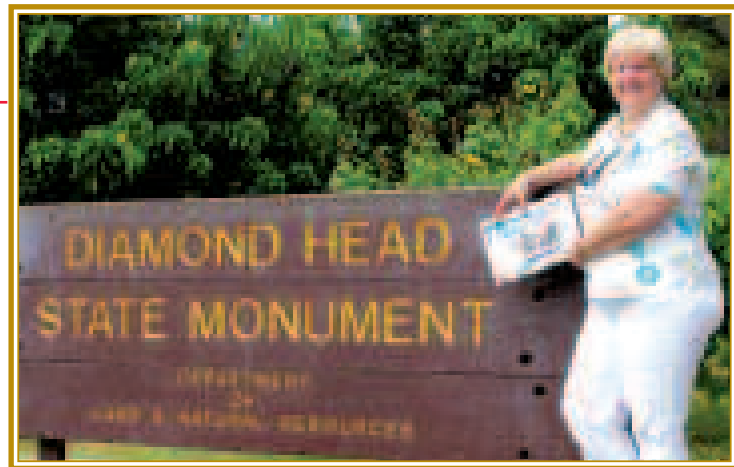


Alive! editor John Burnes holds his copy of the newspaper in the brand-new Busch Stadium in St. Louis, in a game against the arch-rivals Chicago Cubs. "The hot dogs were good, the view was great, and the Cubs lost, so all is right with the world," he said.

"Here is a picture during a cruise my husband Ron and I took to Hawaii. We were at Diamond Head, which was so green and beautiful it was hard to believe we were in the middle of a volcano.

"The current name was given to the crater by British sailors in the 1800s. When they first saw the crater at a great distance, the calcite crystals in the lava rock appeared to glimmer in the sunlight. The sailors mistakenly thought there must be diamonds in the soil."

— Jean Sarfaty, LAPD, Club Rep



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The *Alive!* Interview

LAPD Wives: Standing Together, in Strength



■ In May, Club CEO John Hawkins and Arlene Herrero interviewed the three leaders of the LAPD Wives Association – Lynn Caprarelli, Adel Martin and Stacy Jensen – to share their story.

Alive! So, tell the *Alive!* readers about the LAPD Wives Association. Is it a non-profit, or a social thing?

Adel Martin: It's going to remain social. We've decided not to become a non-profit because that means we'd have to file tax papers. We want to stay friends.

Alive! Yes, good idea. So, what's the primary purpose?

Adel Martin: To walk along side of, encourage, support and educate other women who have the same concerns, fears, and questions that we had and have as police wives. We're more seasoned. We're really trying to reach out to the younger women, the up and coming wives. We want to go back to the basics of the

traditional family. You don't see that too often nowadays. Our number one goal is to save and build strong marriages that in turn will grow happy families. We're women of faith and that's our cornerstone, the core of our foundation. It is what gives us our strength and courage during difficult times.

We're faith-based. We are about the traditional family. That's where our experience is — women married to men.

Stacy Jensen: We became friends. We all met at my wedding a couple of years ago; we didn't know each other until then. We recognized a kinship and went on a church retreat. We found that we all had women's issues and friendship, but we all were married to police officers and that carried a certain amount of ...

Adel Martin: Commonality.

Stacy Jensen: Yes, commonality and risk and hardship and fun as well. In my mind, the police officers have their group, their graduating class, and then, where they're hired they have a support system whether they choose to use it or not. The wives are left kind

of out in the cold. Who do they go to? What if they don't know another officer's wife? What if they're just in their com-

munity alone with their two- and four-year-olds? They can never have holidays; they can never count on their men being home. They're alone. So I'm the newest. My husband is now retired. He served 33 years.

Adel Martin: I've been married 34-years.

Lynn Caprarelli: Thirty [years].

Stacy Jensen: I was asking them questions about how do you deal with this and how do you deal with that. They said, "Oh, girl, let me tell you." And so what I can bring to the group is just life experience. I have good listening ability, but once a cop always a cop, and he's retired and I'm going to live with that personality until the end of our marriage when one of us passes away. It was just formed out of a mutual need. The younger wives will have a better chance to have a longer-lasting, fruitful marriage and be an integral part of keeping the glue together when difficult things happen.

NO MORE SUFFERING IN SILENCE

Adel Martin: Our men might go through a "debriefing" at the end of watch by going somewhere with other cops, having a couple beers, smoking a few cigars and discussing what their night or day was like. We wives can't just call a neighbor who doesn't understand so we suffer in silence. We want to be able to give the wives the opportunity through friendship to be able to call one of the other wives and say, "Hey, what worked for you?" It's like a mentoring program.

Alive! Is it only wives? What's the requirement to join?

Lynn Caprarelli: Any woman with a steady relationship with an officer. They don't have to be married. We'd like them to be engaged, but we do have a lot of girlfriends, which is fine. It gives them a sense of what to expect by talking to the wives who have been married a long time. The average age in our group is about 28 to 30.

The average marriage is 11 years [in the group now]. We keep hearing, "I've been married 11, 11, 11." There are a lot of commonalities in 11-year marriages and 11 years on the force. There are things that happen at 11 years, and we're finding that out from the psychologists who are coming to talk to us. The ladies feel lonely. They say that their friends don't understand why.

You also have the fear of every single day when your husband leaves for work that he's not coming home. If you wake up at 2 in the morning and he was due home at 11 and your heart is beating fast and the bed is empty and you think, "Wow, well I know that Mary Jane's husband works [narcotics], and she's in the same boat as me right now." You have a kind of a peace about you that somebody else knows what you're going through. Or if somebody else's husband has been in a shootout, you can talk to them.

Adel Martin: We want our members to be able to call another wife on the phone and say, "I'm really struggling with this," and know she completely understands. We do have criteria for the group, such as not tolerating gossip, putting our husbands down, or putting the Department down. The LAPD has been good to us. They've been good to our husbands and our families. We are extremely proud of our Men in Blue. We love them!

Alive! Are there dues?

Adel Martin: No.

The modern LAPD Wives Association is led by (from left) Lynn Caprarelli, Stacy Jensen and Adel Martin.



The Alive! Interview

UNIQUE IN THE COUNTRY

Alive!: Is there anything you model this after, in the country?

Lynn Caprarelli: No. We have a sister site that we started. Our motto is "We are the hidden partners," so we opened up hiddenpartners.org, and any Police Association of Wives that wants to start its own police wives support group, for a fee, can get a duplicate Website. Then they can also use our slogan, "We are the hidden partners," which we've trademarked.

WALKING ALONGSIDE

Adel Martin: We want to get away from the stigma that police officers themselves have about women joining a support group. There's a stigma of, "Oh, you're going to go and you're just going to hear bad things about me." It's not [like that]. We have speakers come. We have someone come and talk about injured on duty. We have a psychologist come. We had a boutique fundraiser. We've had various speakers on various issues. So it's about building up and encouraging and walking alongside. We want our men to see that we're with them. We support them.

HOW IT WORKS

Alive!: How often do you meet?

Stacy Jensen: Once a month.

Alive!: At different locations?

Adel Martin: Yes, different divisions.

Alive!: How do people know where you're going to meet?

Lynn Caprarelli: We post it on our forum, and our forum is private. Then we take an ad in the Blue Line every three months. We don't want to grow too fast. We realize there are 9,000 sworn officers and 10,000 retired. So at some point, we could have 4,000 members. We want to be able to build our core group.

Stacy, Adel and I are Christians and live our lives in that faith. As far as the wives association, it's open to all wives of any and all, or no, faiths. Although our beliefs run the criteria for the association, we select our speakers based upon what they can offer our members to educate or enhance our one goal of being more supportive, understanding wives to our husbands. We feel we need to have certain rules so that we don't turn into the old LAPD Wives Club. There was one about 25 years ago, and apparently it was a [complain] session. The women would have their night to go party. It ended up being where it was just a gossip group.



Club Counselor Arlene Herrero (left) chats with LAPD Wives Association leaders (from left) Stacy Jensen, Adel Martin and Lynn Caprarelli at the Getty Museum.

on duty that I expected it. After a workday, I would shower again, do my hair and makeup, put on the best nightclothes I had and go bed and I'd wait. I did that for six months. If I had had another wife or somebody to talk to who could say, "Hey, I'm here for you. Things are going to be okay," I probably wouldn't have been such a basket case for six months.

We have no political agenda. Sometimes the ladies will bring things in and say, "We should fight this," and we say no. We're never going to stand on anything. We're only here for your hearts and that's it.

BRANCHING OUT

Alive!: Do you have different groups?

Lynn Caprarelli: Since we're just 100 [members] right now, we've come from all over Los Angeles, Ventura, San Bernardino and Orange counties to meet. Next month we will break off our first chapter, which will include the wives in San Bernardino and Orange counties. They'll hold their own meetings and pizza nights and join together with the main group on a quarterly or semi-annual basis.

Adel Martin: What's also been exciting for us is that Chief [William] Bratton came and spoke to our group.

Alive!: Really.

Adel Martin: His wife, Rikki Klieman, came and spoke to us as well and joined as a member. I think when they left, they were both pleasantly surprised to see that we were women of integrity, not confrontational or complaining. Instead as a group, we showed our support for the LAPD.

Stacy Jensen: Yes, he invited us to speak to the new recruits ...

Lynn Caprarelli: ... their wives. They got all the recruits who are actually in the academy

right now and they got their wives to come down there just so we could go and talk to them and tell them what to expect.

He invited us to the graduation. We haven't actually made it there yet. We think that's important. If we can talk to the new recruits' wives before that first night when they're alone.

Not everybody comes every time. We get an average of 18 to 20 [attendees per] meeting. You have your diehards and then you have some of the ones who never come, but they're on the forum. They say, "I just need to know you guys are there."

Adel Martin: You have your skeptics who come and say, "I'm going to really see if this is what you're about." I think they leave pleasantly surprised.

Lynn Caprarelli: Yes, that's true. We had a member who joined us the very first night back in August last year and, unbeknownst to us, was very skeptical. She put a post on the private forum just the other day, saying that she'd been waiting for eight months for us to not be what we said we'd be. She had expected we'd have a political agenda or turn into a gossip group. Her post was apologetic for her doubts and thankful that we've stayed with our policies. We're committed to just one thing – support, through education, experience and friendship. It's just too simple of a concept to some people.

Adel Martin: Sometimes when you go to a police function – a picnic or the Christmas Party – the other wives can seem stand-offish or cliquish.

Lynn Caprarelli: It's the façade we put on. It's a protective layer.

Adel Martin: It's our own insecurity. It's our own fear. It's just how it is. We want to break

that. We want to not have that anymore. I think we've done it. Our numbers show that. Our meetings show that. Our forum shows that.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Adel Martin: We are huge on confidentiality. When you come to the meeting for the first time, we have a membership orientation and set the guidelines right there. We say whatever is said in this room and shared in this room stays in this room. We want them to have a safe place. Just like our guys have their safe place, we want the women to, also. It's really rewarding to know that you can save a marriage, or you can save a relationship. After a while, the guys will say, "Wow" — [he might think] she's a nagging wife when in reality she's just afraid. She learns to support and encourage her own husband, to build him up and not resent him. "It's okay, husband. Don't worry."

Lynn Caprarelli: Every other month, we do some kind of education. We had an expert come and talk about alcoholism. Alcoholism is huge.

And then the next month we'll do something girly like have a romance DVD exchange and we do a roundtable. We'll fill out the questions that maybe you're afraid to ask like, "Would an affair affect your marriage?" Somebody throws that into the bucket. We have a bucket of questions. We draw them out and then we go around the room and we discuss them. The ladies just love it. We've had a couple of them call us and say, "My husband is so happy that I joined your group because I love him more. I come home and I love him more." So it is working. ■

The LAPD Wives Association meets every month. For more information, go to www.lapdwives.org



"We're only here for your hearts, and that's it."



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– Lynn Caprarelli

Adel Martin: Relationships were torn apart because of that.

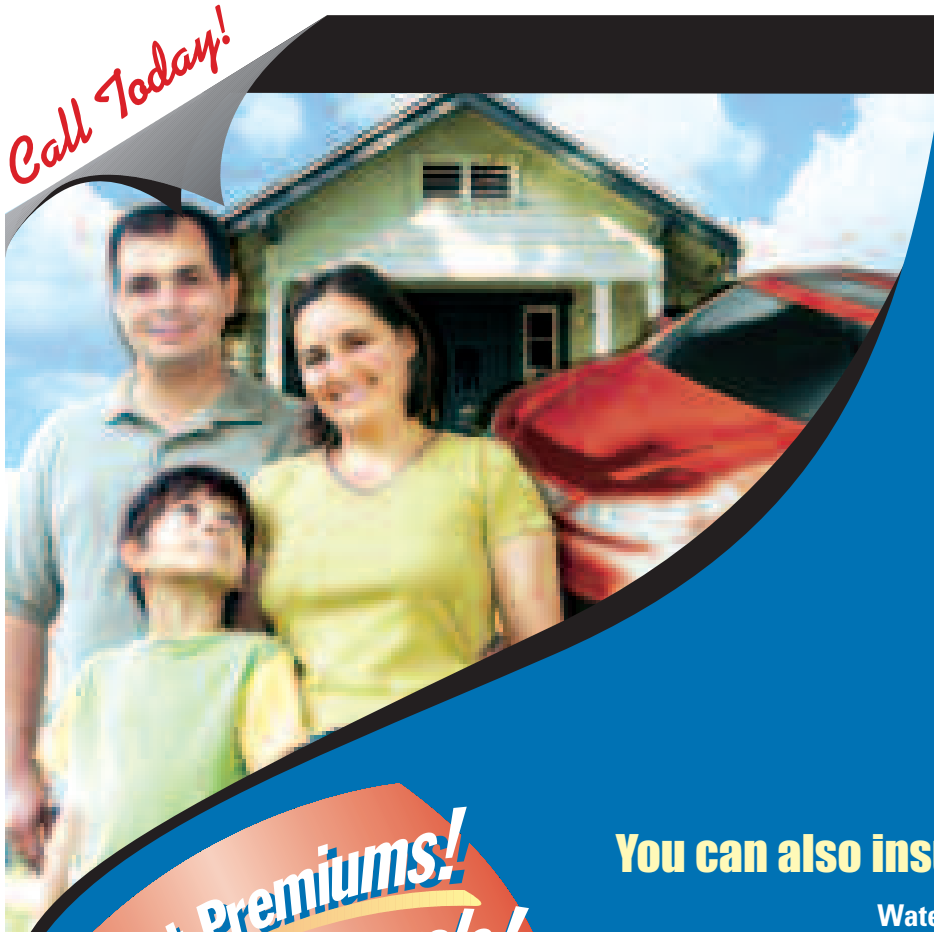
Alive!: But since then, nothing has been established ...

Lynn Caprarelli: Nothing. They've had nothing. My husband has been in two shootouts. He's had a stroke. [There's been] nobody to talk to. I remember being a new wife when my husband was on [his] probation[-ary period]. I was so terrified that he was going to be killed



"We want them to have a safe place. Just like our guys have their safe place, we want the women to, also. It's really rewarding to know that you can save a marriage, or you can save a relationship."

– Adel Martin



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East Valley Open House

Sanitation's East Valley Yard has open house.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor
Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Communications and Marketing

PUBLIC WORKS — The East Valley Sanitation Yard in Sun Valley held an open house April 13. The event featured recycling, refuse and green waste demonstrations; tours; gifts; food; refreshments; games and prizes.

"We want to show our appreciation to our customers for their cooperation in working with us to ensure efficient and safe collection of their refuse, green waste and recyclables," said Sal Miranda, Solid Resource Manager I, who coordinates the open house program, "and to show them what happens to the contents of their containers once we take them away. Our key message is to encourage recycling, and we want to make the open house an educational and fun experience both for adults and children."



Ted Arakelian, Civil Engineer Associate, 6 years.



The Recycle Robot — worn by City Employee Melvin Clover.

Attendees also learned how the Bureau manages to clean and maintain the City's sewer and storm water systems. Staff was available to discuss current and future sewer and storm water projects that will help protect the ocean and beaches in Los Angeles.

The Club says thanks for inviting us!



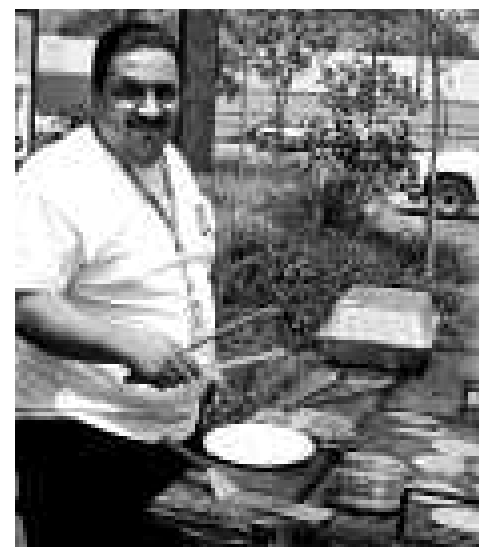
From left: Helinda Rodarte, Chief Clerk, Call Center, 13 years; and Mayra Araiza Clerk Typist, 7 months.



From left: Veronica Camacho, Clerk Typist, 7 years; Ron Lee, Supervisor, 19 years; and Adriana Nunez, Clerk Typist, 7 years.



From left: Mike Vega, Maintenance Laborer, 25 years; and Lester Quintana, Truck Operator, 7 months.



Ron Cole, Refuse Crew Field Instructor, 17 years.



Armando Gatewood, Waste Water Collection, 19 years.

Honoring Tommy

■ Airport Police dedicates a plaque to the late Officer Tommy Scott.

Story by Officer Belinda Nettles, Airport Police
Photos courtesy Airport Police

AIRPORTS — Los Angeles World Airports dedicated a plaque April 29 in memory of Los Angeles Airport Police Officer Tommy Edward Scott at the location where he was killed in April 2005. Officer Scott was the first Los Angeles Airport Police Officer killed in the line of duty in the 59-year history of Los Angeles Airport Police. Officer Scott lost his life April 29, 2005, during an incident with a suspect on Lincoln Boulevard in an area adjacent to the airport perimeter.

The plaque ceremony included the Los Angeles Airport Police Honor Guard Detail and remarks by Councilman Bill Rosendahl, 11th District. The plaque dedication ceremony marked the one-year anniversary of Officer Scott's death.



Lt. Curtis Thompson and Chief Brian Walker view the memorial plaque with Tommy Scott's parents.



Hubert Scott, father of Tommy Scott.

The memorial plaque for Officer Tommy Scott.



Many people attend the dedication ceremony.



Los Angeles Airport Police Honor Guard Detail salute.



Los Angeles Airport Police Honor Guard Detail.

A Park, Made New

■ Rec and Parks rededicates Little Landers Park in Tujunga.

Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor
Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

REC AND PARKS — Rec and Parks rededicated its refurbished Little Landers Park in Tujunga with a ceremony March 25.

Little Landers Park, a 1.16-acre park, has had major improvements, including a new children's play area, an irrigation system, an enlarged patio area, refurbished grounds and an access path. The park, which surrounds the historic Bolton Hall, enhances the community's appearance and provides residents with a clean, safe and local place to relax and gather.

Funding for this \$93,000 project was provided by Proposition K Environmental Construction. The Bureau of Engineering, Public Works, designed and managed the project.



Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer, Bureau of Engineering.



Jon Kirk Mukri, General Manager, Rec and Parks.



Lloyd Hitt, President, Little Landers Historical Society.



The ribbon is cut at the dedication ceremony of Little Landers Park.

Walking for Babies

■ Six from the Harbor participated in March of Dimes' WalkAmerica.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

HARBOR — Six from the Harbor Dept. participated in the March of Dimes' annual WalkAmerica April 29 in Griffith Park. The five-mile walk raises funds to fight birth defects.

"This is the most participants we have had in years," said Department coordinator Kedren Pilgram, Club

Member, who coordinated the team for her second year.

The Harbor participants were Pilgram, Faye Jones, Betsy Foley, Deb Babcoke-Doherty, Jessica Bautista-Torres and Tracy Zuliani.

Each walker had a goal of raising \$100. Club Member Jessica Bautista-Torres raised \$500 and was still looking for additional sponsors. Bake sales, raffle tickets and a used-book sale were some of the fundraising events that took place to help raise the money.

Congratulations, walkers! And thanks to Club Member Kedren Pilgram for letting us know.



From left: Faye Jones, Personnel Analyst; Kedren Pilgram, Sr. Clerk Typist, Coordinator, Club Member; Betsy Foley, Environmental Scientist; Deb Babcoke-Doherty, PCAC Executive Assistant; Jessica Bautista-Torres, Port Pilot Dispatcher, Club Member; and Tracy Zuliani, Sr. Clerk Typist.

Sipple Takes Off Into Retirement

■ **Charles Sipple retires from Airports after 37 years of City service.**

Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor, and Airport Staff
Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

AIRPORTS — Charlie Sipple, veteran of the Harbor, Public Works and Airport Departments, retired with a party March 30. He has worked for the City since 1969.

Charlie Sipple was Chief of Airports Construction and Maintenance since November 1995. He had administrative responsibility for maintenance and in-house construction at all four airports under the Department's jurisdiction: Los Angeles International, Ontario International, Palmdale Regional and Van Nuys. Charlie was also responsible for developing and coordinating the airports' water and energy conservation, recycle, alternative fuels, and hazardous materials programs.

Charlie began his City of Los Angeles career with the Harbor Department in March 1969 as a Maintenance Laborer. He later promoted to Maintenance and Construction Helper and Mechanical Helper. He transferred to Los Angeles World Airports in August 1973 and then was promoted to Air Conditioning Mechanic in February 1979. He transferred back to the Harbor in September 1984 and was promoted to Los Angeles World Airports in May 1985 as an Air Conditioning Mechanic Supervisor. He was promoted to Public Works in January 1989 as a Construction and Maintenance Supervisor, and returned to the Los Angeles World Airports in February 1990 as an Airport Maintenance Superintendent. He remained with Los Angeles World Airports and was promoted to Director of Airport Maintenance I in September 1992, as a Director of Airport Maintenance II in November 1995, and finally as an Airport Manager III in May 2000.

The Club wishes Charlie much happiness in retirement!



Charles Sipple with his family.



Back row, from left: Dan Campbell, Manuel Cheng, Silvia Mejia, Richard Shintani, Mike Mauldin, Russ Lewis and Bill Vasquez. Front row: Brian Anderson, Sonia Mattingly, Wilson Quon, India Griffin and Janice Johnson.



From left: Jose Lopez, LAX, 9 years; Jose De Loera, LAX, 5 years; Bryan Jackson, Ontario, 2 years; and Jose Rodriguez, Ontario, 6 years.

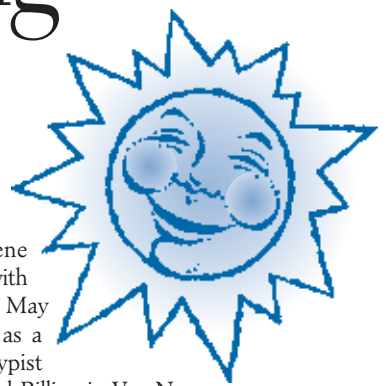


From left: Nelson Loureiro, LAX, 6 years; Matus Uriel, LAX, 9 years; Brad Penir, LAX, 16 years; and Ed Melara, LAX, 20 years.



Back row, from left: Wally Fuchino, Ted Oka, Andy Viloria and Reggie. Front: Marty Keffer, Al Carlson and Dennis Klain.

Good Morning and Goodbye



■ **"Morning person" Charlene Valdez retires from the DWP after 17 years of service.**

Story by Gail Seltzer, DWP, Club Member
Photo courtesy Gail Seltzer

DWP — "Who can turn the world on with her smile? Who can take a nothing day, and suddenly make it all seem worthwhile?" Besides Mary Tyler Moore, the answer is the DWP's Charlene Valdez.

After 17 exemplary years with the DWP, Charlene has decided to retire. Effective July 1, Charlene will begin a new exciting chapter in her life.

I first met Charlene several years ago when I went to the Account Services Unit. She would pass by my desk and always try to get me to smile in the morning. Smiling and morning for me just doesn't happen, except on days off. But she never gave up on me, although she did nickname me "Grumpy." Charlene is such a beautiful person, inside and out, always with a positive attitude, has a great sense of humor, has a big kind loving heart, very generous and giving, and is always a joy to be around. Even though in the mornings she still likes to drive me nuts, I am going to really miss her. The light will be dimmer once she leaves us.

Charlene started with the DWP May 1, 1989, as a Clerk Typist for Special Billing in Van Nuys. A little more than a year later, Oct. 8, 1990, she was promoted to a Customer Service Representative and went to the Customer Call Center. On June 18, 1991, Charlene transferred to the Account Services/Billing Unit. Her next and final transfer came Feb. 28, 2000, when she went to the Valley Field Investigation Unit.

I asked for a few words from her supervisor, Wayne Dickinson, and this is what he had to say:

"Charlene is a hard worker; a dedicated, good wife; loves her family; loves animals; easy to get along with; fun to joke with; and will be missed."

Charlene is looking forward to continuing her new hobby of raising and training Keeshonds for show tournaments, taking care of all her turtles, her garden, her home

and spending more time with her family. There are a lot of traveling plans within the next year to include Hawaii, Montana and North Dakota. She also wants to go back to college and take "fun" classes like stained glass windows. Charlene is very creative and talented and enjoys making things for other people.

Congratulations Charlene, enjoy, enjoy, enjoy!



Charlene Valdez.

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DWP Retirees Association



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E-mail: vinmar@altrionet.com

Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association



James Chastain, President
Phone: (323) 283-4441
Fax: (626) 285-1461
E-mail: larfpa@pacbell.net or
9521 Las Tunas Dr. #4,
Temple City, CA 91780

Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



Ed Harding, RLACEI President
www.rlacei.com
Contact him: (805) 584-9417
or via E-mail:
postmaster@rlacei.com

Change of Address?

If you change your address, notify Helen Salgado, Membership Chair, at 323-728-4930, or write to her at 5423 Dewar St., Los Angeles, CA 90022. Also notify LACERS.

Have News About Yourself?

Contact Phil Skarin, 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910, or call (818) 784-0130.

Upcoming Events:

- June 3: Retirees Picnic (DWP).
- June 5: Get-together and lunch, Rogue Valley LAPD retirees. Grants Pass, Ore. Information: quag50@aol.com (LAPD)
- June 6: Annual Retirees Golf Classic, Alhambra Golf Club. (RLACEI)
- June 6-8: 24th annual LAPD Las Vegas Reunion. Information: Al Fried, (702) 269-7627; Bob Carleton, (928) 680-4308; or Rolph Lucke, (909) 597-1653. (LAPD)
- June 15: Retired Fireman's Lunch. Reservations: (323) 464-2727. (LAFD)
- June 18-25: Western States Police and Fire Games. Information: www.wspfg2006.org (police and fire)
- July 14: Desert Refuge for Peace Officers Golf Tournament. Information: Ann, (661) 406-6399 or (213) 202-5487, or e-mail: abrunzell@msn.com (all retired peace officers)
- July 24: 9th annual LAFD Invitational Golf Tournament. Call Fire Relief: (213) 380-2900, ext. 14215 or ext. 14265. (LAFD)
- Aug. 10: Annual Picnic, Grace E. Simons Lodge (RLACEI)
- Aug. 12: 19th annual barbecue, sponsored by the Northwest Coeur d'Alene (Idaho) Retired LAPD group. Information: Arnie Moyens, admoyens@aol.com; Gene McCloskey, mccloskey@adelphia.net; or Bud Arce, roy187@aol.com or (208) 762-8155. (LAPD)
- Aug. 26: Shootin' Newton 75th Plus One Year Reunion. Information: Det. Kelle Baix or Det. Rich Arciniega, Newton Homicide, (323) 846-6556, or Newton Watch Commander, (323) 846-6547. (LAPD)
- Oct. 2: 2nd annual LAFD Historical Society Charity Golf Tournament. Look in the June and July issue of the Grapevine for the application. (LAFD)
- Oct. 12: Annual Meeting and Elections - Van Nuys/ Sherman Oaks Senior Citizen Center - Lunch at noon, meeting at 1 p.m. (RLACEI)

Club, Retirees Talk About Fund for Needy

By Phil Skarin, Publicity Chair, RLACEI



Ed Harding, RLACEI President, reports:

The deadline to enter our 28th annual Retirees Golf Tournament June 6 has passed, but if you call Phil Skarin at (818) 784-0130, he may find an opening for you. Phil and Tom Stennock do a great job in chairing this event.

I hope to see you at our great Annual Picnic Aug. 10 at the Grace E. Simons Lodge in Elysian Park for a fabulous lunch. There will be free taxi service from the parking area to the lodge, courtesy of Mr. Ahmed, President of the Independent Taxi Owners Association.

On April 17, I met with the following organization and their representatives: Retired DWP (Dolores Foley, President); Retired L.A. Fire and Police Association (Jim Chastain, President, Rob Welborn, Vice President and Lee Kebler, Director); and Los Angeles City Employees Club (John Hawkins, President/CEO). Some of the subjects we discussed were:

1. "How will the recent generous salary increases given to DWP employees impact other City Department during their negotiations?"
2. "How Medicare "D" affected the various agencies and the insurance premiums this year and what will happen to the premiums next year.
3. "What a good Long-Term Care program L.A. City Employees Club has.
4. "What happens to our retirees who have a lot of bad luck, bad health or anything that causes them to need extra assistance? How do we help these people now? LACERS retirees don't have any formal program, but could help these people with many different methods, collections, fundraisers, etc. The L.A. City Employees Club suggested that some formal process be established to help all of our retirees that need extra assistance. This will be investigated further.

Sandra Dyson, who has been in charge of Health Plans for LACERS, retired April 12. She writes, "I hope to continue sharing my knowledge of your Board and my fellow retirees. My thanks to you and the RLACEI Board for the respect and generosity you have shown me over the years." She will be replaced by Monette Carranceja.

Legislative Update:

Ken Spiker reports:

- The consulting firm actually has reported that it would cost the fund \$1,541,529 to provide Medicare Part B premium reimbursements to surviving spouses and domestic partners. Currently there are 3,238 retirement members who do not receive this benefit.
- LACERS staff had recommended that the file be 'Received and Filed.' The subject originated in my Benefits Committee and should have been referred to this committee. When I requested the file, the President and Board honored my request and it will now get a fair hearing.
- I hope to obtain committee approval and ultimately the Board's approval. I realize that only the Mayor and City Council can grant this benefit, but there is no person that prevents the Board from asking for their approval.
- The retirement fund is in good financial condition and in my opinion can afford paying for this benefit for those who need it."

Other News:

- Helen Salgado, Membership Chairperson, reports that our recent membership drive resulted in more than 1,000 members in the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. We hope to see some of them at our picnic in August. Nice job, Helen.
- The L.A. Federal Credit Union is offering 9.9 percent APR personal unsecured loans for the summer to qualified members, until June 30.
- The Department of Aging provides many services to seniors. They have 16 multi-purpose senior citizen centers throughout the City. Call them at 311 or (800) 834-4777.
- If your job is caring for a loved one or having them care for you, you may receive care-giving assistance from a program titled "A Solution for Caregivers." As a LACERS group retiree member, you may call (866) 895-1895 to get more information.

Visit www.rlacei.com to find out the latest retirement news.



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ADVENTURES
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The Diamond Princess.

By Hal Danowitz,
Secretary, RLACEI

Retiree Hotlines

Who to call? Following is a list of contacts for RLACEI and for the DWP:

City Employees Retirement System: (213) 473-7200

RLACEI Retirement Counselors:

• Edward Harding	(805) 584-9417
• Phil Skarin	(818) 784-0130
• Robert Wilkinson	(818) 886-1000
• Jerry Bardwell	(818) 782-5568
• Harold Danowitz	(310) 472-0224
• Jack Mathews	(310) 762-1942
• Helen Salgado (membership)	(323) 728-4930
• Americo Garza	(562) 928-2051
• Neil Ricci	(310) 394-1971

DWP Retirement Plan Office: (213) 367-1722

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Hal Danowitz, Secretary
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Asian Cruise: Nagasaki's Ground Zero

■ Hal and his entourage
cruise from Japan to China.
Part 3.

We were aboard the Diamond Princess for a 16-day cruise from Beijing to Bangkok. Our first day at sea was used to explore the Diamond Princess and try to find our way around this very large ship. I felt like leaving breadcrumbs to find my way back to our cabin.

Our first port of call was Nagasaki, Japan (population 450,000), on the southernmost island of Kyushu, considered the birthplace of Japanese civilization. We know it better as the site of the second atomic bomb of World War II. It is special to the Diamond Princess, as it was launched there Feb. 26, 2004. This was its first return to its place of birth, and there were a number of ceremonies scheduled throughout the day.

Our tour included a visit to the Atomic Bomb Museum, which was so crowded with school kids that it was hard to see anything; the Peace Memorial Park, laid out around "ground zero;" and the Atomic Bomb Hypocenter ("ground zero") to see the monument marking the center of the bomb blast. We also saw some of the city as we drove to the Park. Because of the hilly terrain of Nagasaki, it did not suffer the same destruction as Hiroshima. Even so, more than 75,000 people were killed that day, and many more died from radiation. It was very sobering to be standing at "ground zero."

The ship was not scheduled to sail until 8 p.m., so we had some time in the afternoon to explore the harbor area on our own. We were only a short walk from the Glover Gardens. Named after Scottish merchant Thomas Glover, the gardens are the home to Glover House - Japan's oldest example of Western architecture. It was also in a shopping area, so we shopped our way to the top of the hill to see the gardens.

Nagasaki is not a tourist destination for Westerners, so there was somewhat of a language barrier. I would not recommend making a special trip to this area.

Our next day was spent at sea sailing a southwesterly course through the East China Sea to our next port, Shanghai, China. So far the weather had been very good: no rain, and temperature in the mid-70s. I hung around the pool area for most of the day and, in the late afternoon, I attended the wine tasting in the International Dining Room. The cost was \$7.50 per person, and they gave you a \$5 credit toward purchasing a bottle of wine. We sampled six different wines and bought a few bottles to drink at dinner. We signed up for another tasting that cost \$25 per person that would be held

toward the end of the cruise, where we would taste some of the better wines on board, including Opus One. More about this later.

That evening, we attended the variety show, which featured a comic who was the worst I have ever seen. It was one of the few times that we left in the middle of the show. Overall, the big room entertainment on the Princess wasn't that good, though the lounges and nightclub had very good music.

We docked in Shanghai at 4 a.m.; actually, we were still more than an hour from Shanghai, as the Diamond is too big to dock closer to the city. The city is the cradle of the Chinese Communist Party and the center of industrial and commercial center of

China. Shanghai, home to more than 13 million people, features streets that are packed with people, cars and bicycles.

We had booked the Best of Shanghai tour. The tour bus picked us up dockside



Jade Buddha in Shanghai

and drove toward the city. Seeing we had about an hour drive, our tour guide briefed us on what we would see and then answered questions that we had about China. She was very open to talking about herself and her family. She grew up during the Cultural Revolution; her parents secretly taught her English. Luckily the by the time she was ready for college she was allowed to attend. When she graduated she was assigned to the Agency of Tourism because of her language skills. She said at first she didn't like it, but as she was allowed travel she now enjoys it. She has one child, a daughter, who is 16 and has already spent a year studying in the United States. We asked about the one-child rule, and she explained how it was applied. She was very open with us, and it was very informative.

Our first stop was the Jade Buddha Temple to view the white jade Buddha that was brought from Burma in the late 19th century. As we got off the bus, we were surrounded by people selling hats, watches and post cards. We found this to

Effie and Evelyn shopping
in Nagasaki.Hal and Evelyn by Peace Fountain
in Nagasaki.

be true at all of the places where we stopped. I even bought a few hats for a \$1 each, and you could get any make of watch for \$5.

Our next stop was the Yu Garden and Old Town. Old Town is a series of narrow alleys, the heart of old Shanghai and lined with small shops. The gardens are of the Ming Dynasty, and we had a guided tour through the more than 30 halls and pavilions. Evelyn

finally had a chance to shop and bought a very pretty perfume bottle.

Lunch was at the Central Hotel, where we were service a lunch family-style that was very good.

After lunch, we toured the Shanghai Museum with its fine collection of Chinese art. A lot of schoolchildren were in the Museum, and I noticed the difference in dress between the Japanese students whom we had seen in Nagasaki who were all wearing uniforms, and the Chinese kids, who were all wearing jeans and T-shirts advertising American products. These kids would have at home in any mall in the United States.

We stopped for about an hour to shop at the Friendship store that offered a large selection of Chinese goods. It was much different from what we saw on our last visit. We bought T-shirts for the grandkids, and the store had a Starbucks, so Evelyn brought a mug that said Shanghai. (She would have brought one in each city that had a Starbucks if I hadn't stopped her.)

Our last stop was the Children's Palace, an after-school program for gifted children. We were entertained by two very talented young girls playing instruments I didn't recognize. We then stopped at a dance class for five-year-olds, and of course we had to dance with the kids. It was very nice. They had a small gift shop, and we brought a tea set for the grandkids. Later in the cruise, I brought another set in Hong Kong for half the price.

After a short drive through the Bund, we had the bus drop us off in the shopping area. We met up with Lanny and Elaine and did a little shopping in the silk store. We had to pay \$10 each to take the bus back to the ship. This was one of the differences between Princess and the Celebrity cruises.

The next day was spent at sea on our way to Okinawa.



Shanghai Bund.

Retiree Question of the Month

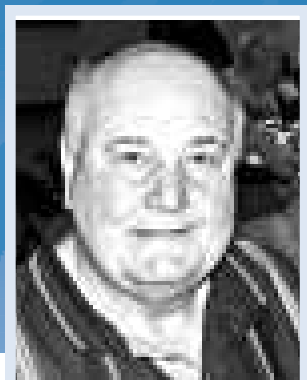
Alive! asked retirees...

What was your first Summer Job?



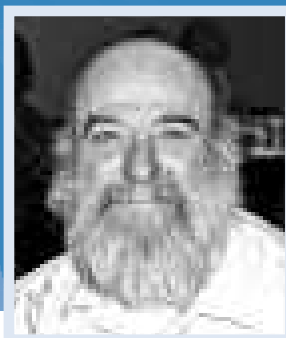
"Supermarket box boy in Detroit."

—Sam Hochberg, Convention Center.



"Gas station attendant in Highland Park."

—Art Minazzoli, Street Maintenance.



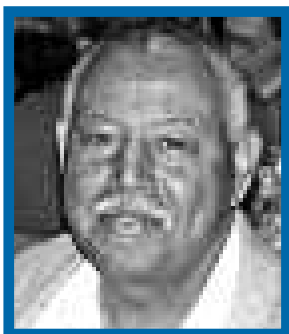
"Gardening in the Valley."

—Terry Michaels, Fleet Services.



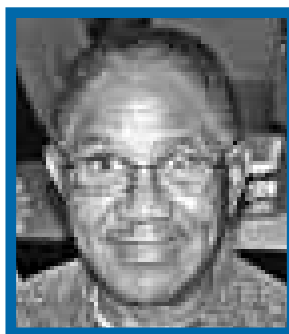
"Babysitting all day for 35 cents in Indiana."

—Wilma Rebbe, LAPD.



"Selling ice cream in L.A."

—Leroy Richards, Sanitation.



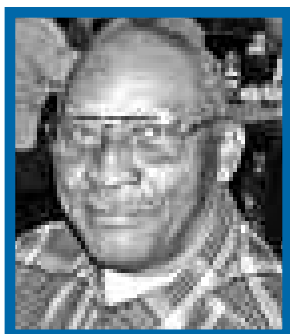
"A paper boy in L.A."

—Robert Perry, Waste Water Collection.



"Van Nuys Records."

—Sharyn Gunter, LAPD.



"A painter in St. Louis."

—Pablo Rivero, 30 years of service.



"A shoe salesman in Downtown L.A."

—Chauncey "Bill" Pruner, City Clerk.



"Farming in Illinois."

—John Shadle, Building and Safety.

The Best Years

Poetry Contest

The 11th Annual Retirees Poetry Contest deadline is Oct. 1. Send your typed entry to Phil Skarin. Separate categories for members and spouses. Everyone will win a prize.

RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

About 200 friends of **Jack Mathews** helped him celebrate his 80th birthday April 28 at the South End Racquet Club. Other Board members attending included **Hal Danowitz**, **Neil Ricci** and **Phil Skarin**, plus many LAFCU staff members.

Neil and Teresa Denering will celebrate their 55th anniversary Aug. 4.

The City of L.A. has a new program where participating households will split the cost of sidewalk repairs. 535 agreed, but 137 of them were in Councilman Rosendahl's district, thanks to the effort of **George Wolfberg**, President of the Santa Monica Canyon Civic Association.

Phil Skarin called Street Services about the deteriorating condition of his street in Van Nuys. Within a few days, a City employee came to inspect the street and observed Phil's wife, **Miriam**, digging up weeds in the garden and said to her, "Why don't you get Phil to help you do that."

Gil Garnas and **Irving Leemon** recently wrote letters to the editor of the L.A. Daily News. Their comments reflect an intelligent understanding of City government.

If you have any news about a retiree that you would like to share, or constructive comments about this column, send them to:
Phil Skarin
 5301 Norwich Ave.
 Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910
 or phone (818) 784-0130.

Working Together, Planning Together

Leaders from the core retiree groups serving City employees held their quarterly brainstorming session April 16 at Taix Restaurant. Among the topics discussed were ways to improve the welfare benefits of retired and active City employees from all departments as well as ways to secure the history of the DWP and Fire Department with their museums.



At the retirees quarterly brainstorming session were, from left, are Dolores Foley, President, DWP Retirees Association, and her husband, Vince; Lee Keebler, Los Angeles Fireman's Relief Association (LAFRA); Ed Harding, President, Retired Los Angeles City Employees Association (RLACEI); and Robin Welborn and James Chastain, Vice President and President, Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association (LARFPA).

The Best Years



From left: Bruce Barbour and his mom, Hanna Barbour (her husband is Bruce Barbour Sr., LAPD, 27 years); and Elizabeth and Doug Close, LAFD, 27 years.



Carlos Galindo, LAPD, 30 years (foreground), and John Carrolle, 27 years, LAPD.



From left: Ray Case, LAFD, 27.5 years; John Hawkins, Club CEO; and Jim Chastain.



From left: Violet Delgado, LAFPR Secretary, 9 years, and Maureen Incontro, coworker, 5 years.



From left: Bobbie Squire, LAPD, Retired, 32 years; Bob Fishel, LAPD, Retired, 28 years; and Gustie Bell, LAPD 25 years.

Picnicking With Fire, Police Retirees

■ LAFPR enjoys a day in the sun.

Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Communications and Marketing

LAFPR — On May 3, the Los Angeles Fire and Police Retirees Association (LAFPR) held a picnic at the Grace E. Simons Lodge in Elysian Park.

There was catered food and live music. Raffle prizes were handed out toward the end of the picnic. The day was cool and overcast, which calmed everyone's nerves on the perils of hot weather.

Former employees and families from both LAPD and LAFD came together for a few hours. Vice President John Kitchens of the Los Angeles Firemen's Relief Association also came to visit.

The Club thanks the LAFPR for the invitation.



From left: Marjerie Regan, wife of Michael Regan, LAPD, 26 years; Hans Wolf, LAFD, Retired, 25 years; and Jack Rogers LAPD, 28.5 years.



From left: George Garret, LAPD, 20 years; Don Forrest, LAFD, 43 years; Lyle Hall, LAFD, 32 years.



From left: Jim Chastain, LAFPR President, LAFD, 30 years, Loyd Tanner, LAPD, 30 years, Sgt. Trotsky, LAPD, 30 years, and Will Gatland, LAPD, 43 years.



Foreground: Al Romero, LAPD, 27 years, and his wife, Frances. Back: Christine and Donald Peterson, LAPD, 30 years.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Faults and Virtues

An engineer, in reviewing plans of a structure, looks for weaknesses that might result in failure.

But, in people, we should look for qualities that will make their lives a success.

Look for their good points, their talents and skills.

Try to identify areas of potential and encourage their development.

Accept their individuality, even if it is different from yours.

Look at the whole person, their ability to give, to love, to understand and appreciate others.

— Phil Skarin, RLACEI

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Flipping Over the LAFD

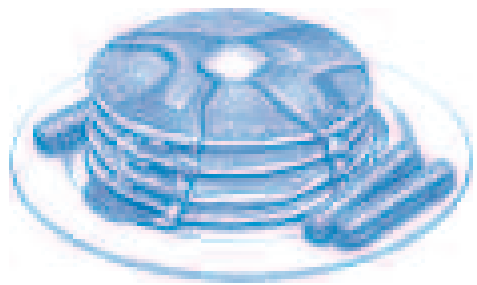
■ Fire Dept. hosts annual Pancake Breakfast and Fire Service Day.

Story by Beverly Haro, Club Counselor
Photos by Summy Lam, Club Tech Guru

FIRE DEPT. — On the morning of May 14, the Fire Dept. held its annual LAFD Historical Society Pancake Breakfast and Fire Service Day at the LAFD Museum in Hollywood.

The event was a fundraiser for the LAFD Museum and Fallen Firefighter Memorial, which is also housed at the Museum.

Tickets were sold for good food and great fun. The public was welcome to tour the LAFD Museum and also view the progress on the inspiring LAFD memorial to the Fallen Firefighters.



An LAFD Explorer serves his fellow volunteers.



An LAFD Historical Society member flips the pancakes.



Chief William Bammatre enjoys breakfast with family and friends.



A member of the LAFD helps cook the sausage.



Firefighter Johnson of FS 27.

In the Retirement Zone

■ Chief Zoning Administrator Robert Janovici retires after 37 years of City service.

Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor

Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

PLANNING — Robert Janovici retired after 37 years of service from City Planning with a fun luncheon April 19.

Hundreds of associates, friends and family members gathered at the New Otani Hotel to wish him a farewell. He began his career with the City in 1969 as a Planning Assistant, and retired as Chief Zoning Administrator.

Congratulations, Robert, from the Club!



Margarita Greene and Mewland Watanabe.



Controller Laura Chick congratulates Robert Janovici.



Robert Janovici with his family.



Brad Crowe congratulates Robert Janovici.



From left: Reggie Foster and Willie Gerard.



Dawn Dopler and Jonathan Hershey.



From left: Gerald Gubatan and Jon Foreman.



From left: Emma Guitierrez, Ondrea Tye, Amelia Sayo and Mario Ortiz.

BAKER TO VEGAS RUN 2006

Off to Baker, for Airport Police

■ Airport Police sponsors team in annual Baker to Vegas footrace.

Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor
Photos courtesy Airport Police

AIRPORTS — The Los Angeles World Airports Police Division participated in the annual Baker to Vegas race, too. Runners began the challenging race in Baker and crossed the finish line in Las Vegas, where they were able to celebrate.

Congratulations to the LAX Police Division for its hard work.

The annual Baker to Vegas foot race is produced by the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club (LAPRAAC).

The Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay, which challenges teams of runners to race (on foot) from Baker, Calif., to Las Vegas, was founded by Los Angeles Police Officers Chuck Foote and Larry Moore in 1984 with the continuous financial support of LAPRAAC.



From left: Officers Jeff Shelton, Kendra Smith and Luis Silva.



Officer Luis Silva during the run.



Officer Eduardo Angel.



Chief Brian Walker catches Officer Robert Yanez, the last runner of the relay team.



The Airport Police Baker to Vegas team.

CONGRATULATIONS RUNNERS!



The Airport Police Baker to Vegas team.



From left: Officer Jeff Shelton; Officer Kendra Williams; Officer Lisa Lane; Monica Tucker, Communications Operator; Officer Luis Silva; and Sgt. Edward Trahan.



Officer Woods, with Officer Eduardo Angel handing over the baton.



Officers William Handley and Shawn Maldonado.



Officer Kimberly Ojeda.



BAKER TO VEGAS BAKER TO VEGAS

Thanks, Anita!

■ LAPD Communications thanks Anita Whited for managing the Baker to Vegas running team.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

POLICE DEPT. — Runners and support staff came to the Metro Center Communications Building May 2 to show their appreciation to Sr. PSR I and Club Member Anita Whited. This year's Baker to Vegas running squad was the third consecutive team she has led to bring home a coveted "mug."

Anita was showered with gifts, flowers and fond memories that runners and support shared during a packed roll call room, with some coming in during their days off. Capt. Buck shared her enthusiasm for the accomplishment this year with hopes to possibly run in the 2007 team.

Sr. PSR I and Club Member Yvette Bentley called Anita "the little engine that could." Lt.

Barrera shared her experience of running the Baker to Vegas event for the past 15 years. "It's an honor to run and be part of LAPD Communications. Anita is truly my inspiration," Lt. Barrera said.

Berta Ugas, Sr. PSR I, Club Member and good friend of Anita's, talked about Anita's generosity with her time. "We are in it together, my friend," Berta said as Anita decided to once again spearhead the 2007 team.

Lastly, PSR Angelina Ortega shared the joy at recently completing her first marathon (she has participated in just two Baker to Vegas runs).

"It wouldn't be done if it wasn't for the people around me," Anita said as she was surrounded with runners and support. "These people mean so much" she continued as she tearfully thanked everyone leaving the roll call room.

"See it done," Anita says, and truly she did!

The annual Baker to Vegas foot race is produced by the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club (LAPRAAC).



Anita Whited, holding back tears, thanks everyone and announces that she will "See it done in 2007!"



Capt. Buck shares her story of the first day she met Sr. PSR I Anita Whited.

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The Club thanks Dan Basilgo, PSR III, Club Member and Baker to Vegas Team Co-Captain for his assistance.



Angelina Ortega hands gifts from the team to Anita Whited as runners look on.



"We are in it together, my friend," said Berta Uga, Sr. PSR I, Club Member.

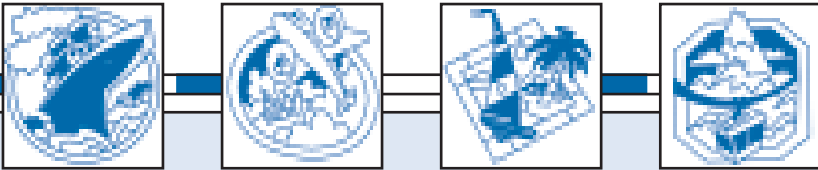


Lt. Barrera commends Anita Whited's efforts and called her an inspiration.



"The little engine that could" is how Sr. PSR I Yvette Bentley described Anita Whited.

OFFICIAL CLUB PARTNER



Travel Talk

by Tony Adler, President, Cruise and Resort, Inc. Club Travel Partner



Tony Adler

Hawaii for All Budgets

■ America's 50th state can be one of the more affordable "exotic" vacations.

Hawaii is one of my family's favorite vacation destinations. It has a perfect combination of features, including romance; great weather; fun for the kids; friendly people; accessibility (easy to get to from Los Angeles); and variety – there are many ways to spend your days, so boredom is never an issue. What many people don't know is that it is one of the more affordable "exotic" vacations you can find.

There are numerous flights from Los Angeles to the Islands. Sometimes the fares look expensive, but we generally purchase the seats from Hawaii wholesalers to save our clients money. They get the same scheduled air on the same airlines for less money. What makes this possible? Well, the Hawaii wholesalers commit to a certain number of seats and promise not to sell them to the general public unless they are sold in conjunction with a car rental or hotel. Most people rent a car, so even if we handle our clients' hotels separately, they still are able to take advantage of the lower fares. Regardless of whether you choose very deluxe hotels or more budget-oriented properties, our air contacts save you money just getting there!

Once you decide to go to Hawaii, you need to choose your islands. Our most popular vacation destinations in Hawaii are Kauai and Maui. If you have never visited Hawaii before, you might want to stop in Honolulu on the island of Oahu. We generally don't recommend that you spend too much time there because Honolulu has grown to be such a big city that you often miss the Hawaii experience you were dreaming about. The island of Hawaii, known as "the big island," has some spectacular golf and magnificent hotels. Virtually the entire island is built on top of black lava. You can still take excursions to an active volcano on Hawaii, and you could even choose to see it from above by helicopter. I like a little adventure, but helicopters are not my thing! Finally, there is the island of Lanai. This has been the quietest of the Hawaiian Islands, but now that the Four Seasons has taken over its two major hotels, it is bound to become much more popular. My wife and I are visiting it this month, so feel free to ask us what we thought if you are interested in checking it out.

Once you choose your islands, your next big decision has to do with your budget and what you like. Do you want deluxe hotels or moderate hotels? If watching your dollars carefully, would you prefer a garden room at a deluxe hotel or an ocean-view room at a moderate hotel? Is on-site golf or tennis important? If you are traveling with children, ask us about the hotels with the best waterslides. Once we know what you like and approximately how much you can spend, we can "shop"

for you to find you the best value for your money. We come back to you with choices that best reflect what you are looking for in a vacation. As a Club member, you never pay for this service!

Although the rates vary by time of year and the hotel properties you choose, a one-week vacation that includes three or four nights each on Maui and Kauai, air to Hawaii from Los Angeles, inter-island air, hotels and hotel taxes, and rental cars on both islands can run from as low as about \$1,000 per person. Using deluxe properties like the Four Seasons on Maui or the Grand Hyatt on Kauai can move the rates up to more than \$2,500 per person. This is just a rough estimate, but it should help you begin your planning.



After you decide on the package that includes your air, hotels or condos and rental cars, you can still do some additional fine-tuning of your vacation by taking advantage of our Hawaii concierge services. We can book many of Hawaii's best attractions for you in advance. For example, we can set you up at Maui's best luau, arrange a sunrise bicycle trip down a volcano, book a water tubing adventure down an irrigation ditch on Kauai, and various other custom tours. Many people like to plan these things in advance; others like to wait until they are on the islands. It is totally up to you.

By the way, we have special relationships with the top hotels in the Hawaiian Islands. When the hotel shows up as "sold out" on their own Websites, we can often get our clients in. Also, our clients frequently get the best rooms in the category booked, and even upgrades when available. This has to do partly with the volume of business we send these properties, and partly due to personal friendships we have made throughout the years.

Hawaii can be done inexpensively or lavishly. The important thing is to get the most for your money no matter how you choose to go. We are eager to help you plan a visit to the Aloha State that will keep you coming back again and again.

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John's Picture Perfect Contest

WIN \$25 TRADER JOE'S Gift Card

For June, we have three winners!

Start snapping today, and send us your best results! Three winners will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Trader Joe's.

Three PRIZES

NEXT DEADLINE: June 19 Happy Snapping!



"While on a camping trip in the Inyo National Forest in August 2004, I took this picture of a lone tree with the Eastern Sierra Nevada in the background near the Manzanar National Historical Site."

- Arvin Lopez, GIS Supervisor I, Bureau of Engineering/GIS Mapping

John's comments: Here are some words that come to mind when I look at this picture: haunted, cold, dark, lonely, nuclear wasteland...in fact I'm starting to get depressed just looking at the picture...but that's what I like about it, it evokes emotion, it commands my attention, I can easily get lost in it. Thanks Arvin (as always) for the mind trip.



"Cosmo is a five-month-old teacup Pomeranian. They call the coloring "merle," and his coloring is very unique. Someone was just having fun and put Oz in his shirt."

- Gail Seltzer, DWP

John's comments: I don't know whom I'm more worried for, Cosmo or the DWP employee in the picture. In any event, Gail, this is a fun one; it puts animal and people on the same level. It's a classic!

"Green Eyes in Mexico."

- Jenny Arzate, Rec and Parks

John's comments: If cats could talk, I think this one would be saying something like, "I'm hungry, yet I'm curious." I really like the sharpness of the cat's face; it's not easy to get such close shots, especially with animals that are moving. But most of all, I think this captures the essence of a cat's life: roaming, inquisitive and always on the move. Thanks, Jenny!



Runner-Ups:

- Margaret B. Grijalva
- Dawn Smith – Airport Police
- Evelyn F. Auyeung-Ing
- Jennifer Smith – City Attorney's Office
- Susy Gomez – Public Works

- Vyry Herrington for Fidencio Madero – Building and Safety
- Nancy Wills, DWP, Retired (Bishop)
- Margaret B. Grijalva
- Evelyn Auyeung-Ing

Rules:

- The contest is open to all Club members in good standing. Non-members are welcome to submit, but only Club members are eligible to win the monthly prize.
- If your photograph does not win, you are welcome to re-submit.
- Winners are chosen by Club staff. All decisions will be final.
- You must certify (if asked) that you indeed took the picture. No ringers!
- Photos can be submitted either on paper or digitally. Please don't send both.
- If you want your print photo returned, please write your name, address and phone number on the back of your photo.
- Photos can be of any subject matter: vacation, portraits, families, landscapes, still lifes, pets, etc. Subject matter must be appropriate for *Alive!*
- Paper prints can be mailed to: Picture Perfect Contest, *Alive!*, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071
- Digital photos optimally should be between 100K and 2 megabytes in size and may be e-mailed to: pictureperfect@cityemployeesclub.com
- The contest is all in good fun: The Club cannot be responsible for delays in delivering *Alive!*, or for delays in the transmission of responses.

Call your Club representatives at (888) 652-6400

Julie, David or Kristy – to talk about any travel destination. Be sure to mention that you are a Club member for your maximum discounts. We value your business and look forward to the opportunity to assist you.



BY Michelle Moreno, City Events Guru

Michelle On The Move

EVENTS 411

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For June, Take Your Fun Outside

Hello Folks!

Welcome back to Events 411! Can you believe it's June already? I remember celebrating New Year's Eve as if it happened last night. Just goes to show you how fast time flies when you're having fun.

Speaking of fun, we have several awesome activities awaiting you this month. First off, the summer months are all about film festivals. From the Los Angeles Film Festival to the Annual Hollywood Black Film Festival to the Regal Family Entertainment Film Festival, there is something for everyone! If movies are your thing, then these events are for you. However, if you prefer live performances, there are several options to choose from. Shakespeare by the Sea is making its return again to San Pedro, and other beach locations. This is great and cheap way to spend a night: pack a picnic and enjoy a play free!

Other great live and free performances are the Pershing Square Summer Concert Series as well as Grand Performances at the California Plaza. I've attended several shows at these two venues and have always enjoyed myself. If you prefer something not in the Downtown area, then try out Free Concerts at the Levitt Pavilion in Pasadena or the Culver City Summer Sunset Music Festival. I haven't attended these yet, but after checking out the Websites, I'm going to this year!

Lastly, if you like dancing, then be sure to check out Dance Downtown. I found myself at their opening night by accident and had the best time of my life learning how to salsa. There are instructors there willing to teach you as long as you get there early. Not only do you learn how to dance and get some exercise free, but you get to enjoy the wonderful atmosphere! You can find Dance Downtown at the beautiful Music Center Plaza.

Well that's it from me. Check out the events for Father's Day as well as Independence Day. Thanks for taking the time to read Events 411, and I wish you a wonderful month full of fun times and great memories. See ya around the City!

If you know of any events occurring in the Los Angeles or have any opinions or suggestions on the events listed, please send them in: michelleonthemove@cityemployeesclub.com

For more information about events around Los Angeles, visit these websites:

- www.culturela.org
- www.experiencela.com
- www.gocitykids.com
- www.la.com
- www.laparks.org
- www.losangelesalmanac.com
- www.laweekly.com
- www.olvera-street.com
- www.whatsonwhen.com
- http://beaches.co.la.ca.us

Know of any great City events? Let me know!

I'll be happy to include your event in my monthly column. (Listings are limited to City events, with an emphasis (although not exclusively) on families. Make sure to include dates, times, locations, costs (if any) and contact information. Email me at: MichelleOnTheMove@cityemployeesclub.com or call me at (800) 464-0452.

June

Juneteenth 141st Anniversary

"Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. From its Galveston, Texas, origin in 1865, the observance of June 19th as the African American Emancipation Day has spread across the United States and beyond." (Website). Visit Website for listings of events.

Date(s)/Time/Site/Cost: Varies
More info: www.juneteenth.com

A Faery Hunt in Beverly Hills - A Live Children's Interactive Adventure

"World-renowned faery experts and cousins, Elsie Wright and Frances Griffiths, are seeking children and the young-at-heart to aid in the search for faeries and other mysterious creatures spotted around Heavenly Pond." (Website) Kids are welcome to come in costume. Please call for more information.

Date(s): Saturdays, except when it rains
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Site: Franklin Canyon Park, 2600 Franklin Canyon Dr.
Cost: \$10
More info: (818) 324-6802 or www.afaeryhunt.com/

Family Activities at the Autry National Center

Want a fun and educational experience for the kids? The Autry National Center has several family activities that are not only fun, but educational, too. Check the Website for more information.

Date(s)/Time: Varies
Site: Southwest Museum of the American Indian Museum Drive, Los Angeles
Cost: \$7.50/adults, \$5/students, seniors, \$3/children (2-12) AAA Discount Available
More info: (323) 667-2000 or www.autrynationalcenter.org click on About us > Arts and Culture

Marvel Superheroes Science Exhibition at the California Science Center

"Step into the incredible Marvel Comic Universe! Come face to face with your favorite superheroes and villains! Explore the science and power within Marvel's magnificent characters by engaging in exciting interactive experiences. Learn about the remarkable achievements of current science and technology - achievements that in many ways give us special powers we dream of through the comics - while living the fantasy of your favorite Marvel superhero." (Website)

Date(s): Thru Sept. 4
Time: 9:45 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Site: Exposition Park, 700 State Dr., Los Angeles
Cost: \$9.75/adults, \$7.75/kids (4-12), \$8.75/seniors, students
More info: (323) SCI-ENCE or www.californiasciencecenter.org

Pershing Square Summer Concert Series

Enjoy a series of free concerts held at Pershing Square during your lunchtime or on a Sunday afternoon.

Date(s): June through late September
Time: Tues./Thurs. Noon - 2 p.m.
Third Sunday of each month: 3 - 5 p.m.
Site: Pershing Square, 532 South Olive St., Downtown L.A.
Cost: Free
More info: (888) 527-2757 or www.laparks.org/pershingsquare/pershing.htm

Dance Downtown at the Music Center

Like to boogie or want to learn how? "Dance Downtown is a free dance series on selected Friday nights, with each event focusing on a different style or form. Dancers of all levels are encouraged to attend. The evening features live music or DJ and complimentary beginners' dance lessons." (Website)

Date(s): June 9, 23; July 7, 21, August 4, 18
Time: 6:30 - 10 p.m.
Site: 135 N. Grand Ave., Downtown L.A.
Cost: Free
More info: (213) 972-3660 or www.musiccenter.org

Last Remaining Seats

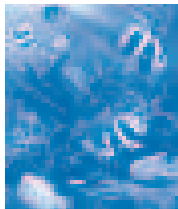
"Each summer for the past 18 years, the Los Angeles Conservancy has been presenting classic films in the historic theaters of Broadway. In a time when most movies are viewed on television screens or in the unremarkable box-like spaces of the multiplex, an evening of film in one of Broadway's opulent entertainment palaces has a magic that transports viewers to another time, another place - as movies were intended to do." (Website) Call or visit website for movie schedule.

Date(s): Wednesdays, through July 5
Time: 8 p.m.
Site: Los Angeles Theatre, (1931), Orpheum Theatre (1926), Palace Theatre (1911), Downtown L.A.
Cost: \$18
More info: (213) 623-2489 or http://laconservancy.org

Deep Sea 3D at the California Science Center

"Deep Sea 3D... transports audiences deep below the ocean surface in multiple locations around the waters of the globe and gives them never-before-seen, up-close encounters with a wide range of undersea life. There, moviegoers—with only their 3D glasses for a diving mask—will be able to swim alongside some of the most exotic creatures on the planet." (Website)

Date(s): Through June 29
Time: 10:30 a.m., 12:30, 2:30, 5:30 p.m.
Site: Exposition Park, 700 State Dr., Los Angeles
Cost: Club Prices: \$5.25/adults, \$4/kids (4-12)
More info: (323) SCI-ENCE or www.californiasciencecenter.org



Without Walls at the Mark Taper Forum

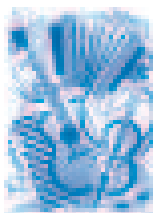
At an open classroom education center in Manhattan, Morocco Hemphill (Laurence Fishburne) teaches high school drama. He's inspirational. And popular with the kids. When students Lexy and Anton get the leads in the school's production of The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie, life starts to imitate art as their relationship with Morocco mirrors the play. Like Miss Brodie, Morocco is an unorthodox instructor who stands up against conventionality. And like in The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie, the special bond formed between students and teacher takes a teacher's turn." (Website)

Date: Thru July 16
Time: 8 p.m. (Tues-Fri), 2:30 and 8 p.m. (Saturdays) 2:30 and 8:30 p.m. (Sundays)
Site: 135 N. Grand Ave., Downtown
Cost: \$20 - \$55
Club Code: 6697
More info: (213) 972-7231 or www.taperahmanson.com

Love In All The Wrong Places: A Musical Production

"Rejection, disappointments, racism, abuse... Come and meet Destiny and journey with her as she confronts her past and pain and finds real love and truth along the way. It is a story for the entire family, based on the story of the Woman at the Well."

Date(s): June 10
Time: 8 p.m.
Site: Nate Holden Performing Arts Center, 4718 W. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles
Cost: \$26/general
More info: (323) 957-4820 or (323) 964-9766
Thanks to Stephanie Shelling for the info.



15th Annual Los Feliz Village Street Fair

A classic street fair, blending the multi cultural area artists, craftsmen and popular Village restaurants with music from local musicians. Throw in petting zoos, children's rides, exhibits, outdoor attractions, and you have the reason this festival has grown into one of Los Angeles finest." (Website)

Date(s): June 11
Time: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Site: Hillhurst/Franklin Avenue
Cost: Free
More info: (323) 309-2680 or www.losfelizvillageonline.com

Meet the Grunion (Open Season)

Come watch the silvery fish come up on the beach to spawn. Don't forget to bring a bucket, flashlight and warm clothing. (Day is subject to change, please call or visit Website to confirm)

Date(s): June 13
Time: 8 p.m. (aquarium opens) 9 p.m. (auditorium program begins) 10:45 p.m.-12:45 a.m. (grunion run)
Site: Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, 3720 Stephen White Dr., San Pedro
Cost: \$5/adults, \$1/seniors and children (fee for Aquarium) Free (grunion run)
More info: (310) 548-7562 or www.cabrilloaq.org
Sponsors: Rec and Parks

Seventh Annual Hollywood Black Film Festival

"...an annual six-day celebration of black cinema drawing together established filmmakers, popular film and TV stars, writers, directors, industry executives, emerging artists and new audiences from Southern California and around the world...the festival has become an annual mecca for the Black Hollywood creative community." (Website)

Date(s): June 13-18
Time: Vary, see Website for details
Site: Fine Arts Theatre, Harmony Gold Preview House in Beverly Hills
Cost: \$10/general, \$7/matinees, \$7/kids, students, seniors
More info: (323) 556-5742 or www.hbff.org

Culver City Summer Sunset Music Festival

Looking for something to do for free on a Thursday night? If so, then attend one of the many wonderful live concerts held in Culver City, from: swing, salsa, rock 'n' roll, bluegrass, Cajun to world music and much more!

Date(s): Thursdays, June 15 - Sept. 7
Time: 7 p.m.
Site: Culver City Hall Courtyard, 9770 Culver Blvd.
Cost: Free
More info: (310) 253-5698 or www.culvercitymusic.org

2006 ABSOLUT CHALK Street Painting Festival

Come and see the "world's largest street painting festival. Making its annual appearance, ABSOLUT CHALK will place over 25,000 sticks of pastel chalks in the hands of approximately 600 visual artists to create spectacular murals for the 2006 street painting festival, anticipating over 30,000 visitors and sightseers." (Website)

Date(s): June 17-18
Time: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Site: Paseo Colorado Colorado and Los Robles, Pasadena
Cost: Free
More info: www.absolutchalk.com or www.paseocoloradopasadena.com

Real Men Cook - Father's Day Celebration at the Petersen Automotive Museum

"A food-filled, fun-filled celebration of real men and families. All you can eat food from all over the world. Taste over 100 delicious dishes and help raise needed funds for worthy charities. Health education will include alternative methods to cooking yummy dishes, an understanding of hormonal disorders. We will have health screening for diabetes, prostate cancer, cholesterol levels and more, sponsored by 100 Black Men of L.A... Live music from some of SoCal's best-loved musicians, children's pavilion, contests, prizes, raffles, and some of the best food you will eat until next year this time!" (Website) See Website for lots more details.

Date(s): June 18
Time: 3 - 6 p.m.
Site: 6060 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles
Cost: \$20/adult, \$10/kids (12-18), free/kids under 12, seniors
More info: www.realmencook.com then go to Los Angeles

Regal Entertainment: Free Family Film Festival

Bring the kids and enjoy a family film for free at participating Regal Cinemas, United Artists Theatres and Edwards Theatres.

Date: June - August (Varies by location)
Time: Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10 a.m.
Site: Various venues. Call your local movie theatre or see Website for location and movie information.
Cost: Free
More info: www.regalcinemas.com and click on "free family film festival"

Annual Shakespeare by the Sea Presentation

Enjoy the Comedy of Errors and Hamlet under the night sky.

Date(s): June 22 through Aug. 12, weekends
Check Website for additional show times
Time: 7:30 p.m. (pre-show); 8 p.m. (show)
Site: San Pedro, Rancho Palos Verdes, South Pasadena, Manhattan Beach, Laguna Nigel
Cost: Free
More info: (310) 217-7596 or www.shakespearebythesea.org

Los Angeles Film Festival

"The L.A. Film Festival, held annually for ten days in June, showcases the best of American and International independent cinema. With an attendance of over 60,000, the festival screens over 200 narrative features, documentaries, shorts, and music videos. Now in its eleventh year, the festival has grown into a world-class event, uniting new filmmakers with critics, scholars, film masters, and the movie-loving public." (Website) Visit Website for film listings.

Date(s): June 22 - July 2
Time: Various; call or visit Website
Site: Various locations; call or visit Website
Cost: \$10 for most film screenings; call or visit Website
More info: (866) FILMFEST or www.lafilmfest.com

Opening Night at the Hollywood Bowl: Carlos Santana, Andre Watts and Blue Man Group

"Join us for...one of the most anticipated highlights of the season. This year's Hall of Fame inductees include rock legend Carlos Santana and world-renowned pianist André Watts. The celebration also features a special appearance by Blue Man Group, special surprise guests, and John Mauceri and the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra." (Website)

Date(s): June 23
Time: 8:30 p.m.
Site: 2301 N. Highland Ave.
Cost: \$15 - \$98
More info: (323) 850-2000 or www.hollywoodbowl.com

Grand Performances

Enjoy some really cool award-winning music, dance and film performances free during lunch or under the beautiful Downtown L.A. night sky. Call for visit the Website for a schedule.

Date(s): June 24 - October
Time: Fridays: Noon and 8 p.m.
Saturdays: 8 p.m.
Site: California Plaza, 350 S. Grand Ave., Downtown L.A.
Cost: Free
More info: (213) 687-2159 or www.grandperformances.org

2006 American Heroes Air Show

"Explore helicopters from law enforcement, fire service, military and the media with static displays and exciting flight demonstrations!" (Website)

Date(s): June 24
Time: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Site: Hansen Dam Recreation Complex, Lakeview Terrace Osborne/Foothill Ave at 210 Freeway
Cost: Free
More info: (818) 347-4577 or www.heroes-airshow.com/socal.html

17th Annual Mariachi USA Festival at the Hollywood Bowl

Enjoy five hours of great mariachi music followed by a fireworks show at the wonderful Hollywood bowl.

Date(s): June 24
Time: 6 p.m.
Site: 2301 N. Highland Ave.
Cost: \$20.60 - \$105.56
More info: (800) MARIACHI or www.mariachiusa.com



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31st Annual Irish Fair and Music Festival

Come and celebrate the Irish culture with live entertainment, dancing and more.

Date(s): June 24-25
 Time: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
 Site: Irvine Meadows Fairgrounds
 8800 Irvine Center Dr., Irvine
 Cost: \$16/adult (presale \$14), \$12/senior/student, (presale \$10), free/kids (under 12)
 More info: www.irishfair.org/index.html

Artwallah Festival of South Asian Arts

"Showcasing art forms representing the South Asian diasporic experience, including dance, film, literature, music, theater, visual arts, and spoken word. The four-day festival is comprised of daytime programming, spotlighting artists and different genres, and evening shows, sampling the festival as a whole in a three-hour performance." (Website)

Date: June 24 - 25
 Time/Site/Cost: TBA
 More info: www.artwallah.org



Meet the Grunion (Open Season)

Come watch the silvery fish come up on the beach to spawn. Don't forget to bring a bucket, flashlight and warm clothing. (Day is subject to change, please call or visit website to confirm)

Date(s): June 27
 Time: 10:50 p.m.-12:50 a.m. (grunion run)
 Site/Cost/More Info: See June 13

Free Concerts at the Levitt Pavilion in Pasadena

Five days out of the week you can enjoy great free concerts under the Pasadena night sky. Call or visit Website for performance listings.

Date(s): June 28 – Sept. 3
 Time: Wed.: children's night – 7 p.m.
 Thur.: world rhythms – 7 p.m.
 Fri.: dance beat – 8 p.m.
 Sat.: musica Latina – 8 p.m.
 Sun.: jazz – 7 p.m.
 Site: 85 East Holly St., Pasadena
 Cost: Free
 More info: (626) 683-3230 or <http://levittpavilionpasadena.org>

July

Drum Downtown at the Music Center

Are you a drummer or wish you were one? Enjoy "free once-a-month drum circles on selected Saturday mornings on the Music Center Plaza. Fun for drummers and non-drummers of all ages who live life on the beat." (Website)

Date: July 1
 Time: 10 – 11:30 a.m.
 Site: 135 N. Grand Ave., Downtown
 Cost: Free
 More info: (213) 972-3660 or www.musiccenter.org

Pageant of the Masters in Laguna Beach

"Every evening teams of people are involved in recreating exact tableaux and live re-enactments of both classical and contemporary paintings. An outdoor amphitheatre, a professional orchestra playing an original score, intricate sets and hundreds of dedicated volunteers make this a truly eye-catching spectacle." (Office Website)

Date: July 2 – Sept. 1
 Time: Mon. – Sun.: Shows begin at 8:30 p.m.
 Site: 650 Laguna Canyon Rd.
 Cost: \$15 - \$150
 More info: (800) 487-3378 or www.foapom.com

Pyrenees at the Kirk Douglas Theatre

"At the foot of the Pyrenees, a man is found unconscious in the snow. He remembers nothing. He believes he is British. I'm a smoker. I'm not from Yorkshire. It's not much, but it's a start. With just this clue, a young woman is dispatched from the British Consulate to try to piece together his identity. Over the course of the day, as the snow melts on the mountains, a bond develops between the two until another arrival throws even these tentative beginnings into confusion" (Website)

Date: July 2 – 30
 Time: Varies; call or visit Website
 Site: 9820 Washington Blvd., Culver City
 Cost: \$20 - \$40
 Club Code: 6697
 More info: (213) 972-7231 or www.taperhamanson.com

Orange County Fair

Come and enjoy lots of entertainment, music, rides, crafts and especially lots and lots of food. It's a great time for everyone.

Date: July 7-30, closed Mondays
 Time: Tues. – Fri.: noon to midnight
 Sat. – Sun.: 10 a.m. to midnight
 Site: 88 Fair Dr., Costa Mesa
 Cost: \$8/adults, \$6/seniors, \$4/kids (6-12), free/kids (5 and under)
 More info: (714) 708-FAIR or www.ocfair.com

20th Annual Old Fort

MacArthur Days and Artillery Show

Come and see the biggest reenactment show and living history event in Los Angeles.

Date: July 8-9
 Site: Fort MacArthur Military Museum, Angels Gate Park
 3601 S. Gaffey St., San Pedro
 Time: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sat., 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sun.
 Cost: \$10/adult, \$5/children under 12
 More info: (310) 548-2631 or www.ftmac.org

29th Annual Lotus Festival at Echo Park

Come and celebrate the cultures of the Asian and Pacific Islands. There will be live dance, music, entertainment, exhibitions, lots of food and much more.

Date: July 8-9
 Time: Noon – 9 p.m. Sat., noon – 8 p.m. Sun.
 Site: 1632 Bellevue Ave.
 Cost: Free
 More info: (888) 527-2757 or www.laparks.org/grifmet/lotus.htm



4th of July Events

The 79th Annual Americafest Fireworks Spectacular at the Rose Bowl

Come and enjoy a "fun-filled day for the entire family featuring Southern California's largest fireworks display, fabulous food, and a live patriotic musical performance by The Pasadena Pops Orchestra, conducted by Rachael Worby." (Website)

Time: 6 p.m.
 Site: Rose Bowl, Pasadena
 Cost: \$10, free/children 5 and under
 More info: (626) 577-3100 or www.rosebowlstadium.com

KABOOM! Fourth of July Celebration at the Pomona Fairplex

"With the theme, 'Lights of Freedom,' KABOOM! remains a nighttime event with an exciting pre-fireworks show featuring monster trucks and the high-flying antics of extreme air motorcycles, followed by a fabulous fireworks presentation by Pyro Spectaculars." (Website)

Time: 8 – 10 p.m.
 Site: 1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona
 Cost: \$12/general admission, Free/ages 2 and younger
 More info: (909) 623-3111 or www.fairplex.com

Big Blast Weekend at the Queen Mary

Come and enjoy a spectacular fireworks show at the famous Queen Mary.

Time: TBA
 Site: 1126 Queens Highway, Long Beach
 Cost: TBA
 More info: (562) 435-3511 or www.queenmary.com

July 4th Fireworks Spectacular at the Hollywood Bowl

"The best music, the best picnics, the best fireworks and the best of America – it's July 4th at the Hollywood Bowl. The Hollywood Bowl Orchestra is joined by one of the biggest hit makers in pop music, singer-songwriter Kenny Loggins. You'll be singin' along and dancing in the aisles as we celebrate the best of our country through music." (Website)

Date: July 2 - 4
 Time: 7:30 p.m.
 Site: Hollywood Bowl
 2301 N. Highland Ave., Hollywood
 Cost: \$15 - \$38
 More info: (323) 850-2000 or www.hollywoodbowl.com



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Ontario Appreciation Day

■ Association of Airport Employees hosts day to say thanks.

Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor
Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

AIRPORTS — Ontario Airport held its fifth annual Employee Appreciation Day April 27. The Association of Airport Employees (AAE) organized the event, and everyone in attendance enjoyed good food, raffle prizes and entertainment.

The Club donated tickets for the raffle.

Airport employees had the opportunity to show off their talents in the talent show. AAE Vice President Leatrice Pickens participated in the talent show, along with employees who sang and read poetry. AAE worked very hard to make the event a big success.

The Club says thanks for the invitation!



Airport employees perform for the audience as part of the day's talent show.



Leatrice Pickens and Stan Rogers perform in the talent show.



Jesse Velasco wins four Disneyland tickets donated by the Club.



Richard Alvarez gets a massage from Debbie Fakesch.



Leatrice Pickens, Vice President, AAE.



From left: Stephanie Martinez, Jimmy Serrano and Sue Von Liechtenstein.



The AAE Committee.



From left: Lynne Wright, Tracy Richard, Vicki Valencia and Aprile Benjamin.

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History Comes Alive!

by Hynda Rudd,
City Archivist (Retired),
and Club Member



Tales From the City Archives

Setting Boundaries

■ Early surveyors played important role in setting the City's western border.

Many profound changes occurred in the City of Los Angeles between 1869 and 1872. The population had grown to approximately 5,500 people. The government made great strides in education, protection of its citizens and salaries for City officials. Major railroad transportation in Los Angeles had begun. Los Angeles was also becoming the recipient of two new buildings in the historic Plaza. One magnificent edifice was the very modern Pico House, and the other was the erection of the famed Merced Theater. But, one of the most defining moments in the growth of the City was when Frank Lecouvreur was given orders by the Common (City) Council to investigate the City's western boundary in late 1868. He had been the third major land surveyor in Los Angeles since the 1840s. This assignment followed two previous surveyors hired by government entities: Lt. Edward O.C. Ord and Major Henry Hancock, hired to lay out the perimeters of the City of Los Angeles.



Frank Lecouvreur

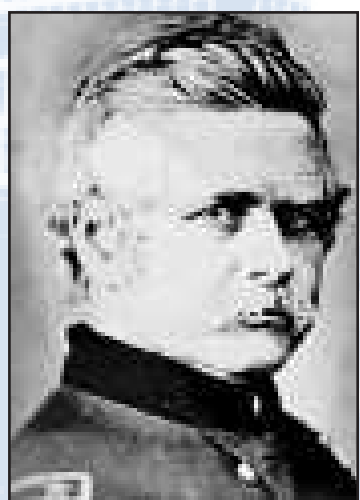
Lt. E.O.C. Ord

Until sometime in the 1840s, Los Angeles was unable to define its land boundaries. The story goes that back to the 1780s, when government maps were either lost or misplaced. In 1848, the Ayuntamiento (Mexican Council) in this community asked the Territorial Governor to name a surveyor to determine the boundary lines of this area. His choice was Lt. E.O.C. Ord, U.S. Army, who had recently completed a similar survey in Sacramento. The former Fort Ord in Monterey, Calif., was named in honor of this important Union military figure.

On July 18, 1849, Ord proposed making a map of the future city, marking the boundary lines of the municipal land. From a publication, Four Square Leagues, found in the City Archives, is the following description of what the local politicians requested "as sixteen leagues (two leagues in each cardinal direction) as had been fixed by the Mexican Territorial Legislature in 1834. The U.S. Land Claims Commission...later reduced the city's allocated area to the original Four Square Leagues." There are some variations as to the length of leagues. Most common definition is three miles per league. But the City was to use 2.63 miles per league.

Edward Ord's map, the first official diagram of the City, was submitted in 1849. His presentation included the identification of many adobe buildings, vineyards, trails, dirt roads, orchards and irrigated fields. According to Leonard and Dale Pitt in their encyclopedic volume, Los Angeles A to Z, "The main door on the Plaza Church marked the center of the city. For the area north of Main Street (Calle Principal), he indicated city-sized blocks and lots for future development."

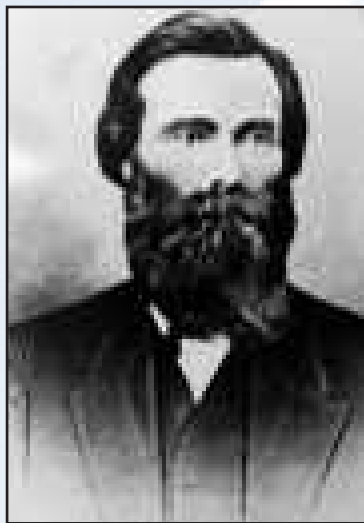
On Feb. 5, 1856, the United States Land Commission confirmed the four square leagues, using 2.63 miles per league, for the City of Los Angeles, with the Plaza Church as the center of the City.



Lt. Edward O.C. Ord

Major Henry Hancock

In 1858, a United States Deputy Surveyor and prominent local citizen and surveyor, Henry Hancock, was given the responsibility by the federal government to survey the City lands confirmed by the United States Land Commission Patent of 1856. Hancock, a New Hampshire attorney and surveyor, arrived in Southern California in 1852. In time he



Major Henry Hancock

acquired Rancho La Brea ("Tar Rancho") from Antonio Rocha, to whom it was issued in 1828. Hancock was a veteran of the Mexican War, and in the California militia he rose from captain to major. In his early years he was not well to do, but he and his prominent wife from San Francisco "royalty" amassed great wealth in Los Angeles from oil and real estate.

Hancock's survey followed Ord's assessments in the fact that the Plaza Church was the center of the City. But with the advent of the federal government's mandating the four square leagues, some readjustment to land dimensions were necessary. From the City's bicentennial publication in 1981, City of Los Angeles City Engineers-1855-1981, comes the following description of the City of Los Angeles layout of 1858:

"He [Hancock] ran the boundaries setting markers at the corners referring to landmarks, and using compass courses and distances on the ground. The original patent boundary...bounded by Hoover Street on the west; on the north by Fountain Avenue, produced to Indiana Avenue except where it deviates from a straight line by following the channels of the Los Angeles River...and the Arroyo Seco. On the east, Indiana Avenue; on the south, the line of Exposition Boulevard produced from Hoover Street."

It must be mentioned that at the time of Hancock's survey, none of the above noted street names were in existence.

Frank Lecouvreur

Frank Lecouvreur, the third surveyor in this article, worked for Henry Hancock, then the County Surveyor, as a flagman in 1858. At this time there is need to mention something that is confusing. It revolves around the term City and/or County Surveyor. Henry Hancock is listed in some publications as a County Surveyor, while the City of Los Angeles records refer to him as the first City Surveyor. Frank Lecouvreur is listed in City records as a City Surveyor, while in his obituary of January 1901, his family listed him as a County Surveyor. More research is necessary.

How Frank Lecouvreur went from being Henry Hancock's flagman in the late 1850s to become the City Surveyor in 1868-69, is not known. The City Archives has in its map collection magnificent diagrams drawn by him dating back to 1863. His cartography and calligraphy are unbelievably beautiful.

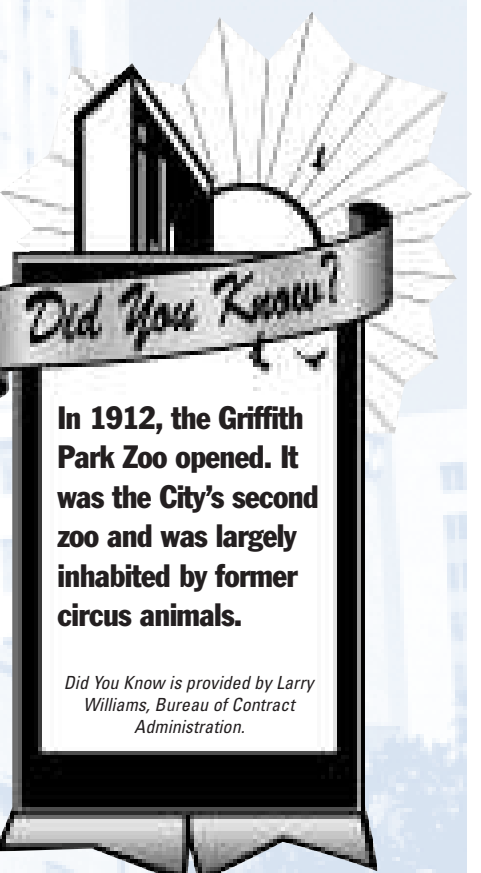
Lecouvreur's background was fascinating. This information comes from a translation of his letters and diary entitled From East Prussia to the Golden Gate, published after his death and found in the Bernice Kimball collection in the City Archives. Lecouvreur was born in 1829 in East Prussia (at one time part of Poland and Germany). He was christened Theodor Maximilian Ferdinand Franz Lecouvreur. His father was French, and his mother came from a politically influential family in East Prussia. He was well educated as a linguist and civil engineer. He left by himself for California around Cape Horn in 1851. He pursued the idea of heading for the Gold Rush, worked in a saloon and arrived in Los Angeles in 1855. According to the preface in the book, he worked for a few years as a deputy for the county clerk. He was then deputized to work for Henry Hancock and the celebrated "Hancock Survey."

In late 1868, Frank Lecouvreur was ordered by the Common Council to prepare a diagram (map) of the western boundary line of the City of Los Angeles. The incredible map, found in the City Archives, bears a notation "from a point one league west of the center of the Plaza to the southwest corner of the city lands surveyed and established by order of the Common Council January 11, 1869, by Frank Lecouvreur, Surveyor." Lecouvreur was not only a surveyor but a cartographer and calligrapher as well.

His assignment, as stated above from the diagram, was to formally establish the western boundary line of the City. This line became known as Boundary Street, as seen in a City map dated 1887. In 1892, the street name was changed to either Hoover Boulevard or Hoover Street, named for Dr. Leonce Hoover, a former surgeon in the army of Napoleon and who became a local commercial vintner in Los Angeles.

Frank Lecouvreur made a number of reports about the survey of the western boundary line to the Common Council during January and February 1869. A number of reports were written about construction of what he referred to as "temporary monuments." This survey and monuments were executed from Jan. 11 to 13, 1869. He had four men working with him, two chainmen and two flagmen. There were 12 monuments constructed. They were at intervals of 20 chains (or at every quarter of a mile). In this report, Lecouvreur appears to question the Council as to their plans for the other three boundaries.

It should be noted that at the far west end of the boundary was a racetrack. In 1872, the area that included the racetrack became known as Agricultural Park. It remained in existence through 1910, when prostitution solicitation caused the closure of the park. It was then created into a county public park, known as Exposition Park, with the laying of a cornerstone on the county's first building, a museum, Dec. 10, 1910. Frank Lecouvreur was credited by his peers as setting high standards for his profession. The two previous surveys, in particular the Ord Survey, were considered almost useless 20 years later.



Did You Know?
In 1912, the Griffith Park Zoo opened. It was the City's second zoo and was largely inhabited by former circus animals.

Did You Know is provided by Larry Williams, Bureau of Contract Administration.

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National Dispatchers Week

...to be continued in July

■ Once again, the *Alive!* crew takes you deep into the City's communications centers to celebrate the service of the dispatchers.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor
 Photos by *Alive!* staff: Robert Larios, Michelle Moreno, John Hawkins, Angel Gomez and Arlene Herrero

POLICE DEPT., FIRE DEPT., AIRPORTS, GEN. SERVICES — As part of National Dispatchers Week April 9-15, the Club once again honors some of the City's most important employees – the emergency dispatchers.

This is the first year to honor General Services' Public Safety dispatchers, as it's the first year for that division.

The Club says thanks to all the dispatchers and thanks Capt. Sharyn Buck, Marisol Vielma, Natrese Thomas and all the Watch Commanders who allowed us to come out and take pictures at all hours of the night and day.



From left: Sara Wieck, PSR II, 3 years, Club Member, and Penny Guzman, PSR II, 2.5 years.

Police Dept. Dispatchers

The Los Angeles Police Department was proud and excited to celebrate its very own dispatchers during "National Dispatchers' Week." The department honored the Police Service Representatives (911 Dispatchers) for their commitment to service and dedication to public safety.

The City of Los Angeles is also proud of its two high tech, state-of-the-art Communication Dispatch Centers: The Metropolitan Communications Dispatch Center and The Valley Communications Dispatch Center. Under normal conditions, both centers operate concurrently with identical functional capabilities, each processing a geographically defined portion for the City's call-taking workload. The buildings can function independently for a 72-hour period.

In the event of a disaster, one site can offset the other.

The centers are home to the largest division of the Los Angeles Police Department, with nearly 700 employees, consisting of both civilian and sworn personnel. Last year, the LAPD received approximately 1.7 million 9-1-1 calls, 1.4 million non-emergency calls and 316,624 calls on its Spanish line. Also, in 2005 91.38 percent of 9-1-1 calls were answered within 10 seconds. The division has four Spanish-speaking operators working at all times and has the ability to connect with the AT&T language line, which can translate any language in the world. All of our consoles are equipped with TTY machines for the hearing- and speech-impaired.



Time-Keeping Unit, from left: Alesia Bealey, PSR III, Club Member; Gloria Tigolo, Clerk Typist, Club Member; Gabriela Zarate, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member; Camisha Mitchell, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member; and Elvera Luna, Principal Clerk Police 2.



Joe Smith, PSR III receives a Certificate of Appreciation. From left: John W. Mack, President, Police Commission; Capt. Sharyn Buck, Commanding Officer of Communications Division; Joe Smith, PSR III; Councilman Dennis Zine; Asst. Chief Sharon Papa, Office of Support Services Director, Club Member; Peter Di Carlo, Assistant Commanding Officer of Information and Communications Services Bureau; Capt. Andrew Smith, Area Commanding Officer of Central Community Police Station, Club Member; and Lt. Mealey.



From left: Kim McGuire, SR, PSR I, Club Member; and Lt. Diljeet Singh; Donna Millender, PSR III, Club Member.



From left: CT Feng, PSR III, Club Member, and Randi Miller, PSR III.



Coordinators of National Dispatcher's Week, from left: Marco Mendoza, PSR II; Marisol Vielma, PSR II, Club Member; Lt. Mealey; and Natrese Thomas, PSR II, Club Member.



Mary Newton, PSR II, was awarded Employee of the Year.



Todd Austin, Sr. PSR I, was awarded Supervisor of the Year.



Rosalind Matthews Sr., PSR, receives a Certificate of Appreciation.



From left: Capt. Andrew Smith, Area Commanding Officer of Central Community Police Station, Club Member; and Matt Gershman, Intern with City Attorney's Office.



Back, from left: Dina Ramirez, PSR III, Club Member, and Lydia Aceves, PSR II. Seated: Karen Koukal, PSR III; Anthony Rivers, PSR III.



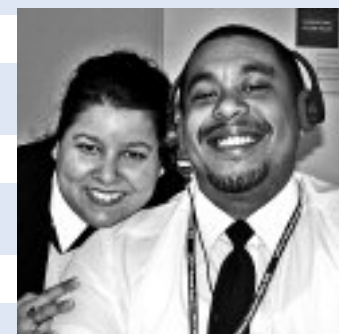
Supervisor of the Year Award Recipient, from left: Kevin Maiberger, PSR II; Oscar Berumen, PSR II; and Todd Austin, Sr. PSR I.



Transition Team, from left: Tracy Page, Sr. PSR I, Club Member; Maria Ramos, PSR III; Maggie Guerrero, PSR III; and Leslie Smith, PSR III, Club Member.



Back: Leslie Allen, PSR III, Club Member. Seated: Diane Boose, PSR III, Club Member.



From left: Iris Sanchez, PSR II, and Shawn Tinson, PSR II.



From left: Anthony Moreno, PSR III; and Dan Basiglio, PSR III, Club Member.

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From left: Ken Yasaki, PSR III, Club Member; Jeannie Gharive, PSR I Trainee.



LAPD Communications Training Unit pictured with Councilman Dennis Zine, Councilwoman Jan Perry, Club Member; and Capt. Sharyn Buck, Commanding Officer of Communications Division.



Project Unit, back, from left: Jimmy Love, PSR II; and John Harowicz, PSR II, Club Member. Front: Damon Farfan, Sr. PSR II; Maria Lujan, PSR II, Club Member; Mary Newton, PSR II; Diana Martin, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member; Bianca Brown-Green, Clerk Typist, Club Member; and Jessi Ybarra, PSR, Club Member.



From left: Marisa Lujan, PSR III, Club Member; Sylvia Esqueda, PSR I Trainee



From left: Pamela South-Mayfield, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member; Yvette Bentley, Sr. PSR I, Club Member; and Sharon Lee, Management Analyst.



From left: Charlotte Greenwood, DCBID; Dana Kano, PSR III, Club Member; and Yvonne Taylor, DCBID.



From left: Elia Regalado, PSR II; Henri McKail, PSR II; and Irene Di Giorgio, PSR II, Club Member.



From left: Lisset Aviles, P2, Hollenbeck; Johanna Ramirez, PSR III; and Frank Lopez, P2, Hollenbeck.



From left: Valerie Covington, PSR III, Club Member; and Felix Rodriguez, PSR III, Club Member.

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**9-1-1 Dispatchers:
Employees of the Year**

**Cecelia Smith,
Police Service Representative
of the Year 2005**

PSR Smith began her career with the Los Angeles Police Department as a Police Service Representative in April 1986, assigned to Communications Division. In this position Smith exhibited leadership skills, a willingness to assist others, and the ability to resolve new situations. Smith is recognized as an experienced, reliable and resourceful PSR. She is admired by her peers and well respected by her supervisors. She has consistently displayed a strong work ethic, dedication to duty, exceptional interpersonal skills and a ready willingness to handle all responsibilities respectfully and cheerfully. She has a modest personality and has consistently demonstrated an intelligent and rational approach to issues at hand.

Smith has maintained a positive attitude throughout her tenure and has successfully provided invaluable assistance to her peers and coworkers. Being a "can-do" person she takes on all tasks and exercises extreme due diligence in their execution. Smith's temperate approach to training has made a positive impact on newly appointed PSRs who look forward to her guidance and influence.

In recognition of the contribution of PSR III Cecelia Smith to the Division, as well as the Department, Communications Division takes great pride in selecting PSR III Cecelia Smith as the 2005 Police Service Representative of the year.

**Mary Newton,
Administrative Employee
of the Year 2005**

PSR Newton has completed 19 years of dedicated service in the Division. During this time, PSR Newton has worked all aspects of the Communications Division's Dispatch Center and has demonstrated exceptional job knowledge and expertise with exemplary performance as: Radio Telephone Operator (RTO), Emergency Board Operator (EBO), Bureau Communications Coordinator (BCC), Watch Commander's Aide, and Area Command Center (ACC). It was this knowledge and experience, coupled with her commitment to duty, for which PSR Newton was selected as Communications Division's Deployment Coordinator.

As Deployment Coordinator, PSR Newton has been a conscientious and reli-

able employee. Ensuring that the deployment, vacation, seniority, and work assignment is accurate for the 640 plus employees within Communications Division is a monumental task, yet PSR Newton consistently provides a quality product. In addition, PSR Newton generously lends her time, patience, and respected acumen to other work assignments not associated with Deployment. These include: special projects, advisory meetings, training, subpoena control, retrieving and maintaining statistical data, distribution rosters, and interpreting policy and procedures for departmental and non-departmental personnel.

In recognition of PSR Newton's dedication and service to the Division, as well as the Department, it is with great pride that Communications Division names PSR II Mary Newton as Administrative Employee of the year, 2005.

**Todd Austin,
Supervisor of the Year 2005**

Senior PSR I Austin began his career with the Los Angeles Police Department in June 1999 and was promoted to Senior PSR I in September 2003. From the beginning of his career, he has consistently displayed the same positive attitude, as well as an aptitude to succeed at Communications Division.

While assigned to the floor, he was recognized as an astute learner, demonstrating quick thinking and decision-making skills for the job. His knowledge concerning policy and procedure, as well as his ability to anticipate problems resulted in several commendations.

Whereas, Austin has also served as an instructor and has used that background, combined with his experience, to be a peer counselor and mentor to other employees.

Whereas, the manner in which Austin has conducted himself, and has made a positive impact on the attitude and productivity of Communications Division employees, which in turn has led to a higher level of service to the Citizens of Los Angeles.

Whereas, the City of Los Angeles congratulates Senior PSR Todd Austin on being recognized as Communications Division's Supervisor of the year. His truly the epitome of what every supervisor should strive to be; positive, supportive, knowledgeable and innovative. He exemplifies leadership and has a spirit of service that reflects proudly on everyone within the Los Angeles Police Department.

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Fire Department Dispatchers

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Front row, from left: Paramedic Flores, 17 years; Firefighter Melissa Kelley, 5 years; and Firefighter Carlos Mejia, 17 years. Back: Firefighter Fitzgerald, 25 years; Firefighter Cecil Manresa, 19 years; Firefighter Fernando Pattison, 6 years; Firefighter Art Skubik, 31 years; Paramedic Jim Mihalka, 26 years; Capt. Urquilla, 25 years; and Firefighter Diana Igawa, 20 years



Firefighter John Ferrer, 23 years.



Firefighter Pilato, 13 years.

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Capt. Urquilla, 25 years.



Firefighter Molina, 6 years.



Firefighter Castillón, 6 years.



Firefighter Ed Mena, 22 years.



Firefighter Ducat, 21 years.



Firefighter Gillenwater, 23 years.



Firefighter Julio Garza, 19 years.



Firefighter Godfrey, 19 years.



Firefighter Heritier, 15 years.



Firefighter Crawford, 16 years.

9-1-1 EMERGENCY



Firefighter Torres, 29 years.



Firefighter Paramedic Joe Mendoza, 5 years.



Firefighter Eckenhauer, 32 years.



Firefighter Vargas, 5 years.



Firefighter Ortiz, 5 years.



Firefighter Brass, 20 years.



Front row, from left: Firefighter Bloch, 23 years; Firefighter Vargas, 12.5 years; Firefighter Johnson, 19 years; and Capt. Sparky, 35 years. Back: Capt. Somers, 25 years; Firefighter/ Paramedic Flores, 18 years; Firefighter Mena, 23 years; Paramedic Angelillo, 26 years; Firefighter Torrez, 16 years; Firefighter Wold, 12 years; and Capt. Sammartano, 24 years.

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Firefighter/Paramedic Gilchrist, 21 years.



Capt. Somers, 25 years.

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Office of Public Safety, General Services Dispatchers

The new Office of Public Safety celebrated its first National Dispatchers Week since the rollout of the office within the last year. The majority of the Public Safety Dispatchers came from Rec and Parks, with one dispatcher from LA Zoo.

Staff and Command Staff came to celebrate National Dispatcher's Week with pizza, cake and homemade chocolate covered pretzels, thanks to Sr. Communications Operator 2 Margie Kimble.

According to Margie Kimble, the office consists of:

- Nine Communication dispatchers, and
- Two Senior Communication Supervisors

The office is a 24-hour communications center that provides law enforcement and security services to City entities and all City parks. It handles communications to officers in the field via medical emergencies, fires in the City facilities and Regional Parks and fire and burglar alarms. The office dispatches officers at the Los Angeles Zoo, Library and Convention Center.

Thanks to Capt. Gerry Perez and Margie Kimble!



Back, from left: Capt. Gerry Perez, Club Member; and Margie Kimble, Sr. Communications Operator II. Front: Mary Jaco, Public Safety Officer, Club Member; Chief Gary Newton; Carmen Tolliver, Communications Operator III, Club Member; Gracie Madrid, Sr. Communications Operator II, Club Member; and Capt. Richard Musquiz.



Joseph King, Public Safety Officer.



Lorena De La Torre, Communications Operator III, Club Member.



Margie Kimble, Sr. Communications Operator II.

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Emilia Cota, Communications Operator III, Club Member.



Carmen Tolliver, Communications Operator III, Club Member.

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Capt. Gerry Perez shares his words of appreciation to the Office of Public Safety's Dispatchers who attended the reception.



From left: Margie Kimble, Sr. Communications Operator II, presents Kidd Wong, Clerk Typist, with an appreciation gift.



Gracie Madrid, Sr. Communications Operator II, Club Member.

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Back, from left: Lorena De La Torre, Communications Operator III, Club Member; Chief Gary Newton, Office of Public Safety; Rosana Montoya, Communications Operator III, Club Member; and Gloria Harrell, Communications Operator III, Club Member. Seated: Didi Quiles, Communications Operator III, Club Member.



Rosana Montoya, Communications Operator III, Club Member.



Didi Quiles, Communications Operator III, Club Member.



Talitha Mitchell, Communications Operator III.



Gloria Harrell, Communications Operator III, Club Member.



Georgina Rodriguez, Communications Operator III.

LAX Dispatchers

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Bruce Minton, Communications Information Rep., 7 years.



Brian Yoder, Communications Information Rep., 3 months.



From left: April Douglass-Lawson, Communications Information Rep., 2 years; and Annika Telles, Communications Information Rep., 2.5 years.



From left: Sabrina Tasker, Communications Information Rep., 8 years; and Bonita Lott, Communications Operator, 17 years.



Maranda Lucus, Communications Information Rep., 17 years.



From left: Sabrina Tasker, Communications Information Rep., 8 years; and Keyshala Waggoner, Communications Information Rep., 5 years.

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Life's Important Moments

Share your moments!

In Memoriam

Our thoughts and condolences are with the family and friends of the following current and retired City employees who have passed away:

- Active**
Jowell Bean*, DWP, 32
Gary Bishop, DWP, 20
Henry Boyd, Rec and Parks, 21
Dennis Dubon, DWP, 13
Morris Gilbert, LAPD, 5
Patricia Luchsinger, Finance, 8
Charles Martinson, Public Works, 44
Clovis McKenzie, Transportation, 25
Jane Po, Controller's Office, 6
Leon Roberts, Harbor, 8
Keith Ward, CDD, 8

- Retired**
Eddie Ayala, DWP, 25
Martin Beckel, Personnel, 20
Lodrick Blackmon, Public Works, 32
Jerry Blair, Harbor, 38
Ronald Blake, DWP, 29
Vincent Brazil, DWP, 33
Salvatore Brizzi, DWP, 23
Stepheno Chico, DWP, 32
Shirley Craig, Airports, 18
Pauline Cushine, Library, 35
Gerald Dagostino, Transportation, 34
Ronald Dozier, DWP, 10
Frank J. Estes, DWP, 21
John Evanoff, DWP, 31
Virginia Fair, DWP, 16
Etta Gimpel*, DWP, 20
Ronald Gordon, Public Works, 23
Oswald Harber, Gen. Services, 18
Ferdia Harris, CDD, 25
Ole Henriksen, Harbor, 15
Vaughn Herbert, DWP, 25
W.B. Higgins Jr., DWP, 24
Harold Hoellig, Harbor, 32
Wallace Howard, DWP, 36
Evelyn Javaras, LAPD, 10
Wayne Johnston, DWP, 36

- Theodore Kamas**, Harbor, 32
Everett Kelley, LAPD, 18
Elbert King, Public Works, 23
Evelyne Klone, Public Works, 15
Malcolm Koerner, DWP, 22
John Kolyer, Public Works, 16
John Larson, Public Works, 10
Isaac Lee, DWP, 27
Joseph Malabicky, Airports, 33
B.R. McChesney, DWP, 26
Edith McLaughlin, Controller, 14
Raymond McVeigh, DWP, 17
Ethan Mengel, DWP, 31
James Mitchell, Public Works, 31
Ophelia Mitchell, Public Works, 23
James Moody, Public Works, 31
Antonio Munoz, Transportation, 28
Ruth Olson, Library, 10
Annabelle Peterson, Airports, 28
Isabel Petrow, DWP, 22
Gloria Riley, Gen. Services, 21
Wallace Russell, DWP, 32
Matthew Sayles, DWP, 29
Dorothy Schneider, DWP, 29
John Sheppard, DWP, 41
I.A. Smith, Public Works, 19
Sylvester Stevenson, Public Works, 32
Freddie Strings, Public Works, 21
Richard Tebbets, Public Works, 34
Thelma Thompson, DWP, 12
Pierre Titow, Sanitation, 11
Eugene Trusty, DWP, 29
Masanori Uyehara, DWP, 25
Clyde Walker, DWP, 28
Stanley Webb, Public Works, 13
Irving Willner, DWP, 32
Phillip Wright, Transportation, 30
Vera Yoder, LAPD, 15

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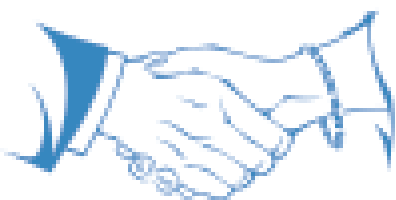
Retirements

- Colin Allison**, Parking Meter Tech., Transportation, 23
Narciso Alonzo*, DWP
Richard Anderson, Traffic Officer, Transportation, 37
Willie Atkins, DWP
Jane Baydaline, Sr. Mgmt. Analyst, Airports, 21
Laura Bermudez, Exec. Admin. Asst., Gen. Services, 25
David Blakely, Sr. Rec. Dir., Rec and Parks, 36
Ronald Bowers, Airports, 24
Willie Bradford, Tree Surgeon Supv., Public Works, 37
Michael Briseno, Special Officer, Airports, 15
Sharman Buggs, DWP
Edna Carter, DWP
Jesse Castro, Truck Operator, Gen. Services, 36
Mahhud Chaudhry, DWP
Steven Cheney, Signal Systems Electrician, Transportation, 36
Ed Cline, Equip. Operator, Public Works, 18
Herbert Cook, DWP
James Cullen, Clerk Typist, Personnel, 25
William Deppe, Resurf. Street Mt. Supv., Public Works, 20
Chris Dosevski, Sr. Mgmt. Analyst, General Services, 30
Sandra Dyson, Ch. Mgmt. Analyst, LACERS, 31
Almus Edmonds, Custodial Serv., Harbor, 28
Roger Emory, DWP
Lilly Esparza, Sr. Systems Analyst, LACERS, 36
Philip Ewbank, Chief of Operations, Airports, 22
Far Farshad, DWP
Edward Fletcher, DWP
Jane Fukuda, Sr. Clerk Typist, Treasurer, 34
Robert Gant, DWP
John Harker, Crossing Guard, Transportation, 1
Betzi Hart, Dep. City Atty., City Attorney, 14
Elaine Hatcher, Cust. Supervisor, Airports, 21
Roney Hines, Heavy Duty Truck Oper., Public Works, 29
Arthur Johnson, Sr. Cust. Svcs. Attn., Gen. Services, 31
Warren Johnson, DWP
Larry Jones, Communications Operator, Transportation, 31
Roy Lawler, Civil Eng. Associate, Harbor, 34
Oralia Leal*, DWP
Michael Lee, Chief Inspector, Bldg. and Safety, 33

- Eric Madrid**, Sr. Parking Attendant, El Pueblo, 26
Mario Martinez, Automotive Supervisor, Gen. Services, 33
Olga Mata, Clerk Typist, Bldg. and Safety, 18
John Mosley, Observatory Prog. Supvr., Rec and Parks, 28
C. Muhammad, Civil Eng. Associate, Public Works, 21
Fe Nuezca, Accounting Clerk, Controller, 18
Rodolfo Olvera, Rec. Collection Truck Opr., Public Works, 22
Ernest Ortiz, Construction Inspector, Public Works, 29
Mark Osokow, DWP
David Pardave, DWP
Thomas Parker*, DWP
Edward Perez, Asst. City Atty., City Attorney, 30
Patricia Perka, Exec. Admin. Asst., Harbor, 27
Lee Peugh*, DWP
John Poindexter, Architect, Harbor, 14
Robert Pruitt, Detention Officer, LAPD, 34
Madeleine Renee, DWP
Fernando Santos, DWP
Bill Schnauffer, DWP
Ko Shimizu, Equip. Mechanic, Gen. Services, 20
Frank Simpson, DWP
Charles Sipple, Airport Manager, Airports, 39
Raymond St. Michel, Mgmt. Storekeeper, Gen. Services, 32
Beverly Staten, Witness Service Coord., City Attorney, 25
Margaret Tarin, Sr. Clerk Typist, Aging, 33
Isabel Tujanjanin, Messenger Clerk, Library, 8
Arthur Turner, Maint. and Const. Helper, Airports, 21
Anthony Tyrone*, DWP
Irma Vega, Secretary, Library, 26
Steven Wagoner, Plumber, Airports, 34
Henry Wettl, DWP
Abe Williams, Welder, Gen. Services, 43
David Winston, DWP
Ned Woods, Street Maint. Supv., Public Works, 43
Chen-Nan You, DWP
Kenneth Zeiler*, DWP

*Club Member

Promotions



Club Member Demeturius Matthews, promoted to Sr. Clerk Typist, LAPD.



Club Member Pamela South-Mayfield, Sr. Clerk Typist, LAPD Communications, promoted to Commercial Service Representative, DWP.

Births



Paul Dorries Jr., born April 7 to Paul and Cheryl Dorries. Cheryl (Morris) is a Senior Lead Officer, Harbor.



Brianna Flores, born to Andres Flores and Shawna Blank, Clerk Typist, Finance.



Jesse Anderson Jr., born Dec. 19 to Jesse Anderson and Tierra Watkins, LAPD Personnel Records.

Graduations

Alive! is delighted to continue publishing graduation photos of Club members and their children. Have a photo of a recent graduation? Send it in to Alive! Graduations, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071.



Johana Patricia Orantez graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School. Her future plans: to attend Cal State, Dominguez Hills. She is the daughter of Sonia Galan, Transportation.



Michael Sanchez graduated from Calvary Chapel Christian School. Next year he'll attend Cal State Long Beach in administration of justice. He wants to pursue a future career with LAPD. His dad is Patrick Sanchez, DWP



Tiffany Lam graduated from Ayala High School in Chino Hills. Next year, she'll attend Cal Poly Pomona in apparel merchandising and management (she wants to be a buyer for a big retail store). Her mom is Judy Neiswonger, City Attorney's Office.

Did you get married? Have a baby? (Yea!) Get a promotion? (Hooray!) Retire? (Ahhhh.) We want to hear from you. Share your news with the world! Send all notices and digital photos to: moments@cityemployeesclub.com
Send paper notices and print photos to: *Alive!* 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071



New Members

Welcome New Members!

The Club gives a great big welcome to these new members, who recently joined the Club:

- Airports**
Tracy A. Adams
Brandy M Breedlove
Judith Carretino
Erika E. Carrillo
Blair K. Charles
Anthony A. De La Torre
Jesus Santana Diaz
Christopher Gomez
Maria Elena Gudino
Toi T. Harvey
Alesha Hawkins
Lamont A. Johnson
Rahsaana M. Johnson
Edwin A. Mejia
Leslie F. Normandy
Jesus F. Ortega
Charley Pallares
Sharon Pitts
Francis James Reid
Vanessa M. Roberson
Anna M. Ryhal
Ieshia L. Smith
Edwin A. Wu
- Animal Services**
Jeannine M Bourbon
Toni J Taub
Erna E. Umali
- Aging**
Celeste Cho
- Building and Safety**
Chanel Nicole Burgess
Larry G. Arnick
City Attorney
First Name Middle Last name
Colleen M. Juarez
Irene Martin Del Campo
Araceli Romero
Melissa A. Biederman
Christine Whitaker
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Christine Whitaker
- Retirement System**
Christopher M. Perez
- Community Development Department**
Guadalupe Ortiz
- Personnel Department**
LaTrice T. Bowen
- Sharon E. Brooks
Viveca E. Butler
Raymond M Hill
Andrea L. Poma
Sharlene P. Sutherland
Kimberly L. Thompson
Donna Z Workman-Malcolm
- Controllers Office**
Eunice B Laureano
- Information Technology**
Hana Saad
- Fire Department**
Thomas D. Kitahata
Ricardo Najera
Nick A. Robidrau
Mavis A. Walter
- Harbor Department**
Ronaldo O. Aquino
Primitivo M. Bostre
Barbara E. Brunt
Michael S. Capodanno
Vanessa P. Foisia
John T. Fullam
Edward Han
Carlos R Quintana
Alberto Rosario
E. M. Scott
Tom H. Yamamoto
- General Services**
Bryant K. Tarumoto
Maria A. Camacho
Takeishir P. Erving
Olga Madrid
Lucila Pineda
Emilia I. Cota
John H. Keers
Rosana F. Montoya
- Library**
Charlene Belisle
Cecilia M. Lopez
Eva Soto
Jun Yanagimachi
- Housing**
Lydia A. Ortiz
Shelly H Lo
Margaret Hughes
Javier Melendez
Nadine Aurora Mendoza
- Presiliano Sandoval
- Convention Center**
Jonathan L Allen
Donna Jean Irving
Deanna M. Nakamura
Carlos J. Pola
Raquel Velazquez
Kenneth F. Bailey
- Planning Department**
Marianne G. Askew
Teresa L. Batson
Haydee Urita
- Police Department**
Ricardo T. Cruell
Jim McDonnell
Deborah R Clayton
Kiyoko N. Clemons
Irene M. DiGiorgio
Debra L. Herrera
Marisa Lujan
Estevan Orozco
David W Purdy
Esequiel Saucedo
Michi T. Slaughter
Penny C. Subia
Naima R. Tobias
Marcos Vazquez
Guillermo A. Velasco
Jennifer L. Washington
Jesse Ybarra
Angelica T. Zacarias
- Public Works - Management Employment Service**
Novella Jordan
- Contract Admsitration**
Jason D. Tokushige
- Bureau of Engineering**
Michael R. Van Egdorn
- Bureau of Sanitation**
Dion D. Brumfield
Ajith Don Kaluthanthri
Odellia T. Rossi
Javier Barragan
Robert L. Kendrick
- Bureau of Street Services**
Carlos J Molina
- Bureau of Street Services**
Jimmy Bright
- Luis M. Canales
Jose Gonzalez
William S. McCall
Alvaro Santillan
Kazuko Takahashi
Yasunori Takahashi
Kenneth R Widdis
Transito Victor Cayetano
William Chae
Irma Chavez Mendez
Gaynell Fowler
Leonila Gonzalez
Adele Yovonne Harris
Devin Lamarr Lewis
Anatolia Osuna
- Department of Transportation**
Antranel S. Marshall
Sharon D. White
- Department of Finance**
Sylvia M. Smith
- Los Angeles Zoo**
Leah Lynne Khalil
- Retired**
Raymond G Case
Carlos Chavez
Sunandha Chudabala
Kathy A Hanes
Kenneth M. Lesser
Ruben Oneal
Robert E. Shann
Henry Shapiro
Patricia A. Wohland
- Other**
Eugenio C Alacar
Rudolph J. Alatorre
Victor P. Aprea
Angelo R. Avila
James J Ayo
Carmen J Benn
Mary L Bingham
Ophelia Bisdorf
Blanche C Bogdanoff
John F. Bonsangue
David C Borden
Margaret M. Boutte
Edward Bradley
C. Artis Branch
Charles L. Brown
Albert A. Burns
Daniel F. Caballero
- Carole L. Cameron
Waylon D. Cannon
John M Carey
Elaine G. Chambers
Julia M Chapman
Mary Lou Charlton
Jesus Franco Chavez
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Roy J Cootes
Bonita Cotton
Smith J. Croil
Thomas J Davis
Brian R Dorney
Glenn M. Durham
Dorothy Ehrhart-Morrison
Dennis L Eigel
Antonio A. Espinoza
Antranel S. Marshall
Richard C. Evans
Leonard D. Fields
James Otis Fisher
Wenceslao Garcia
Bobby Ray Gardner
Alfred R. Garner
Linda H Gray
Merrie Gray
Sharyn J Gunter
Louis H. Hankins
John T. Hernandez
Charles O. Hornsby
Patrick D Howard
Duncan Hughes, Jr.
Gene R Hunter
Harold K. Jackson
Paul H. Jamgochian
Harvey Jernagin
Riley C John
Clifford L. Jorgensen
Christopher A. Kalish
Beryl Irene Kearns
Gordon E. Kehl
Charles Kendall
Gregory D Kendrick
Harry H. Kim
Harold R. Knowles
Nick Kobosa
Nathan J. Krotinger
Ahnja C Lee
Raul Lemos
Arlene M Lettau
Elaine Loh
Samuel R Love
Reynaldo Abad Lubag
James A Mackey
Maria S. Magno
- David A. Manley Jr.
Leon McVey
Cynthia A. Mitchell
Helen V. Mondy
Mark P. Moorman
Fernando P Moreno
Jose M Nava
Michael J OConnor
James Ogg
David J. Oliphant
Manuel T. Padilla
Kenneth W Pierce
Molly Prager
Antonio Ramirez
Edward L. Ramos
Louis J. Rhea
Doris M. Roche
William R Rollins
Gloria S. Rosales
Sandra I. Ruffino
Teddy Salaises Jr.
Dolores Santolla
Louis Sarpy
Janice A Schiring
Elizabeth Schneider
Janet D. Seiler
Helen T. Shinsato
Joyce Ann Showers
Gerald L. Smith
Richard Solis
Sheila L. Stout
Gerald Thomas Sullivan
Donald D. Swank
George B. Sylvestal
John H. Thomas
William F. Thompson
NonMember TicketSales
Hana S Uyemura
Melchor P. Villanueva
Reva A. Waldron
Gloria H Walters
Clint A. Washington
Joe N. White
Gary K Whittington
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Beverly Haro



Arlene Herrero



Liz Montes



Jessica Segura

Future Leaders

Congratulations, GRADUATES

Future City executives graduate from innovative City program.

Story and photos by Jessica Segura, Club Counselor

PERSONNEL – The City held its second annual Future Focused Leadership graduation luncheon April 27 at the Convention Center.

The event recognized the City's future executive management prospects and assisted in their professional development.

The Future Focused Leadership program is a joint effort of the Personnel Dept., Los Angeles Professional Managers Association, the Los Angeles County Training Academy and California State University Northridge. The primary purpose of this training is to help students bridge the knowledge gap between mid-management and executive level management. Candidates for this program are middle level managers and are hand-picked by their respective Department General Managers.

This year's graduates are: Roshanak Aflaki, Club Board Member Michael Biagi, Rudy Carrasco, Hannah Choi, Anita Domingo, Ameer Faquir, Efrain Gonzalez, Vivian Howell, Reza Iranpour, Mahmood Karimzadeh, George Koury, Club Board Member Michael Leighton, Barbara Martinoff, Gerald McGowen, Hyginus Mmeje, Hakhamanesh Mortezaie, Nick Pendorf, Bernard Rogers, Bahram Roshanian, Mort Rowghani, Christopher Smith and Perla Veneracion.

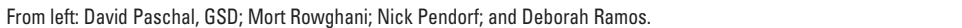
Congratulations to the graduates, and the Club looks forward to your great leadership in the years to come.



Graduate Roshanak Aflaki.



Club Board Members and graduates Michael Leighton and Mike Biagi.



From left: David Paschal, GSD; Mort Rowghani; Nick Pendorf; and Deborah Ramos.



From left: Graduates Ameer Faquir, Hyperion, 25 years; Bahram Roshanian, Hyperion, 20 years; Anita Domingo, Airports, 27 years; Efrain Gonzalez, Sanitation, 25 years; and Bernie Rogers, Sanitation, 27 years.



Graduate Chris Smith and Adel Hagekhalil.



Graduates George Koury and Hakhamanesh Mortezaie.

So Long, Kent

Kent Noyes retires from DWP after 40 years.

Photos by Jessica Segura, Member Services Counselor

DWP — A retirement reception was held May 1 for Kent Noyes, who retired after nearly 40 years of City service.

The reception was held in the executive dining room in the John Ferraro Office Building.

Kent was born in 1943, the oldest of six children. He graduated from Purdue University in Indiana in 1966. He started in June 1966 with the Department in the Generating Plant Design Group, where starting pay was \$739 per month. His first seven years, he worked on:

- Hynes Units 5&6
- Scattergood Unit 3
- Castaic Power Project
- Three nuclear plants in Malibu, Bolsa Island and San Joaquin, none of which was ever built

He was promoted to Supervisor in 1974 – Electrical Engineer, and held seven jobs in seven years.

He was promoted to Senior Power Engineer in 1981, where held three different positions. He was then promoted to Principal Power Engineer in 1989 in charge of Distribution Engineering. He



Retiree Kent Noyes during his early years at the DWP.

became Assistant Director of Power Distribution in 1997, where he managed the Development of the Business Plan for PD to get through deregulation. He transferred to Power Systems and Planning in 2001 as Assistant Director, just in time to become involved with all the investigations and litigation involving power shortages and marketing abuses that collapsed Enron. He oversaw the development of a new integrated Resource Plan.

Kent was promoted back to PT&D in 2002 as Director of Engineering and most recently acted as Director of Engineering.

He earned a Master's degree in electrical engineering for USC, completed the Business Management Program at UCLA and completed two management short courses at Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. He taught electrical machines in the USC Master's program; taught (at UCLA) the power portion of a program to prepare engineers to take the Professional Engineers Exam; and developed and taught a program at UCLA to retrain aerospace engineers for the power field.

He and his wife, Helyne, have five children and 10 grandchildren. Congratulations, Kent! And best wishes on your much-deserved retirement.



Retiree Kent Noyes and his wife, Helyne.

The Club thanks Lupe Gonzalez for her assistance, as well as Kent Noyes and staff for providing the biography.

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Service Award



Photo by Marshall Lowe, Public Works

PUBLIC WORKS — Dale Hoagland and wife, Martha, admire the 30-Year Service Award certificate he was presented recently by the Board of Public Works in appreciation of his loyal and efficient service to the City of Los Angeles. Dale is a truck operator in the Department of Public Works' Bureau of Street Services.



Out of the Woods

■ **Ned Woods** retires from **Public Works** after 39 years of **City service.**

Story and photo by Marshall Lowe, Public Works

PUBLIC WORKS — Ned Woods, a Supervisor I in the Bureau of Street Services, Public Works, retired after 39 years of City service.

He received a certificate of appreciation from the Board of Public Works in honor of his dedication and service to the Department.

Congratulations, Ned!



Ned Woods shows the certificate of appreciation he was presented with recently by the Board of Public Works to his wife, Linda.

Newsbrief



A CITY EMPLOYEE AT THE WHITE HOUSE

MEDIA CENTER TOASTMASTERS – Herbert Corleto, Clerical Assistant, Sanitation (General Services) and a member of the Media Center Toastmasters, spoke at the White House Conference on "Helping America's Youth" in Washington D.C. Oct. 27. He spoke at Howard University before more than 500 guests, dignitaries and celebrities. The conference was a starting point to discuss various problems facing America's youths and to share proven solutions in overcoming those challenges.

Herbert had been invited by First Lady Laura Bush to give an introduction at the conference after their first meeting in early 2005. The First Lady was visiting the Los Angeles based Homeboy Industries office where Herbert had been invited to participate in a roundtable discussion. Homeboy Industries is a nonprofit organization that helps young people redirect their lives. The First Lady had been deeply impressed by his personal story and accomplishments.

Through Homeboy Industries' career outreach program, Herbert was hired by CH2M Hill, a consulting firm, which assigned him to work for the Bureau of Sanitation, Wastewater Engineering Services Division (WESD), as an administrative assistant. While there, Herbert joined the Media Center Toastmasters Club at its inception, which was created largely by Bureau of Sanitation employees.

His fellow Toastmasters helped him craft his White House speech, evaluate his delivery, critique his poise and generally cheered him on. He returned from the conference after delivering a successful speech and was highly praised at the conference by numerous attendees.

For more information about the Media Center Toastmasters Club, contact Betty Dong at (323) 342-6222 or betty.dong@lacity.org.

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Cool Cars!

■ Building and Safety hosts its annual Car Show to benefit the March of Dimes.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

BUILDING AND SAFETY — On April 29, in conjunction with the March of Dimes WalkAmerica event in Griffith Park, Building and Safety hosted its annual Car Show.

This is the Club's second year as trophy sponsor.



Guest Oscar Ver Dugo proudly stands next to his 1991 Ferrari Testarossa.



From left: Guest Steve Terteryan takes a closer look at the 2005 Harley Custom owned by James Abreu and a 2006 Kawasaki KLR 650 owned by James Boller, Sr. Inspector.

Six trophies were awarded. Three motorcycles were on hand along with about a dozen cars. A Ferrari, a Corvette, a BMW and an original 1963 Buick Riviera were some of the vehicles displayed.

Thanks to Sr. Inspector James Boller and Garth Pillsbury (additional photos) for their assistance.



A 1957 Corvette owned by Bill Thompson.




A glimpse of some of the cars lined up for judging.



A 2004 BMW Z8 owned by Ara Sargsyan.



An original 1963 Buick Riviera owned by Dominic Daneri.



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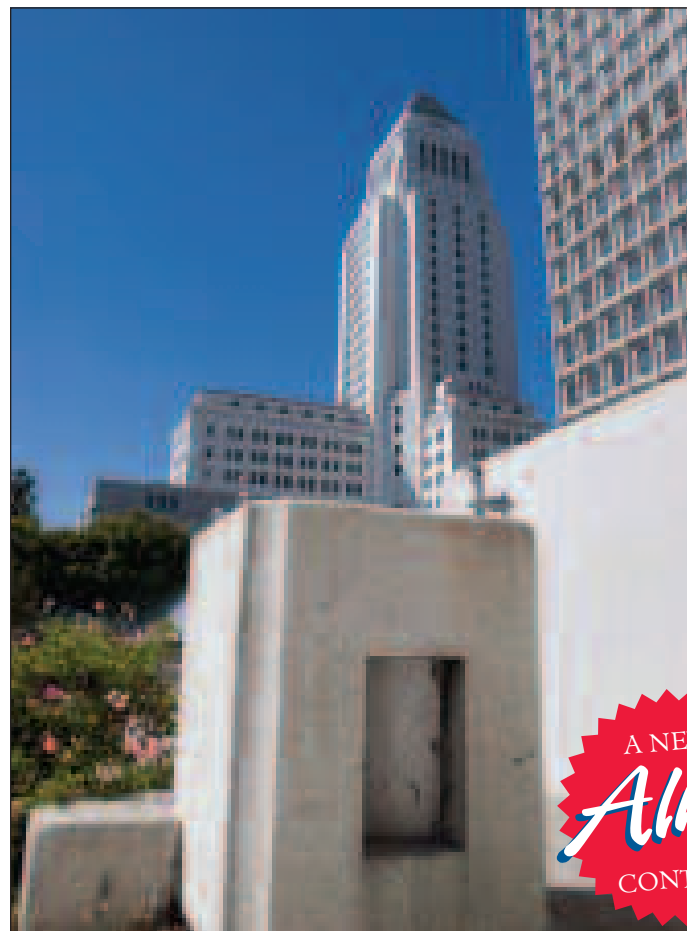
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DEADLINE June 19

Here are the rules:

- Winning contestants must be Club members in good standing. Everyone is welcome to submit responses, however. (Responses without Club membership numbers will be accepted but not eligible for the winning prize.)
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- Winning responses will be determined by official Club personnel. All decisions will be final.
- The contest is all in good fun: The Club cannot be responsible for delays in delivering *Alive!*, or for delays in the transmission of responses.

The winner of last month’s

**Where Was This Photo Taken? contest is:
Ken Moody, ITA**

Here’s his reponse:

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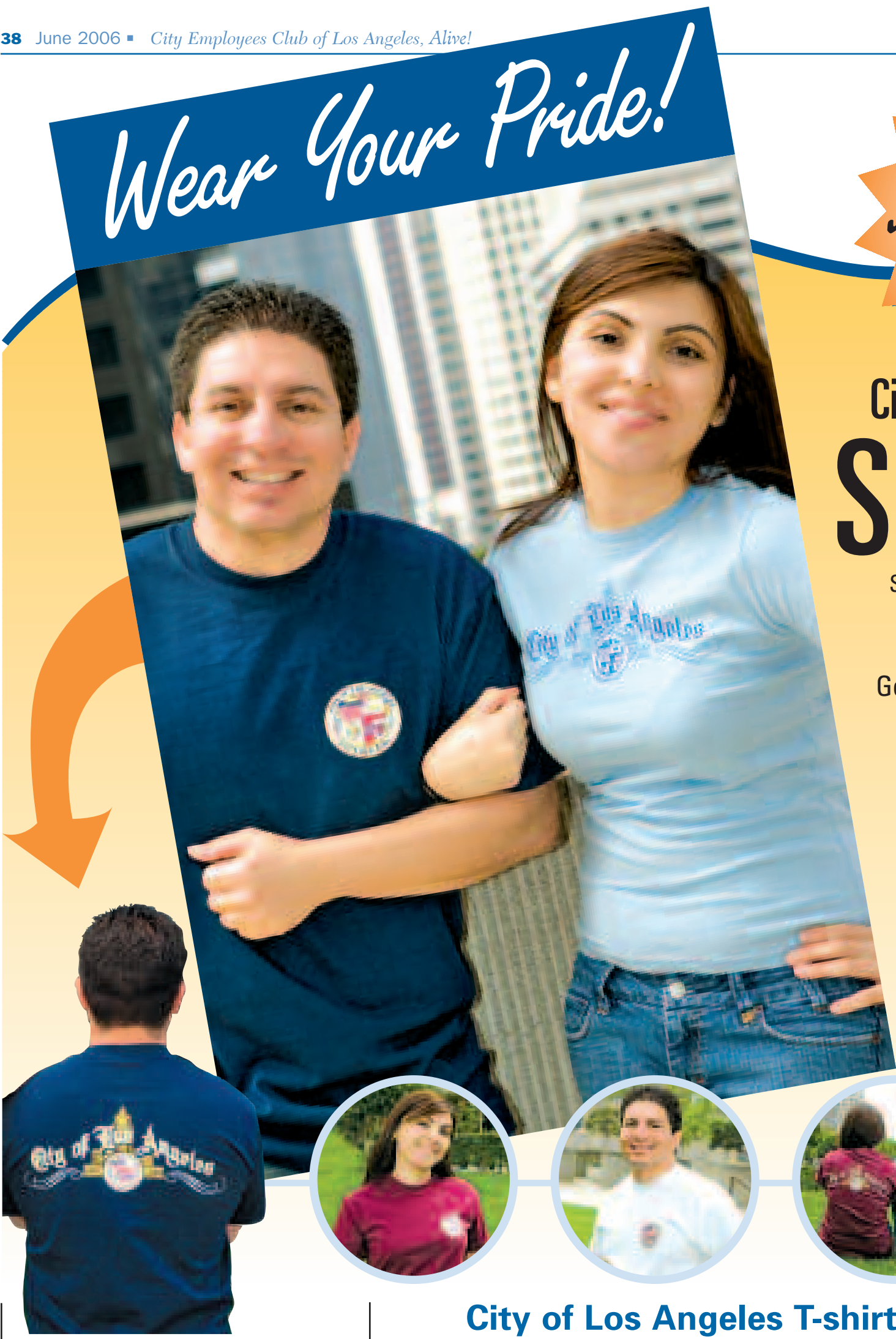
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Building and Safety Picnic

■ **Mardi Gras is theme for event, held in conjunction with WalkAmerica fundraiser.**

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

BLDG. AND SAFETY — Building and Safety held a grand picnic April 29 in Griffith Park.

There was lots of food and plenty of activities including air bouncers, a volleyball tournament, a magic show, face painting and many others.

More than 700 tickets were sold.

The event takes place annually in conjunction with the March of Dimes WalkAmerica and Car Show, which Building and Safety also hosted. Mardi Gras was the theme.

The Club thanks Sr. Inspector James Boller for his assistance.



From left : Jeff Napier, BMI; Raoul Germain, BMI; Dan Wray, Principal BMI; and Ray Sanchez, BMI.



From left: Kanisha Wilson, Clerk Typist, with her husband, Marc.



From left: Martha De La Bretoniere, Sr. Clerk Typist, DWP, Club Member; and John De La Bretoniere, Sr. Inspector, Club Member.



From left: Armine Kharmandaryan, spouse of Shahen Akelyan, Structural Engineering Associate III; and Eriko and Chiharu Suzuki, Structural Engineering Associate.



From left: Bob Law, Mechanical Engineering Associate II; Eddie Yamamoto, Structural Engineer; Khaled Kator, Structural Engineering Associate I; and Leslie Alejandrino, Mechanical Engineering Associate II.



From left: Bill Thompson, Building Inspector; and John Zolnikov, Sr. Building Inspector, Club Member.



From left: Edward Rodriguez, Structural Engineering Associate II; Anahi, 2; and Janet Barraga, sister in law.

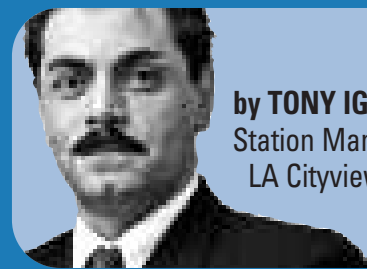


From left: Jim Kemper, Mechanical Engineering Associate II; Chris Reyes, guest; and Gabby Zamorano, guest.



From left: Eppie, guest; Fermin, guest; and Simeon R. Rico, Chief Electrical Engineer, with his wife, Lina.

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Programming Highlights for June:

CityWorks

Hosted by TV weatherman Fritz Coleman, this month's CityWorks takes a look at the projects of the City's hard-working employees in Public Works. From their ground-based food recycling program to their high-voltage electricians on the street lighting crews, Cityworks packs in four exciting stories filled with interesting and informative topics.

L.A. Roundtable

Veteran political reporter Dave Bryan, the host of L.A. Roundtable, looks for solutions to our major ongoing local and regional problems. This one hour, no-holds-barred panel discussion brings various points of view to hot topics facing our City. This month's programs will tackle: illegal immigration, challenges to government as seen through the eyes of veteran politicians (Richard Riordan and Gray Davis), and Muslims as our neighbors.

Neighborhood Café

A host of topics are being covered in this new series of Neighborhood Cafés. From Neighborhood Councils' involvement in developing leadership to neighborhood beautification endeavors, these six new episodes scan the gambit of projects enriching the local communities of Los Angeles.

California's Green

Care about the environment, then you shouldn't miss this new episode of California's Green: Organic Farming. This show will tour approximately 11 acres of land where forward-thinking students have devised and implemented innovative and environmentally sound ways of farming. From straw-bale structures to lawn-mowing goats, ecological and economical concepts are being introduced to environmentally friendly farmers.

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Harriet Walks Into Retirement

■ **Avid walker Harriet Thomas retires from General Services after 33 years of service.**

Photos by Jessica Segura, Club Counselor

GEN. SERVICES. — May 3, at Acapulco Restaurant on Sunset Boulevard, Harriet Thomas was celebrated by family and friends for her 33 years of service to the City. Harriet was Secretary in the Building Maintenance Division of General Services. She will be missed by all who had the pleasure of working with her.

Here's a resolution presented to her at the event:

Harriet Thomas was born Dec. 28 in San Francisco. She is the third of 10 children.

During her childhood she lived in California, in Oakland, Riverside, Pacoima and San Bernardino and traveled and lived in Zaragoza, Spain, for three years. After returning from overseas the family lived in Abilene, Tex., and then later moved to Southern California.

Harriet grew up in Southern California, where she attended schools in Los Angeles Unified School District. She graduated from Washington High School in 1967.

Harriet began her City career on March 19, 1973, as a Clerk Typist with the LAPD before transferring to Public Works/Bureau of Transportation and then to General Services.

On March 15, 1971, she was promoted to Public Works Accounting as a Senior Clerk Typist and, on Feb. 21, 1982, transferred to the

Department of General Services/Personnel Section. On Feb. 9, 1997, she was promoted to her current position as Secretary in the General Services, Building Maintenance Division.

She has three children: Teresa, Harriet and Vanessa.

She is an active member in her church, Beulah Baptist Church in Watts, where she is on the Church Praise Team, is the Church Secretary, sings in the church choir, is the announcement clerk and donates baked goods to the churches' "Feed the Hungry Program."

She exercises actively, making sure she walks at least 21 miles each week to keep fit.

Congratulations on your retirement, Harriet!



Harriet Thomas.



From left: Allie Taylor, Fleet Services, General Services; Jacob White, General Services; and Lynette Lee, DWP.



From left: Amanda Montenegro, City Clerk; Renee McDade, City Clerk; and Natalie Sanchez, General Services.



From left: Gerald Harris, General Services Recycling; Felicia Fuller, General Services; Maria El Puche, General Services; Lavivanh Tang; Stan Molden; Ceci Rogers; and Tony DeClue, General Services.



From left: Nick Pendorff, General Services; George Becker, General Services; and Ed Hunter, Retired General Services.

Art in the Harbor

■ **Art on the Waterfront Festival a big success in the Harbor.**

Story and photos courtesy Theresa Adams Lopez, Harbor Dept.

HARBOR — Three thousand people enjoyed the first Art on the Waterfront festival that took place at the Port of Los Angeles April 29. The festival included more than 40 artists displaying and selling their art, interactive art installations in 20-foot cargo containers, dance performances, chalk artists, an artist-led children's activity tent, and skateboard demonstrations.

"We're thrilled with the response to our pilot festival. The response was very positive from a lot of different constituencies," said Nathan Birnbaum, executive director of Angels Gate Cultural Center. "We are already planning for next year's festival with many of the same events as this year, but with some exciting additions."



Some of the more than 3,000 attendees at the recent Art on the Waterfront festival.

In addition to the activities of the Art festival, more than 1,200 people enjoyed free rides on the Port's Waterfront Red Car Line, a 1.5-mile vintage trolley line connecting attractions along the San Pedro waterfront. Restored and replicated Pacific Electric Red Cars were designed to serve the area with both transportation and enjoyment purposes.



Art on the Waterfront was sponsored by the Angels Gate Cultural Center, San Pedro Arts Association, the Port of Los Angeles, Los Angeles City Councilwoman Janice Hahn, Cultural Affairs and Rec and Parks.



One of the chalk artists at the recent Art on the Waterfront event.



Youngsters having fun in the children's activity tent.

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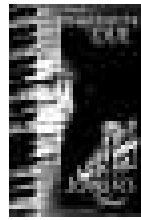
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Book Reviews

Joplin's Ghost

Tananarive Due, *Atria*
Fiction

My Score: 4 (out of 5)



Composer and ragtime musician Scott Joplin is determined to have his most underappreciated work heard by the world, even if he has to return from the dead and use the voice and body of Phoenix Smalls, a new musician who is blurring the lines between hip-hop, rhythm and blues and her own eclectic sound.

Phoenix's connection to Joplin began when an old piano nearly crushed her to death at a young age. Now Joplin manifests himself through Phoenix's computer, dreams, sightings and temperature. Those in her close circle are slowly convinced that Phoenix's experiences are real, and that her life is threatened by Scott's persistence.

Even if you aren't a music history buff, this fast-paced novel is a treat. Side stories of the entertainment industry, racism and relationships all enhance the cliffhanger and take just enough twists and turns to make this a memorable ride.

— Carmen Steward, Fire and Police Pensions

Candide

Voltaire, *Penguin Classics*
Fiction

My Score: 5 (out of 5)



Voltaire's *Candide* is a story of a young man who travels the world in search of his lost love. During his voyages, he faces and endures the atrocities man inflicts on man. His optimistic philosophy that "all is for the best" is challenged repeatedly, yet he never quite reaches the understanding that selling people into slavery or even an Inquisition is not all for the best. Though the brutalities may be gruesome, Voltaire lightens things up with a little humor. In the end, Voltaire leaves the reader to think about what it means to "cultivate our garden."

— Jenny Arzate, Rec and Parks

Hearts in Atlantis

Stephen King, *Pocket Books*
Fiction

My Score 5 (out of 5)



Hearts in Atlantis is really great. I understand it was several short stories that Stephen King made into a book, and it works. I think most people understand Stephen King and will go with it, even when it gets odd.

The book is a nostalgic look at our childhoods, even though King is writing about the 1960s specifically. I won't describe all of the stories, but I enjoyed the relationship between Bobby Garfield and the man who moves in upstairs the most.

If you enjoy this book, another I recommend by Stephen King is one of his firsts: *The Dead Zone*.

— Barbara Johnson, LAFD

Mama's Birthday Surprise

Elizabeth Spurr, *Hyperion Books for Children*
Children

My Score: 5 (of 5)

This is a third-grade-level book with 12 chapters. It made me cry the first time I read it; it is so sweet and loving. Three children live with their mother. They have it tough without a father, without much money, and with no relations living close by. Their mother always tells them wonderful and lavish stories about their rich Uncle Cesar, who lives in Guadalajara.

As the children get older they earn enough dollar bills to take all of them to meet this uncle they have only heard about. They plan a surprise birthday party for their mother and hang the dollar bills from the ceiling as a decoration! What happens between the children and the mother is so fabulous, so loving, so magical, I won't tell you here. You have to read it yourself.

Mama's Birthday Surprise bridges all cultures and nationalities with its wonderful story telling about the relationships between children and parents. They use some Spanish vocabulary throughout and define them in the back of the book.

— Barbara Johnson, LAFD

Oh, the Places You'll Go!

Dr. Seuss, *Random House*
Children

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

I think this is a great book for kids of all ages — high school and college included! Dr. Seuss begins, "Congratulations! Today is your day. You're off to Great Places! You're off and away!" Then reminds you later, "...You'll be best of the best, ... you will top all the rest. Except when you don't. Because, sometimes you won't." Continuing to: "...[a] weirdish wild space, ...toward a most useless place. The Waiting Place... For a train to go, bus to come, plane to go" etc.

In his own indomitable style, Dr. Seuss reminds us life is; that we are; and that things happen, but that we are all okay and will succeed anyway! A happy ending for everyone!

— Barbara Johnson, LAFD

Sheila Rae, the Brave

Kevin Henkes, *Mulberry Books*
Children

My Score: 5 (of 5)

Sheila Rae is a mouse, and she isn't afraid of anything! She even "rode her bicycle no-handed with her eyes closed." Her younger sister, Louise, says, "You're too brave for me," when Sheila Rae wants to walk home from school a different way.

Sheila Rae calls Louise a scaredy-cat and sets out. She gets lost and calls out Louise's name. Having secretly followed her sister, Louise answers, then proceeds to show Sheila Rae how to get home from there.

When they get home, Sheila Rae tells Louise, "You are brave. You are fearless" ... "and they walked backwards into the house with their eyes closed." A fun book for kids!

— Barbara Johnson, LAFD

MOVIE REVIEWS

Stick It PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Jeff Bridges stars as the coach, and Missy Peregrin stars as a former gymnastics world team member, who gets in trouble and has the choice of returning to gymnastics or going to a juvenile camp. She chooses the camp, but the judge played by "kiss my grits" Polly Holiday sends her to gymnastics.

I enjoyed the movie and hope to see a lot more of Missy. She turned in an excellent performance. This is a very good movie of a girl learning to trust again and of competitors working together. The movie will be enjoyed mostly by female teens.

—Gail Seltzer, DWP

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

I recommend this movie to anyone. It was entertaining, and I enjoyed it.

Jeff Bridges played a gymnast who was injured while competing. Unable to perform, he became an instructor. Also starring Missy Peregrin, Vanessa Lengies and Tarah Paige, who were the main girls that he was getting ready for competition.

— Patricia Saucier, DWP

RV PG

My Score: 4.5 (out of 5)

You know if you are going to see a comedy movie and Robin Williams is starring in it, that you are going to be laughing a lot. No disappointment here. This is a family/comedy/action/adventure movie that is suitable and fun for the whole family to enjoy. If you like to laugh out loud, this is a must see. I highly recommend this movie.

The family consists of Cheryl Hines (wife); Joanna "JoJo" Levesque (daughter), who reminds me of a younger Lindsay Lohan; and cutie pie Josh Harrington (son). Jeff Daniels and Broadway baby Kristin Chenoweth also star.

—Gail Seltzer, DWP

Take the Lead PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

I was surprised I liked this movie so much, Antonio Banderas was such a graceful dancer, with such precision and form. It was hard to believe after watching all his other movies that he could be so graceful.

It was great to see how two different types of people or age groups could combine their dance methods to come up with something they both agreed on.

— Patty Saucier, DWP

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Antonio Banderas has the looks and the moves! I give him a perfect score of 5! Also turning in excellent performances were Alfre Woodard and the entire cast. The dancing was great, both the ballroom and the hip-hop.

The script could have been a little tighter and could have included more dancing. But overall it was a very good story, and it was based on facts. I recommend this movie.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

The Sentinel PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Michael Douglas as knowledgeable secret service agent Pete Garrison of Gerald Petievich's novel *The Sentinel*, is framed for wanting to assassinate the President. The motive and conspiracy in the book is much better written, since Hollywood has a tendency to simplify well-written plots. Also, Douglas is a little too old to play the character. Nevertheless, it is a well-paced thriller, showing some of the richness of the daily toils of a secret service agent. Adding Kiefer Sutherland to the cast makes the story all that more exciting. Enjoyable!

— Yvonne Liu, Finance

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Michael Douglas plays a Secret Service agent who protects the president of the United States. There is a plot to assassinate the president. Someone tries to frame Douglas as the assassin. Also, Douglas is having an affair with the first lady. Kiefer Sutherland plays the Secret Service agent who is tracking Douglas. The movie is suspenseful and keeps you on the edge of your seat. I recommend seeing the movie.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

Thank You for Smoking R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

With all of today's headlines about the lobbying scandals in Washington, D.C., this satirical film comes at just the right time. Aaron Eckhart plays the slick lobbyist for the tobacco industry. He can almost convince anyone of anything with his gift of "flexible morality." The great cast of characters includes William H. Macy as the liberal Senator of Vermont, Rob Lowe the Hollywood agent, Sam Elliott as the ex-Marlboro Man, as well as Maria Bello, Katie Holmes and Robert Duvall. A smart and funny movie where American ethics go up in smoke! You will think twice the next time you light up.

— Dan Basiglio, LAPD

Scary Movie 4 PG-13

My Score: 1 (out of 5)

The opening scene of the movie had a skit with Shaquille O'Neal and Dr. Phil. This skit was very funny, so I thought the rest of the movie was going to be as funny. Wrong. The movie tried to poke fun at prior movies: *Brokeback Mountain*, *The Grudge*, *The Saw*, *War of the Worlds*, *Million Dollar Baby* and a few others. The movie really dragged on and was not funny. I would not even save this movie for a DVD.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

Friends With Money R

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Jennifer Aniston should have just stuck with the regular "friends"! This movie is about three couples and Jennifer. All the women have been friends a very long time. But since Jennifer is much younger, I would have liked some history on this group of friends, especially how they all became friends. But sadly the writer did not think that was necessary.

The movie bounced back and forth a lot. There were some good scenes but just not enough. Of course at the end, I would have liked to see a little more of a new relationship. Rent it.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

The Benchwarmers PG-13

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

I really liked this movie. It was very funny, entertaining and had a nice message, especially for teenagers. The bullies of the neighborhood do not want kids who are not like themselves to play baseball with them or on their field. Gus, played by Rob Schneider, sees what these bullies are doing to a boy. This boy's father who is very rich decides to have a baseball tournament. Gus and his two friends challenge the other teams. The winning team will win a baseball stadium for their team. I won't spoil the ending.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

Mission: Impossible III PG-13

My Score: 4.5 (out of 5)

Wow, what a thrill! This movie kept me on the edge of my seat from beginning to end. As usual, Tom Cruise performs the most impossible stunts with such intensity that it's almost believable. And as always, Ving Rhames is the perfect sidekick when the impossible must be achieved. For those who love action, I would highly recommend this movie, and I plan to see it a second time. This movie is suitable for teens.

— Rotundra Greene, Airports

Akeelah and the Bee PG

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

A truly inspiring movie about a young girl from Crenshaw Middle School who overcomes all the odds to attend the National Spelling Bee. I thought that Keke Palmer did an incredible job as Akeelah. I found the movie funny, tender and empowering. Laurence Fishburne is strong as Akeelah's spelling coach and Angela Bassett is just right as the harried mother. This is truly a movie for the entire family. It is one of those rare films that has a lesson for kids and parents alike. You'll also learn a few new words, too!

— Dan Basiglio, LAPD

Theater Review



The Black Rider

By Hunter S. Thompson and Tom Waits, *Musical*
Abmanson Theatre, Through June 11

My Score: 2.5 (out of 5)

This was one weird musical! Some of the hair, makeup and costumes were just fabulous. A few of the male characters I really enjoyed and would love to see at a Halloween party. Some of the musical numbers had really good beats. But the women characters were way too odd and some of them, I just did not get. The story was rather simple, but what a creative, imaginative, weird way to tell it.

— G. Seltzer, DWP

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Kudos!

Craig V. Bloomquist, Director, Office of Accounting, has been selected as one of the recipients of the 2006 Career Service Award.

Craig will be recognized by the City Council at the awards ceremony to be held Friday, May 19, at 10 a.m. in the Council Chambers. Congratulations, Craig!

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Leaving the Neighborhood

■ Parker Anderson retires from Neighborhood Empowerment after 31 years of service.

Photos courtesy Shanon Hoppes, Commission Executive Assistant

NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT — Friends, family and co-workers celebrated the retirement of Parker Anderson April 12 at El Cholo Café in Los Angeles. Parker has worked for the City for more than 31 years. He retired as Chief Management Analyst.

The Club thanks Kevin McNeely, Senior Management Analyst, and Shanon Hoppes, Commission Executive Assistant, for their assistance.

Congratulations from the Club, Parker!



Retiree Parker Anderson.



From left: Melvin Canas, Manuel Durazo, Mark Lewis, Claudi Dunn and Marco Perez.



From left: Barker Khoransanee, Ernest Tidwell and Matt Buguy.



From left: Parker Anderson and Margaret Gonzalez.



From left: Rita Moreno and Darren Martinez.



From left: Claudia Dunn and Parker Anderson.



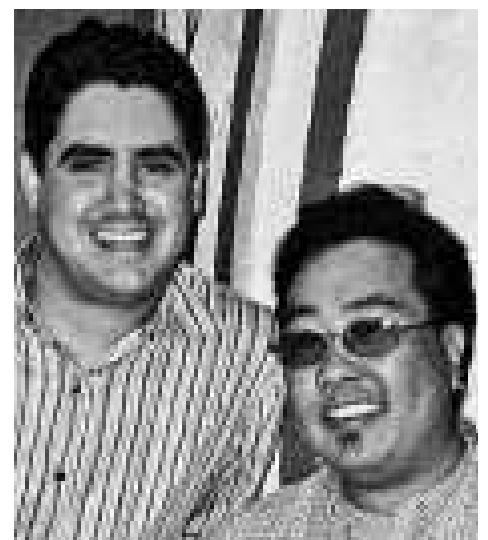
From left: Gwen Poindexter, Melvin Canas, Manuel Durazo and Christine Jerian.



From left: Kibibi Connor and Dawn Fields.



From left: Lisette Covarrubias and Claudia Esparza.



From left: Jon Martinez and Mitch Fujiwara.

Ed Fletcher Retires



■ **Club Member Ed Fletcher retires from DWP after almost 30 years.**

*Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor
Photos by Michelle Moreno, Events Guru*

DWP — Family, friends and coworkers came together March 30 for a retirement luncheon in honor of Edward Fletcher, who retired after almost 30 years of City service.

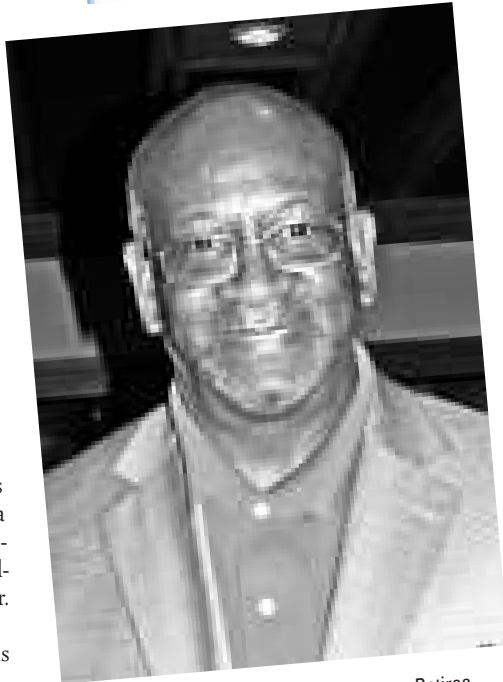
The luncheon took place at the San Antonio Winery.

Ed started with Public Utility and Transportation (PUT) in 1977 as an Alarm Signal and Telephone Electrician. He later transferred to Fire Dispatch as a Communications Electrician. From there he transferred to Data Transport, then the Data Section. He was promoted to Senior Communication Electrician followed by Supervisor, finally to Senior Supervisor. He made his transition to the DWP in 2003.

His outgoing title is Telecommunications Supervisor.

Congratulations, Ed!

And the Club thanks David Abar for his assistance.



Ed Fletcher, Telecommunications Supervisor, Retiree, Club Member.



From left: Bill Martin, Communications Electrician, DWP, Club Member; Doug Haynes, Communications Cable Supervisor, DWP; Daniel Ausherman, Communications Cable Worker; and Bruce Collins, Toolroom Worker, DWP, Club Member.



From left: Ed Fletcher, Telecommunications Supervisor, Retiree, Club Member; and John Collier, Telecommunications Manager, DWP.



From left: John Stirnkorb, Communications Electrician; Ernie Formanes, Communications Electrician, DWP, Club Member; and Art De Guzman, Communications Electrician, DWP.



From left: Paul Johnson, Communications Electrician, Club Member; Art Davila, Communications Electrician, DWP, Club Member; and Bob Sanchez, Retired LAFD.



From left: Hector Coronel, Communications Electrician Supervisor, ITA, Club Member; Lawrence Montoya, Sr. Communications Electrician Supervisor, ITA, Club Member; and Rito Cisneros, Communications Cable Supervisor, ITA, Club Member.



From left: Dwight Fletcher, brother of Ed Fletcher (Dwight flew all the way down to surprise Ed); Eric Fletcher, son; Mary Fletcher, wife; and Ed Fletcher, Retiree, Club Member.



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Mann Theaters - GOOD ANY TIME	\$9.00	\$7.00 x	= \$	
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	Retail Price	Club Price	Quantity	Total
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Boomer's Family Fun Centers - All day Pass	\$20.00	\$14.00 x	= \$	
California Adventure - Adult	\$56.00	\$49.00 x	= \$	
<i>Good through 12/14/06</i> - Child 3-9	\$46.00	\$44.00 x	= \$	
Catalina Island Express (Round Trip) - Adult	\$54.00	\$45.00 x	= \$	
<i>Through 12/31/06</i> - Child	\$41.50	\$37.00 x	= \$	
<i>Not valid 5/26-5/29, 6/30-7/4, 9/1-9/4</i>				
Catalina Sightseeing - Adult	\$23.00	\$18.40 x	= \$	
<i>Choice of 2 tours: Avalon Scenic, Casino, Daytime Glass Bottom Boat or Sea Rocks Cruise. Seasonal. Through 12/31/06. Ticket not valid 5/26-5/29, 6/30-7/4, 9/1-9/4. Black out dates apply.</i> - Child	\$11.50	\$9.20 x	= \$	
Disneyland - Adult	\$56.00	\$49.00 x	= \$	
<i>Good through 12/14/06</i> - Child 3-9	\$46.00	\$44.00 x	= \$	
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Legoland - Adult	\$41.95	\$31.95 x	= \$	
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<i>Through 12/31/06</i> - Child 4-12	\$7.00	\$4.00 x	= \$	
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<i>Buena Park Location</i> - Child 4-11	\$6.95	\$3.95 x	= \$	
San Diego Zoo - Adult	\$32.00	\$25.00 x	= \$	
<i>Good through 3/31/07</i> - Child 3-11	\$19.75	\$15.75 x	= \$	
Sea World San Diego - Adult	\$53.00	\$41.25 x	= \$	
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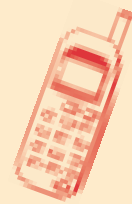
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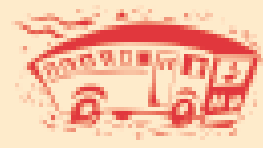
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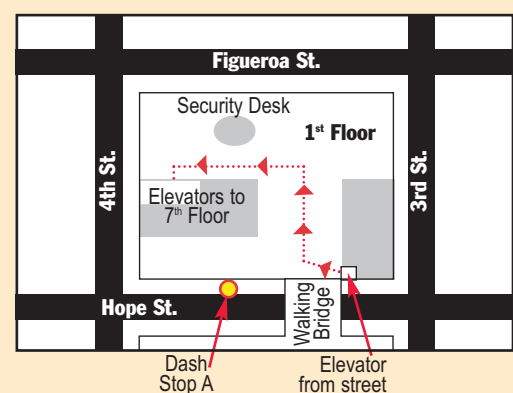


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