

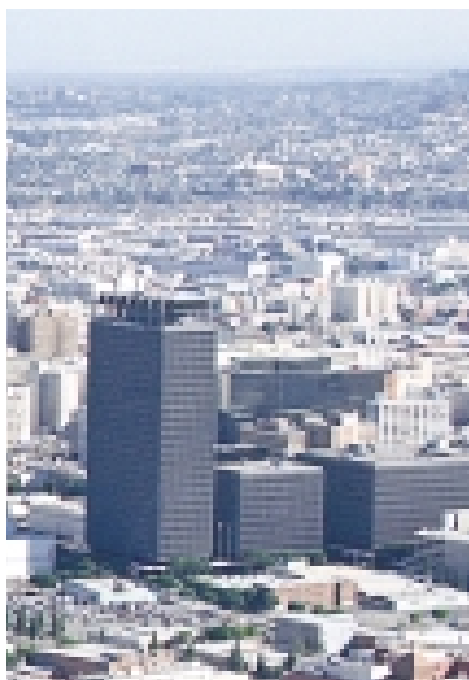
City's Plan To Purchase TransAmerica Building Downtown Excludes LAPD Use

■ **City Council approves plan with provision that building is not used for LAPD headquarters.**

The Los Angeles City Council voted June 16 to purchase the TransAmerica building, with the condition that it would not be used as a temporary or permanent headquarters for the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD).

Councilwoman Jan Perry, who had originally supported the possibility of an LAPD move to the TransAmerica building, successfully passed an amendment that directed the CLA/CAO to report back on June 23 to the full council on additional sites for the LAPD Headquarters, offering alternatives to the First and Alameda site which the community opposes. Both departments will report on the

See *TransAmerica Building*, Page 12



Aerial view of the TransAmerica building in downtown.

CLUBFEST 2004

Back to the Ranch for More **Food, Fun, Families ...** and Making Great Memories



■ **Buy tickets now for this favorite Club mega-event, which sold out last year. Early birds get discount, so don't wait. Attendance is limited.**

From the moment last year's ClubFest ended, the Club has been hearing two things:

■ It was a great success! Please have ClubFest back here at Calamigos Ranch again in 2004; and

■ When can I buy tickets?!

We heard you loud and clear, Club partners, and here we announce the good news: Mark your calendars for ClubFest 2004, Sunday, Oct. 3. The great event for families (and friends, too) will again be held at Calamigos Ranch in the hills overlooking Malibu.

New for 2004:

Even more space, and more activities!

But more on that in a minute. First, there's an early-bird discount on tickets, which are still modestly priced to encourage all families to come. If you buy your tickets between now and Aug. 31, here are the prices:

■ \$5 for Club members and children under 13

■ \$10 for adults who are not Club members

After August 31, the cost goes up to \$10 per person, for everyone. Tickets to Calamigos Ranch are valued at more than \$40 per person, so the Club is passing on to you a significant discount. That's a Club trademark!

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by **John Hawkins**
COO, The Club



Enjoy Summer With Ticket Guy Discounts

Summer is here, and now is the time to see what Southern California has to offer! But most importantly, when you start making plans for the likes of SeaWorld, Aquarium of the Pacific, Golf 'n' Stuff, San Diego Zoo, Raging Waters or just a trip to the movies, make sure you call the Ticket Guy first to ensure you get the best price possible. Remember, we do not mark up ticket prices, we sell them for what we buy them for. Let the Club help you save money when you have fun this summer!

Hats off to a job well done by Ed Harding and his crew for putting on the ever-so-successful RLACEI Retirees Golf Classic. Ed and his crew are masters at making life fun for retirees; keep up the good work, Ed! (See the whole story and many pictures on pages 9-11.)

Just as *Alive!* has grown, so has the Club staff. I am very pleased to introduce to you our two newest Member Service Counselors: Jorge Suarez and Elizabeth Montes. Both are now in the field after having just finished our extensive training program here at the Club. Their job is to inform and educate every City employee not only about the Club, but about how the Club can financially protect your families through the proper mix of insurance

products that we so proudly offer. Read about Jorge and Liz later on page 13, as well.

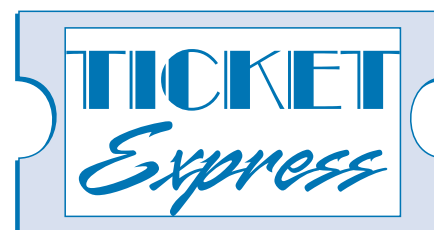
Make it a habit and never let a month go by without reading our newest column, "Michelle on the Move: Events 411." Our very own Michelle Moreno will be your guide to the fun things going on in this great City of Los Angeles for you and your family. See her column on page 14.

Also, make sure you read about the Club staff in action at the Hope For Firefighters event. Beverly Haro, the Club Members Services Representative for the LAFD, led the Club's "Firefighter Muster Team" through the Bucket Brigade, Firefighter Suit-Up

competition and the Old-Fashioned Hose Pull Contest. We didn't win this year, but we'll be back in 2005!

Lastly, don't forget, our third annual ClubFest is approaching! This year it will be on Sunday, October 3. Turn back to the front page to read about all the details (if you haven't already) and to order tickets. ClubFest has become a premier event for the entire City employee family. We are proud to provide it to our members and their loved ones. Make it a yearly tradition!

Now go have an excellent July! 🍷



See page 39 for members only discount ticket deals.

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Have a number you'd like us to include? Send it in: alive@cityemployeesclub.com

Member Benefits

■ As a member of the Club you have access to a host of valuable services and products:

Discount Tickets

- TICKET EXPRESS: Buy tickets by Phone, Mail, or Web site
- Theme parks and attractions (up to 70% off!)
- Movies - all major screens (up to 50% off!)
- Plays, musicals, the arts, sports events

Alive! Newspaper

- Births, weddings, retirements and deaths
- Free Classifieds
- Retirees Corner
- News that matters!
- Department of the Month
- Opinion column
- Movie reviews
- Organized Club information

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Look for new services and products to be added soon!



Club Card

• Show your card and save at Club Partner businesses throughout Los Angeles.

Get Ready for Fun, Food and Prizes at This Year's ClubFest 2004

ClubFest

Continued from Page 1

Tickets may be purchased by Club members only, who are welcome to bring their friends and family. But remember, everyone needs a ticket.

Last year, the Club moved the event to the sprawling Calamigos Ranch in the hills overlooking Malibu to make sure there was plenty

"On a scale of one to 10, [ClubFest] was a 10-plus"

— *Tecumseh Shackelford, an attendee of last year's ClubFest*

of room, clean sunshine and fresh air for everybody; and the Club also strictly limited the total attendance. Both were great moves, according to feedback from Club members. For 2004, the Club expects to use even more space at Calamigos, and therefore is able to open the great ClubFest to more members, without crowding everyone. Get ready for a wonderful afternoon!



Here are some comments from several attendees last year:

"This is just a great picnic," said Charlotte Bullock, a Club member and Senior Clerk Typist at ITA. She was sitting at a picnic table in the comfortable shade with the self-described "Fab 3"—herself, Rosie Delgado and Robin Cannon, a System Aide in ITA and Club member.

"It's great for families, great for everyone," Charlotte continued. "It's wonderful, the way it should be. Everyone is free to do what they want. Look at all those kids," she said, indicating the hundreds of kids frolicking with the foam machine. "It's all so carefree."

"Nobody wants to go home."

"On a scale of one to 10, it was a 10-plus," said Tecumseh Shackelford, a Club member and retired DWP employee. "You can't beat it," he continued. "We want to come back here [Calamigos Ranch] again next year. Please!"

You got it, Tecumseh!



Don't Horse Around: Register Today

"We are delighted that so many people loved how we improved ClubFest last year," says John Hawkins, Club COO. "It's going to be even greater this year for Club members to bring their families into the fresh air, eat lots of good food and have a great time. "See you there!"

Check out the fantastic things you'll be able to do at ClubFest 2004:

Food

- Shredded roast beef smothered in barbecue sauce
- French rolls
- Barbecued chicken
- Fresh grilled corn
- Hot dog bar with chili and all the fixings
- Potato salad
- Crispy California garden salad
- Seasonal fruit salad
- Unlimited soda, lemonade, iced tea and coffee
- Unlimited popcorn
- Unlimited ice cream bars, Popsicles and juice bars

- Swimming pool with lifeguards
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Moonbounce
- Prize bingo (adult and children)
- A clown
- Coloring activities for the kids
- Music
- Dunk tank
- Face painters
- Petting zoo
- Foam machine
- Hayrides
- "Sumo" wrestling
- The famous "Orbotron"
- Pony rides
- Merry-go-round
- Puppet show

Entertainment

- Horseshoes
- Ping-pong
- Tetherball
- Paddle boats

Great Raffle Prizes!

- Enter to win amazing prizes!

Calamigos Ranch: Happy Trails!

There is nothing like Calamigos Ranch in all of Southern California: It's 120 acres (that's as much as Disneyland) of open space and comfortable facilities made just for good food, lots of activities, and great family fun. It's the perfect

place to get away from the hustle and bustle of the city for an afternoon.

Nestled into the hills above Malibu, Calamigos Ranch has been family-owned for decades. It's the perfect place for Club families to come and have and have a great time. 🐾

Buy Your Tickets Early Partner!

What: ClubFest 2004

Where: Calamigos Ranch, above Malibu

When: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3

Who: Club members and their families and friends.

Cost: \$5 for Club members, \$10 each for other adult guests (13 and older), \$5 each for children 12 and under; free for children 3 and younger.

Sign up early: All admission prices rise to \$10 after August 31.

How to purchase tickets: Registration forms will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Complete a registration form and mail it in or drop it off (with payment) at the Club Office, World Trade Center, 350 S. Figueroa St. Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071. Or, call the Ticket Hotline, (888) 777-1744.

Ticket order forms are available: at the Club office; at the Club's Website (www.cityemployeesclub.com); in this issue of *Alive!* on page 19; or ask your Counselor.

No tickets will be available the day of the event. All tickets must be purchased in advance.

Note: The Club will do everything it can to gather submissions, but it cannot be responsible for lost or misdirected mail.

Members Speak Out

Letters Come In:

Members Appreciate The Service They Received From Club



■ "The Club was] very helpful, thank you. When I would call and ask for help in any way, you were there for me. Thank you."
— Virginia Erekson

■ "Very good. I was treated with respect; the City Employees Club was very helpful, for which I thank you."
— Mary Oglesby

■ "Excellent. You were there for me, you answered all my questions, addressed all of my concerns. Dealing with insurance companies can be tough sometimes, but your knowledge and professionalism made it doable. You never got mad or irritated at me because of all of the phone calls."
— Leslie A. Trammel

■ "Very good. The Club was very informative as to what to expect and which forms to complete. You were always there to help."
— Guadalupe Reyna

■ "I am very satisfied with the service offered at LACEA. I never have difficulty reaching someone who is knowledgeable and can address my concerns. The process of applying for benefits was handled easily and professionally by Cecilia Camacho. Having professional and courteous service from LACEA makes it easy for me to recommend LACEA to other city employees."
— Gary Bishop

WRITE TO US TODAY!

Send your letters by email to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com or conventionally:

The Club, World Trade Center, 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700,
Los Angeles, CA 90071



Harbor Employees Club Hosts Bi-Annual Luau

More than 83 employees and 93 guests enjoyed the semi-annual Luau, hosted by the Harbor Dept. Employees Club (HDEC). The Club was happy to be there and to have donated a raffle prize.

The event was held June 4 at the Harbor Administrative Building.

Entertainment provided by Island Royalty: hula dancers, fire dancers, and band. HDEC raffled off 20 prizes to the employees.

The Club donated an X-box video game console, and Club travel partner Cruise and Resort donated Carnival Cruise travel gear.

The history of the event, as remembered by Jessica Bautista, president of the Harbor Dept. Employees Club: "I'm not sure when the luau first started, but from what I could remember we used to always have an event for Cinco de Mayo. The luau started when Cinco de Mayo fell on a weekend and we decided to have an event closer to summer.

"The employees liked the idea of having a luau, but also liked the fiesta theme, so we decided to alternate between the two events —

odd years are for the fiesta, and even are for the luau."

Bautista chaired the event, with the help of the following HDEC members and volunteers: Christine McMillan (treasurer), Lori Gastelum (member), Rene Rodriguez (vice president), Enoch Samuel (volunteer), Holly Carlson (secretary), Beth Adamik (member), Gabe Silva (member), Marisa Trutanich (member), Emma Gonzalez (volunteer), Linda Jimenez (volunteer), Geraldine Yu (volunteer), Joanna Rios (volunteer), Lucy Correa (volunteer), Rhonda Wheelwright (volunteer), Aimee Ebro (volunteer), Pauline Hospe (member), Denise Galaz (volunteer), and Martin Lovato (volunteer).

Our Construction and Maintenance Carpentry and Paint Crews (Dave Chrisman, Enoch Samuel, Albert Robles, Willy Brown, Mike de Lang, David Higgins, Rick Blake, Phil Sandoval) designed and made our Tiki hut and surfboard decorations, which we have used for many of our events. 🏖️



From left: Ray Alibiado, Engineering; Lanie Umali, Public Works; David Walsh, Engineering; James Davis, Construction; Tom Asuncion, Engineering; and Henry Martinez, Engineering.



The buffet line.



From left: Scott Gaines, Port Police, and his wife Minerva.



From left: Sarah Parducho and Jandro Parducho.



From left: Brad Downing and Beth Adamik, Accounting.



From left: Alex Velez, Maria Velez, Connie Torres and Martha Torres.



Back row, from left: Holly Carlson and Jessica Bautista. Front: Louise Maes and Titi Abdurahman.



From left: Margaret Hernandez, Director of Contract and Purchasing; and daughter Jacqueline Padilla.



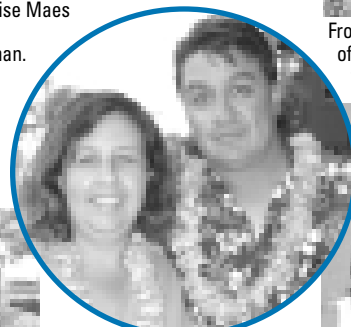
From left: Bruce Seaton, Chief Operating Officer; Jessica Bautista, President of Harbor Dept. Employees Club; and Bob Henry, Public Affairs.



From left: Norma Banuelos; Enedina Rodriguez, Engineering; Francisco Rodriguez, husband of Enedina; Sara Rodriguez; and Lorena Banuelos.



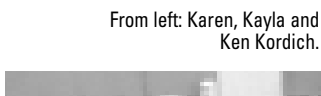
From left: Bud and Marie Renner, and Glenn Martin.



From left: Cecilia and Jose Estrada, C&M.



From left: Delaine and Eric Keller, Engineering.



From left: Karen, Kayla and Ken Kordich.



Back row, from left: Lee Scarver, and Lyndon Bailey, C&M. Front: Rachel Bailey and Alice Jordan.



From left: Helen and Willie Brown, C&M Carpenter.



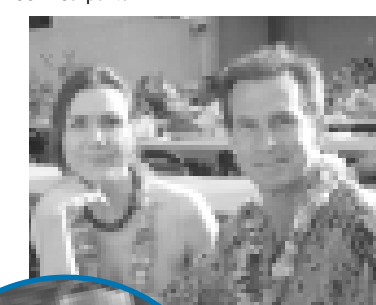
Jessica Bautista, President of Harbor Employees Association, delivering the opening remarks.



From left: Rose Jefferson; Ruth Sandoval; Phillip Sandoval, Paint Shop; Wilbur Jefferson; and Amado Sandoval.



Back row, from left: Marlene Salandanan, Accounting; Amando Barreno, Accounting; and Dmitri Zaferes, Engineering. Front: Myrna Diaz, Accounting; Linda Jimenez, Wharfinger; Jessie Palicte, Engineering; and Carmen Bognot, Engineering.



From left: Cornelia Schwadtmann and Ralph Tuckfield, C&M diver.



From left: Anasuya Konareddy; Prashant Konareddy, Engineering; and Laxman Konareddy.



From left: Pete Eneliko, band member; and John Bobic; Gloria Geran; and Gloria Estrada.



From left: Librada Martinez, Engineering; and Jose Barragan.



Back row, from left: Scott Wilson, Engineering; Laura Leon, Engineering; and Barry Harboyan, Engineering. Front: Jill Demontagnac, Construction; Norah Garcia, Engineering; and Adrienne Fedrick, Engineering.



From left: Craig Haneybone; Daniel Shima; and Front Gabriel Silva, Departmental Management.



Let the party begin!

Political Forum



Keeping Tax Dollars At Home Helps to Preserve Our Future

By Alex Padilla, Los Angeles City Council President, Councilmember, District 7

For the past ten years, Los Angeles City and County have been under assault. We haven't been under assault by rouge nations or outside invaders – but by our very own elected leaders in Sacramento.

During that ten-year timeframe, local cities and municipalities statewide have lost more than \$40 billion in tax money – your tax money – that came into local coffers from property tax and other sources of revenue.

This past January, the Governor announced that in order to help balance the State budget, the State would be seizing \$1.3 billion each year from local governments across California – translating to a \$49 million annual hit to the City of Los Angeles alone. This is \$49 million that will not be going to pay for police and fire protection, \$49 million that will not be funding much-needed parks and libraries, and \$49 million that won't be going into local road repairs.

We understand the State faces a monumental challenge in balancing its budget, and it's certainly not a crisis that we would wish upon anyone. But Sacramento should not be balancing its budget on the backs of cities and counties.

In Los Angeles City and County, with annual budgets of \$5.4 billion and \$17.1 billion respectively, we have found ways to exercise leadership and mustered up the wherewithal to make the tough decisions so that we don't run up colossal deficits. Being penalized by Sacramento for our financial responsibility isn't just nonsensical – it's just wrong. This reverse Robin Hood scenario is one that has drawn the ire of leaders throughout California, who have never understood why our State government would want to inflict this fiscal pain on the very communities they serve.

But today in Sacramento, the winds of change are blowing in just as quickly as the Tule Fog. Under a proposal negotiated between the Office of the Governor and the League of California Cities – an association of local governments up and down the State – we are prepared to make temporary sacrifices. The sacrifices are small considering what we would receive in return: a guarantee from the Governor that he would support a constitutional amendment that would prohibit the State from seizing local tax dollars originally intended for local programs and services.

This new proposal would allow for cities and counties to help bail out Sacramento for the next two years for a total of \$2.6 billion. In exchange for the \$2.6 billion in payments, we would have an ironclad guarantee of the

Council District 7 includes these communities:

- Sylmar
- Lake View Terrace
- Pacoima
- North Hills
- Mission Hills
- Panorama City

Governor's support for a constitutional amendment that would prohibit unilateral raids of local coffers by State entities. What's more, the State would repay local cities \$520 million in fiscal year 2006-07 as a demonstration of good faith as a partial repayment of previous tax seizures. That would result in up to \$69 million for the City of Los Angeles alone.

That's why we're urging the State Legislature to draft a constitutional amendment that would take the form of a ballot measure in November. Since it is a constitutional amendment, the change would require a two-thirds vote of the Legislature, as well as a majority vote of the public.

Unlike many items on the ballot these days, this particular measure would not raise your taxes – in fact, it would give cities and counties the access to the tax revenue already earmarked for them. Without the threat of the State taking that money away, cities and counties have less of a need for additional revenue.

Moreover, passage of this constitutional amendment wouldn't give one more dime to government – it would merely ensure that the State couldn't dip into our wallets and pocket-books. School and highway funding would not be affected, either.

Luckily, the Governor has been very receptive to the leadership of cities throughout California, and has shown a willingness to compromise and take the plight of local government into account when making the tough decisions that are necessary to help move the State forward.

Sacramento is finally showing it's ready to act responsibly. Let's capitalize on this opportunity and preserve California's future for the years to come. ■

Alex Padilla is the president of the Los Angeles City Council, is the second vice president of the California League of Cities, and is chair of the League's Latino Caucus.

Councilman Smith, Mayor Hahn 'Pool' Their Resources to Cool Off Northridge



An artist's rendering of the new Northridge aquatic center.

Pair acts to rebuild quake-damaged swimming pool. Opening date for new facility not announced.

Councilmember Greig Smith and Mayor James K. Hahn formally announced June 7 that the Northridge Pool will not only once again hold water, but is well on its way to becoming the premiere aquatic facility for the Northwest San Fernando Valley.

Councilman Smith has been on a determined quest to secure funding to rebuild the Northridge Pool, which has not been open for a full summer since 1999. The pool sustained what was thought to be minor damage after the 1994 Northridge earthquake. After many attempts at repairing cracks, it was found that the entire pool was structurally unsound, its foundation having washed away, leaving the pool virtually "floating."

"Giving this pool back to the community was more than a campaign promise, it was personal," said Councilman Smith. "I wanted the children and families of this community to enjoy the same experience my own children had growing up in the Valley. A neighborhood pool is more than just a place to swim – it's about bringing families together, building friendships and creating lifelong memories."

The new Northridge Aquatic Center will feature a large pool for laps and swimming lessons, as well as a zero depth pool, which is handicapped-accessible and equipped for

activities for younger children. In addition, there will be a new lifeguard office, first aid station, new restrooms, showers, private changing rooms for family use and an equipment room.

"After sustaining severe damage more than ten years ago during the Northridge Earthquake, the Northridge community is finally on the road to rebuilding and reopening their community pool," said Mayor Jim Hahn. "While the majority of the City's 59 swimming pools are able to provide our neighborhoods, especially kids and seniors with a place to cool off, get some exercise, and enjoy the beautiful weather, we are working diligently to secure funding to ensure that we re-open closed pools and fix ailing pools throughout the City for everyone to enjoy."

The \$4.8 million price tag for the Aquatic Center has been gathered together from seven funding sources, including Prop 40, Prop K, Seismic Bonds, Sites and Facilities money as well as a General Fund contribution. The Northridge Pool is a seasonal facility, with July and August being the peak months for usage. For summer 1999, the last full summer that the pool was open, there was a total attendance of 16,538, of which 14,150 were children 17 and under. The pool caters to the immediate surrounding community with the exception of the day campers of the Northridge Recreation Center, who travel from all parts of the Valley. Approximately 12,000 children from Northridge use the pool. ■

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Asian Pacific American Month Culminates in Gala Ceremony

■ **Event May 26 at the Petersen Automotive Museum honors Asian Pacific American Heritage in Los Angeles.**

A gala event May 26 at the Petersen Automotive Museum honored celebrities and non-celebrities alike as part of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

"Los Angeles has the distinction of being one of the most culturally diverse cities in the nation," the Mayor said. "Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders enrich Los Angeles through social, educational, political, scientific and cultural contributions to our City."

"This year's theme, 'Arts, Entertainment and Technology,' highlights some of the core strengths of the community. I am honored to participate for the third year in a row in celebrating this great heritage."

Honorees included:

■ **Journalism:** Yet Lock, Vice President for City News Service

- **Business:** George Aratani, former owner of Mikasa & Kenwood
- **Sports:** Dr. Sammy Lee, Olympic Gold Medalist for diving
- **Health:** Dr. Gene Sekiguchi, first Asian American President of American Dental Association
- **Biotechnology:** Dr. Erlinda M. Gordon, Co-inventor of treatment for pancreatic cancer
- **Law:** Judge Lance Ito, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge
- **Literature:** Helie Lee, Author, "Still Life With Rice" and "In the Absence of Sun"
- **Sports Entertainment:** Rob Fukuzaki, Sports Newscaster
- **Film Entertainment:** Lou Diamond Philips, Actor
- **Arts & Culture:** Dream Pets, stuffed animal designed by Japanese factory workers in 1957

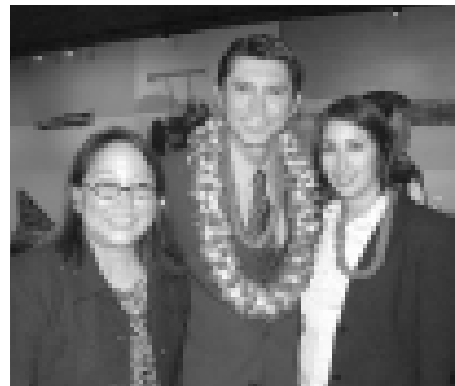
Here are some photos of the event. 📷



Thien Ho from the Los Angeles Dodgers receives award for contributing to the event.



Eric Robles, General Services.



From left: Terry Ogawa, Commission for Children, Youth and their Families; Lou Diamond Philips, Actor and Event Honoree; and Beverly Haro, City Employees Club Counselor.



Beverly Haro, City Employees Club Counselor, with Honorable Judge Lance Ito.



Mayor Jim Hahn, Honorary Chairperson, with Asian "princesses."



From left: Roella Louie, Retired CDD and Cultural Affairs; Jaime Truong, Building and Safety and President of the L.A. City Employees Asian American Association; Mei Ong, Dept of Sanitation; and Lillian Kawasaki, DWP Assistant General Manager.



Councilman Antonio Villaraigosa.



From left: Molly Dalva; Mei Ong, Dept of Sanitation; Maurice Dawkins, LAFD; and Jaime Truong, Building and Safety, President of the L.A. City Employees Asian American Association.

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Lou Arreola Retires From Gen. Services After 23 Years

Lou Arreola, who spent his City career with the DWP, Harbor and General Services, is retiring. A reception was held for him June 9.

The resolution presented to him read in part:

Lou Arreola, Asset Management Division, GSD, Real Estate Officer II, is retiring after 23 years of service, three years buy back of military (United States Navy) time.

He began his career as a civil engineering drafting technician for the DWP (Real Estates Division) on March 12, 1981, and was subsequently picked up as a real estate trainee for the Port of Los Angeles (Harbor Department, Property Management Division) in 1987; promoted as a real estate associate in 1989 (Tenant Services,

San Pedro, Wilmington, & Terminal Island); promoted to real estate officer II in 1991 as building manager in addition to Tenant Services.

In 1995 he transferred to the Department of General Services, Asset Management Division, as a real estate officer II to be closer to home. He performed leasing duties, and sale of City-owned surplus properties, in addition to property manager of City-owned residential structures.

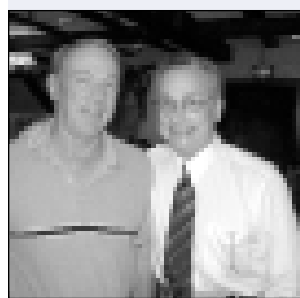
He maintained an excess of 800 hours of 100 percent sick time by virtue of his good attendance and minimal of sick time.

Congratulations, Lou, and have a great retirement.

Here are photos of the event. 📷



Lou Arreola, retiree.



From left: Frank Mercier; and Lou Arreola, retiree.



Back row, from left: Lethu Tran, GSD; Lavivanh Tang, GSD; and Bob Holloway, GSD. Front: Phil Tandreaux, GSD; Casey Woo, DWP; Sheungman Yeung, GSD; and Manny Zamora, GSD.



Back row, from left: Gilbert Flores, retired, Port of LA; Bob Almond, retired, Port of LA; and Bill Tilley, retired, Port of LA. Front: Wanda Flores; Rhonda Wheelwrigth, Port of LA; and Homer Lowe, retired, Port of LA.



Back row, from left: Minh Hang, GSD; and Lou Arreola, retiree. Front row: Daniel Knott, Harbor; and Michael G. Stewart, Facilities Manager.



From left: Jack Scott, GSD; Angela Yeung, GSD; Lourdes Owen, GSD; and James O'Camb, GSD.



From left: Steven Prihiztal, Asset Management/Real Estate Officer II; Lou Arreola, retiree; and David Roberts, Sr. REO.



Back row, from left: Ethelda Zari, GSD; and Amy Arnold, GSD. Front: Chuck Ruben, GSD; and Lynda Johnson, GSD.



From left: Frank Viramontes, Public Works; Reginald Jones-Sawyer, GSD; David Blakes, retired, DWP; and Phylis Weatherspoon, GSD.



From left: Laura Barrios, GSD; and Irene Saltzman, GSD.



Back row, from left: Gail Brown, GSD; and Cici Rogers, Exec Office, GSD. Front: Felicia Fuller, GSD; and Marta Madngal-Pfingsten, GSD.



From left: Irene Pickens, GSD; Theresa Tsai, GSD; Gemma Lopez, GSD; Joi Oubre, GSD; and Jerry Salanga, GSD.

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Retirees NEWS

Retiree Hotlines

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

City Employees Retirement System: (213) 473-7200

City Retirement Counselors:

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

DWP Retirement Plan Office: (213) 367-1722

For Retirees By Phil Skarin, RLACEI Publicity Chair

Membership NEWS

RECENT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Ivan and Elke Forbes, 50th in April; **Jimmy and Eugenia Bridges**, 65th in June; and **Harold and Fern Seidenstucker**, 60th next August. These are fantastic milestones of loving relationships.

Wyman Jones, former City Librarian, now living in Oregon, is busy writing books.

Ina-Mae Overman, Arroyo Grande, was the City's first construction inspector when she retired 27 years ago. Now, she is a painter who works have been sold all over the world.

Ed Harding's son, **Bill**, has retired from Street Maintenance and moved to Minden, Nevada. He warns that, before you move, check out the cost of available health insurance, or you might be in for a big shock!

If you have any news about a retiree that you'd like to share, send it to Phil Skarin at 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411, or call (818) 784-0130.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

SECURITY IS A TWO-WAY MIRROR

Security to many people consists of: being as self-sufficient as possible; being financially secure; not owing anything to anybody; being respected members of their church and community; and having a carefully chosen circle of friends. But, you can't enfold yourself in a virtual enclosure of security, and ignore the feelings and welfare of everyone else. We cannot be truly independent of people around us. They all play some part in shaping our lives. We all need each other. So, when you are reflecting on your successes, remember that security is a two-way mirror.



Negotiations with Health Care Providers For 2005 Are Proceeding 'as Scheduled'

by Phil Skarin, RLACEI Publicity Chair



Ed Harding, RLACEI President

Ed Harding, RLACEI President, welcomed 76 golfers to our 26th annual Retirees Golf Classic at the Alhambra Golf Course June 15. Following the golf, about 90 attended the awards luncheon in the

Almanson Court banquet room. Many awards and raffle prizes were distributed, thanks to the following sponsors: ACEBSA, The Club, LACERS, AFLAC, John Powell, Tom Stemnock, Bob Okuda and Phil Skarin.

Harding urges all members to mark Tuesday, August 12, on your calendar for our annual picnic at the Grace E. Simons Lodge at 1025 Elysian Park Drive, L.A. 90012. Picnic Chairman Americo Garza has arranged a fabulous barbecue from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. You may bring a guest, but you must make a reservation by calling one of the officers on the retirees helpline.

Harding recently attended a meeting of CALPERS in Ventura. They allow members to add the money they receive for unused sick time to increase the salary on which their retirement pay is computed. That would be an incentive to try to stay well!

Larry Jones, junior past president of RLACEI, and former director of the Bureau of Street Maintenance, passed away May 13, four days after celebrating his 90th birthday. He is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Helen, two children and five grandchildren. A funeral Mass was held in his honor on May 22 at St. Dominic's Church in Eagle Rock, attended by many friends, family and fellow RLACEI board members. He leaves a huge void.

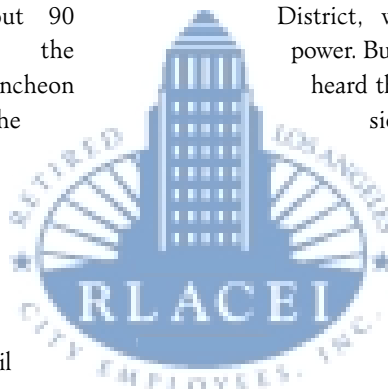
The 10th annual Retirees Poetry Contest will be held this year. Separate categories for members and spouses. Any style. Send typed copies to Phil Skarin, 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411 by Oct. 1. Everybody wins!

Legislative Update: Ken Spiker, our elected representative to the LACERS Board of Directors, is pleased to report that the negotiations with health care providers for 2005 are proceeding as scheduled.

Ken believes we will be able to keep all of our current coverages and benefits, with a minimum cost increase. Getting adequate

health plans for both private and governmental employees is a major problem nationwide. To cut costs, employers want to reduce benefits and/or pass on increased premium costs to employees. Thus, there are numerous employee strikes in various industries.

Retirees can't strike, thus we have very little leverage. We are spread out all over the Western states and only a small number of retirees live in each City Council District, with little voting power. But our voices will be heard through our professional representation.



We are also maintaining relationships with certain City Hall Union represen-

Coming events:

- Aug. 12** – Picnic
- Oct. 14** – Annual Corporation Meeting & Elections
- Dec. 9** – Christmas Party.

tatives, soliciting their help. Retirement benefits don't help their members now, but will when they retire. Especially helpful is Julie Butcher, General Manger, SEIU Local 347.

The LACERS fund has recovered more than 90 percent of the losses incurred in the last five years. The fund is 100 percent funded, which means it can cover all current and future retirement liabilities. Currently, the fund is in much better condition than the State or County retirement funds. ☐

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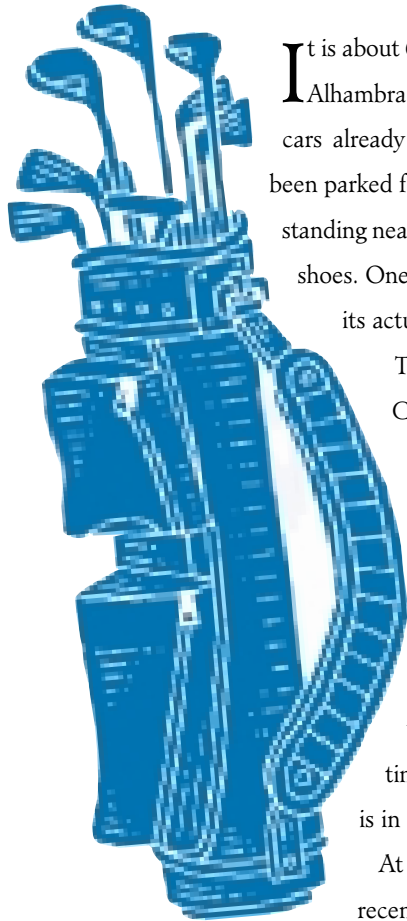
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RLACEI Throws Successful Golf Tournament on June 15



It is about 6:45 am and several cars quietly turn into the Alhambra Golf Course parking lot. There are several cars already there. Some just arriving and others have been parked for a few minutes with the owners of the cars standing near their car trunks with their golf bags and golf shoes. One would think this is a weekend morning, but its actually Tuesday.

This was the 26th annual Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc., Golf Classic at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course June 15.

There are a handful of retired City employees who connect once again to partake in a team environment, getting to work together again as a cohesive and collective unit just as they did when they were part of the City workforce. Except this time it is not in the City yards or offices, but it is in golf carts at the Alhambra Golf Course.

At the Alhambra Public Golf Course, retired recently or long ago join together for a brief few hours a year. Retirees like two-time defending RLACEI Golf Classic champion Dick Hovious, and Adam Birkenbach, who worked for Harbor and the DWP are longtime Golf Classic attendees and would find it hard miss the tournament. "It's more than playing golf, it is about getting together and revisiting with some of the people whom you worked with for decades in the City."

The Club gladly helped sponsor the golf tournament. "One of our goals is that we want to show our support to our retired City employees," Club COO John Hawkins said.

LACERS also sponsored this year's event. General Manager Robert Aguillo Jr., with several of his senior staff, attended the event.

Raffle and Trophy Winners included : Gil Alberio; Richard Cooper; Lilly Esparza; Jack Mathews; Ed Anderson; Mark Rose; Archie Estrada; Richard Telles; Ernie Robles; Joe Crunkleton; George Walker; Bob Gomez; Ray Jantz; Jess Molina; Hector Ramirez; Rich Malone; Hans Markus; Gail Draper; Gil Garnas; Cozetta J. Heard; Jeanette Nave; Jeffrey Jessee; Robert Aguillo; Rob Jacques; Dick Hovious; Ed Harding; Jack Mathews; Carmen Alva; and Phil Skarin.

Congratulations, RLACEI, on another successful golf tournament. Here are photos of the event. 📷



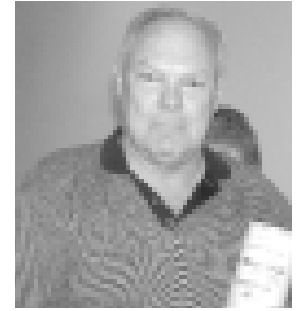
Trophy winners Ed Harding, Jack Mathews, Carmen Alva and Phil Skarin.



Raffle/trophy winner Hans Markus.



Raffle/trophy winner George Walker.



Raffle/trophy winner Rich Malone.



Raffle/trophy winner Jess Molina: Hector Ramirez.



From left: Tom Moutes, LACERS, 23 years; and Robert Sweeley, Airports.



From left: Robert Aguillo, General Manager, LACERS, 2 years; and Gary Mattingly, General Manager, Fire and Police Pensions, 37 years.



Jim Hamilton, LAPD, 32 years; and Gail Draper, Police/ITA, 40 years.



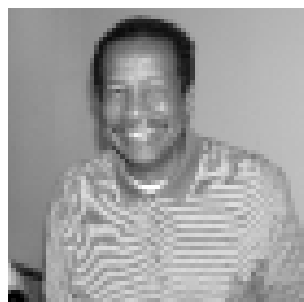
Raffle/trophy winner Bob Gomez.



Raffle/trophy winner Gail Draper.



Defending champion Dick Hovious, Building and Safety, 27 years.



Raffle/trophy winner Joe Crunkleton.



Shogi Fukuma, Public Works, 34 years.



Trophy winners Gil Garnas.



George Egami, 34 years.



Raffle/trophy winner Ray Jantz.



Walt Naydo, Public Works, 38 years.



Loren Meeche, ITA, 36 years; and Gozetta Heard, LAPD, 32 years.



Trophy winners Jeffrey Jessee and Robert Aguillo.



John Bobo, Bill Tramel and Norm Gottlieb.



Trophy winners Cozetta J. Heard and Jeanette Nave.

Retirees NEWS



RLACEI Golf Tournament



Glen Nave, Public Works, 34 years.



Tim Chavez, DWP, 16 years.



Ed Itagaki, Public Works, 32 years.



Al Tsuyuki.



Guests Ben and Jess Molina, brothers of Hector Ramirez.



Joe Markus, Transportation, 32 years.



Robert Gomez, Transportation, 31 years.



Trophy winners Rob Jacques and Dick Hovious.



Andy Pollard, Public Works, 36 years.



Adam Birkenbach, DWP/Harbor, 37 years.



From left: Lilly Esparza, LACERS, 35 years; and Gil Garnas, Public Works, 30 years.



Rich Molony, LAPD, 27 years.



Archie Estrada, Public Works, 35 years.



Hector Ramirez, Airports, 17 years.



Drew Sones, Sanitation, 30 years.



Earl Clark, Port of LA, 37 years.



Mase Beastron, Public Works, 32 years.



Mark Rose, Harbor, 10 years.



Horace Lumpkin, Building and Safety, 31 years.



Bill Schubert, Public Works, 35 years.



Gerald Tataki, Building and Safety, 33 years.



Richard Telles, Rec and Parks, 35 years.



Jack Mathews, General Services, 40 years.



Jerry Jessee, Safety Permits, 24 years.



Andy Hippert, Harbor, 35 years.



Guest Raymond Reyes, husband of Carmelia Reyes, LAPD, 30 years.



Robert Jacques, Public Works, 36 years.



Oliver Cunningham, Public Works, 30 years.



Doug Dow, Public Works, 32 years.



Charles Clement, Rec and Parks, 38 years.



Steve Hill, Public Works, 37 years.



George Walker, General Services, 30 years.



Earl Gales, Airports, 34.5 years.



Gary Mattingly, Fire and Police Pensions, 35 years.



From left: Alice Walden, Elections Division; and Helen Salgado, Housing, 35 years.



Phill Skarin, Public Works, 40 years.



Richard Cooper, Building and Safety, 12 years.



Nick Lieggi, General Services, 25 years.



Raffle/trophy winner Mark Rose.



Raffle/trophy winner Archie Estrada.



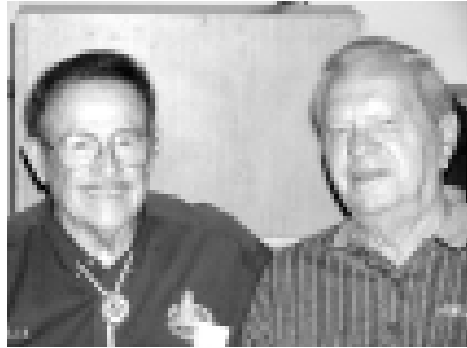
Gill Alberio, Harbor, 39.5 years.



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Robert Sweeley, Airports, 33 years; and Tom Mautes, LACERS, 20 years.



From left: Ed Harding, General Services, 34 years; and Ken Spiker, Chief Legislative Analyst, 28 years.



Dominic Rescineto, Building and Safety, 33 years.



Sandra Dyson, LACERS, 29 years.



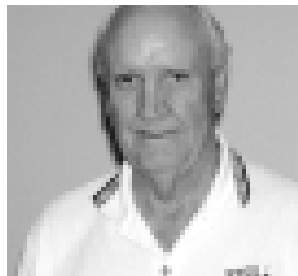
Walter Smith, Rec and Parks, 38 years.



Dan Gallagher, LACERS, 26 years.



Mark Blunk, LACERS, 14 years.



Raffle/trophy winner Richard Cooper.



Raffle/trophy winner Gil Alberio.



Tom Stemnock, City Planning, 14 years.



From left: Ray Jantz, City Planning, 38 years; and Jeff Jantz, LAPD, 20 years.



From LACERS, from left: James Aceron and LeLand Shen.



Raffle/trophy winner Lilly Esparza.



Raffle/trophy winner Jack Mathews.



Raffle/trophy winner Ed Anderson.



Raffle/trophy winner Ernie Robles.



Raffle/trophy winner Richard Telles.



Jeanette Nave, Engineering, 23 years.



From left: Club COO John Hawkins; and Ed Harding, President of RLACEI.



From left: Robert Aguillo, General Manager LACERS; and Ed Harding, President, RLACEI.

L.A. Natural History Museum In Need of Volunteer Docents

The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County seeks volunteer docents. It's a great opportunity with wonderfully satisfying returns! Give a little time as a museum docent and you just might inspire wonder in children, discover new knowledge for yourself, and share experiences with like-minded people.

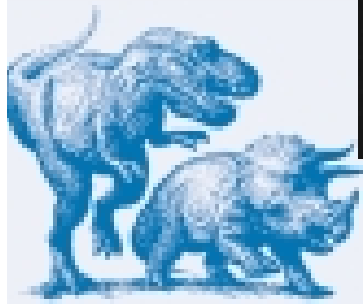
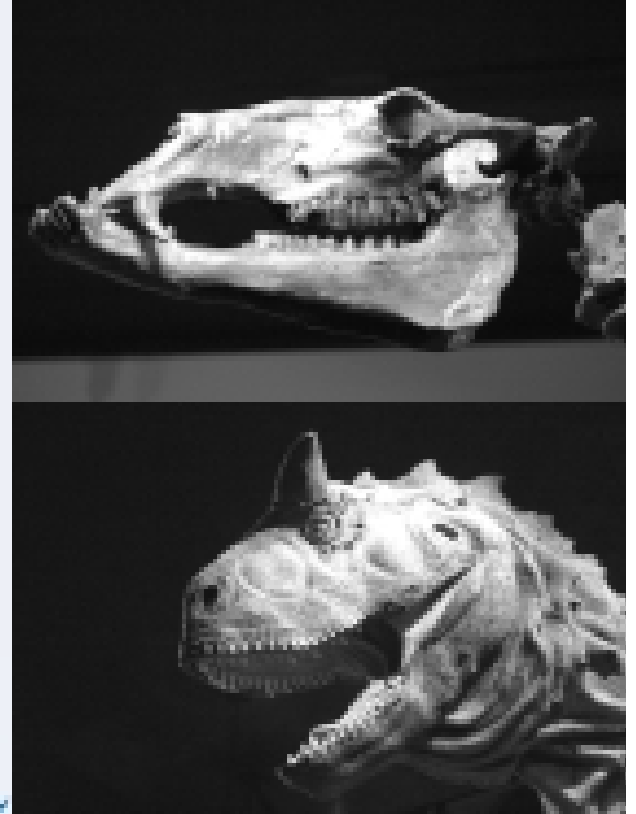
During the school year, docents enhance the museum experience of school children by introducing them to the museum's wonderful exhibits in one or more of 15 science and history halls. The museum's collections include dinosaurs, Native American cultures, mammals, California history, gems and minerals, marine biology and more.

Extensive training (26 weeks) is provided. Commitment is four hours one day per week the first year, two hours per week the second year.

Added perks include lectures, lunches, periodic visits to other museums and points of interest, and special museum events.

The museum is now accepting applications for its fall training class.

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TransAmerica Building

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alternative sites, which include: City Hall South, the Old Caltrans building, the former Rafi Cohen site, the flat behind the criminal courts building, and a site at First and Spring Streets.

"It is important that we look at all available alternatives. The new headquarters will be an integral part of our civic center and should meet both the needs of our City employees and our downtown community. With this in mind, we must focus on ways in which we can maximize the benefits for both groups," said Perry.

The alternatives were offered to ensure that the City develop the future LAPD headquarters at a site that had the least negative impact on neighboring communities. Both the Little Tokyo and Artist Community have expressed opposition to the development of an LAPD Headquarters at a proposed First and Alameda site, citing its proximity to museums, restaurants, homes, and the site of a future metro station.

Councilwoman Perry represents the Ninth Council District, which encompasses the most culturally diverse and vibrant communities in Los Angeles, including Bunker Hill, Little Tokyo and South Los Angeles. ■



Newsbrief

ETHICS UPDATE

Mayor Jim Hahn released a statement June 8 regarding the City Ethics Commission and efforts to curb campaign financing: "I am very pleased that the City Ethics Commission today voted to adopt my proposals that prohibit campaign consultants from being registered lobbyists and ban lobbyists from fundraising. By supporting these measures, the Commission is taking another step toward ensuring that special interests do not influence government decisions.

"I want to make sure that Los Angeles' ethics laws that assure integrity, fairness and accountability. I will continue to work with the Commission to create a comprehensive ethics package that is enforceable, effective and will keep Los Angeles at the cutting edge of ethics reform. I urge the commission to move quickly to support my proposals to ban campaign contributions from contract bidders and land use applicants, and require disclosure of fundraising conducted by elected officials." ■



LAFD Historical Society Lunch Features Olympic Torch Bearers

The LAFD Historical Society's luncheon June 16 featured refreshments, raffle prizes, a barbecue ... and a run-by featuring Olympic Torch Bearers.

The event was "an opportunity for all retired LAFD members to see the museum's outstanding artifacts, get an update on the current

status of the Memorial, acquaint guests with the history of the LAFD and reminisce about the good old days with long-lost buddies and newfound friends."

Proceeds benefited the Fire Museum and the Fallen Firefighters Memorial.

Here are photos of the event. ■



From left: Rebecca McCormick; John McCormick, Engineer, Medal of Valor 1969, 27 years; and Doug Brown, Captain II, 30 years.



A torch bearer with, from left, LAFD Chief William Bamattre, Councilmember Tom LaBonge, and an unidentified woman.



From left: Dr. Bob Scott, Department Psychologist and Director, Critical Incident Stress Management; and Raymond Case, guest.



Bob Clark, Auto Fireman, 23 years.



Firefighters of Fire Station 27 awaiting arrival of the Olympic Torch.



Lee Kableo, Commander, Fire Boat Ralph J. Scott, 32 years.



From left: Dana Laine; Norma Laine; and Shirley Laine.



Sports television personality Fred Roggin bringing in the Olympic torch after a one-mile run.

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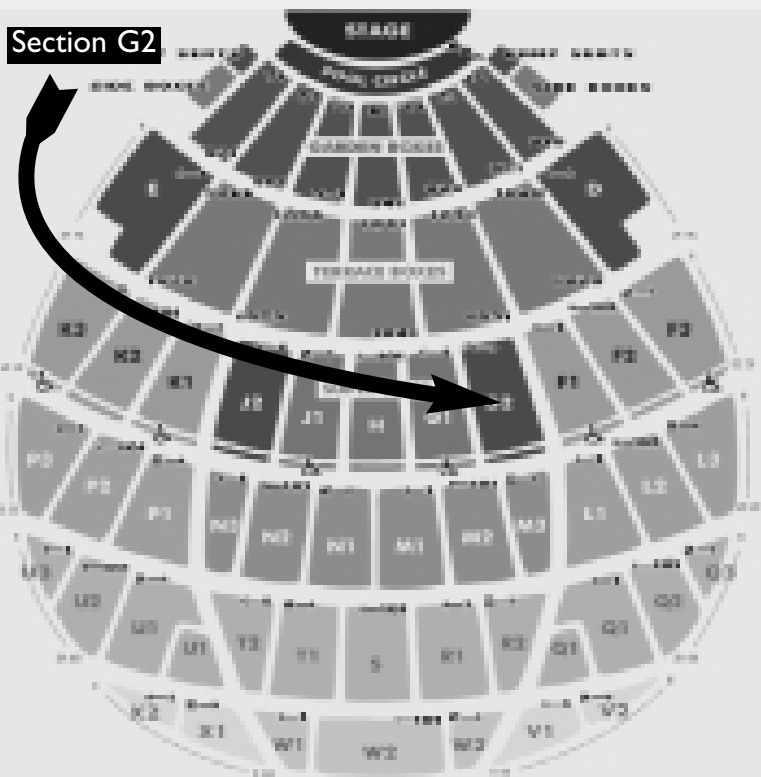
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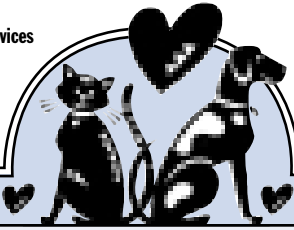
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by Jackie David, Public Information Director, L.A. Animal Services

The Pet Club



Coyotes Are City Dwellers, Too; It's Best to Stay Away From Them

■ In dealing with predatory animals, learn the concept of mutual distance respect.

We've heard it on the news lately: "coyotes on the prowl" or "coyote attacks children" or "coyote kills pets." We've also been taught that coyotes are headed into our cities to look for food and water because we have moved into their territories with new homes and buildings.

Wildlife officers have news for us: Many coyotes are now bred and born in the city where they have learned to adapt to a comfortable city life that provides easy water and a smorgasbord of eating delight. They are now city dwellers. Think I'm kidding? I'm not.

Let's start with a basic description of this extremely intelligent predator. The coyote looks similar to a tan colored shepherd-type dog. It has a long pointed muzzle, large ears and long legs. It is about the size of a regular to large dog, weighing anywhere from 18 to 40 pounds and can run at speeds of 25 mph. The coyote can also spring up to 40 mph.

Coyotes travel using horse trails, fire roads, aqueducts, flood control channels, freeways, erosion gutters, city streets and sidewalks. They are with us.

The coyote has adjusted to its shrinking habitat by living closer to us – in residential areas, abandoned property, city streets, parks, and on landscaped areas of the freeway system. It will go anywhere there is an abundant source of water and food, especially during dry, hot seasons when its natural food source tends to dwindle and we city-dwellers sure do love to feed our coyotes. Okay, their regular diet consists primarily of rodents, small mammals and insects. However, they are scavengers, and when they are hungry they will eat just about anything we humans like to put on their smorgasbord: fruit, vegetable matter, trash and yes, your small dog "Fifi" or cat or hamster or even your poultry, sheep and goat, when given a chance. Why not? The food's

there for the taking, right?

So, how do we deal with this smart and cunning animal? How would you deal with any wild animal? How about a mountain lion? How about some plain, mutual respect? After all, it has worked over the years, right? What does respect mean? In the animal world, simply this: mutual distance respect. That means, stay away from them as they will instinctively stay away from you. Make sense? Not to a whole lot of people who insist of feeding the poor animals and, in the process, endangering their neighbors and communities...definitely not a smart thing to do. Oh, and here's another tidbit: It is illegal to feed predatory wildlife, so if you see anyone doing that, make a note, take photos, videos, and turn them over to your local animal control agency.

Want to keep these animals away from you and your family and neighborhood? Here are a few tips:

- Stay away from coyotes and other wild animals. Do not attempt to pet or make contact with them.
- Never leave small children unattended around coyotes or other predatory animals.
- A wild animal that does not run from a human is probably ill or injured. Do not attempt to handle it.
- Do not handle dead animals.
- It is against the law to feed predatory wildlife, so don't do it!-- Carry an air horn, whistle, walking stick or cane to scare off the coyotes.
- Keep your property well lit at night.
- Close off crawl spaces under porches, decks and sheds, as coyotes like to use these areas for resting and raising their young.
- Get rid of that smorgasbord!
- Remove all food sources. Keep all outdoor trashcan lids securely fastened. Remove all excess trash or food waste that can attract rodents and coyotes.
- Pick backyard fruit as soon as it ripens. Keep rotten fruit off the ground.



- Do not leave pet food outdoors.
- Remove all water sources such as pet water bowls. Repair leaking outdoor faucets. Use pool covers. Do not leave water in bird-baths.
- Protect your pets. Do not allow them to roam. Keep small pets indoors at night or any other time when a predatory animal such as a coyote is known to be in the area. Walk your animals in well-lighted areas. Confine poultry and rabbits in covered enclosures constructed with heavy mesh wire.
- To prevent coyotes from entering your property, you can increase your fencing to at least eight feet. Build the fence so that it faces outward at a 45-degree angle. Bury the bottom of the fence at least six to twelve inches underground to prevent the

coyote from digging underneath.

Remember that coyotes are here to stay. The California Department of Fish and Game estimates a population range of 250,000 to 750,000 coyotes throughout the state, so there's no denying their existence. Understanding our coyotes and wild animals is key to safely and peacefully co-existing with them.

By the way, did you know that coyotes play a significant role in controlling our rodent population? Can you imagine the number of rats and rodents we'd have without our coyotes? I shudder to think. The bottom line is that we each, in our existence, serve a purpose, and mutual respect and understanding will help us all get along in the end – even for us humans. 🐾

Send Questions

Feel free to send questions and concerns to me, and I'll be happy to respond to them in my column. I'm excited about this, so don't hesitate!

Write to me at: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Jackie David, Public Information Director, L.A. Animal Services



Two New Counselors Enhance The Club's High Level of Service

■ Meet Liz Montes and Jorge Suarez, new counselors to serve the needs of Club members like you.

With Club membership and participation growing each and every month, the Club has added two new counselors to meet with current and potential Club members, to help them with their insurance and other requirements, and to get them what they need.

Here they are. Say hello when you see them: They're great people! (Check the back page of *Alive!* for which departments the two new counselors represent.) 🐾

Elizabeth Montes



Liz graduated from Cal State Long Beach, receiving her Bachelor's degree in art, with a minor in marketing in 2001. She has lived in Southern California for her entire life. She likes traveling, spending time with friends and family, reading and the movies, and she's a fervent Laker fan (sorry about the finals, Liz!).

"The Club reminds me of AAA Auto Club except it has the Nordstrom's touch," she says. "The staff is friendly and supportive."

As she describes it, the Club is unique in that it is like a family when compared to her corporate experience at E-trade Financial. She also worked for the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

She is excited to get to know the City employees and her departments. She looks forward to the responsibility of providing information and telling the story about the Club and Club membership to her departments.

Jorge Suarez



Jorge will be graduating from Cal State Los Angeles with a degree in marketing. He has lived in Miami and New York, and now lives in the Los Angeles area. He has a pit bull named Peetee and enjoys spending time with family and friends. He volunteers in the community, loves sports, is a boxing fanatic, and loves backyard barbecues.

The Club is a great value for the price. "I have saved more than \$40 in ticket purchases to movies and amusement parks in just a few weeks!" Jorge says.

"The staff is very supportive and goes beyond the norm to help City employees. It looks like they love Club members like they love a family member. I am excited to start my career with the Club and contribute to

the future of the City."

Jorge is eager and excited to meet the department he will be representing. "I can't wait to meet every person in the City and build relationships that will benefit the City employee and share my enthusiasm for what the Club stands for."



BY
Michelle Moreno,
City Events Guru

Michelle on the Move

EVENTS

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With Street Fairs and Classic Movies, July, August Are Ready for Family Fun

■ Hello folks!

Welcome back to Events 411! I hope your Independence Day was filled with fun times and lots of great food. Speaking of, did you try one of Chef Larios's great nacho recipes ... yum!

So in the last issue, I told you about great events such as the Pershing Square Summer Concert Series, the Annual Shakespeare by the Sea Presentation, and the Meet the Grunion event. If you didn't attend these in June, great news ... they are still happening in July and some even go through August. I sure had a fun time at the Meet the Grunion event. I've lived in Los Angeles all my life and never did this until now, so if you're like me and haven't seen the grunion, your last chance is July 18.

Other great events to mark your calendar with are the street fairs in August. From San Pedro to the Silverlake area – you can enjoy a day of food, fun, and live entertainment. So if you have time, check them out ... I know I will.

Lastly, for those of you who have children at home for the summer, Regal Cinemas and the Burbank Town Center are having a free family movie summer special. You can take your kids to see great family classics, all for free. Contact your local Regal Cinemas for more information or visit their website.

These are just some of the great events going on in the city. There's plenty to do out there, so what are you waiting for!

Enjoy the summer and I'll see you around L.A.

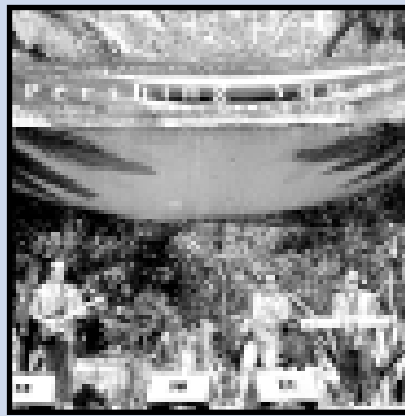
If you know of any events occurring in the Los Angeles, please send them in: michelleonthemove@cityemployeesclub.com

**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: mmoreno@cityemployeesclub.com or call me(800) 464-0452.



Michelle "really" on the Move at the Olympic Torch event in Venice.



Rocking out as part of the Pershing Square Summer Concert Series June 15 was Doc Rockit.



Mayor Hahn and Councilman Tom LaBonge carry the Olympic Torch near Venice Beach June 16.

July *Please note that some events run through August.*

American Heroes Airshow

Enjoy flight demonstrations and explore the helicopters from law enforcement, fire service, and military.

Date: July 17
Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Site: Hansen Dam Recreation Complex, Lake View Terrace
Free Parking
Cost: Free
More info: (818) 347-4577 or www.heroes-airshow.com

2nd Annual Los Angeles Time KidCity

Bring the kids for a day of literary fun and other exciting activities. Designed for kids (7-13) but feel free to bring anyone.

Date: July 17 – 18
Time: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Site: The Rose Bowl, 1001 Rose Bowl Drive, Pasadena
Parking is \$7 per car, \$15 for buses or oversize vehicles
Cost: Free
More info: (800) 350-3211 or www.latimes.com/extras/kidcity

Meet the Grunion

Come watch the silvery fish come up on the beach to spawn.

Date: July 18
Time: 8:00 p.m.-12:20 a.m.
Site: Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, 3720 Stephen White Drive, San Pedro
Cost: \$5/adults, \$1/seniors and children
More info: (310) 548-7562 or www.cabrilloaq.org

9th Annual Central Avenue Jazz Festival

Enjoy jazz, ethnic cuisine, and arts and crafts around the historic Dunbar Hotel.

Date: July 31 - August 1
Time: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. (Sat.), noon – 7:30 p.m. (Sun.)
Site: Central Avenue between 42nd and 43rd Streets
Cost: Free
More info: (213) 485-2437 or www.culturela.org

7th Annual Music by the Sea Concert Series

Spend your Sunday enjoying and dancing to varieties of music.

Date: Sundays, July 11 – August 1
Time: Noon – 2 p.m. and 3 – 5 p.m.
Site: Point Fermin Park, 807 Paseo Del Mar, San Pedro
Cost: Free
More info: (888) 527-2757 or www.laparks.org

Outdoor Picture Show

Bring the family for a free night of movie enjoyment – anything from Harry Potter to the Wizard of Oz. Call or visit the website for movie listings.

Date(s): Wednesdays: July through August 11
Time: 7 p.m.
Site: Burbank Town Center, IKEA Courtyard
Cost: Free
More Info: (818) 566-8617 or www.mediacitycenter.com, click on "events"

Annual Shakespeare by the Sea Presentation

Enjoy the works of Shakespeare under the night sky.

Date: Through August 14
Thursdays through Saturdays
Time: 7 p.m. (pre-show) and 8 p.m. (show)
Site: Point Fermin Park, 807 Paseo Del Mar, San Pedro and other locations, call or visit the website for more details
Cost: Free
More Info: (310) 217-7596 or www.shakespearebythesea.org

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: July through Mid-August
Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Time: 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"

19th Annual Summer Shakespeare Festival

Come for the wonderful stories of Othello, Romeo and Juliet, Macbeth, and more.

Date: Through August
Site: Various Venues
Cost: General Admission is free with canned food donation. First come first served.
More Info: (213) 481-2273 or www.shakespearefestivala.org
Please call or visit the Website for show information.

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): July through late September
Time: T/Th noon – 2 p.m.
Third Sunday of each month: 3 – 5 p.m.
Site: Pershing Square, 532 South Olive Street, Downtown L.A.
Cost: Free
More Info: (888) 527-2757 or www.laparks.org/pershingsquare/pershing.htm

Grand Performances

Enjoy award-winning performances for free during lunch or under the Downtown L.A. night sky.

Date(s): July through October
Time: Fridays: noon and 8 p.m.
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Cost: Free
More Info: (213) 687-2159 or www.grandperformances.org

August

The 16th Annual Taste of San Pedro

Come and enjoy a fun-filled day of food sampling, vintage cars and kid fun-filled activities.

Date(s): August 7 – 8
Time: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Site: Point Fermin Park, San Pedro – Free Parking
Cost: \$5/adults, \$3/seniors, military and children 4-17 years Free/children 3 years and under
Taste Tickets: \$1/each (food and drink items range from 1-6 tickets)
More Info: (310) 832-7272 or www.tasteinsanpedro.com

24th Annual Sunset Junction Street Faire

Celebrate the diversity of Los Angeles with food, entertainment, and a whole lot of fun at one of the largest street fairs in the city.

Date(s): August 21 & 22
Time: 10 a.m. – 11 p.m. (Sat.); 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. (Sun.)
Site: 3600 to 4400 blocks of Sunset Boulevard – Silverlake area
Cost: \$7 donation
More Info: (323) 661-7771 or www.sunsetjunction.org

19th Annual Los Angeles African Marketplace and Cultural Faire

Bring the family for a day of fun and education.

Date(s): August 21, 22, 28, and 29
Time: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Children's Village African Festival

Date(s): August 27
Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Site: Exposition Park, 3939 S. Figueroa St.
Cost: \$6/Adults, \$3/seniors & children under 10 accompanied by an adult
More Info: (323) 734-1164 or www.africanmarketplace.org

Learn how to fish this summer at the Cabrillo Beach Pier

Bring the kids for a day of fishing. Kids, ages 8 and up, will learn how to rig lines, tie hooks, how to bait, and cast their rods. Call for reservations.

Date(s): Monday thru Friday, August
Time: 9 a.m. – noon and 1 – 4 p.m.
Site: Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park, 25820 S Vermont Ave, Harbor City
Cost: \$5, cost includes equipment and bait.
More Info: (310) 548-7728

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We look forward to seeing you there.

At the Torch Rally

City employees gathered to help facilitate the running of the Olympic torch through the streets of Los Angeles. While *Alive!* watched the torch-bearers, we decided to feature some of the City employees who helped make it possible.

Thanks for your service to the City and the Olympic flame. 🇺🇸



Fire Station 63, from left: Alvin Engle, Don Nash, Rod Jackson and Captain Jeremiah C. Johnson.



Fire Station 63, from left: Daniel Lee, George Morgan, Howard Seow, Jeff Conyers (in truck) and Alvin Engle.

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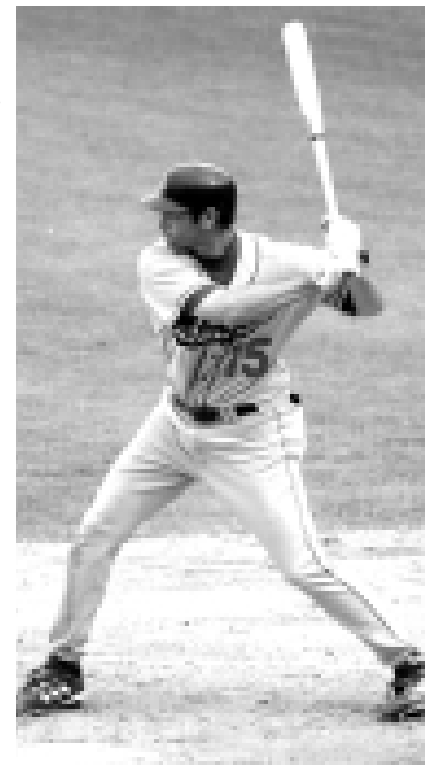
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Firemen Got Cooking For Charity at Department Cook-off Event June 3

LAFD firefighters showed off a bit of their prized cooking skills June 3 and raised approximately \$100,000 at a charity cook-off event in downtown Los Angeles, in which more than 4,000 Angelenos participated.

The LAFD held its seventh annual Block Party, "Hope for Firefighters Day," where LAFD firefighters teamed up with corporate sponsors to win the "best food booth" – and help raise money for the Los Angeles Fireman's Relief Fund. Organizers call it the nation's largest firefighter appreciation/fundraiser event.

The Club sponsored a team that had lots of fun participating in the many games and activities — the Firefighter Muster Games—at the event.

The block party was at 333 S. Hope St. in

downtown Los Angeles, in front of the British Petroleum building.

Cooks, crews and volunteers partnered with corporate sponsors to host a variety of food booths in the Corporate Firefighter Challenge. A panel of food tasters judged the local fire station cuisine, awarding top honors to the best food booth.

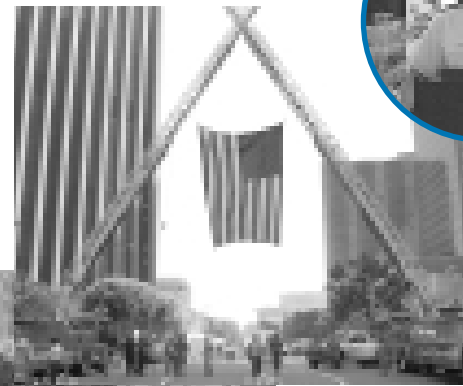
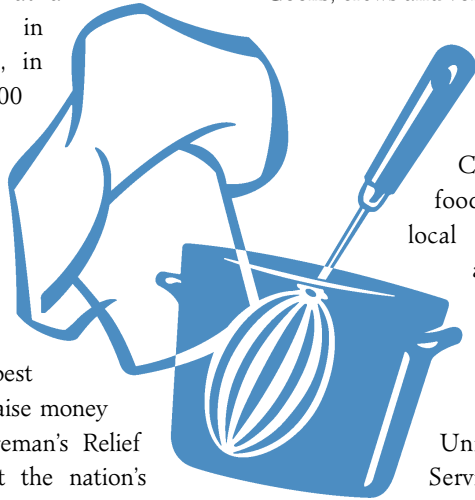
Firefighter pride was on the line!

Fire Station #28 and Universal Protection Service won the Food Tasting contest with their

famous chicken taquitos, rice, beans and sweet corn cake. This is the second year in a row that they won.

ABM Engineering from Wells Fargo Center won the Fireman's Muster Games.

Below are photos of the fun-filled event. 📷



Paul Wong Retires from DWP After 32 Years of Good Service



On April 1, Paul Wong, Senior Data Technician for the Information Technology Services Business Unit of the DWP Joint System, retired from active civil service after dedicating 32 years of providing excellent customer service to all business units within the Department of Water and Power.

Paul started his career with an emergency appointment in April 1971, where he worked as a Relief Commercial Service Representative during the conversion of the now automated Customer Information System. He received a permanent status as a clerk, later promoting to mechanical helper, commercial service representative, data processing trainee to technician, and in October 1998, he became a senior data processing technician, where he was assigned to the ITS Security Group.

During his years at the DWP, Paul became somewhat of a legend, developing a reputation of being a person you could count on and

could call anytime when you had an ITS problem or request. It was guaranteed that you would receive his immediate attention. He was known to go the extra nine yards to help resolve your problem. His work ethics were always of the highest degree, as was his dedication, professionalism and thoroughness. He was a courteous, generous, and thoughtful employee. Paul held an enormous amount of respect and appreciation for the DWP. It was a source for training, education and opportunities throughout his career.

On March 20, Paul was joined by family members, co-workers and special friends at a retirement farewell party held at the Pasadena Hilton Hotel in celebration of his long, devoted years at the DWP. It was a chance for all to wish and express their utmost best to him for an ongoing well-deserved retirement.

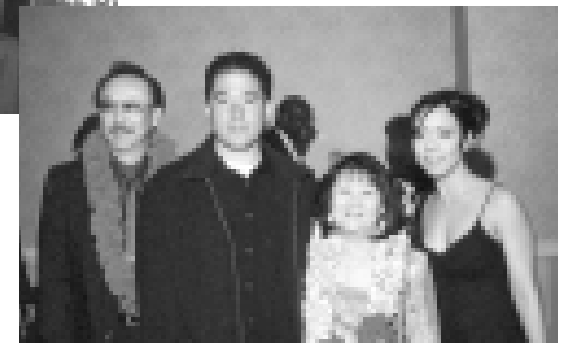
The Club congratulates Paul on his excellent service to the City.

This story was provided to *Alive!* by Paul's former co-workers. We thank them for their contribution.

Here are photos of the event. 📷



The friends of Paul Wong celebrate his retirement.



The family of Paul Wong celebrates his retirement.








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Housing Dept. Builds Houses With Legos to Support March of Dimes

It's appropriate for the Los Angeles Housing Department to be involved with buildings. Not so ordinary, however, is department staff building with Lego bricks. But it was all done for a good cause.

More than \$600 was raised for the March of Dimes in the department's first Lego Building Contest in May. Supported by donations of product and Legoland tickets from the Lego Company, Housing Department staff participants were given a 500-piece Lego set and instructed to put together a team of work mates, family, friends

to construct a building and name it. Entries were judged on originality, use of color, incorporation of housing and the March of Dimes themes and a miscellaneous category called the Pizzazz Factor. The theme of the fundraiser was "Banding Together to Build Together."

Housing General Manager Mercedes Marquez and several members of the department's Rent Adjustment Commission (RAC) graciously assisted the fundraising effort by lending their expert Lego-design eye as judges. RAC members judging the entries were Chairman Jeff Daar, Mimi Soto, Ramon Muniz and John Boyajian. Unlike past March of Dimes fundraisers where tamales, floats, donuts and hamburgers were sold, the Lego building contest was promoted as absolutely fat-free with zero calories. Teams were also promised a chance to have fun, be creative and raise some money for a good cause.

Teams from the Housing Department's



The winning Team Angelino Minehune, from left: Peter Havas, Ellen Abajo, Tsegalem Woldemariam and Courtney Durham.

Personnel, Rent, Handyworker, Construction Services, Asset Management, HOPWA, Major Projects, NRD, CAO, Executive Management, Policy and Planning, and Accounting sections took part. Team names ranged from utilitarian (Team Policy and Planning) to highly whimsical (Heinz 57). First, second and third places received Legoland tickets. Winners also were able to donate new and slightly used Lego kits to their favorite local charities. Charities selected for Lego kit donation included Los Angeles Children's Hospital, Para Los Ninos (a Los Angeles based social service organization that serves homeless families with children) and the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation.

Construction Estimator Courtney Durham says the winning entry was all about "team-work. Working as a team is always a challenge in designing a product," he explains. "Because of the various design ideas, I found that it was

best to create a product that incorporated all design ideas. Hence the birth of the Lego Applied Housing Demonstration."

Alive! congratulates all the winners—and the entire fundraising team at the Housing Dept. for coming up with and producing this excellent event.

Prizes were awarded to the following:

★FIFTH PLACE: Built by Charlene, Cynthia and Brian Waters of the Waters Group: "Duckzilla vs. Happy Town." (Can't wait to see the movie!)

★FOURTH PLACE: "Transit-Oriented Development" came in fourth. The entry was built by Team Policy and Planning (who else!) with Helen Choi as project manager.

★THIRD PLACE: Built by Team United Colors of Women with Sandra Lopez, Meritxell Capdet, Jeannie Park, Silvia Denis, Maria Caballero, Judy Rodgers and Charlene Waters, third went to "Give the Gift of Life: Red Cross."

★SECOND PLACE: "Hi! Rise" built by Gillian, Alessandra and Garrett Gardner (children of Renne Gardner) of Team GAGG, placed second.

★FIRST PLACE: The winner of the first LAHD March of Dimes Lego Building Contest was Team Angelino Minehune, consisting of Ellen Abajo, Courtney Durham, Peter Havas and Tsegalem Woldemariam. The winning entry was entitled "Lego Applied Housing Demonstration." According to winning team members, the project incorporated the design and layout of various planning and development strategies including entry, parks, commercial zones, residential zones, streets, hierarchy and the repetition of various design elements.



RAC chairman Jeff Daar judges the entries.



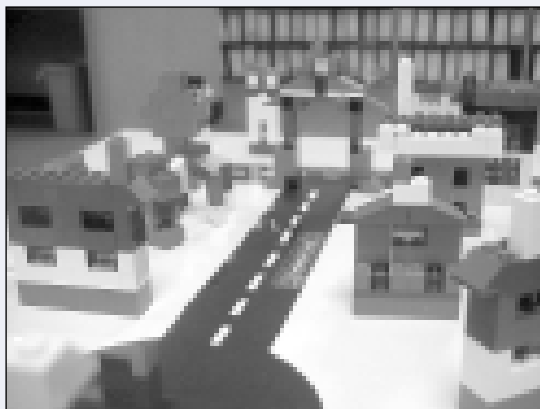
LAHD General Manager Mercedes Marquez judges the entries.



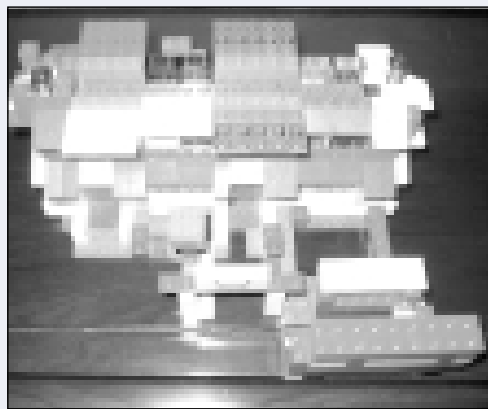
"Duckzilla," the fifth-place winner.



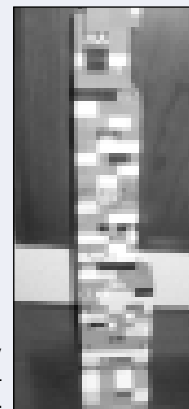
A closeup of the winning entry "Lego Applied Housing Demonstration."



The winning entry "Lego Applied Housing Demonstration."



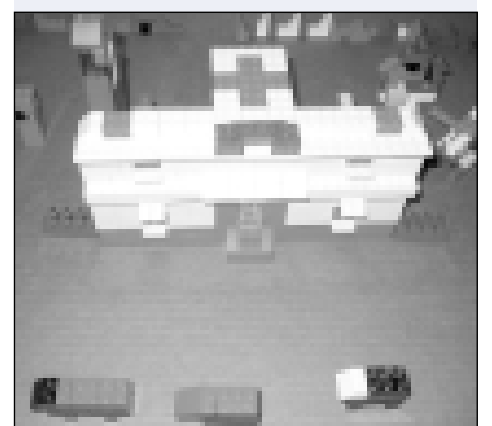
"Transit," the fourth-place winner.



"Hi! Rise," the second-place winner.



RAC members Mimi Soto and John Boyajian judge the entries.



"Red Cross," the third-place winner.



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Library Dept. Brings Services to Pico Union As First Branch in That Community Opens

The Library Dept. opened its latest branch, in Pico Union, with a gala ribbon-cutting ceremony May 17. Mayor Jim Hahn and Councilmember Ed Reyes attended, as well as other dignitaries.

City Librarian Susan Kent gave the opening remarks. Entertainment was provided by Mariachi Santana.

The new Pico Union branch, 1030 S. Alvarado St., will provide permanent library service for the first time in the historic Pico Union community. Funded through Proposition DD, the 1998 library bond, the library is one of four new branches opening in communities without previous library services.

The new 12,000-square-foot facility features multiple computer work stations that link patrons to the Los Angeles Public Library's Website, catalogs, a vast array of databases and the Internet. Other features include special areas for children, teens and adults, a multipurpose meeting room, and parking.

The library was designed in turn-of-the-century style by architectural firm M2A, which worked with the community. The style is reminiscent of the Carnegie Library prototype, with traditional reading rooms set within a formal brick and clay-tile building.

The Club congratulates Pico Union for its first-ever full library service!

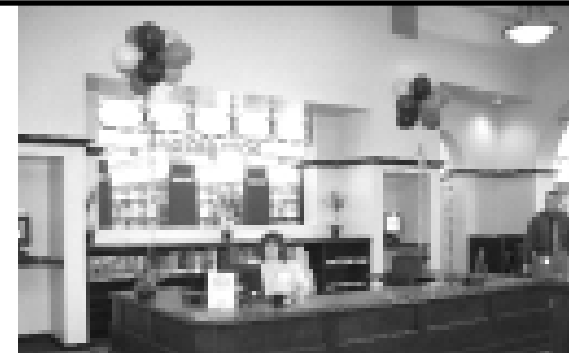
Here are photos from the groundbreaking.



The crowd pours into the library the moment it opens to the public.



The Mariachi Santana band with Club Counselor Bev Haro.



A librarian prepares for the opening at the information desk.



The Children's Reading Room contains the colorfully tiled Victorian "fireplace," which is set into the wall.



Mayor Jim Hahn, Councilman Ed Reyes, and City Librarian Susan Kent cut the ribbon with children from the community.

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Contest Rules:

1. 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.)
2. Responses can be delivered by mail, fax, e-mail or in person (phone responses will not be accepted).
3. Winning responses will be determined by official Club personnel. All decisions will be final.
4. 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.

Where in LA?

New Photo ... Great Prize

Apparently, we stumped you! We received no correct responses from the May/June contest. So we'll give you a new photo to identify, and keep offering the same great prize!

The first person to respond correctly and fully (in your own words) wins a \$50 gift certificate to Black Angus restaurants!

So ...

What is this? Where is this?

The Club member who gives us the most complete, detailed description of the object related to the City of Los Angeles wins a \$50 gift certificate to Black Angus!

- This month's deadline: July 14. See complete list of rules to the left.
- Thanks for playing, and good luck!

Send your response along with your Club card number by e-mail (whereinla@cityemployeesclub.com), by fax ([213] 620-0598) or by surface mail (350 S. Figueroa, Suite 700, Los Angeles 90071).

Here's the answer to last month's contest:

This image is of a tile design in the third floor outside rotunda of City Hall (not far from the Council room). It's on the wall. Look around the rotunda for a few minutes, and we bet you'll see it. Just goes to show you how many beautiful things there are in the City.



A New Contest for Club Members!

WIN!



ANNOUNCING: *Alive! Around the World*

Where are you traveling this summer? Around the world?
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Take your copy of *Alive!* along for the ride ... have your picture taken holding your copy of *Alive!* in a place of note ... and win free movie tickets.

Here's the deal:

- Take your copy of *Alive!* with you on vacation ... or a business trip. It can be anywhere outside Los Angeles. Anywhere else in California, the country, the world is acceptable.
- Take a photo of yourself, friends, family, etc., holding a copy of *Alive!* in a fun place: anywhere exotic and different. The more famous, the better, but all places acceptable.

- Send in the photo, either digitally (please keep the size reasonable, not too big, not too small) or a paper print. (Make sure to write your name and address on the back of the photo, so we can return it to you). Send them to:
 - DIGITAL PHOTOS: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

- PAPER PHOTOS: *Alive! Around the World*, City Employees Club, 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071
- If we use your photo, we'll send you two free movie tickets.
- We're setting a deadline of Oct. 1. But if it's a big success, we'll extend it throughout the year.

Have a great vacation; travel safely, and make sure to bring Alive! with you.

Dennis Watson, After 28 Years of PR Service, Retires From Ontario Airport

Aluau was the theme May 10, as some 50 people gathered at Ontario International Airport's Terminal 1 to bid adieu to the airport's public relations spokesman Dennis Watson.

Thanks, Dennis, for all your help with the requests from *Alive!* We wish you a great retirement and continuation of your teaching career.

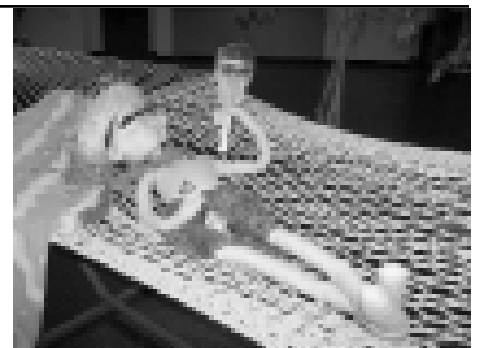
Here are photos of the event.



From left: Robbie Reyes; Joanne Lopez; and Lori Teague.



Dennis Watson with his granddaughter, Rene.



Retirement decorations.



A poster given to Dennis, featuring signatures of the guests.



The buffet table.



Family and friends.



Guests greeting Dennis Watson.



From left: Cheryl and Dennis Watson, with Dennis Watson's mother.



From left: Gary Daniels and son; Bob Haines; Ed Ridderbusch; Dennis Watson; and two unidentified revelers.

— PART 1 of 2 —

There When You Need Them: A Detailed History of the City's Emergency Medical Services

■ LAFD provides an overview of its Emergency Medical Services.

Editor's note: The following history was written by LAFD Captain II/Paramedic Bill Wells and distributed through the LAFD's Yahoo listserve. Alive! thanks the LAFD and Capt. Wells for this excellent communication service. Thanks also to the LAFD's Rick McClure, for the excellent photographs.

Capt. Wells has more than 30 years' experience as an Ambulance Driver, Paramedic, EMS Supervisor and Paramedic Captain with the Los Angeles Fire Department. He also served as past president of United Paramedics of Los Angeles. For the past six years Captain Wells has worked at Fire Department Headquarters in the Planning Section overseeing the creation and implementation of the EMS Plan you will read about below.

Despite the large number of fires and rescues each day in Los Angeles, did you know that four out of five 9-1-1 calls to the Los Angeles Fire Department are requests for Emergency Medical Services (EMS)?

In talking with residents of Los Angeles, it has become apparent that most people think little has changed in the way we provide EMS. Let me assure you that is not the case!

Given the profound nature of these demanding emergencies, I thought I'd offer a historical perspective of local pre-hospital care written by LAFD's legendary Captain II/Paramedic Bill Wells.

A Competent and Capable Agency

The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) is a full-spectrum life safety agency protecting approximately 4 million people who live, work and play in America's second largest City.



Firefighters move "victim" from simulated aircraft crash at LAX to a treatment area.

Well-Trained and Highly Dedicated Personnel

The LAFD's 3,376 uniformed personnel and 333 civilian support staff address multiple aspects of life safety, including fire prevention, firefighting, emergency medical care, technical rescue, hazardous materials mitigation, disaster response, public education and community service.

A professionally trained staff of 1,035 firefighters (including 199 paramedics) are on duty at all times at 103 neighborhood Fire Stations strategically located across the Department's 471-square-mile jurisdiction. The Los Angeles Fire Department has provid-



Paramedic Captains organize a multi-casualty incident.

ed emergency medical services (EMS) to the residents and visitors of the City of Los Angeles for decades.

A Proud History of Providing EMS

The first Fire Department ambulance was implemented in 1927. By 1931, there were six Fire Department ambulances serving the Metropolitan and Harbor areas of the City. The City of Los Angeles has been providing a public sector emergency ambulance service since the early 1900s. The service originated as a program provided by the Los Angeles Police Department. In the mid 1930s, the service was transferred to the City's Receiving Hospital Department where it continued as the Police Ambulance Service, serving the metropolitan area of Los Angeles until July 1, 1970.

The Growing Suburbia

Private ambulance companies, under City contract, provided emergency service in the San Fernando Valley until 1957, and in West Los Angeles until July 1973. The Fire Department introduced rescue ambulance service in the San Fernando Valley in 1955 by

staffing six rescue ambulances with firefighters. The Department introduced two-person Squad units in 1957 to respond to EMS incidents in many parts of the City.

A Year of Immense Change

On July 1, 1970, the Receiving Hospital Department was abolished, and the emergency ambulance service was transferred to the Fire Department. With the transfer of the ambulance service to the Fire Department came 121 employees. In September 1970, the first LAFD paramedic ambulance went into service at Fire Station 53 in San Pedro, staffed with dual-function firefighter-paramedics.

Within 8 years, 37 paramedic ambulances were placed into service, each staffed with two single-function (non-firefighter) civilian paramedics.

In April 1973, the first Rescue Ambulance (RA) Drill Tower of civilian rescue ambulance personnel was held at Fire Station 40 on

Ambulance Liaison Officer (Senior Paramedic II Douglas E. Brown) and EMS Bureau Adjutant (Paramedic III William N. Wells) were also assigned.

Growing Together for Greater Capabilities

In October 1992, the Fire Department consolidated the ranks of Firefighter and Paramedic into a single civil service class that would be responsible for extinguishing fires, accomplishing physical rescues and providing all pre-hospital emergency care. This consolidation was the solution for a number of growing problems, including: morale problems; limited workload balancing options; limitations on management flexibility; legal and employee relations difficulties; delays in fielding new resources; and delays in implementing new programs. A single class of Firefighter would lead to unity of command and organizational efficiency.

On October 18, 1992, the single-function EMS personnel ranks were consolidated with existing firefighter ranks. From 1992 to the present, all new LAFD employees would be Firefighter-EMT-Is, and have the opportunity to be trained as dual-function firefighter-paramedics.

Unique Deployment, Consolidation and Efficiency

Over the next six years, 166 of the 360 single-function paramedics were cross-trained as firefighter-paramedics. In October 1996, the Department began deploying paramedic assessment engines at fire stations without paramedic ambulances to reduce paramedic response times in remote neighborhoods of the City.

On August 4, 1996, BEMS and the Bureau of Fire Suppression and Rescue (BFS&R) were consolidated into the Bureau of Emergency Services (BES).

On October 16, 2000, a new EMS assistant chief position was created to provide management expertise in the coordination and oversight of EMS field activities, policies and procedures. An administrative EMS Division was established within BES with a staff of four.

Growing ... But Not Fast Enough

By July 2000, the LAFD operated 83 rescue ambulances (56 Advanced Life Support and 27 Basic Life Support), 97 Engine companies (27 ALS and 70 BLS), 48 Light Forces (truck and engine) (all BLS), and one paramedic air ambulance (helicopter).

However, of the 103 neighborhood fire stations, 44 did not have a paramedic ambulance assigned, 28 did not have any ambulance (ALS or BLS) assigned, and 17 did not have any paramedic resource assigned.

— TO BE CONTINUED —

Look for Part 2 in the August issue of *Alive!*



Firefighter/paramedics take care of an injured passenger of an automobile after it overturned on the freeway.

West LA Sanitation Yard Has Open House May 22

On Saturday May 22, the Sanitation's Western District held its second annual Open House for the surrounding community. "This year's turn out was phenomenal," said April Broussard, a Clerk Typist. Rita Robinson, Director of Sanitation, also complemented the District and reaction from the public.

The Solid Resources Collection Division collects and distributes refuse from the Harbor to the San Fernando Valley.

"This Open House is designed to educate the community on how the Department operates, and how the residents play an important role in how to dispose of their trash," says Michael Jackson, a Refuse Collection Supervisor. "One of the most important steps in collecting refuse, is recycling correctly. It's also good for our environment," says Bonaventure Butts.

Mr. Butts, Mr. Briscoe, and Mr. Hunt displayed their cooking skills, firing up two grills. The menu included chicken breasts, hot dogs, hot links and hamburgers will all the fixings.

With more than 300 residents in attendance, residents were able to receive complete in depth tours, which included interaction with employees and the ability to find out how each truck operates and its purpose. There were gifts, refreshments, games, prizes and free

mulch. Most of the children were amazed with the operations. They were able to sit in the trucks, honk the horns, and take pictures with drivers. Richard Humphrey, a Refuse Collection Truck Operator, provided a "connect the dots" truck, and blew up balloons for all the children. Melford Oshon and Julian Chavez, gave the children rides in the Satellite truck, and showed them how to operate the two-way radio. Raymond Lucas's son told him he can't wait until next year.

The booths displayed informative yet fun displays for children. Lourdes Lozano handed out Energy Efficient Light Bulbs, courtesy of DWP; Jonathan Polk and Wayne Downing had actual Safety and Training videos for residents to view; and Daryl Gale and Will Cosey educated residents about the Hotline, and to call the (800) 773-CITY for bulky item requests. Jon Reed spoke to several residents that stated they knew nothing about a free service for bulky items.

There were 35 employees that volunteered his or her time. They ranged from refuse drivers, office staff, supervisors, a superintendent, a division manager, mechanics, the Hotline, public affairs, and the executive office.

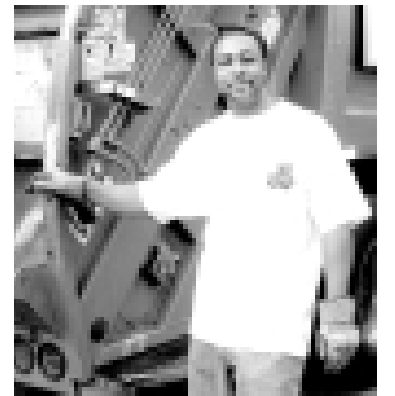
Congratulations to all who made this second annual open house a big success. 🍷



From left: Scott Stanton, Marviana Jones, Jon, April Broussard, Bonaventure Butts and Willie Hunt.



From left: Tom Rimer, Equipment Mechanic, 15 years; Jacque Lorrane, Supervisor Auto Mechanic, 24 years; and Alan Schitt, Equipment Mechanic, 18 years.



Paul Porter, 9 years.



Trucks Lineups and Sanitation Truck.



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Ed Campbell, with his wife, Kristi Campbell. Ed was the coordinator of the event.



Raymond Lucas, 23 years, with his son, Rayjon.



From left: Marviana Jones, Sal Miranda, Michael Jackson, Pete Galvan and Phillip Valenzuela.



LA City Councilman Tom LaBonge with his son, Charles.



Raul Cobos Medina, Truck Operator, 8 months.



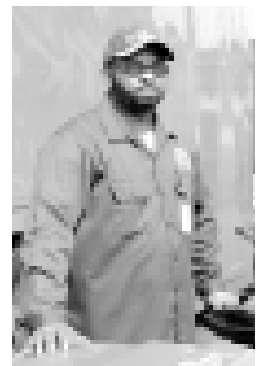
Sal Ramero, Management Analyst, 9 years.



Scott Stanton, Truck Operator, 1 year.



From left: Daryl, Clerk Typist, 1 year; and Wil Cosay, Senior Clerk, 4 years, at the Hotline booth.



Desmond Gardner, Container Services (Valley), 5 years.



From left: Willie Hunt, 20 years; and Bonaventure Butts, 25 years.



From left: Richard Humphrey, Refuse Collection Operator, 18 years; and Wayne Downing, Safety & Training, 23 years.



From left: Bonaventure Butts, Paul Porter, Marviana Jones, Jon, Donald Brown and Willie Hunt.



From left: Donald Brown, 18 years; and Frank Briscoe, 16 years.



Leo Martinez, Superintendent, 21 years.

DWP's College Fair Encourages Employees to Go Back to School

The DWP hosted its College Fair June 16 & 17 in the John Ferraro Office Building.

At the fair, many colleges, universities and trade schools came by and set up their booth to inform DWP employees of their many offerings and programs. The DWP offers tuition reimbursement in some situations.

Here are photos of the event.



A banner at the College Fair reminds guests of the tuition reimbursement plan.



Discussing tuition reimbursement are, from left, Vera Douglas, Customer Service; and Edwin Peralejo, WDBU.



From left: Vivien Bersales and Jennifer Aytona, with USC representatives.



From left: Roger Boden, ITS; and Reggie Brewer, video production.



California State University Dominguez Hills with Xavier Watkins, Facility Department.



From left: David Gomez, ISS; Michelle Blas, Pepperdine University representative; and Richard Gatti, PS0.



From left: Qi-Shi Qi, ITS/Datashop; Vladimir Kapisarov, ITS; Kathleen Wright, Power Distribution; and Kathy Chang, Accounting.



From left: Raymond Sui, ITS; and Tai Trinh, ITS.



From left: Celina Montiel, Human Resources; Gus Aguilar, Manager, DeVry University; and Maryann Torres, Human Resources.



From left: Greg Schmutzer, Executive Director, University of La Verne; and Mohammed Hossain, Financial Services.



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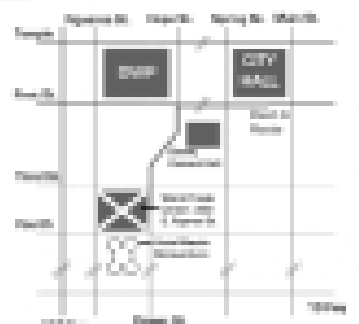
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**August 10,
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Good luck, and have fun!



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In Memoriam

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

NAME	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE
Active Members:		
Darryl Avery	Housing	16
Oscar Diaz	Building and Safety	17
Gari Fritz	Gen. Services	2
Vincent Hendricks	Public Works	4
Richard Meier	Building and Safety	20
Felton Moore Jr.	Public Works	5
Paul Peterson	Gen. Services	31
Bart Rudio	Animal Services	3
Retired Members:		
Teddie Bryant	Gen. Services	30
Irene Call	Library	22
Arthur Castro	Rec and Parks	10
Joseph Curtis	Transportation	32
Reynaldo Dator	LAPD	15
George Fleming	Rec and Parks	10
Thomas Golden	Planning	23
Norma Goodwin	Library	23
Jean Gross	Planning	47
William Guadagnolo	Rec and Parks	30
Richard Hargraves	Public Works	33
Ralph Inaba	Rec and Parks	16
Roy Jackson	Public Works	11
Abney Johnson	LAFD	10
Lawrence Jones	Public Works	40
John Linder	Public Works	18
Theresa Moder	Public Works	20
Salvador Morales	Rec and Parks	22
Willie Reed	Public Works	25
John Smith	Controllor	22
James Snyder	Rec and Parks	10
John Svensson	Harbor	19
Richard Takahashi	Gen. Services	22
Ben Yee	Airports	13

In Memoriam: We receive this information directly from the City and the DWP. But send us the name of the deceased, and we'll print the notice. Send in a photo of the deceased, too, if you have one, and include your phone number. Send to moments@cityemployeesclub.com.




Graduates!

**We want to celebrate with you ...
by putting your photo in Alive!**

Club members: Have you had a family member graduate from elementary school ... high school ... or college this summer? Send us a photo, and we'll publish it in the next few issues of *Alive!*


Digital photos are preferred. Send them to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

If you have a paper print, send a duplicate (we prefer you not send the original) to:
Grad Photos
City Employees Club of Los Angeles
350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700
Los Angeles, CA 90071



Print photos will be returned within two months after publication if you request it, and if you write your name and address on the back.

Congratulations!



Retirements

NAME	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE
David Christensen	Street Maintenance Supervisor (Pub. Works)	27
David Cocker	Engineering Designer (Pub. Works)	38
Jesus De Sagun	Special Officer (Airports)	30
James P. Etchells	Helicopter Mechanic (Gen. Services)	24
Cesar Gabonia	Cartographer (City Clerk)	34
Richard Garcia	Sr. Gardener (Rec and Parks)	17
Robert Gillette	Management Analyst (Pub. Works)	38
Barry Glickman	Council Aide (City Council)	7
Walter Green	Custodial Service Attendant (Airports)	23
Wesley Jackson	Messenger Clerk (Gen. Services)	26
James Johnson	Sr. Garage Attendant (LAPD)	19
Sandra Krecioch	Admin. Analyst (CAO)	23
Vincente Layao Sr.	Detention Officer (LAPD)	32
Lilia Navidad Sr.	Tax Auditor (Finance)	32
Constance Nelson Sr.	Data Processing Tech (ITA)	31
Freddie Oliver	Police Service Rep (LAPD)	30
Orlando Ossa	Rehab Construction Specialist (Housing)	14
Rudy Reyes	Tree Surgeon (Pub. Works)	30
Edward Schlotman	Assistant City Attorney (City Attorney)	39
Eli Tesser	Traffic Officer (Transportation)	20
Mark Vella	Industrial Financial Officer (CDD)	24
Jeanette Walker	Custodial Service Attendant (Gen. Services)	29
Ernest Webb Sr.	Detention Officer (LAPD)	32
Ignacio Ybarra	Heavy Duty Equip Mechanic (LAFD)	37
Robin Young Sr.	Management Analyst (LAPD)	31

Alive! and your City Employees Club wishes to thank each and every one of the following, who have spent many years making Los Angeles the great city it is. **Congratulations, and enjoy your well-deserved rewards!**

Share your moments!



Weddings

Weddings: Recently married? Congratulations! Share the news with your City employee family. Tell us the names of the bride and groom, the date and place of the wedding, and the City or DWP job title of the bride and/or groom. (Include a photo, too, and we'll try to print it.) Send it in! Send to moments@cityemployeesclub.com.

Lisa Martellaro and Michael Palmer, May 14, in Van Nuys. Lisa is a transportation engineering associate, Transportation. Congratulations!



Just Married? We Have a Gift for You!

City employees and/or Club members: Did you just get married? Congratulations!

If you send in a wedding photo to *Alive!* along with some basic information (who, when, where, your job titles), we'll be happy to run an announcement.

Plus: The Club will send you the book **Our Honeymoon: A Record Book About Our Wild Ride** free as our wedding gift! The book is a record keeper and photo album all in one.

Don't delay. Send in those wedding pictures and information to moments@cityemployeesclub.com

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Births

Births: Send us the following information: full name of the newborn, date of birth, name of parents, job title of the parent(s) who work(s) for the City or the DWP, your phone number and a baby photo. Send to moments@cityemployeesclub.com



Taylor Bryanna Belenfonte, born Feb. 21. Her grandmother is **Robin Cannon,** ITA. Congratulations!

Had a Baby? We Have a Gift for You!

City employees and/or Club members: Did you just have a baby? Congratulations!

If you send in a baby photo to *Alive!* along with some basic information (name of baby, names of parents, date, your job titles), we'll be happy to run an announcement.

Plus: The Club will send you the book **My Life as a Baby** free as our baby gift!

The book is a record keeper and photo album all in one. It highlights the baby's first year, from the baby's point of view, with space for all the important information and lots of photos. It's a wonderful lifetime keepsake.

Don't delay. Send in those baby pictures and information to moments@cityemployeesclub.com

FREE GIFT!

New Members

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

Welcome New Members!

Susana Acevedo	Jason Gordon	Armando Pastran
Leslie Adams	Marlene Greenfield	Carleen Payne
Jaima Alvarado	Shirley Grijalva	Michael Pell
Warren Anderson	Richard Guarente	Tonny Pennsylvania
Kelly Arthurs	Israel Guerrero	Pedro Perea
Florsarfina Avila	Miguel Guillei	Raul Perez
Kimberly Aviles	Bessie Guy	Carlos Perez
Gordon Balbach	Schala Guzman	Clemmie Phillips
Sergio Barragan	Akeia Harris	Juan Piedra
Jean Beauford	Vannessa Heatley	Sandra Pollard
Raul Benitez	Mike Hernandez	Jorge Posadas
Shane Bentley	Josephine Herrera	Rosa Potts
Stanley Benzler	Rose Howard	Rhonda Provost
Rachel Bindman	David Hwang	Jeanne Rankin
Marianna Black	Carolyn Jackson	Roberto Razon
Jimmy Blum	Michael Jackson	Evelyn Reyes
Dana Bowden	Thomas Jackson	Trinidad Reyes
Shelly Brothertan	Gerry Jackson	Rodolfo Rios
Jene Brown	Patricia Jacobson	Dan Robinson
Alicia Brown	Doris Jenkins	Terry Rockstad
James Brown	Walter Jimison Sr.	Gerardo Rodriguez
Zannie Butler	Brenda Johnson	Finencio Rodriguez
Gloria Cabrera	Jason Johnson	Leroy Rogers
Oscar Calder	Timothy Jones	Claudia Romero
Bryan Calhoun	Tyrone Jones	Raul Rosales
Cletus Carlton	Marcie Jones	Arthur Rosby
Mary Carter	Ramadine Joseph	Lee Rosenfeld
David Cartwright Sr.	Ioana Junc	Noel Russell
Jose Castro	Ronda Katinos	Leonardo Sacdalan Jr.
Willie Cater Jr.	Larry Keisner	Diego Saiza
Michele Cheng	Alexander Kim	Ruben Samaniego
Pai-Yu Chiu	Jin Yong Kim	Connie Sanchez
James Chong	Chungsil Kim	Eliseo Sanchez
Charles Clifton	Michael Kion	Jesse Sasaki
Deborah Coffin	Gordon Knouse	Jeffrey Scott
Ben Cola	Margaret Kuhn	Luis Segura
Elmer Coleman Jr.	David Lara	Chrystal Sells
Michael Conerly	Amalia Lava	Lisa Shaw
Arturo Coronel	Lilia Licilican	David Shieh
Maria Couch	Philip Luera	Albert Sisneros
Christine Culhno	Maria Lujan	Sylvia Soto
Calvin Davis Jr.	Erna Madamba	Willie Stevenson
Bessabuena Dela Cruz	Aureliano Mancilla	Phyllis Stitt
Wilma Dela Cruz	Richard Manz	Hariton Tamrazian
Fernando Delatorre	Patricia Mares	Felix Tan Jr.
Tejroop Dhillon	Emil Martinez	Ellen Tanner
James Dixon	Maria Martinez	Rodney Teague
Joseph Doss	Don Martinez	Myrna Tecson
Celeste Dula	Masakazu Matsuura	Selena Terrazas
Tonya Durrell	Uriel Matus	Alphesia Thomas
Renee Escobedo	Kane Mayer	LaJune Toston
Jacquelyn Estrada	Ned McElwain	David Tsau
Rodney Evans	Edward Melara	David Tulanian
Jason Falske	Dennis Metts	Dave Ulloa
Siluiz Feigin	Douglas Miller	Robert Valdez
Seano Fesperman	Kristiania Mitchell	William Valenzuela
Laura Filatoff	Maria Mitra	Anthony Vann
Wanda Fong	Steven Morales	Herman Vantwist
Robert Foston	Milton Morrison	Richard Ventura
Reginald Gage	Michael Murphy	Rudy Vidal
Elizabeth Garcia	Leilani Mutuc	Nicole Wall
Stella Garcia	Octavio Navarro	John Ward
Leticia Garnica	George Negrete	Lloyd Wickliff
Elizabeth Garrett	Carolyn Nelson	Paul Williams
Charles Gaston	Edris Newton	Eurine Williams
Michael Gibson	Jeff Nichols	David Wood
Deborah Glover	Kent Oderinlo	Joyce Wright
Connie Gomez	Terry Ogawa	Edward Xiong
Richard Gonzales	Lorraine Osuna	Edna Zafra
Efrain Gonzalez	Fermon Owens	Mariaelena Zamorza
Ricardo Gonzalez	Jose Paiz	Frederico Zelaya
Caesar Gonzalez	Lisa Palombi	

LAX Hosts Annual All-Airport Golf Tournament



Hundreds of golfers and guests enjoyed the 39th annual Los Angeles World Airports Golf Tournament at Westridge Golf Club June 4.

The Club was present and sponsored the closest to the pin contest on hole 3.

Here are the winners:

“A” Flight:

FIRST PLACE, all from LAWA Information Technology Division: Ray Wong, Eli de Guzman; Tommy Garnica Leonard Carlos.

SECOND PLACE, all from Rock-It Air Charter: Steve Nevius, Barry Becker, Peter Wright and Richard Buckingham.

“B” Flight

FIRST PLACE, Frank Hearlson and Winston Bellows, Hearlson Construction; Garty Seagrove, USAirways; and Winston Boyce, Delta Air Lines.

SECOND PLACE, all from LAWA Airport Police: Ernie Cruz, LaPonda Fitchpatrick, Mike Scolaro and Mike Boyette.

Closest to Pin

HOLE 3: Gil Sandoval, LAWA Airport Police (retired)

HOLE 7: Del Biagi, retired City employee

HOLE 11: Winston Boyce, Delta Air Lines

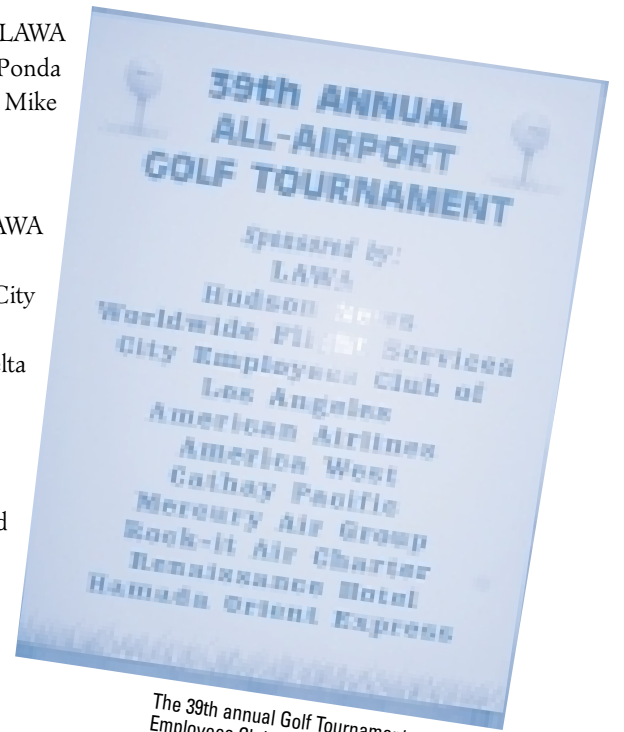
HOLE 15: Sam Krishna, LAPD.

Longest Drive:

MEN: Jim Witzman, United Airlines

WOMEN: Linda DiCicco, FAA

The Club would like to thank our hosts for inviting us! Here are photos of the event.



The 39th annual Golf Tournament sponsor sign; the City Employees Club was a proud sponsor of the closest to the pin contest on hole #3.



From left: Van Thompson, LAWA; Glenn Ito, LAWA; Ernie Robledo, LAWA; and Matt Patterson, LAWA.



From left: Ethel Pattison, LAWA; Mario Lafaurie, LAWA; Dan Park, LAWA; and Leon Nixon, LAWA Airport Police.



From left: Vincent Murray, LAWA and Club member; Lita Jacobs, LAWA and Club member; Nathan Adams, Sheraton Gateway; and Eric Heco, Sheraton Gateway.



From left: Bob Rigney, LAWA-Construction and Maintenance; Dan Campbell, LAWA-Construction and Maintenance; Scott Lager, LAWA-Construction and Maintenance; and Rhonda Morgan, LAWA-Construction and Maintenance and Club member.



From left: Ernie Cruz, LAWA-Airport Police and Club member; LaPonda Fitchpatrick, LAWA-Airport Police and new Club member; Mike Scolaro, LAWA-Airport Police; and Mike Boyette, LAWA-Airport Police.



From left: Stuart Susswain, LAWA (golf coordinator); Ray Tanner, LAWA; Sara Kelly, LAWA; and Tom Mumau, LAWA.



From left: Steve Agdeppa, LAWA; Joe Laguilles, LAWA and Club member; Lloyd Duvernay, LAWA; and Roland Escases, LAWA.



From left: Lew Winslow, LAWA-Airfield Ops; Terry Doyle, Garrett Aviation; Mike Carrier, Garrett Aviation; and Ben Courcy, Garrett Aviation.



From left: Don Conkrite, LAFD; Keith Young, LAFD; Evan King, LAFD; and Greg King, LAFD.



From left: Tony Laughlin, LAWA-Airfield Ops; Bob Werner, LAWA-Airfield Ops; John Hicks, LAWA-Airfield Ops (retired); and Justin Laughlin, LAWA-Airfield Ops.



From left: Eduardo Angeles, City Attorney-Airports; Richard Kim, City Attorney-Airports; Raul Salinas, City Attorney-Airports; and Josh Pertulla, City Attorney-Airports.



From left: Marc Salz, City Attorney-Airports; John Werlich, City Attorney-Airports; Richard Mau, City Attorney-Airports; and Camilla Eng, City Attorney-Airports.



Fred Young, LAWA and Club member; Ramon Garcia, LAWA and Club member; and David Takamoto, LAWA.



From left: Mike Biagi, LAWA and vice president of the Club Board; Del Biagi, father of Mike Biagi; Dennis Green, LAWA and tournament coordinator; and Paul Green, LAWA.



From left: Judy Christian, LAWA and tournament coordinator; Jay Baswani, LAWA; Don Sayrizi, LAWA; and Joan Sewald, LAWA and tournament coordinator.



From left: Charlie Sipple, LAWA; Jim Rudy, LAWA and Club member; Ralph Morones, LAWA and Club member; and Robert Casarez, LAWA.



From left: Darren Gilbert, LAWA; Fred Dyle, LAWA; Sam Krishna, LAPD-LAX; and Rich Rodriguez, LAPD-LAX.



From left: Jack Gardner, LAWA (retired) and Club member; Vern Carlson, LAWA (retired); Gil Sandoval, LAWA (retired); and Joe Wheatley, LAWA (retired).



From left: Timothy Lue, LAWA, Club member and Winner of May's "Where in LA" contest; Delon Kwan, LAWA; Moninder Birdi, LAWA; and Larry Gray, LAWA.



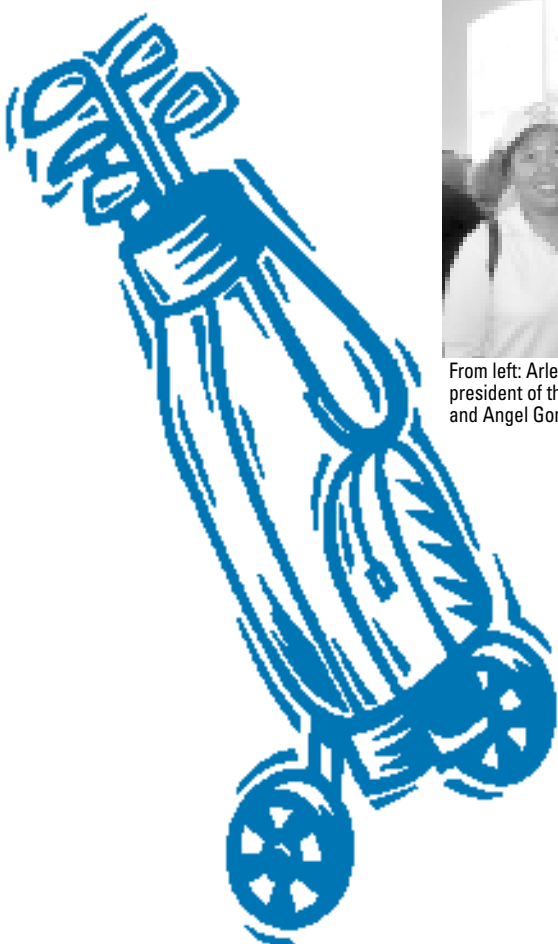
From left: Curtis Marchand, LAFD; Winston Roberts, LAFD; Greg Plain, LAFD; and Dennis Clay, LAFD.



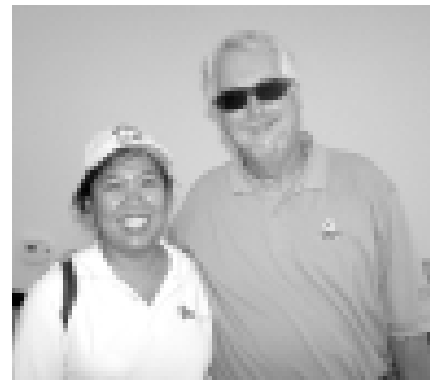
From left: Don Campbell, LAWA and Club member; Greg Esquivel, LAWA and Club member; Adam Landais, LAWA and Club member; and Bruce Pugh, LAWA.



From left: Ray Wong, LAWA; Eli DeGuzman, LAWA; Tommy Garnica, LAWA; and Leonard Carlos, LAWA.



From left: Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; Mike Biagi, vice president of the Club Board and a golf tournament participant; and Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager.



From left: Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; and Stuart Susswain, Tournament Coordinator. The Club gives special thanks to Stuart for inviting us to take part in this event.



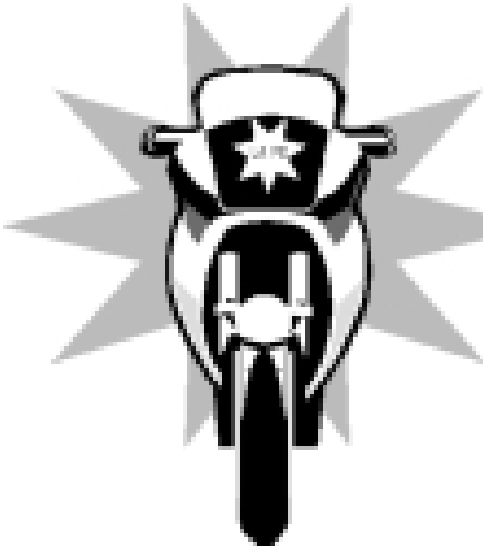
Dennis Green delivers the opening remarks during the awards luncheon. Dennis was one of the coordinators of the event.

From left: Tim Hogan, City Attorney-Airports; Flora Trostler, City Attorney-Airports; Lynn Mayo, City Attorney-Airports; and Jean Claude Bertet, City Attorney-Airports.



From left: Rodney Markovich, LAWA-Airport Police and new Club member; Alan Vargas, LAWA-Airport Police; Cliff Perrier, LAWEA-Airport Police and new Club member; and Gregg Iwamiya, LAWA-Airport Police and new Club member.





Central City Police Boosters Raises \$8,000 in Charity Motorcycle Ride

More than 150 bikers raised approximately \$8,000 to assist crime prevention programs as part of the second annual Charity Motorcycle Ride May 16.

The ride started at the Police Academy in Elysian Park and included an approximately 50-mile loop with stops at various locations. The ride returned and ended at the Police Academy, for a barbecue and festivities.

There was entertainment, raffle giveaways, a silent auction and information booths.

Good job, Central City Police Boosters! Here are photos of the event. 📷



From left: Bobby Alvarez and his dad, Robert Alvarez, LAPD bomb squad; with Junior Rodriguez, LAPD narcotics.



From left: Peter Foster, LAPD Central; Oscar Gonzalez, Air Crafters; and Trevelan Rabanal, Super Company Customs.



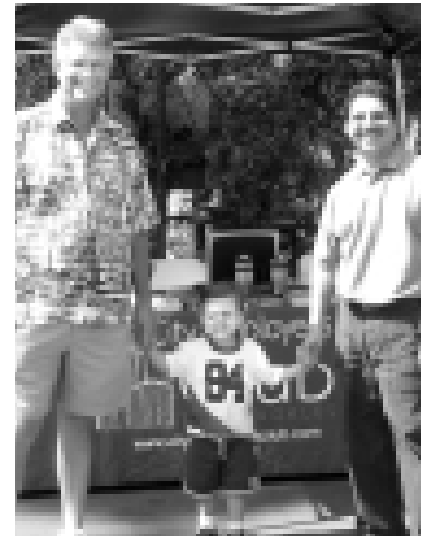
From left: Danny Lopresto, Raytheon Fire Dept.; Jim Vels, LAFD Station 15; Tim Van Dusen, LAFD Station 15; and Stuart Haskin, OCSO.



Councilman Dennis Zine presents Certificate of Recognition for the second annual Charity Ride.



From left: Officer Joe Nopomuceno, Metro Division Mounted Platoon, with Shadow; and Offer Charles Coleman, Metro Division Mounted Platoon, with Pepper.



From left: Captain Rupert, LAPD Central; Angel Gomez Jr. and dad Angel Gomez, the Club's Member Services Manager.



The Charity Ride started here at the Police Academy.



Lightnin' Willie and the Poor Boys.



The registration desk.



From left: Tom Brown, LAPD Central PSU; Mel Miranda, LAPD Central PSU; and Ray Galluccio, LAPD Central PSU.



Marisol Vielma, PSR.



"Choir Boys" with City Councilman and "Choir Boy" Harley Rider Dennis Zine.



JOIN THE A-TEAM!!

Special Half Price tickets for Club members for the following games:

- Tuesday, July 27, 2004 vs. Texas Rangers 7:05PM
- Tuesday, August 10, 2004 vs. Baltimore Orioles 7:05PM
- Tuesday, August 24, 2004 vs. Kansas City Royals 7:05PM
- Tuesday, September 7, 2004 vs. Toronto Blue Jays 7:05PM
- Sunday, September 12, 2004 vs. Chicago White Sox 7:05PM
- Tuesday, September 21, 2004 vs. Seattle Mariners 7:05PM

Ordering tickets is quick and easy:

1. Starting June 28 log onto www.cityemployeesclub.com, click on the Angels Logo or link.
2. Enter Account ID: [Angelaccount](#) and Password: [Alive](#)
3. Select the game you would like to attend and enter payment info.
4. Then print your tickets directly from your computer and see you at Angel Stadium.

If you have any questions please call Navin Cotton "The Ticket Guy" (800) 464-0452 or Michael Sandoval with Angels Baseball at 714-940-2352.



Jim Coburn, LAFD Fire Hog Station 3, standing next to the Fire Hog logo jacket.



From left: Tom Gahry, LAPD North East Station; Dan Clapp, rider; and Armand Masciotra, rider.



Officer Holmstrom, K-9 Officer, with Nikki, four years old.



Back: Dave Chapman, LAPD Central Bikes.



Left: Cathy Susim, LAPD Central. Right: Priscilla Chavez, LAPD Central.



From left: Randi Tahara, Central Reserve; Martha Garcia, LAPD Central Traffic Officer; Nery Buenavidez, Central Volunteer; Pat Steet, Central Volunteer; Cece Tatum, LAPD Central Clerk Typist; and Ania Nelson.

Mickey Jones, actor and Grand Marshal, on his bike.



From left: Luis Coronel, North East Area Explorers, 6 years; and Brittney Garza, North East Area Explorers, 1 year.



From left: Oscar Gonzalez, Aircraft; Tim Nambu, LAPD Central; and Daniel Campbell, LAPD Central.



From left: Michelle Wilkerson and John Mansur, riders.



From left: Albert Candelaria, whose daughter works for LAPD Central; Shelly Vander Veen, Claremont Police Department; and Maribel Camps, rider.



Paul Ricchiazzi, LAPD Officer, Devonshire Station, visiting with Club Counselor Arlene Herrero at the booth sponsored by the Club.



The second annual Charity Motorcycle Ride.

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Financial Planning Seminar Helps Club Members Prepare for Future

■ First seminar with Club partner Wachovia Securities assisted Club members to invest wisely for the future. Second seminar set for July 28. Are you saving enough?

On Tuesday, May 24, at the Proud Bird Restaurant in Westchester, the Club held its first investment seminar (in two sessions) with Club partner Wachovia Securities and financial advisers James Ocon and Kevin Wright. Did you attend?

Participants received basic information on how Club members can invest their hard-earned dollars.

"It was great to be with the Club members," Ocon said. "So many who came were relieved to have that information about retirement in front of them. They know where to turn. They were happy to have this level of information in front of them, from a trusted Club partner. They have options."

The next Club-sponsored Financial Planning Seminar with Wachovia is scheduled for Wednesday, July 28, at Encino Glen, the banquet room adjacent to the Balboa Golf Course.

"It's never too late to start planning for retirement," Ocon said. "We should talk 10, 15 or even 20 years before retirement. But it's never too late. Start now!"

Wachovia Securities is a Club partner.

"We take a real team approach to managing their assets, so they can have a comfortable retirement, or pay for their children's college education, or reach really any realistic financial goal," says Ocon who, with his business partner Kevin Wright, provides Club members with investment advice and services.

Their expertise is free to all Club members. "Most of the time, financial planners will charge an hourly fee for their time," Ocon explains. "But since we're a Club partner, we don't charge a fee to talk to Club members. We love to do it."

James and Kevin have been working with the Club for more than a year. "Do you really trust someone with your financial future? We've developed a great trust atmosphere and went through a long process of gaining the Club's trust. We help and work with lots of Club members. We've developed that trust with the Club, and we're really big on customer service."

"We have contact with so many Club members, that we understand what your needs and goals are," adds Wright. "We know how your retirement plan works and how best to complement the LACERS program and the Club's insurance programs. With us, you don't have to start all over. We know how it all works. You can take advantage of that knowledge."

"James and Kevin love working with us, and the feeling is mutual," says Club Counselor Arlene Herrero, who works with the Wachovia Securities financial advisers to help serve Club members. "On one occasion, as soon as I hung up the phone with Kevin, he contacted the member and the member was really surprised that he got his call back so quickly."

"They are great guys, and I can count on them to return my call."

"Club members should always think longterm," Ocon advises. "There are no immediate millionaires. That's too dangerous. You should be looking to meet longterm goals, with



The first Club-sponsored Financial Planning Seminar, held May 24 at the Proud Bird Restaurant in Westchester.

solid asset allocation and a solid rate of return. The best way to go about it is, set a longterm goal, and then work with a financial adviser to get there step by step. That's what we do."

James Ocon and Kevin Wright specialize in all aspects of financial planning from retirement accounts, college planning, 401k rollovers and investments (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, annuities, etc.) They are extremely involved with the community and base their philosophy on one-on-one service with all our clients. We follow MPT (Modern Portfolio Theory), which applies correct asset allocation for a better return and lower volatility.

The Club hopes to be able to put on a different seminar every month.

"We're happy to talk to every single Club member, and their family members, too," Kevin Wright adds. "In financial planning, time is everything. It's never too late to start planning and saving. So, our advice is: Start planning, but act now." ■

LAPD Centurions Team to Host Baseball Showdown with NYPD

The LAPD Celebrity Swing-a-Thon is an exciting one of a kind baseball fest and fundraiser. Free to the public, this event brings the police department, children, families, and the diverse Los Angeles community together to promote good health, physical activity, and positive life choices, all while celebrating America's favorite pastime. Special guest speakers are new Los Angeles Dodgers Owner Frank McCourt, Los Angeles Police Chief William Bratton, Los Angeles City Council President Alex Padilla, and Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavski.

The fourth annual LAPD Celebrity Swing-a-Thon will take place Saturday, July 24, at El Cariso County Park, 13100 Hubbard St. in Sylmar from 10 am to 3 pm. Additional event parking is available at Mission College.

The NYPD's baseball team, New York's Finest, will take on LAPD's baseball team, the Centurions. All proceeds of pledges for runs scored, stolen bases, home runs, or base hits recorded during the game will benefit the LAPD Centurions baseball team's Annual Holiday Toy Giveaway in December. Last year, more than 2500 of LA's most disadvantaged youth were feed, entertained, and given a Christmas toy.

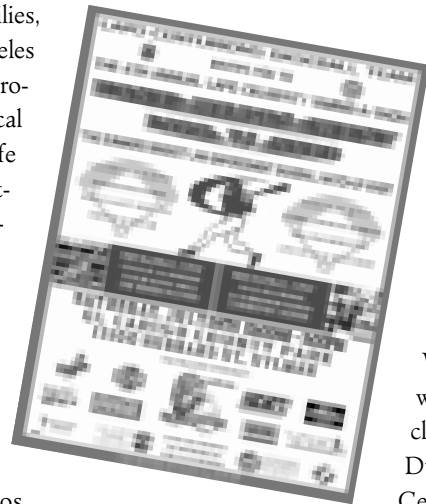
The Swing-a-Thon also will feature a free baseball clinic, autograph session, and health fair presented by the Manny Mota International Foundation. Baseball legend

Manny Mota and a host of starting Dodger players will be on hand to give instructions in batting, fielding, catching, throwing, and running bases. Football greats Rod Martin (L.A. Raider record holder), Charles White and Anthony Davis will instruct a free football clinic and sign autographs. During Opening Ceremonies Rod Martin will be presented with this year's

Lifetime Achievement Award for his dedication to youth and continues service to our Los Angeles community

Other activities include interactive games and inflatables, community booths, karaoke, celebrity home-run contest, public safety displays (LAPD Helicopter, Bomb Squad, SWAT, K-9, Mounted Horses, and other specialized units), free digital fingerprinting station, raffles, music, contests, giveaways, food and much, much more!

For additional information please contact event organizer Los Angeles Police Officer Mike Scott at (818) 268-2488 or email scottsoldier@aol.com ■



Choraliers Serenades the Spring; Concert Emphasizes Oscar Songs

■ DWP's performing group puts on summer performance in May.

The DWP's Choraliers went to the movies in May as the group presented its annual spring performance, this year titled "Let's Go to the Movies: A Musical Romp With Oscar-Winning Songs" May 12-14 in the auditorium at the Ferraro Building.

The performances were sponsored by the DWP Employees Association and the DWP.

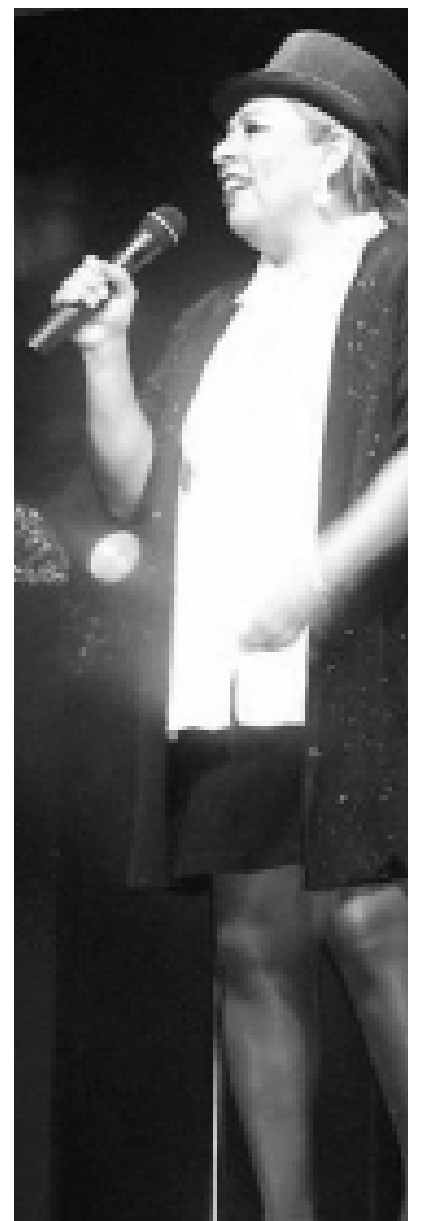
The show was executive produced by April Steffen, directed by Steven Applegate and choreographed by Linda Tucci Renert.

Congratulations to all who participated! ■

Here are some photos of the event.



The Choraliers present "Let's Go to the Movies."



"Swinging on a Star."

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There Is No Tradition Quite Like The Fourth of July... So Let's Eat!

It is hard to find a parallel for the Fourth of July among any other nation. Some countries celebrate their special day by means of a military parade; others simply have no such day at all. France has its Bastille Day, which might be the closest to ours. But it's safe to say that nobody else marks a national anniversary with such a mesmerizing mixture of fierce patriotism and innocuous pleasure, picnics in the park with family and friends, patriotic music and fireworks.

Numerous emotions fuel the feelings that people have for their countries. The one emotion that drives Americans more than any other emotion on July 4th is gratitude. Whether at boating raft-ups, at barbecues, at impromptu ball games, at concerts or at every other typical Independence Day celebration, people's faces reflect a deep satisfaction at being part of the American fabric. July 4th provides an eagerly awaited annual opportunity to feel grateful for being an American. In an almost ritualistic way, July 4th fulfills a need to express the gratitude that we all feel.

But the best way I express my gratitude is

through cooking on the Fourth of July. Scallops a la Blanket sounds hard to make but it is truly a quick and easy treat to make.

In a recipe named on behalf of our nation's first president, which might be some sort of recipe first, Washington's Crab Quesadillas is a unique and uses crab instead of steak or chicken. Try adding other traditional ingredients including salsa or refried beans.

Shrimp-Stuffed Eggs is a favorite deviled egg appetizer at my house for the Fourth of July. Give it a try.

If you are thinking about barbecuing, try the Red White and Blue Cheese Steaks. It may sound strange to use blue cheese with steaks, but believe me, it is explosively delicious.

When you are done making the above recipes, wash it down with Firecracker Tea Punch. The honey and ginger ale are the key ingredients to this recipe.

Here's a reminder to send in those recipes. I know there are lots of Club members who can really cook, so let us in on your secrets!

Happy Fourth of July, America! 🇺🇸

Independence Day

Scallops a la Blanket

INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb. bay scallops
- 12 pieces of bacon, cut in half lengthwise and widthwise
- 1-teaspoon black pepper
- juice of 1 lemon

DIRECTIONS

Wrap each scallop with a thin slice of bacon and secure with a toothpick. Sprinkle with lemon juice and pepper. Preheat broiler and broil until bacon is crisp – about 5-8 minutes, turning once. Serve immediately.



Firecracker Tea Punch

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup honey
- 1 cup orange juice
- 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1 cup fresh fruit, crushed
- 1 1/2 cups fresh, strong tea
- 1 pint ginger ale

DIRECTIONS

Take a large pitcher. Pour Ginger Ale, lemon juice, orange juice, honey, tea, and crushed fresh fruit in that order. Mix with spoon lightly, not vigorously so as to not diminish carbonation of the ginger ale.

Makes 6 to 8 servings.



Shrimp Stuffed Eggs

INGREDIENTS

- 12 hard-boiled eggs
- 3/4-cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 2 teaspoons minced fresh dill
- 4 minced green onions
- 2 teaspoons prepared horseradish
- 1/4 lb. shrimp, cooked, peeled and chopped
- salt and pepper to taste
- paprika for garnish

DIRECTIONS

Hard-boil 12 eggs. Take hard-boiled eggs and halve them. Remove yolk from eggs and place 6 yolks in another bowl. In that bowl add mayonnaise, Dijon mustard, dill, onions, horseradish, shrimp, salt and pepper. Mix until you achieve creamy texture. Add mixture back to hard-boiled egg whites with a spoon. Sprinkle paprika on the shrimp stuffed eggs.



Red White and Blue Cheese Steaks

INGREDIENTS

- 4 individual serving-size steaks
- 2 clove garlic
- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 4 ounces blue cheese
- 4 teaspoons plain yogurt
- 2 teaspoons minced green onions
- Dash of white pepper
- 1/2-teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh parsley

DIRECTIONS

Heat grill. Rub both sides of each steak with garlic clove and set aside.

In small bowl combine cream cheese, blue cheese, yogurt, onions, pepper, salt and parsley. Set aside.

Grill steaks for 6 minutes on one side. Flip and top each steak with the cheese mixture. Grill second side for about 7 minutes or until done to your taste.

Serves 4



Washington's Crab Quesadillas

INGREDIENTS

- 4 large flour tortillas
- 1 6 oz. can canned lump crab meat
- 1 4 oz. can green chilies
- 2 green onions, chopped
- Finely chopped cilantro (however much or little you like)
- 6 oz. shredded Monterey Jack Cheese
- Sour cream for garnish

DIRECTIONS

Take one side of flour tortilla and generously add shredded cheese. Add about 3 ounces of crabmeat, 2 ounces of green chiles, onions, cilantro and a dash of salt and pepper. Cover with second tortilla and microwave on high for 1 to 2 minutes (depends on microwave strength). You may also place in oven at 350 degrees F for 3 minutes or place on iron skillet on medium heat for 1 minute both sides (or until cheese has melted).



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New York Minute

The movie stars twins Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen as sisters who are as different as night and day. The girls end up spending the day together in New York and getting themselves involved in a few adventures. Mary-Kate as Roxy Ryan is being chased by a truant officer (Eugene Levy), and Ashley as Jane Ryan is trying to get to her scholarship speech competition on time while being chased by a criminal.

This is a very clean-cut movie and good for pre-teens and teens. Unless you are an adult who enjoys this type of movie, you should drop the kids off and see another movie.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP



Mean Girls

This movie stars Lindsay Lohan (from *The Parent Trap* and *Freaky Friday*) as Cady Heron who grew up with her parents and home schooled in Africa. Now back in the United States, Cady finds herself in a new jungle ... high school!

The movie is very well done and entertaining for a wide age group. Probably targeted for the pre-teen, teenagers and young adults, some older adults may also enjoy the movie. It's a very clean-cut movie.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP



The Day After Tomorrow

Wow, what a movie. If you are into edge-of-your-seat action, nail-biting suspense, striking scenery, and emotional highs and lows, this is the movie for you! What a way to start the summer blockbuster season on the way.

This movie revolves around an overworked government scientist trying to advise his bosses and the vice president of the United States of the impending danger of global warming. No one takes his advice until it is too late.

— Frank Ramirez, Los Angles Zoo



The Laws of Attraction

Pierce Brosnan and Julianne Moore both star as divorce attorneys who are on opposite sides of several cases. During one case, the two get drunk and discover they are married. Not wanting to generate bad publicity if they divorce, they decide to live together and pretend they are married.

Although the story is predictable, it is very well done. It's a good comedy/love story. I enjoyed it very much. Pierce and Julianne have good chemistry. And supporting actress Frances Fisher as the mother was excellent.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP



The Stepford Wives

At first I didn't want to see this movie because the original version terrified me, but I was glad to see that this one was a comedy. Nicole Kidman, who played the main character, suffered a breakdown as a result of losing her job in the entertainment industry. Her husband took her and their two children and moved to the small town of Stepford, Conn., to start a new life. Once in Stepford she saw unusual things happening. The story line was much like the original version, but the ending had a twist. It was very entertaining, and I would recommend it.

— Debbie Bunt, DWP

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Our Lady of the Forest

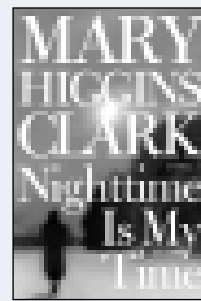
David Guterson

-323 pages, Fiction, Knopf, New York, 2003

Appropriate for: 16 - adult

Set in the Washington rain forests, *Our Lady of the Forest* is another one of Guterson's beautifully written, language-rich stories (*Snow Falling on Cedars*, *East of the Mountains*). When Anne Holmes, a 16-year-old-runaway-turned-wild-mushroom-picker begins to have visions of the Virgin Mary, the small town of North Fork, Wash., becomes America's center of attention. While the reader can't help but reach for her/his own faith beliefs, the story focuses on the very real characters that surround Anne. A priest, a woman who befriends Anne, and a troubled man who is dealing with divorce and his son's disability embark on soul-searching experiences. The richness of Guterson's language affords the reader a trip, if only for the duration of the book, to a land of tall trees, rich vegetation and compelling characters.

— Giovanna Rebagliati, Department of Water and Power



Nighttime Is My Time

Mary Higgins Clark

-270 pages, Fiction, Simon and Shuster, 2004

Appropriate for: 16 - adult

Jean Sheridan, a best-selling author, returns home for her 20th high school reunion. As soon as she arrives she begins to receive threatening faxes. Her stalker knows her darkest secret – the name of the baby girl she gave up for adoption 20 years ago. A few days before the reunion, Allison Kendall, Jean's childhood friend and high-powered Hollywood agent, drowns in her pool. During the reunion, her friend Laura Wilcox, a well-known television actress disappears. The media believes that Laura's disappearance is a publicity stunt. Jean begins to believe that Laura may have been kidnapped. Could Laura's kidnapper and Allison's death be linked to the same person who is sending Jean threatening faxes?

Mary Higgins Clark writes a page-turning mystery that will keep you guessing the identity of the murder.

— Gloria Grover, Pico Union Library

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