

LAFD Firefighter Jaime Foster Dies In the Line of Duty

■ She is the first LAFD female firefighter to make the ultimate sacrifice.

On Saturday, Aug. 14, Firefighter Jaime L. Foster was killed in the line of duty after having assisted in the extinguishment of a residential structure fire located in the community of Encino.



Firefighter Jaime Foster

On Saturday, Aug. 14, five companies of Los Angeles Firefighters and one LAFD rescue ambulance responded to a reported structure fire at 5716 North Jamieson Ave. in Encino. The first company arrived quickly to report

smoke showing from a one-story wood-frame and stucco single-family dwelling. Firefighters swiftly forced entry and using aggressive and well-coor-

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A Holiday Gift Returns

■ The Club's famous refund checks will be distributed in December.

The disbursement of the Club's life insurance refund checks has been moved back to December, the Club Board announced. The Club has distributed the checks in December for most of its 76 years. The schedule was altered the last few years.

The disbursement is expected to be one of the largest in recent times, according to Brian Trent, Club Chief Financial Officer. The exact amount and schedule of the disbursement will be announced next month.



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The Ultimate Picnic!

... "It's great for families, great for everyone," ... "You can't beat it," ...

Everyone is talking about ClubFest 2004.

Sunday Oct. 3 2004
10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Calamigos Ranch
(above Malibu)

Don't miss out!

Listen to what people are saying about ClubFest 2004, coming up fast Oct. 3.

"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."

"I am getting very excited for this year's ClubFest. It was so much fun last year, that my kids have been asking me about the next ClubFest all year long," wrote Nancy Thomas of the DOT in a letter to the editor this month.

"I can't wait"

"On a scale of one to 10, it was a 10-plus," said Tecumseh Shackelford, a Club member and

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by **John Hawkins**
CEO, The Club



A Family Picnic Like No Other



As summer slowly comes to a close, we already start missing all the elements this favored season brings. Ice cream cones dripping from the little hands of children. The refreshing spray of a sprinkler. The sound of laughter at a family picnic and the smell of barbecued chicken. I know I'll miss all these things when summer is long past.

Wouldn't it be nice to be able to experience some of these pleasures even after summer's gone? Simply ask someone who attended ClubFest last year. They're going back this year because all these things bring back memories of last year's event. It brings every City department together for a day of fun, food and fond memories and creates memories that bring back summer for one more day. From the Airport, General Services, Building and Safety to the Harbor DWP, Fire and Police, many we've talked to are going to make ClubFest a yearly tradition. Remember to mark the date on your calendar, Sunday Oct. 3, and be prepared for that "Fourth of July" feeling.

Christmas, believe it or not, is right around the corner. Several years ago we advanced the annual life insurance refund distribution date from December up to September. However, many of you told us that you relied on the annual refund being in December because you used the refund money to buy holiday gifts for those special people in your life. Coupled with the fact that it made more sense logistically from our end, we decided to move it back to December. And best of all, we are anticipating the largest refund ever. We'll let you know the exact amount in the October issue of *Alive!*

As many of us prepare to send our kids back to school, I can't help but think about the family of the fallen firefighter Jaime Foster, and my heart goes out to them. Please keep them in your prayers. Jaime was a fellow City employee who lost her life in the line of duty last month. Let's remember her in our thoughts.

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Technology Sometimes Comes At the Cost of Loss of Your Privacy

I am going to touch on several topics but they are inter-related.

I am among the people who believe that technology advancements are a double-edged sword. Technological advancements have sped up the delivery of information and I think the human race has been experiencing the biggest information age in history. It will continue to be before enough progress is made for mankind to delve into a genuine space age.

However, I am experiencing some snags in the area of office technology. As a consumer, call centers are often a trek into a downward spiral of frustration and impatience. If anyone is like me, how many times have you heard "please hold, please hold, please hold ... all customer account representatives are busy at the moment ... for English, press one ... your business is important to us ... please enter your social security number followed by the pound sign"?

There are countless others. But this is not the worst of it. Call centers are now being shipped overseas to India where the people of India are trained to handle customer service calls. U.S. companies are saving millions of dollars in employee pay by outsourcing overseas. This sounds wonderful to CEOs and CFOs until you understand that these overseas employees, working at a fraction of what a U.S. employee would make, have access to very personal information such as credit card numbers, addresses, social security numbers, dates of birth, etc. The Federal Trade Commission got over six million identity theft complaints last year, and other government agencies have thrown up their arms in dismay in how to derail this crime.

Let me clue them in: Place strict and enforceable fraud and security regulations on corporations that allow personal/consumer information to be accessed by customer service representatives 8,800 miles away. If this is an impossibility, then let's stop the overseas activity altogether.

— David Jiles, Rec and Parks



He Agrees: What Were Dodgers Thinking With the Recent Trades?

I am responding to the letter left by Rick Myers in the August issue of *Alive!*

Like Myers, I have been a longtime Dodger fan. I'm also not pleased with the Dodger ownership by Frank McCourt. Myers speaks of the Dodgers trading key players and it happened. What were the Dodgers thinking when they traded Guillermo Mota, the pitcher with the lowest ERA in the National League and was the most sought-after pitcher in the Major Leagues because of his fantastic pitching as a closer leading up to Eric Gagne to save the games? What was the Dodger front office thinking when they traded Paul Lo Duca, a two-time all star catcher with a .300 plus batting average and was one of the captains of the Dodger ball club?

I just hope that whatever they were thinking that it puts the Dodgers deep into the post-season at the very least.

Last thing: Don't fire Jim Tracy, whatever you do, General Manager Paul DePodesta!

— Roger Leonard, DWP

She Enjoyed My Cinema Access, Club's Movie Screening Benefit

Hi Ticket Guy, thank you very much. My sister and I enjoyed the tickets at the Arclight theaters. What an experience! We had never attended an advanced screening, so this was a fun thing to do when you have the time.

The movie was fantastic. It kept you in suspense up to a certain point and then, they

would give you a clue to continue with the suspense and more surprises regarding the characters. I know the movie will do very well.

Thank again.

— Irma Muñoz, DWP

[Editor's note: Irma was referring to seeing *The Manchurian Candidate* as part of the Club's My Cinema Access benefit. Interested? Call the Ticket Guy: (800) 464-0452.]

After First Office Depot Discount, He Really Recommends the Club

I just wanted to let everyone who reads the *ALIVE!* and whose thinking about becoming a member of the Club that there is no reason to think about it. Just do it!

I will tell you why. You get the best Citywide newspaper that keeps in touch with all your colleagues. Not only that but you get some great discounts that no other association or City group could provide. I just linked my credit card to the special Club Office Depot discount, and I saved more than I could have ever imagined. I would have paid \$224 for office and school supplies, but when the Office Depot clerk swiped my card, it went down to \$157! Holy savings, Batman!

The City Employees Club is the best thing that could have ever happened to City employees.

— Raymond Lewis, Club Member

[Editor's note: Glad you're enjoying the benefit, Raymond! If readers haven't joined the Club's free Office Depot discount program, what are you waiting for? Look for the specific instructions in the story elsewhere in this issue of *Alive!*—Ed.]

AMP Story Proves to Him That *Alive!* Knows What Readers Want

I wanted to thank *Alive!* for the magnificent story about the Port of LA and the AMP program. I can see the time and effort spent in putting the story together. I especially liked the side column with Port of LA's Executive Director Larry Keller. I saw the story from the ACEBSA paper, but I was disappointed in its content because it didn't talk about how Larry Keller led a team comprised of City employees from the Harbor Department, Department of Water and Power, and the Department of Building and Safety. I was amazed how much information *Alive!* published about the AMP project, and it shows how much the Club understands what we want to read.

— George Terber, Club Member

Affordable Ticket Prices Keep Him Coming Back to the Club for More

I was just checking ticket prices and it is definitely true ... the Club is the cheapest in town. No one organization in the City of LA does it any better than the Club. If I went to any other City group or association to get tickets, I would have paid at least \$50 more for the 6 adults and 12 children Sea World tickets I purchased.

I don't know how the Club is doing it, but you have one loyal Club member who will keep coming back to the Club.

— M. Smith, Club Member

Proposed Newspaper Box Law: Should It Be the Highest Priority?

So what is the deal with the City of LA trying to pass an ordinance that requires all newspaper bins on sides of City streets to be one color? I don't really oppose the idea, but let's start with paving and painting the streets. Better yet, let's just go with a complete street overhaul with the help of Street Maintenance and Street Lighting.

— TJ Jones, DWP

Story on LAFD's Jaime Foster Should Have Been Bigger in Times

I live in the Valley and I am very sorry to hear about the death of LAFD Firefighter Jaime Foster. I hope the best for the firefighter's family.

Shame on the Los Angeles Times for their infinitesimal article the day after it happened. It was such a small article that I don't believe it did anything to celebrate or honor the life of this fallen City employee.

Rachel Lopez, Public Works

Greuel in Gear With Her Support Of City's Stolen Vehicle Program

I am glad that Councilmember Wendy Greuel supported the first-ever program that would task Traffic Officers with the first response to stolen vehicles. This is a great program thought up by Traffic Officers to protect the vehicle owners.

The program will definitely help the Los Angeles communities as well save taxpayer dollars.

— Joe Ventura, City Clerk's Office



Hold On Just a Few More Weeks, Nancy; ClubFest Is Nearly Here

I am getting very excited for this year's ClubFest. It was so much fun last year, that my kids have been asking me about the next all year long.

The price can't be beat for \$5 for Club members and kids and \$10 for adults. I think it might cost a little more than last year's ticket prices, but I understand that the Club has reserved more space for us as well as more things to do, so it is worth every penny. And the food!

I can't wait.

— Nancy Thomas, DOT

He Notices and Likes the New Look And City Coverage of This Newspaper



I noticed that *Alive!* had some improvements that makes it an even more exciting paper to read. It's definitely the only real newspaper for City employees. My co-workers all agree. It has a lot of pages, the headlines for the stories are attention-grabbing with all the different sized lettering, and there's more color to the pages which makes it fun to look at.

How do you get to all these City locations? You must have about a dozen reporters. Also, my co-worker made me aware about the fact that you are now recognizing the contributors to the articles. I thought you had always done that, but it's a nice touch. It feels like a national publication.

— Turner Johnson, DWP

Correction

— On page 6 of the July issue, we misspelled the name of Dolly Malva. Sorry about that, Dolly. We regret our error.

Goodbye, Olivia

By Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

■ Beloved Club member Olivia Valenzuela retires from LAPD.

After 23 years of service, Clerk Typist Olivia Valenzuela retired from the LAPD with a luncheon Aug. 12. She has been a Club member for 22 of 23 of those years.

The luncheon was held in the Golden Ballroom of the New Otani Hotel downtown. It's the very room Olivia has used to plan the first holiday joint celebration of the LAPD.

"Her legacy will continue, as many of Olivia's family members work for the Police Department or the City," says Thom Brennan, the Personnel Division's commanding officer.

April Richmond of the LAPD graciously provided the following information on Olivia:

"Since being appointed on April 20, 1981, and assigned to the PM Correspondence Unit, Records Services Section, Clerk Typist Olive Valenzuela has demonstrated that she has the overall qualities that one would associate with a 'dream' employee.

"She quickly became skilled in all the functions performed by the personnel in the Correspondence Unit and in particular, she became expert in handling the Police clearance desk. The person who is assigned to the Police clearance desk must have an understanding of rules dictating the release of this information; she must be able to handle the public and present a good public relations image even in the face of angry and frustrated individuals who do not understand why they cannot get the service they are requesting.

"Olivia also has the ability to converse with Spanish-speaking citizens who telephone or walk-

in for service and or information. She was loaned to the Day Watch correspondence Unit due to the longterm illness of the person who is assigned to the Police clearance desk. She has willingly adjusted her home life and outside responsibilities to accommodate the unit in this crisis. In addition, she has taken on the responsibilities of being the relief supervisor. She remains calm and serene even though short deployment and workloads become too heavy to handle. She is a model of efficiency in her quiet way and is a boon to Records Services Section, which seems to have continuing shortages of personnel and a high rate of personnel turnover. Olivia is the backbone of the unit and her dedication and loyalty prevents the unit from collapsing.

"In 1985 she went back to Records and Identification. She took the initiative to train new employees and new supervisors; she always put forth extra effort when the Unit is short on personnel; she was a self-motivated employee.

"In 1992 Olivia transferred to the Administrative Office of Personnel Division where her assignment of Divisional Timekeeper immediately excelled to her secondary role as secretary and sometimes even adjutant. To promote even greater accuracy in record keeping, Olivia instituted an incentive program. Any section with error-free records received a chile verde dinner. Errors dropped dramatically, and one section earned the prize. Olivia developed this skill for motivating people...hence the title 'Social Director.' She enjoyed remembering everyone's birthday and made sure there was a cake and gift. Olivia was the 'heart of morale' in the Captain's office. She enjoyed planning and carrying out retirement luncheons and divisional fundraising."

The Club wishes Olivia the very best of congratulations and a fantastic retirement. Stay in touch, Olivia!



Olivia Valenzuela, Senior Clerk Typist and longtime Club member. Olivia's medals in a shadow box & The City's resolution.



A certificate of appreciation and congratulations from US Senator Barbara Boxer was presented by Thom Brennan, Police Administrator Commanding Officer, LAPD Personnel Division, and Club member.



From left: Assistant Chief George Gascon, Office of Operations, LAPD; Olivia Valenzuela, Retiree; and Thom Brennan, Police Administrator, Commanding Officer, LAPD Personnel Division, Club member.



Back, from left: Vickie Wong, LAPD Personnel; Bernette Johnson, LAPD Personnel, Club member; Gloria Tigolo, LAPD Personnel, Club member; and Maria Cervantes, LAPD Personnel. Front: Monica Lee, LAPD Personnel; Maria T. Lopez, Retired General Services, Club member; and Jackie Burrough, LAPD Personnel.



From left: Ganice Police, LAPD Personnel; Kathy Sheehan, LAPD Personnel; and Sue Gordon, LAPD Personnel.



Olivia Valenzuela, Retiree, with Commander Bob Hansohn, Personnel Group, presenting a letter of thanks and congratulations from California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.



Olivia Valenzuela, Retiree, and Chief McDonnell, presenting a proclamation of Olivia's 23 years of service under six different chiefs of police.



Olivia Valenzuela, Retiree, and Assistant Chief Gascon, presenting a letter of congratulations from the president of the United States.



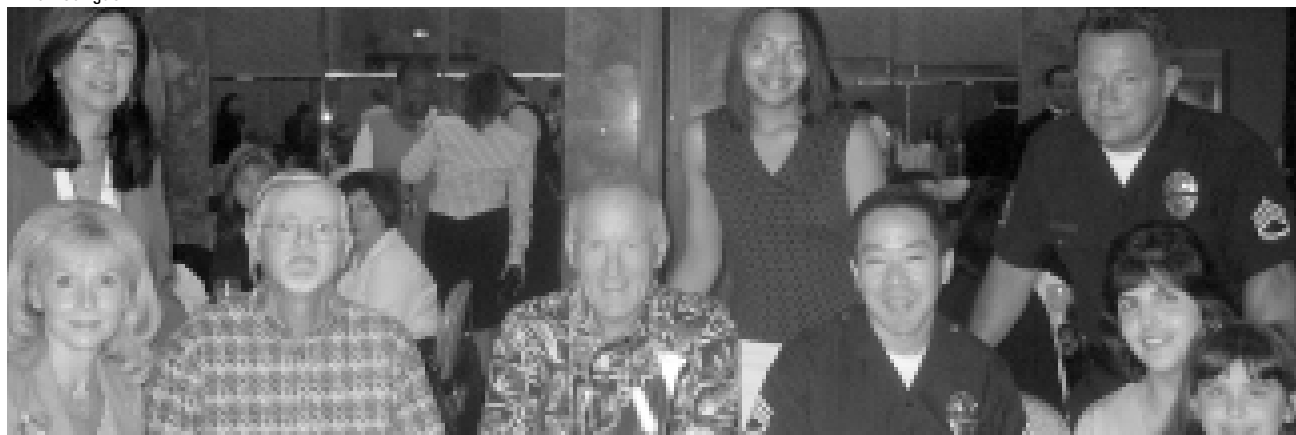
Back, from left: Officer Lin Hom, OHR; Natalie Cortez, Internal Affairs; Olivia Valenzuela, Retiree; and Ya-May Christle, International Affairs. Front: Mercy Medellin, Robbery Homicide, Club member; Myrlin Rebuldele, Internal Affairs; and Sgt. Vanstone, OHR.



Olivia's family members. Back, from left: Carlos Valenzuela; Aubrey Valenzuela; Daniel Perez; Julien Flores; Veronica Flores; Lino Valenzuela (Olivia's husband of 38 years); Olivia Valenzuela, retiree; Adriana Rodriguez; Rebecca Rodriguez; Art Rodriguez; and Dale Rodriguez. Front: Tatiana Flores and Erika Rodriguez.



From left: Teresa Haddad, LAPD Harbor; Josephine Lee, Property Division; Blanca Fife, Mail Unit, Club member; and Lily Jew, Retired LAPD.



Back, from left: Gloria Grube, LAPD Officer in Charge, Club member; Renee Fletcher, LAPD; and Sgt. Mark La Bonita. Front: Lori Blackwell, LAPD; Bill McDaniel, Retired LAPD; Bob Clark, LAPD Narcotics Division; Sgt. Darryl Ito, LAPD Office of Support Services, Club member; Olivia Riter, LAWA, Club member; and Gaby Riter.



Back, from left: Rick Molina, LAPD Personnel; Officer Oscar Moreno, LAPD Personnel; and Lt. Gus Martinez, Medical Liason. Front: Vicki Baetz, LAPD Personnel; MeLisa Weathersby, LAPD Personnel; and Rina Aragon, LAPD Personnel.



Olivia's "mug shot."



From left: Captain Morris Smith, Commanding Officer, North East Area; Teresa Haddad, LAPD Harbor; Sgt. William Carter, Employee Relations Group; Beverly Anderson, Employee Relations Group; and Julian Melendez, Employee Relations Group.



Back, from left: Gina Caguat, Engineering, and Gloria Monzo, Retired LAPD. Front: Karen Keating, Retired Engineering, and Mary Pagarigan, LAPD, Club member.



April Richmond and Sonia Mendoza present Olivia with a \$500 check to help with plans to remodel her home.



Olivia Valenzuela, Retiree, with Barbara Taylor, Police Administrator, presenting a letter of thanks from Attorney General Bill Lockyer.



Back, from left: Joyce Holland, R & I; Martha Diaz, R & I; Ruth Priester, R & I; and Sandra Perez, LAPD Juvenile Division. Front: Dorris Torres, R & I; Toni Martinez, Retired LAPD; Cindy Davidson, R & I; and Francine Acuna, CIMB.



Gloria Grube, current Officer in Charge of Position Control, awards Olivia with her "shadow box pins." Pictured with Olivia are her "Position Control Group" colleagues.



Back, from left: Thom Brennan, Police Administrator, Commanding Officer, LAPD Personnel Division, Club member; Gloria Grube, LAPD, Officer in Charge, Club member; Commander Bob Hansohn, Personnel Group; Debora Fore, LAPD Personnel; Jaki Vernon Wagner, CAO; and Sgt. Chris Berglund, Personnel Group. Front: April Bennett, Personnel Dept., Club member; and Kathy Guerra, LAPD.

Don't Miss the Ultimate Picnic

ClubFest 2004

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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!

Talk to your Club Counselor or call the Ticket Guy today. Don't miss out!

Here's the schedule:

Sunday, October 3, 2004, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

p.m.

At Calamigos Ranch, above Malibu

BBQ Lunch - Noon to 2 p.m.

- Shredded Roast Beef covered in BBQ sauce served on french rolls, Calamigos BBQ Chicken, vegetarian Texas-style Chili, Iowa corn cobbettes, classic Idaho country potato salad, crispy California garden salad, seasonal fruit salad, rolls and butter

Hot dog and grilled corn bar - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Hot dogs, chili, grilled corn on the cob

Refreshments available all day!

- Soft drinks, lemonade, iced tea and coffee, popcorn and assorted frozen novelties
- Some things you may want to bring: Beach/lawn chair, swim suits, towels and sunscreen lotion
- Please, no pets or outside alcoholic beverages.

Fun Things to Do:

Air pillow, adult and children's bingo, carnival booths, clowns, DJs, dunk tank, face painting, foam machine, hayrides, human spheres, bungee run, basketball, picnic games with prizes, pony rides, farm animals, puppet show, rainbow slip and slide, horseshoes, survivor challenge, Sumo wrestling, sand volleyball, giant inflatable waterslide, merry-go-round, softball/soccer field, paddle boating, swimming and ping-pong.



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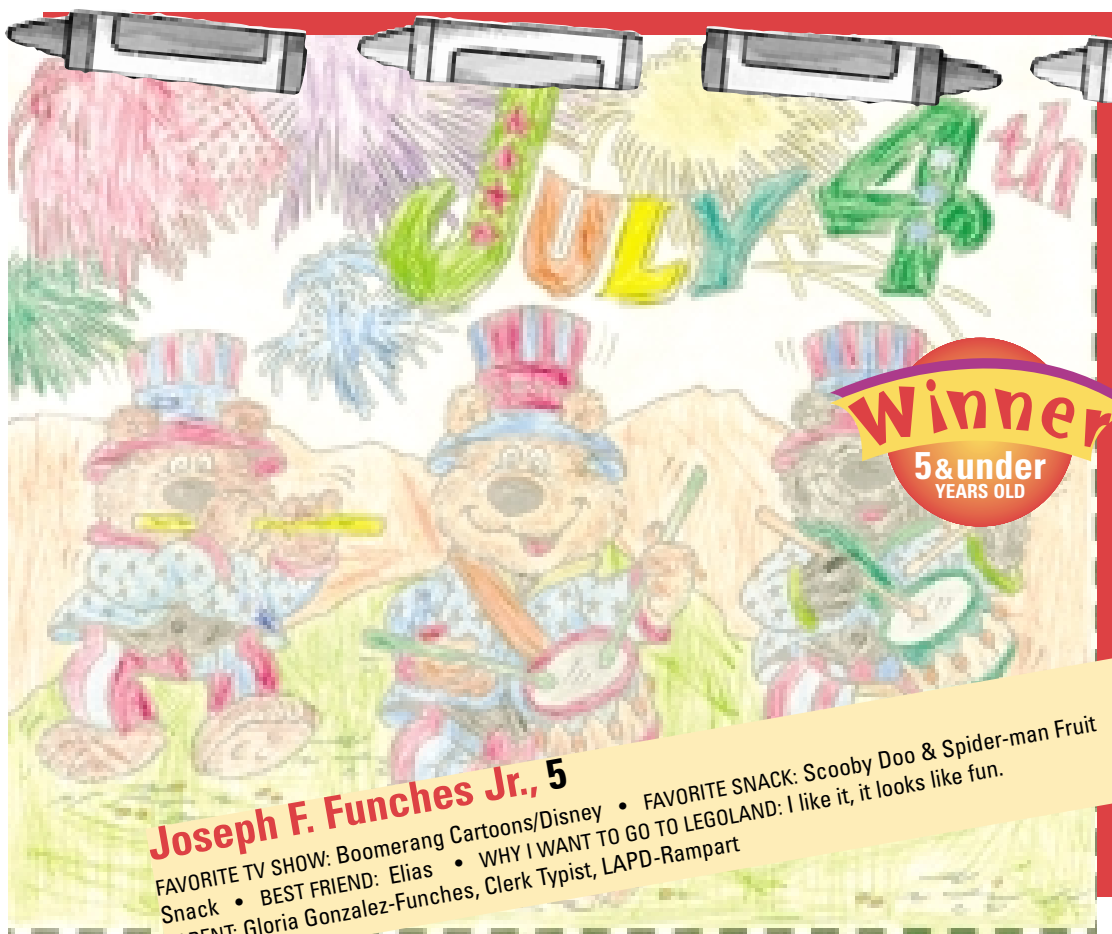
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Joseph F. Funches Jr., 5
 FAVORITE TV SHOW: Boomerang Cartoons/Disney • FAVORITE SNACK: Scooby Doo & Spider-man Fruit Snack • BEST FRIEND: Elias • WHY I WANT TO GO TO LEGOLAND: I like it, it looks like fun.
 PARENT: Gloria Gonzalez-Funches, Clerk Typist, LAPD-Rampart



Sara Parades, 7
 FAVORITE TV SHOW: Bug Juice • FAVORITE SNACK: Cookies • BEST FRIEND: Sami • WHY I WANT TO GO TO LEGOLAND: It would be my day there with my family.
 PARENT: Marco Parades, Security Officer, DWP



Sandra Orellana, 10
 FAVORITE TV SHOW: Sponge Bob • FAVORITE SNACK: Hot Cheetos • BEST FRIEND: Kyla • WHY I WANT TO GO TO LEGOLAND: I would want to have fun with my family, which I love so much.
 PARENTS: William F. Orellana, Timely

Congratulations to the WINNERS! of our Club Coloring Contest!

Congratulations to the winners of *Alive!*'s summer coloring contest. Everyone who turned in a design is a winner in our opinion! But our top three participants win four passes (each) to LEGOLAND.

Look for our next contest in the October edition of *Alive!*

Honorable Mention

- | | | |
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| Bangel Alina
- age 9 child of Laura Rangel | Cynthia Giron
- age 7, child of Vicente Giron | Valerie Orellana
- age 8, child of William Orellana |
| Serina Alvarez
- age 11, child of Martha Castaneda | Alexia Gonzalez
- age 8, child of Ruben Gonzalez | Sandra Orellana
- age 10, niece of Maria Valdivia |
| Jessica Arriaga
- age 6, child of Danny Arriaga | Cheyenne Gonzalez
- age 8, child of Rodolfo Gonzalez | Madison Ortiz
- age 3, child of Bruce Ortiz |
| Samantha Ashley
- age 9, child of Tim Ashley | Jennifer Gonzalez
- age 10, child of Peter Gonzalez | Sara Paredes
- age 6, child of Marco Paredes |
| Erica Barin
- age 10, child of Farah Barin | Chardin Harris
- age 7, child of Fay Cousin | Joey Pasaye
- age 10, child of Jaime Pasaye Jr. |
| Jeremy Bellard
- age 7, child of Tonja Bellard | Rebecca Hernandez
- age 11, child of Sergio Hernandez | Zyon Payne
- age 10, child of Enoch Murray |
| Tamaro Bogan
- age 8, child of Kathy Bogan | Ashley Hernandez
- age 9, child of Pete Hernandez | Reann Ramirez
- age 10, child of Renee Ramirez |
| Stephanie Bonilla
- age 8, child of Genoveva Bonilla | Andres Hernandez
- age 6, child of Jose Hernandez | Natalie Realegeno
- age 6, child of Edwin Realegeno |
| Rebecca Bowers
- age 8, child of Terrie Bowers | Camryn Hillman
- age 5, child of Steve Hillman | Alyssa Reyes
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| Ashley Broaviroff
- age 9, child of Dan Braviroff | Ing Jefferson
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- age 10, child of Alfredo Reyes |
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- age 6, child of Tim Jones | Damon Rideaux
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| Kevin Clardy
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- age 7, child of Jocelino Joun | Andrea Rodriguez
- age 7, child of Alfonso Rodriguez |
| Zachary Cook
- age 8, grandchild of Robert Giseley | Daniela Juarez
- age 7, child of Hector Juarez | Azelia Romero
- age 7, child of Manuel Romero |
| Ganner Dae'Ron
- age 10, child of Joann Gage | Desiree Khan
- age 10, child of Musa Khan | Christina Sanchez
- age 8, child of Tommy Sanchez |
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- age 7, child of Daniel Lea | Matthew Saxton
- age 9, child of Cathy Bushey |
| Melissa Diaz
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- age 8, child of Guadalupe Delacruz | Stephanie Sanchez
- age 10, child of Lillian Valera |
| John Diaz Jr.
- age 10, child of Graciela Diaz | Christian Manuel
- age 8, child of Ardon Manuel | Jessica Tom
- age 9, child of Stuart Tom |
| Jayzelee Diche
- age 5, child of Ven Diche | Regina Mendez
- age 8, child of Jorge Mendez | Peter Trinh
- age 6, child of Thai V. Trinh |
| Delicia Donatien
- age 10, child of Patrick Donatien | Nolan Mendoza
- age 6, child of Cesar Mendoza | Karen Trinh
- age 6, child of Thai V. Trinh |
| Patrick Donatien
- age 7, child of Patrick Donatien | Kylee R. Mendoza
- age 4, child of Cesar Mendoza | Emily Valenzuela
- age 7, child of Emilio Valenzuela |
| Damion Donatien
- age 9, child of Patrick Donatien | Garcia Michelle
- age 10, child of Maria E. Garcia | Julia Vasquez
- age 8, child of Carlos Vasquez Sr |
| Steve Donovan
- age 6, child of Douglas Donovan | Alaysia Monson
- age 9, child of Alice Kirkland | Samantha Vera
- age 7, child of Graciela Vera |
| Danielle Espinoza
- age 8, child of Oscar Espinoza | Vanessa Navarro
- age 5, grandchild of Jodel Navarro | Andrew Vera
- age 8, child of Graciela Vera |
| Katelyn Eyerly
- age 9, child of James Eyerly | Briza Navarro
- age 7, child of Jodel Navarro | Samantha White
- age 8, child of Victoria White |
| Janelle Ferris
- age 8, child of John Ferris | Joey Navarro
- age 10, child of Jo-Del Navarro | Jermayne Wilson
- age 7, child of Vincent Wilson |
| Jackie Files
- age 9, child of James Files | Tommy Navarro
- age 9, child of Jo-Del Navarro | Noel Wong
- age 9, child of Ben Wong |
| Dosh Franks
- age 9, child of LaSann Gilyard | Miranda Nunez
- age 4, child of Richard Nunez | |
| Joseph Funches Jr.
- age 5, child of Gloria Gonzales-Funches | Steven Ochoa
- age 9, child of Mario Ochoa | |
| Rachel Gartey
- age 9, child of Jaqueline Gartey | | |

Welcome to the Port

By Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

Port of LA continues with its new employee orientation.

The Port of LA held another in its series of new employee orientations July 20, in the Harbor Administration Building.

The day included a boat tour of the harbor aboard the Angelina II.

As in past orientations, the City Employees Club hosted a Continental breakfast for the new and transfer employees.

Welcome to the Harbor, new employees!



Container ships along the port.



From left: Shokoufe Marashi, Environmental Specialist II, 3 months; and Sher-lynn Davis, Sr. Clerk Typist, 5 months.



From left: Kim Yapp, Environmental Specialist, 3 months; and Jeff Dash, Power Trouble Operator, 3 months (11 years with DWP).



From left: Mike Galvin, Real Estate Officer, 1.5 months; and Sharon Tatel, Management Assistant, 2 months.



From left: Guillermo Martinez, Transportation Engineering Associate, 3 months; Kathleen Bautista, Dispatcher Port Pilots, 18 months at the Port of LA (19 years with the City); and Shawn Ivers, Labor Supervisor, 2 months at the Port of LA (15 years with the City).



From left: Edward Kim, Environmental Compliance Coordinator, 2.5 months; Donni Gray, Secretary, 2 months; and Ramon Orona, Groundskeeper, 3 months.



From left: Felix Santa Cruz, Roofer, 3 months; Leslie Washington, Roofer, 3 months; and Jim Bozarth, Roofer, 18 months.



From left: Anthony Espinoza, Sr. Gardener, 1 month; and Paul Irving, Deckhand, 3 years.

Refunds Will Come at Holiday Time

Refund Check

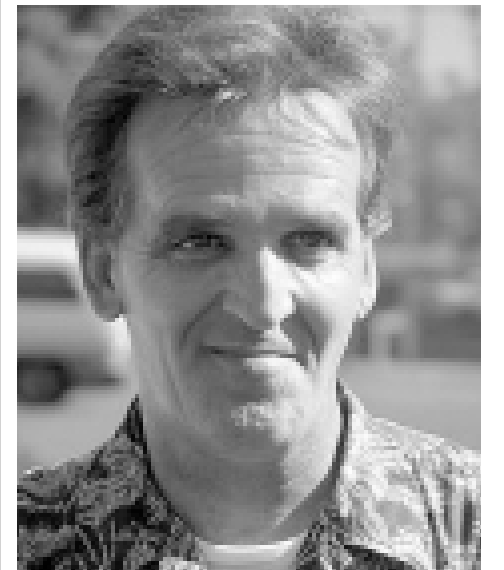
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"The actual Plan Period for the Life Insurance Products (Member & Spouse), which the refund check is based upon, covers August 1 through July 31 of each year," Trent explains. "Historically, the calculation of the Experience Rating Refund took at least two months. Add another two months to prepare checks and distribution procedures. Voilà, a December refund."

The past few years, Trent continues, the disbursement was moved forward two months, but that caused distribution errors, mostly lost or mis-directed checks.

"This way, the Board Of Directors, which ultimately determines the actual refund amount, does not feel rushed into a decision on limited information. It has time to access the needs of the Association and Membership before the specific amount is declared," he says.

"This year the Board has committed to giving back one of the largest refunds in recent times. The extra time will allow a thorough assessment of the Association's finances so that every possible prudent dollar is given back to the membership."



John Curtin celebrates his 50th birthday.

Happy Birthday, John

Club member John Curtin turns 50 years old on September 9.

He has been working for the City for 18 years. John's 16-year-old son is putting together a scrapbook of his dad's appearances in *Alive!* Make sure you include this one!

Happy birthday, John. Many more.



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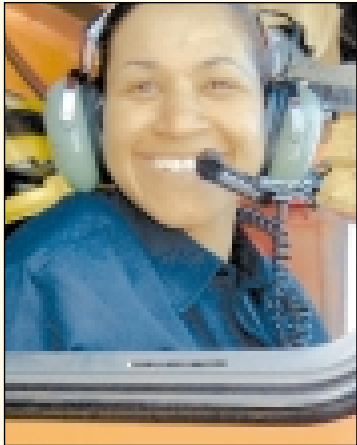
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'Service Without Self'

■ Firefighter Jaime Foster eulogized at downtown cathedral.



Friends, family and firefighters from throughout the nation gathered Friday, Aug. 20, at the memorial service for fallen firefighter Jaime Foster at Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral downtown.

The service followed a traditional firefighter cortege and procession through downtown to the cathedral.

"Though she was with us only a short time, she will leave a lasting legacy," Fire Chief William Bamattre told those gathered at the cathedral, which seats 3,000 and was full.

"She is a hero in death, and she was a hero in life. She was the epitome of our motto — service without self."

Foster's badge, No. 1021, was retired from service and presented to her mother, Gloria.

The day before, at the Fallen Firefighters Memorial groundbreaking ceremony held at the Fire Museum in Hollywood, she was remembered. Her name will be the 71st to be engraved on the memorial.

During the memorial ceremony at the cathedral, Mayor Jim Hahn described Foster as being "the total package."

"She gave everything she had in everything she did ... One look at that picture of her smile tells you all you need to know of what kind of wonderful person she was."



The coffin of Firefighter Jaime Foster is carried through downtown to the Cathedral in this fire engine.

LAFD's Jaime Foster Dies While on Duty

Firefighter

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inated firefighting tactics confined the fire to one of three bedrooms in the northeast corner of the home.

When leaving the fire, there was a single vehicle accident near the scene, which caused traumatic injury to Jaime. Despite the combined efforts of firefighters, paramedics and hospital emergency department personnel, she was declared dead at Tarzana Hospital.

As dictated by Fire Department policy, a formal and detailed multi-agency investigation is under way to determine the exact cause and manner of her death.

Her family, friends, and the members of the Los Angeles Fire Department are mourning this tragic loss.

Two services paid tribute to her: a candlelight vigil Aug. 19 at Fire Station 73 in Reseda, and a funeral Mass Aug. 20 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels downtown.

See related story at left.

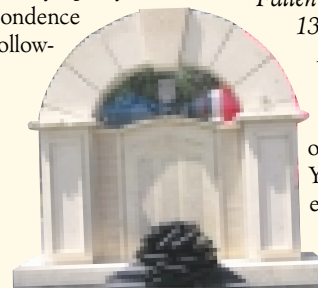
Expressions of support and sympathy through cards and correspondence may be forwarded to the following address:

*The Foster Family
Los Angeles Firemen's
Relief Association
2900 West Temple Street,
Suite 102
Los Angeles, CA 90026*

The family has requested that donations be made in Jaime Foster's honor to the LAFD Historical Society - Fallen Firefighter Memorial:

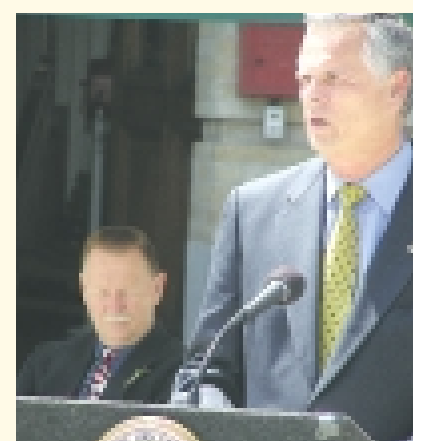
*LAFD Historical Society
Fallen Firefighter Memorial
1355 North Cahuenga Blvd
Hollywood, CA 90028*

The Los Angeles Fire Department has received a tremendous outpouring of support during this difficult time. Your Firefighters wish to thank you and express our deepest appreciation for all the kind words and gestures that have been provided.



LAFD Memorial Groundbreaking Honors Jaime Foster, Others

A special tribute was constructed Thursday, Aug. 19, in time for the groundbreaking ceremony at the LAFD Historical Museum in Hollywood. During the ceremony, there was a moment of silence for Jaime. Guest speakers included Mayor Jim Hahn, Councilman Tom LaBonge, President of the Board of Fire Commissioners Jay Grodin, and LAFD Chief William Bamattre.



Bottom-Line Savings



■ Here's a look at how much you can save with the Club's Office Depot benefit.

Have you used your Office Depot discount yet? It's free! It's available to all Club members. Just make sure you follow the instructions about signing up for it. Once you do, and you use your designated credit card, you can save up to 40 percent. From time to time, *Alive!* will publish a listing of sample savings. Not all products can be discounted.

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Sample Savings!

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325871	HP No. 17 Color Inkjet Cartridge	\$36.99	\$32.99	\$27.85	16%	25%
384611	HP No. 15 Black Ink Cartridge	\$33.99	\$29.99	\$25.34	16%	25%
216161	HP Premium Photo Paper - 50 sheets	\$29.99	\$29.88	\$20.46	32%	32%
346437	Metro Wire Pencil Cup	\$5.65	\$3.54	\$3.11	12%	45%
293799	6 Pack Wirebound Notebooks - 1 Subject	\$9.99	\$4.60	\$3.70	20%	63%
405541	Energizer AA Rechargeable Batteries - 4 Pack	\$16.15	\$14.99	\$9.55	36%	41%
241659	Office Depot CDR - 50 Pack	\$36.98	\$17.97	\$13.68	24%	63%
441661	Office Depot Super Slim CD Cases - 25 Pack	\$12.99	\$9.47	\$4.81	49%	63%
618033	Texas Instruments TI-30 Scientific Calculator	\$15.00	\$9.99	\$9.41	6%	37%
280420	Fiskars Softgrip Scissors for Kids	\$4.95	\$3.25	\$2.72	16%	45%
397252	Haier 4.2 Cu. Ft. Refrigerator/Freezer	\$249.99	\$172.45	\$145.36	16%	42%
846136	Bush Commercial 30" Bookcase, 2 Shelves	\$74.00	\$49.99	\$40.70	19%	45%
148447	Christopher Lowell City Desk Lamp	\$29.99	\$29.97	\$26.99	10%	10%
105479	Gibson Leather Task Chair	\$84.00	\$49.94	\$46.20	7%	45%
311324	Boone Economy Dry-Erase Board, 18" x 24"	\$23.99	\$14.96	\$8.88	41%	63%
356392	Sharp Wizard OZ-290 Organizer	\$29.92	\$29.92	\$28.13	6%	6%
196550	Eldon Card File, 3" x 5" x 3", Black	\$1.75	\$1.32	\$0.96	27%	45%
708229	Mechanical Pencils - Pilot G-2, 0.5 mm, 4-Pack	\$7.92	\$4.67	\$4.40	6%	44%
349341	Avery Insertable Tab Dividers, 8-Tab, Multicolor	\$2.80	\$1.77	\$1.04	41%	63%
396226	Day Runner Refill For Classic Edition Organizer	\$7.25	\$6.35	\$3.99	37%	45%
116253	Smead Premium Colored File Folders 100 - box	\$22.56	\$10.98	\$9.08	17%	60%
905775	Eldon Recycled Stackable Letter Trays, 6-Pack	\$13.68	\$6.57	\$5.42	18%	60%
Total/Average		\$729.96	\$527.22	\$453.31	14.0%	38%

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- Identify yourself as a Club member, and give him your Club ID number.
- If he does not answer, leave a message and he or his staff will call you back.
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- When you talk to Ken or one of his staff, give him the number of the credit card you wish to link to the program. (You must use this card to receive the discount.)
- Wait a day or two for your linked card to become active.
- Start saving!

Here are some handy tips:

- You must first register your credit card with Ken Meyer, as detailed above. You cannot register for this discount at a store.
- This is not the "Advantage" program, which is for regular consumers. The Club discount is a special bulk purchasing discount and is not available to the general public. (You do not have to buy in bulk; you can buy as much or as little as you like. You get to take advantage of the buying power of the Club.)
- Once you have registered, you do not need to show your Club card. Your Club card will not get you the discount — your linked credit card will get you the discount.
- Local store managers will likely not have any knowledge of this discount and cannot help you get it. This program comes from the corporate level.
- To get the discount, you must use the credit card you registered with the Office Depot system. The discount does not work with cash purchases, or with purchases made with any other credit card.
- The key to knowing how much you save is to watch the cash register. At first it will display how much you would normally pay. A few moments after you swipe your registered credit card, a new total will be displayed. That new total will reflect your special Club discount.
- Not all items are discounted, and some items are discounted more than others. There are tips in the main story for checking on items before you leave for a store.

Happy saving!

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They Stuck to It

By Bev Haro, Club Counselor

■ **Employees are recognized for helping implement the street sign decal project highlighted in Alive! in May.**

Those DOT employees who agreed to take on the special street sign sticker replacement program—and who made it a success—were recognized for their good work at a ceremony July 21 at the Western District Office Building.

Jimmy Price, Chief of Bureau of Parking Enforcement and Traffic Control, lead the recognition event.

As featured in the May issue of Alive!, the DOT parking enforcement division had a big problem, and solved it in a unique way. More than 170,000 stickers affixed to parking regulation signs in the City had deteriorated, faded or just plain fell off their signs, making them ineffective at best or downright misleading at worst. The division was working on a solution that normally would have taken four years to complete.

But a television investigation, even though it was incorrect in stating that officers were writing bad tickets (it was the signs that were bad), accelerated the timetable.

That's when DOT Deputy Chief Rudy Carrasco changed the rules—City employees cooperated with unions and vendors to solve this problem once and for all, not in four years but in six weeks.

Traffic officers and street cleaners agreed to change their normal job duties and focus instead on replacing the bad street signs.

"A number of DOT staff members voluntarily took on duties and tasks beyond their job descriptions to ensure the success of this effort," said Wayne Tanda, GM of DOT. "The actions of DOT staff and the unions are simply extraordinary. And so is the level of cooperation and support of the Bureau of Street Services, lead by its Director, Bill Robertson. This is a great example of how focusing on an outcome can shape our processes to get things done, versus letting existing processes dictate what cannot get done."

"We commend you from the bottom of our hearts...it was a noble effort by all involved," said Bureau of Parking Enforcement and Traffic Control Chief Jimmy L. Price.



Recognized officers enjoy the great food made and served by the sergeants and other upper management staff.



Officer II Charles Nero, 6 years.



Officer Ira Starks, 7 years.



Training Officer Larry Randolph, 14.5 years.



Sgt. Raul Mazariego, 14.5 years, "barbecue master."



Sgt. Gerald Anderson, 17 years, "barbecue master."



Training Officer Morris, 17 years.



From left: Officer Georgina Tellechea, 18 years; and Officer Alicia Martinez, 16 years.



From left: Officer II Isaac Williams, 7.5 years; and Officer 2 Edwin Johnson, 9 years.



From left: Officer Wotzevely Perez, 8 years; and Officer Nina Craig, 16 years.



Officers enjoying their recognition.



From left: Officer Jones, 9 years, and Chris Price, 9 years.



Recognized officers enjoy the great food made and served by the sergeants and other upper management staff.



From left: Officer Ray Chacon, 16 years; and Sgt. Raul Mazariego, 14.5 years.



Back row, from left: Officer II Demarco Green, 8 years; and Officer II Manuel Hernandez, 6 years. Front: Officer Monique Browne, 14 years; and Officer II Yolanda English, 9 years.



From left: Officer Brandi McCorry, 15 years; and Officer Sharon Carr, 16 years. Seated: Officer II Michelle Jackson, 14.5 years.



Officer 2 Dwight Brown, 7 years.



Officer II Tony Yancy, 8 years.



Sgt John Curtin, 18 years.



Officer Price getting ready to get his "12th plate."



From left: Officer II Cornelia Rozier, 25.5 years; and Officer II Korla Hobbs, 18 years.



Medgar Parrish: Traffic Officer II, 4 years.



Officer II, Aaron Gray, 8 years.



Bureau of Parking Enforcement and Traffic Control Chief Jimmy L. Price.



From left: Officer Mark Corona, 9 years; Instructor Daryl Salangron, 17 years; Sgt. Elizabeth Quesada, 18 years; and Officer Frances Rivera, 17 years.

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Retirees NEWS

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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 |
| • Jerry Bardwell (818) 782-5568 | • Neil Ricci (310) 394-1971 |
| • Harold Danowitz (310) 472-0224 | |

DWP Retirement Plan Office: (213) 367-1722

For Retirees By Phil Skarin, RLACEI Publicity Chair

Membership NEWS

Leo Guzik is an officer in the Riverside County Clock and Watch Club. He has collected old timepieces for more than 40 years and has a collection of more than 50 watches and clocks. Call him at (909) 677-3760 if you have too much time on your hands.

Josephine Ball works at a school in Lynwood as a receptionist.

William Hart, retired Building Inspector, after several years of a vagabond lifestyle traveling the United States in his motor home, bought a home in Spokane and began a new career as an on-call building inspector.

Sampson Wilson turned 95 August 8, and recently celebrated his 73rd wedding anniversary.

Mike Koire, while vacationing in Miami Beach, met, fell in love and was married to Sylvia July 6, and then they returned to his home in North Hollywood. He's certainly not washed up!

Hal Danowitz says to please visit our Website at www.rlacei.com to find the latest retirement news.

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.

Poetry Contest: Our tenth annual Poetry Contest deadline is Oct. 1. Send typed copies to Phil Skarin. Valuable prizes! Everyone wins! Any style, any length.

Health Care Providers List Approved by Committee



Ed Harding,
RLACEI President

Ed Harding, RLACEI President, invites all retirees and their spouses to attend our Annual Corporation Meeting & Election of Officers at 1pm, Thursday, Oct. 14, at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center, 5056 Van Nuys Blvd., Sherman Oaks.

If you come at noon, you will receive a free chicken lunch, courtesy of RLACEI. Lunch reservations are required! Call one of the officers by Oct. 7.

David Wilkins, Nominating Committee Chair, will present the following slate of officers (all incumbents) for election to two-year terms beginning Jan. 1. Nominations can also be made from the floor.

PRESIDENT – Edward Harding
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT – Ken Spiker
DIRECTORS – Jerry Bardwell, Jack Mathews, Helen Salgado, and David Wilkins.

The director officer held by the junior past president is vacant, since the passing of Larry Jones.

Picnic Recap: The August 12 Retirees Picnic, held at the Grace E. Simons Lodge, with food catered by Chris & Pitts, was enjoyed by a large group of members and spouses and friends. Americo Garza, Picnic Chairman, is to be commended. And thanks to Checker Cab for providing free shuttle service.

Legislative Update: Ken Spiker, our elected Commissioner, reports that negotiating with the health care providers for 2005 has been completed. The Benefits Committee, which Ken chairs, made its recommendations to the Board of Administration on July 27 and was unanimously approved.

The 2005 plan will retain all current providers except Pacific Care HMO, for early retirees, with Blue Cross. Less than 500 of 10,246 retirees covered by LACERS health plan will be affected, and they can transfer to Blue Cross at no additional cost.

A new plan called SCAN has been added which should attract the attention

of some retirees. SCAN offers additional social services benefits including transportation to doctor appointments, house cleaning, dental service, etc., to eligible participants.

Ken also reported that he was misinformed that LACERS is fully funded. It's not. However, current retirees should not be concerned as their current benefits are funded.

Total cost of premiums for 2005 will be reduced by \$3.45 million.



Coming events:

Thursday, Oct. 14

Annual Corporation Meeting and Election of Officers at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center, 5056 Van Nuys Blvd.

Lunch at noon and meeting at 1 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 9

Christmas Party and Installation of Officers at the Grace E. Simons Lodge from 1 to 3 pm.

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DWP Retirees Picnic Draws 900 To Rosemead from Several States

By Dolores Foley, President, DWP Retired Employees Association



The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Retired Employees' 51st annual Picnic and Reunion was held from 9 am to 3 pm. Saturday, June 5, at The Meadows of Legg Lake in Rosemead.

Approximately 900 DWP retirees and guests attended the annual reunion picnic. Refreshments were served all day, and the lunch menu included hot dogs, barbequed chicken and ribs, potato salad, fresh fruit and ice cream. There was a clown to entertain the children with magic tricks and face painting, and bingo for the "grownups." More than 100 door prizes were given away.

The weather was great, and retirees had a wonderful time visiting with old friends. Many retirees came from Northern California and from other states as far away as Texas.

Here are photos of the event.



Picnickers are welcomed to the DWP Retirees event.



The most recent and the longest-retired retirees attending picnic.



DWP Retired Employees Association board members.



Three generations attend picnic: Retiree, Retiree's son and grandson. Retiree's son is currently a DWP employee. [Write to us at talkback@cityemployeesclub.com, and we'll be happy to publish your names in an upcoming issue.—Ed.]



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Three generations attend the picnic: father, daughter and grandson. The daughter is a DWP employee. [Write to us at talkback@cityemployeesclub.com, and we'll be happy to publish your names in an upcoming issue.—Ed.]



Grand Door Prize winners. The luggage set was provided by the DWP Credit Union.



Dolores Foley, President, DWP Retirees Association.



DWP Employees Association staff and board members.

'Working for L.A.'

Retirees at picnic experience new DWP exhibit.

Many of the more than 900 who attended the DWP Retirees picnic got to view the DWP's newest exhibit of its services, "We're Working for LA!"

Active employee and LADWP Speakers Bureau member Ben Wright greeted members of the board of the DWP Retired Employees' Association when they visited the Department's new comprehensive exhibit.



From left: Dave Cox, At-Large Director and picnic coordinator; Norma Aguirre, Treasurer; Ben Wright, LADWP Speakers Bureau member; Dolores Foley, President; Anna Gee, Secretary; Vince Foley, Chairman, Health Care and Benefits Committee; and Ramie Beltran, DWP Employees Association Liaison.

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John Reamer Appointed Contract Adm. Director

John L. Reamer Jr. has been appointed director of Public Works' Bureau of Contract Administration. His appointment was made in July by Valerie Lynne Shaw, president of the Board of Public Works Commission.



In his new position, Reamer will also serve as City Inspector of Public Works, responsible for protecting the public interest in the construction of public facilities

and improvements by ensuring that these projects are constructed and administered in accordance with the plans, specifications and all applicable laws. Reamer becomes one of two African Americans to head one of the five Bureaus within the Department of Public Works, the City's third largest department.

Commissioner Shaw described Reamer as "a dedicated, energetic and astute manager who has outstanding leadership, organizational and human relations skills [and] who is committed to improving the quality of life and providing opportunities for the citizens of this City."

"John has a track record of almost 20 years with this Department [and] is full of outstanding achievements and accomplishments," she said. "Moreover, he further contributes to his community in his off-hours by participating in a long list of meaningful civic activities."

"His commitment over the last 20 years to the City of Los Angeles and the Department of Public Works, along with his leadership and expertise, will serve him well in this new position," said Mayor Jim Hahn.

Reamer has been a member of the Bureau of Contract Administration since 1988, beginning as assistant construction inspector II and, most recently, as chief construction inspector. He entered City service in 1985.

As chief construction inspector, Reamer managed the Bureau's Wastewater Projects Construction Division. That division provides contract administration and construction management services for projects totaling more than \$555 million.

"I have the privilege of serving with a group of dedicated professionals who are tasked with overseeing construction projects throughout the City," Reamer said. "We have the distinct pleasure of contributing to the maintenance and improvement of the City's infrastructure by ensuring quality construction."

"We also serve as a communications link for the Department/City by interacting with homeowners, business owners and visitors to Los Angeles on a regular basis. We make sure projects are built correctly and with as little inconvenience to the public as possible."

Reamer said that, in addition to these efforts, the Bureau administers minority, women and other business enterprise subcontractor outreach programs for the Department of Public Works.

It also oversees the equal employment opportunity/affirmative action program for City contracts, state and federal prevailing wage laws for public works construction contracts and provides citywide certification for minority, women, other and disadvantaged business enterprises.

Among his activities away from work, Reamer serves as senior pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Los Angeles and is president of the 83rd Street Block Club.

The Bureau of Contract Administration is one of five Bureaus within the Department of Public Works, which is managed by the Board of Public Works. The Department of Public Works is responsible for construction, renovation and operation of the City's facilities and infrastructure. The department has more than 5,400 employees and an annual budget of approximately \$1 billion.

Experience LA

■ City/County cultural Website is the dream project of a Club member.

ExperienceLA.com, the cultural events and transportation Website that is a joint venture between the City and County, turned one year old this summer and is a success.

The site is made possible by the Community Redevelopment Agency (CLA/LA), Cultural Affairs and the DWP, along with Los Angeles County, USC, Metro, the City of Long Beach, LA Inc. (the Convention and Visitors Bureau) and the City of Santa Monica.

It's the brainchild of CLA/LA employee and longtime Club member Curtis Gibbs, who developed the concept and rounded up all of the funding and the partners, and then implemented the project.

For more than half a century, the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles (CRA/LA) has been Los Angeles' public partner in housing, commercial, neighbor-

hood and economic development. CRA/LA is dedicated to revitalizing, refurbishing, and renewing economically underserved areas of Los Angeles. Since its creation in 1948, CRA/LA's main task is to lend a hand - to investors willing to take risks for a more vibrant city; to neighborhood residents with renewed aspirations for their communities; and to those in need who strive to take part in the city's growing prosperity.

The CRA/LA collaborates with numerous city departments and other public agencies, especially the Housing and Community Development Departments and the Los Unified School District (LAUSD) and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA). The Mayor's Office and Council offices often facilitate this collaboration, lending an overall vision to this inter-departmental and inter-



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Cup Taketh Away

by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

■ Port of Long Beach takes golf tourney cup from Harbor Dept. for first time in 7 years.

The Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce held its golf tournament July 15 at the Navy Golf Course in Cypress.

At the tournament, the Harbor Dept. competed against the Port of Long Beach.

The tournament provided the chance for Harbor and Port of Long Beach employees, along with neighboring businesses, to raise money for a scholarship fund. They also played for the rights to the tournament trophy! Unfortunately, the Port of Long Beach won.

Here is an excerpt from the Harbor Dept.'s newsletter:

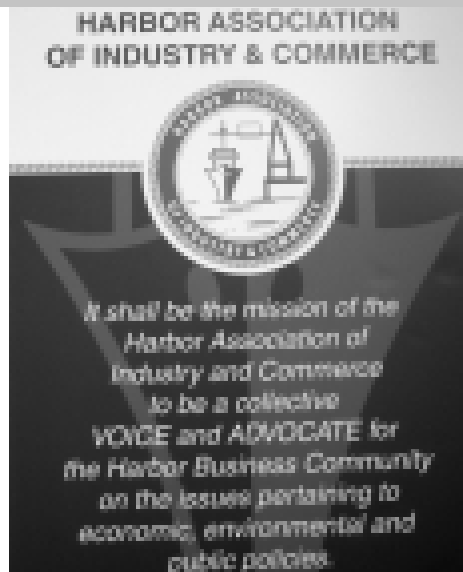
"Sad, but true, the Port of Long Beach has finally stolen the Harbor Cup from the Port of Los Angeles.

"After a seven-year winning streak at the Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce Golf Tournament, our friendly competitor snagged the Cup at the last second. Both ports were tied with a score of 13 under par, but on the most difficult hole, POLB birdied for the win, while POLA got par.

Representing us in this extremely close call were Mike Rubino and Mark Hansen of the Pilot Station. Also playing for POLA were Commissioner Nicholas Tonsich, Anthony Santich, Commission Officer David Walsh, Henry Martinez and Harry Yamatsuka, Engineering with Dennis Ogren, C&M; and Martin Lovato, Albert Robles and Dave Chrisman, C&M, with Engineering retiree Ron Sakoda.

"Watch it, Long Beach: We're taking it back next year!"

The Club sponsored Hole 17. Closest to the pin won a \$100 gift certificate to Golfsmith.



The golf tournament sign.



The trophy.



Essentia Mgmt. Svcs., from left: Ed Rogan; Rick Cameron; Chris Foley, POLA; and George Piantka.



Tom Scranton won the Hole 17 Closest to the Pin contest, sponsored by the Club.



Tidelands Oil, from left: Mark Domino, Rick Cassinis, Don Foster and Juan Santillan.



POLB, from left: Dick Steinke, Mario Cordero, Jerry Miller and Matt Knabe.



Oxbow, from left: Joe Lombardi, Byron McMichael, Al Garner and Al Israel.



So Cal Edison, from left: Dave Nelson; Ray Strong; Curtis Stubbings; and Ray Bowling.



POLA, from left: Dave Walsh, Harry Yamatsuka, Henry Martinez and Dennis Ogren.



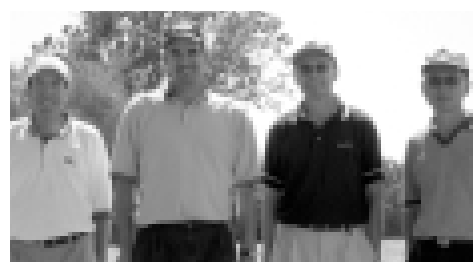
POLB, from left: Jim Santa Ana, Kerry Stewart, Tony Alberoni and Dave Alcock.



Patriot Environmental, from left: John Holmes; Walt Dorn; Rod Denney; and Joe Lindsey.



Port of Long Beach, from left: Gary Cardamone; John Chun; Tom Scranton, Hole #17 winner; and Dick Wittkop.



Pacific Edge/Jenkins, from left: Ed Kim, POLA; Craig Stolz; Greg Dickerson; and Dick Jenkins.



Watson Land Co., from left: Michael Bodlovich, Pilar Hoyos, Daniel Aguilera and John Carver.



Arcadis, from left: Clay Sandidge, Erik Johnson, Mike Murchison and Mark Shemaria.



CH2M Hill, from left: Don Rice, POLA, Club member; Al Moro; and Sejin Oh.



Moffatt & Nichol, from left: Pablo Ninofranco, POLA, Club member; Jim Faul; and David Matthewson. Not pictured Sal Zambrano, POLA, Club member.



URS, from left: Brian Jacobs, Joe Devoy, Chris Blakeley and Matt Plezia.



Al Israel, organizer, welcome comments.



The first place team competition.



ConocoPhillips, from left: RY Stager, Jeff Graff and Bob Harding.



Gas Co./POLB, from left: Dennis Lord, Tom Poe and Pete Van Emon.



CH2M Hill, from left: Maggie Fitzgerald, LaDonna DiCamillo, Jim Connor and Tim Baldwin.



The Port of Long Beach Team.



Kleinfelder, from left: Jeff Walker and Scott Morris.



Premier/Malony, from left: Rod Oshita, Jason Kamm, Leo Rabeli and Rich Malony.



Earth Tech, from left: Debbie Neev; Phil Nicolay; Gabe Silva, POLA; and Chris Phillips.



Back, from left: Ana Membreno, HAIC staff; Yolanda Mativa, POLA; Christy Blackmore, Crowley Marine Services; Lisa Schmidt, Crowley Marine Services; Annemarie Ruitenbach, HAIC staff; and Monika Wegener, HAIC Executive Director. Front: Patsy Nunez, POLA; Joy Mativa, POLA, Club member; and Paula Estrada, HAIC staff.

LaBonge Says Thanks

By Liz Montes, Club Counselor

■ Council District 4 throws a thank-you barbecue for City employees.

Thursday, August 5, Councilmember Tom LaBonge and the staff of the Fourth District invited City employees to a barbecue at the Griffith Park Ranger Station.

More than 100 City employees from the Los Angeles Zoo, Recreation and Parks, Bureau of Street Lighting, LAPD and other departments enjoyed barbecued hamburgers, pasta, pizza and many other goodies.

Thanks for inviting the Club along, Councilman!

Here are photos of the event.



From left: Mike Ybarra, LAPD; Tom LaBonge, Councilmember District 4; and Nick Aldana, LAPD.



Stacey Gordon, Council District 4.



Employees in the food line.



Employees serving themselves food.



From left: Herman Landry, LAPD; Gene Boym, Rec and Parks; David Silverman, City Planning; and Jon Perica, City Planning.



Employees enjoying lunch.



Sandi Sawa, Legislative Deputy (front) and David Sohn, Legislative Deputy Intern (back).



From left: Irwin Chadash, Transportation; John Lewis, Los Angeles Zoo; Jeffrey Ziliotto, Street Lighting; and Chris Mosman, Street Lighting.



From left: John Olinger, Contract Administration; Ed Ebrahimian, Street Lighting; and Art Newborn, Street Lighting.

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- Deadline: October 12. Results to appear in the November issue of *Alive!*
- Send in your photo now!
- Send digital photos to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com
- Send print photos to:
City Employees Club of Los Angeles
350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700
Los Angeles, CA 90071

RULES:

1. Pet clothing is acceptable but discouraged. Please respect your animal and be humane. *Alive!* will reject submissions immediately that appear inhumane.
2. 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.)
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.

Special Guest Judge:



Jackie David of Animal Services!

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

The Pet Club

Bee Aware!



■ Don't let your fun get stung: be careful.

Summertime brings with a lot of fun summer activity – swimming, cycling, hiking, picnicking and just enjoying the outdoors. There are a lot of safety precautions to be aware of, and any good parent knows to read up on what to do just in case. I know that I, as a parent, cringe when I think about the kinds of trouble my kids and pets could get into as soon as I step away from the yard and so, to make myself feel a little better, I like to spend the last hours of the evening chatting about what would my kids might do if this happened, or if they might ever find themselves in a given situation. Sometimes, I think I may overdo it but, as they say, better safe than sorry.

Lately, we've been talking about Africanized honey bees, more commonly referred to as "killer bees." To my six-year-old Nikki and eight-year-old Stephen, "killer bees" sounds so awesome and scary – something straight out of a movie that should be entitled *Attack of the Killer Honey Bees* and in line with *Attack of the Killer Tomatoes*. Oh yes, since the kids are so little, there's this other title that just popped into my head: *Honey Bees Kill Winnie-the-Pooh*.

All kidding set aside, though, the Africanized honey bee is one more thing that anyone enjoying the outdoors should be aware of. While it may be exaggerated, the Africanized honey bee's "killer" reputation does have some basis in that there have been isolated instances where people and animals have been stung to death by them.

The Africanized honey bee (AHB) is closely related to and looks like the domestic honey bee used in crop pollination and honey production. The difference lies in the fact that the domestic honey bee has been bred to produce honey and live in harmony with humans, in contrast with the Africanized honey bee that is wild, less predictable, more defensive and has a quicker temper. Africanized honey bees are more likely to sense a threat at greater distances. They respond faster and sting in greater numbers.

Africanized honey bees swarm frequently to establish new nests. They are not particular. They will nest almost anywhere: in empty boxes, cans, buckets or other containers; in old tires, infrequently used vehicles; holes and cavities in fences, trees or the ground; and in sheds, garages and other outbuildings.

So here's some good advice: "bee aware" of your surroundings - you never know what could be buzzing overhead. Here are a few safety tips for all of us to keep in mind when enjoying the outdoors:

Bee-patrol your home. Check once or twice a week for bees entering or leaving the same area of your home or yard. Listen for the sound of bees in the air. Persistent buzzing may mean a hive or swarm is nearby.

Bee-proof your home. Remove possible nesting sites, seal openings such as tree cavities and holes in outside walls. Put screens on the tops of rainpouts. Remove piles of trash and junk. Call authorities or a pest removal company to remove nests or swarms.

Bee-alert: Watch for numbers of bees flying around. Listen for buzzing sounds. If you encounter either, leave the area immediately. Before picking out a picnic site or setting up camp, scout the area for bees. Never allow young children to play in an area that has not been checked for bees.

Bee smart.

Never disturb a nest. Stay away from all bee swarms and colonies. Teach children to be cautious and respectful of all bees. Teach children how to respond if attacked. Develop a safety plan for your home and yard. Know where to run if attacked.

Bee prepared. If attacked:

Run away! Go quickly to a safe area. Do not swat bees. The movement will cause them to sting. Do not "freeze" in place

If stung:

- Remove the stinger quickly and as soon as possible. Do this in a sideways motion with a fingernail, credit card, cardboard or similar material.
- Wash the sting area with soap and water.
- Apply an ice pack or use sting-kill ointment to relieve pain and swelling.
- If allergic or sensitive to bee stings, always carry a bee sting kit prescribed by a doctor.
- Seek medical attention **immediately** for any signs of swelling, difficulty breathing or if stung numerous times. Call 9-1-1.
- **Immediately** bring your pet to a veterinarian if it has been stung and shows signs of swelling or difficulty breathing.
- Do not let the stinger remain in the skin as venom can continue to pump into the body for up to 10 minutes.
- Do not tweeze or pinch the stingers when removing the stinger, as it will squirt more venom in to the body.
- Do not cut the skin to try to suck venom or use a meat tenderizer on the wound as this could lead to an infection.

So...now that you are a bee expert, and since we, in Los Angeles, often have summer extend into October, you'll have another topic to discuss at your next barbecue. Also, should your children ever want a scary story, well, you can make up a story about how Winnie-the-Pooh decided to grab some honey from a killer bee hive and then, very seriously, chat with them about what they might do just in case. After all, you never know.

Call the following numbers for information or help:

(For immediate medical attention if stung numerous times or for any signs of swelling, difficulty breathing or allergic reaction, call 9-1-1.)

(800) BEE-WARY: For general information and referrals.

(800) 996-CITY: To report hives or swarms of bees that are in a tree located in the public right of way. This is the number to L.A. City's Public Works' Bureau of Street Services Request section.

(818) 756-9838: To report a building manager, neighbor or homeowner who fails to address a bee problem. This is the number to L.A. City's (Building) Code Enforcement.

Local Pest Control: For removal of all hives or swarms of bees on private property (or call an exterminator).

To reach an L.A. Animal Care and Control Center /Shelter, call (888) 4LA-PET1 [(888) 452-7381] (TTY Hearing Impaired: [877] 875-8205) or visit the website: www.LAAnimalServices.com.

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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





Michelle on the Move

BY
Michelle Moreno,
City Events Guru

EVENTS

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ClubFest Is Just One of Exciting Events Coming

■ Hello folks! Welcome back to Events 411!

As you have already heard, ClubFest 2004 is just around the corner! Come and enjoy a day of great food (and plenty of it), lots of fun (we have more activities) and great raffle prizes (can't tell you just yet). So if you haven't purchased your tickets yet, what are you waiting for? Tickets are selling quickly, so order yours now.

While you're waiting to attend ClubFest, check out some of the following events.

As I mentioned in last month's issue, there are several cultural fairs going on. I had previously mentioned Japan, Greece, Germany and Africa. Well guess what? Now you can add to the list Mexico, Korea, Brazil and Italy! Yup... it's a wonderful thing to be living in such a diverse city as Los Angeles. Here, we have access to so many cultures; It's amazing! So if you can, be sure to take part in these great events.

There are also several fun activities going on at Cabrillo Beach, the Museum of the American West, the Museum of Television and Radio, the Watts Towers, Exposition Park, the Los Angeles Zoo and Griffith Observatory. Most of these events are free and great fun for the family.

Speaking of fun, as we get closer and closer to fall, we also get closer and closer to my personal favorite holiday: Halloween! Yes, Halloween is almost upon us and the Hollywood Forever Cemetery is having a spooky Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) event. This is just one spooky event. Be sure to catch the October issue, where I will list more great Halloween activities.

So, as you have read, September and October are so full of free and fun activities for you, your family, friends, co-workers, etc.! There are so many events, it's impossible to list them all. Therefore I have added some of my favorite Websites below. Check these out for more information.

Well it's that time again where I must be on the move. I hope you enjoyed this month's Events 411 and I hope to see you around the City and at ClubFest 2004! If you see me at any of these cool events, be sure to say hi!

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

For more events around the City, visit these Websites: www.experiencla.com
www.laweekly.com, www.culturela.org



Michelle on the Move with Argentinean band, Nativa, at Grand Performance Friday, Aug. 13.

Know of any great City events? Let me know!

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

September

Please note that some events run through October

Mexican Independence Celebration

Bueno! Come and celebrate Mexican independence with food, entertainment, exhibits and more.

Date(s): Sept. 10 - 12
Time: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Site: El Pueblo Historical Monument, Placita Olvera, 125 Paseo de La Plaza
Cost: Free
More info: (213) 628-1274 or www.cityofla.org/elp

L.A. Greek Fest 2004

Ya Sas! Come and enjoy Greek food, fun, and lots of dancing. Opa!

Date(s): Sept. 10 - 12
Time: Fri: 5 - 11 p.m.
Sat: 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Sun: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Site: St. Sophia Cathedral
1324 S. Normandie Ave., Los Angeles
Cost: Admission: Free on Friday, \$3/general Admission, Free/children 12 and under
Go to Website for a coupon for free admission on Sat. and Sun.
More info: (323) 737-2424 or www.lagreekfest.com

Los Angeles County Fair

Bring your family and friends and enjoy a day at the famous L.A. County Fair.

Date(s): Sept. 10 - 26
Time: Mon-Thurs: 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
Fri: 11 a.m.-midnight
Sat: 10 a.m.-midnight
Sun: 10 a.m.-10 p.m.
Site: Pomona Fairplex, 1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona
Cost: Club prices: \$9/adults, \$5/kids
More info: (909) 623-3111 or www.lacountyfair.com

OktoberFest

Guten Tag! If you can't go to Germany, bring Germany to you. Enjoy a day of German food, drink and entertainment.

Date(s): Sept. 11 - Oct. 31
Time: Fri: 6:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. (21years and older only)
Sat: 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. (21years and older only)
Sun: noon to 7 p.m. (Family Day)
Site: Alpine Village
833 W. Torrance Blvd., Torrance
Cost: \$5/Fri, and Sat., \$4/Sun., Free/children under 12 with adult
More Info: (310) 327-4384 or www.alpinevillage.net

31st Annual Los Angeles Korean Festival

Come and celebrate the Korean culture with food and plenty of entertainment.

Date(s): Sept. 16 - 19
Time: 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Site: Seoul International Park in Koreatown
3250 San Marino St, Los Angeles
Cost: Free
More Info: (213) 487-9696 or www.lakoreanfestival.com

October

12th Anniversary of Sabor De Mexico Lindo Downtown Festival

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a street fair of food, live entertainment and carnival rides.

Date(s): Oct. 1-3
Time: Friday: 5 - 11 p.m.
Saturday: 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Sunday: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Site: On Pacific Boulevard from Florence to Randolph Streets
Huntington Park
Cost: Free
More info: (323) 585-1155 or www.hpchamber1.com

KTLA Kids Day LA

A festival celebrating the kids of Los Angeles! There will be arts and crafts, games, food and more. Please visit the Website for future details.

Date(s): Oct. 2
Time: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Site: Exposition Park Intergenerational Community Center
Cost: Free
More info: (888) LAPARKS or www.lacity.org/rap
City Sponsor: Rec and Parks

Port of Los Angeles Lobster Festival

Lobster, lobster and more lobster! Enjoy the world's largest lobster festival right here in Los Angeles with lobster, other food and great entertainment.

Date(s): Sept. 17-19
Time: Fri: 5 - 11 p.m.
Sat: 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Sun: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Site: Ports O'Call Village, San Pedro
Free Parking at 22nd and Miner St. Free shuttles to festival.
Cost: Admission: \$7/adult, free/children 12 and under
Weekend pass: \$10
Go to website for \$2 off coupon
More info: (310) 798-7478 or www.lobsterfest.com
City Sponsor: Port of Los Angeles

Public Star Parties at Griffith Observatory

Bring family and friends for a day of stargazing, planet watching and astronomy education!

Date(s): Sept. 18
Time: 2 - 10 p.m.
Site: Griffith Observatory Satellite
Northeast corner of Griffith Park, Los Angeles
Cost: Free
More info: (323) 664-1181 or www.griffithobs.org
City Sponsor: Department of Recreation and Parks

Adopt-a-Beach Day

Come and make a difference in the environment at one of the largest volunteer events in the world!

Date(s): Sept. 18
Time: Cleanup: 9 a.m. - noon
Open house/refreshments: noon - 2 p.m.
Site: Cabrillo Beach
3720 Stephen White Drive, San Pedro
Call to reserve and arrange for parking (ext. 5007)
Cost: Free
More info: (310) 548-7562 or www.cabrilloaq.org

2004 Brazilian Street Carnival

Do you like to samba or ever wanted to learn? If so, come and enjoy a day of dancing, food, fun and parades.

Date(s): Sept. 19
Time: Noon - 9 p.m.
Site: Downtown Long Beach Promenade Amphitheater
100 N. Promenade, Long Beach
Cost: \$10/in advance for adults, \$15/at the gate, free for children 12 and under
Buy tickets online and save \$5
More Info: (562) 438-3669 or www.carnaval.org

23rd Annual Watts Towers Day of the Drum Festival

Enjoy a day of international drumming: Latin, Japanese, African, Jazz, American and others!

Date(s): Sept. 25
Time: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Site: Watts Towers Art Center
1727 East 107th St., Watts
Cost: Free
More Info: (213) 847-4646 or www.wattstowers.net
Sponsor: City of L.A. Cultural Affairs Dept.

Unity Fest 2004

Enjoy the diverse cultures of Glendale: Latin American, Middle Eastern, Asian, European, Native American and Pan African Villages.

Date(s): Oct. 10
Time: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Site: Verdugo Park
1621 Canada Blvd., Glendale
Cost: Free
More info: (818) 548-2780 or www.ci.glendale.ca.us

Public Star Parties at Griffith Observatory

Bring family and friends for a day of stargazing, planet watching and astronomy education!

Date(s): Oct. 23
See September for time and site info.

Dia de los Muertos en Hollywood

A Festival of the Dead... come and experience spectacular altars, Mexican cuisine, 20-foot walking skeletons, torch-lit paths and more. A truly spooky yet exciting experience.

Date(s): Oct. 25
Time: 4 - 11 p.m.
Site: Hollywood Forever Cemetery
6000 Santa Monica Blvd., Hollywood
Cost: Free
Info: (323) 785-4261 or www.ladayofthedeath.com

Yogi-Bear-A-Thon

Bring the kids for a fun day of Yogi Bear: films, fun and Yogi Bear himself. Feel free to bring blankets, jackets, and picnic baskets and stay for the 1964 film Hey There, It's Yogi Bear.

Date(s): Sept. 25
Time: 2 - 9 p.m.
Site: Museum of the American West
4700 Western Heritage Way, Los Angeles
Cost: Free
More info: (323) 667-2000 or www.museumoftheamericanwest.org

11th Annual Hart of the West

Bring the family and experience Native American culture at Los Angeles County's largest powwow.

Date(s): Sept. 25-26
Time: Saturday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Sunday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Site: William S. Hart Ranch and Museum
24151 San Fernando Rd., Santa Clarita
Cost: Free
More info: (661) 259-0855 or www.hartmuseum.org/events.htm

2004 Precious Cheese

Feast of San Gennaro

Bonjourno! Come celebrate the Italian culture with pasta, pizza, wine, local celebrities, carnival games and more!

Date(s): Sept. 24 - 26
Time: TBA
Site: The Grove/Farmer's Market
189 The Grove Drive, Los Angeles
Cost: Free
More info: (818) 994-4661 or www.feastofla.org

Pershing Square

Summer Concert Series

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

Date(s): Through Sept. 30
Time: Tuesday/Thursday, noon - 2 p.m.
Third Sunday of each month: 3 - 5 p.m.
Site: Pershing Square, 532 South Olive Street, Downtown LA
Cost: Free
More info: (888) 527-2757 or www.laparks.org/pershingsquare/pershing.htm

Superheroes on Television

Bring the kids and enjoy free screenings of superhero classics: Space Ghost, The Tick, The Fantastic Four, Goosebumps, and much more. Call or visit Website for schedule.

Date(s): Through Oct. 10
Time: Screenings begin at 3 p.m.
Bonus one-hour superhero family screenings begin at 1 p.m.
Site: Museum of Television and Radio
465 N. Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills
Cost: Free
More info: (310) 786-1000 or www.mtr.org

Grand Performances

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

Date(s): Through October
Time: Fridays: noon and 8 p.m.
Saturdays: 8:00 p.m.
Site: California Plaza, 350 S. Grand Ave., Downtown L.A.
Cost: Free
More Info: 213-687-2159 or www.grandperformances.org

Special Star Party for the Total Lunar Eclipse at Griffith Observatory Satellite

Come and enjoy the special star party for the total lunar eclipse. Experience this event now... the next one won't be until 2007!

Date(s): Oct. 27
Time: Moonrise 5:58 pm
Moon enters totality 7:23 pm
Middle of eclipse 8:04 pm
Moon leaves totality 8:45 pm
Moonset 7:42 am
Site: Griffith Observatory Satellite
Northeast corner of Griffith Park, Los Angeles
Cost: Free
More info: (323) 664-1181 or www.griffithobs.org
City Sponsor: Rec and Parks

Boo at the Zoo

Bring the kids for trick-or-treating at the zoo.

Date(s): Oct. 30-31
Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Site: Los Angeles Zoo
5333 Zoo Drive, Los Angeles
Cost: \$10/adults, \$7/seniors, \$5/children (ages 2 to 12), Free for children (under 2)
Get your \$2 off Adult or \$1 off Child's price coupons at Club Headquarters
More info: (323) 644-4200 or www.lazoo.org
City Sponsor: Los Angeles Zoo

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Fun at the Harbor

By Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

HDEC throws family picnic.

The Harbor Dept. Employees Club held its 2004 Employees Picnic Aug. 14 at the Harbor Pistol Range Picnic Area.

Bruce Seaton, Harbor COO, signed up for the Club during the picnic. Welcome, Bruce!

The Club would like to thank Holly Carlson, HDEC Secretary, and Rene Rodriguez, HDEC President, for inviting us.

"I really wanted to thank Christine McMillan and Dave Chrisman for helping me out," says Holly Carlson. "HDEC wanted to have an old-fashioned picnic where no one had to volunteer, and we could just have fun."



The watermelon-eating contest. First place trophy was awarded to Cynthia Banks.



Back, from left: Sandra Hashimoto, spouse, with Stacy Hashimoto, Engineering, 4 years, Club member. Front: Sons Ray and Grant Hashimoto.



Back, from left: Son Albert Robles III with Albert Robles, C&M Carpenter, 14 years. Front: Wife Carmen Robles and daughter Amanda Robles.



The ice cream cart was a big hit with the young and old.



The watermelon-eating contest. First place trophy was awarded to Cynthia Banks.



The putting green contest was popular with all ages.



From left: Kris Chrisman, guest; Dave Chrisman, C&M Carpenter Supervisor, 27 years, Club member; Dan Hargrove, C&M Plumber, 20 years; and Steve Hanger, C&M Machinist, 23 years, CI



Back, from left: Rica Viola, Property Management, Club member; Mike Anderson, guest; and Pauline Hos, Pilot Station, 20 years. Seated: Guests Michelle Acosta and Nicole Zellner.



From left: Margaret Hernandez, Director, Contracts and Purchasing, 23 years, Club member; with dog Chula and son Gilbert.



Bud Renner, C&M Machinist, 11 years, and his wife, Marie.



Standing: Estelle Seaton, spouse. Seated, from left: Bruce Seaton, Chief Operating Officer, 33 years, Club member; Sher-Lynn Davis, Sr. Clerk Typist, 7 months; and son Matthew Davis.



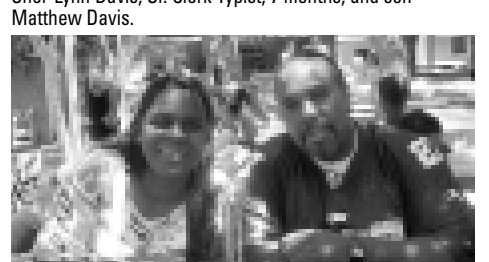
From left: Sirlord Morse, Electrical Engineering Associate, 3 years, with wife Delmy, son Jahvon and daughter Janessa in the stroller.



Left side, from left: Keena Benedict, guest; Da Shari Samuel, daughter; Enoch Samuel Jr., son; Carol Samuel, wife; Enoch Samuel Sr., C&M Carpenter, 7 years, Club member; and Lo' Samuel, brother. Right side: Sylvia Samuel, mother.



From left: Sons Michael and Daniel Alvarado with Tony Alvarado, Security Officer, 5 years.



From left: Cynthia and Mr. Banks, C&M Heavy Duty Truck Operator, 4 years, Club member.



From left: Wife Seandel with Kevin Jennings, Security Officer, 3 years, Club member, and son Kevin Jr.



Carlos Flores, C&M Street Maintenance, 2 years, Club member, with wife Elvia, daughter Patty and son Mark.



Left side: Theresa Williams, spouse, and Tina Dominguez, guest. Right side: Son Li' Rick Williams with Rick Williams, C&M Warehouser, 17 years, Club member.



Son Justin with dad Al Galloway, C&M Helper, 4 years.



Back, from left: Dan Burnett, C&M MMC Helper, 14 years, Club member, with wife Trish and son Donald. Front: Daughter Sarah.



The Picnic Organizer Team, from left: Christine McMillan; Dave Chrisman (former president of the HDEC); Holly Carlson, HDEC Secretary and first place trophy winner of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire."

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Exit Laughing

By Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

■ Engineer and Club member Frank Bonoff retires from City after more than 38 years.

On Aug. 19 at the Brookside Country Club in Pasadena, Frank Bonoff was the man of the hour at a retirement luncheon in his honor.

"Come join him at what could be the funniest retirement luncheon in City history!" the invitations said.

Frank has been a Club member since 1999.

Here is the City resolution produced in his honor:

"Whereas, Frank V. Bonoff, Principal Civil Engineer and the Valley District Engineer for the Bureau of Engineering, is retiring on July 23, 2004, after serving the people of the City of Los Angeles with outstanding dedication for more than 38 years; and

"Whereas, Frank's grandparents settled in Los Angeles in 1898 and Frank is a second generation native Angelino; and

"Whereas, Frank graduated from Los Angeles High School in February 1962 and graduated from the University of California Los Angeles in June 1966 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering; and

"Whereas, Frank started his Engineering career with a summer job with the City of Los Angeles in June 1965 as a Student Engineer with the Bureau of Sanitation at the Hyperion Treatment Plant; and

"Whereas, Frank in June 1966 was hired full-time as a Civil Engineering Assistant with Bureau of Engineering Sewer Design Division; and

"Whereas, Frank for the next 26 years rotated, transferred and promoted to the following offices in the Bureau of Engineering: Coordinating Division, Storm Drain Design Division, Utility and Estimating Division Central District, Wastewater Systems

Division, Hyperion Construction Division, Central District - Permit Processing, Engineering Assessment Division, and the combined Assessments and Permits Division; and

"Whereas, Frank in October 1993 promoted to Principal Civil Engineer in the Development Services Division where he was known as "Engineer of Permits" and in July 1997 transferred to the Valley District Office his current position as Valley District Engineer; and

"Whereas, Frank is married to Susan Bonoff, who has worked for LAUSD for 34 years, and has two daughters, Stephanie a graduate of UCLA and Nicole who is attending Stanford; and

"Whereas, Frank has worked on many special projects such as the Bus Shelter Program, Hyperion Recovery System (HERS), GM Plant Redevelopment, and Porter Ranch; has written numerous sections of the LAMC; was instrumental in revitalizing the Bureau of Engineering campus recruiting program and lead the effort to hire scores of new engineers; and is a member of ASCE, APWA, LAPMA, and a former Governor of EAA; and

"Whereas, Frank is known for his quick wit and sense of humor and has emceed numerous retirements and parties that featured his famous slide shows; and

"Whereas, Frank is known to have served the City through the years with dedicated service illustrated through hard work, pride, honesty, and professionalism, and after retirement intends to devote his time to consulting work, training his Portuguese Waterdog "Maddie," traveling, reading, comedy writing and relaxing at the world renowned "Taboe Bonoffventure."

"Now, therefore, be it resolved, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Council of the City of Los Angeles does hereby commend Frank V. Bonoff for his outstanding work for the City and extends to him and his family, the best wishes for a long and enjoyable retirement."

Congratulations from the Club, Frank and Susan. And have a great retirement.



Frank V. Bonoff, Valley District Engineer, Retiree, Club member.



From left: Al Mead, CMB Engineering; Terri Marcus, CMB Engineering; Bert Bradley, CMB Engineering; and Jack Dawson, Public Works.



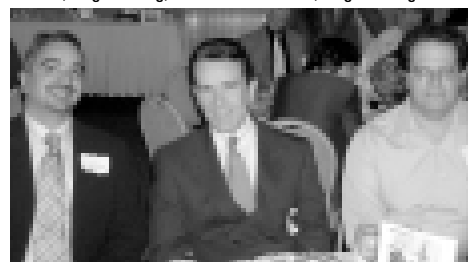
Frank Bonoff, with (from left) his daughter Nicole, his wife Susan, and his daughter Stephanie.



Back, from left: Clark Robins, Engineering, Club member; Alex Vixlaurrazaga, Engineering; and Sunny Patel, Engineering. Seated: Cathy Campana, Engineering; Anita Moore, Engineering; and Karen Dacres, Engineering.



From left: Fred Overstreet, Engineering, Club member; Erich Ziebarth, Engineering, Club member; Par Commisariat, Retired Engineer; and May Woo, Engineering, Club member.



From left: Armen Melkonians, AMEC; John Fisher, DOT; and Sergio Valdez, DOT.



Back, from left: Farain Farsain Engineering; and Ahmad Hooshmand, Engineering, Club member. Front: Rod Davis, Sanitation, Club member; Helenium McNeil, Engineering; and Marsha Kawamoto, Engineering.



From left: Orest Dolvniuk, PAI; Carol Battocchio, The Arpen Group; and Pam Ball, GLM Associates.



From left: Richard Prutz, Prutz and Associates; and Steve Kerr, Wagner, Kerr and Associates.



Stan Horowitz, Bureau of Street Lighting Engineer; his wife, Susan; Rob Zimring, friend of 48 years, and his wife, Linda; and Sharon Thomas, friend.



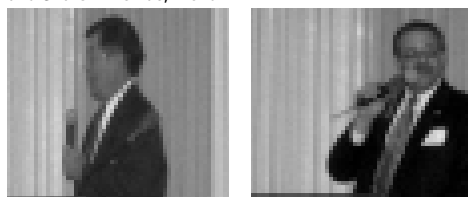
From left: Irwin Chodash, DOT, Club member; Dave Royer, Retired DOT; John Black, RBA Partners; and Harold White, Consulting Engineer, Retired Engineering, Club member.



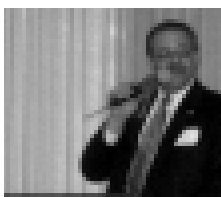
Front, from left: Yani Aquino, LADBS; Ray Chan, LADBS; and Dave Lara, LADBS. Back: Lincoln Lee, LADBS; Ray Saidi, Engineer; and Jim Washington, SEIU.



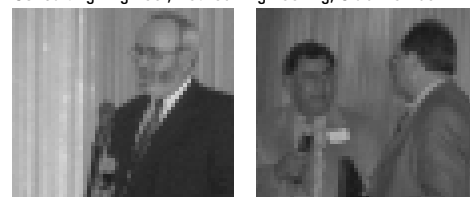
Front, from left: Marie Wong, Engineer; Susan Shu, Engineer; and Miranda Ow, Street Services. Back: Andy Flores, Engineer; Carl Nelson, Engineer; and David Cheung, Sanitation.



Sam Furuta, Retired Engineer, talks about his days working with Frank.



Stan Horowitz, friend, speaks.



Bradley Smith, Chief Deputy City Engineer, welcoming the guests.



Seth Munoz presents a gift on behalf of Valley District Office.



John Bwarie, Mayor's Office.



From left: Kathi Boone, spouse; Phil Johson, Retired Engineer; Joyce Sysak, spouse; and Stan Sysak, Retired Engineer.



From left: Luci Torres, Retired Engineer; Wayne Savaria, Retired Engineer; Michele Isomura, Retired Engineer; and Ron Hale, Retired Engineer.



Front, from left: Ken Axelrad, Tom Conner, Karen Furuta, Spouse; and Darrel Hans, Back: Sam Furuta, and Jack Vigil, Retired Engineer.



Front, from left: John Bullock, Retired Engineer; Mary Bullock, Retired Engineer; Patricia Duran, Engineer; and Eleanor Barrera, Engineer. Back: Armen Melkonians, AMEC; Lilia Cortes, PSOMAS; Moe Lahooti, E.N.G.; and Jade Flores, Engineer.



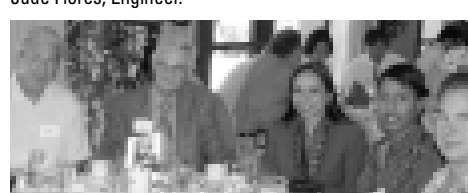
Front, from left: Jack Dawson, Engineer; Jimmy Tangonan, Engineer; and Orlando Guinid, Engineer. Back: Jon Lin, Engineer; Randy Tsurutani, Engineer; Frank Drobny, Retired Engineer; Tom Kilmer, Engineer; and Kenny Platner, Retired Engineer.



From left: Pablo Sanchez, Harbor; Ray Aliviado, Harbor; and Ahmad Hooshman, Engineer.



Bruce Miller & Association, Inc., from left: Sergio Linares; Liana Fernandez; Dan Alvidrez; Allen Ono; and Bruce Miller.



From left: Ron Spindler, Private Engineer; Larry Gray, Private Engineer; Maria Delgadillo, Private Engineer; Madonna Perry, Private Engineer; and Luke Vella, Developer.



Dr. Ifa Kashefi, Building and Safety

3 Off the Street

By Bev Haro, Club Counselor

■ Three longtime employees retire from Street Services.

The Bureau of Street Services said goodbye to three longtime employees at a luncheon at noon July 22 at the East Valley Yard.

Retiring were Richard Martinez, Mike Nelson and Mike Stevenson, each with 36 years of service.

The Bureau's mission as performed by the Lot Cleaning Division, is to improve and protect public health and safety as related to the existence of

noxious vegetation, trash, debris and public nuisances on privately owned and publicly owned unimproved parcels controlled by the Board of Public Works. The Lot Cleaning Division eliminates visual blight and enhances environmental safety by clearing, cleaning and removing illegal dumped material, weeds, dirt and waste from areas outside of publicly dedicated right-of-way.

The Bureau presented the three with awards. The Club congratulates all three for their extraordinary dedication to the City, and happy retirement!



From left: Jerry Beaman, Mechanical Repairer, 11 years; and Neil Lienhard, Sr. Mechanical Repairer, 15 years.



From left: Louis Fee, Maintenance Laborer, 3 years; and Pete Hernandez, Light Truck Operator, 3 years.



From left: Luis Rodriguez, Heavy Truck Operator; Juarez Orman, Equipment Operator, 32 years; and Jason Orman, Maintenance Laborer, 1 week.



From left: Craig Shaw, Lot Cleaning Supervisor, 15 years; and Club Counselor, Bev Haro.



From left: Robert Rodriguez, Maintenance Laborer, 3 years; and Christopher Garcia, Heavy Duty Truck Operator, 2 years.



From left: Deon Jones, Vocational Worker, 3 years; and Eddie Pree, Vocational Worker, 1 year.



From left: Jose Mendoza, Maintenance Laborer, 3 years; Steven Barrett, Lot Cleaning Supervisor, 15 years; and Ramon Barajas, Lot Cleaning Supervisor I, 22 years.



Back row, from left: Tom Lignon Gardener/ Caretaker/ Spray Crew, 29 years; and Nestor Farao, Sr. Gardener, 15 years. Seated, from left: Gary Pinnere, Park Supervisor, 33 years; and Tom Hammersley, Maintenance Laborer/ Citywide Spray Crew, 3 years.



From left: Luis Rodriguez, Heavy Truck Operator, 18 years and Former Citywide Spray Crew, 18 years; and Manuel Obando, Truck Driver, Citywide Spray Crew, 21 years.



From left: Ralph Melendez, Supervisor, 6 years; and Anthony Flores, Supervisor, 19 years.



Back row, from left: Lou J. Rhea, Retired Equipment Operator, 28 years; Gene Lambert, Retired Lot Cleaning Supervisor, 30 years; and Bruce Howell, Superintendent II; Seated, from left: Earl Leonard, Retired Supervisor II, 33 years; and Curtis Harmon, Retired Supervisor II, 3 years.



From left: Pierre Robles, Light Truck Operator, 18 years; and Robert Avalos, Maintenance Laborer, 3 years.



Back: Ernie Ruiz, Maintenance Laborer, 5 years. Front, from left: Marco Flores, Truck Operator, 11 years; Richard Worner, Light Equipment Operator, 15 years; Sergio Hernandez, Heavy Truck Operator, 4 years; Dean Grammer, Light Equipment Operator, 5 years; and Gilbert Hernandez, Heavy Equipment Operator, 32 years.



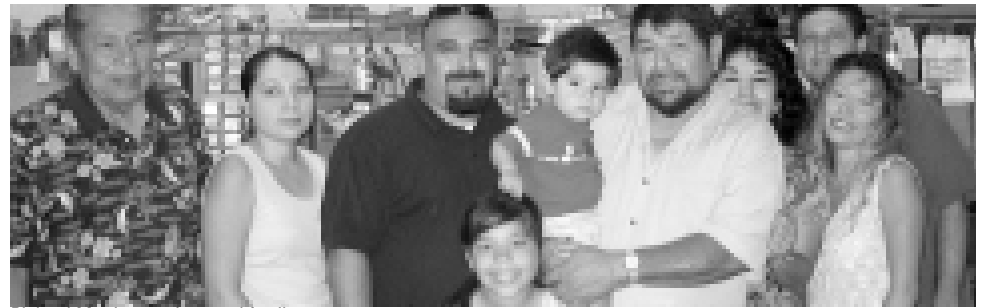
Retirees Richard Martinez, Mike Nelson and Mike Stevenson receive awards.



From left: Bev Haro, Club Counselor; and Ricardo Valencia, Acting Supervisor, 21 years.



Mike Nelson, retiree.



Richard Martinez, retiree, and family.



From left: Mike Stevenson, retiree, and his wife, Kim.



From left: Mike Nelson, retiree; and Mike Hauss, Lot Cleaning Supervisor II, 34 years.



From left: Gene Lambert, Retired Lot Cleaning Supervisor, 30 years; Tom Desmet, Lot Cleaning Supervisor, 13 years; and Larry Lee, Retired Lot Cleaning Supervisor, 30 years.



Attendees at the event stand in line for the barbecue.

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ALL IN A Day's Work



Animal Services Officer Julie Bastian sometimes deals with animals in the entertainment business, as she does above, with Dakota the chimp. Dakota's owner was going through the application process. "Some of the animals I deal with could harm me, but not Dakota," Julie says. "She kept looking at my lips. And then she kissed me."

Got a Permit for That Buffalo?

■ **Animal Services employee Julie Bastian never knows what her day will bring. But safety for the public and for the animals remains her highest priority.**

"I will always remember the buffalo downtown," says Julie Bastian, recalling her most unusual stories after five years of running the Animal Services Permits Division with Officer Clarence Clegg. "There I was at six in the morning, for a commercial.

"That could be a real public safety issue, with buffalo running downtown! So I was there monitoring it. But it ended up being good for the animals, too. There wasn't enough water, and I said, 'We'll end this.' So they trucked in more water. [The producers] just needed to be reminded."

"But the animals used in the entertainment business tend to be well taken care of," she explains.

She and Officer Clegg are in the business of the animal business—making sure that animals that are used for business are well taken care of and managed within the law. That means she is deeply involved with pet shops, grooming parlors, kennels, boarding stables, riding academies, rodeos ... and animals used in the entertainment business.

"We make sure the animals are being treated properly. And because we are officially public safety officers, I always need to make sure the public is being kept safe. Public safety is important to us."

That's important, she says, because people don't have a good sense of the power of exotic animals.

"I was monitoring a special event in front of the Virgin Megastore. It was the opening for a movie, *The Mummy Returns*. There were camels outside. It's an amazing thing, telling people to stay away from the camels.

"People believe that what's on TV is real. I would never walk up to a wild animal and try to pet it, but people were trying to pet the camel. 'Why are you trying to pet an eight-foot-tall creature?' I asked them. Some of the animals I deal with can really harm me, or anybody. So while I have to protect the animals, I also have to protect the people, too."

She remembers the *Mummy Returns* event as another unusual experience.

"It seems the doorway at the Virgin Megastore was not big enough for the camels to enter the store," she laughs. "So the animal handlers put three camels into a freight elevator. I walked up

the stairs to meet the elevator at the top."

"Well, the door opens, and they're not there! It was completely empty! *How do you lose three camels in an elevator?*" she pleads.

"Apparently, the handler discovered that three camels wouldn't fit, so he gave up and walked them back to the trailer."

That might be the fun and unusual aspect of her job, but most of what she does involves working with small business.

"Trying to get people to comply with the law is probably the toughest challenge," Julie explains. "Getting things labeled properly at pet stores, especially. We need to know what they have in the cage, and it has to be labeled. That seems like such a simple thing, but sometimes I have to take them to the City Attorney to force them to label their cages properly and to make sure they let me know who is buying exotic animals.

"It's rare that I get to a pet store and find that nothing needs to change. Almost always, something needs to be done. Even if it's minor."

Another major challenge is nothing new to City employees—getting everything done with a small staff and within budget.

"There are so many applications pending, but there are only two of us ..." she says, her voice trailing off. "I'd like to get out of the office twice a year for spot checks, but now I get out maybe just once.

"We have such a skeleton staff, they just keep cutting our budget. Our work keeps going up, but we can do only so much."

It also bothers her that Animal Services is not always recognized for the good work that it does.

"We're part of the Dept. Air Rescue Team, or DART. We airlift horses when they fall down cliffs, for example.

"We love working with the LAFD, even though they get most of the credit for those operations. Most people don't realize that it's me down the cliff, putting the harness on the horse.

"And our Special Enforcement Unit, too," Julie continues. "All they do all day is catch dogs, preventing dogs from attacking people. That's very important."

Still, it has its joys.

"Every time we meet somebody we educate them. We even hand out coupons for spaying and neutering. We try to help as much as we can."

And even though she spends a lot of time in the office, facilitating the permit process, she is always on call for animal rescue.

"I helped rescue a huge bull mastiff puppy once," she remembers, "and the owner hugged me. I just love that. I made a difference.

"I make a difference every day."

Latino Heritage at the Zoo

The L.A. Zoo will be celebrating Latino Heritage throughout the park with various ethnic activities for the entire family. Come watch colorful children's dance groups, enjoy mariachi music, make festive crafts and learn interesting facts about the Zoo's animals and plants from Latin America. Regularly scheduled

piñata-breakings for children will result in mementos of a day spent at the Zoo.

The festivities are scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 18 and 19, at the Zoo in Griffith Park.

For more information, visit the Zoo's Website, www.lazoo.org, or call (323) 644-4200.



Twelve-year-old Cece DaHaro gets a close look at the San Esteban Island chuckwalla at the L.A. Zoo. The lizard is one of the animals that will be featured at the annual Latino Heritage Celebration.

Commission Approves Plan to Pick Up Stolen Vehicles

■ **Quality and Productivity Commission applauds DOT plan to use civilian traffic officers to pick up stolen vehicles.**

The City of Los Angeles' Quality and Productivity Commission announces its strong support and encouragement for a new pilot program to be addressed by the City Council Aug. 17. The program is aimed at freeing police officers for patrol activities. Set to begin on Oct. 1 in approximately half of the City, civilian traffic officers instead of police officers will identify, retrieve and process stolen vehicles on LA's streets.

"This is exactly the kind of project our Commission sought out and pushed," explained Quality and Productivity Commissioner Howard Ekerling. "The Department of Transportation embraced the idea, knowing that their workers are more likely than police officers to find a stolen vehicle while on patrol. They understand what wasted effort it is to give these vehicles a parking ticket rather than working to get them back to their owners. And the Police Department realized how this would allow officers to devote more time to patrol, rather than waiting for a tow truck to impound a car. Everyone realized that recovered stolen vehicles will be returned more quickly to their owners."

The Commission endorsed the effort during 2003 and has actively advocated for its implementation with managers of both the



Department of Transportation and of the Los Angeles Police Department.

Concludes Quality & Productivity Commission President Julie Butcher: "This is a great idea. It frees up the City's police officers to concentrate on police duties. Traffic officers spend their entire workday out on the streets of the City and are clearly more likely to find vehicles that are stolen. And when traffic officers come upon these vehicles, they are much more likely to still have their radios and tires intact. This is a way the City can increase service to its residents without adding a cent to the cost of services."

The City Council was expected to approve the pilot on its regular agenda.

Bardon Motors On

By Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

■ 33-year LAPD veteran retires.

An Open House at the Police Academy Parade Field was held in honor of Paul Bardon, retiring after 33 years of City service. He retires as Director of Police Transportation II.

Paul oversaw more than 4,500 vehicles, valued at more than \$1 million, his successor, Neil Olson, tells us.

Here is Paul's goodbye letter:

"As most of you know, July 24, 2004 will be my last day as part of Motor Transport Division (MRD). After 33 years, the time has come for me to retire. Mr. Neil Olson, Director of Police Transportation 1, will assume command of the division.

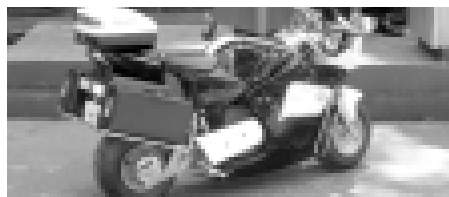
"When I first arrived 1971, MTD was just beginning to solidify its reputation as a fine emergency fleet operation. The big three American manufacturers were just beginning to develop vehicles specifically for police use. Concepts such as standardized vehicle equipping, and standardized preventive maintenance schedules were the new thinking. Disk brakes, power steering and air conditioning were not yet standard equipment, and an electronic siren was high tech for patrol

cars. It would take another 10 years before light bars, Mobile Data Terminals and hand-held radios would become the norm.

"The Department, and MTD, has certainly changed over the past 30 years. During the past few years there has been so much progress, so many accomplishments. Throughout the country, and in many foreign countries, MTD is recognized as a leader in police fleet management. All of you have contributed to the division's success and each of you should be proud. The next period of change is currently being planned and years in the future many of you will be having the same thoughts as I do now.

"In looking back, I recognize how fortunate I was to be a member of this Department and a part of MTD. The small measure of success that I have enjoyed is due in large part to your efforts, and it is not possible for me to adequately express my gratitude. It has been my privilege and an honor to be MTD's commanding officer. I will think of you often and remember you well."

The Club congratulates Paul on his great service to the City, and wishes him a wonderful retirement. We also thank LAPD employee and Club member Dolly Sevilla for her assistance.



A custom-made "mini" motorcycle was presented by the Central Facilities Motorcycle Shop.



Two of the more than 4,500 vehicles that Paul Bardon oversaw.



From left: Sharon Papa, Assistant Chief and Club member; Jim McDonnell, First Assistant Chief; Paul Bardon's wife Cathleen; LAPD Chief William J. Bratton; and Mike Hillmann, Deputy Chief, Special Operations Bureau; with Paul Bardon, retiree, proudly seated on his motorcycle.



From left: Paul D. Bardon, retiree, and his successor, Neil Olson, COMTD, Club member.



Ron Moen, EVOC Devonshire, presents a plaque to Paul Bardon, retiree.



LAPD Chief William Bratton gives his thank-you remarks to Paul Bardon, retiree.



Vartan Yeghyan, Automotive Supervisor Central Garage Auto Shop, presents a motor transport plaque to Paul Bardon, retiree.



Detective Paul Miller, Incident Command Post, presents a plaque to Paul Bardon, retiree.



From left: Dolly Sevilla, Sr. Clerk Typist and Club member; Paul Bardon's wife, Cathleen; and Ron Jones, Automotive Supervisor Central Facilities Motorcycle Shop.



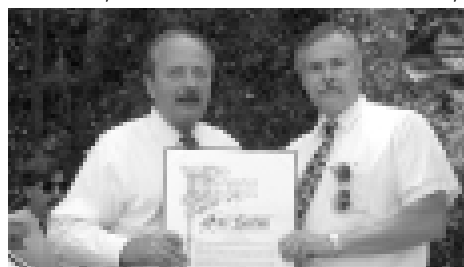
Assistant Chief McDonnell, LAPD, offers thanks and congratulations to Paul Bardon, retiree.



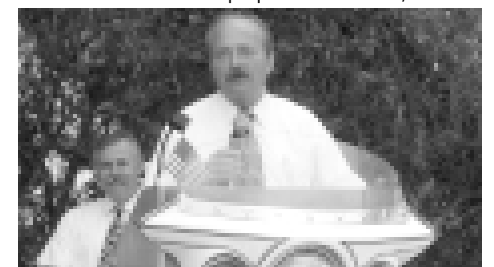
Alan Skobin, VP Los Angeles Police Commissioner, offers his congratulations to Paul Bardon, retiree.



Dave Glenn, Automotive Supervisor Valley Bureau and Club member, presents a plaque to Paul Bardon, retiree.



Allan Garofalow, Acting Sr. Automotive Supervisor, Central Garage, presents Paul Bardon, retiree, with a City Council Resolution.



Paul Bardon, retiree, thanks everyone who attended.



Back, from left: Otto Tharp, Equipment Mechanic; Glenn Morris, Service Director with Crenshaw Ford; T-Rex, Fleet Adviser; and Louis Schilling, Equipment Mechanic at Hollenbeck. Front: Dolly Sevilla, Sr. Clerk Typist and Club member.



From left: Gavin Stieglitz, Police Officer, LAPD Recruitment; and Robert Loya, Police Officer, LAPD Recruitment.



From left: Duane Foster, Equipment Mechanic and Club member; Robert Frutos, Police Officer Detective Support Division; Rami Davidyan, Equipment Mechanic; and Byron Tatsumi, Equipment Mechanic.



The team that helped build the miniature motorcycle for Paul, from left: Tommy Wong, Equipment Mechanic; Tony Watson, Equipment Mechanic; Marco Rodriguez, Equipment Mechanic; Bill Arndt, Equipment Mechanic; and Marty Meza, Equipment Mechanic. Not pictured: Bruce Sato, Equipment Mechanic and Club member.



From left: Phil Walters, Motor Officer TCS; Joe Albright, Motor Officer TCS; and Dale Washburn, Motor Officer TCS.



From left: Don Brittingham, Retired, former COMTD; and Neil Olson, COMTD and Club member.

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Valley Sanitation Yards Have Picnic For Employees to 'Come Together'

By Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor



The Valley Collection Division threw an employee picnic July 17 at Stonehurst Park in Sun Valley.

The theme was "Coming Together as One," as the picnic marked a coming together of the East and West Valley Yards. The goal was "to demonstrate to our employees that their hard work and dedication do not go unrecognized."

Councilman Tony Cardenas of Council

District 6 presented awards of appreciation to supervisors and drivers. Cardenas and his Council District co-sponsored the event.

Other sponsors included Councilmembers Greig Smith, Alex Padilla and Wendy Greuel; Community Recycling (John Richardson); Sun Valley Paper Stock (Leonard Lang); and your City Employees Club.

Mike Anderson of the East Valley did all the preparation and seasoning of the food for the barbecue. Excellent job, Mike!

The Club thanks the Valley Sanitation Yards for inviting us to the fun picnic. Here are photos of the event.



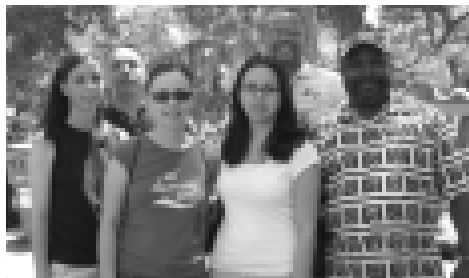
Sal Miranda, Assistant Manager Valley Collection, with Councilman Tony Cardenas.



Supervisor Joe Zuniga with Councilman Tony Cardenas.



Councilman Tony Cardenas with Veronica Camacho.



Back, from left: Sal Miranda, Assistant Manager, Valley Collection; Cash Russell Jr., West Valley; and Joseph Norwood, West Los Angeles. Front: Debbie Miranda; Bernadette Hernandez, and Theresa Miranda.



Back, from left: Mayra Guerra; Leo Martinez; Marco Franco; Jesus Gonzalez; and Leo Guerra Sr., West Valley (pictured with his son's soccer team). Front: Kristopher Guerra; Eder Arriola; Leo Guerra Jr.; and Tiffany Guerra.



Supervisor Jesse Cruz with Councilman Tony Cardenas.



Back, from left: Jeff Quemada Jr. and Jeff Quemada Sr., West Valley. Front: John Quemada; Jessal Quemada; and Nadine Quemada.



From left: Rita Robinson, General Manager of the Bureau of Sanitation and Club Board Member, with Adriana Nunez, West Valley.



Left side, from left: Laurie Allen, West Valley; and Bob Allen. Right side: Tracy Stogner; Allen Stogner, West Valley; Richard Minor, West Valley; and Sherry Minor.



Back, from left: Adrienne Guzman; Lulu Lespron; Mario Lespron, West Valley; and Joanna Guzman. Front: Maura Guzman and Aileen Lespron.



Jeff Quemada Sr., West Valley, with daughter Jelles Quemada.



From left: Kim Ward; and Jamel Ward, East Valley.



Back, from left: Sandra Orellana; Maria Valdivia, Council District 6; and Joanna Valdivia. Front: Jennifer Valdivia and Valeria Orellana.



From left: Sal Miranda, Assistant Manager, Valley Collection; Pat Davenport, Field Deputy for Councilwoman Wendy Greuel; Wendy Greuel, Councilwoman, District 2; Rita Robinson, General Manager of the Bureau of Sanitation and Club Board Member; and Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager.



From left: Sylvia Orozco; Ernie Ballesteros, East Valley retiree; Alicia Post; Steven Post, East Valley; and Stevie Post.



The Medina and Garcia family.



Front row, standing, from left: John Pegg, East Valley; Richard Guzman, West Valley; Adriana Nunez, West Valley; and Jesse Cruz, West Valley. Back: Ron Lee, West Valley; and Robert Potter, West Valley.



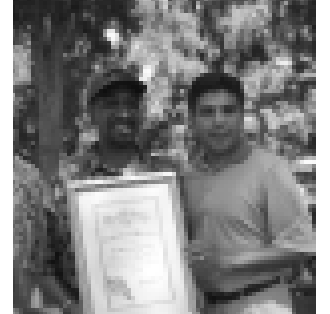
From left: Jose Chang, Council District 6 staff; Alvin Kelly, Council District 6 staff; Tony Cardenas, Councilman District 6; Joanna Valdivia; Jennifer Valdivia; and Maria Valdivia, Council District 6 staff.



Councilman Tony Cardenas with William Reese.



Bob Potter with Councilman Tony Cardenas.



Anthony Fenderson with Councilman Tony Cardenas.



From left: Shawnee Muck; Louis Ballard Jr., East Valley; Jessica Ballard; and Aaron Fenderson.



Seated, from left: Maria Chacon; Miranda Chacon; Serena Chacon; Alfredo Chacon, West Valley; Isaac Chacon (on grass) and Angela Escobar.



From left: Alexandria Mares and Tony Mares, East Valley.



Kristal Hernandez and Adrian Hernandez, West Valley.



Pete Vega, West Valley, with Daniel and Betty Vega.



From left: Rita Robinson, General Manager, Bureau of Sanitation, and Club Board Member; and Brenda and Enrique Zaldivar, Assistant Director, Sanitation.



From left: Marie Zarate, East Valley; Andrea Velarde; Jenny Velarde, North Hollywood Warehouse; and Christian Velarde.



From left: Debbie Davis; Priscilla Aragon; and Joe Zuniga, East Valley, serving food.



Seated at left: Robert Hadnot, East Valley. Seated at right, from left: Rolando Luzano Jr.; Odaly Tivas; and Rolando Lozano Sr., East Valley.

Swing-a-Thon!

By Robert Larios, Club Operations Manager

■ LAPD Centurions lose to NYPD, but it's all for a good cause.

On July 24 at El Cariso County Park in Sylmar, baseball teams from the LAPD and the NYPD took to the field for some healthy competition — and some healthy inspiration for kids.

LAPD Officer Mike Scott, who coordinates the effort, says: "This is the biggest baseball festival ever for the kids in the LA community. We have baseball tickets, football and baseball celebrities... a birthday party for the kids. Our vision is to have LAPD and NYPD officers touch the lives of the kids in the communities that are struggling for inspiration and help them forget about the troubles in the streets and hopefully change and touch their lives."

The 2004 edition of the Swing-a-Thon is the fourth. Present were Police Chief William J. Bratton; City Council President Alex Padilla; Councilmember Dennis Zine; County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavski; baseball legend Manny Mota; players from the Los Angeles Dodgers; former professional football players Rod Martin, Charles White and Anthony Davis, and other elected officials and celebrities.

Oh, by the way, the final score was NYPD 11, LAPD 4.



The LAPD Centurions.



Officer Copeland, 10 years, Metropolitan Division.



Senior Officer Kinney, 11 years, Metropolitan Division.



From left: Officer Cheri Roberts, 10.5 years service; and Officer Bob Sieger, 9.5 years.



Event Coordinator and Officer Mike Scott says this is an event for the kids in the community.



From left: Officer Noel Magpoc, 7 years, West LA Division; Sgt. Mel Ariola, NYPD, 10.5 years; Officer Fernando Espinola, NYPD, 6 years, with girlfriend Christina Zapata; and Officer Raysa Calderon, NYPD, 1 year.



From left: Raider great Rod Martin, USC Heisman Trophy winner Charles White, USC running back great Anthony Davis, and Ron Shabtay sponsor and board member of the children's foundation working with LAPD.



From left: Officer Cesar Corona, West La Division, 10 years; Lt. Tim Moss, West LA Division, 33 years; Officer Rob Murray, Devonshire Division, 6 years; and Officer Merrill Dunn, West LA Division, 3 years.



From left: Officer Campbell, Rampart Division, 3 years, playing outfield; and Officer Mota, Hollywood Division, 3 years, playing catcher.



Richard Lee, Public Works, Public Information Officer, 20 years.



Event Coordinator Mike Scott addressing the hundreds of attendees at the Swing-a-Thon for the fourth consecutive year.



Baseball legend Manny Mota.



Officer Merrill Dunn, West Valley, 3 years.



From left: Officer Mike McComa, Devonshire Division, 1 year; and Officer Oscar Bocanegra, West LA Division, 2 years service.



Councilmember Alex Padilla and Manny Mota having a few words on batting strategy for the game.



From left: Officer Wayne Edwards with his brother Coach James Edwards, LAPD, 15 years.



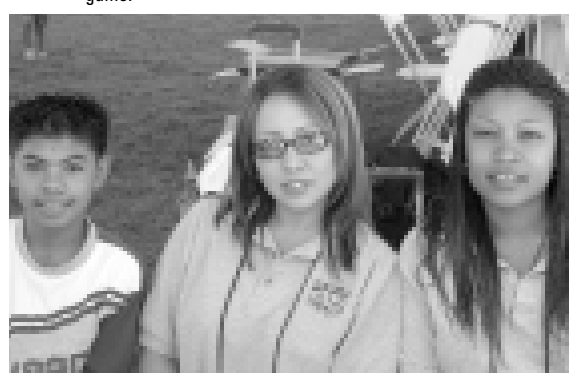
Rod Martin receiving the City Award from Councilmember Dennis Zine.



From left: Officer Hovey, 15 years; and Officer Mitch Nolen, 12 years.



Sgt. Jose Vega, NYPD, 13 years



From left: Jeff Hernandez; Marisol Vielma, PSR-Downtown, 2.5 years; and Natrese Thomas, PSR, Downtown, 4 years.



Head Coach Moss making sure his team gets ready to have fun.



An officer getting ready to take the field.



New City Librarian

■ **Fontayne Holmes is appointed to top library job.**

Fontayne Holmes

On Aug. 17, Mayor Jim Hahn announced his appointment of Fontayne Holmes as City Librarian.

As director of the Los Angeles Public Library, Holmes will be responsible for the operations of a library system that includes the Central Library and 71 branches and will administer a \$63 million operating budget.

"I am pleased that Fontayne has accepted the position of City Librarian of Los Angeles," the mayor said. "The extraordinary management and leadership skills demonstrated throughout her career at the Los Angeles Public Library make Fontayne the perfect candidate to continue this institution's transformation into one of the world's great libraries. We're very excited to begin a new chapter in the Los Angeles Public Library with Fontayne."

The hallmark of Holmes' career, which spans nearly 30 years at the Los Angeles Public Library, is her successful management of the largest library construction program in the nation. Begun in 1989, the \$317 million program has rebuilt or created 61 branches Citywide. Under Fontayne's leadership, the program is ahead of schedule and under budget. Cost savings and efficiencies allowed additional libraries to be added to the original program, which is scheduled for completion next year.

"I am honored that Mayor Hahn has selected me to serve as City Librarian," Holmes said. "The Los Angeles Public Library has become a model for other libraries around the world, thanks to our dedicated staff, the support of our elected officials and our millions of library users. I look forward to building on our strengths and further enhancing and expanding library services in every community in Los Angeles."

Holmes succeeds Susan Kent, who will be retiring from the Los Angeles Public Library to become the Director and Chief Executive of Branches at the New York Public Library in September. Holmes currently serves as Assistant City Librarian. Previously she served as Assistant Director of Branches, Central Library Director, and Director of Library Facilities. She also served as City Librarian in South Pasadena.

Holmes graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from UCLA and received her Master's degree from the UCLA Graduate School of Library and Information Science. The Los Angeles Public Library serves 3.8 million people – the largest population of any public library in the United States – through the Central Library, 71 branches and online services at www.lapl.org. Last year, 14 million people visited the library and checked out 15 million items, and the library's Web site services were accessed more than 93 million times.

Holmes' appointment is subject to confirmation by the City Council.

Laney Retires

■ **33-year veteran Marilyn Laney receives a resolution from the City Council.**

Marilyn Laney, a 33-year veteran of City service, retired recently. She was presented with this resolution from Councilman Tom LaBonge in the Council headquarters.

Congratulations from the Club, Marilyn!



Marilyn Laney (left) receives her resolution from Councilman Tom LaBonge (right) with Jesse W. Laney, Marilyn's husband (middle).

The resolution read:

"WHEREAS, Marilyn Laney is retiring from the City of Los Angeles with more than 33 years of service as a dedicated employee; and

"WHEREAS, Marilyn Laney began her career with the City on October 7, 1970, as a Clerk Typist in the Personnel Department; and

"WHEREAS, Marilyn Laney was promoted to Commercial Service Representative with the Department of Water and Power in February 1986; and

"WHEREAS, Marilyn Laney was promoted to Principal Clerk with the Office of the City Clerk, Tax & Permit Division's Van Nuys Branch Office on November 5, 1989; and

"WHEREAS, Marilyn Laney transferred to become supervisor of the TAPS Data Entry Unit of the Tax & Permit Division on August 20, 1990; and

"WHEREAS, Marilyn Laney was commended by Elias Martinez, City Clerk,

on May 29, 1992, for implementing procedural changes which reduced the need for temporary workers by more than 70 percent, resulting in ongoing annual payroll expense savings of more than \$129,000; and

"WHEREAS, procedural changes made by Marilyn Laney, resulted in meeting growing workloads and difficult deadlines, while simultaneously reducing the staffing of the TAPS Data Entry Unit from 9 permanent and 19 temporary workers to its current level of 8 permanent positions and 1 seasonal employee; and

"WHEREAS, Marilyn Laney received the Career Service Award from the City on June 4, 1993; and

"WHEREAS, Marilyn Laney was awarded the Office of Finance, Outstanding Service Award for 2003 on June 19, 2003; and

"WHEREAS, Marilyn Laney's leadership, skills, knowledge and dedicated

efforts during more than 13 years leading the TAPS Data Entry Unit were responsible for the successful processing of more than two million annual business tax renewals resulting in more than three billion dollars in timely revenue to the City; and


"WHEREAS, Marilyn Laney has been found by each of her supervisors to be an outstanding employee with a great attitude and dedication to work, who is a fair and impartial supervisor, and willing to work beyond normal scheduled work hours to complete necessary tasks;

"NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this resolution, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby commend Marilyn Laney for her dedication and for her outstanding contributions to the City of Los Angeles during her nearly 34 year career with the City and extend best wishes for a long and happy retirement."

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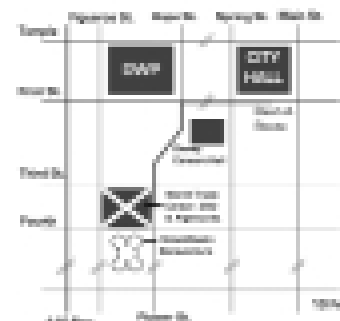
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Retirements

NAME	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE	NAME	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE
Nennet Alvarez	Industrial Waste Inspector (Public Works)	7	Julia Malone	Secretary (Convention Center)	34
Louis Arreola	Real Estate Officer (Gen. Services)	26	Virginia Manzella	Messenger Clerk (Library)	9
Charlotte Asberry	Management Analyst (Library)	41	Richard Martinez	Equip. Operator (Public Works)	35
Paul Bardon	Dir. of Police Transportation (LAPD)	35	Flora McGlorie	Crossing Guard (Transportation)	8
Joan Bartel	Asst. City Librarian (Library)	38	John Messina	Sr. Project Coordinator (CDD)	32
Judythe L. Blumenfeld	DWP		Kenneth Meyers	Welder (Public Works)	31
Ezra Bolton	Maintenance Laborer (Airports)	32	John W. Miller	DWP	
Pacita Buenavidez	Fingerprint ID Expert (LAPD)	30	Wayne Mohr	Sr. Civil Engineer (Public Works)	37
Robert Campanella	Painter (Rec and Parks)	35	Carol Mullen	Data Control Asst. (Rec and Parks)	36
Robert Campbell	General Supervisor (Gen. Services)	37	Anson Nordby	Pr. Transport Engineer (Transportation)	35
Martha Clegg	Clerk Typist (Library)	34	David Nurmi	Sr. Detention Officer (LAPD)	28
Gerald Dagostino	Transportation Inv. (Transportation)	34	Michael Peralta	Signal Systems Supervisor (Transportation)	33
Genaro A. Delgado	DWP		Stephen Peters	City Atty Ch. Investigator (City Atty.)	31
Shelly Donald	Building Inspector (Bldg. and Safety)	21	Paul Peterson	Safety Engineer (Personnel)	33
Bolden Eckford	Gen. Supervisor (Harbor)	34	Earl Pickens	Equip. Repair Supervisor (LAFD)	27
Paula Elefante	Council Aide (Council)	5	Kenneth Platner	Off. Engineer Tech. (Public Works)	32
Richard Fare	Architect (Public Works)	36	Elaine Prince	Clerk Typist (LAPD)	30
Deborah Feeley	Management Analyst (LAPD)	10	Daniel B. Reyes	DWP	
Beverly Fullerton	Library Asst. (Library)	19	Laura Robles	Sr. Police Serv. Rep. (LAPD)	35
Frederick Galdi	Animal Control Officer (Animal Svcs.)	25	Jerome J. Rottner	DWP	
Raymond Gandara	Street Tree Supt. (Public Works)	40	George Schell	Dep. City Atty. (City Atty.)	24
Danny Graves	Plumber (Public Works)	21	Theresa Schell	Sr. Clerk Typist (Public Works)	31
Charles Guerin	Welder (Public Works)	36	Vincent Shepherd	Special Officer (Airports)	36
William Harding	Street Mt. Supt. (Public Works)	35	Roger V. Sherman	DWP	
William High	Civil Eng. Associate (Public Works)	34	Lawrence E. Shull	DWP	
Curtis Hill	Tax Comp. Officer (Finance)	30	Michael Stevenson	Lot Cleaning (Public Works)	36
Stephen Houck	Sr. Civil Engineer (Public Works)	39	Lloyd Taggart	Sr. Civil Engineer (Public Works)	38
Lawrence Hoyler	Plumber (Public Works)	24	Eusebio Terronez	Sr. Clerk Typist (Cultural Affairs)	40
Margaret Hudson	Management Analyst (Housing)	21	Ronald A. Tognazzini	DWP	
Robert Huning	Wastewater Treatment Oper. (Public Works)	32	Randall Tsurutani	Civil Engineer (Public Works)	37
William Jarrett	Delivery Driver (Library)	13	Olivia Valenzuela	Sr. Clerk Typist (LAPD)	23
Sylvia Jones	Sr. Personnel Analyst (Public Works)	37	Michael Wade	Civil Eng. Associate (Public Works)	34
Frederick Knauf	Clerk (Gen. Services)	16	Jasper Williams	Ch. Mgmt. Analyst (CDD)	25
James Langley	Assistant Director (Public Works)	34	Frank Wright	Sr. Garage Attendant (Gen. Services)	30
Andrew Lee	Building Op. Engineer (Gen. Services)	29			
Vincent Lo Calio	Architectural Assoc. (Housing)	26			

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!



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.

Brian and Beatriz Heath, July 4.
Brian is a building painter with 20 years of service at Ontario Airport. 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

David Zhao Rouso, born May 7 to **Zoe and Mico Rouso**. Mico is a Civil Engineer Assistant retired from Public Works/Bureau of Engineering after 28 years of service. Congratulations, Mico and Zoe.



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!

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

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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		
Wagner Depieri	DWP	10
Kerry Distel	DWP	24
Delores Pitts Durr	CDD	29
Willie Fernandez	DWP	24
Helen Smith	DWP	18
Retired		
James Anderson	Public Works	30
Lester Baldozier	DWP	27
Hazel Beck	DWP	16
Theodore Borders	Rec and Parks	10
James Boyd	Public Works	30
Charles Breckwith	DWP	23
George Brennan	DWP	30
Lee Broussard	Rec and Parks	17
Joseph Clair	Airports	32
Teddy Conditt	DWP	32
H. Cooper	Airports	15
Richard Dietz	Rec and Parks	24
Jess George	Animal Services	10
Donald Goins	Public Works	29
Mary Guengerich	DWP	17
Marie Green	Airports	9
Jack Groce	Public Works	27
Rae Groves	DWP	15
Andrew Hallenberg	DWP	34
Louis Hargrove	Public Works	6
Jerrel Haynie	DWP	34
Elnorris Hearn	Airports	25
Lawrence Helmer	DWP	16
Daniel Jones	DWP	50
Rochelle Jones	Library	7
Robert Klassen	DWP	31
Ruth Klavon	DWP	20
James Lee	DWP	27
Howard Mansur	DWP	36
Everette Marine	DWP	40
Joseph Markham	Public Works	21
Vernon Marsh	Public Works	21
Cornelio Mazon	DWP	29
Jerome Miller	CDD	10
Eldredge McHenry	DWP	18
Thomas McIntosh	Personnel	10
Doris McMichael	LAPD	10
Simril Morrow	Harbor	28
Edwin Myers	DWP	34
James Nichols	Public Works	35
Francisco Quezada	Personnel	27
Alan Peterson	Airports	10
Richard Proeger	DWP	20
Armando Real	Public Works	25
Philip Reckon	DWP	14
Michael Regan	CAO	20
Bruce Schmul	DWP/LAPD	13
Genevieve Silvey	DWP	34
Joseph Taylor	Public Works	28
Robert Uetz	DWP	39
John Vasser	Airports	26
Richard Warnke	DWP	36
William Webb	Gen. Services	18
Wilbur Weber	DWP	32
Robert Wilson	DWP	29
Albert Wong	DWP	40

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.



New Members

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

Welcome New Members!

Dora Alcocer	Louie Garcia	Sylvia Perez
George Alvarado	Robert Givens	Teresa Perez
Norma Anders	Jose Gonzalez	Armando Perez
Louis Archer	Ramon Gregorio	Robert Peterson
Estrella Arindaeng	Raul Gutierrez	Jayar Pinero
Louis Ballard Jr.	Will Hamilton	Donald Pinkney
Bryce Barnes	Curtis Harris	Cheryle Price
Lilia Bedolla-Rivas	Gerardo Hernandez	Manuel Real
Armando Bencomo	Yolanda Herron	Todd Robertson
Lisa Blackburn	LaTonya Higgins	Todd Rother
Lodrick Blackmon	Daniel Hinds	Ivette Rubio
Irene Blandino	Heida Hiraoka	Oscar Ruvalcaba
Joann Boldware	Frank Hong	Louis Salazar
Ezra Bolton	Louis Hook	Victoria Santiago
Steph Burkhardt	Jesse Huang	Calvin Schlotzhauer
Alfred Calderon	Jacquelyne Ingram	Ralph Schwabe
Jose Canales	Bryan Jackson	Djeffry Sempelsz
Daniel Canez	Tyrone Jessamy	Swarn Seth
Rolland Cannon Jr.	Wendy Johnson	Gary Shaw
Ignacio Castillo	Constantino Jurado	Clemon Shelton
Sandy Castle	Elena Kalfell	James Sipotz
Luis Ceballos	Larry Kerrigan	Corazon Soriano
Eleanor Chang	Chol-Song Kim	Michael Stevenson
Andy Chiu	Greg Kung	Byron Taylor
Johnny Clark	Sonia Lajas	Valerie Taylor-Ragler
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Picnic Time for LAX

By Liz Montes, Club Counselor

■ LAX hosts annual picnic for its employees.

On Saturday August 7 at Westchester Park, LAWAA threw its annual picnic for LAX employees. More than 200 Los Angeles World Airports employees with friends and family enjoyed the annual Association of Airport Employees Picnic.

Guests enjoyed barbequed hamburgers, ribs

and hot dogs while relaxing in the park. Children enjoyed games, dancing, face painting and animal balloons.

Hundreds of raffle prizes were given away throughout the day, including bikes, televisions, kitchen accessories and Disneyland tickets.

The City Employees Club donated a Game Cube to be raffled.

We thank the LAWAA for inviting the Club to be a part of the fun picnic!

Here are some photos of the event.



LAX employees in the barbecue line.



Time to eat!



Children waiting for the "Animal Balloon Lady."



Children playing games.



Relaxing at the LAX Picnic.



People relaxing in the park at the barbecue.



An airport employee and friend.



A group of airport employees.



Jimmy Sparks, President of Association of Airport Employees, announces the winners of the raffle prizes.



The sun was shining in Westchester for the annual LAX Picnic.



Everybody has friends at the LAX Picnic.



Javier Parga, Airport Police, won four Disneyland passes. With Javier are daughters Tiffany and Briana.



Brenda Crawford, LAX Accounting Clerk, won the raffle prize Game Cube, donated by the City Employees Club of Los Angeles.



Anxiously waiting for the raffle prizes.



Family, friends and hugs.



Edward Bowers, LAX Street Cleaning, was the raffle winner of two AMC movie passes and two See's Candy gift certificates.



Marilyn Wells, LAX, was the raffle winner of two AMC movie passes and two See's Candy gift certificates.

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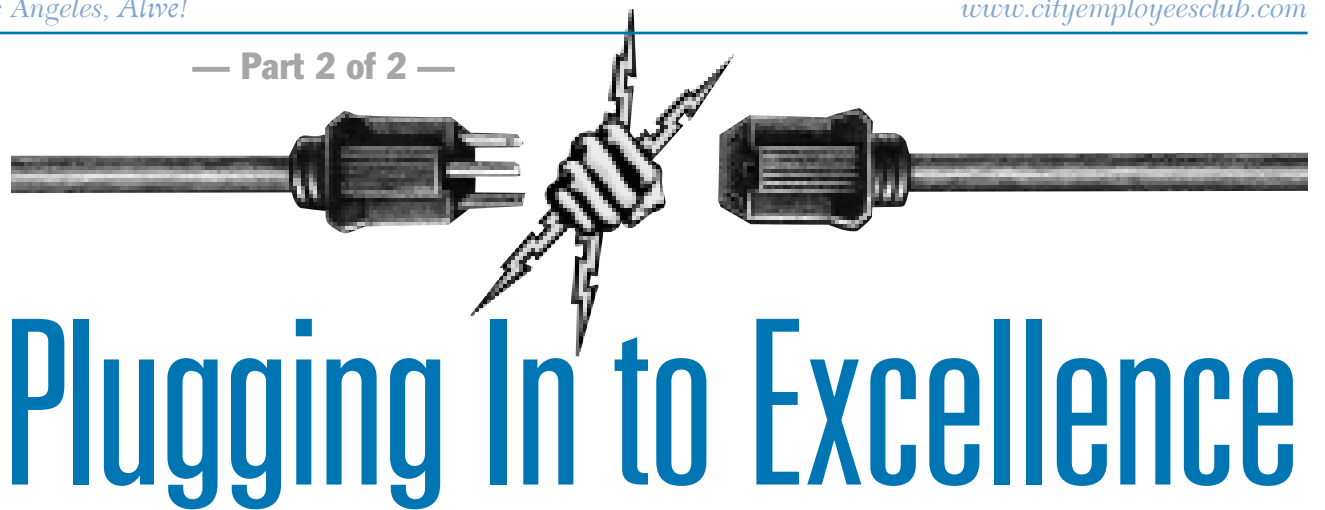
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— Part 2 of 2 —

AMP



Larry Keller, Executive Director, Port of LA



Plugging In to Excellence

Cooperation brings City departments together to create true global innovation.

In last month's *Alive!*, we published the first part of a long story about a truly innovative program lead by the Harbor Department in partnership with the DWP, the Mayor's Office, the City Council, Building and Safety, and others. The program, called AMP, brings shore power to cargo ships in dock, rather than having the ships generate their own power, usually by fume-emitting diesel engines. This true innovation helps the environment, keeps nearby communities cleaner, and demonstrates the power of City employees working together.

When we left off, Larry Keller, executive director of the Harbor Dept., had talked about the extraordinary lengths the City employees went to develop the AMP system. In the conclusion to his interview, below, Mr. Keller describes the cooperation that made the project happen; the fact that other harbors want this technology; and the future of AMP. —Ed.

Alive!: With the cooperation of the employees in the Harbor Dept., it sounds like the way a real business would act.

Keller: Yes, this is an enterprise. Generally speaking we can conceive a project, design it, build it and see it done, you know, and it gets done here. There is a lot of job satisfaction for folks who work here because they can see something through from beginning to end. There are great City employees all over the place but a lot of them are dealing with process. We're kind of a landlord operation here and so we take a lot of pride and our people take a lot of pride, work gets done here too. It's great.

Alive!: Tell us about the involvement of the DWP.

Keller: Dave Wiggs, my counterpart at the DWP, and Frank Salas, his deputy, were on the original mayor's trip. It was really important that they be there when we began discussing electrification of vessels with a client. We obviously needed their cooperation because they built the backland facilities for this where the line power came down, they bought the huge transformers that perform the initial step down on the thing. As the power came, they continue to be partners as we go forward in the other terminals, which we are going to do.

Alive!: Who else was involved?

Keller: Well, us, the Mayor's office, the DWP, Building and Safety, our own Construction and Maintenance division. The fact is that we couldn't have gotten it done without them.

I'll tell you, the Mayor's office, frankly, was a pretty good partner on this thing because it was something they believed in, an initiative they wanted to see happen. The mayor actually signed those agreements when we went to Asia in 2002. They were with us all the way on this thing and wanted to see this happen. In some cases they helped us to work more closely with DWP. We couldn't have gotten it done without them. And when we talk about Building and Safety, for instance, we're talking about an unprecedented development here, we're talking about taking high voltage, putting it out on a steel barge, out over the water, manipulating and taking it back up, with unfamiliar technology and the like. Frankly, without that level of cooperation, we wouldn't be open today. It just couldn't happen, so this cooperation was really important.

Alive!: What about the City Council?

Keller: Janice Hahn loved the idea, she's really pushed this thing. Tony Cardenas also has been a big proponent on this.

When we went [to Asia] in 2002, we had Alex Padilla and Eric Garcetti with us on the trip. I think we made some friends on this project! They went to the signing and understood what it was, so we had those folks with us. We had Tony Cardenas when we went back out to meet some of the customers, which brings us to the next big part of the story.

We went last January to Shanghai and Hong Kong. We went to visit Captain Li again, and the

idea other than thanking him was asking for his two ships [to be included in the project]. Tony [Cardenas] and the Mayor's office were there, and it was powerful. All the resistance we had in the room [from the shipping companies] on the first visit has dissipated.

Alive!: We have heard that other ports are interested in this.

Keller: We believe so. We got an e-mail in here the other day from the head of the Amsterdam port in Holland. He was asking us for some details on how this works. All ports have the same issues, all ports are new big population centers because that's what they do, they serve a viable population. We had heard also, I think it was the mayor of Vancouver, Canada or Seattle, has expressed an interest in this.

Long Beach is looking at this now. The port of Long Beach has been asked by their board to try to make it happen over there. One of the huge advantages we have is that the DWP still owns its generation and continues adding adequate generation power. So if you're the City of Los Angeles, it's a whole lot easier than if you're Long Beach and you're dealing with Edison, which they don't control. The DWP might no longer export its excess. Now the power is going to be used here in the basin and it is going to be used beneficially because we are going to clean the air with it.

It's absolutely awesome. It's inspirational.

Alive!: Are there different ways to build it?

Keller: We don't want to invent the Betamax [Sony's unsuccessful VCR standard] technology here and have it stranded out there. It would be terribly embarrassing to create [an inaccessible standard] with a major shipper as well, like China Shipping, where they take it from here and go to say Oakland or something like that and run into a different system and there's an incompatibility with it, that would be really tough.

But the one thing that no one can argue with is that, no matter how you are generating your power, you are going to generate it more cleanly at a plant than you'll ever do with a ship. You just can't clean up a ship's emissions enough, so this is a big deal and in the end when somebody says, gee, every time you plug in a ship you are creating a new cloud of smog over the Grand Canyon, well, that may be the case, but the fact is that it is cleaner smog than the stuff that would be com-

ing off that ship blowing out of the basin and going to the Grand Canyon.

Alive!: Does the City of Los Angeles own patents on this, or are patents pending on any of this?

Keller: Yes, we have applied for a patent for the Port of Los Angeles, and also we have a trademark on the Alternative Maritime Power.

Alive!: Who else was a part of this?

Keller: Well, Andrew Adelman [GM of Building and Safety] is probably one of the most far-sighted guys in the City. Andrew and his people are fantastic and they've always made themselves available to remove barriers to get things done.

I have to say our Board was entirely supportive, too. We've spent a lot of money on this one, and invention isn't cheap. But no one was disappointed when the first line went in!

Alive!: This was the very first cargo ship to be hooked up?

Keller: This wasn't the first ship we hooked up. It was the second one. China Shipping didn't want any politicians, any press, on the first one because what if it didn't work? But it did work the first time. We learned a lot about hooking up plugs on the first and how to do it better, but it did work the first time. Following the ship you guys saw the other day,

two days later there was another one, which just kind of came and went. It hooked up and that ship had not been here before so you kind of go, does she have all the improvements, does she have all the enhancement, is it going to work? It did. This is exactly the right shipping company, exactly the right place and exactly the right team of our people to work this and get this thing running.

I heard Captain Li say the other day, "I'm going to give you another 10 or 12 AMP ships."

I mean it's just huge, just huge. You don't want to be the first to do anything, but once you are there, the folks are lining up at this point.

Alive!: Do they have the same issues on the other side of the ocean?

Keller: There are not many clear days in Shanghai and it's not just because of weather, either. They

have this proliferation of industry and cars and stuff, and we think that they may be the first foreign port that we hook up for AMP. We are going share those technologies with them. We got the China Shipping vessels coming to and from Shanghai, and others will follow. We think it's going to be there. One of their questions is adequacy of power: Do they have enough power? A great deal of their power is generated with coal, and coal is an issue, but they have been working on mitigating that.

Alive!: Is the hookup complicated?

Keller: It's relatively easy; the real problem is you have to make it efficient, too. The [current China Shipping boat in dock] that came in Friday was in for two days and she's gone, so nobody is going to spend a day hooking them up and taking them off.

Whatever happens next is going to be better. The main thing is to get started; you have to end the pushback, you have to end the resistance if you can, and you have to make it easy for people to say yes.

When they asked, "What are you willing to do for us?" I said, "Well, guys, do I have a deal for you. We are going to outfit your wharf, we are going to pay for the first ship and we're going to buy down the difference between diesel and electricity, so what's the downside?" There is no downside. If you don't like it, what's the worst that could happen? So they have signed up, NYK has signed up; we got the Evergreen guys here talking about maybe 10 brand new ships that will be laid down in the yard here within a year or so.

If we can get one ship at each terminal a week, the benefits, environmentally, would be huge. If we can get two, huger, three, hugest! Honestly, we're on our way. 100 percent is probably not achievable because there are charter vessels and people fall off schedule and they do this kind of stuff, but in an imperfect world, this is as close to a perfect solution as you can get, it's good stuff, really good stuff.

Alive!: Thanks for telling us the story.

Keller: Thanks for giving us the opportunity to help tell it! This is a big story and this is something all of us can really be proud of. It has been done for the first time in Los Angeles, by Los Angeles City employees working with other Los Angeles City employees, who fell in love with the idea and dared to dream. And here it is.

It's not going to end here. These guys were wise to take out patents, but this is a technology that we will share with anybody in the world because the benefits are so huge. We have communities right here, we have communities over here, and I live downwind, so it matters. It really matters.

Alive!: Thanks again, Mr. Keller.

Keller: Thank you.

Michelle Moreno, the Club's administrative assistant, contributed to this story.

Plugged In

■ The great AMP program at the Harbor ultimately requires real people to hook the ships up to the power. Here, an interview with the Electrical Shop.

An interview by John Hawkins, Club CEO, and Robert Larios, Club Operations Manager

The Electrical Shop from the Harbor Construction and Maintenance Division is headed by Club Board Member Joannie Mukai; the supervisor of the Electric Shop is Paul Steiner.

The shop is responsible for all 26 square miles of the Harbor electrical system and supplying power to the freight cranes, buildings, boats, docks, all lighting and now, for the first time in history, container ships. They work on anything between 24 volts to 6,600 volts.

Regarding AMP, their job is to get the cables to the container ship, secure them, and then cut in the power. They also shut down the power and remove the cables.

The photos show the Electrical Shop employees. It doesn't take all of these guys to connect the AMP cables; this is just the division that they'll draw from when a ship comes in.

Below is an interview with Barry O'Conner, Acting Senior Electrician, and Joe Foreman, Electrician. They are among the ones who literally plug the ships in.

Alive! What do you guys do?

O'Conner: We hook up the power to the ships.

Alive! What do you guys think personally about AMP?

O'Conner: We think it's great. It's great for the environment.

Foreman: We thought it was good for us because it's more work, more work for the electric shop, and the more work, the better. You know I mean it's part of job security, they need us here then, and that's what we like about the work. We love the work; the more work, the better for us.

Alive! And there's going to be more, I take it.

Foreman: Bring it all on. Down here is not just a regular electrician's job. We have to know the whole thing, just like Water and Power has to know high voltage. We have to do that, and we have to know the regular electrical as well.

O'Conner: Yeah, this is a unique place.

Foreman: This is a very unique place. We have it all, from high voltage to low voltage.

O'Conner: And we even work on boats!

Alive! What's the highest voltage?

O'Conner: The AMP project requires 6,600 volts. That's the highest.

Alive! So, from 12 volts to 6,600 and everything in between.

O'Conner: Yeah. For AMP, we actually go out and hook up the 6.6 kv cable, and then we lift up the cable using a crane on the barge up to the ship, so the ship's crew plugs the 440 plugs in on the barge.

Alive! You get the cables to the ship.

Foreman: Yeah, we get the cables to the ship.

O'Conner: When the chief engineer on the ship opens up his transfer switch, we then turn the power on. But when they shut the generator off, when they shut the generators down, we turn on the shore power.

Foreman: They go completely dark when they switch over [to shore power].

O'Conner: That's the way it's set up right now. In the future, they're going to have what they call a transfer switch on the ship where it's all automatic. As soon as they shut the generators off, it will switch over to shore power. Right now we have to do everything manually.

Alive! To us, all the departments pulling together is awesome.

Foreman: Yeah, working together as a team is great.

Alive! Thanks for your time.



Alternative Maritime Power wharf outlet at the port of Los Angeles.

AMP Honor Roll

Here are the names of many of the City employees who helped make this world-first innovation possible:

Harbor:

Project Manager Sal Zambrano
Marketing: Eric Caris
Electrical Section: Vahik Haddadian and Sirlord Morse
Port Inspectors: David Bickel and David Shieh

DWP:

Don Alecxih
Mark Holland
Horace Rupp

Building and Safety:

Mike Lee
Michael Dawson
Behzad Egtesady
Simeon Rico

Electrical Shop from the Harbor Construction and Maintenance Division:

Paul Steiner, Supervisor of the Electrical Shop, Harbor Dept.



From left: Martin Lovato and George Jackson displaying the "flash suits" that must be worn when working with voltage greater than 600 volts, such as the AMP power. The flash suits protect them from possible explosion.



From left: Joseph Bulquerin, Electrician, 2 years; and David Higgins, Electrical Craft Helper, 15 years.



From left: Joseph Foreman, Electrician, 15 years; Martin Lovato, Electrician, 2 years; Salvador Gutierrez, Electrician, 2 years; James Henning, Electrician, 7 years; and José Aguirre, Electrical Craft Helper, 7 years.



From left: Azad Mkhitarian, Electrician, 8 years; Barry O'Conner, Electrician, 11 years; David Heersema, Electrician, 9 years; and James Meek, Electrician, 2 years.



From left: Javier Estrella, Electrician, 2 years; George Jackson, Electrician, 2 years; Richard Mattison, Electrician, 4 years; G.J. Virgil, Electrician, 3 years; and Marc Vidican, Electrical Craft Helper, 2 years.



Making the Night Safe

By Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

■ LAPD Central Division sponsors National Night Out.

On Aug. 3, the LAPD Central Police Station co-sponsored a local observance of the National Night Out, an annual crime prevention campaign and urban walk sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW).

Cpts. James Rupert and Blake Chow spearheaded the effort, which also included the Chinatown Public Safety Patrol and the Midnight Mission.

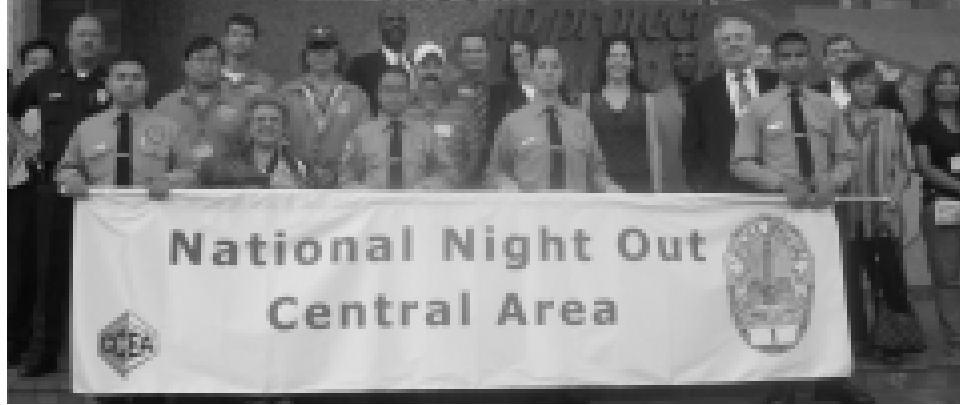
National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime, drug and violence prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Surrounding businesses came out to support the effort.

There was also an Open House throughout the day and a free barbecue from noon to 7 p.m. Gun locks were distributed, and child fingerprints were taken.

The Club thanks Officer Marie Kardiban for inviting us to this worthy event.



Participants assemble in front of Central PD for group picture before the walk.



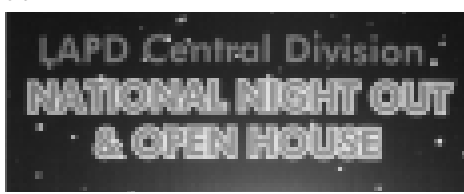
From left: Captain James Rupert, Area Commanding Officer and Captain Blake Chow, Patrol Division Commanding Officer, hold the event sign.



Leading the way on bicycle were, from left, Officers Guerra, Chapman, Rensch and Lenque.



Officer Candice Kandelaria and Edward Klevens, volunteer, cooking some delicious hot dogs, hot links and hamburgers.



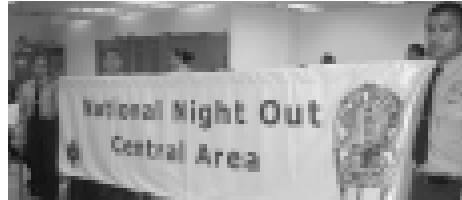
The event poster.



Standing in back, from left: Wilson Liu, Co-Chairman, Little Tokyo Business District; Larry L. Adamson, President Midnight Mission; Tina Olson, President of LA Morning Rotary; Carrie Gatlin, Program Director of Midnight Mission; and Ellen Endo. Seated: Orlando Ward, Midnight Mission; and Frances Hashimoto, President of Little Tokyo Business Association.



Seated, from left: Officer Mario Marquez; Lt. Chris Paterson; and Sgt. Mark Kardiban. Standing: Captain Blake Chow; Officer Ken Lew; and Officer Jason Malik.



Holding the banners were Leslie Garcia, Explorer, 1 month; Rodrigo Martinez, Explorer, 2.5 years; and Arnulfo Granados, Explorer, 2 years. The banner was donated by Estela Lopez, Central City Association East.



The Chinatown Public Safety Patrol, from left: Larry Andrews, Henry Leong, Steve Hernandez, Craig Michelson, Steven Lee, William Lee (3 years old) and Danny French.



Captain Rupert orients the participants on where the walk will take place.



A few of the officers who participated at the walk were, from left: Sgt. Herman Kaskowitz, 32 years; Lt. Beatrice Girmala, 19 years; Robert Taylor, Jewelry District Security Officer, 12 years; and Sgt. Dave Nunez, 21.5 years.



From left: Alma Flores, PSR, 2 years and Club member and Sarah Chacon, PSR, 3 years, at the 911 LAPD Communications booth.



Entering the Old Bank District.



The entourage stops outside Pete's Café and Bar in downtown's Old Bank District.





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Union, City Reach Tentative Agreement On New Contract

On July 27, SEIU Local 347 and Los Angeles City management reached a tentative agreement on a new contract covering some 10,000 blue-collar frontline city workers, according to the union.

"The agreement we are submitting to our members to vote on shows respect for the folks who do the work," said Chief Negotiator Julie Butcher. "We came to the table in the spirit of cooperation and good will. LA's frontline blue-collar workers are proud of the work we do for the people of Los Angeles."

According to the union, the tentative three-year contract accomplishes the union's goals of:

- Protecting city jobs and the services workers provide to the people of Los Angeles;
- Guaranteeing the continuation of employer-paid family health and welfare benefits;
- Winning justice for part-time workers who were being kept from working enough hours to earn and maintain employee-only benefits;
- Keeping public work public: Making sure that City work is done by City workers, not by private contractors.

"We worked with these 10,000 City workers to get a tentative deal that is fair, but recognizes that these are tough budget times and that we must make every taxpayer dollar work harder to provide the highest level of services to our neighborhoods," said Mayor Jim Hahn.

Workers will defer their first wage increase until July 1, 2005, when they will receive a 2 percent raise. They will receive another 2 percent on July 1, 2006, and 2.25 percent on January 1, 2007.

According to the union, workers were determined to resolve a range of other issues. Rectifying injustices facing part-timers was a fundamental goal of these negotiations and was championed by the full bargaining team, despite the fact that all but three bargaining team members were full-time workers.

The union bargaining team consisted of 33 rank-and-file workers representing all of Local 347's members in 11 City departments.

Many part-timers will receive a \$250 lump sum bonus in August 2005. The contract sets up joint labor-management committees and other means of accountability to help remove the obstacles hindering part-timers.

To help the City deliver services as intelli-



A union member getting ready for a City Hall East sleep-in (notice the toothbrush) June 25 during contract negotiations.



Driving around City Hall looking for a contract.

gently and efficiently as possible, the union developed a list of cost-saving proposals to save City funds and resources. That list was presented at the bargaining table, following the release last year and this spring of the more lengthy Volumes I and II of workers' ideas to save money and generate revenue.

Related documents are available at www.seiu347.org

To become an enforceable contract, the agreement must be ratified by union members in the applicable bargaining units and approved by the City Council. The union was to conduct a ratification election in August and count ballots Aug. 27.

Keisner Retires

By Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

Surveyor retires after 14 years with the City.

Larry Keisner retired after 14 years of City service at the Bureau of Engineering.

Although he worked for the City for 14 years, he has 38 years of surveying experience.

Larry tells us he's looking forward to traveling, working on his inventions, and just "plain old fun." Sounds good to us!

Congratulations, Larry. All the best, from the Club.



Larry Keisner, Land Surveying Assistant, 14 years.

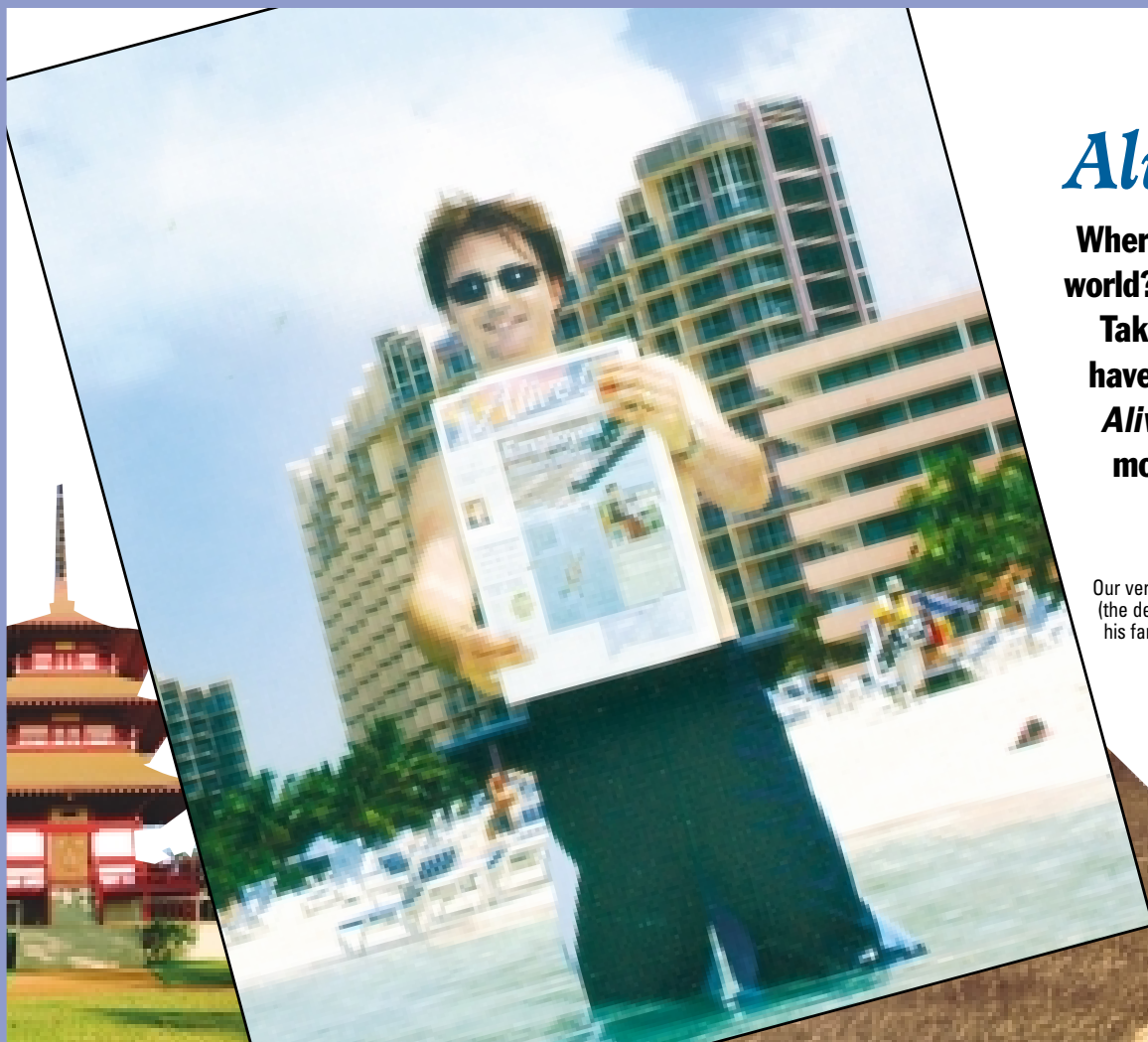


On left: John Brumfield, Survey Party Chief, 41 years.



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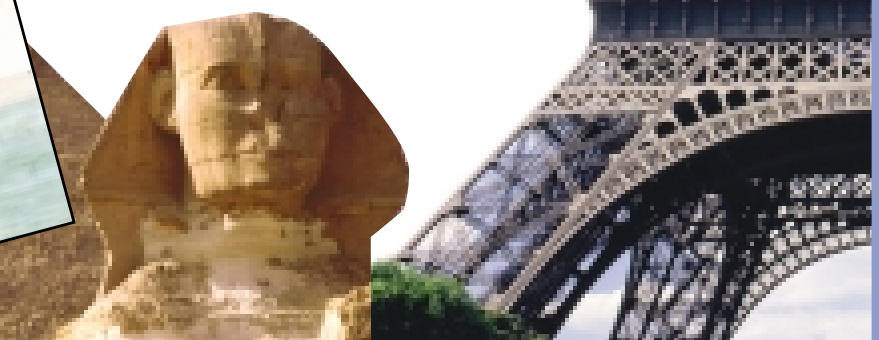
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Food for Thought

■ Back to school means balancing tasty and nutritional school meals.

How hard is it to get the kids to eat a healthy breakfast and lunch during the school year? Depending on their ages and morning moods, we might be lucky to get a glass of orange juice and their multivitamin to our kids before they're running to school. Kids have different tastes. Some kids like cold cereal, some like hot, while others turn up their nose at any cereal and choose a donut or muffin.

How should parents struggle to find the balance for tasty and nutritious school lunches? One of the surest ways to please the kids and meet the basic dietary guidelines is to make your youngsters part of the planning and shopping. Within reason, try to accommodate their lunch requests, keeping nutrition guidelines in mind. Pre-made breakfast bars are another option. Read the labels for nutritional information.

A nutritious lunch doesn't have to revolve around the traditional sandwich, though these were my favorite; consider different pita breads or tortilla wraps filled with favorite sandwich meat. Salsa and chips, assorted pickles or veggie

sticks with dip make a lunch box bonus sure to please most kids. Fun foods like gelatin desserts are good choices for the younger kids. Put a sliced banana and strawberries to give it the extra flavor. Here are some other tips for breakfast:

- Keep pancake or waffle batter in the refrigerator, ready to pour on the griddle.
- If you like to bake, you might keep a supply of muffins in the freezer, ready to warm in the microwave.
- Set the breakfast table the night before, even if it's only for juice and cereal.
- Quesadillas or breakfast burritos are best for the kids who are late for school.

■ Pizza for breakfast? English muffin pizzas sprinkled with cheese and then microwaved are a hit with most kids. Makes for a great snack anytime as well.

■ Almost anything can be sandwiched in a biscuit; scrambled eggs, sausage, chicken or a slice of ham with cheese melted on top are just a few ideas.

■ French toast is another quick and easy breakfast, and a sure kid-pleaser. Add a little cinnamon to the egg batter for variety. Try the French Toast Fingers recipe below.

**Happy Back to School Time,
everyone!**



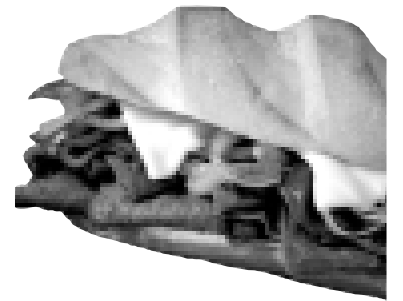
Robby's Roast Beef Poor Boy Sandwich

INGREDIENTS

- Mayonnaise
- 1 small French bread loaf, split (12 inch)
- 1/2 to 3/4 cup shredded lettuce
- 8 oz thinly sliced roast beef
- 1/2 cup thick beef gravy
- 1 small tomato, thinly sliced
- Salt and pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS

Split the French bread and warm for a few minutes in a hot oven (about 375 degrees). Spread the bottom piece of bread generously with mayonnaise, add desired salt and pepper, then layer with shredded lettuce, beef, gravy, and tomato slices. Cover and slice to serve.



Ham and Cheese Quesadillas

INGREDIENTS

- 4 large flour tortillas
- 1/2 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 8 oz thinly sliced ham, or smoked turkey
- 1/2 cup diced tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons chopped green onion (optional)
- Pepper to taste
- Olive oil or cooking spray for brushing tops

DIRECTIONS

Lightly spray a cookie sheet with vegetable cooking spray. Arrange 2 tortillas on the cookie sheet, then evenly top with 1/4 cup of the cheese. Top the cheese with the sliced ham or turkey, the diced tomatoes, green onion, then the other 1/4 cup of cheese. Sprinkle each with a little pepper, then cover each with another tortilla. Brush tops with vegetable oil and bake in a 425-degree oven for about 10 to 12 minutes, until browned. Cut quesadillas into wedges and serve. Serves 4.



French Toast Fingers

INGREDIENTS

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 1 tbsp. butter
- 4 slices bread, cut into 4 pieces lengthwise
- Sugar
- Cinnamon
- Maple syrup

DIRECTIONS

Melt butter. Mix eggs, milk and vanilla in bowl. Beat well, soak slices of bread. Brown bread in frying pan. Sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon and serve with maple syrup.



Spicy Apple Quesadilla

INGREDIENTS

- 2 flour tortillas
- 1/2 cup chunky applesauce, divided
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon-sugar, divided
- 1/4 cup Monterey Jack cheese, shredded
- 2 tablespoons vanilla yogurt, optional

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 400°.

Place one tortilla on an ungreased baking sheet. Spread half applesauce over tortilla; reserve half for garnish. Sprinkle half of cinnamon-sugar over applesauce. Top with cheese and second tortilla. Sprinkle remaining cinnamon-sugar on top.

Bake at 400° for 6 to 8 minutes or until golden brown. Cool 2 minutes.

Cut into quarters and serve with reserved applesauce and vanilla yogurt.



Apple Cider Pancakes

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups biscuit mix
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 egg
- 1 1/3 cups milk
- 3/4 cup apple (about 2 medium) — grated

Cider Sauce:

- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 2 cups apple cider
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine

Pancake directions:

Beat baking mix, cinnamon, egg and milk with rotary beater until smooth. Stir in apples. Grease griddle if necessary and pour batter by 1/4-cup measure onto hot griddle. Bake until bubbles appear, turn and bake other side until golden brown. Serve with warm cider sauce; if desired, top with sour cream.

Yield: 18 4-inch pancakes.

Sauce directions:

In saucepan, mix sugar, cornstarch, cinnamon and nutmeg; stir in cider and lemon juice. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and boils. Boil and stir for 1 minute. Remove from heat and stir in butter.

Yield: about 2 1/2 cups.



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Trinidad wins a \$50 gift certificate to Trader Joe's. Here is her response:



Dear "All In Good Fun" People,

The August picture of *Alive!* is: The Bi-Centennial Monument located in the park (Wall Street Walk) at 6th St. and Harbor Blvd. in San Pedro.

This is a 7-foot stone monument that was donated during the 1976 celebration of America for its 200 years of Independence (July 4th 1776 - 1976). As some of you might remember, the United States celebrated from coast to coast in that year and this was the Harbor and Port of Los Angeles' way of leaving their mark after all sorts of arts, sports, music events and fairs and displays throughout the area.

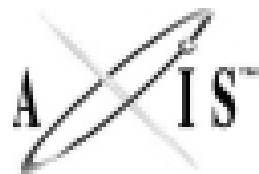
The great part of this monument today is that its located right in the heart of the start of the port area, seated along many other monuments and great things to see and do if you happen to be in the area. You can see the Maritime Museum, Old Firehouse and trucks located in old San Pedro City Hall, ride a remodeled Electric Pacific Rail Train (old red cars), Harbor Cruises, modern fire boats (Station #2), trolley cars and plenty of sea food or just watch the ports, ships, and boats come in and out of Los Angeles and enjoy the cool air. All in walking distance from each other.

Here are others who got it right:

Rose Ann Budesa

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Critic's Corner What I Saw

The Bourne Supremacy



Matt Damon plays Jason in this sequel to *The Bourne Identity*. Bourne has allegedly been linked to some murders, and all of the evidence is pointing the finger right at him. The funny thing is he was nowhere around and in a different country. He thinks it could be

Operation Treadstone that's setting him up, since he was once a part of it when he was in the CIA.

Joan Allen plays Pamela Landy and Jason Bourne is back to set the record straight that he has done nothing wrong, but he needs to speak to Nicky (Julia Stiles).

This movie is very well written and directed. Anyone who liked *The Bourne Identity* will like this movie. Don't expect it to be better than the last, but just as good. With the technology that they use in movies now, you would think that we could have seen a few more tricks.

This movie is suitable for the more mature, so parents leave the kids at home for this one.

— Marviana Jones, Club Member

This movie had action from start to finish. It started a bit slow but once the ball got rolling, the action did not break. The storyline is a little hard to follow if you didn't see the first movie *The Bourne Identity*.

Without giving too much away, Matt Damon plays Jason Bourne, a spy for the CIA, and that's when the twists and turns come in. As it turns out, Jason still has amnesia and is just beginning to figure out his past when the action starts.

The great thing about this movie is that it takes a while to learn just who the good guys and bad guys are. But in the same genre of James Bond, minus the flash and females, this is a movie sure to be enjoyed for action-junkies male and female.

— Dory Boyd, Public Works

If you liked the first one, this is a must see! If you haven't seen the first one, rent it.

This movie has all the makings of a movie that puts you on the edge of your seat and the balls of your feet! The car chase scene rivals *The French Connection* or *Ronin*. I truly think that this part was made for Matt Damon. He is Jason Bourne. What a good action flick. I rate it two thumbs way up, and a snap!

— Frank Ramirez, LA Zoo

A Cinderella Story

Here is a very cute and sweet updated version of an old story. Hilary Duff stars as Sam, whose father dies in the 1994 Northridge earthquake, leaving her to be raised by her stepmother Fiona (played wonderfully by Jennifer Coolidge). Sam wants to attend her high school Halloween dance, but her stepmother says no and tells her she has to work at their diner.

The workers in the diner talk her into going

to the dance and one of her co-workers helps her become "Cinderella." At the dance, she meets the captain of the football team (Chad Michael Murray from TV's *One Tree Hill*), who is dressed as Prince Charming.

This is a very nice clean cut and well-written movie. The entire cast was very good. Although it is geared for pre-teens and teens, some adults will enjoy it too (you know who you are). I certainly enjoyed it.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

The Terminal



When Viktor (Tom Hanks) gets off the plane at JFK, he learns that his visa is canceled, his passport is suspended, and he is a citizen of nowhere. His country is going through a military coup. He is not allowed to leave the airport terminal until his country is recognized.

Viktor meets many of the people in the terminal, including Amelia (Catherine Zeta-Jones). She is a flight attendant who has a hard time with relationships. Viktor learns to survive in the terminal for nine months, finding many ways to make some money and learn English.

This is a very entertaining and enjoyable movie, worth seeing.

— Gwen Lew, DWP

Catwoman

Halle Berry plays Patience Phillips, also known as Catwoman, in this sleek feline action movie.

Patience has to redo the campaign ad artwork for a new beauty cream. Her boss Georges (Lambert Wilson) gives her until midnight to complete the assignment. When Patience misses her deadline to drop off her artwork to her boss, she ends up at the wrong place at the wrong time.

Catwoman must stop Laurel (Sharon Stone) from releasing a toxic beauty product that is sure to be deadly. Detective Lone (Benjamin Bratt) begins to suspect Catwoman is the cause behind the mishaps.

This movie is suitable for a family's night out. I was very surprised to see Halle play a different role. I give it two paws up.

— Marviana Jones, Club Member

De-Lovely



The movie shows the personal and profession life of songwriter Cole Porter. Kevin Kline, who I loved in *Dave*, plays the title role superbly. Ashley Judd plays his wife, Linda, and also does an excellent job. There is of course, some great musical artists and music.

I think if you enjoy Broadway shows then you will enjoy this movie, although *Night and Day*, with Cary Grant, is a

proved what they were made of. It is a perfect example of how one adapts to their circumstances and through faith and spirit, prevails.

This is a wonderful story that is part fiction and part fact. It gives a good in-depth look into pre-20th century life for African Americans. It depicts what African-American ancestors endured and how they prospered and pulled through.

— Lynne Wright, Ontario Airport

More Than You Know

Author: Evelyn Rogers
Publisher: Leisure Books 2004
Genre: Romantic Suspense, 338 pages

Hollywood starlet Toni Cavender is accused and cleared of murder. Some, especially the victim's wife, believe she is guilty. Toni also has a secret daughter she is searching for. Her acquittal tightens the cords of danger and deceit. Someone knows of Toni's lies and deceptions and is determined to see them revealed and to see her pay for it.

— Lynne Wright, Ontario Airport

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lighter version of Porter's personal life and focuses more on his professional life. I think I liked that movie better. I believe certain things should remain private.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

The Manchurian Candidate

Jonathan Demme's remake of the 1962 classic stars Denzel Washington as Maj. Benjamin Marcos, who is haunted by nightmares of Kuwait. It also stars Liev Schreiber as Sgt. Raymond Shaw, who returns from Kuwait a war hero. Meryl Streep stars as the domineering Senator mother.

It's a great thriller movie. I highly recommend seeing it. I also recommend seeing the original with Frank Sinatra, Lawrence Harvey and Angela Lansbury. Check it out from your local library free.

— Linda Rorex, Personnel

The Thunderbirds

With director Jonathan Frakes' experience on *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, I expected him to create a really good movie. Sadly, I was disappointed.

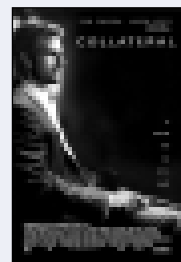
The main story was plain stupid. And how in the world they got Sir Ben Kingsley to do this movie is beyond me.

I did like the Tracy Family and friends. They just need to find them a better story.

Young children probably would enjoy this movie.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

Collateral



Loved it, loved it, loved it! Tom Cruise stars as a hitman who comes to Los Angeles to kill five people. He hires taxi cab driver, Jamie Foxx, to take him to five addresses and then to the airport. The moment Tom enters the cab, your eyes will be glued to the screen.

It's very well written and acted. I thoroughly enjoyed this movie! This definitely is one of the best of the summer releases. Go see it!

Gail Seltzer, DWP

Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle

Starring John Cho as Harold Lee and Kal Penn as Kumar Patel, it's from Danny Leiner, the same director of *Dude, Where's My Car?* This movie is about two friends who go on a wacky adventure trying to get to White Castle while getting into crazy situations.

It's a hilariously funny movie with no redeeming value. This movie is not recommended for children, teenagers okay. It has strong language and sexual content.

— Linda Rorex, Personnel

The Village



M. Night Shyamalan's *The Village* is a very interesting movie. The director has a reputation of producing very good films such as *The Sixth Sense* and *Signs*. However, this movie is a little different, and I must say everything is not how it seems.

A blind girl named Ivy falls in love with a guy named Lucius. She begs the village elders to let her go to the town to get medicine for Lucius after he is hurt. You can't really say too much without giving the movie away, but it goes from a thriller to a love story. It starts off very suspenseful, and ends very corny.

I recommend catching a matinee for this movie. This movie is suited for the family.

— Marviana Jones, Club Member

In M. Night Shyamalan's *The Village*, the Academy-Award nominated filmmaker who brought you *The Sixth Sense* and *Signs* assembles an all-star cast for this suspense thriller.

At first glance, the village seems picture perfect, but this close-knit community lives with the frightening knowledge that creatures live in the surrounding woods that border the village. The stories told by the elders to the community is so unnerving that none dare enter the woods. They live by three sacred rules, but we all know curiosity has to come into play sometime. Joaquin Phoenix enters the woods and starts a chain reaction that threatens to change the future of the village forever.

I personally really enjoyed *The Village*. You must give in to the story and go along with the storyline, and you will not be disappointed. The village has a awesome twist at the end that you won't believe.

I don't recommend for young children.

— J. Mireles, General Services

The Princess Diaries 2: The Royal Engagement

Anne Hathaway is back as Princess Mia. She just graduated from college in the United States and comes back home to Genovia in time to celebrate her 21st birthday. She then learns she has 30 days to get married or she forfeits the crown. One problem is, she has no boyfriend and another is that the Uncle of Sir Nicholas (Chris Pine) who is next in line for the throne will do anything he can to see to it that he gets it.

The fantastic and beautiful Julie Andrews is back as the Queen, and the equally fantastic and adorable Hector Elizondo is back as Joe, the head of security and who is in love with her.

This Walt Disney movie is rated G and will be enjoyed mostly by young girls. I did enjoy the movie and feel it is as good as the first one.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

Critic's Corner What I Read

Cane River

Author: Lalita Tademy
Publisher: Warner Books 2001
Genre: Historical Fiction, 416 pages

Cane River is the author's search for her roots. Ms. Tademy began to learn more about her family. She got so caught up in her research that she quit her job to pursue her family tree full time, and that is how the story of Cane River came about.

The story about four astonishing women begins with Ms. Tademy's great-great-great-great grandmother, Elisabeth, who was born a slave on a Creole plantation in Cane River, Louisiana. The story ends with Emily who was free. The story is centered around the community of Cane River, a community of free people of color, French-speaking slaves and Caucasian people.

The story reveals the way things and people were at the time. It explores the differences and similarities that were acceptable during the time period. The story tells of the generations that were slaves, experienced the Civil War, were emancipated and finally free. Through all of the trials and tribulations, these women

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The Last Juror

Author: John Grisham
Publisher: Doubleday, 2004
Genre: Fiction, 368 pages
Appropriate for: 16 - adult

The story takes place in Mississippi in 1970. Willie Traynor takes over the Ford County Times newspaper. He reports about the murder of a young mother whose murder was witnessed by her young children. Danny Padgitt, who murdered the young mother was tried and convicted of her murder in Clanton, Mich. Danny threatens to kill all of the jurors for convicting him to life in prison. Jurors are dying one by one, then nine years later Danny is paroled, and how the town has been affected!

The book is well written and I highly recommend it.

— Linda Rorex, Personnel

Simon Says

Author: Colleen Dixon
Publisher: Random House 2003
Genre: Fiction, 313 pages

This is a story of political intrigue, romance

and murder, a story of coming of age in the 1970s Washington, DC. A young man escapes the ghetto and goes to a historically Black university where he shines and meets the girl of his dreams who just happens to be the daughter of the mayor of Washington, DC. Can't say more cause I don't want to spoil the story. Excellent read; very riveting story with a surprise ending.

— Lynne Wright, Ontario Airport

Thicker Than Water

Author: Maggie Shayne
Publisher: Mira Books 2003
Genre: Romantic Suspense, 400 pages

This story is about runaway teens who sought shelter in what they believed was a safe haven. The shelter was anything but safe and it was destroyed amid a fiery scene. Everyone was believed to be dead, but some survived. Julie Jones was one of the survivors. Sixteen years later, Julie's past was resurrected and someone began to take revenge. A well-written, suspenseful story.

— Lynne Wright, Ontario Airport

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Navin Cotton, The "Ticket Guy"

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Sunday	Sept. 12	1:00 PM	vs. Sacramento Monarchs	('04 Western Conf. Finalist)
Friday	Sept. 17	7:30 PM	vs. Minnesota Lynx	(2003 Playoff Team)

Contact Sparks Account Executive, Erica Woods, at (310) 426-6046 or by email at ewoods@la-sparks.com

Coming Soon!

Lakers and Clippers Tickets

Tentative Games:

Houston vs. Clippers (November) • Lakers vs. Clippers (December) • Miami vs. Clippers (January)
... and more to come!

These tickets are not available yet but as soon as they are I'll publish it in this section of the *Alive!*

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ClubFest 2004 T-Shirts!

BACK

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DARK BLUE. \$12.50 each.
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TO ORDER YOUR CLUB STORE MERCHANDISE:

Call the Ticket Hotline: (888) 777-1744
The Ticket Guy is waiting for your call!

— or —

Complete the order form on the next page.

TICKET Express Discount Tickets

by Mail, Phone, Web site & FAX

This is your chance to enjoy the entertainment options you love—all at discounted prices—as a benefit of membership in the Club.

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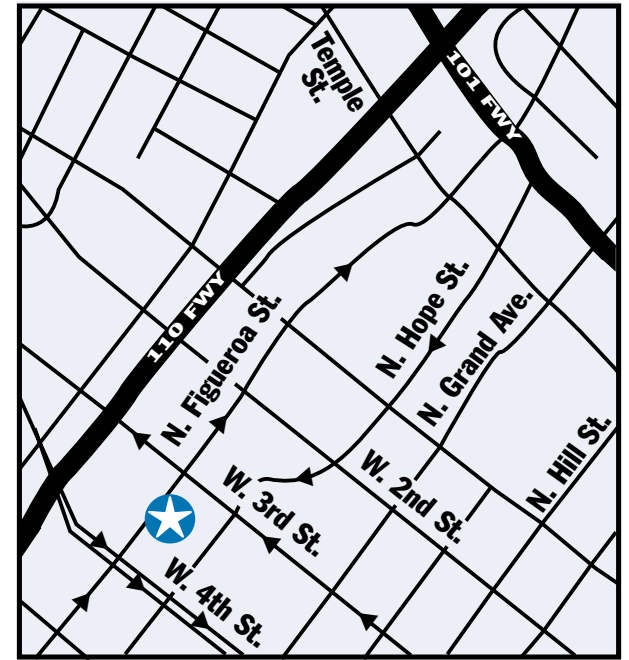
- ALL TICKETS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY. PRICES MAY CHANGE.
- DO NOT SEND CASH – ALL SALES ARE FINAL – NO REFUNDS.
- When visiting Club offices, only the first 15-minutes of parking will be validated. The CLUB strongly encourages that members phone in orders before visiting our office.
- Orders will be processed as soon as received.
- Tickets must be mailed to your home address.
- City Employees Club of Los Angeles cannot be held responsible for money or tickets lost in the mail.
- For your convenience, the Club accepts VISA or MasterCard.
- **Maximum 12 tickets per event/ theatre/attraction per order.**

TICKET GUY

Navin Cotton, the "Ticket Guy"

You can call or email your comments, concerns:
 EMAIL: ncotton@cityemployeesclub.com
 TEL: (800) 464-0452

If any member is participating in any local theatre productions, sports events, or volunteer events, let me know and I'll try to put an ad in next month's issue.



City Employees Club of Los Angeles
 350 S. Figueroa St., Ste. 700 • Los Angeles, CA 90071

Theatre Tickets **	Retail Price	Club Price	Quantity	Total
AMC - RESTRICTED TICKETS	\$9.00	\$5.50 x	=	\$
AMC - GOOD ANY TIME	\$9.00	\$7.00 x	=	\$
Krikorian Theatres GOOD ANY TIME	\$9.50	\$5.50 x	=	\$
Regal/Edwards Cinema/United Artists RESTRICTED TICKETS	\$9.00	\$5.50 x	=	\$
Regal/Edwards Cinema/United Artists GOOD ANY TIME	\$9.00	\$6.50 x	=	\$
Imax at Exposition Park - Adult	\$7.50	\$5.00 x	=	\$
Imax at Exposition Park - Child	\$4.50	\$3.75 x	=	\$
Cinemark Theatres	\$8.75	\$5.50 x	=	\$
Loews - Cineplex (Magic Johnson)	\$8.50	\$5.50 x	=	\$
Mann Theaters	\$9.00	\$6.00 x	=	\$
Pacific Walk/Drive In	\$9.00	\$5.50 x	=	\$
The Bridge Cinemas NEW!	\$11.00	\$8.00 x	=	\$

Theme Parks / Attractions **	Retail Price	Club Price	Quantity	Total
Aquarium of the Pacific - Adult	\$18.75	\$13.95 x	=	\$
Aquarium of the Pacific - Child 3-11	\$9.95	\$8.45 x	=	\$
Boomer's Family Fun Centers - All day Pass	\$20.00	\$14.00 x	=	\$
California Adventure - Adult - Through 12/16/04	\$50.00	\$39.00 x	=	\$
California Adventure - Child - Through 12/16/04	\$50.00	\$34.00 x	=	\$
Disneyland - Adult - Through 12/16/04	\$50.00	\$39.00 x	=	\$
Disneyland - Child - Through 12/16/04	\$50.00	\$34.00 x	=	\$
Hurricane Harbor (Magic Mountain) - Adult	\$23.99	\$14.50 x	=	\$
Hurricane Harbor (Magic Mountain) - Child (under 48")	\$16.99	\$13.00 x	=	\$
Knott's Berry Farm - Adult Valid 9/704 - 12/24/04	\$43.00	\$20.95 x	=	\$
Knott's Berry Farm - Child 3-11 Valid all year	\$32.00	\$12.95 x	=	\$
Knott's Soak City Waterpark - Adult	\$23.95	\$15.50 x	=	\$
Knott's Soak City Waterpark - Child	\$16.95	\$12.95 x	=	\$
Los Angeles County Fair - Adults	\$10-\$14	\$9.00 x	=	\$
Los Angeles County Fair - Child	\$6-\$7	\$5.00 x	=	\$
Legoland - Adult	\$41.95	\$28.95 x	=	\$
Legoland - Child	\$34.95	\$28.95 x	=	\$
Magic Mountain - Adult	\$44.99	\$22.00 x	=	\$
Magic Mountain - Child (under 48")	\$29.99	\$15.00 x	=	\$
Medieval Times - Adult	\$46.65	\$39.65 x	=	\$
Medieval Times - Child	\$32.40	\$29.40 x	=	\$
Movieland Wax Museum - Adult Buena Park Location	\$12.95	\$7.50 x	=	\$
Movieland Wax Museum - Child 4-11 Buena Park Location	\$6.95	\$4.95 x	=	\$
Raging Water - Adult Valid any operating day	\$27.99	\$19.99 x	=	\$
Raging Water - Child (Ages 3-9 & under 48") Valid any operating day	\$16.99	\$13.99 x	=	\$
Ripley's Believe It or Not - Adult Buena Park Location	\$8.95	\$6.50 x	=	\$
Ripley's Believe It or Not - Child 4-11 Buena Park Location	\$5.95	\$3.95 x	=	\$
San Diego Zoo - Adult	\$32.00	\$25.00 x	=	\$
San Diego Zoo - Child 3-11	\$19.75	\$15.75 x	=	\$
Sea World - Adult	\$44.95	\$35.50 x	=	\$
Sea World - Child 3-9	\$34.95	\$28.50 x	=	\$
Universal Studios - Adult/Child	\$47.00	\$37.00 x	=	\$
Universal Studios - Annual Pass	\$80.00	\$53.00 x	=	\$
Wild Animal Park - Adult	\$26.50	\$21.00 x	=	\$
Wild Animal Park - Child 3-11	\$19.50	\$15.50 x	=	\$
Wild Rivers - Adult	\$26.98	\$15.50 x	=	\$
Wild Rivers - Child	\$17.98	\$12.50 x	=	\$

DISCOUNT TICKET ORDER FORM

for City Employees Club of Los Angeles members.

Gift Certificates	Retail Price	Club Price	Quantity	Total
Golf 'n Stuff	\$26.50	\$11.50 x	=	\$
See's Candies Gift Certificate (1 lb.)	\$12.40	\$9.75 x	=	\$
Mulligan's Family Fun Center \$15 Gift Certificate	\$15.00	\$10.00 x	=	\$

Club Store Merchandise	Retail Price	Club Price	Quantity	Total
CITY SEAL Hat (with seal only) <input type="checkbox"/> Dark Blue <input type="checkbox"/> Orange <input type="checkbox"/> Black		\$12.50 x	=	\$
CITY SEAL Hat (with "Los Angeles") <input type="checkbox"/> Orange <input type="checkbox"/> Black		\$12.50 x	=	\$
CLUB LOGO Hat <input type="checkbox"/> Dark Blue <input type="checkbox"/> Khaki		\$12.50 x	=	\$
CLUBFEST 2004 T-shirt <input type="checkbox"/> Dark Blue <input type="checkbox"/> SIZE: S, M, L, XL, XXL		\$12.50 x	=	\$

SUB TOTAL	\$			
Shipping & Handling				
Tickets: Standard Mail*	Price	Quantity	Total	
Tickets: Certified Mail	\$2.25 x	1	= \$	
Hats (\$1.25 per each item)	\$3.50 x	1	= \$	
	\$1.25 x		= \$	

TOTAL (please include shipping) \$

Make all checks payable to the **City Employees Club of Los Angeles**.

Allow 3 to 7 days for delivery.

To Order:

<p>BY MAIL: Complete the order form below and mail to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ticket Guy City Employees Club of Los Angeles 350 S. Figueroa St., Ste. 700 Los Angeles, CA 90071</p>	<p>BY PHONE: (888) 777-1744</p> <p>BY FAX: (213) 620-0398</p> <p>BY WEB SITE: Go to www.cityemployeesclub.com and click on Club Discounts.</p>
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Member Information

Member's name		
Home Street Address		
City	State	Zip
Home Phone		Work Phone
Club Member Number		

Payment

Check or Money Order enclosed (please paper clip to order form)
 Make all checks payable to the **City Employees Club of Los Angeles**

Credit Card
 Please charge \$_____ (enter total from above form) to my credit card.

MasterCard VISA

No. _____ Exp. ____/____/____

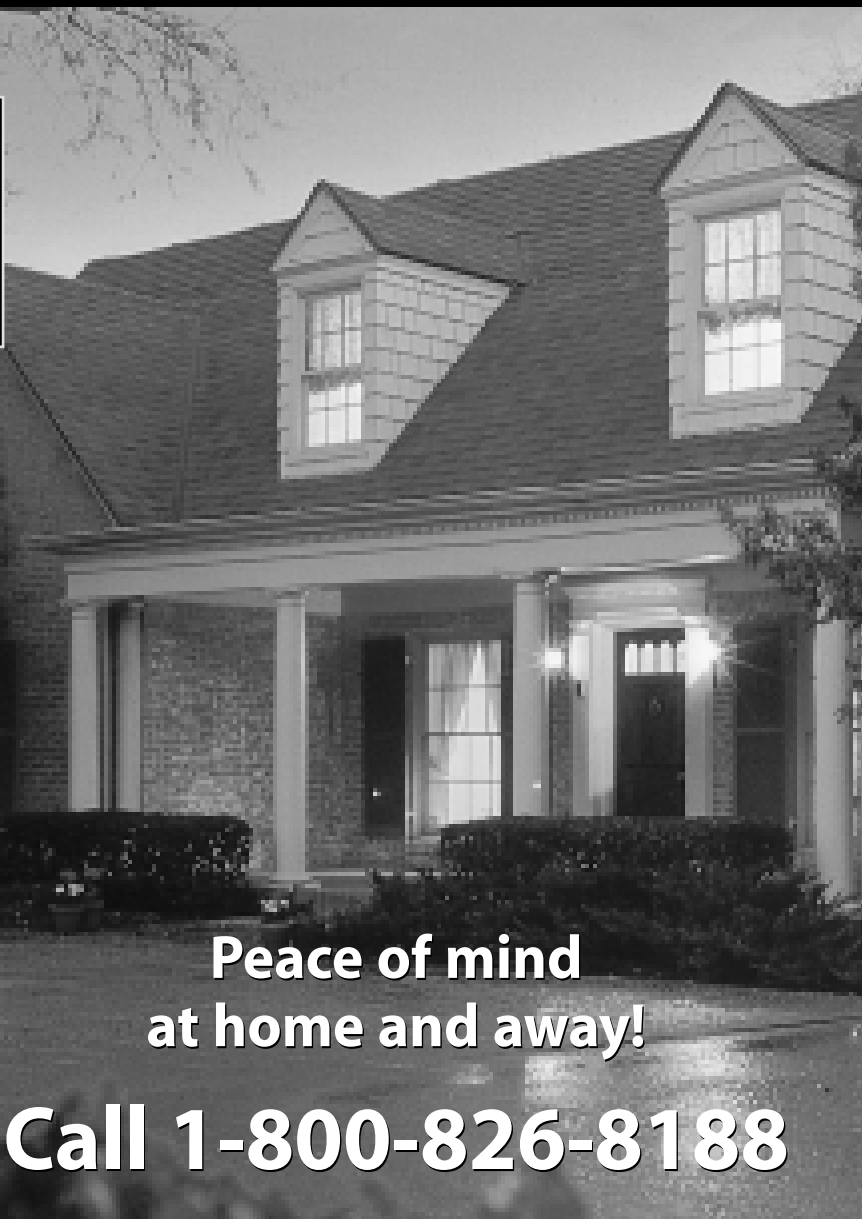
Cardholder Name _____

Cardholder Signature _____

* When using Standard mail, please be aware that the Club cannot be responsible for tickets lost in the mail.
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Member Benefits:

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 70% off)
- Plays, musicals, the arts, sports events

Alive! Newspaper

- Births, weddings, retirements, deaths
- Free Classifieds
- Retirees Corner
- Department of the Month
- DWP news
- Opinion column
- Movie reviews
- Organized Club information

Group Rated Insurance Products

- Term Life Insurance
- Long Term Disability
- Short Term Disability Insurance
- Long Term Care Insurance
- Cancer Insurance
- Group Rated Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance
- Group Rated Auto and Homeowners Insurance

Plus...

- The Famous "Refund Check"
- Pet Insurance

More Benefits

- Free Notary Service
- Scholarships
- Employee-of-the-Year Award



Show your Club card
and save money at hundreds of businesses
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Meet the Club Team

These are the faces behind the Club. Our staff is dedicated to helping our members receive the maximum benefit from their membership. If you have questions, concerns or suggestions about your Club, our counselors are ready to help.



Need help? Find your Counselor

When contacting the Club, ask for the counselor that handles your department.



Beverly Haro
Member Services
Counselor

Aging, Department of
DWP Admin.
DWP Financial Services Executive
DWP Marketing and Customer Service
Employee Relations Board
Environmental Affairs, Department of
Fire Department
Library Department
Neighborhood Empowerment, Department of
Pensions, Department of Fire & Police
Transportation, Department of
Personnel Department
Street Services, Bureau of
Zoo Department, Los Angeles



Jorge Suarez
Member Services
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Community Development Department
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DWP Water Services
General Services, Department of
Recreation and Parks, Department of
Planning, City



Liz Montes
Member Services
Counselor

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Airports, Los Angeles World
Chief Legislative Analyst, Office of the
City Administrative Officer
City Attorney
City Clerk
Coliseum, Los Angeles Memorial
Community Redevelopment Agency
Contract Administration, Bureau of
Controller, Office of the
Convention Center, Los Angeles
Council District # 1-15
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Finance, Office of
Housing Department
Management/Employee Services,
Mayor, Office of the
Street Lighting, Bureau of



Arlene Herrero
Member Services
Counselor

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DWP Water Services (Aqueduct So. District)
Engineering, Bureau of
Harbor Department
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