

ClubFest '05: City Bands Give New Festive Feel

■ Get tickets now for Club's big party, to feature City bands, cool contests ... plus great food and fun.



THE CLUB — Get ready for big, new features for ClubFest 2005, giving the fantastic party a different feel ... but with all the same great food and fun.

Tickets are now on sale; prices go up Sept. 1, so don't wait! Get them with the application in this issue of *Alive!*, at Club headquarters, or through your Club Counselor. ClubFest tickets are limited to 9 tickets per each Club member. Tickets are available only to Club members.

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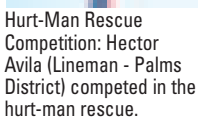
DWP Linemen Show Skills in Annual Rodeo

■ Pole-climb, crossarm, dead-end, insulator and jumper change-out competitions? It must be the annual DWP Lineman's Rodeo.

Story by Gale Harris, DWP
Photos by Michelle Moreno, Club Events Guru, and courtesy the DWP

DWP — Excitement and loads of fun were the order of the day when more than 2,000 people — DWP employees, friends, family and linemen from several utilities — gathered May 14 at DWP's Truesdale Training Center in Sun Valley for the 14th annual Lineman's Rodeo and Family Festival.

Sponsored by DWP and IBEW Union Local 18, the rodeo offered linemen a chance to test their skills



See DWP Rodeo, Page 52



Sea lions (right) and a children's play zone are part of the exciting new L.A. Zoo entrance plaza (below), which marks the beginning of many upgrade projects at the Griffith Park institution.



Kris Willis, Animal Keeper, demonstrating sea lion training techniques.

Sea lions, children's zone, a summer of fun ... the Zoo opens its eagerly awaited entrance plaza in grand style!

Photos by Tad Motoyama and Jamie Pham, Zoo photographers

ZOO DEPT. — A two-and-a-half year construction project is coming to an end this summer as the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens opens Sea Lion Cliffs within the new California-themed front entrance. Visitors will now be greeted by frolicking sea lions before venturing off to learn about animals from all over the globe.

"This is a very exciting time for Los Angeles," said Zoo Director John Lewis. "We are now able to share a magnificent home for the Zoo's California sea lions. These improvements will enhance the visitor experience as well as provide a better life for these aquatic treasures."

Nine acres at the Zoo's entrance have been transformed into a

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Many Help Make Club Come Alive!

Yes, the new Sea Lion exhibit at the Zoo really is as good in real life as it looks in our feature article! I've been watching first hand as it's gone through its many phases of development, and it's truly a beautiful example of hard work and vision. Grab your family and go. Parking is free, and our Ticket Guy can save you 30 percent on adult tickets and 43 percent on children's tickets. Oh, and did I mention that parking is free!

I hope all of you had a wonderful Fourth of July, which I have to say is my favorite holiday. And, now that summer is in full swing, there's no time to waste in making the best of it. As you know, whether it's a movie, a trip to the Aquarium or beautiful Catalina, call the Ticket Guy for the best deal in town. (In honor of the Fourth, e-mail me with the "exact" historical reasoning behind the Fourth of July and I'll send you a free movie ticket.)

Speaking of deals, the Club is always looking for new and different products to offer Club members. Our newest item is a coffee table book titled *Los Angeles, Views of the Past & Present* by the world famous photographer George Ross Jezek. George allowed the Club to buy the book at a special discount, which means we can offer it to you for only \$25; that's a 24 percent savings from the retail price. You can order yours by going to page 67, or to www.cityemployeesclub.com. By the way, it makes a perfect gift for that City employee who "has everything." Just ask Lupe at the Club's front desk; she bought one for her husband Red Medina (Public Works) and he loves it!

There have been many City employees who help make *Alive!* and the Club such a success. I wish I could name them all, but here's a small sampling:

- Gale Harris at the DWP: thank you for getting us the Lineman's Rodeo story so quickly!
- Phil Skarin at the RLACEI for helping us with the Retiree Golf Tournament!
- Sharon Coggin over at the Zoo for helping us with the Seal Lion story!
- Dolores and Vince Foley at the DWP Retirees Association for your help every month!
- Shannon Cherry, our newest Building and Safety "Department Rep!"
- Jimmy Sparks, President of the Airports Employees Association, for keeping us in touch!
- Chin Luong, for always being available for the Club's IT department!

Last but not least, don't forget that your City's Fire Department Museum needs your help. Please consider buying a brick or get an office pool going and buy one for your Department/Division/Worksite. We've reprinted the form for you on page 43.

Have a great July!

-John

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 (and yes, I really do read all my e-mail!)

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Check out a full list on page 42!

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The Word on the Street

You probably won't get to meet Club Claims Administrator Cecilia Talbot very often ... until you really need her. That's when her service shines. So, to assure you that you are in good hands, from time to time Alive! will reprint letters commending the service given by Cecilia and her excellent staff. —Ed.

Excellent, superb. I could not have done the service without your help. Not only did you give me information and helpful suggestions, but also the financial support I needed. Plus continue to keep this attitude of love, consideration and support. In addition, you kept my personal business confidential. That meant a lot to me. God bless you, Cecilia, and others. I love you all :)"

— Dorothy J. Hinton-Adams, June 2005

Your service is very great. I was very happy the way City Employees Club responded to my need."

— Edward Walker, May 2005

The "service I received was great, very nice and helpful in everyway. Thank you for everything. A-plus."

— Shirley Dyer, May 2005

It has been most helpful! Everyone I've called has been courteous and have been patient with my questions. It was awkward for me to handle some of the things to do because of my inexperience as the Power of Attorney. Thanks for all your help!"

— Lou Dean Chamless, April 2005

Excellent! Special thanks to Cecilia T. EGreat help with questions, answers and investigation ... everyone is so helpful. Thanks, keep up the good work!"

— Tishandra Hardy, May 2005

Your service was excellent. During my bereavement, all questions were answered in a timely manner. I was always able to call and get complete answers to my questions. I was very satisfied."

— Farnise Lewis, May 2005

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LETTERS To the Editor



Retirement Jacket From Club Fit Him Perfectly

Just got back June 9 from a 15-day Panama Cannel Cruise and a one-month Philippine vacation.

I wish to thank the City Employees Club of Los Angeles for the gift (jacket). I used it last vacation. Special thanks to Ms. Arlene Herrero, Mr. John Hawkins and Mr. Angel Gomez for attending my retirement party. You guys are the best.

Retirement is great! Just love it, no stress, no hassle, with peace of mind and most of all I don't have to wake up early to fight the traffic.

More power to the City Employees Club of Los Angeles. Keep up the good work.

— Pablo NinoFranco Jr.
Retired, Harbor; Club Member

Brick Paver Program a Way To Thank L.A. Firefighters

Thanks to you and your crew for publishing the Firefighter Memorial Brick Paver order form. I've spent most of my life working for the City, and I feel proud to be able to give back to my City family now that I've entered retirement.

It's also the least I could do, considering all the life-saving efforts that are accomplished by our firemen. Keep up the good work, Club; it is an honor to be a member.

— Tommy Gleikman, Club Member

Club Members interested in purchasing a brick for the paver program at the L.A. Firefighters Memorial can still do so. There is a form in this issue for that purpose. — Ed.

She's Thankful for Tributes To Tommy, Rick and Rene

Amazing. The tributes you published last issue were true tearjerkers (Tommy Scott, Rick Garris and Rene Flores). I believe I speak for the thousands of other active and retired City workers when I say that it is much appreciated that the Club took the time and effort to assemble these tributes. Thank you.

— Loretta Wilson, Rec and Parks

WRITE TO US TODAY!

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

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

Corrections:

- In the May issue of Alive!, in a photo from the retirement party of Port Police Det. L e o Stekkinger, we gave the wrong job title to Sherinna Gilbert, at right in this photo. Sherinna is Cruise Terminal Security Supervisor. (Sherinna is shown in the photo with Club Member Cheryl Morris, at left in the photo.) Sorry about that, Sherinna.



- Also, in the list of runners-up for the Kids Coloring Contest, we misspelled the name of Cami Hillman. We apologize to you, Cami, and thank you for sending in your colorful piece.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, Oct. 2.



is
Coming!

Get your calendars out and put a big "X" over Sunday, Oct. 2: It's ClubFest time again! And we'll be back at Calamigos Ranch, in the hills overlooking Malibu.

This year, it's going to be even more incredible. ClubFest will feature entertainment by your fellow City employees. We're still putting it all together, but we'll have more to tell you in a month or so.

We are calling those physically up to the challenge to participate in the amazing Club Race. (SEE THE AD ON PAGE 23)

And that's additional to the usual ClubFest spectaculars: lots of great food; fun activities; bingo; water balloon and egg tosses; unlimited soft drinks and ice cream treats; a raffle with valuable prizes; and best of all, the opportunity to kick back with your family and Club friends, and celebrate the great things about being a member of the Club!

Stay tuned for more information. But, in the meantime, mark those calendars!

Picnic Time

■ Water, Power Retirees Association holds annual picnic.

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Marketing and Communications

DWP — The Los Angeles Water and Power Employees Association held its 52nd annual Retired Employees Picnic and Reunion June 4 at Whittier Narrows ... the "Meadows."

The Club thanks Dolores and Vince Foley and Tim Hemming for inviting us and helping us cover the event.



Bill Reel, DWP, 32.2 years, who won a Club lunch cooler.



Donna Pierce, Clerk Typist, Health Plans Office, DWP, 26 years.



Lee Lowe, DWP retired, 34 years.



Mary Nolan, DWP, retired, 34 years, and David Alanzan, DWP, retired, 35 years.



Jim Younger, DWP, 33.5 years.



Phil Bonde (white hat) enjoys the overcast day with friends.



Glenda and Tom Bilich, 33 years, DWP (active).



Vince Foley enjoying conversation with past DWP colleagues.



Dolores Foley, President, DWP Retired Employees Association.



Irwin Chodash, DWP retired, 30 years.



Tim Hemming, First Vice President, DWP Retired Employees Association.



Dale Litzinger, DWP 12 years, with Peg Romano.



From left: Susanne Pabicon, DWP Health Plan Rep, Kaiser, 17.5 years; Fredajeon Trujillo, DWP Health Plan Rep, Dental plans, 20 years.; Norma Gonzales, Health Plan Rep, 24 years.; and Pamela Sanchez, Health Plan Manager, 31 years.



Linda and Bill Charles, DWP retired, 24 years.



Ray Coronado (arms crossed) talks to friends about the DWP days.



Mary and Harry Short, DWP, 30 years.



Trenton Thornbery with his mom, Donna Thornbery, DWP, retired, 30 years.



Madelyn and John Jameson, DWP, retired, 34 years.



Katie Fujii, Sr. Clerk Typist, DWP (active), 21 years, Health Plan Rep-Blue Shield.



Ralph Mendoza, DWP, 34.5 years.



Leon Vicente, DWP, 34 years.



Jean Kilian, DWP retired, 22 years.

FREE

JOB INTERVIEW CLASSES FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

The Los Angeles Dept. of Public Works Task Force for Employee Achievement and Morale is offering one-hour classes to help City employees prepare or job interviews.

The classes, conducted by former Task Force member and retired Senior Personnel Analyst Bob Cutler, also help to boost employee morale and improve career advancement.

The purpose of the job interview – whether a part of an employee's Civil Service Exam, for certification to a vacant position, or for a pay grade advancement or transfer – is to give the employee an opportunity to describe his/her ability to do the job. How well employees prepare for these opportunities and then present himself/herself to the interviewers will help determine their success.

If you would like to attend or help set up one of these classes, please contact a representative of your personnel office or human resources division, or contact Bob Cutler at (310) 937-5678, or e-mail him at BC510@aol.com.

HEY
Graduates!
Congratulations!

**Let the Club family celebrate with you ...
by putting your photo in Alive!**

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

Make sure you tell us:

- The name of the graduate.
- The school from which they graduated. If a college, tell us their major.
- Their future plans (briefly)
- The name and department of the Club member they're related to (and how they're related)



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

If you have a paper print, send a duplicate (we prefer you not send the original) to:
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Print photos will be returned within two months after publication if you request it, and if you write your name and address on the back.



Art Blows 'em Out

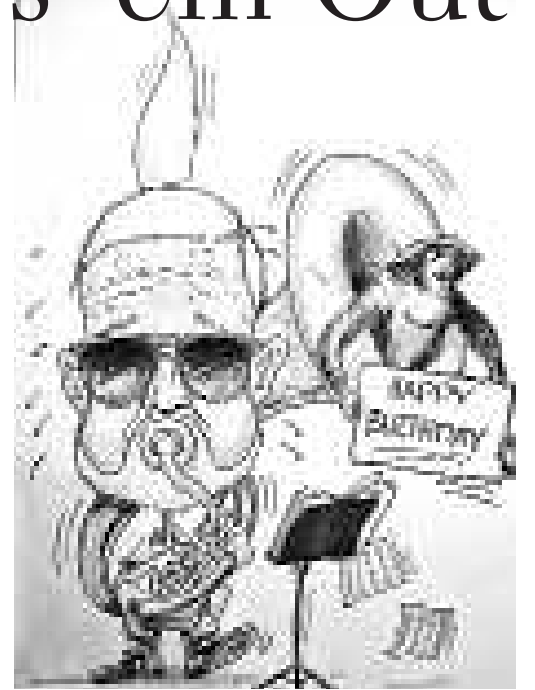
■ Happy 80th birthday to Art Levin.

Story by Bev Haro, Club Counselor
Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager

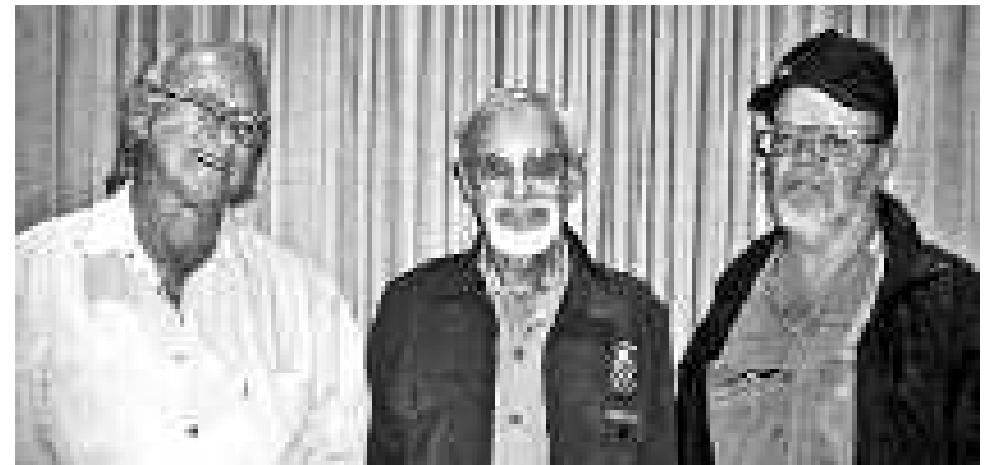
ZOO Dept.— Eighty years, and still going strong!
On May 5, Zoo Principal Animal Keeper Art Levin celebrated his 80th birthday with a surprise party at the Zoo. Art has been with the Zoo for more than 40 years.

Keepers Kelley Greene and Karen Poly organized the surprise party. The event featured readings of some of Art's "string bean" poems and a slideshow presentation produced by Chris and Kristen Biggs that combined music, narration, vintage photos and animation.

Great party, everyone! Thanks for inviting us. And many happy returns to Art.



The Happy Birthday poster.



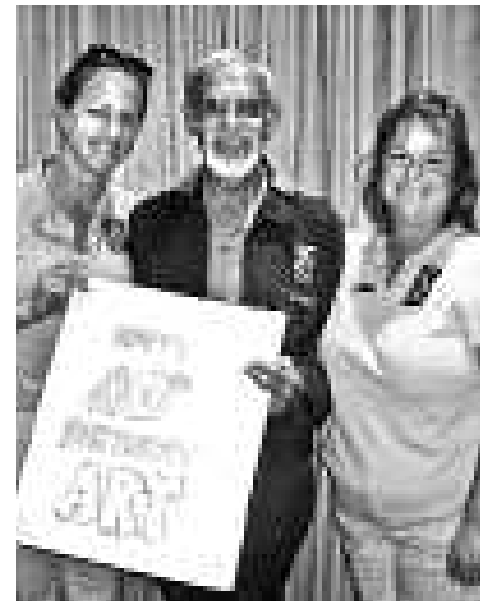
From left: Bob Kellogg, Retired, Zoo, 31 years; Art Levin; and Dave Smith, Animal Keeper, 39 years.



Back row, from left: Sue Barker, Animal Keeper; Greg Robbins, Animal Keeper, 20 years; Art Levin, Principal Keeper, more than 40 years; Katherine Jaynes, Animal Keeper; and Michael Dee, General Curator, 38 years. Front: Kathy Nevins, Animal Keeper, 27 years.



From left: Art Levin with Duffy Wade, Principal Animal Keeper, 25 years.



From left: Karen Poly, Animal Keeper, 25 years; Art Levin; and Kelley Greene, Animal Keeper, 22 years.

TICKET DEAL

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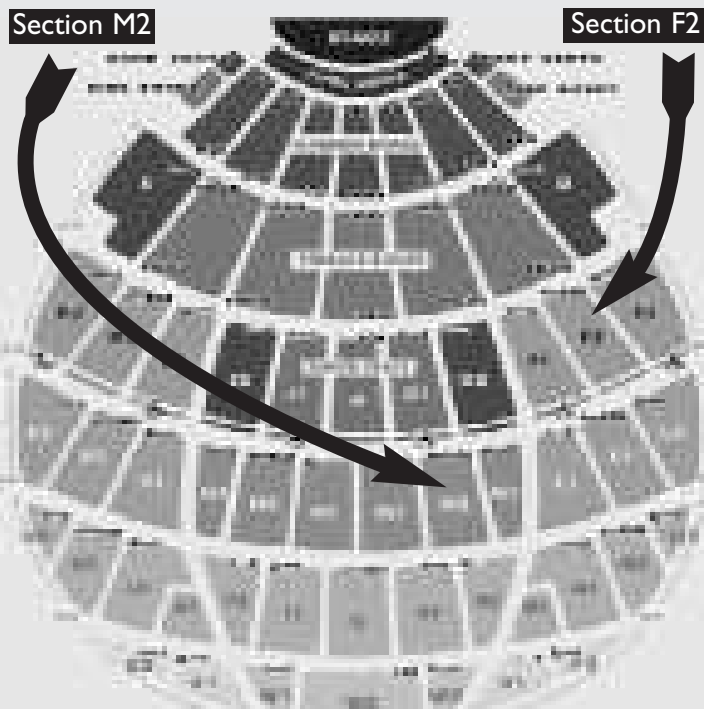
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- Lee Ritenour and Friends, featuring Alex Acuña, Patrice Rushen, Ernie Watts

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Newsbrief

HOLLYHOCK HOUSE



After five years of extensive Northridge earthquake damage repairs and mold, hazardous material, and termite mitigation, Cultural Affairs has reopened Hollyhock House, designed by architect Frank Lloyd Wright, considered by many a master builder, modernist rebel, devout worshipper of nature, and admirer of indigenous cultures. Hollyhock House is one of only six extant Wright-designed buildings in Los Angeles. The House was his first Los Angeles project, and it represents Wright's earliest efforts to develop a regionally appropriate style of architecture for Southern California. Wright himself referred to this style as California Romanza, using the musical term meaning "freedom to make one's own form." The House was donated to the City in 1927 by Aline Barnsdall, and, since 1976, Cultural Affairs has operated it as a house museum. Hollyhock House opened with docent-led tours June 8, a day which also marked Wright's 138th birthday.

The Grand Opening of Hollyhock House will be held Wednesday, July 13.

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See page 2 for how to do it.

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Commendable!

Sanitation commends two Truck Operators for exceptional public service.

Story by Leo Martinez and Rafael Allendo III, Public Works

PUBLIC WORKS — Russell Harris and Tony Middleton, Truck Operators in the Bureau of

Sanitation, were given letters of commendation by the Department at a ceremony at the North Central Sanitation Yard.

Here are the letters:

"Russell Harris, your honesty was found to be commendable when you found a purse and made an extra effort to return it to its rightful owner. All employees should follow this example of honesty and integrity. These actions are a direct reflection not only of the employee but also the City of Los Angeles. In meriting this commendation, you have given exceptional public service to your department and to the City. Such performance in the long run helps the reputation of all City employees with its citizens."

"Tony Middleton, this commendation is extended for the following actions: On Friday, April 22, 2005, you provided excellent customer service to a constituent on your route. Although you responded that it was all in a day's work, the resident recognized your attitude as admirable and took the time to commend you in writing. A copy of this letter, as well as this commendation, will be placed in your personnel file. This department strives daily to provide excellent service. When an employee expresses this attitude through his work and takes it in stride, we hope all employees would pattern themselves in this way.

"In meriting this commendation, you have given exceptional public service to your department and to the City. Such performance in the long run helps the reputation of all City employees with its citizens."

Congratulations to Russell and Tony.



Tony Middleton, Truck Operator, 8 years.



Russell Harris, Truck Operator.


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Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays

July 1st – August 31st, 2005

The medieval marketplace comes alive with a dazzling pyrotechnic fireworks display and original music soundtrack that will set a classic tale of chivalry and daring.



The Park is located on California 27 miles east north of San Diego and west of San Bernardino near the world's largest Legoland. The Park is open daily through September 1st, call (760) 233-5300 or visit www.LEGOLANDCALIFORNIA.com for Park rules and hours of operation.



The Locke High School Jazz Band.



From left: Kathleen Larson, Adult Librarian, Wilmington Library, 5 years; Jené Brown, Sr. Librarian, Junipero Serra Library; Liz Gooden, Children's Librarian III, Vermont Square Library; Cynthia Merina, Sr. Librarian, Angeles Mesa Library, 8 years; Joann Morgan, Jefferson Library, 10 years; Connie Dosch, Sr. Librarian, Vernon Library, 20 years; Emma Roublow, Young Adult Librarian, San Pedro Library, 39 years; Betsey Hoage, Assistant Director of Branches, 37 years; and Georgette Todd, Director of Young Adult Services, 39 years.



From left: Darlene Fields-Harris, Liz Gooden's friend since 1960; Thelma Morris, Retired, Library Dept.; and Ruth Brown, Children's Librarian, Pio Pico Library, 35 years.



From left: Andrew Smith, Katrina Smith and Catherine Thomas.



From left: Ted Davenport, brother-in-law of Liz Gooden; and Henry Roy, step-father of Liz Gooden.

Goodbye to Gooden

■ Library says goodbye to longtime children's librarian Liz Gooden.

Story by Bev Haro, Club Counselor
Photos by Summy Lam, Club IT Business Analyst

LIBRARY — Friends and co-workers of Elizabeth Gooden went all out to bid her farewell after 25 years of City service.

The party was held June 5 at the Junipero Serra library branch in South Los Angeles.

Elizabeth Gooden, Children's Librarian III, has been a mentor, role model, teacher and inspiration for the Children's Librarians in the Central/Southern Area of the City.

Her City career in 1980 as Children Librarian I at the Mark Twain Branch and remained there for 19 years. During her tenure at Mark Twain branch, she helped to coordinate three Sanwa Bank Book Festivals, where more than 4,000 books were given away to children.

In 1999 she was promoted to Children's Librarian III and transferred to the Vermont Square Branch Library. In 2002 she was the first recipient of the "Librarian of the Month" Certificate of Appreciation, presented by the Children's Services Department.

Elizabeth is known for her extraordinary talents as a storyteller; local elementary school

teachers told the audience at the retirement party that the one mile walk to her library was well worth the trip.

It was a beautiful celebration. The Retirement Party Committee outdid itself for Liz Gooden's retirement. The committee transformed the library with their decorations and organized a sequence of speakers filled with good words about Liz, not only as a librarian, but also as a person. Her friends and colleagues described her a virtuous woman and wonderful storyteller.



One of the decorative banners that adorned the library walls.

The committee consisted of: Jacqueline Roberts and Shomara Gooden, chairs; Jené Brown and Brenda Hicks, co-chairs; and Alberta Roy; Henry Roy; Joann Morgan; Cynthia Merina; Linda Henderson; Judah Jean-Marie; Novella Bland; Rosalie Preston; Connie

Dosch; Cash Gooden; Bernie Gooden Sr.; and Stephanie Roberts. Decorations were by Retha Walker, and bulletin boards were by the Jefferson Branch staff. Thanks to Jacqueline Roberts for her assistance in producing this story.

The Club congratulates Liz for her great service to the City and its readers, young and old. Enjoy your retirement!



From left: Gladys West, friend, with Liz Gooden.



From left: Edris Newton, Principal Librarian, Hollywood Area Manager; Eloise Logan, Sr. Librarian, Washington Irving; and Jené Brown, Sr. Librarian, Junipero Serra, 8 years.



The audience enjoying the presentation.



From left: Maggie Johnson, Sr. Librarian, Palms Rancho Library; and Eloise Logan.



Janine Goodale, Central/ Southern Area Manager, gave Liz Gooden a 25-year pin and a black leather watch.



Charlotte Jackson.



An elementary school teacher saying kind words about Liz Gooden.



Ms. Sparks.



Ms. Stillman, Budlong Elementary School.



Liz's family members in attendance.



Gerald Waddis (Minister Waddis), Library Officer, 5 years, and his wife, Dorcas.



From left: Emma Roublow; Charlotte Jackson, Retired from LAPL; and Norma Anderson, Retired, Library Dept.



Children's Librarian from the Mark Twain Branch.



From left: Liz Gooden with Jackie Roberts, Committee Chairperson of Retirement Party.

Summer Jams

■ Pershing Square concert series kicks off.

REC AND PARKS — Pershing Square kicked off its 2005 Summer Concert Series June 7 with a Tribute Tuesday performance by “Dog & Butterfly,” playing the music of the rock band Heart, from noon to 2 p.m. at the downtown outdoor concert and event center.

Additional first Tuesday of the month tribute acts that will play are Cubensis (Grateful Dead), Led Zepagain (Led Zeppelin), and Dr. Wu (Steely Dan). Other artists that will perform during the 40-show series include some of L.A.’s most popu-

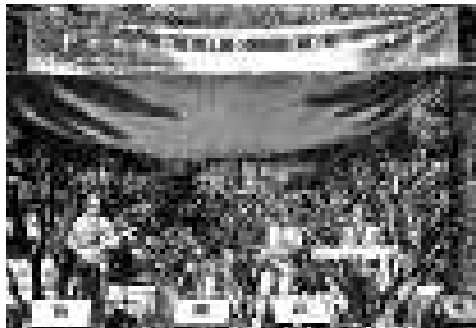
lar nightclub bands: 50 Cent Hair Cut, MINIBAR, Eastside All Stars, The Black Tongued Bells, Brasil Brazil, and Soda and His Million Piece Band. Lunchtime concerts are Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon to 2 p.m.

Salsa Sunday is the third Sunday of the month from 3 to 5 p.m. and will offer a different Salsa taste each month, with room for dancing as well. Performers will include Actimba Project (jazz), Timbache (mambo), Omo Olfi (rumba) and Son Cobano (cubana).

For the second year, there will be three Summer Youth Concerts — June 28, July 26 and August 23 — the fourth Tuesday of each month. These kids-oriented events will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with shows at noon and 1 p.m. There will also be inflatable rides, magic, storytelling, and more. Youth artists will include Gregory Scott, B4E Band, Teen Grooves, Cragar the Magician and Hip Hop Harry.

Pershing Square is at 532 S. Olive St., between Fifth and Sixth Streets, in the downtown area, with plenty of shaded eating areas. Food and beverages will be available for purchase at the venue, but guests are also welcome to bring their own and come as a group.

For more information about the 2005 Summer Concert Series, call (213) 847-4970, or visit www.laparks.org/pershingsquare/pershing.htm.



2005 Summer Concert Series

Schedule:

- **July 5** Noon – 2 p.m.
Cubensis
Grateful Dead Tribute
- **July 7** Noon – 2 p.m.
Cadillac Angels
Surf ‘n’ Swing
- **July 12** Noon – 2 p.m.
Brasil/Brazil Show
Brazilian
- **July 14** Noon – 2 p.m.
Eastside All Stars
Latin Rock
- **July 17** 3 – 5 p.m.
Timbache Salsa
Mambo
- **July 19** Noon – 2 p.m.
Caravana
Radio Hits
- **July 21** Noon – 2 p.m.
Good Luck Joes
Pop
- **July 26** 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
B4E Band (noon),
Cragar the Magician (1 p.m.)
Youth
- **July 28** Noon – 2 p.m.
Mili Mili
World Beat
- **Aug. 2** Noon – 2 p.m.
Led Zepagain
Led Zeppelin Tribute
- **Aug. 18** Noon – 2 p.m.
Shout 4The 80s
80s Pop
- **Aug. 21** 2 – 5 p.m.
Omo Olfi Salsa
Rumba
- **Aug. 23** 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Teen Grooves (noon),
Hip Hop Harry (1 p.m.)
Youth Concert Presentation
- **Aug. 25** Noon – 2 p.m.
Aphrodesia
African Dance & Percussion
- **Aug. 30** Noon – 2 p.m.
California Jammin’
Radio Hits
- **Sept. 1** Noon – 2 p.m.
Just Off Turner
Alternative
- **Sept. 6** Noon – 2 p.m.
Dr. Wu
Steely Dan Tribute
- **Sept. 8** Noon – 2 p.m.
Bonne Musique Zydeco
Zydeco
- **Sept. 13** Noon – 2 p.m.
Dina D’Alessandro
Acoustic
- **Sept. 15** Noon – 2 p.m.
Bob Malone
Blues
- **Sept. 18** 3-5 p.m.
Son Cobano
Salsa Cubana
- **Sept. 20** Noon – 2 p.m.
Elissa Lala
Jazz
- **Sept. 22** Noon – 2 p.m.
Groove & Soul Orchestra
Funk & Soul
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- **Sept. 29** Noon – 2 p.m.
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Retirees NEWS

Retiree Hotlines

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

City Employees Retirement System: (213) 473-7200

City Retirement Counselors:

• 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

MEMBER NEWS

- The Ivan Forbes house in Sylmar has become nationally known for its example of sustainable energy. It has 14 solar hot water panels to heat all the water for the house and spa. For electricity it has a 42-inch-foot-tall wind turbine, which has reduced its electric bill to about \$50. Their home will be in the 2005 National Solar Tour.
- Beacheley Johnson in Carrollton, Tex., says, "The church that I attend has a school and I drive a bus for them and for their athletic teams. Thanks for all the good work that all of you are doing for us that live out of town. I still play golf." His golfing feats at Griffith Park are legendary.
- Jane Hanson, Hemet, writes, "Thank you for your creative contributions to the newsletter."
- Jess Baley and his wife, Marie, just returned from a vacation in La Paz in their motor home. Soon they'll be off to Canada where Marie's folks live.
- Beatrice Silverberg and Hank celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary June 17. They met at Roosevelt High School. She works at Bloomingdale's. Give them a call at (818) 995-0899.
- Sampson Wilson, N. Hollywood, writes, "Thanks for your help in the Blue Bin problem." It just meant a phone call to the right party at City Hall.
- Frances Miller, Las Vegas, writes, "Thank you for your continued, unselfish interest in our retirement system members."
- Ina Mae Overman, Arroyo Grande, says that Sally Boardman now lives at the Valle Verde Retirement home in Santa Barbara.
- I recently visited Tony and Connie Mafrica, who live just a mile away in Sherman Oaks. Tony works the crossword puzzle every morning. Tony is the only living past president of RLACEI.

If you have news about retirement activities that you'd like to share, call

Phil Skarin

at (818) 784-0130, or write to
5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA
91411 or fax (818) 906-3722.



Ed Harding,
RLACEI
President

Visit Our Web Site:

www.rlacei.com

Hal Danowitz asks you to visit our Website at www.rlacei.com to find out the latest retirement news.

Upcoming events:

- **August 11** - Picnic at Grace Simons Lodge
- **Oct. 6** - Annual Corp. Meeting & Elections at Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center
- **Dec. 8** - Christmas Party at Grace E. Simons Lodge

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Search Outside the Bowl

It is said that a goldfish will only grow as big as the bowl it is in.

Similarly, the growth of our knowledge, understanding and search for truths may be limited by the size of the "bowl" of intellectual and other resources that we limit ourselves to.

In our search for truths and meaning, we should expand the boundaries of our explorations by...

... Questioning things and beliefs

... Digging beneath the surface

Cultivating curiosity

... Not feeling constrained by the beliefs instilled by our families

... Being aware of the thinking of others

Jesus said, "Ask and it shall be given to you. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you."

So, if you want to increase your knowledge of spiritual and other truths, you may also need to search outside the bowl!

— Phil Skarin



Retirees NEWS

Retirees on Course

■ RLACEI hosts annual golf tourney.

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

RLACEI — A 27-year tradition continued as the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) hosted its annual golf tournament.

It took place June 14 at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course. The Club was there to help make it happen. Club photographers were on hand at hole no. 1 to take group photos of each team and provide souvenirs. Club Member Services Retiree Specialist Howard Pompel also came out to play, representing the City Employees Club. Club CEO John Hawkins was also on hand at the awards luncheon to extend an invitation for everyone next year.

In addition to the Club, these groups also sponsored prizes for the tournament:

- Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc.
- All City Employees Benefit Service Association
- Los Angeles Federal Credit Union
- Bob Jacques – AFLAC Insurance
- Bradley Smith
- Bob Okuda
- Phil Skarin, and
- Tom Stenmck.

Awards were given for the following feats: low net, low gross, longest drive, closest to the pin and, of course, high gross.

The Club thanks Ed Harding, Phil Skarin and Tom Stenmck for inviting us!



From left: Tom Stenmck; Chris Stenmck, Longest Drive 2nd Hole Ladies winner; Kevin Rodriguez, Longest Drive 2nd Hole Men winner; and Ed Harding, RLACEI President. They each won a sleeve of golf balls.



From left: Tom Stenmck; Jack Mathews, High Gross Men winner; Genevieve Briasco, High Gross Ladies winner; and Ed Harding, RLACEI President. Each won a sleeve of golf balls.



From left: Ray Jantz; Jeffrey Jantz, guest; Gil Garnas, Club Member; and Larry Miller.



From left: Phil Skarin, Club Member; Doug Dow; Joe Nagano; and Archie Estrada.



From left: Tony Gutierrez, guest, Club Member; Ernie Robles, guest; Gail Draper; and Jim Hamilton, Club Member.



From left: Gil Hamblet, guest; Dino Burelli, guest; Gil Alberio; and Jim Slayden, guest.



From left: Jim Nakao; Shogi Fukuma, Club Member; Walt Naydo, Club Member; and George Egami.



From left: Hector Ramirez, Club Member; Jess Molina, guest; Steve Uranga; and John Uranga, guest.



From left: Ed Itagaki, Gerry Jessee, Mason Beastron and Roy Yoshioka.



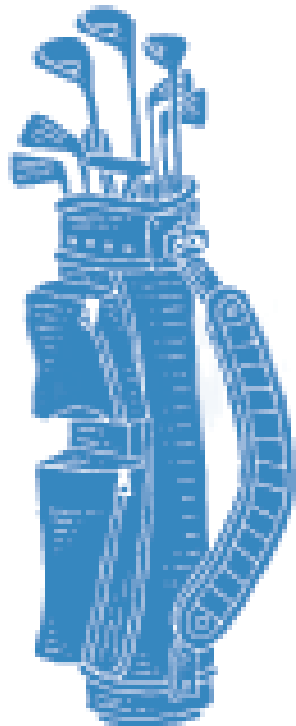
From left: Mark Rose, Club Member; Sheldon Russel, guest; Andy Hippert; and Earl Clark, Club Member. Looks like Andy was ready to take the trophy home this year, but unfortunately it was not ready to go with him. There is always next year.



Hoping to take home the trophy next were, from left: Fred Ige; Gerald Corrido, guest; Wayne Munemitsugu, guest; Neil Ricci.



From left: Robert Gomez, Club Member; Hans Markus, guest; Joe Markus, guest; and Tad Brown, guest.



Clutching the trophy for luck in case they win this year (good luck next year!) were, from left: Ed Anderson; Andy Pollard, guest; Vester Pittman, guest; and A.J. Carter.



From left: Steve Hill, Club Member; Oliver Cunningham, Club Member; George Walker, Club Member; and Ray Hollander.



From left: Ezio Briasco, Genevieve Briasco, Norm Gottlieb and Bill Tramel.



From left: Bob Rogers; Chris Stenmck; Tom Stenmck; and Howard Pompel, Club's Retiree Counselor.



From left: Richard Cooper; John Bobo, guest; Guy Leacher, Club Member; and Robert Jacques.



From left: Greg Telles; Richard Telles, Club Member; Ray Reyes, guest; and Jack Mathews.

Retirees NEWS



Back, standing from left: Ed Harding, RLACEI President; and Americo Garza, RLACEI Entertainment Chairman. Seated: Bob Okuda, Official Scorekeeper for the past 27 years; and Alice Walder, volunteer.



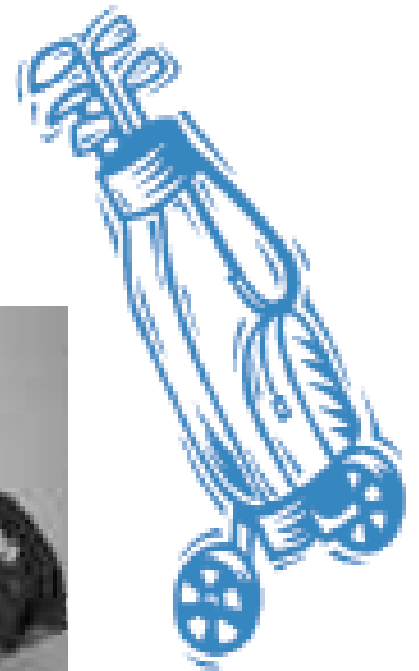
From left: Hal Danowitz, RLACEI Secretary, with Jerry Bardwell, RLACEI Treasurer.



Seated: Josephine Salgado, and her daughter, Helen Salgado, RLACEI Membership Chair and Club Member.



RLACEI President Ed Harding delivers the welcome remarks.



From left: Earl Gales Sr., Charles Clement, Dominic Rescigno and Tad Brown, guest.



Representing the L.A. Convention Center were, from left: Leroy Plummer, guest; William Jones, guest; and Kevin Rodriguez, guest.



Robert Wikenson, Former 12th District City Councilman.



Club CEO John Hawkins congratulates everyone who participated.



Phil Skarin and Ed Harding call out the winners.



From left: Dick Hovious; Drew Sones, Club Member; Lilly Esparza, LACERS; and Gary Mattingly, retired GM. Fire Police Pension Dept and Club Member



Players turning in their scorecards.



The Scorecard Committee hard at work.



Bob Okuda's Handicap Committee, back, from left: Shoji Fukuma, Club Member; and Bob Okuda. Seated: Walter Naydo, Club Member, with George Egami.



From left: Tom Stemnock; Doug Dow, Member Men/Low Net Trophy Winner; Robert Jacques, Member Men/Low Gross Trophy; and Ed Harding, RLACEI President.



From left: Tom Stemnock; Chris Stemnock, Member Ladies, Low Net Trophy; Lilly Esparza, All Ladies, Low Gross Trophy, RLACEI President Ed Harding



From left: Tom Stemnock; Robert Gomez, Guest Men/Low Gross Trophy; Jim Slaydon, Guest Men/Low Net Trophy; and Ed Harding, RLACEI President.



From left: Tom Stemnock; Steve Uranga, All Golfers Low Gross Front 9, \$20 winner; Gil Garnas, All Golfers Low Gross Back 9, \$20 winner; Steve Hill, Member Men, 2nd Low Net Trophy; and Ed Harding, RLACEI President.



From left: Greg Telles, 13th Hole Closest to the Pin winner; Andy Pollard, 7th Hole Closest to the Pin winner; Jim Hamilton, 11th Hole Closest to the Pin winner; Sho Fukuma, 8th Hole Closest to the Pin winner; and Bob Rogers, 15th Hole Closest to the Pin winner. They each won a sleeve of golf balls.



Some of the prize giveaways.



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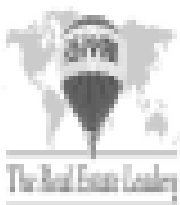
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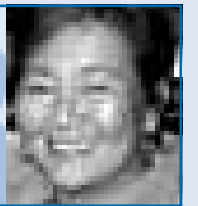
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WORKINGMATTERS

by JACKIE DAVID, Public Information Director, Public Safety Division, Personnel



— PART 2 OF 2 —
Continued from June

Spending the Day by Taking Firefighter Test

When last we spoke (last month!), we were talking about the incredible physical test all those who want to become firefighters with the LAFD must take. The test is called the CPAT – the Candidate Physical Abilities Test. Last month, I talked about all eight of the steps. Whew! Were you exhausted just reading about them?

Let's repeat — before you can even apply to be a firefighter, you must have a CPAT card to show you are physically fit to perform firefighter duties. This is a new minimum requirement. You must also:

- be at least 18 years old at the time of application;
- have a U.S. high school diploma or G.E.D. equivalent, or a California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE) certificate;
- complete a Preliminary Background Application as part of the application process at the time of filing; and
- have a valid California driver's license at the time of appointment.

The City does not administer the Candidate Physical Abilities Test. Rather, CPAT is administered by independent testing centers in Southern California. These testing centers charge you approximately \$150 to pay for registration, orientation, printed material and the actual test. If you pass, the testing center will issue you a CPAT card. This card will be valid for one year.

Did the test sound very difficult? It all depends on what physical shape you are in. The good news is that the LAFD now offers preparation or practice for CPAT. This training will provide you with the opportunity or opportunities (as the case may be) to practice all the tests. If you mess up, you can come back again and again until you feel comfortable enough to dish out your \$150 for the real thing. If interested, do call the LAFD's recruitment office at (213) 485-8032 and tell them you want to practice for CPAT. It will be time well spent.

Let me share with you what I observed one Saturday as I hung out at the Frank Hotchkin Memorial Training Center – the place where CPAT practice sessions are offered.

To begin, as I walked into the lobby that morning, I noted some 30 men and women – all dressed to the nines, sitting around the lobby. I found out later that they were there to do mock interviews, something the LAFD also offers to help firefighter applicants.

I joined a group that had assembled for CPAT practice. We were herded into a classroom where we watched a video on CPAT. It gave information on the test and instructions, and basically told us what to expect. The female firefighter who was conducting the class had a way about her as comforting as apple pie. She reassured us and answered questions. Next, she took each candidate's blood pressure and pulse readings. This was to ensure the health and safety of each candidate engaging in CPAT practice. Vital signs are taken before and after practice. This done, it was suggested we do stretching and warm up exercises.

Next stop was the gym. You should see that place. It looks just like a naval ship's topside! Another firefighter was already helping some folks begin their practice sessions. He went over the practice events and impressed upon everyone the importance of following all rules. Breaking any of the rules means "you're out!"

While waiting for training to begin, I struck up a conversation with a female candidate. I learned that her mother is a doctor and that the candidate likes to help people but that she'd rather do something more exciting like becoming a firefighter. I thought to myself, "She can't weigh more than 110 pounds ... I'm bigger and taller than she is. Now, how's she gonna do on the test?"

I was momentarily distracted when I heard the firefighter greet another candidate with: "Glad to see you back!" Since I'm very nosy, I asked what that was all about. The candidate replied it was his third time doing CPAT practice. He added that he had passed the second time but wanted to practice again to make sure he did better than "just okay." What a great attitude!

I decided to focus on the female candidate and follow her through practice. She was one I could definitely relate with. First they fitted her with the 50-pound vest and then added 12.5 pounds of weight on each shoulder. With that done, she walked over to the treadmill and started warming up.

The trainer pressed on the stopwatch and her test began. She was climbing those steps, all 110 pounds of her, with all this additional weight. Then, the trainer turned up the speed. I could see beads of sweat on her forehead. She looked like she was beginning to tire ... maybe struggling. Another trainer joined the group and began prodding, "You're almost there ... You can make it. You're doing good ... only three more minutes ... only two more minutes. Keep it up. One more minute ..." and then, "You're done!" They turned the machine off and the whole group walked with her to the second test and then to the third test and so forth. The bottom line is this candidate was determined. She was not about to let her size or her gender get in the way and, she passed the practice test – first try!

I was so impressed and energized with how well this candidate did when a thought occurred to me, "Hmmm ... could I become a firefighter in my old age?" I asked the trainer. There is no age cut-off to becoming a firefighter.

There are also ways to prepare for CPAT practice and testing. The LAFD has a handout called *The Testing Preparation Guide*. If you are interested, you can call and ask for a copy. It lists the major areas of fitness required and spells out a fitness program and exercises to help you achieve your goal of becoming a firefighter. You can become one those men or women, ever so sharp looking in a neatly pressed and starched white shirt and uniform – with pride and confidence to boot!

For information on CPAT, candidates may call the LAFD's recruitment office at (213) 485-8032 and/or visit the Website at LAFD.org.



That's a Winner!



Here is Marieta M. Chong, Office of Finance, the winner of *Alive!*'s first Adult Coloring Contest, pictured at Club Headquarters with her artwork in *Alive!* The Club received more than 90 submissions to the Adult Coloring Contest. Look for another contest soon.

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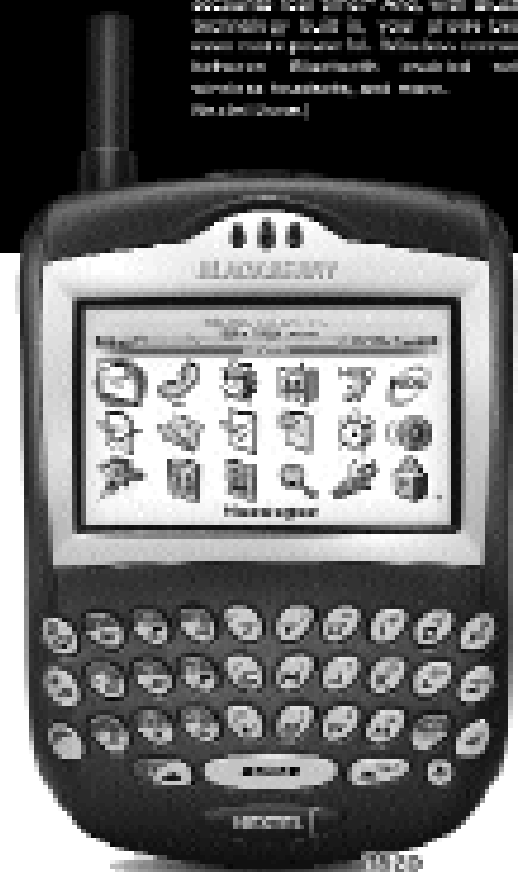
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Reading Time

■ Westwood Branch opens.

Story by Bev Haro, Club Counselor
Photos by Sammy Lam, Club IT Business Analyst

LIBRARY DEPT. — On May 7, the City celebrated the opening of the Westwood Library branch at 1246 Glendon Ave.

The opening festivities included the reading of the Pledge of Allegiance by Fairburn Avenue Elementary School Girl Scout Troop, and entertainment by the UCLA Brass Quintet and Spirit Squad with mascots. Cheryl Collins is the Senior Librarian.

The new Westwood Branch is the 71st branch in the City's system and the last of four new branch libraries to be opened by the Los Angeles Public Library in communities without prior public library service. The other new branches are Edendale, Pico Union and Playa Vista. The passage of Proposition DD in 1998 made it possible for the Los Angeles Public Library to finance these new building projects and rebuild or renovate 28 other branch libraries.

The new 12,500-square-foot state-of-the-art Westwood Branch Library facility provides covered parking and features multiple computer workstations that link patrons to the Los Angeles Public Library's Website, catalog, a vast array of databases and the Internet. Other features at the branch include special areas for children, teens and adults, and a multipurpose meeting room.

"The opening of the new Westwood Branch Library along with three others in areas that previously did not have library service demonstrates our ongoing commitment to ensuring a positive future for the children of Los Angeles," said Mayor Jim Hahn. "The state-of-the-art Westwood Branch Library provides the community with free

access to 21st-century technology and access to millions of books, CDs, DVDs and other materials. This is just another step we're taking to improve the quality of life for families throughout our City."

"The new Westwood library will benefit the entire community, and the library will truly be part of the community," said Councilman Jack Weiss. "I applaud the Friends of the Westwood Library and the Library staff who have helped to ensure that Westwood Library's modern and welcoming facilities will make learning fun in a comfortable and relaxed environment as a vital educational and community resource."

Steve Ehrlich Architects designed the building. Artists Will Nettleship and John D. O'Brien created the art projects. O'Brien's sculpture Asterisk is located in the entryway and consists of triangular prisms made of aluminum frames and two-way mirror plexiglas panels which hang below a mirrored ceiling segment. Nettleship placed his creation — a set of eight red, yellow, black and white butterfly images — in the windows of the children's area to catch the sunrise from the east.

The Los Angeles Public Library serves the largest urban population of any library in the country. Its Central Library, 71 branch libraries, six million books and state-of-the-art technology provide everyone with free and easy access to information and the opportunity for life-long learning. For further information, visit the Library's Web site at lapl.org.

The Westwood Branch Library is in the Fifth Council District represented by Councilmember Weiss.



The Westwood Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library.



Councilman (at the time) Antonio Villaraigosa addresses the crowd.



Councilman Jack Weiss, District 5.



Robert Chick, President, Board of Library Commissioners.



From left: Councilman Jack Weiss; Councilman (at the time) Antonio Villaraigosa; and Robert Chick, president, Board of Library Commissioners.



Gaynell Massey, Clerk Typist, greeting visitors.



From left: Kelly Tyler, Teen Librarian; Catherine Royalty, Adult Librarian; and Heather Daugherty, Children's Librarian.




Councilman Jack Weiss cuts the ribbon.



From left: Officer Bernard Wilder, 4 years; Officer Massey, 27 years; Officer Walter Williams, 4 years; Sgt. Jean Childs, 30 years; and Officer Pryor, 6 years.




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Sea Lions Are Zoo's New Hello

Zoo Improvements

Continued from Page 1

new entry plaza that includes Sea Lion Cliffs and the Children's Discovery Center. On the ground level of the 60-foot-tall, steel framework entryway are ticketing booths and the Zoo's new entrance and exits. The steel framework structure allows for placement of banners, signage and lighting. There also are plans for the installation of a giant television screen for multimedia presentations in the future.

"When the new entrance to the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens was envisioned, we wanted a safer way for visitors to access the facility," said Councilmember Tom LaBonge. "But what we now have is so much more — a new Children's Discovery Center and Sea Lion Cliffs and beautiful stairway/ramp with a meandering waterfall. It just doesn't get much better!"

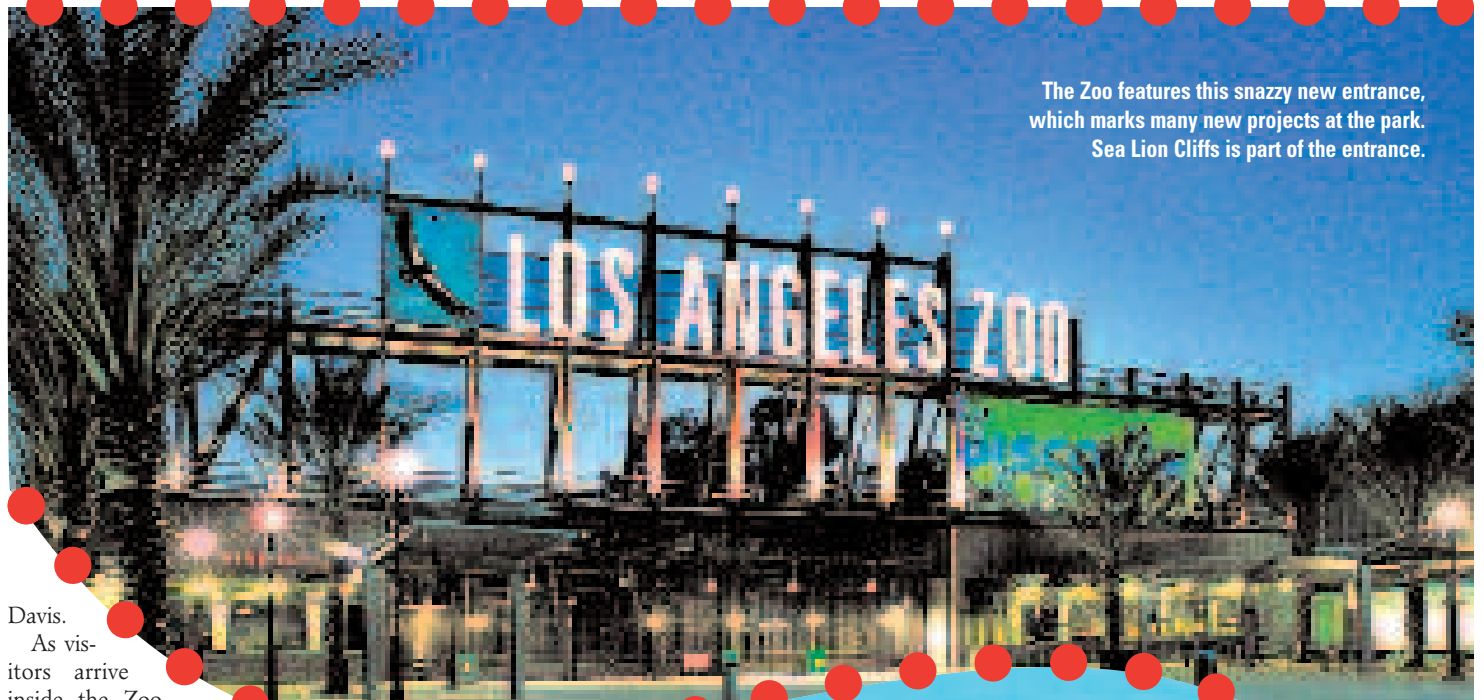
This new entrance was designed to ensure that guests begin their Zoo experience from the moment they enter the parking lot. A section of the windows of the sea lion habitat can be seen from the parking lot, and while visitors are standing in line to buy tickets they will be able to see playful California sea lions in their saltwater environment.

This entrance complex, which opened in January, was funded by 1996's Proposition K and by Proposition CC, which was passed overwhelmingly by Los Angeles City voters in 1998. Cost for the entire complex is approximately \$28 million. Of that amount, the Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association (GLAZA) has contributed approximately \$6 million in funding towards the Children's Discovery Center to help the Zoo create one of the region's premiere entry gateways and informal science education facilities.

"We are delighted about the opening of the Zoo's new front entry plaza and the Children's Discovery Center," said Connie Morgan, President of the Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association (GLAZA), whose mission is to raise funds in support of the Zoo programs and capital projects. "This project has attracted some of Los Angeles' most prominent philanthropic organizations and individuals who have so eloquently placed their seal of approval on the 25,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art, interactive educational facility."

Just inside the new California-themed front entrance is Sea Lion Cliffs, the new home to the Zoo's five sea lions, which opened to the public June 23. The design is reflective of the Channel Islands, where large populations of sea lions live. There is a replica of a rocky cove containing two large pools of water with varied depths and a beach area. A naturalistic slide built into the rockwork allows these ocean mammals the opportunity to exercise, and the beach area provides visitors the opportunity to see feedings and other demonstrations. Visitors can watch the sea lions either through the glass underwater viewing area, at a water-level view, or at the above water viewing area that features a small seating area for behavioral demonstrations. There is also a holding building that includes two bedrooms and two other pools behind-the-scenes for the sea lions to use when they are not on exhibit.

The new Sea Lion Cliffs, a saltwater habitat, is a giant step for providing a comfortable environment for these aquatic animals. Currently, the Zoo's sea lions are kept in two freshwater exhibits and therefore require salt supplements. Sea lions need salt for proper maintenance of their eyes and skin. Sea Lion Cliffs and the front entry plaza were designed by the San Francisco-based architectural firm of Esherick Homsey Dodge &



The Zoo features this snazzy new entrance, which marks many new projects at the park. Sea Lion Cliffs is part of the entrance.

Davis.

As visitors arrive inside the Zoo, they will experience a shaded entry courtyard with an olive grove and date palms that depict the region's rich agricultural history. The walkway of the entry plaza includes paving patterns that depict a dry riverbed of the arroyo. A river walk path is adjacent to a grand staircase, both of which lead visitors to the upper plaza and into the gift shops and main Zoo area.

Set on the north end of the entry complex, the Children's Discovery Center represents the new base for all of the Zoo's educational programs. It is dedicated to educating children through a variety of exhibits, programs, classes and lectures. This new location for the Zoo's educational programs enables 250,000 school children who come

to the Zoo annually on field trips to have a safer and easier access into the facility while providing capacity for even more students. It is also the home for the education staff and more than 900 docents and general volunteers. Design of the Children's Discovery Center includes an auditorium, six classrooms, housing for animals used in the ZooMobile program that travels throughout Los Angeles, and a learning center and plaza. The 250-seat auditorium is a sloped-floor theater to be used for presentations and lectures. It will soon contain a state-of-the-art audio/visual system.

The Children's Discovery Center, designed by the San Francisco architectural firm NBBJ, includes a 3,500-square-foot Discovery Room sponsored by the Bank of America Foundation. The Discovery Room, to open in 2006, will include hands-on displays, sculptures and exhibits highlighting what animals need to survive in the wild. This area will be organized into five discovery zones — Food Zone, Chat Zone, Go Zone, Home Zone and Safety Zone, each focusing on a basic animal need.

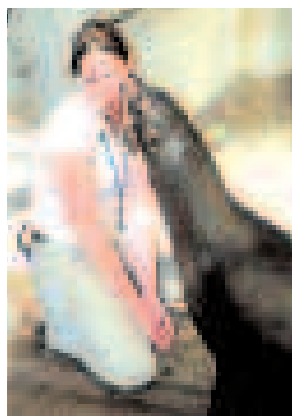
Major contributions to this project include the Bank of America Foundation which donated \$500,000 toward the Discovery Room. The Witherbee Foundation also made a gift of \$775,000 to underwrite the auditorium. The W.M. Keck Foundation contributed \$500,000 for the Discovery Plaza, which serves as the entry portal for school-sponsored field trips. Additionally, a matching gift of \$500,000 was provided by the Weingart Foundation, which finalized the campaign fundraising goal.

These gifts join the major gifts of other organizations including the The Ralph M. Parsons Foundation, Ahmanson Foundation, Skirball Foundation, Henry L. Guenther Foundation, I.N. and Susanna H. Van Nuys Foundation, Muller Family Living Trust, the Worriss Foundations, the Ludwick Family Foundation and Occidental Petroleum, among others. In addition, IKEA completely furnished the volunteer room for GLAZA's more than 900 volunteers. All of the combined generosity helped build what can only be described as a first-class educational facility, for one of the best wildlife institutions in the country.

Public Works' Bureau of Engineering is managing the project with the assistance of Swinerton Management & Consulting of Los Angeles. Also



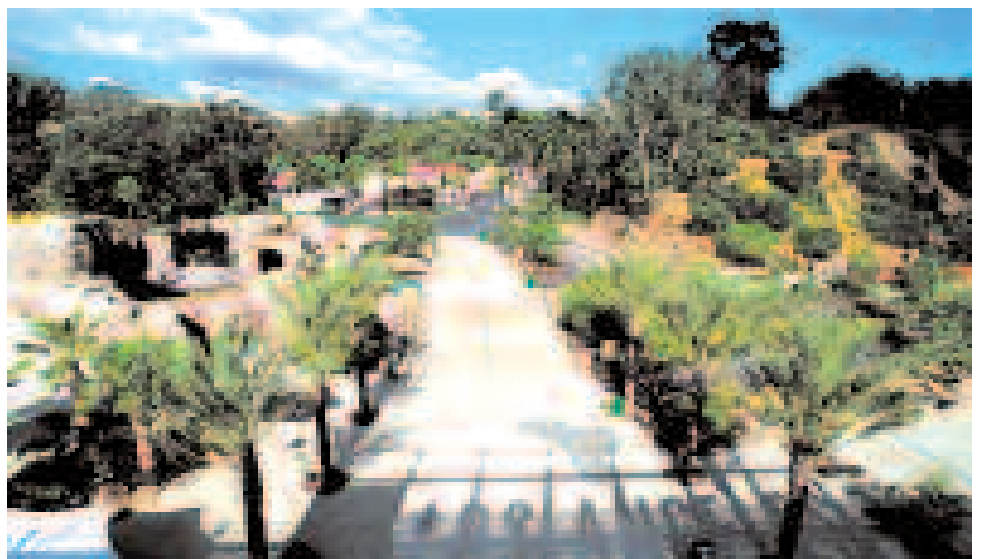
Visitors will have sea lions to greet them when the guests first enter the L.A. Zoo.



Stephanie the Animal Keeper and Red the Sea Lion show their mutual affection.



Sea Lion Cliffs, part of the Zoo's new entrance plaza.



The other side of the Zoo's new entrance plaza.

involved in the project are the DWP and Public Works' Bureau of Sanitation.

In celebration of the Sea Lion Cliffs' grand opening, the Los Angeles Zoo splashes into summer with an unforgettable aquatic experience, Sea Lion Summer. Festivities including a "Grand California Coast" sand sculpture, surf music on weekends, sea lion keeper talks, "Under the Sea" crafts, free sea lion education booklets for kids and much more, all to begin July 1st and run through Labor Day. During this time the Zoo's hours will be extended to 6 p.m.

The Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens is in Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura (134) and Golden State (5) freeways. Admission

is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 2 to 12. The Zoo is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. For general information, call (323) 644-4200 or visit the Website at www.lazoo.org.

The Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens is accredited by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA). The L.A. Zoo is dedicated to providing excellent care for animals, offering visitors a great experience and improving the future for all living things. With more than 200 members, AZA is a leader in global wildlife conservation.

Wanna be heard? What do you think about the Zoo's new entrance plaza? Send a letter to the editor! talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Hispanics in the Civil War



LACECA First Vice President Carlos Portillo holds a copy of *Vaqueros in Blue and Gray* by Jerry D. Thompson.

■ LACECA co-sponsors event honoring Hispanics in the Civil War.

LACECA — On Saturday, Sept. 17, in honor of September being Latino Heritage Month, the Los Angeles City Employees Chicano Association (LACECA) will co-sponsor the dedication of an exhibit at the Drum Barracks Civil War Museum. The exhibit will illuminate the role that Hispanics played in the Civil War.

The event will include historical lectures, printed copies of Spanish-surnamed muster rolls from the National Archives, dedication of a photo exhibit, Mexican/Spanish folk dances, Civil War soldiers in bivouac and participation by local chapters of veterans groups. Guests will be taken by horse-drawn trolley from the nearby Banning Mansion to the Drum Barracks Civil War Museum.

The Drum Barracks Civil War Museum is at 1052 Banning Blvd. in Wilmington.

It is a little known fact that Hispanics played a significant role in the American Civil War. From the Mexican-Americans of the First Battalion of the Native California Cavalry who served the Union, to the Tejanos of Confederate Texas, to the Spanish-Americans who served in militias in New Mexico and Louisiana, it is estimated that as many as 9,500 men of Hispanic heritage served and fought in the American Civil War— in both blue and gray uniforms.

Guests are encouraged to arrive in Civil War-era attire—men in either Union or Confederate uniforms, or vaquero and frontiersman apparel. Women may wear any style dated from the 1860s.

LACECA is seeking co-sponsors to make this special event a success. For further information contact Carlos Portillo, LACECA First Vice President at (310) 547-4610 or email at portillo2339@sbcglobal.net

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Fire Stations Going Up

■ LAFD reports on the progress of its station construction projects.

FIRE DEPT. — The LAFD distributed the following report as part of its listserv service:

In November 2000, the voters of Los Angeles resoundingly approved the Proposition F Bond Measure to replace 19 existing fire stations and construct one new fire station. A key element of Proposition F was a pledge by the LAFD to keep you updated as to the status of these projects.

We are pleased to provide a brief update (below) of each of the 20 above-mentioned fire station projects, as well as two non-Prop F fire station projects. For complete information regarding the status of Proposition F projects, please access the monthly update in PDF format: <http://snipurl.com/69km>

Here is an overview:

✦ Fire Station 89 (North Hollywood), Regional Station at current location. Construction began in August 2003 for apparatus storage shed and classroom. Completed in August 2004. A fire station expansion project for Fire Station 89 is presently in the design phase and will utilize Prop Q funds.

✦ Fire Station 77 (Sun Valley, Shadow Hills, LaTuna Canyon), Standard Station at 9224 Sunland Blvd. at Tuxford Street. Construction began in October 2003 for new six-bay fire station and is 90 percent complete. Completion scheduled in June.

✦ Fire Station 83 (Encino), Standard Station at 16843 Moorpark St. at Balboa Avenue. Construction began in April 2004 for a new six-bay fire station that is 72 percent complete. Completion scheduled in March 2006.

✦ Fire Station 65 (Watts), Standard Station at 1801 East Century Blvd. at Holmes Avenue. Construction began in May 2004 for a new six-bay fire station and is 56 percent complete. Completion scheduled in September.

✦ Fire Station 5 (Westchester, LAX), Regional Station at 8900 Emerson Ave. at Westchester Parkway. Construction began in May 2004 for a new seven-bay fire station, apparatus storage shed and classroom and is 62 percent complete. Completion scheduled in March 2006.

✦ Fire Station 81 (Arleta, Panorama City, North Hills, North Van Nuys), Standard Station and Drill Tower at 7900 Nollan Pl. at Arminta Street. Construction began in June 2004 for a new seven-bay fire station, Drill Tower, Recruit Training Center and apparatus storage shed and is 30 percent complete. Completion scheduled in November 2006.

✦ Fire Station 114 (VNY), Air Operations at 16617 Arminta Street at Van Nuys Airport. Construction began in June 2004 and is 40 percent complete. Completion scheduled in January 2007.

✦ Fire Station 84 (Woodland Hills and Warner Center), Regional Station at 21050 Burbank Blvd. at Warner Center Lane. Construction began in September 2004 for a new seven-bay fire station, apparatus storage shed and classroom and is 25 percent complete. Completion scheduled in March 2006.

✦ Fire Station 36 (San Pedro), a new Satellite Fire Station at 1005 North Gaffey St. at Miraflores Avenue. Construction of a new three-bay fire station has just started. Completion scheduled in December 2006.

✦ Fire Station 59 (Sawtelle and West Los Angeles), Regional Station at current location. Construction already began on apparatus storage shed and classroom and is five percent completed. Completion scheduled for May 2006. Fire Station 59 expansion in construction phase using Prop Q funds.

✦ Fire Station 62 (Mar Vista), Standard Station at southeast corner of Venice and Inglewood Boulevards. Construction of a new six-bay fire station scheduled to begin in July and completed in April 2006.

✦ Fire Station 78 (Studio City, Coldwater Canyon and Sherman Oaks), Standard Station at Whitsett Avenue and Valleyheart Drive. Construction of a new six-bay fire station will begin following design completion. Completion scheduled in November 2006.

✦ Fire Station 13 (Koreatown, Pico Heights), Standard Station at northwest corner of Pico Boulevard and Westmoreland Avenue. Construction of a new six-bay fire station will begin in six to 12 months. Completion scheduled in December 2006.

✦ Fire Station 43 (Palms), Standard Station at 3690 Motor Ave. at Regent Street. Construction of a new six-bay fire station has not started. Completion scheduled in January 2007.

✦ Fire Station 64 (South Los Angeles), Regional Station at southwest corner of 108th Street and Main Street. Construction of a new seven-bay fire station, apparatus storage shed and classroom has not started. Completed scheduled in January 2007.

✦ Fire Station 87 (Granada Hills, Northridge and North Hills), Regional Station at 10124 Balboa Blvd. at Mayall Street. Construction of a new seven-bay fire station, apparatus storage shed and classroom has not started. Completion scheduled in January 2007.

✦ Fire Station 21 (South Los Angeles), Regional Station at 1192 East 51st St. behind existing fire station. Construction of a new six-bay fire station, apparatus storage shed and classroom has not started. Completion scheduled in June 2007.



Fire Station No. 5 going up in Westchester.

✦ Fire Station 4 (Chinatown, Union Station, Olvera Street, Civic Center), Standard Station and Dispatch Center on Temple Street east of Alameda Street. Construction of a new seven-bay fire station, Fire Dispatch Center and City EOC will begin next year after the designs are completed. Completion scheduled in November 2007.

✦ Fire Station 82 (Hollywood), Regional Station in Hollywood. Location, design and construction of a new seven-bay fire station, apparatus storage shed and classroom are still being determined. Completion scheduled in June 2008.


✦ Fire Station 94 (Crenshaw, Baldwin Hills), Regional Station in Crenshaw District. Location, design and construction on hold until land and property can be acquired.

✦ Fire Station 67 (Playa Vista), a non-Prop F new Standard Station, at 5451 Playa Vista Dr. in Playa Vista. Construction started in December. Completion scheduled in November 2006.


✦ Fire Station 31, a non-Prop F new standard station, at 16320 Foothill Blvd. in Sylmar. Currently in the design phase. Completion scheduled in December 2006.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Proposition F Projects listed above, please visit: <http://www.lafd.org/propf.htm>

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Driven to Safety

■ Sanitation presents its Safe Driving Awards.

PUBLIC WORKS — The Bureau of Sanitation awarded four of its refuse collection truck drivers with Safe Driving Awards at a ceremony May 25 at Sanitation's North Central Yard.

Safe Driving Awards went to Richard Hever, Marty Perez, Antonio Zuniga and Felipe Nevarez. Marty and Felipe are Club Members.

Good job, drivers!



Marty Perez, Club Member, Truck Operator, 16 years.



Antonio Zuniga, Truck Operator, 19 years.



Felipe Nevarez, Club Member, Truck Operator, 31 years.



Richard Hever, Truck Operator, 20 years.

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Golfing for a Good Cause

■ Celebrities come out for LAPD annual 'Fun Day' to benefit Memorial Foundation.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor
Photos by Daniel Wang

POLICE DEPT. — The Los Angeles Memorial Foundation cause brought out local celebrities at the 34th annual Los Angeles Police Family Fun Day and Celebrity Golf Tournament May 21st at Rancho Park Golf Course. Approximately 5,000 to 8,000 were expected to attend.

This year's celebrity host was Chris O'Donnell. Celebrities who have participated in past tournaments include Wayne Gretzky, Samuel L. Jackson, Eddie Van Halen, Chad Everett, James Woods, Joe Pesci, Kelsey Grammer, Dennis Franz and Jack Nicholson.

In addition to the tournament, there were numerous LAPD displays including the helicopter, bomb squad, mobile museum and LAPD horses. There was also great food and drink throughout the park.

Attendees included golf enthusiasts, celebrity watchers and those looking for a family day in the park. A large number of children attend the event with their parents.

Proceeds benefited the Los Angeles Memorial Foundation, which financially assists LAPD family members experiencing catastrophic circumstances resulting from injury or death. Since its inception in 1972, the Foundation has granted more than \$8 million for medical, funeral and educational expenses.

The Club thanks Club Member Capt. Andrew Smith for inviting us to attend.



Capt. Richard Meraz, Commanding Officer, Commercial Crimes Division, is about to tee off.



The Los Angeles Police Relief Association booth, from left: Vanessa Rodriguez, Deborah Harris, Erika Jimenez, Linda Jones, Emalie Ortiz, Balanca Rivas and Angela Payton.



The DeLeon Family, Club Members.



From left: Arturo Bautista, LAPD Reserve Officer, West Traffic Division; Arda Guvlekjian, LAPD Reserve Officer, West Traffic Division; and Gary Kennedy, LAPD Reserve Officer, Recruitment & Employment Division.



The LAPD Air Support booth, from left: Gilbert Campos, Pilot, 24 years; Lance Ordin, Reserve Officer, 5 years.



The LAPD Recruitment booth, from left: Officer Adriana Sanchez, LAPD Recruiter; Peter R. Repovich, LAPRAAC Director; and Officer Steve Getz, West Traffic Division.



Michael Greenwald, Reserve Officer, 15 years.



Mounted Platoon Officer Rudy De Leon, Club Member, with his "partner," Rafael, pictured with 8-year-old Samantha.



Mounted Platoon Officer Juan Reyes with his partner, "Bo."



Sgt. Mike Hurley, 21 years, at the HAZMAT booth.



From left: Ruthann Pierce, Traffic Officer; Tracy Floyd, Traffic Officer, Club Member; and Edward Harrison, Traffic Officer Instructor.



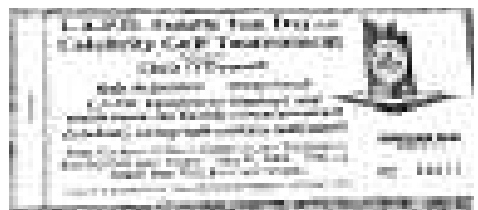
The LAPD 911 Communications booth, from left: Marisol Vielma, PSR II, Club Member; and Natrese Thomas, PSR II, Club Member.



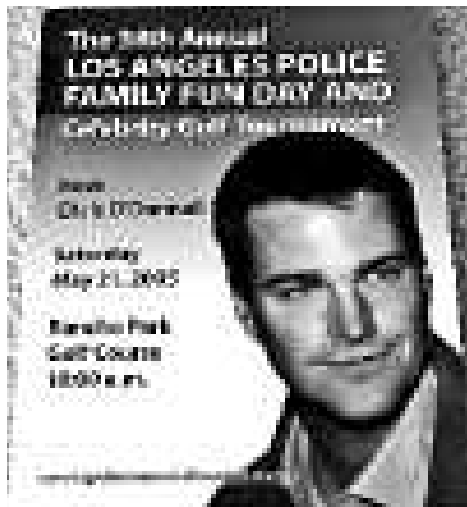
The Los Angeles Police Federal Credit Union booth, from left: Lauren Rogers and Lynn Page.



Welcome to the event.



An event ticket.



A souvenir book was a great way to remember the experience. Inside was filled with celebrity pictures, an easier way to collect their autographs.



Officer John Borquez, Bomb K-9 Officer, with his canine "partner," Brenda, who at 10 years old has 8 years of City service.



LAPD Off Road Detail Valley Traffic booth, from left: Officer Louis Medrano, Motor Officer, 16.5 years; and David Hovey, Motor Officer, 16 years.



In front of the Total Containment Vessel, which weighs 13 tons, are, from left: Officer "Andy" Anderson, Bomb Squad Reserve Officer, 57 years; and Officer Randy Becker, Bomb Squad.



At the R & I fingerprinting booth, Heather Tsai, Fingerprint Identification Expert, 6 years, shows the little girl how fingerprints are taken.



Club Member Annie Ngo-Hoang, Fingerprint Identification Expert, 17 years, takes the fingerprints of Club Counselor Arlene Herrero.



Boxer Michael Carbajal signs autographs.



From left: Officer Scott Hurwitz, Forensic Print Specialist, 16.5 years; and Larklyn Watts, Forensic Print Specialist, 17 years, Club Member.



Underwater Dive Unit booth, from left: Officer Alex Padron, 9 years, and Det. Bob Dinlocker, 17 years.



From left: Gilmore Girls actor Scott Patterson (Luke Dane) with Club Counselor Arlene Herrero.



Officer De Leon gives the children a closer look of his partner, "Raphael."

Stopping Animal Cruelty

■ LAPD Animal Cruelty Unit is formed.

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

POLICE DEPT. — On May 11, Councilmember Tony Cardenas held a press conference on the steps of City Hall to introduce the LAPD's Animal Cruelty Unit, one of the Community Policing initiatives. The unit is a team effort between City Attorney, District Attorney and the Police Departments to prosecute people for animal cruelty.

Cardenas, who spearheaded the effort, was joined by the newly formed taskforce including the LAPD, Animal Services and the City Attorney's Office. Taskforce officials will investigate "blood-sports," crack down on dog and cock-fighting facilities, and arrest those individuals who starve and abuse animals.

Animal Services receives 8,000 cases of animal cruelty every year and cannot address all cases, so

the unit would help to protect people and animals. The City is thought to be the only major metropolitan area in the United States without a police unit dedicated to stopping animal cruelty.

"Animal cruelty is just plain wrong and will not be tolerated," Councilmember Alex Padilla told the crowd.

The Unit is desperately needed in the City of Los Angeles to save thousands of animals from abuse.

The pilot program was approved by the Board of Police Commissioners in February. Research found that there is increasing evidence of a relationship between violence involving "blood-sport" animal abuse and violent crimes involving human victims. Many major cities have initiatives in place that deal with animal abuse crimes and their relationship to other crimes. Before the pilot program was created in the City, there has only been small interest in this matter here, according to officials.



Councilmember Tony Cardenas shows a picture of an abused animal.



From left: David Diliberto, Wendell Bowers and A.J. Navarrete.



Councilmember Alex Padilla.



Guerdon Stuckey, Animal Services General Manager.



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LAPD Chief William Bratton speaks to the crowd.



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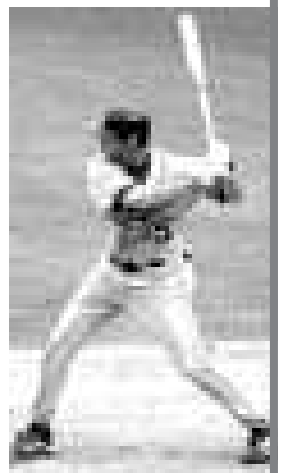
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LAX Lifestyle Expo

■ Lifestyle Expo, titled 'Mardi Gras,' highlights opportunities.

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

AIRPORTS — The LAX 2005 Wellness Mardi-Gras Health, Safety and Lifestyle Expo took place May 18 at the Furama Hotel in Westchester. More than 1,000 Airport employees climbed aboard shuttle busses that took them to the all-day expo. Hundreds of exhibitors filled the main ballroom of the hotel. As Airport employees walked up and down the aisle they received information, free literature and food samples. Free screenings were also available, including blood sugar, bone density, skin sun damage, blood pressure and free massages.

The Club provided Club and insurance information to the employees.



From left: Cherrie Berkley, CSA Supervisor, 15 years, and Esteban Estrada.



From left: Jackie Jones, Risk Management Coordinator, and Sharon Lyons, Coordinator.



From left: Liz Montes, Member Services Counselor, and Rickey Hayes, New Club Member.



From left: Lance Delaney and Julie Archer.



Annette Goffney, Custodial Supervisor, checks her blood pressure.



Linda Annala, LAWA Rideshare, 20 years.



From left: Pam Hughes, Sr. Custodian, 18 years, with and Sara Soulati.



From left: Cecilia Cano, Gardener, 14 years, and Tania Becerra.



From left: Maritza Garcia, and Guadalupe Maygola, Maintenance and Construction, 17 years.



From left: Stephanie Smith and Rosalind Nash.



Liz Montes, Club Counselor, helps a member check her benefits.



From left: Zachary Thompson, LaTonya Dean and Eric Ly.



From left: Fernando Paz and Maria Vizcarra, Maintenance and Construction, 7 years.



From left: Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager, and Jeff Franetovich, Mechanical Helper, 30 years.



From left: Brenda Henderson, 21 years, and Dean Dass, Global Cardio Care.



Mary Anne, LAX RN.

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ClubFest: First Class With City Bands

Music!

ClubFest 2005: Schedule of Bands

10:30 a.m. – noon: The Latin Gents

The Latin Gents play a variety of Latin, swing, oldies but goodies, rock and roll and country. They have something for everybody. They have been playing in the Los Angeles area for about seven years. They originally started out as a trio and over the years added an additional three musicians. All together, there is a pianist, trombonist, saxophonist, guitarist, bassist and a drummer. They all are able to beautifully sing and harmonize together, making the group very versatile.



Leading the Latin Gents is Ralph Ronda, an elevator mechanic for the DWP, and Carlos Montejano. Ralph plays the drums and Carlos plays bass. The other members are Billy Ahlswede on keyboards, Rudy Roman on sax, Hirth Martinez on guitar and

Paul Costellanos on trombone.

These men are not just musicians but good friends who enjoy what they do. "Music is a universal language that everybody enjoys, and those who have heard the us always have a great time listening and dancing to tunes they enjoy," Ralph says. Ralph would also like to thank all those at the DWP who have supported them over the years.

12:30 – 2 p.m.: County Line

County Line is your all-around rock and roll classic kind of band. From the sounds of Steve Miller to Mick Jagger, they play rock and roll the way it should be played, with enthusiasm and attitude. Three of its four members are City employees.



Gary Arso, drums and vocals, and Brad Haynes, guitar and vocals, work for Rec and Parks. Tom Cotter, bass and vocals, works for Public Works. Mark Tomorsky plays guitar and sings.

County Line hails from four different counties in four different states. Mark is from Detroit (Wayne County), Brad is from Los Angeles County, Tom is from Chicago (Cook County), and Gary is from Brooklyn, N.Y. (Kings County).

While growing up in different parts of the country, they each have influences from the local music scenes. They all have one thing in common: driving rock 'n' roll. When you hear them play, you know why collectively they have worked on countless studio gigs, along with live shows at Staples Center, Lincoln Center, CBGBs, the Roxy, the Whisky, Cozy's Blues Club and endless others.

2:30 – 4 p.m.: The Kahunas



The Kahunas play classic surf sounds of Dick Dale, the Ventures and the Beach Boys. The trio also embraces the grunge and alternative rock sounds as well. They have loads of fun on the stage and the crowds love them.

On the bass guitar and vocals is fellow City employee Charlie Bragg. Charlie was born in New York and raised in Southern California and works for the DWP as an

Electric Service Representative. Bragg's musical interest range from '60s surf, '70s glam, punk rock and '80s new wave.

The band was founded by David Dupuis. Davis is on lead guitar on vocals. He plays those classic surf instrumentals and his vocals include the high falsetto that is classic to the Beach Boys and Jan and Dean songs. David was born in Detroit, but quickly took to the beach environment and surfing.

Backing the group on drums is Chris Young. Chris was born in England and has played in groups ranging from country to rock-a-billy. Chris brings the steady beat that all surf bands need, not to mention his backing vocals and "rhythms and roll."

ClubFest 2005

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ClubFest 2005 is set for Sunday, Oct. 2, at Calamigos Ranch in the hills overlooking Malibu. Tickets for Club Members (before Aug. 30) are just \$10 each; that's a savings of more than \$35 off the actual cost of the ticket.

"ClubFest has always been about celebrating the City family, and this year, we're taking it to the next level," said John Hawkins Club CEO. "Going to all the City events, we've enjoyed bands made up of City employees. For ClubFest 2005, we're bringing some great bands for your entertainment."

So ClubFest 2005 will have more of a festival feel, with more-or-less continual entertainment provided by your fellow City employees, and courtesy the Club.

See the sidebar story for a description of the bands that will be entertaining guests at ClubFest 2005.

On top of that, there is another cool feature, for all you physically active Club members: the first Amazing Club Race. You and your team members could win \$200! There is still room for your Amazing Club Race team. See the sidebar for more information about the Amazing Club Race.

This year's ClubFest is being co-sponsored by AIG and Office Depot.

"We have even more for you this year, with the street-fair feel," Hawkins said. "Bands, food, fun, and the Amazing Club Race. I suggest you get your tickets now!"



The new features and the new feel of ClubFest 2005 are in

addition to the usual great ClubFest features:

- great food, including shredded beef, beans, corn, salad, potato salad, and all the trimmings
- hot dog carts and unlimited ice cream treats and soft drinks
- fun booths, including a dunk tank, a moon bounce, a water slide, etc.
- raffles
- bingo
- pony rides and hayrides
- face painting

Ticket prices for ClubFest 2005 if you buy them by Aug. 30 are:

- \$10 for members
- \$7 for children
- \$15 for nonmember adults (13 and older)
- Free for those 3 years old and younger

On Sept. 30, prices go up to \$15 for everyone. So save money and get your tickets now! Remember that the actual retail cost of these tickets is \$48 each, so that's huge savings for you, courtesy the Club!



ClubFest 2005: October 2, 2005



Win \$200!

The Amazing Club Race



■ **Running, Swimming, Eating, Gathering Clues.**

At ClubFest 2005, Oct. 2, two-person teams will try to be the first to find clues and perform various tasks to win \$200! Do you have what it takes? Sign up now! Only 20 teams will be accepted to participate in the Amazing Club Race.

- Teams will consist of two adults (18 and older).
- At least one team member must be a Club member in good standing.
- Please note that there will be swimming, running and eating contests involved.
- The race will be 45 to 60 minutes long.
- Teams will be given tasks to perform.
- The first team to finish wins \$200.
- Check-in is at 10:30 a.m. Race will commence at 11 a.m.
- Participants will be given a complimentary ClubFest shirt after the contest.
- Participants must purchase tickets to attend ClubFest. There is no extra fee.
- Note: Due to physical activity involved, participants will be required to sign a liability waiver at ClubFest.

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Entry Form

We are up to the challenge! Enter us for the **First Amazing Club Race**, as part of ClubFest 2005.

Register Today!

MAIL THIS FORM TO: Michelle Moreno
City Employees Club of Los Angeles
350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700
Los Angeles, CA 90071

Name of Team: _____
 Club Member: _____
 Member #: _____ Phone: _____
 City Dept.: _____ E-mail: _____
 Second Team Member: _____
 City Dept. (if applicable): _____

I understand that I will be required to sign a physical activity liability waiver. (check box)

Newsbrief

CITY ATTORNEY



City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo announced a series of new appointments to key positions. Among those recent and anticipated additions to the City Attorney's office are:

- James Colbert, a former partner at O'Melveny & Myers and Harvard Law School alumnus, will lead affirmative litigation efforts.
- Vibiana Andrade, former vice president for national policy of the Mexican American Legal Defense Fund, has joined the Labor Relations group. She too is a graduate of Harvard Law School.
- Robert Miller, another former O'Melveny & Myers attorney and graduate of the UCLA School of Law, has joined the executive office.
- Marilyn Garcia, a Yale Law School graduate, left her own practice to become Assistant City Attorney in the public finance group.
- Peter Gutierrez has been named to lead the Real Estate and Economic Development (REED) group. A graduate of University of Southern California Law School, he comes from the Office of County Counsel.
- Veronica Perez, also new to REED, joins the City Attorney's Office from DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary, an international law firm. She has a law degree from Columbia University School of Law.
- Alan Manning, also a Columbia law school graduate, joins the office from Wilshire Associates, where he was general counsel. He will serve as general counsel to the city's pension funds.
- Eve Sheedy, Deputy City Attorney, Domestic Violence Policy Coordinator, came from Glassman, Browning & Saltsman, Inc. and had previously led the domestic violence prosecution unit at the Santa Monica City Attorney's Office. She is a graduate of the Boston University School of Law.
- Lonnie Eldridge, a UCLA School of Law graduate and Deputy City Attorney in San Diego, will join the general counsel practice group.
- Curtis Kidder, a former Supervising Deputy City Attorney in Oakland and graduate of the Hastings College of the Law, will serve as general counsel to the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles.

The new additions come as Delgadillo begins to reshape the office at the start of his second term. As part of that transition, Terree Bowers, who has served as Chief Deputy City Attorney since shortly after Delgadillo's 2001 election, has announced his intention to depart. Other impending departures include Luis Li, chief of the criminal branch, and Joshua Perttula, the deputy City attorney responsible for the City's proprietary departments. Li has been with the office for more than two years, Perttula since the start of the first administration. The three, with long careers in public service, have said they intend to enter the private sector.

Life's Important Moments

Share your moments!

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

Retirements

NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	#YEARS
Maurice Anderson	Build Repairer	Airports	25
Vergia Ball	Cust. Supervisor	Gen. Services	28
Carmencito Bernardo	Senior Utility Accountant	DWP	N/D
Jose Blanco	Electrical Cond. Mech.	ITA	19
Mary Bolinger	Clerk Typist	LAPD	30
Alana Bowman	Dep. City Atty.	City Attorney	19
Alexander Bruce	Pr. Inspector	Bldg. and Safety	41
Thomas Bryant	Planning Assoc.	Planning	24
Roseann Budesca	Clerk Typist	Bldg. and Safety	30
Seven Burke	Street Mt. Supt.	Public Works	35
Angelina Caldera	Sr. Cust. Svcs. Atten.	Gen. Services	27
Michelle Clarkson	Accounting Clerk	City Clerk 3	0
Ludivino Cruz Herrera	Architect	Public Works	27
Ronald Davis	Water Utility Worker	DWP	N/D
Ann Duffy	Correctional Nurse	Personnel	12
Louis Enriquez	Ref. Coll. Truck Operator	Public Works	26
Rosalie Feuerstein	Library Asst.	Library	23
Olivia Figueroa	Accounting Clerk	Controller	26
Kathleen Fitzpatrick	Landscape Architect Associate	Rec and Parks	33
Andres Forbes	Welder	Gen. Services	26
Paul Fung	Librarian	Library	25
Gene Giddings	Electrical Mechanic Supervisor	DWP	N/D
Milton Glenn	Traf. Officer	Transportation	31
Mark Glick	Elec Distr Mech Supervisor	DWP	N/D
Andy Guillen	Light Equip. Operator	Zoo	34
Edward Hartz	Electrical Mechanic	DWP	N/D
Jose Herrera	Welder	Airports	30
Lucy Hutchinson	Park Services Attendant	Rec. and Parks	25
Boris Kelman	Material Test Tech.	Gen. Services	15
Patrick King	Electrical Mchanic Supervisor	DWP	N/D
Gary Klausman	Sr. Electrical Insp.	Bldg. and Safety	17
Taketo Kobayashi	Tree Surgeon	Public Works 1	9
Randolph Leedom	Water Utility Worker	DWP	N/D
Richard Lim	Material Test Tech.	Gen. Services	15
George Lopez	Refuse Collection Supv.	Public Works	30
Ernest Mathis	Wastewater Trmt. Oper.	Public Works	25
Cathy McPherson	Electrical Tester	DWP	N/D
Alfredo Medina	Management Aide	Public Works	24
Pierre Modena	Cement Finisher	Public Works	22
Linda Murray	Legal Clerk	City Attorney	19
Donald Newton	Machinist	Public Works	17
James Oden	Equipment Repair Supervisor	DWP	N/D
Richard Oliva	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	10
Samuel Olson	Sr. Sanitary Engineer	Public Works	35
Waclaw Palulis	Build. Repairer	Bldg. and Safety	21
Patricia Peltz	Sr. Transportation Engr. Assoc.	Transportation	22
Henry Pena	Security Officer	Harbor	21
Jose Perez	Commun. Engr. Assoc.	ITA	37
Vincent Pernice	Truck Operator	Rec and Parks	19
Arturo Pilotin	Accountant	Public Works	20
Susan Prichard	Council Aide	City Council	17
Maria Renfrow	Senior Clerk Typist	DWP	N/D
Bob Riley	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	30
Gail Rucker	Sr. Personnel Analyst	Bldg. and Safety 3	8
Benjamin Sacro	Delivery Driver	Gen. Services	31
Daisy Sacro	Asst. Gen. Manager	CDD	31
Sara Saucier	Secretary	LAPD	31
Betty Schnaar	Librarian	Library	12
John Shisko	Water Biologist	Public Works	12
Asha Singh	Senior Clerk Typist	DWP	N/D
William Skelton	Instrument Repairer	DWP	N/D
Ellen Stein	Commissioner	Public Works	13
Gloria Stevenson	Clark Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	27
Porter Swayne	Electrician Supv.	Gen. Services	32
Bernice Thomas	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	27
Haldis Toppel	Information Syst. Mgr.	ITA	18
Simon Uribe	Electrician	Gen. Services	28
Deloris Vaughn	Build. Inspector	CDD	30
Gil Villiacorte	Build. Inspector	CDD	30
Romus Walker	Com. Field Reptv.	DWP	N/D
Jason Wasserman	Criminalist	LAPD	34
Tommy White	Truck Operator	Public Works	30
Alan Fred Wichser	Electrical Craft Helper	DWP	N/D
Shark Wong	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	30

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!

Promotions

Mark Johnson, promoted to Senior Gardener, Harbor, from Gardener, LAX. He has been with the City for four-and-a-half years.



Capt. Blake Chow, promoted to Commanding Officer, LAX Field Services Division, from Commanding Officer, Central Patrol Division.

Juan U. Reyes, promoted to Gardener, Harbor, from Rec and Parks. He has been with the City for 14 years.



Omero Guzman, promoted to Sr. Gardener, Harbor, from Gardener, LAX. He has been with the City for seven years.

Jo Ann Kishi, promoted to Sr. Real Estate Officer, Gen. Services, from Gen. Services Dept. Asset Management. She has been with the City for three-and-a-half years.



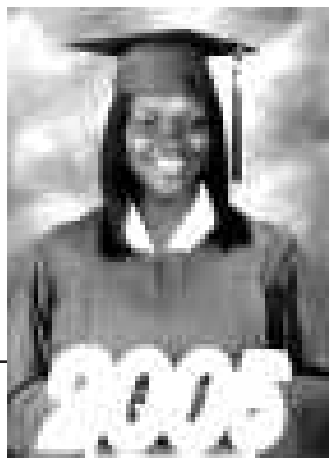
Club Graduations

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



Jennifer Moncayo
Club Scholarship Winner

"Well, your first Scholarship recipient just graduated!" beams Club Member Cynthia Beltran, mother of Jennifer Moncayo, who received the first Club Scholarship two years ago. "Jennifer graduated May 7 from Loyola Marymount University. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English, with a minor in women's studies. She graduated with magna cum laude honors and also was a member of the Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society. Thanks for helping her get there." We are honored by Jennifer's success, Cynthia. Congratulations to you both.



Charniece Baptiste is a graduate of Southwest Middle College High School in Los Angeles. She has been accepted and will attend Grambling State University in Louisiana. She plans to pursue a career in medicine. I am very proud of you Charniece and Congratulations!

Your mom,
Glenda
(Glenda Richardson,
Police Service Representative LAPD Communications Div.)



Kerry Lynn Franco graduated from USC in May with a Bachelor of science in public policy, management and planning. She was awarded the Order of the Laurel and the Palm, the highest honor bestowed on graduating seniors for their distinguished leadership and excellent scholarship. She and her husband, Oscar, have two daughters, Hannah and Emma. Kerry is the daughter of Red Medina, Construction Helper, Public Works, and Lupe Medina, Club staff member. Congratulations, Kerry!

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



Carlos Enrico Espinoza, born Jan. 12, nephew of **Shavonne Espinoza**, Patrol Guard, Rec and Parks.

Jerald de Leon, born Oct. 14 to **Ramil and Gina de Leon**. Ramil is a Detention Officer, LAPD.



Sasha Marie Mosich, born March 24 to **Mike and Rosa Mosich**. Mike is an Electric Trouble Helper, DWP.

Kai Charles Watanabe, born April 28 to **Eric and Cynthia Watanabe**. Eric is a Gardener/Caretaker, Airports (Van Nuys).



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	DEPT.	# YEARS
Active		
Manuel Bautista	Transportation	22
Allene Maria Browne	Building and Safety	17
Michelle Epstein	Library	17
Larry Reynosa	Gen. Services	30
Tommy Scott	Airports	5
Nathan E. Thomas	DWP	9
Susan Wagner	City Attorney	14
Retired		
James G. Anthony	DWP	22
Grace Baxter	Building and Safety	9
Hetonkus Briggs	DWP	32
Isabelle Chirchick	City Attorney	10
Paul Chong	Public Works	8
Alex Costa Jr.	DWP	27
Eugene Crawford	Public Works	16
Carolyn Cunningham	Library	13
Trinidad Daigdigan	Public Works	21
Muriel D'Amico	Library	16
Horace Davis	Gen. Services	30
Robert Davis	Rec and Parks	17
Jean Engen	LAPD	5
Angela Erro	Library	49
Luke Flowers	Public Works	32
Wade Fuller	Public Works	31
Alfonso G. Garcia	DWP	24
Frederick M. Gatzke	DWP	31
Carlo Godel	Public Works	34
Gilbert Granillo	LAFD	8
Willie Graves	Public Works	22
Billy G. Higdon	DWP	33
Jerome Holden	Municipal Aud.	11
William J. Jackson	DWP	40
Caldwell Johnson	DWP	42
Eloise Jones	LAPD	29
Jeanette Josephs	Library	27
Kazumi Kaita	DWP	41
Jack Khteian	Public Works	21
Roger King	Rec and Parks	31
Jack L. Klein	DWP	31
Masau Kuda	LAPD	17
Albert V. LaMonte Jr.	DWP	32
Leonard LeVain	Harbor	20
Allan Loveless	Public Works	29
Andrew Lucero	Rec and Parks	33
Terance P. McCarthy	DWP	22
James McGhee	Rec and Parks	35
Angelo Monteleone	DWP	31
Louis Muto	City Planning	34
Maurice Nelson	Public Works	32
Robert Palmer	DWP	31
Roxie Pendleton	DWP	20
Anita I Pepe	DWP	23
Samuel W. Plevin	DWP	31
Myrl Puckett	Public Works	20
David Ramirez	DWP	31
Jack Redalje	Airports	11
John Riley	Gen. Services	27
Leo Roach	Bldg. and Safety	18
Paul T. Seymour	DWP	25
Donald P. Shannon	DWP	37
Noreen Shaw	Library	28
Rudell Skelton	Public Works	25
Earl Sutton	City Clerk	21
Howard Swingler	Public Works	32
R.L. Taylor	Airports	30
Edward J. Wade	DWP	31

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

Welcome New Members!

Jorge Alcawtar
Julio Alecio
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James Arender
Hector Avila
Laura Azamar
Richard Bacon
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Robert Bankston
Leon Barnes
Sergio Barrios
Cydney Bensimon
Benjamin Bertrand
Yolanda Blue
David Bomer
Adin Bonilla
Thomas Boyd
Julia Burrell
Miguel Bustillo
Martha Cabral
Ronald Calvin
Jose Camales
Elsy Castro
Catherine Chapman
Carlos Chavez
Inbar Cohen
Oswaldo Cristobal
Dieguer
Octavia Crosby
Marie De Vera-Calamba

LaTonya Dean
William Easom
Gloria Eclipse
Carlos Escamilla
Erika Fields
Kenneth Fitzer
Paul Fox
Joseph Garcia
Daniel Garcia
Liborio Garcia
Rhonda Gipson
Cecilia Gomez
Alfonso Gonzalez
Donald Goodwin
Dean Grammer
Henry Green
Leonard Gribbons
Jose Guerrero
John Harris
Najula Harris
Rickey Hayes
Lois Hearne
Armida Herrera
Lydia Hollins
Cuong Huynh
Patricia Ialongo
Umeka Jackson
Melanie Jacob
Laurel Jeffreys
David Johnson

Christopher Johnson
Malintzin Julien
Tyrone Lacour
Leon Larson
Maria Lavado
Andrew Lawrence
Susan Leanos
Deborah Lewis
David Lindsay
Zhi Yuan Liu
Jose Lopez
Zenaida Loreto
Tynailda Lowe
Eric ly
Maribel Madariaga
Subi Mani
Sasha Marquez
Sammie Martin
Karen Martinez
Mark Mathews
Ellen Meadows
Modesta Merlos
Ana Miranda
Ester Momtenrosa
Jorge Montenegro
Norma Moresco
Ko Nakamura
David Nelson
Cornelia Odum
Albert Olguin

Erica Ortega
Alejandro Ortiz
Hector Paiz
Janice Parnell
Torrie Perkins
Darren Pickens
Charlotte Pinkney
Hubert Price
Eduardo Quezada
Evelyn Quintanilla
Joe Rangel
Manuel Reyes
Glenda Richardson
Tiodoso Rivas
Edward Rivera
Pablo Rivero
Juan Rodriguez
Flor Rodriguez
Rosa Rodriguez
Feliciano Rodriguez
Aiafano Ropati
Philip Ruiz
Tom Rush
Jorge Saenz
Pablo Sanchez
Sylvia Sanchez
Elizabeth Sandoval
Wade Sauls
Carol Schott
June Simmons

William Skiles
Kaykeo Skoulphong
Daniel Snyder
Hilda Sotelo
Robert Sparks
Shelley Sumpter
Amy Tariq
Louyda Thomas
Zachary Thompson
Desiree Tobin
Holly Tufts
Emigdio Vega Jr.
Frank Venzor
Leonard Walker
Bettye Washington
Tierra Watkins
Doug Webster
Jerry Williams
Bernadette Wilson
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**The Club gives
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BY Michelle Moreno, City Events Guru

Michelle on the Move

EVENTS

Events Galore; Summer's in Full Swing

Hello folks!

Welcome back to Events 411! I hope your summer has been great so far. It must be, since our ticket sales are at an all-time high – I've never seen the Ticket Guy so busy.

Speaking of busy, I hope your summer schedule isn't too busy for some fun. There are tons of great events going on out there. I've also started to include more Orange County events for those of you who live in the O.C.

Okay, enough chitchat, let's talk about more summer fun.

There are many, and I mean many, free summer concerts available to you. Anywhere from Pasadena to Marina del Rey to the California Plaza, these great music events are an excellent way to spend an evening. Other options available to you are the several film and theatre shows occurring throughout the City, including the Mexican Film Series at Olvera Street or the Western Series at the Autry National Center.

Another great event not to forget is the Lotus Festival. This is a really fun and delicious event to attend. I was there last year and had a blast. I can't wait to go back and buy another big pineapple drink. Yum.

If you'd like to experience something truly amazing, the King Tut exhibit is on display now at the Los Angeles County Museum of Arts (LACMA). Imagine seeing artifacts that are 3000 years old! The last time this event was here was 27 years ago, and who knows when/if it might be back. So if you can't make it to Egypt, then I suggest to you make it to Wilshire Boulevard.

Lastly, if you would like to support a great cause, Hollywood and Highland is hosting a Jazz and Wine Tasting event every Tuesday night through the end of August. All proceeds go to Project Angel Food, a truly awesome organization. (I know, I volunteer there!)

Well that's it from me. I thank you for taking the time to read Events 411 and I wish you a wonderful month full of fun times and great memories. See ya around the City!

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

For more information about events around Los Angeles, visit these Websites:
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www.laweekly.com
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www.olvera-street.com

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July *Please note some event run through August

Pershing Square Summer Concert Series

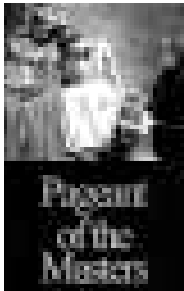
Enjoy a series of free concerts held at Pershing Square during your lunchtime or enjoy Salsa on a Sunday afternoon. Call or visit Website for performance listings.
 Date(s): June through late September
 Time: Tues.-Thurs.: noon – 2 p.m.
 Salsa Sundays: Third Sunday of each month: 3 – 5 p.m.
 Site: Pershing Square, 532 South Olive St., Downtown L.A.
 Cost: Free
 More info: (888) 527-2757 or www.laparks.org/pershingsquare/pershing.htm

Grand Performances

Enjoy some really cool award-winning music, dance, and film performances free during lunch or under the beautiful Downtown L.A. night sky. Call for visit the Website for a schedule.
 Date(s): July through October
 Time: Fridays: noon and 8 p.m.
 Saturdays: 8 p.m.
 Site: California Plaza, 350 S. Grand Ave., Downtown L.A.
 Cost: Free
 More info: (213) 687-2159 or www.grandperformances.org

Pageant of the Masters in Laguna Beach

"Every evening teams of people are involved in recreating exact tableaux and live re-enactments of both classical and contemporary paintings. An outdoor amphitheatre, a professional orchestra playing an original score, intricate sets and hundreds of dedicated volunteers make this a truly eye-catching spectacle." (Official Website)
 Date: Thru Sept. 1
 Time: Mon – Sun: Shows begin at 8:30 p.m.
 Site: 650 Laguna Canyon Road
 Cost: \$15 - \$150
 More info: (800) 487-3378 or www.foapom.com



Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs

Experience this great "exhibition of more than 130 ancient treasures from the tomb of Tutankhamun and other tombs in the Valley of the Kings. All of the pieces on show are between 3300 and 3500 years old, with the exhibition marking the first time that King Tut's treasures have visited Los Angeles for 27 years." (Official Website)
 Date: Through Nov. 15
 Time: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
 Site: 5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles
 Cost: \$25/adult (Mon. – Fri.) \$30/adult (Sat. – Sun.) \$22/seniors (Mon. – Fri.), \$27/seniors (Sat. – Sun.) \$15/kids (6-17)
 More info: (323) 857-6000 or www.lacma.org



Free Concerts at the Levitt Pavillion in Pasadena

Five days out of the week you can enjoy great free concerts under the Pasadena night sky. Call or visit website for performance listings.
 Date(s): Thru Sept. 4
 Time: Wed: Children's Night – 7 p.m.
 Thur: World Rhythms – 7 p.m.
 Fri: Dance Beat – 8 p.m.
 Sat: Musica Latina – 8 p.m.
 Sun: Jazz – 7 p.m.
 Site: 85 East Holly St., Pasadena
 Cost: Free
 More Info: (626) 683-3230 or <http://levittpavilionpasadena.org>

Ford Amphitheatre 2005 Summer Season

Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy great music, dance, film and other great entertainment. Call or visit Website for performance listings.
 Date/Time/Cost: Varies
 Site: 2580 Cahuenga Blvd., Hollywood
 More info: (323) 461-3673 or www.fordamphitheatre.org

Hollywood and Highland Wine and Jazz Series

Come for live jazz and wine tasting and support a great cause. All donations go to Project Angel Food.
 Date: Tuesdays, July through August 30
 Time: 7 – 9 p.m.
 Site: Hollywood & Highland Central Courtyard, Hollywood
 Cost: \$10/suggested donation for wine tasting
 More info: (323) 845-1800 or www.angelfood.org

Regal Entertainment: Free Family Film Festival

Bring the kids and enjoy a family film for free at participating Regal Cinemas, United Artists Theatres and Edwards Theatres.
 Date: July through Mid-August
 Tuesdays and Wednesdays
 Time: 10 a.m.
 Site: Various venues. Call your local movie theatre or see Website for location and movie information.
 Cost: Free
 More info: www.regalcinemas.com and click on "free family film festival"

Outdoor Picture Show

Bring the family for a free night of movie enjoyment – from Harry Potter to Shrek. Visit the Website for movie listings.
 Date(s): Wednesdays through Aug. 10
 Time: 7 p.m.
 Site: Burbank Town Center, IKEA Courtyard
 Cost: Free
 More info: (818) 566-8617 or www.medicitycenter.com and click on "events"

Culver City Summer Sunset Music Festival

Come and enjoy a free concert under the night sky.
 Date(s): Thursdays through Sept. 8
 Time: 7 p.m.
 Site: Culver City Hall Courtyard, 9770 Culver Blvd.
 Cost: Free
 More info: (310) 253-5698 or www.culvercitymusic.org

Mexican Cultural Institute Film Series

"Outdoor screening of 10 new films from well-known Mexican directors, all subtitled and sponsored by the Mexican Consulate." (L.A. City Website)
 Date: Fridays through Aug. 25
 Time: 7:45 – 10 p.m.
 Site: Mexican Cultural Institute, Olvera Street, Los Angeles
 Cost: Free
 More info: (213) 624-3660 or www.mexicanculturalinstitute.org

74th Long Beach International Sea Festival

The City of Long Beach is providing two months of great fun for everyone. There are events ranging from Chinese Dragon Boat Races to Fishing Rodeos to a Tiki Festival. Call for visit the Website for a listing of events.
 Date: Through Aug. 21
 Time/Date/Cost: Varies
 More info: (562) 570-8920 or www.longbeach.gov

Annual Shakespeare by the Sea Presentation

Enjoy the works of Shakespeare under the night sky.
 Date: Through July 16 in San Pedro. Call for visit Website for other locations.
 Thursdays through Saturdays
 7:30 p.m. (pre-show) and 8 p.m. (show)
 Site: Point Fermin Park, 807 Paseo del Mar, San Pedro
 Cost: Free
 More info: (888) 527-2757 or www.shakespearebythesea.org

Marina del Rey Summer Concert Series 2005

Enjoy classical music on Thursdays or pop music on Saturdays. Either choice provides you with a fun evening of great music by the sea.
 Date: Thursdays, July 7, 21 and Aug. 4, 18
 Saturdays, July 16, 30 and Aug. 13, 27
 Time: 7 – 9 p.m.
 Site: Burton Chase Park, 13650 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey
 Cost: Free
 More info: (310) 305-9595 or <http://beaches.co.la.ca.us>

Dinner and a Western Film at the Autry National Center

Don't have plans on Thursdays? Come and enjoy a nice BBQ and a great old Western.
 Date(s): Thursdays, July 7, 14, 21, 28
 Time: 5 – 9 p.m.
 Site: 4700 Western Heritage Way, Griffith Park
 Cost: \$5
 More info: (323) 667-2000 or www.autrynationalcenter.org

Orange County Fair

Come and enjoy lots of entertainment, music, rides, crafts and especially lots and lots of food. It's a great time for everyone.
 Date: July 8 – 31; closed Mondays
 Time: Tues. – Thurs.: noon to midnight
 Fri – Sun: 10 a.m. to midnight
 Site: 88 Fair Dr., Costa Mesa
 Cost: \$8/adults, \$6/seniors, \$4/kids (6-12); free/kids (5 and under)
 More info: (714) 708-FAIR or www.ocfair.com

28th Annual Lotus Festival

Come and celebrate the cultures of the Asian and Pacific Islands. There will be live dance, music, entertainment, exhibitions, lots of food and much more.
 Date: July 9 - 10
 Time: noon – 9 p.m./noon – 8 p.m.
 Site: Echo Park
 1632 Bellevue Ave.
 Cost: Free
 More info: (888) 527-2757 or www.laparks.org/grifmet/lotus/events.htm

10th Annual Old Pasadena Jazz Fest

This two-day jazz festival features the best in smooth jazz, R&B and pop music. Come and enjoy the great food vendors, nearly 40 arts and crafts vendors and much more.
 Date: July 16 – 17
 Time: noon – 9 p.m.
 Site: Brookside Park, across from Rose Bowl, Pasadena
 Cost: \$45/adults, \$10/kids
 More info: (949) 360-7800 or www.omegaventures.com/OldPasadena

Ho'olaule'a (Hawaiian Festival) at Alondra Park

Aloha! Come and enjoy the Hawaiian culture with dancing, food, entertainment and more.
 Date: July 16 – 17
 Time: Sat.: 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Sun.: 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 Site: Alondra Park, 16007 Crenshaw Blvd., Lawndale
 Cost: Free
 More info: www.hiccsc.org

Meet the Grunion (Open Season) – Last Chance for 2005

Come watch the silvery fish come up on the beach to spawn. Don't forget to bring a bucket, flashlight and warm clothing. (Day is subject to change, please call or visit Website to confirm.)
 Date: June 22
 Time: 8 p.m. (aquarium opens)
 9 pm (auditorium program begins)
 10:35 p.m.-12:35 a.m. (Grunion Run)
 Site: Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, 3720 Stephen White Dr., San Pedro
 Cost: \$5/adults, \$1/seniors and children (fee for Aquarium)
 Free (Grunion Run)
 More info: (310) 548-7562 or www.cabrilloaq.org
 Sponsors: Rec and Parks

Youth Concerts at Pershing Square

Bring the kids and enjoy theatre, magic, music, storytelling and inflatable rides.
 Date: July 26
 Time: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
 Site: Pershing Square, 532 South Olive Street, Downtown L.A.
 Cost: Free
 More info: (888) 527-2757 or www.laparks.org/pershingsquare/pershing.htm

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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.

August * See July for dates for ongoing events

Sizzling Summer Nights at the Autry National Center

Don't have plans on Thursdays? Come and enjoy live Latin music, get dance lessons and visit the Museum of the American West.
 Date(s): Thursdays, Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25
 Time: 6 – 9 p.m.
 Site: 4700 Western Heritage Way, Griffith Park
 Cost: \$5
 More Info: (323) 667-2000 or www.autrynationalcenter.org



The 17th Annual Taste of San Pedro

Come and enjoy a fun-filled day of food sampling, vintage cars and kid fun-filled activities.
 Date(s): August 6 – 7
 Time: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
 Site: Point Fermin Park, San Pedro (free parking)
 Cost: TBA
 Taste Tickets: \$1/each (food and drink items range from 1-6 tickets)
 More info: (310) 832-7272 or www.tasteinsanpedro.com

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Thanks at LAX

■ Employees Assn. throws barbecue to thank the workers.

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

AIRPORTS — The Association of Airport Employees hosted its annual Employee Appreciation barbecue May 19. Hundreds of LAX employees bought the \$3 ticket to enjoy a day of food, entertainment, raffle prizes and free information from the various organizations including Costco and Sam's Club.

AAE representatives from Ontario Airport were there to lend a helping hand.

The Club was happy to donate two Disneyland tickets for the raffle, and the Club thanks Association President Jimmy Sparks for inviting us.



Mia Giamboa, from Crusberg Decker Insurance (the Club's Auto & Home insurance partner); Julie Wallace from Cruise and Resort (the Club's travel partner); and Liz Montes, City Employees Club Counselor.



An LAX employee cooks the hamburgers and hot dogs.



From left: Charles Gaston, Street Cleaning, 3 years; and Officer M. Hayes, 23 years.



An LAX employee takes time out from cooking for a picture.



Association President Jimmy Sparks gets the crowd excited.



From left: Charles Gaston, Street Cleaning, 3 years; Preston Shaw, Utility Crew, 5 years; Adrienne Gauthiez, Utility Crew, 4 years; Teesha Sauls, Utility Crew, 4 years; Edward Lofton, Utility Crew, 8 years; and Trinell Lawson, Recycling, 4 years.



Time to eat!



From left: Margo Hotchkiss, Custodian, 4 years; and Laura Azamar, Custodian, 4 years.



From left: Enrique Alvarez and Maria Abdellah.



Club Counselor Liz Montes signs up a new Club member.



From left: Adrienne Gauthier, Utility Crew, 4 years; and Shawn Meyer, Street Cleaning, 3 months.



Employees patiently wait in line.



From left: LaChana Andrews, Dan Robinson, Jamie Alvarado and Jason Gordon.



From left: Pedro Perea, 4 years; Efren Gomez Jr., 6 years; Leticia Garnica, Maintenance, 4 years; and Sam Romo, Maintenance, 4.5 years.



Employees indulged themselves with a free massage.



Back row, from left: LaChana Andrews, David Nelson, Jonathan Scranton and Sam Bacon. Front: Delashawn Atkins and Shermalyn Thompson.



Front: Delashawn Atkins. Back row, from left: Shermalyn Thompson and Claudette Jackson.



Airports Executive Director Kim Day helps out at the barbecue.



Front row, from left: Abelina Garcia, Carmen Robles, Micaela Vasquez and Mirna Barrios. Back: Carlos Montoya, Lazaro Velasquez, Xochilt Bonilla, Daniel Largaespada and Alberto Lopez.



From left: Alberto Gomez, Supervisor, and Micaela Vasquez.

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Fire Open House

■ LAFD hosts Fire Service Day.

Story by Bev Haro, Club Counselor
Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager, and Summy Lam, Club IT Business Analyst

FIRE DEPT. — The annual Fire Service Day, when the LAFD has a big pancake breakfast and then hosts open houses at the City's fire stations, took place May 14.

The Club attended the pancake breakfast at the LAFD Historical Society Museum and then two open houses, in Pacific Palisades and Tujunga.

Along with guided tours at each Neighborhood Fire Station, special displays of Los Angeles Fire Department equipment, apparatus and procedures took place at these locations:

- Sherman Oaks
- Woodland Hills
- Pacific Palisades
- Tujunga
- Downtown
- Hollywood
- San Pedro
- Exposition Park

Thanks for inviting the Club to your Fire Service Recognition Day.



Firefighter Lostutter, 32 years, talking to community resident.



Families from the community walk through the Open House.

Open House: Fire Station 74, Tujunga



Station 74 emblem.



Ed Salas, Firefighter, 27 years; Isaiah Hawkins, 4, "Junior Firefighter," and Jeff Taylor, Firefighter, 33 years.



Ben Kuzichev, Firefighter, 24 years.



Manuel Castenada, Firefighter, 11 years.



Isaiah Hawkins, Jr. Firefighter, 4 years.



From left; Rick Male, Firefighter, 26 years; Frank Correa, Firefighter, 17 years (he's also a Lt. Colonel in the Air Force); Ed Salas, Firefighter, 27 years; Isaiah Hawkins "Junior Firefighter," and John Potter, Captain II, 25 years.

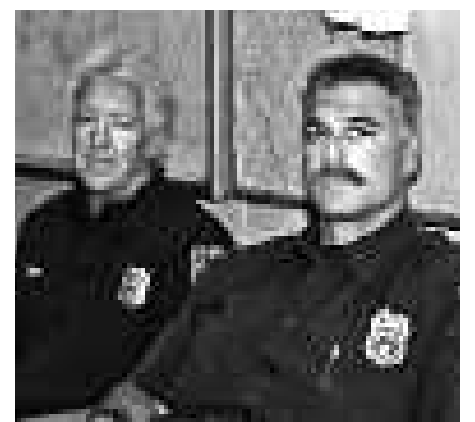
Open House: Fire Station 69, Pacific Palisades



From left: Captain Will Alderson, 32 years; Firefighter Fritz Neuhaus, 29 years; Apparatus Operator Maga, 24 years; and Firefighter Lostutter, 32 years.



Firefighter Lostutter, 32 years, with Buddy the Firedog, 10 years.



From left: Engineer Gene Cooper, 28 years, with Apparatus Operator Scott Gill, 25 years.



From left: Apparatus Operator Gary Maga, 24 years; Captain Will Alderson, 32 years; Firefighter Fritz Neuhaus, 29 years; and Firefighter Mark Koenig, 29 years.



Engineer Campos, 25 years.



A future firefighter doesn't quite fit the uniform yet.

LAFD Historical Society Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser Hollywood



From left: Chief Bowman, Commander, Battalion 12; Mary Guerrero, Chief Bowman's fiancée; and Jo Ann Coffett.



Retired Firefighter Barney Nipp flips the pancakes.



From left: Firefighter Jason Knight; Firefighter Tony Porrada; and Sean Stilson, Apparatus Operator.



John Dallas, Fire Inspector, with sons Isaac and Brian Dallas.



Firefighter Knight with Angel Gomez, Club Counselor.



From left: Angel Gomez, "Junior Firefighter," guest, with Dimitri Kermani, Fire Explorer, Fire Station 27.



Chief Bill Bammatre and Councilman Tom LaBonge with Honorary Fire Chief Gary Mintzer.



From left: Jeff Taylor; Chief Bill Bammatre; Gary Mintzer; and Councilman LaBonge.



The Fire Hogs escort Jeff Taylor as he begins the Memorial Torch Relay.



Jeff Taylor, Apparatus Operator (FS 60), the brother of fallen Apparatus Operator Tom Taylor, who lost his life fighting a fire Jan. 28, 1981.

Harbor's New Employees

■ Harbor hosts an orientation for new employees.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

HARBOR — The Port of LA hosted another in its series of New Employee Orientation and Boat Tour programs June 9 in San Pedro. The day welcomed and informed new and transfer Harbor employees. The employees consisted of those who are new with the City and those who have transferred from other departments laterally or through promotions. The Club provided the bagels, donuts and juices served in the morning. The orientation ended with a two-hour boat tour aboard Angelina II. The Club thanks Martin D. Chavez for inviting us.

Welcome, new employees!



Mark Jackson, Sr. Gardener, 4.5 years, Club Member.



Louis Tapia, Security Officer, 2 months.



Leon Roberts, Gardener/Caretaker, 9 years.



Jose Grimaldo, Gardener/Caretaker, 18 years.



Omero Guzman, Sr. Gardener, 7 years.



Juan U. Reyes, Gardener, 14 years, Club Member.



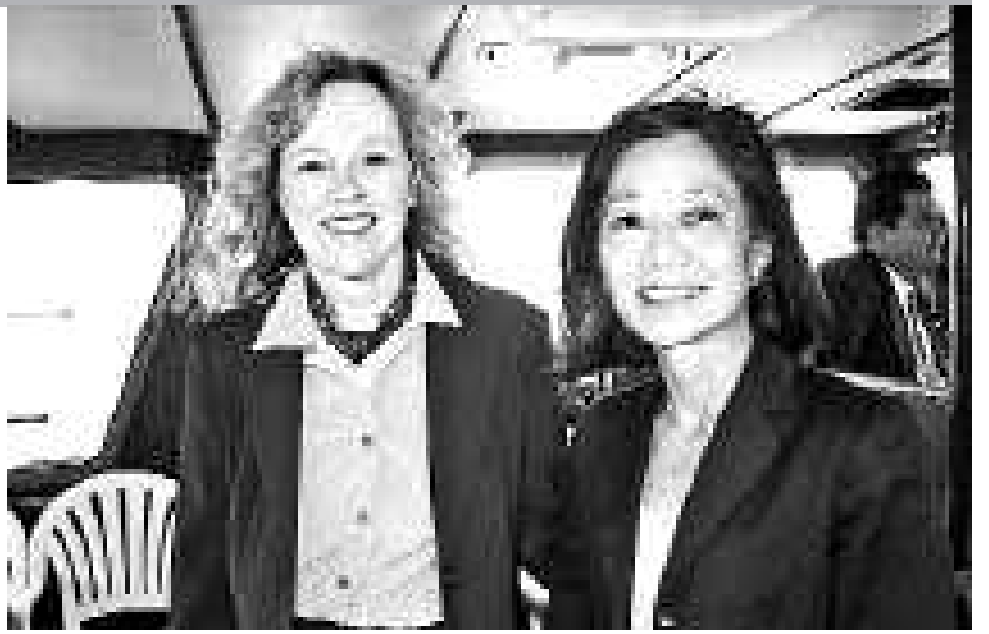
Robert Holquin, Security Officer, 2 months.



Vincent Jackson, Sr. Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, 10 years, Club Member.



Vernon Phifer, Security Officer, 1 year.



From left: Lynda Johnson, Sr. Management Analyst II, 18 years; and Jo Ann Kishi, Sr. Real Estate Officer, 3.5 years.



Raymond Maese, Deckhand, 3 months



A group of sea lions swims along the Angelina II.



Ikeba McDaniel, System Analyst, 6 years.



Erika Fields, Clerk Typist, 2 months, Club Member.

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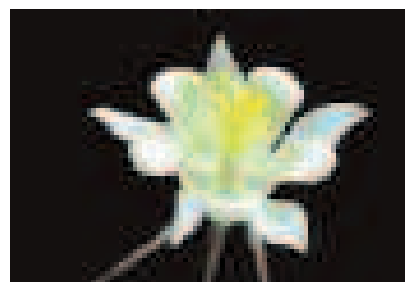
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"This is a picture of my new puppy and husband napping one afternoon. I thought this was some sight when I got home after work one afternoon."

Rules:

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

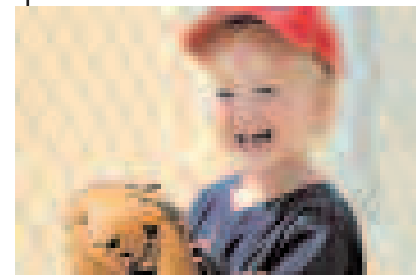


First Runner Up: (\$25 Target gift card)
Carlos Ojeda, Transportation

"This is a picture of a white flower I got from my backyard. I do not know the name of the flower; my girlfriend planted it two years ago and it finally bloomed this spring."

Second Runner Up: (\$25 Target gift card)
Madeleine Flanagan, Airports

"I took this photo while attending a men's fast-pitch tournament in Fargo, N.D., last year. The boy in the photo was watching his father play when I took the photo. It seemed to reflect all the joy of not only childhood but of the game itself."



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Rubert Retires

■ **LAPD Capt. James Rubert retires after almost 35 years of City service.**

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

POLICE DEPT. — LAPD Capt. James Rubert was celebrated at a retirement dinner April 29 in the Rock Garden at the Police Academy.

Here is a resolution from the Mayor and City Council on the occasion of James' retirement:

"Whereas, Capt. James A. Rubert was born on March 27, 1949, in Vallejo, California, and raised in Culver City, with his family, and attended Culver City High School, where he graduated in 1967; and

"Whereas, Capt. James A. Rubert proudly served in the United States Marine Corps from June 1967 to June 1970, where he served two tours in South Vietnam, and attained the rank of Corporal; and

"Whereas, Capt. James A. Rubert married his lovely wife, Janis, on April 20, 1969, in Santa Monica, California, and had two sons, Jason and Joseph; and

"Whereas, Capt. James A. Rubert joined the Los Angeles Police Department on November 30, 1970, where he enjoyed such patrol assignments as Venice Patrol, and South Traffic Division where he promoted to Police Officer III; and

"Whereas, Capt. James A. Rubert was promoted to Sergeant in 1986 and transferred to Central Area, and where in January 1991 he was promoted to Lieutenant and transferred to Central Bureau; and

"Whereas, Capt. James A. Rubert was promot-

ed to Captain I in July 2000 and transferred to Central Division as the commanding officer of patrol, and where in September 2000 he was transferred to Central Operations Support Division as the Commanding Officer of Detectives, and where in May 2003 he was promoted to Captain III of Central Area; and

"Whereas, Capt. James A. Rubert, in his more than 34 years of service with the Los Angeles Police Department has received numerous commendations from members and organizations representing the City's diverse communities, other law enforcement and governmental agencies, and as from mem-

bers within the Department; and

"Whereas, Capt. James A. Rubert has, for more than 34 years, proudly served the Department's rank and file as both a mentor and leader, and who in his own words has been 'just a cop,' and

Whereas, Capt. James A. Rubert is the lucky father-in-law of Roxanne, wife of son Joseph, and the proud grandfather to Aiden, Gabriella, Madelyn, and Vance; and

"Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Mayor and City Council of Los Angeles by adoption of this resolution congratulates Capt. James A. Rubert for his more than 34 years of service to the Los Angeles Police Department and commends him for his commitment to duty and professionalism in serving the people of the City of Los Angeles. On behalf of the people of the City of Los Angeles, best wishes are extended to Captain James A. Rubert for a long, happy and rewarding retirement."

Congratulations, James, from the Club. Enjoy your retirement.

The Club thanks Ana Carrasco, Mary Campos, Captain Andrew Smith and Detective Patricia Hauck for their assistance.



Cake for the guests to enjoy.



Captain James A. Rubert is all smiles as he stands next to a framed poster announcing his retirement.



Captain Rubert with his wife and their grandchildren. Back, from left: Capt. Rubert, Retiree; Vance, baby; and Janet Rubert; spouse. Front: Aidan, 7; Madelyn, 4; and Gabriella, 6.



Captain Rubert's family was present and accounted for. Back, from left: Dr. David Young, brother; Joe Rubert, son; Roxanne Rubert, daughter-in-law; and Ann and Carlos Lebron, family friends. Seated: Ester Cordova, great-grandmother; Estella Rivera, family friend; and Vance Rubert, grandson.



From left: Capt. Rubert, Retiree, with Ken Shin, Korean Boosters Association.



Back, standing from left: Lt. Steve Margolis, Hollenbeck Gang Unit, and Sgt. Kohei Ishida, Central Station, 24.5 years. Seated: Capt. Andrew J. Smith, Commanding Officer, Central Community Police Station, Club Member, and Officer Terri Hernandez, 17 years.



From left: Deputy Chief Lee Carter, Central Bureau, with his wife, Diane; and Capt. Mike Chambers, Area Commanding Officer, Vice Division.



From left: Guests Pam and Janell Badar.



From left: Det. Benny Batac, 24 years; Det. Ted Sneer, 32 years; Cathy Susim, PSR, 23 years, Club Member; and Lucy Rios, Clerk Typist, 27 years, Club Member.



From left: Det. Dave McGowan, 34 years; and Det. Bryce Spafford, 24 years, with his wife, Dong.



From left: Grace and Det. Henry Zalba, 32 years, with Det. Richard Abad, 14 years.



From left: Grace and Officer Angel Guerra, 10 years.



From left: Sgt. Leticia Delgado, 22 years, with Carlos Garcia, Vice Investigation, 8 years, Club Member.



From left: Christopher Ramirez, 7 years old; and Al Ramirez, KLOS, 22 years of volunteer service with LAPD Central City Police Boosters.



From left: Sgt. George Caulford, 34 years, with his wife, Sandra; and Lt. Bob Normandy, 33 years.



From left: Sgt. Deb Edgar, 18 years, LAPD Communications Division; and Rick Molina, Management Analyst, 13 years.



From left: Capt. Bill Sutton, Commanding Officer, South Traffic Division; and Sgt. Gerry Sola, LAPD Mounted Platoon, 27 years, Club Member.



From left: Tom Hyde, President, Central City Police Boosters, with his wife, Diane.



From left: Kim and Officer Jim Le Noue, 8 years; and Officer Chris Jarvis, 3 years.



From left: Louis Gray, Commanding Officer, Central Bureau; Sgt. Ron Curry, Retired, Sgt.-at-Arms, City Council; and Det. Robert Nelson, 24 years.



From left: Saul Martinez, guest; Ceci Tatum, Clerk Typist, 22 years; Theresa Martinez, Vice Investigator, 12 years; and Sgt. Julie McAlpine, Newton Station, 19 years.



From left: Lt. Larry Swanson, 32 years; Capt. William Sweet, 35 years; and Capt. Bruce Crosley, Area Commanding Officer, Narcotics Division.



From left: Jimmy Barlow, Police Officer, 20 years, Club Member; Joe Nepomuceno, Police Officer, 17 years, Club Member; Wes Albin, Police Officer, 15 years; and Gary Copeland, Police Officer 11 years.



The new Central Station Captain, Retired Central Station Captain and current Patrol Captain, from left: Capt. Andrew Smith, Commanding Officer, Central Community Police Station; Capt. James Rubert, Retiree; and Capt. Blake Chow, Commanding Officer Central Patrol Division.



From left: Officer Eric Fukute, 9 years; Officer Marie Kardiban, 15.5 years, Club Member; and Pat Steet, Central Volunteer, 3 years.



From left: SLO Larry Pratt, 35 years; Bill Ward, Retired Lieutenant, Club Member; Sgt. Terry Barclay, Newton Division; and Officer Patty Fuller, Bomb K-9 Unit.



From left: Capt. Sean Kane, Area Commanding Officer, Newton Community Police Station; Capt. Joan McNamara, Commanding Officer, Newton Central Police Station, Club Member; Det. Bull Fallis, Internal Affairs; and Capt. Mike Moriarty, Patrol Division Hollywood Community Police Station.



From left: Joe Espitia, Airport Police Officer, 5.5 years; Belinda Netles, Airport Police Officer; and Michael Dear, Airport Police Officer, 7 years.



From left: Linda Ector, Airport Police Officer, 24 years, Club Member; and Allen Chu, Airport Police Officer, 24 years.



A TWA airplane on display.



Angel Gomez Jr., son of Club Member Services Manager Angel Gomez, inside the Army helicopter.



A vintage war aircraft.



Spectators climb onboard this U.S. Air Force aircraft.



Jason Chappell, LAPD, 7 years.



A U.S. Coast Guard rescue helicopter on display.

Just Plane Fun

■ Van Nuys Airport hosts AirFest air show and display.

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

AIRPORTS — The Rockin' AirFest 2005 took flight May 15 at the Van Nuys Airport. Thousands of people walked through the blistering heat to enjoy the show.

Selena Birk, Van Nuys Airport Manager,

opened the ceremony by saying that it was a day to celebrate aircraft. Kim Day, LAW A Executive Manager, said it was an opportunity to meet the people of Van Nuys Airport and to discover the vision and creation of the inventors of the aircraft.

Many vintage aircraft were on display, including a B-17 "Flying Fortress," a B-24 "Liberator" bomber and the Star of America, featured in the film *The Aviator*. An F-16 "Falcon" and P-51 "Mustang" soared over the crowd during a special formation flyover.

It was day to learn and appreciate the magic of flying.



An officer sings the National Anthem.



Kim Day, LAW A Executive Director, welcomes the crowd to the event.



Chris Justus, Fire Station 56, 4.5 years, and Lincoln Fernades, Fire Station 46, 3 years.



From left: Jan Goforth, Van Nuys Airport, 8 years, and Tina Smith, Van Nuys Airport, 4 years.



A B-25J bomber.



From left: Kim Day, LAW A Executive Director; Councilmember Wendy Greuel; a representative for (then) Councilmember Antonio Villaraigosa; and actress Connie Stevens.



An Army helicopter.



Lorenzo Brazley, LAFD, 24 years, at the LAFD booth.



From left: Victor Aguirre, LAFD, 5 years, with Angel Gomez Jr., son of Club Member Services Manager Angel Gomez.



An LAFD helicopter.



From left: George Campos, Construction and Maintenance, 22 years; and Jose Aguayo, Construction and Maintenance, 15 years, Club Member.



Vintage aircraft on display.



From left: Fernando Ochoa, LAPD, 17 years, and Oscar Cansino, LAPD, 9 years.



Two friends pose in front of the "smiling" vintage aircraft.



A Sikorsky HH-52A.



Thousands of spectators walk through the different exhibits.



Angel Gomez Jr., son of Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager.

Maxine Bids Adieu

■ Maxine Williams retires from the DWP.

Story and photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Communications and Marketing

DWP — Friends and co-workers threw a retirement party for Maxine Williams May 19. The party was held at Receiving Station G, 2625 Fletcher Dr.

During her career, Maxine Williams worked with the DWP, City Attorney and CDD departments. Live music was provided by the Jumbalaya Band. A lunch barbecue was provided as well.

Congratulations, Maxine. Enjoy your retirement!



Maxine Williams, retiree, was well-liked and loved by many with the DWP and the community.



Maxine Williams' husband Jimmy R. Williams, Facility Manager, Rec and Parks, 28 years.



Donna Benson, Senior Clerk Typist, DWP, 3 years.



From left: Jessie Adams, Evette Adams and Dora Sabodie.



From left: Maxine Williams, retiree, and Althea Turner, Sr. Clerk Typist, DWP, 30 years.



From left: Ted Higginson, Maintenance Laborer, DWP, 5 years; and Wendell Lagarde, Electric Station Operator, DWP, 6 years.



Joe Bradley, Maintenance Laborer, DWP.



Merrlin Morris, Management Analyst II, DWP, 1.5 years.



Mr. Torres, Assistant Superintendent, Metro OCC, 21 years.



Ed Bryant, Warehouse/TLRM Worker, 26 years.



Raoul McMillan, Warehouse/TLRWM Worker, 24 years.



Donald Bakeer.

The Pet Club

Um, Excuse Me, But There's a Bear in My Pool



The bear gets ready to go for a swim.

The bear in the backyard.

Animal Services receives some of the most exciting service calls, and on this particular day, May 22, at 6:15 p.m., it was no different.

West Valley received a call for a bear that was in his front yard on the 17800 block of Orna Drive in Granada Hills. An Animal Control Officer was immediately dispatched to the area. Officer Robert Weekley arrived just in time to see a very distressed and panting black bear climb a fence into the rear yard of someone home. The bear was panting heavily, and kept going up to the wrought-iron gate looking toward the pool. Officer Weekley opened the gate leading into the pool area and, low and behold, the bear immediately dove into the water, and spent about 45 minutes swimming. This was all despite the human onlookers who gathered to watch.

It appears that the bear wandered down onto Seson Boulevard from the steep terrain of the Santa Susana Mountains, just north of Granada Hills, and probably came through O'Melveny Park. Once on the City streets, the bear panicked and ran as its presence drew attention.

Animal Services Personnel contacted the California Fish and Game Department, which responded quickly to the incident. Wardens Cindy Wood and Mike Stefanak determined the best course of action was to tranquilize and release the bear. At the direction of Animal Services, LAFD and LAPD made their personnel available, and followed our instructions.

The bear was tranquilized quickly and without incident, which the wardens attribute to the bear being so calm. As the drug took effect the bear took a misstep and fell back into the pool. It was secured, however, both head and rear leg.

The bear was taken to the nearby mountains to an undisclosed location. Wildlife Animal Control Officer Troy Boswell and Wardens Wood and Stefanak stood by as the bear came to and ensured the bear was mobile and alert before leaving around midnight.

Facts About Bears

California has a large population of black bears, estimated to be approximately 16,000 to 24,000 animals. They range in color from black to cinnamon, often with a white blaze on the chest.

One hungry bear is capable of causing thousands of dollars worth of property damage in a single incident. By law, a homeowner who has taken steps to eliminate bear attractants but still suffers property damage can obtain a permit from California Fish and Game to kill the bear causing the problem.

Over the years, wildlife agencies around the country have tried to solve bear/human conflicts by capturing and moving "problem bears" to other locations. Almost without exception the bear suffers one of three fates:

- it returns to the place where it was captured (and resumes its problem behavior);
- it remains in its new location, continuing the problem behaviors; or
- it dies in its new location as a result of conflicts with other bears.

If you encounter a bear, never approach it. Give it plenty of room to pass by. Most black bears try to avoid confrontation when given the chance.

Bears are attracted to anything smelly or edible, especially garbage. Bears are also attracted to beehives, orchards and gardens. Animal Services has a pamphlet with information and guidelines to help keep your home "bear-proof." Also, you can contact Department of Fish and Game for further information.



Animal Services Officers (from left) Troy Boswell and Dawn Newman with the tranquilized bear. The bear was later released into the mountains unharmed.

Send Questions

Karen Knipscheer has worked for Animal Services for 16 years; she worked in the field as an officer, then lieutenant, then captain. She was a district manager and a bearing examiner before recently becoming the public information officer. Feel free to welcome her; write to her at: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

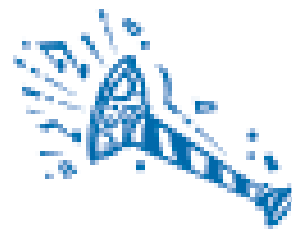
Karen Knipscheer,
Public Information Officer,
Animal Services



Personnel Says Thanks

■ Personnel Dept. hosts its first carnival for Employee Appreciation Day.

Story by Jackie David, Public Information Director, Public Safety Division, Personnel
Photos courtesy Personnel Dept.



Phyllis Lynes, Assistant General Manager, Personnel, sportily awaits to be dunked by loving employees.



Employees try their hand at the Can Smash Game.



Scott De Young, Public Safety Bureau Chief, awaits dunking.



Employees have a laugh as they watch their favorite "dunk-ees."



Jeneasha Robinson is gamekeeper at the Tic-Tac-Toe game.



Assistant General Manager Rhonda Sims-Lewis.

PERSONNEL — Employee Appreciation Day was celebrated June 2 at the Personnel Dept., and those who happened by 700 E. Temple St. on that morning might have noticed something quite different. Outside was a flurry of activity as managers busily set up equipment, tables and chairs and dragged hoses and ladders around the parking lot — all preparing for what had never been done at the Personnel Department: a carnival celebration with a few rowdy activities thrown in!

Celebrations commenced in the afternoon. Music blared. The Bubble Machine spewed forth bubbles. Employees streamed out of the building. Assistant General Manager Phyllis Lynes very graciously (and quite properly) took her place at the dunk tank. Employees, somewhat sheepishly at first, lined up for a chance at dunking their favorite manager. Others, not quite as brave, formed a circle to watch. There was a collective silence as everyone waited for the first strike and for the first manager to hit the water. It took a few tries, but after about five minutes, Phyllis took a dive. Water splashed. Employees screamed, cheered, laughed and jeered. The ice was broken. The event was officially on.

Other managers lined up for the same punishment: David Noltemeyer, Scott De Young and Raul Lemus — each one falling into the cold water several times. Assistant General Manager Tom Coultas sat at a table close to the Dunk Tank. He was very prim and proper in his suit and tie as he calmly watched and enjoyed the splashing — until it was his turn. Tom went into the tank — suit, tie, shiny black shoes and all! It was a sight to behold.

At the same time, other managers worked quickly to serve employees their popcorn, snow cones and cotton candy — quite a feat considering none of them had ever operated such equipment before. The pumps for the snow cone syrup were nowhere to be found and poor Rhonda Sims-Lewis (also Assistant General Manager) had her

hands covered with red, orange and blue sticky syrup. Those who worked the cotton candy machine found they were not tall enough. They finally located a stool and, on this slightly windy day, worked furiously to get the sugar on the stick instead of on their arms or in their hair. Those working the popcorn machine seemed to have it easiest, although there was some frustration with the speed at which the machine was popping the corn.

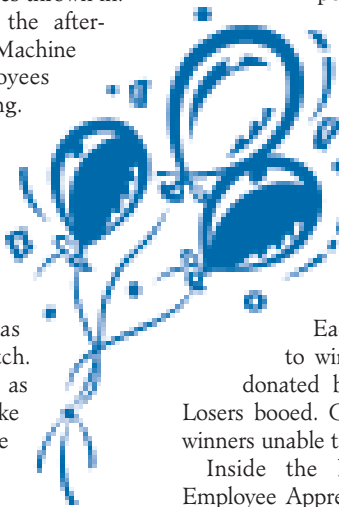
Having dunked their favorite manager, employees tried their hand at different games in the hopes of winning prizes. Flora Biag decided to try her luck at the Leap Frog game. She gave it her all and knocked the whole table down! She also managed to dunk a chief — first try!

Tickets were drawn in a raffle. Each employee had several chances to win and pick one of many prizes donated by managers. Winners cheered. Losers booed. Co-workers picked up prizes for winners unable to attend the raffle.

Inside the building, employees received Employee Appreciation Cards from co-workers. Card recipients were grateful. "It's heart-warming to know you are appreciated," said one. "I'm so touched!" gushed another. Someone else said, "I like to collect them."

By end of day, all Dunk Tank victims were properly soaked and purple-lipped, food-servers were in dire need of a bath, and everyone was "sugared-up." The day was done. Employee Appreciation Day was a rowdy, smashing success.

The Personnel Department celebrates Employee Appreciation Day every year to let employees know that their contributions do not go unnoticed. The theme is different every time: a pirate theme, a luau, a carnival. No one knows what the theme will be for next year but whatever the case, the onus is on next year's planner to top the carnival celebration with a splash!



A gathering of much-appreciated employees from Personnel.



Employees at the raffle prize table. Managers contributed to the raffle prizes.



An employee enjoys cotton candy prepared and served by managers.



Raul Limas at the dunk tank.



An Assistant General Manager jubilantly accepts applause for her good sports-lady-ship: Dunk Tank Queen!



Jackie David, Event Coordinator, clowning around as she drops and struggles to catch her red nose.



Assistant General Manager Rhonda Sims-Lewis happily serves snow cones.



At the dunk tank: Scott De Young, Raul Limas, David Noltemeyer and Tom Coultas.



Employees enjoy watching their favorite manager being dunked.



Assistant General Manager Tom Coultas sportily goes into Dunk Tank, suit and all.



An employee at the Can Smash game.



Rachel Campa tries her hand at Leap Frog.



At the popcorn machine.

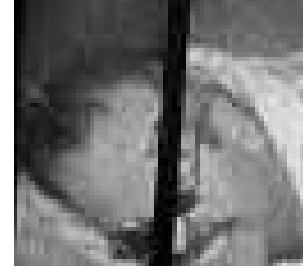


Victoria Schools patiently prepares sticky cotton candy.



An employee at the Can Smash game.

Employees try their hand at dunking their favorite manager.



David Noltemeyer hits the dunk tank bottom.



Phyllis Lynes at the dunk tank.



A participant hopes to win an extra half-hour lunch ticket.



Jackie Heard hopes to win an extra half-hour lunch ticket.



David Noltemeyer eggs on employees to dunk him.



Tina Rodriguez, the Cotton Candy Lady.



Scott De Young, Public Safety Bureau Chief, awaits dunking as David Noltemeyer catches his breath.



Gayle Thomas and Maryanne Keehn work the popcorn machine.



Rachawn Baker tries her hand at Leap Frog.



Judy Mirto enjoys festivities at Tic Tac Toe.



Mirafior Alviso.



Mirafior Alviso prepares to win at Tic Tac Toe and does it upside down.



Kathleen Johnson at Leap Frog.



Assistant General Manager Tom Coultas announces the lucky raffle winners.



Ramona McCauley hold two balls for the Dunk Tank "dunkee."



Employee tosses balls hoping to dunk manager.



Dunk tank instigator Scott De Young decides to dunk his fellow managers.



Marnie Badgett and Rachawn Baker show off their game prizes: an extra half-hour for lunch on the day of their choice.



Assistant General Manager Tom Coultas awaits dunking - suit and all!



A participant prepares to toss dunk tank balls.



Just clowning around: Event organizer Jackie David clowns around with Michael Gold and Karin Michels.



Scott De Young, Public Safety Bureau Chief, awaits dunking.



A participant tries her hand at the Leap Frog game.



An employee pounds away at Leap Frog.



Employee tosses balls hoping to dunk manager.

Personnel Department Employee Appreciation Day



Public Works Week

■ **Public Works celebrates national week with big recognition ceremony, open houses.**

Story and photos by Michelle Moreno, Club Events Guru

PUBLIC WORKS — More than 1,200 employees and citizens were recognized for their strong efforts during the recent rains by Public Works as part of National Public Works Week the week of May 16.

Also, as part of the week of festivities, the department's Bureau of Sanitation held an open house at its yards. See related story to see the

Club's visit to the yards. And also check out this month's department of the month feature, as we visit Sanitation's Harbor District Yard.

The recognition event May 16 honored approximately 1,200 workers and citizens for their efforts during the recent rainy days.

The certificates said, in part: "The Board of Public Works presents this citation in recognition of your extraordinary hard work and dedication during the winter storms. This certificate is presented during National Public Works Week, which celebrates the 'Commitment to Community' that you so tirelessly displayed."

Here are the names of those who received recognition, plus some photos of the event. Congratulations to all!



From left: Jon Haskett, Engineering; Matthew Venable, Engineering; Elena Fuan, Engineering; and Rafael Solorzano, Engineering.



From left: Nabih Balady, Engineering; Tony Lee, Engineering; Paul Munz, Engineering; and Long Hoang, Engineering.



From left: Mohammad Al Jamal, Engineering; Gerardo Lagunzad, Engineering; and Precious Metcalf, Engineering.



From left: Fred David, Engineering; Rolando Torres, Engineering; and Virginia Lit, Engineering.



From left: Raul Garcia, Engineering; Nathan Neumann, Engineering; and Kirk Bishop, Engineering.



From left: Charles Adams, Engineering; Andy Flores, Engineering; and Peykan Abbassi, Engineering.



From left: Richard Chung, Engineering; Allan Kawaguchi, Engineering; and Salvador Martinez, Engineering.



From left: Chris Johnson, Engineering; Mike Mulhern, Engineering; and Kelvin Hoang, Engineering.



From left: Cindy Pham, Engineering; Carl Mills, Engineering; and Andres De La Cruz, Engineering.



From left: Edgar Mercado, Engineering; and Hassan Nazemi, Engineering.



From left: Alex Reyman, Engineering; and Theo Seeley, Engineering.

Bureau of Engineering

- Alan Galiano
- Alex Reyman
- Alex Vidaurrazaga
- Alice Wong
- Allan Kawaguchi
- Andres De La Cruz
- Ann Karling
- Antonio Medina
- Ara Kasparian
- Ben Moore
- Bert Dimalanta
- Beth Slick
- Bill Lee
- Bradley Smith
- Buu Luu
- Candelario Flores
- Carl Mills
- Carl Nelson
- Cesar Bragaudit
- Cesar Medrano
- Charles Adams
- Charles Huang
- Chris Johnson
- Chris Regilski
- Chuck Kwan
- Cindy Pham
- Craig Kunesh
- Cuc Nguyen
- Curtis Gee
- Civil Engrg Assoc II
- Civil Engrg Assoc II
- PR Civil Engineer
- Civil Engrg Assoc II
- PR Civil Engr/PM III
- Eng Design II
- Geog Info Specialist
- Civil Engrg Assoc III
- Environ Affrs OFC
- Civil Engrg Assoc III
- Architectural Assoc II
- Secretary
- Sr. Architect
- Chief Deputy City Engineer
- Civil Engrg Assoc IV
- Civ Engrg Assoc/PM I
- Civil Engrg Assoc IV
- Civil Engineer/Pm I
- Survey Party Chief I
- Sr. Civil Engr Draft Tech
- Civil Engrg Assoc III
- Landscape Arch Assoc II
- Geotechnical Engineer II
- Civil Engrg Assoc IV
- Civil Engrg Assoc III
- Civil Engineer
- Engrg Geolgst Assoc III
- Civil Engrg Draft Tech
- Civil Engrg Assoc III

- Deborah Weintraub
- Dennis Wong
- Edgar Mercado
- Elia Sun
- Emmanuel Tan
- Enrique Gomez
- Erkan Tan
- Fessehaie Tesfai
- Francisco Rangel
- Frank R. Viramontes
- Fred Burnett
- Fred David
- Gary Halajian
- Gary Lee Moore
- Gene Edwards
- Gerardo Lagunzad
- Gilbert Hernandez
- Gregg Vandergriff
- Hamid Navid
- Harshad Shah
- Hassan Nazemi
- Jason Lockwood
- Jeong Park
- Jim Burman
- Jim Doty
- John Saldin
- John Talcott
- Jon Haskett
- Jonathan Taam
- Jose Fuentes
- Jose Medallo
- Juan Guzman
- Deputy City Engineer
- Architectural Assoc II
- Civil Engrg Assoc II
- Civil Engineer
- Civil Engrg Assoc IV
- Civil Engrg Assoc II
- Structrl Engrg Assoc II
- Civil Engrg Assoc III
- Civil Engrg Assoc II
- Ch Real Estate Ofcr I
- Engrg Geologist I
- Architect
- Civil Engineer
- City Engineer
- Civil Engineer
- Civil Engrg Draft Tech
- Electrl Engrg Assoc III
- Civil Engineer
- Plumbing & Heat Tech Advr
- Sr. Sanitary Engineer
- Civil Engrg Assoc IV
- Structural Engineer
- Civil Engrg Assoc II
- Environmental Supvr II
- Civil Engineer/PM II
- Civil Engrg Assoc II
- CIV Engrg Assoc/PM I
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- Kamar Azarmahan
- Karla Shahin
- Kelvin Hoang
- Kirk Bishop
- Leilani Umali
- Lem Paco
- Linda Moore
- Lisa Doran Dugas
- Long Hoang
- Luis Ganaja
- Manuel Aguilar
- Mariam Schahmoradi
- Mark Osborne
- Matthew Venable
- Michael Henderson
- Michael Kantor
- Mike Brown
- Mike Mulhern
- Miriam Roque
- Mohammad Al Jamal
- Morton Price
- Nabih Balady
- Nasser Aarabifard
- Nathan Neumann
- Neil Drucker
- Nester Leyco
- Patrice Martin
- Patrick Schmidt
- Paul Munz
- Peykan Abbassi
- Precious Metcalf
- Civil Engrg Assoc III
- Civil Engrg Assoc III
- Civil Engineer
- Civil Engrg Assoc III
- Geog Info Sys Supvr I
- Civil Engrg Assoc III
- Pr Civil Engineer
- Environmental Supvr II
- Environmental Spec II
- Civil Engrg Assoc III
- Matl Tst Engineer/PmII
- Civil Engrg Assoc II
- Civil Engrg Assoc III
- Engrg Geologist I
- Civil Engrg Assoc II
- Architectural Assoc II
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- Environ Affrs OFC/PM III
- Constr Estimator
- Civil Engrg Assoc II
- Geotechnical Engineer I
- Plumbing & Heat Tech Advr
- Civil Engrg Assoc III
- Civil Engrg Assoc I

- Rafael Solorzano
- Raul Garcia
- Reggie Maiquez
- Ricardo Acosta
- Richard Chang
- Richard Chung
- Richard Proctor
- Rick Viergutz
- Rob Hancock
- Robert Nussbaum
- Rolando Torres
- Roman Barajas
- Rory Shaw
- Rosalia Rojo
- Rufino Fajardo
- Salvador Martinez
- Sam Vohra
- Shrisha Mistry
- Ssuta Hsu
- Steve Martinez
- Sunny Patel
- Theo Seeley
- Theresa Strazzella
- Tim Haug
- Tom Wong
- Tony Lee
- Vernon Tabirara
- Virginia Lit
- Wayne Lawson
- Wilbur Hare
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- Civil Engrg Assoc II
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- Architect
- Sr. Management Analyst I
- Electrl Techncl Advsr
- Engrg Geolgst Assoc III
- Engrg Geologist II
- Civil Engrg Assoc II
- Electrl Engrg Assoc IV
- Senior Clerk
- Civil Engrg Assoc IV
- Sanitary Engrg Assoc IV
- Sr. Constr Estimator
- Sr. Management Analyst II
- Build Electrl Engr I
- Structural Engineer
- Civil Engrg Assoc II
- Civil Engrg Assoc II
- Sr. Structural Engineer
- Geotechnical Engineer II
- Survey Party Chief I
- Deputy City Engineer
- Sanitary Engrg Assoc II
- Mech Engrg Assoc II
- Civil Engrg Assoc II
- Structural Engineer
- Pr Civil Engr/PM III
- Civil Engrg Assoc III
- Civil Engineer
- Civil Engrg Assoc I

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- Aida Valencia
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- Archie Sanders
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- Ben Davis
- Bennie Caranza
- Bill Fregoso
- Bill Mack
- Brenda Marshall
- Bruce Ballard
- Bryan Freyre
- Carlos Valenciano
- Charles Calleros
- Chuck Howard
- Daniel Leon
- Daniel Morales
- Danny Rodriguez
- Darren Howard
- Darryl Bates
- David Ford
- Dean Harding
- Debra Scott
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- Tree Surgeon Supervisor I
- Heavy Equipment Operator
- Tree Surgeon Supervisor I
- Tree Surgeon Supervisor I
- Tree Surgeon Supervisor II
- Tree Surgeon Supervisor II
- Street Tree Superintendent I
- Heavy Equipment Operator
- Clerk Typist
- Lot Cleaning Supervisor II
- Street Superintendent I
- Lot Cleaning Supervisor I
- Truck Operator
- Equipment Operator
- Superintendent II (Acting)
- Senior Street Services

- Dedrick Brown
- Dennis Shannon
- Dennis Weber
- Deonna Gilmore
- Duane Gute
- Edwina Sutton
- Ernie Diaz
- Fred Dorman
- Gabriel Basulto
- Gary La Coe
- George Gonzalez
- George Pardo
- Gerald (Skip) Cooke
- Gordan Wray
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- Hector Banuelos
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- Jack Proctor
- James Edward
- Javier Barajas
- Jeffrey Costa
- Superintendent I
- Jim Taylor
- Joe Walker
- John De La O
- John Duran
- John Fagan
- John Marrufo
- John Sapone
- Equipment Operator
- Division Manager
- Senior Clerk Typist
- Tree Surgeon Supervisor III
- Heavy Equipment Operator
- Lot Cleaning Supervisor I
- Chief Forester
- Tree Surgeon Supervisor I
- Equipment Operator
- Power Shovel Operator
- Street Tree Superintendent I
- Tree Surgeon Supervisor II
- Street Maintenance Worker I
- Tree Surgeon Supervisor I
- Acting Lot Cleaning
- Street Supervisor I
- Tree Surgeon Supervisor I
- Supervisor II (Acting)
- Tree Surgeon Supervisor I
- Supervisor I
- Tree Surgeon
- Division Manager

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- Clerk Typist
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- Heavy Equipment Operator
- Street Tree Superintendent I
- Heavy Equipment Operator
- Lot Cleaning Supervisor I
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- Tree Surgeon Supervisor I
- Tree Surgeon Supervisor I
- Maintenance Laborer

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- Superintendent I (Acting)
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- Supervisor II
- Senior Street Services
- Tree Surgeon Supervisor I
- Street Services Investigator
- Street Tree Superintendent I
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- Clerk Typist
- Equipment Operator
- Lot Cleaning Supervisor I
- Tree Surgeon Supervisor II
- Tree Surgeon Supervisor I
- Supervisor II
- Lot Cleaning Supervisor I
- Tree Surgeon Assistant
- Tree Surgeon Supervisor I
- Street Superintendent II
- Tree Surgeon Supervisor I
- Tree Surgeon Supervisor III



From left: Wayne Lawson, Engineering; John Saldin, Engineering; and Fred Burnett, Engineering.



From left: Michael Henderson, Engineering; Ara Kasparian, Engineering; Jim Doty, Engineering; and Deborah Weintraub, Engineering.



From left: Jim Gibson, Public Works; Valerie Shaw, Public Works; Ellen Stein, Public Works; and Janice Wood, Public Works.



From left: Theresa Strazzella, Engineering; and Cesar Medrano, Engineering.



From left: Alex Vidaurazaga, Engineering; and Sunny Patel, Engineering.



From left: Chris Regilski, Engineering; Leilani Umaili, Engineering; and Lem Paco, Engineering.



From left: Bert Dimalanta, Engineering; and Sam Vohra, Engineering.



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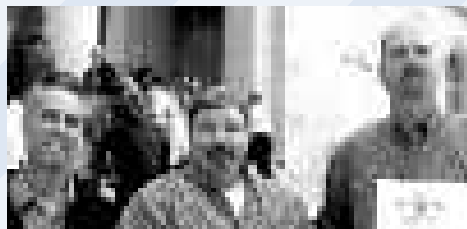
From left: Cora Jackson-Fossett, Public Works; Leonard DiTrapani, Public Works; and Rae Williams, Public Works.



From left: Tom Cotter, Public Works; and Sonia Bond, Public Works.



Public Works recognition ceremony recipients.



From left: Rick De La Huelga, Contract Administration; Ken Roll, Contract Administration; and Jeff Kemper, Contract Administration.



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Front, From left: Lenore Jones, Bureau of Sanitation; Rafael Perez, Bureau of Sanitation; and John S. Diaz, Bureau of Sanitation. Back, From left: Tammy Ryder, Bureau of Sanitation; Kenneth Lampton, Bureau of Sanitation; and Joseph Gutierrez, Bureau of Sanitation.



From left: Bennie Caranza, Bureau of Street Services; and Carlos Valenciano, Bureau of Street Services.



From left: James Edwards, Bureau of Street Services; and John Sapone, Bureau of Street Services.



From left: Charles Calleros, Bureau of Street Services; and Mike Holmes, Bureau of Street Services.



From left: Ralph Melendez, Bureau of Street Services; and Julio Pombal, Bureau of Street Services.



From left: Raul Garcia, Bureau of Street Services; Aida Valencia, Bureau of Street Services; Jorge Garcia, Bureau of Street Services; and Daniel Morales, Bureau of Street Services.



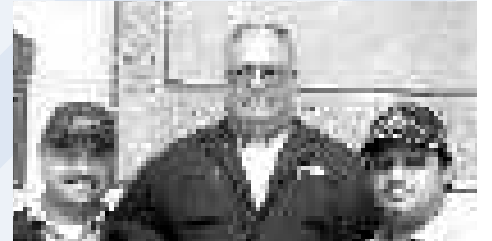
From left: Wilfredo Esquerro, Bureau of Sanitation; Joseph Gutierrez, Bureau of Sanitation; and Ameer Faquir, Bureau of Sanitation.



From left: Wortham Briscoe, Bureau of Sanitation; Gustavo Zaldivar, Bureau of Sanitation; and Andres Morales, Bureau of Sanitation.



From left: William Deppe, Bureau of Street Services; Nicholas Reschke, Bureau of Street Services; Michael Farr, Bureau of Street Services; and Bryan Freyre, Bureau of Street Services.



From left: Johnny Lopez, Bureau of Sanitation; Robert Bates, Bureau of Sanitation; and Luis Figueroa, Bureau of Sanitation.



From left: Darryl Bates, Bureau of Street Services; and Dyrone Leake, Bureau of Street Services.



From left: Armando Macias, Bureau of Street Services; and Michael C. Johnson, Bureau of Street Services.



From left: Titus Drew, Bureau of Street Services; and Dedrick Brown, Bureau of Street Services.



From left: Israel Colon, Bureau of Street Services; Edwina Sutton, Bureau of Street Services; and Michael Johnson, Bureau of Street Services.

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Sanitation Open House

■ Sanitation's yards host open houses as part of Public Works Week.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor
Photos by Arlene Herrero; Robert Larios, Club Director of Marketing and Communications;
John Hawkins, Club CEO; and Michelle Moreno, Club Events Guru

PUBLIC WORKS — Public Works celebrated National Public Works Week – titled “Public Works Is All Around Us” – with both a big awards ceremony (see previous story) and by hosting open houses at the five Bureau of Sanitation yards.

The Club was lucky to make it to four of the five yards!

The Club thanks Rita Robinson, Norman Aubry, Sal Miranda, Ed Campbell and Adriana Nunez for their assistance in covering the open houses.

Public Works Week: Sanitation Open House



From left: Adriana Nunez, Clerk Typist, East Valley District, 6 years; Lloyd Gaines, Acting Superintendent, West L.A. District, 15 years; and Rita Robinson, General Manager, Bureau of Sanitation.



From left: Armando Ortiz, Truck Operator, 19 years; Gilbert Torres, Retired, Truck Operator, 33 years; and Tony Shorts, Truck Operator, 22 years.



From left: Frank Bejar, Painter/Graffiti Removal, 10 years; Joe Castillo, Truck Operator, 24 years; and Richard Chavez, Graffiti Removal, 2 years.



From left: Desmond Gardner, Maintenance Labor/Truck Operator, 5 years; and Carlos Rodriguez, Truck Operator, 6 years.



Truck Operator Joe Castillo's grandchildren enjoying a ride-along with Jesus Jimenez, Truck Operator, 21 years.



From left: Wayne Downing, Refuse Crew/Field Instructor, 23 years; and Ed Campbell, Customer Relations Field Representative.



Felton Burton, Truck Operator, 13 years, with his family.



From left: Andy Morales, Truck Operator, 20 years; Marty Perez, Truck Operator, 16 years; and Mike Solis, Supervisor, 24 years.



Anthony Hatten, Maintenance Labor, 17 years, with his son, Anthony Jr.



Manuel Placencia, Truck Operator, 13 years, with his family.



Basilio C. Llamas III, Refuse Collection, 5 years, with his wife, Dana.



Lorenzo Robles, Truck Operator, 17 years, with his wife, Ana Maria, and granddaughters.



Pete Vega, Truck Operator, 5 years, with his family.



George Marrufo, Motor Sweeper Operator, 17 years, with his son, Valentino.



Daryl Manor, Truck Operator, 3 years, with his son, Daryl Jr.



Raul Reynoso, Truck Operator, 15 years, with his wife, Angeles and son, Angel



From left: Jesus Gonzales, son of Marty Perez; and Andrew Reynoso, son of Raul Reynoso.



Angel Lara, Maintenance Labor, 5 years, with daughter, Miranda, and son, Angel Jr.



Valentino Marrufo, son of George Marrufo, experiencing the job of a Truck Operator.

North Central District Yard

Public Works Week: Sanitation Open House



Welcome to the Open House.



These are some items that can be picked up by Bulk Items Truck.



From left: Kristi and Ed Campbell, Customer Relations Representative, 11.5 years.



Hot dogs, hamburgers, hot links and chicken were enjoyed by all thanks to these guys, from left: Eddie Scott, RCTO, 32 years, Club Member; Norman Aubry, District Superintendent II, 35 years, Club Member; and Hubert Williams, RCTO 18.5 years.



Guests were welcomed by Luis Moreno, RCTO, 2 years, Club Member. (He also enjoyed reading his June *Alive!* newspaper.)



From left: Chris Johnson, Division Manager I, South Division; Adriana Nunez, Clerk Typist, Club Member; and Sal Miranda, Solid Resource Manager I, Club Member.



Nadar Tashakor, Project Engineer, 4 years, Club Member.



Marivic Sabillo, MA1, 3 years.



Thanks guys kept everyone grooving to the music, from left: Leo Villaseñor, GSD Equipment Mechanic, 19 years; and Anthony Hatten, Truck Operator, North Central, 17 years.



From left: Danny Chavira, RCTO, 15 years, with his son, Michael.



Back, from left: Lovell Henderson, RCTO, 5 years; and Lloyd Gaines, Acting Superintendent WLA, 15 years. Front: Chris Johnson, Division Manager 1, South Division; Terrence William, 13; and Erwin Holloway, Refuse Supervisor, 21 years.



From left: (seated) Cherysies Williams, Clerk Typist, 30 years, Club Member; and Cecilia Aragon, Sr. Clerk Typist, 37 years.



From left: Felix Alvarez, Sr. Equipment Mechanic, 32 years; and Tony Brodrick, Equipment Mechanic, 19 years.



From left: Tierra, 16, and Terrence, 12, with dad Terrence L. Barber, RCTO, 8 years of City service, and son Khamari, 1.5 years old.



John Sauno, RCTO, 7 years.



Container Services. Their job is to repair or replace damaged trash containers. From left: Desmond Gardner, Maintenance Labor, 5 years; and Carlos Rodriguez, Maintenance Labor, 6 years.



From left: Thurston Brooks, 10; David Brooks, RCTO, 18 years; Eldia Fletcher, fiancé; and Jaleesa Brooks, 14.



Bulk Items truck.



From left: Mike Williams, RCTO, 2 years; and Turner Johnson II, Supervisor Green Waste, 22 years, Club Member.



From left: Lucas Lucero with his mom, Kathy Luceno. Dad/husband works for Bureau of Sanitation.



The boys came out to see where dad works, from left: Matthew, 5; Luis Moreno, RCTO, 2 years; and Michael, 9.



Armando Gatewood, Wastewater Collection Worker II, 18.5 years, stands in front of the Vactor, which is used to clean storm drains. It can suck up water and solids.

South L.A. District Yard

Public Works Week: Sanitation Open House



From left: Norman Aubry, District Superintendent II, Club Member; Rita Robinson, General Manager, Bureau of Sanitation, Club Board Member; Richard Myles, Division Manager, Solid Resource Valley Collection Division; and Erwin Holloway, Refuse Supervisor.



The Alvarez family.



Thomas Walton, RCTO, 24 years, Club Member.



Carlos Martinez, RCTO, 26 years, and Dan Lucero, RCTO, 19 years, Union Steward, Club Member with their tour group of people from the neighborhood.



Back From left: Richard, 11, with his friend, Robert, 7. Seated: Kim, mother, neighborhood resident.



Attendees enjoying the booths.



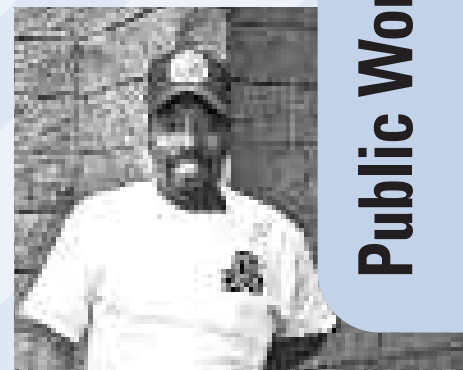
From left: Cecilia Aragon, Sr. Clerk Typist, 37 years, with Kim, daughter-in-law.



Vance Roque, RCTO, 15 years, Club Member, proudly standing in front of the free mulch giveaway.



From left: Dakota, 9 months, with dad Reggie Moore, RCTO II, 17.5 years.



Darrell Carey, RCTO, 8 years, Club Member.



Club Counselor Arlene Herrero with her brief RCTO experience. This was made possible by John Sauno's suggestion.



Helen Myles helps with raffle tickets.



Back: Raymond Lucas, RCTO, San Pedro Yard, 24 years, Club Member, with his son RayJohn, 8.



From left: Bardomino Martinez, RCTO, 2 years, Club Member, with Pat, spouse, and daughter Vivi, 6.



Thomas Corrales, Project Coordinator, 7 years, enjoys the food.



From left: Leo Villasenor, GSD Equipment Mechanic, 19 years, with Tina L. Dezerne, guest, who looks like she is having fun and the tour has yet to start.



From left: Darrell Carey, RCTO, 8 years, Club Member; and Marina Ramirez-Lopez, Clerk Typist, 7 months.



From left: Leo Villasenor, GSD Equipment Mechanic, 19 years, with Regina Edwards, guest.



Back, from left: Sara and Jung Ho, GSD Automotive Supervisor, 18 years, Club Member. Front: Jessica, 8, and Marisa, 11.



Carlos Martinez, RCTO, 26 years, Club Member, pictured with his tour group.



Back, from left: Brian, 5, with dad Raul Corrales, guest. In the stroller: Ashley, 9 months.



From left: Angee, spouse; Hawaii, 8, granddaughter; and Erwin Holloway, Refuse Supervisor, 21 years.

South L.A. District Yard

Public Works Week: Sanitation Open House



From left: Adam Ulbrich, Wastewater Collection Worker I, 2 years; Ruben Trujillo, Wastewater Collection Worker, 2 years; Jose Noguera, Club Member, Truck Operator (Roll-off driver), 38 years; Sal Miranda, Club Member, Assistant Divisional Manager Valley; and Adriana Nunez, Club Member, Clerk Typist.



Michael Anderson, Truck Operator, 13 years, in front of his truck the "Green Machine" and proudly displaying the back of the truck that is immaculately laden with chrome and pin striping. Look out Ken Fox, you've got competition!



Don Warner, Club Member, Sr. Equipment Mechanic, Crew Leader, 10 years, in front of one of the road crew trucks. These trucks go out if a refuse collection truck breaks down and fixes it so it can get back to the yard to get fixed.



Robert Hadnot, Club Member, Truck Operator. Robert drives a "DAC" truck, also known as a Dead Animal Collection Truck. Robert is pictured here with his custom 911 commemorative message on the back of his truck. Word has it that Robert has one of the cleanest trucks in the fleet.



Ron Cole, Club Member, Truck Operator, 16 years, and Isiah Hawkins, son of John Hawkins, Club CEO. Ron was in charge of giving tours of the yard in one of Sanitation's Box Trucks, used to pick up bulky items throughout the City. Thanks for the ride, Ron!



Jesse Morgia, Truck Operator, 13 years, demonstrating his back loader truck used for bulky item pickups and for getting in tight places, narrow streets and anywhere else the large trucks can't go.

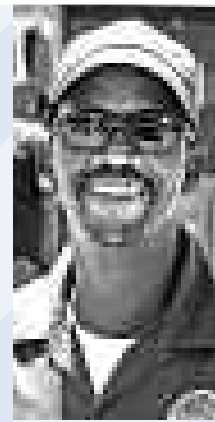
East Valley District Yard



Kenny Lampton, Supervisor, 23 years; Ron Lee, East Valley Supervisor, 18 years; Jesse Cruz, Supervisor, 19 years; and Paula Hoffsonmer, Clerk Typist.



Richard Lee, Public Information Officer, 20 years.



Willard Givens Jr., Refuse Collection Truck Operator II, 14 years.



Ernie Garcia, Welder, 5 years.



Kim Anderson, Equipment Mechanic, 25 years.



From left: Nader Tashakor, M.S. Project Manager, Sanitary Engineering Associate II, 3.5 years; and Bob Rehderg, Refuse Collection Truck Operator.



From left: Sal Miranda, Assistant Division Manager, and Juan Tavares.



From left: Carlos Rodriguez, Jr., Carlos Rodriguez, Sr., East Valley, Maintenance Laborer, 5 years; and Dezmund Gardner, East Valley, Maintenance Laborer, 5 years.



From left: Richard Guzman, Truck Operator, 11 years; Mel Montes, Refuse Collection Truck Operator, 3 years; and Fernando Miranda, Refuse Collection Truck Operator, 4.5 years.



From left: Felix Sanchez, Refuse Collection Truck Operator; Juan Tavares, Refuse Collection Truck Operator, 15 years; and Mathella Adams, Office Clerk, 5 years.



Juan Tavares (on left) shows Councilman Dennis Zine (in truck) a thing or two about operating a refuse truck.



Kristi and Ed Campbell, Solid Resource Recycling Division.



Bureau of Sanitation employee Veronica Camacho and her two young boys are having a great time at the open house.

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History Comes Alive!



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

'Venice of America' A Cultural Theme Park

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Venice in 1905.

Venice, California's historic entrance into California geography dates back to the La Ballona Rancho period of the 1870s. Property along the seaside of the Pacific Ocean had been considered of primary interest to all who had the good fortune to acquire the land.

The story begins with Abbot Kinney. He was an easterner born in 1850, who had been a world traveler working in a family owned tobacco business in New York City. On one of his travels he sailed to Hawaii, where he stayed for a few months before traveling back home. By the time he reached San Francisco in 1880, a heavy blizzard in the Sierra Mountains blocked the trains from heading east.



Abbot Kinney

While Kinney waited for the railroad tracks to clear, he heard of a health resort in Sierra Madre. Kinney suffered from asthma and insomnia. After spending some time at the resort, he realized that this was where he wanted to live. He purchased 550 acres in the foothills, built a mansion and planted 6,000 citrus trees and 20,000 seedless grape vines.

In time he realized he wanted a cooler summer home for his family near the Pacific Ocean. In 1886, to escape the heat of Los Angeles, he built a home in Santa Monica.

Kinney was a wise businessman and became interested in land development along the coast. His first endeavor in nearby Pacific Palisades failed because of an 1888 real estate market crash.

In 1891, Kinney and a business partner, Francis Ryan, bought a controlling interest in Ocean Park Casino, which was really a restaurant and tennis club. The same year they purchased a one-and-a-half mile long tract that was 1000 feet deep facing the Pacific Ocean south of Santa Monica. They paid \$175,000 for the property. There they built a beach resort called Ocean Park. In time with new partners added to the scheme of things, Kinney chose the marshy, undeveloped southern half of the tract to build his "Venice of America." The county territory consisted of sand dunes and wetlands. In time and great effort, Abbot Kinney would have his dream come true to build a recreational area reminiscent of Venice, Italy, on the shores of the Pacific.

These future partners realized that making this resort park a success would mean transporting people from the cities of Los Angeles and Santa Monica by means of a railroad system that would be a direct line and inexpensive. Santa Monica businessmen were concerned that Kinney's dream would prove a

competition to their North Beach resort and convinced Colis Huntington of the Southern Pacific Railroad to be uncooperative. With that understanding, Kinney contacted the rival Santa Fe Railroad to extend their Inglewood line to his resort. In turn, he donated 12 acres for the railroad right of way. The first train began its operation on June 12, 1892.

Within the next year, Kinney and his partner advertised 25-by-100-foot lots featuring piped water for \$100. To entice buyers to purchase lots, three small four-room cottages were built and given away through a lottery. The lots sold well, even though these were difficult financial times. Tents were then erected on unsold lots and made available to campers for summer rentals.

In May 1895, the community was named Ocean Park, California. The community was slow in growth, but by the spring of 1898, there were approximately 150 lots sold. Also, that year the area had a business boom that provided Kinney the incentive to build a race-track and golf course not far from his Ocean Park Country Club.

In 1898, the City of Santa Monica gave Kinney and his partner permission to build a 1250-foot-long pier at Pier Avenue. The pier would sit on pilings already used to carry Santa Monica's 200-foot-long outfall sewer. Kinney's pier provided two goals: one, to have a pleasure place for fisherman and tourists; and two, to protect and lengthen the sewage pipes seaward as to not pollute their property to the south. Incredibly, the project was finished within six weeks.

Tragedy occurred before the completion of the grand plan. Francis Ryan, Kinney's partner, died of a sudden heart attack. His wife soon remarried. Thomas Dudley became a

new partner for Abbot Kinney. He was a Santa Monica businessman and politician. By 1902, Dudley sold his partnership for \$400,000 to three new partners mentioned above. Even with the recent alliance, there was continued fear that Kinney's resort would take business away from the local North Beach resort. Unfortunately, Kinney did not get along with the three partners.

The new partners refused to support any of his projects. First, they were not interested in making enemies of the local constituents in Santa Monica over a newly considered Abbot Kinney trolley company. Second, the partners were more concerned about losing money in the Casino restaurant and vaudeville theater. Finally, they did not approve of Kinney's ideas on how to develop the southern wetlands. But Kinney's dream would nevertheless come true.

After Kinney ended his partnership in the Ocean Park Improvement Company, he took title to the underdeveloped marshy southern property in Winter 1904. This is when he made definite plans for his "Venice of America" beach resort. At that time there was a nationwide plan referred to as the City Beautiful Movement, which incorporated planned communities with spacious public areas. He also realized that most of the best seaside resorts were back east, and necessary to investigate. Eventually, he hired an apprentice from the Fredrick Law Olmstead Jr. firm. Olmstead was highly regarded as one of the most famous landscape architects in the country. He was founder and first president of the American Society of Landscape Architects. He was also the initiator of the City Beautiful Movement, with its inception in the eastern United States.

The "Venice of America" plan also followed the same model found at the Chicago World's

Columbian Exposition in Chicago, although much smaller. The Chicago extravaganza was also built on marshy land on the shore of Lake Michigan. The Venice plan included a planned community that separated the business and commercial areas from residential living. In Summer 1904, Abbot Kinney began contracting for excavation of canals and building a pier, designing and building of a

The Ship Café.



Ship Hotel and other principal buildings.

"Venice of America" was an instant success. It opened on the Fourth of July, 1905. Visitors were entranced by his intricate canals. The electric trolley would bring throngs of people from Santa Monica and downtown Los Angeles. The architecture had an ornate Venetian Renaissance design. There was an active business district with a huge auditorium and a Ship Café. Guest were given tours of the resort by a miniature steam railroad or by gondolas. Swimming was available in the ocean or at Kinney's salt water plunge lagoon, where the guests could listen to band concerts.

Eventually, the resort was expanded by enlarging the amusement pier. Abbot Kinney also became very influential in local politics when, in May 1911, he was able to have the name changed from Ocean Park to Venice, its own city. But in November 1925, Los Angeles annexed Venice to become a community within the City.

Over the years, the amusement park, vis-à-vis Venice, went through a number of changes. In 1911, one of Abbot Kinney's former partners built a "Million Dollar" amusement park. In 1920, Abbot Kinney passed away; his amusement pier burned. In 1924, the Ocean Park pier complex burned. In 1930, oil was discovered in Venice. In 1946, the Venice amusement Pier closed. In 1964, Los Angeles demolished 550 buildings in historic Venice. In 1967, Pacific Ocean Park went bankrupt after being rebuilt. And, in 1977, Venice regained its popularity as the "Roller Skating Capital of the World."

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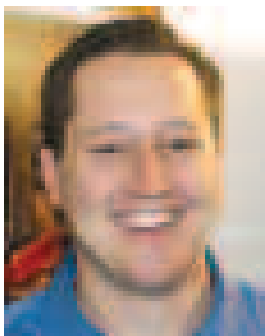
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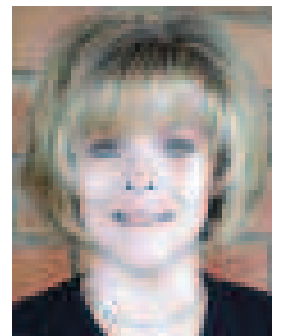
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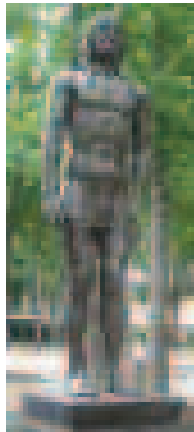
- This month's deadline: July 12. See complete list of rules.
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Send your response along with your Club card number by e-mail (whereinla@cityemployeesclub.com), by fax (213-620-0398) or by surface mail (350 S. Figueroa, Suite 700, Los Angeles 90071).

**The winner of last month's contest is:
Emma Garcia, Planning**

Here is her response:

The photo in the *Alive!* issue is a photo of a bronze statue named Fernando, which is in the Van Nuys Civic Center Plaza. The statue stands in front of the Van Nuys Branch library, surrounded by the Van Nuys Police Station and the Van Nuys Courthouse.



Honorable Mention goes to: Ken Moody, ITA

Contest Rules:

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

Alive! Around the World

Take the Club with you, wherever you go! Club members are a well-traveled bunch. Bring your copy of *Alive!* with you. Snap a photo with you holding a copy, send it in, and we'll publish it. Send to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Here's Club member Kenneth Akamine in Baker, California while on a trip to Las Vegas in April. Kenneth is making new "friends" in front of a store in Baker. Kenneth is a warehouse worker for the Office of Controller.



Here's *Alive!* editor John Burnes, holding up his copy of *Alive!* while vacationing on Waikiki, Honolulu, O'ahu, Hawai'i. *Alive!* gets to see some great places!

Congratulations, John! Congratulations, Kenneth!

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Airports Tee It Up

■ Airports come together for annual golf tourney.

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



The golf tournament plaque.

AIRPORTS DEPT. — The 40th annual All-Airport Golf Tournament, benefiting the Travelers Aid Society, took place June 3 at the Westridge Country Club in La Habra. 155 players participated in the tournament. The City Employees Club sponsored Hole 3 and donated a \$100 gift certificate given out during the awards luncheon. The golf tournament was a big success and the Club was happy to take part.



From left: Dennis Green; Mike Biagi, Club Board Member; Jens Rivera, LAX Airport Manager; and James Frazier.



The Club Sponsor sign.



From left: John Hicks; Jon Delgado, Club Member; Sam Wong, Club Member; and Jeff Mort, Club Member.



From left: Phil Jobe, Deepak Patel, Paul Green and Eduardo Angeles.



From left: Ernie Cruz, Club member; Dusty Cruz; Mike Scolaro, Club Member; and Mike Boyett.



From left: Van Thompson, Glenn Ito, Erine Robleto and Matt Patterson.



From left: Vince Hourigan, Jeff Sedlak, Jay Vaswani and Gene Hong.



From left: Steve Kunzer, Jeff Sparks, Don Campbell and Gary Shimabukaru.



From left: Moninder Birdi, Jess Romo, Bruce Brown and Jean-Claude Bertet.



From left: Judith Gorum, Camilla Eng and Reno Cervantes, Club Member.



From left: Robert Rigney; Dan Campbell, Club Member; Ross Lawrence, Club Member; and Rhonda Morgan, Club Member.



From left: Vince Murray, Club Member; Lita Jacobs, Club Member; Ken Joo; and Dennis Ly.



From left: Richard Kim, Club Member; Al Moreno; Victor Franco; and Raul Salinas.



From left: Gus Olmedo, Club Member; Oscar Ramirez, Club Member; Pete Fernandez; and Steve Jimenez.



From left: Tony Laughlin, Bob Werner, Bob Fuhrmann and Justin Laughlin.



From left: Stuart Susswain; Rica Viola, Club Member; Dennis Ogren; and Ray Tanner.



From left: Judy Christian, Leigh Hatayama, Don Sayrizi and Joan Sewald.



From left: Lou Duran; Danny Davis; Steve Agdeppa, Club Member; and Joe Laguilles, Club Member.



From left: Rhonda Ketay, Darren Gilbert, Fred Dyle and Sam Krishna.



From left: Greg King, Winston Roberts, Greg Blain and Dennis Clay.



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



From left: Cliff Perrier, Club Member; Allen Vargas; Rod Markovich, Club Member; and Greg Iwamiya, Club Member.



From left: Ethel Pattison, Mario Lafaurie, Dan Park and Leon Nixon.



From left: Ray Wong, Shane Gallagher, Tommy Garnica and Leonard Carlos.



From left: Tom Gutierrez; John Werlich, Club Member; Richard Mah; and Mark Salz.

DWP Linemen Test Their Skills

DWP Rodeo

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while engaging in friendly competition. The events showcased safety techniques, skill and the speed of power utility workers. In addition to the hurt man rescue and the pole climb, competitions were held in crossarm, streetlight, dead-end, insulator and jumper change-outs.

According to Truesdale Training Center Superintendent Bill Davis, the top four teams from DWP will travel to Kansas City, Mo., later this year to represent the department in the International Lineman's Rodeo. The three journeyman teams are: Dennis Honor, Shawn Monahan and Craig Randles; Hector Avila, Nazir Falzi and Wilson Salvador; Omar Diaz, Richard Olguin and Randolph Bowen; and Ben Rodriguez, Troy Couch and Scott Osborn. The apprentice team is Sotero Ramos and Randy Pierson. The apprentice that scored the highest on the written test is Edgar Maciel.

Electrical Distribution Mechanical Supervisor (EDMS) Dave Donovan was the chair for this year's rodeo. He commented, "So much work goes into this event. It takes all of us to do this thing."

Dave succeeded DWP retiree Dick Brown who participated in the first rodeo and went on to compete for 12 years. After that he served as rodeo chair and later became a head judge. In

November 2004, Brown retired from DWP after 35 years of service. His last position was that of supervisor at Truesdale Training.

Fifty teams from public and private companies showed the cheering crowd how challenging the lineman's job can be. The teams were comprised of 28 three-man journeymen and 22 two-man apprentice teams with representatives from DWP, San Diego Gas & Electric, Southern California Edison, Glendale, Burbank and Pasadena Water & Power, and Arizona Power Services.

Representing DWP was the family journeyman team of father, son and cousin (by marriage) Terry and Travis Rappleye and Curt McMillon. When asked about their participation, they all had remarkable things to say about the trade.

"We love what we do...there's so much camaraderie," Terry said.

"We meet guys from other utilities, ...the rodeo helps support the trade," Travis added.

Curt commented, "I like the job and it's fun to come out and show people exactly what we do."

DWP's 2005 Rodeo Team

DWP's rodeo team participants included:

Apprentice: Mark Garcia and Edgar Maciel; Sotero Ramos and Randy Pierson; Vincent Leal and Chris Mobus, Troy Flescher and Jess Zitlau.

Journeyman: Omar Diaz, Richard Olguin and Randolph Bowen; Hector Avila, Nazir Falzi and Wilson Salvador; Derek Wert, David Kelly and Erik Jacobsen; Dennis Honor, Shawn Monahan and Craig Randles; Craig Young, Albert Ortiz and Oscar Montelongo; Jeremy Cravatt, Frank Cardenas and Robert Tadeo; Curt McMillon, Travis Rappleye and Terry Rappleye; Ben Rodriguez, Troy Couch and Scott Osborn; Greg Foerstel, Richard Dehemme and Dan Weidlund.

Family Fun and Interesting Exhibits

Family activities included a donkey ride and a climbing wall for the kids, displays, raffles, live music and delicious food. The event was also an expo for electrical utility vendors to showcase the latest tools, climbing gear and equipment.

The donkey ride was operated by the animal-loving husband and wife team of Sam and Sharon Cadaret, who live in Mojave. Sam, a heavy-duty truck operator, works out of the Van Nuys Yard. As he led the donkeys

around the path, he said, "The kids enjoy this so much. Some just sit and ride ... others ask a ton of questions!"

For the past two years, Sam and Sharon have taken a team of mules and a covered wagon from Lone Pine to Bishop and camped out for a week.

Mouth-Watering Food

Danny Van Holton, his wife, Debra, and their son, Jason, continued their tradition of barbecuing for the crowd. They were assisted by Dave Donovan's son, Justin. The food was served by Underground District Construction personnel Ashton Flores, Fernando Juarez, Vince Conzano and Alex Valkoff.

Committee member Terry Silva said, "Danny is the best cook west of the Mississippi!"

The Club says congratulations, DWP, on another great rodeo!

family fun



The Donkey Ride entertained Yesenia Lopez, 8 (daughter of Rafael Lopez, EDM - Palms District), and Sam Cadaret (Van Nuys Service Center) wave to passersby as she rode a donkey.

Team DWP strutting its stuff.



LADWP Children's Exhibit: Speakers Bureau member Synthia Gordon (Management Aide - PT&D Energy Distribution) offers a big smile for DWP family members who visited the ever-popular Children's Exhibit. They were joined by Speakers Bureau member Peter Huynh (Senior Utility Accountant), in the background.



The good food was prepared by, from left, Danny Van Holton and his wife, Debra; Justin Donovan (Dave's son); and Jason Van Holton.



The delicious food was served by volunteers (from left) Ashton Flores, Fernando Juarez, Vince Canzano and Alex Valkoff.



Lineman's Rodeo Volunteers, from left: Electrical Craft Helper Terry Silva (Food and T-shirts); Supt. of Safety at Truesdale Mark Berembach (Master Judge); Dick Brown (retired Truesdale Supt.), former Rodeo Chair & Head Judge; and Angelo Reyes (Electrical Line Crew Supervisor), Volunteer Coordinator.



A trio of winners.



A Tribute to Ted L. Dario, Rodeo founder: Michael Dario (EDMS) proudly stands in front of the magnificent monument erected in honor of his late father, founder of the Lineman's Rodeo.



From left: Craig Young, Journeyman Lineman, 1 year; Oscar Montelongo, Journeyman Lineman, 5 years; and Albert Ortiz, Journeyman Lineman, 4 years.



From left: Bill Helfrich, Line Patrol Mechanic, 22 years, and Angelo Reyes, Electrical Distribution Mechanic Supervisor, 25 years.



Friends, family and co-workers captured some exciting footage with their cameras.



Robert Garcia, Warehouse Worker, 5 years, with granddaughters Kayla (bottom) and Viviana Garcia.

safety, skill, speed

The events showcased safety techniques, skill, and the speed of power utility workers.

friendly competition



Linemen, from left: Travis (EDM - Central District), Terry Rappleye (EDMS - Metro) and Curt McMillon (EDM - West LA). This was their first year competing as journeyman. They won last year as apprentices.



Tony Wilson, Electrical Craft Helper, 2 years, with Harrison Gilbert.



From left: Terry Silva, Electrical Craft Helper, 20 years; Mark Berenbach, Superintendent of Safety, 28 years; Dick Brown, Retired, 35 years; and Angelo Reyes, Electrical Distribution Mechanic Supervisor, 25 years.



From left: Alejandro Pulido, Electrical Distribution Mechanic Trainee Apprentice, 6 months; Billy Barnes, Electrical Distribution Mechanic Trainee Apprentice, 6 months; and Richard Penter, Future Electrical Distribution Mechanic Trainee Apprentice.



From left: Gilbert Sanchez, Stationary Maintenance Painter, 17 years, and Gilbert Sanchez Jr., Electrical Distribution Mechanic Trainee, 1 year.



From left: Wayne Kirkland, Electrical Station Operator, 35 years; and Mark Kirkland, Electrical Distribution Mechanic, 1 year.



Winners and more winners.



From left: Andres Casillas, Electrical Distribution Mechanic Trainee IV, 5 years; Daniel Maciel; Edgar Macial, Electrical Distribution Mechanic Trainee IV, 3 years; and Mark Garcia, Electrical Distribution Mechanic Trainee, 5 years.



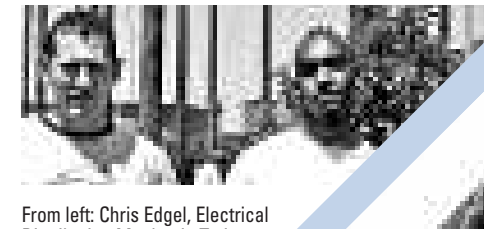
From left: Matt Vaughn, Electrical Craft Helper, 4 years, and his wife, Lisa.



From left: Lauro Montoya, Electrical Craft Helper, 1 year, with son, Andrew.



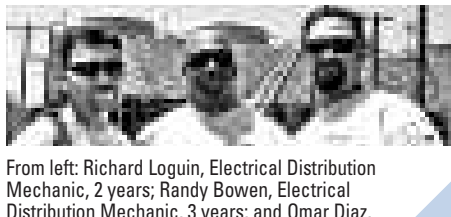
From left: Giovanna Rebabliati, Senior Clerk Typist, 7 years, and Leslie Mirseyedi, Utility Marketing Representative, 28 years.



From left: Chris Edgel, Electrical Distribution Mechanic Trainee, 3 years; and Sotero Ramos, Electrical Distribution Mechanic Trainee, 3 years.

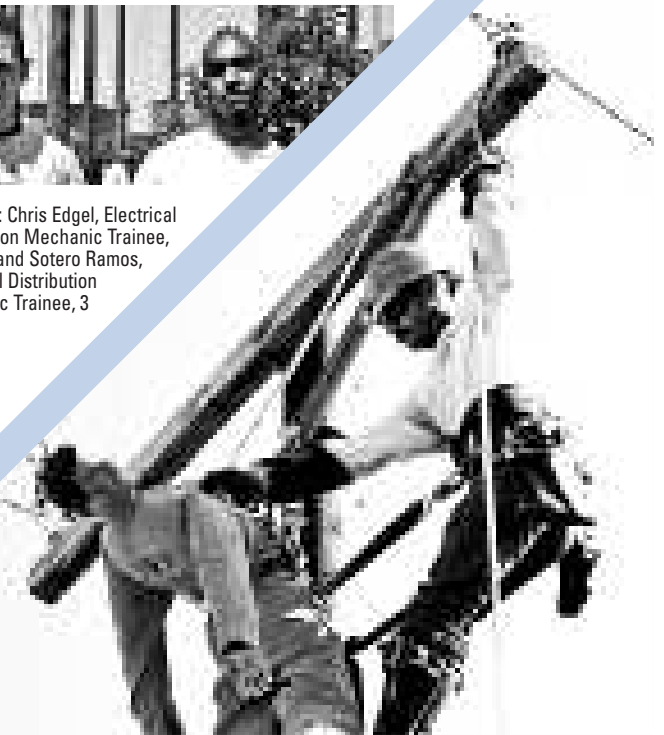


From left: Kevin Murillo, Warehouse Worker, 5 years, with Zane and Melissa Murillo.



From left: Richard Loguin, Electrical Distribution Mechanic, 2 years; Randy Bowen, Electrical Distribution Mechanic, 3 years; and Omar Diaz, Electrical Distribution Mechanic, 3 years.

hurt man rescue

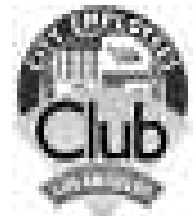


Hurt-Man Rescue Competition: Hector Avila (Lineman - Palms District) competed in the hurt-man rescue. Other events included the pole climb, crossarm, streetlight, dead-end, insulator, and jumper change-outs.



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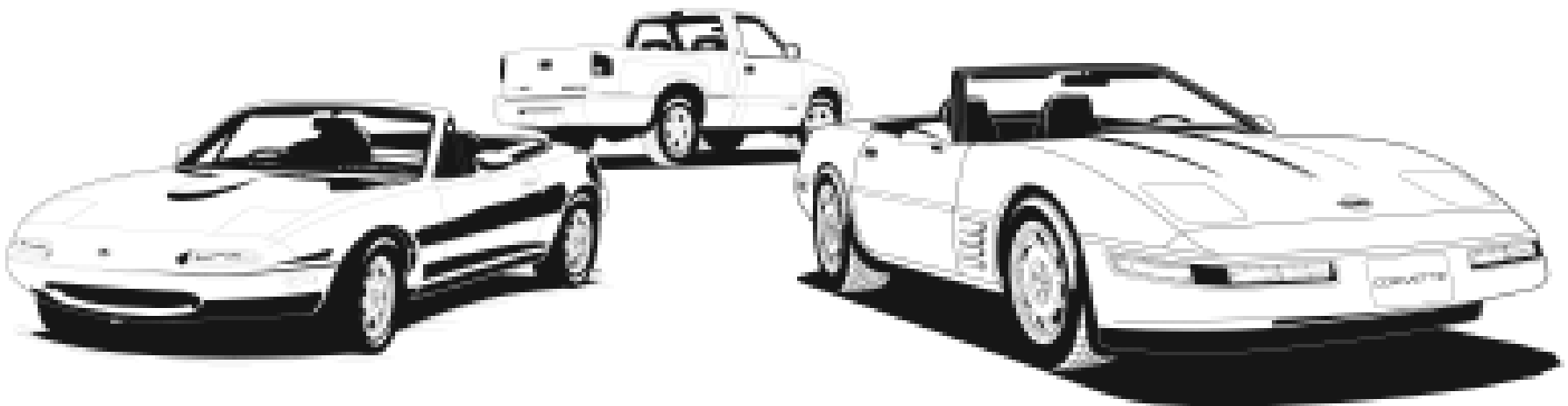
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The Goal: To Lose

■ LAPD Communication hosts Boot Camp Challenge.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero,
Club Counselor

POLICE DEPT. — This competition is all about losing. Losing weight.

Thirty-eight teams of five members each from the Metro and Valley LAPD Communications Centers are aiming to lose 15 pounds each. There are also 30 individuals who set weight-loss goals between five and ten pounds.

Participating in the camp, which lasts until July 23, are 220 members, approximately one-quarter of the Division, weighing in at 46,193 pounds. The average weight of each camper was 209.97 pounds. If all members meet their goal, some 3,131 pounds would be shed by Communications.

Members will weigh in during the first two days of DP6 & DP7 with the final weigh-in to be completed by July 23. The prize: guaranteed days off and a surprise gift from Capt. Buck.

Camp began May 1, when the participants adopted Oprah's Boot Camp 10 Commandments. The intent is to give the participants a total mind and body makeover.

The Club donated prizes for their efforts.

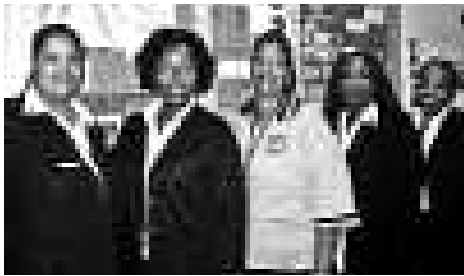
Thanks to Yolanda Bunn, Yvonne Thompson, Sophia Thomas and Sharon Howze for getting your Club Counselor Arlene Herrero to see you through this!



Representing Quiet Storm, from left: Tracy Page, Club Member; Sherry Kemp; Berta Ugas, Team Captain; Denise Sawyer; and Marlene Swancy, Club Member.



Representing The Grazers, from left: Officer James McCarthy; Lt. Mark Ehring, Team Captain; and Sgt. Joe Ciancanelli.



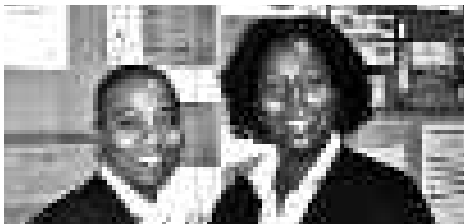
Representing Hourglass Quintuplets, from left: Charlene Johnson, Team Captain; Yvonne Thompson, Challenge Coordinator, Club Member; Leslie Allen, Club Member; Shenita Easter, Club Member; and Yolanda Bunn, Challenge Coordinator, Club Member.



Representing 10 and Under "Heavy Weights," from left: Ruby Bravo and Yvette Bentley, Team Captain, Club Member.



Representing Fab 5, from left: Roni Speller, Team Captain; Diane Boose, Club Member; and Jennifer Lindstrom, Club Member.



Coordinators for Metro Division Center, from left: Yolanda Bunn, Communications Boot Camp Coordinator, Club Member; and Yvonne Thompson, Communication Boot Camp Coordinator, Club Member.



Representing The Evereadies, from Left: Stephanie Gilder, Club Member; Betty Clark-Cryer, Club Member; and Torrie Perkins, Club Member.



Margie Dilkes, individual participant, Club Member.



Representing Body by Comm, back row, from left: Joshua Peer and Teresa Jacobs. Front: Liliana Montenegro, Team Captain, gives her team the thumbs-up.



Latrice Earl, individual participant, Club Member.



Representing Flab-u-less "5," from left: Jessica Loya; Teresa Jones, Club Member; and Cheymyla Hardy.



Representing Crystal Lites, which won Club prizes for having all those on the team belonging to the Club, from left: Stephanie Martin, Team Captain, Club Member; and Sandra Martin, Club Member.



Angela Moore, individual participant.



Representing Weight Watchers: Gloria Goode, Club Member.



Megan Peer, individual participant, Club Member.



Charlotte Williams, individual participant.



Representing The Before and After, from left: Liza Ornelas, Team Captain, Club Member; Marcos Mendoca; Natrese Thomas, Club Member; and Marisol Vielma, Club Member.



Leesa Phaneuf, Individual Boot Camper.

*"Thanks to Yolanda Bunn,
Yvonne Thompson, Sophia Thomas and
Sharon Howze for getting your Club Counselor
Arlene Herrero to see you through this!"*



Representing The OGs Plus One, from left: Beth Hicks and Margaret Peters, Club Member.



Representing Losin' It 'n' Lovin' It: Sue LePre.



Representing 75 or Bust!, from left: Jean Sarfaty, Club Member, and Shawnee Livera, Club Member.



Representing The Biggest Losers: Martha Ulloa, Club Member.



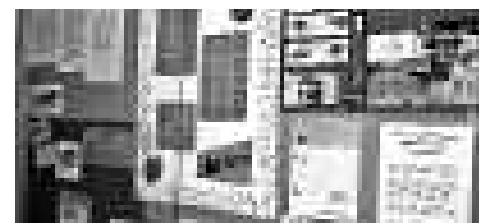
Representing The Underdogs: Deanne Avery.



Dan Bowden, individual participant, Club Member.



Sylvia Mills, individual participant.



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Dream Up Your Perfect Vacation



Tony Adler

We appreciate all your travel business, including seven-night Mexican cruises and weekends in Las Vegas, but our focus in this article is on those once-in-a-lifetime dream vacations — those fantasy trips where you throw out your rational time and money concerns and decide to simply go for it!

What Makes an Ultimate Vacation?

While everybody's dream is different, there are some common characteristics to these ultimate vacations. Time is the first element. Most people don't spend their whole lives dreaming of a trip only to have the reality end in just a week. The average once-in-a-lifetime trip is a minimum of two weeks. We have had quite a few take up to three months!

The next characteristic is the strong desire for unique experiences. When you have many years to fine-tune your dream, it is likely that it extends beyond the ordinary. If it includes London, it might include lunch with a member of the House of Commons. If it includes New York, it might include a backstage adventure with the Rockettes, maybe even dancing with them! If it includes a secluded beach, it might go as far as your own luxury villa on a private island in the Pacific. The point is that these trips take the vacation experience to a whole different dimension.

Finally, there is a funny characteristic that separates the economics of these fantasy vacations. Logic is often thrown to the wind; how can you define the monetary value of your dream? The likelihood is that you handled your finances quite well for many years to be able to finally take your own unique adventure. Now, you are suddenly paying a ridiculous sum of money for the opportunity to jump directly from your patio into the ocean for a view of a pageant of colorful fish. While there is clearly a big value in fulfilling your dreams, it is 100 percent personal in nature and can rarely be justified to others. These trips are for your own wellbeing and happiness. They are indulgences ... pure and simple. They are for that point in your life when you determine that you are entitled to finally cross the line from aspiring toward your dreams to actually living them.

Various Dream Vacations

The dreams vary by the individuals and their passions. For some it is a luxury cruise that takes them across the continents in 90 days. We have many who want to escape the pressures of everyday life and seek the privacy of an idyllic white sand beach on a nearly deserted island many time zones away. Some yearn for adventure and take a three-week safari through Africa that includes sites that most will never see.

For some people, it is how they travel as much as where they travel. How about those private jets? Even we are surprised by how many of these trips we sell! Then there are the upgrades to business-class and first-class air. Most of the time, the additional expenditures are hard to justify, but somehow for these dream trips it seems okay. For some of our clients, these ultimate trips include suites they would usually never stay in, but just this once they take

the plunge. There are some less expensive extravaganzas that can change the dynamics of a trip. For example, being picked up by a private driver and limousine instead of transfers by taxi can be a relatively small additional cost, yet provide a truly unique experience.

Of course, you want to avoid misjudgments like the one I made after a business trip in New York. I arranged for two romantic nights with my wife in the presidential suite at a top hotel. Unfortunately, I didn't take into account my wife's fear of heights. She did not enjoy the 75-floor elevator ride in outside elevators, and certainly not the floor-to-ceiling windows in our suite that was probably larger than our home. The piano in our suite and the gold-plated bathroom were wasted. Fear and romance don't mix well. Ah, the best laid plans ...

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We would sure love to assist you with all your travel needs — short weekends to extended vacations; hotels and villas to cruises, tours and spas. And when you are ready to plan that once-in-a-lifetime dream vacation, we hope you remember to give us a call so we can make sure your experience exceeds even your wildest and best dreams!

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Hope for Firefighters

■ Club Team comes in fourth in this fun annual benefit for Fireman's Relief fund.

Story by Bev Haro, Club Counselor
Photos by Bev Haro and Summy Lam, Club IT Business Analyst

FIRE DEPT. — In the largest firefighters appreciation event in the nation, the Club Team came in a respectable fourth!

Of course that's not the most important part. Far bigger is that the fun raised big dollars for the Fireman's Relief fund, targeted for widows and orphans of LAFD firefighters.

But still, after the Club Team came in dead last in 2004, the team has to be pretty proud! The Club team was Angel Gomez, Mike Louie, John Hawkins, Liz Montes, Daniel Wang and the Ticket Guy (Navin Cotton).

The Bunker Hill Community downtown once again demonstrated its appreciation for the Firefighters through a celebration June 2 with entertainment, firehouse food and skill games. This event brought the downtown community together.

Hope Street between Third Street and Hope Place was closed to make way for the thousands of people who attended.

Corporate teams from local businesses (including the Club) competed in Firefighter Muster games featuring the Bucket Brigade, Firefighter Suit Up Competition and Old-Fashioned Hose Pull Contest. Fire stations partnered with local business sponsors to present a variety of food booths featuring a taste of the firehouse prepared and served by the firefighters themselves.

Congratulations to everyone for a successful event.



Judges choose Station 10 as the winner of the food competition.



Eric Robles, Gen. Services, and other food judges.



Station 26: Hawaiian short ribs.



From left: Training Officer Powell; Officer Wallace; Officer Wright; and Officer Paraska.



Fire Station 29: Korean barbecue.



Fire Station 3: tamales.



98 Task Force: firehouse sundaes.



Station 66: carne asada.



Captain Finn and FS 29.



Battalion 9 from the West L.A. and Palisades Area: cookie ice cream sandwiches.



The Fire Hogs.



The Club Muster Team, back row, from left: Navin Cotton (the Ticket Guy); Liz Montes, Club Counselor; Mike Louie, Member Information Coordinator; and Daniel Wang, Club Intern. Front: John Hawkins, CEO; and Angel Gomez, Sales Manager.



Station 35: tri-tip sandwiches.



Station 10: barbecue pork sandwiches.



Station 15: carne asada.



Station 39: chicken tostadas.



Headquarters Planning: barbecue ribs.



Station 27: chicken burritos.



Barbecuing at Station 9.

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Cooking with the Club

by our own
Robert Larios



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Food Is Big Part of July 4

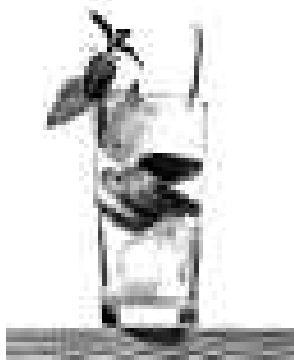
Minty Cooler – Ernesto Rigoberto

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 cup lightly packed fresh mint leaves
- 2 cups lime cordial
- 2 cups club soda
- 4 slices lime

DIRECTIONS:

Reserve 4 mint leaves for garnish. Place the remaining mint leaves and lime cordial into the container of a blender, and process until mint is finely ground. Stir in the club soda. Serve in tall glasses over ice. Garnish with fresh mint leaves and lime slices.



Ah yes! Welcome to July, the middle of the road for the year. We have now passed the official halfway point for 2005. And in some ways, the Fourth of July is the ceremonial halftime, a much-needed break from all that we do in the City. It would only make sense to me that we celebrate in style and class with great recipes from our City colleagues.

Take, for instance, Potato Salad Spangled. Yes, the name that Jesse Jones gives this recipe is thoroughly relevant to the upcoming holiday. Jesse stresses the use of salt and black pepper to aid in bringing out the full flavor of the potatoes. I have to say that Jesse must be a chef by trade because this is what my master chefs at the culinary arts school emphasized every day in the kitchen.

Gerald Tavarez offers Fried Rice Americana as the American version of Chinese Fried Rice. Gerald tells the Club that although this recipe has an American twist, you still have to use soy sauce to give this recipe the kind of flavor Abraham Lincoln would smile about.

No one at the Club kitchen can forget the recipe with the name Crunchy Firecracker Chicken Fingers by Tina Kolmes. What a recipe! It is the ideal combination of flavor and ease to make.

Ernesto Rigoberto has a wonderful drink to keep us feeling cool from the incapacitating summer heat. His Minty Cool recipe is a beverage recipe like no other, but it is definitely one that has to be made by all who read my column.



The trick, he says, is making sure every ingredient is fresh as can be to maximize its cooling effects. I am sure that Ernesto would agree that ice cubes are a necessary component to making this a cool drink.

Last but not least, Martin Felix offers his Chicken 'n' Sticks recipe for the barbecue aficionados. Again, I am fond of quick and easy recipes that have tons of flavor, and believe me, this one has it all.

Happy Fourth of July!

Fried Rice Americana – Gerald Tavarez

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 2 cups water
- 1 (16 ounce) package frozen vegetables, thawed
- 1/4 cup soy sauce (you can't go without it)
- 1 cube chicken bouillon
- 2 cups white rice, uncooked

DIRECTIONS:

Heat oil in large skillet on medium heat. Add eggs; cook until set, stirring occasionally. Remove from skillet. Add water, vegetables, soy sauce and bouillon to skillet; bring to a



boil. Stir in rice; cover. Remove from heat. Let stand 5 minutes. Stir in eggs. Serve immediately.

Chicken 'n' Sticks – Martin Felix

INGREDIENTS

- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- 1 teaspoon meat tenderizer
- 1/2 cup Italian-style salad dressing

DIRECTIONS:

Rinse chicken breasts and pat dry. Sprinkle with the meat tenderizer and place in a sealable plastic bag. Pour the dressing in the bag and turn the chicken to coat thoroughly. Seal and marinate in the refrigerator for 30 minutes to 1 hour.

Preheat an outdoor grill for medium heat and lightly oil grate. Place the chicken onto skewers and grill over medium heat for 5 to 10 minutes per side. Chicken is done when its juices run clear.



Crunchy Firecracker Chicken Fingers – Tina Kolmes

INGREDIENTS

- 2 pounds skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, cut into strips
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon of sea salt
- 1 teaspoon of black pepper
- 1 (12 ounce) package tortilla chips, crushed

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Mix egg beat and milk in a shallow dish or bowl and add salt and pepper; place crushed chips in a separate shallow dish or bowl. Dip



chicken first in egg mixture, then in crushed chips to coat. Place coated chicken on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in preheated oven for 10 minutes; turn sides and bake for another 10 minutes.

Potato Salad Spangled – Jesse Jones

INGREDIENTS

- 3 pounds potatoes, peeled and diced
- 1/3 cup cider vinegar
- 2 teaspoons white sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons dry mustard
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 3/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/4 cup heavy cream
- 3/4 cup chopped onion
- 3 hard-cooked eggs, peeled and chopped

DIRECTIONS:

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil, add the potatoes and let cook until tender. While the potatoes cook, in a large bowl, whisk together the vinegar, sugar, mustard, salt and pepper. Drain the potatoes, stir them into the vinegar mixture and let them mari-



nate for 30 minutes to absorb the flavors. In a small bowl, whisk the mayonnaise, sour cream and heavy cream. Fold this creamy mixture into the potato mixture along with the onions and hard-cooked eggs. Cover and chill before serving if you wish. (This salad keeps for up to three days in the refrigerator.)

Newsbrief

TALL SHIPS IN HARBOR



Nearly a dozen of the world's finest tallships will sail into the Los Angeles Harbor Aug. 11, kicking off the four-day TallShipsLA festival at the Port of Los Angeles. Los Angeles is the sixth port of call in the American Sail Training Association's Pacific Coast 2005 Tall Ships Challenge® Race Series that originates in Vancouver, B.C., and concludes in San Diego. More than 200,000 visitors are expected to attend the four-day event. Highlights include viewing the Grand Parade of Sail, participating in day sail adventures, touring the vessels and enjoying a variety of maritime exhibits. The *Argus*, *Californian*, Mexico's *Cuahtemoc*, Antigua's *Kaisei*, *Lynx*, the *R. Tucker Thompson* of New Zealand, *Royaliste*, *Spirit of Dana Point* and the *Tole Mour* will join the *Exy Johnson*, a 111-foot brigantine built and launched in the Port of Los Angeles. All ships will be available for viewing from a variety of locations along the San Pedro waterfront including Ports O' Call Village. For the adventurous, day sails aboard the tallships are available for purchase on a first-come, first-served basis.

The World According to Lewis the Mule by Matt Bennyworth

Cartoon Corner

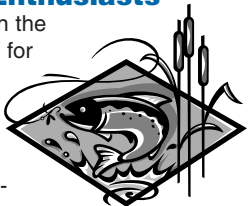


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CLUB CORNER Join These Groups

Fly Fishing Enthusiasts

A club is forming in the Santa Clarita area for fly fishing enthusiasts with all levels of skill. Call Theodore J. Aquaro, (661) 513-1595.



LA City Employee's Asian American Association



Douglas Shur, President

Established in 1971, the Los Angeles City Employees Asian American Association (LACEAAA) was formed to represent employees of Asian/Pacific Islander descent and assist in protecting them from discriminatory acts in their application to, and employment, with the City; and advance employment, education, economic, and social concerns of Asian/Pacific Islanders in City service; and resolve unique work-related problems of any Association member. Call (213) 847-2229 or write to LACEAAA, P.O. Box 86323, Los Angeles, CA 90086 or visit us at www.laceaaa.org.

Los Angeles Filipino Association of City Employees

In 1980, the Los Angeles Filipino Association of City Employees (LAFACE) was organized to serve as an advocate to the fast-growing number of Filipinos in City service. Its primary goal is to promote the general advancement of Filipinos in the City. LAFACE works cooperatively with other minority groups in promoting equal employment opportunities in the City. LAFACE does not limit its function to assisting Filipinos in acquiring employment, promotion, and passing examinations in the City, but also

to promoting the economic, educational, social, and cultural advancement of Filipinos in the community. Contact Caroline Lorenzo (213) 978-3004 or write to P.O. Box 53389, Los Angeles, CA 90053.

Association of City Employees with Disabilities

The Association of City Employees with Disabilities (ACED) is committed to the recruitment, employment, retention and promotion of persons with disabilities. Also, ACED counsels and represents employees faced with discrimination on the job. Call Joe O'Toole at (213) 847-9213.

Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel

The mission of the Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel (LAABP) is to motivate, encourage and educate individuals to realize their dreams and move forward in their career within City government. Contact Steve King at (213) 580-5387 or write to LAABP, P.O. Box 53822, Los Angeles, CA 90043-0822.

Los Angeles City Employees Chicano Association (LACECA)



Jackie Zarate, President

The Los Angeles City Employees Chicano Association (LACECA) was established in 1971 and was the first City recognized employee Affirmative Action Association. Membership is open to anyone interested in supporting the goals and objectives of the organization. LACECA is dedicated to promoting equal employment opportunities in our workplace,

City government and community. It sponsors and supports a variety of training events and seminars to assist employees in their career development. Meetings are usually held the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Personnel Department Building, 700 E. Temple Street. Contact Carlos Portillo, (310) 547-4610, email portillo2339@sbcglobal.net or write to LACECA, P.O. Box 53590, Los Angeles, CA 90053.

Note: On Saturday, Sept. 17, in recognition of Latino Heritage Month, LACECA will co-sponsor the dedication of an exhibit at the Drum Barracks Civil War Museum that will illuminate the role that Hispanics played in the Civil War. Look for more information on this excellent event in this month's *Alive!*

Affirmative Action Association for Women

Established by the City Council as the official representative for female City employees, the Affirmative Action Association for Women (AAAW) has been representing women for more than 25 years. The AAAW is an employee advocate organization that gives particular attention to the advancement of women and minority employees of the City of Los Angeles. Its members, both male and female, serve on association, department, and Citywide committees that focus attention on personnel policies and practices and support a continuing commitment to equal employment opportunities as a basic principle of the City's merit system. Call (213) 847-AAAW, write to AAAW, P.O. Box 53488, Los Angeles, CA 90053, or visit the Website at www.la-aaaw.org.

Los Angeles Municipal Accountants and Auditors Association

LAMAAA is a professional organization of municipal and local government accounting, fiscal and auditing practitioners with a membership of more than 300. The conference was a City-sponsored event. All those who participated were either City or DWP employees.

THE GROUP'S MISSION IS:

- To develop members and assist them acquire the necessary skills to promote themselves towards better positions and responsibilities.
- To promote and perpetuate the prestige and professional status of municipal accountants and auditors.
- To assist each other and develop professional camaraderie, team spirit and cooperation among its members.
- To develop and improve educational techniques in management, commercial, proprietary, governmental accounting and auditing.

IT ACCOMPLISHES ITS MISSION BY:

- Present experts as guest speakers at monthly meetings.
- Host trainings, seminars and other educational programs.
- Publish online newsletters and other informational materials.
- Provide opportunities for members to know and network with their colleagues in other agencies and departments.

BE A MEMBER:

LAMAAA membership is open to all current employees of the City who are either performing accounting, auditing or fiscal functions or have the required educational background or degree in accounting but are in a different job classification. Applicants must fill out a membership application form and submit it with a \$10 donation to the LAMAAA representative in his/her department.

Alive! offers this space every month for Club members to invite other Club members to join their group. It could be work-related, or social, or all about your hobbies. Whatever it is, send us a notice at talkback@cityemployeesclub.com, and we'll post the notice free ... as a service to our members!

Critic's Corner What I Saw

Write a brief review of a current movie — give us the general plot line, whether you liked it, and whether it's appropriate for family audiences. If we print it, we'll send you two free movie tickets! So let's hear it! Send them to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

WIN TWO FREE MOVIE TICKETS



Kicking and Screaming

PG
General Audiences
My Score: 6 (out of 10)

Will Ferrell (Elf) stars as Phil Weston, who takes over as coach of a misfit soccer team after his father, Buck (Robert Duvall), trades his grandson from the team he coaches, the Gladiators, to this other team, the Tigers.

Ever since Phil was a child, his father has always been very competitive with him and always beating him. The two make a bet over their teams winning the championship. Will the Gladiators, who are in first place, lose to the Tigers, who are in last place? An all-too-familiar situation, but there are two incredible soccer players here to be entertained by.

Mike Ditka stars as himself who lives next door to Buck, and who Phil asks to help him coach his team. I am not familiar with Mr. Ditka's sports background, but in this movie I give him a 10 and the movie a 6. I would recommend you wait until it comes to the rental store. I thought the movie had many chances to become a great comedy, but it didn't take them and fell short.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP



Madagascar

PG
General Audiences
My Score: 5 (out of 10)

An animation movie featuring the voices of Ben Stiller as Alex the lion, Chris Rock as Marty the zebra, Jada Pinkett-Smith as Gloria the hippo, and David Schwimmer (from TV's Friends) as Melman the giraffe.

Marty is depressed while his friends are celebrating his 10th birthday. He wants to leave the New York Central Park Zoo, where they are living the good life and go to the wild. The others try to talk him out of it, but in the night, he leaves and heads toward Grand Central Station.

When the others discover him missing, they go after their friend. They are caught, and the powers that be decide to close the zoo and send all the animals to a wildlife preserve. On the way, four penguins take over the ship and while the ship is rocking, our four main characters' crates fall into the water and end up on the island of Madagascar.

I think the movie will be enjoyed mostly by kids.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP



The Longest Yard

PG-13
Teens and Up
My Score: 8-plus (out of 10)

This is a remake of the original The Longest Yard, starring Burt Reynolds. Burt Reynolds is also in this movie and he plays a former college football champion serving time in prison. Adam Sandler plays a former pro quarterback who lands in prison. The prison guards are getting ready for their big football season and will have a warmup game against the inmates. Sandler will lead his fellow convicts into battle against the guards. Some of the inmates are played by prior pro football players Bill Romanowski, Brian Bosworth and Michael Irvin. Chris Rock and Cloris Leachman are also in the movie. I really liked this movie, but of course I love watching football. Obviously this was a comedy and I thought it was very funny. I won't spoil the end, but I recommend seeing this movie. It is rated PG and has sexual humor and violence, so I would not recommend it for young children.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD



Kingdom of Heaven

R
Adults Over 18
My Score: 8 (out of 10)

This was definitely an intense movie. I would not take children under 18 to see this movie, because there was too much blood and violence.

The movie takes place during the Crusades and the intense fighting over the Holy Land, Jerusalem. The movie stars Orlando Bloom, who plays a blacksmith. Bloom lost his family and starts to become of disbeliever of his faith. Liam Neeson plays Bloom's father and is the leader of a group of knights. Neeson talks Bloom into coming and fighting with his Knights.

Together they try to defend the Holy Land. Bloom eventually becomes knighted by Neeson. After Neeson dies, Bloom takes charge of the knights. Bloom tries to defend the Holy Land against the Muslims and is eventually beaten. This movie covers the beginning of the third Crusades. I thought it was educational and accurate according to history. I was pleasantly surprised that I like this movie and I do recommend it.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD



Mr. and Mrs. Smith

PG-13
Teens and Up
My Score: 8 (out of 10)

Brad Pitt (John Smith) and Angelina Jolie (Jane) meet at a bar and pose as a couple, while the police are searching for a lone person who assassinated someone. They have great chemistry (not a surprise) and shortly after, they get married. John tells Jane he works in construction, and Jane tells John she is CEO of a company. Both are really assassins for competing agencies.

After about "5 or 6 years," the marriage has become dull and they start going to a marriage counselor. While they both are on the same assignment, unbeknownst to each other, they both fail and try to kill each other, still not knowing whom the other is. After this failed assignment, they both discover the truth about each other and are ordered to kill each other. Since the marriage is not going so well, this is not a problem for them.

The movie has some of everything! Action, drama, comedy, suspense, love, violence and sex. I thought the movie could have moved just a little faster at times, but I really enjoyed the movie and do recommend it. I think teens and up will also enjoy the movie.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP



The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants

PG
Teens and Up
My Score: 8 (out of 10)

This is the story of four 16-year-old girls who find a pair of used or vintage jeans that they decide to share during their summer apart. Because the jeans fit them all, they come up with the idea that these are magic jeans and will bring them luck when they wear them. The girls decide they will each have them for one week and then mail them to someone else.

One girl stays home during the summer, one girl goes to camp in Mexico, one girl goes to visit relatives in Greece and one girl goes to spend summer with her father. The movie will take turns following each girl and her adventures until they all reunite at the end of the summer.

It is a very nice movie starring Amber Tamblyn, Alexis Bledel, America Ferrara and Blake Lively as the four lifelong best friends.

There is a nice blend of comedy and drama. I found the movie very nice and entertaining. This would be appropriate for adults and teens. It will not be for everyone, though.

— Brenda Mitchell, DWP



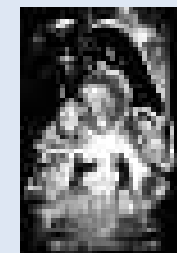
Crash

R
Adults Over 18
My Rating: 7 (out of 10)

Los Angeles is a community of people surrounded by metal and glass, our cars, and we're rarely in contact with one another. We purposely crash into one another for that connection, surmises Det. Graham Waters (Don Cheadle). And so is the premise of this film that follows the lives of several Angelenos in this compelling urban drama and how their lives intersect within a 24-hour period.

The movie is filled with stereotypes that examine how we see ourselves and those around us with fear and bigotry. It is an intense sociological study of human interaction and the cause and effect of buying into the racial profiling of others and ourselves. All the characters are given a true range of human culture. We are drawn in to see the good and bad within all of us. The ensemble cast is top-notch from lead characters to minor ranging from Sandra Bullock, Matt Dillon, Ryan Phillippe, Brendan Fraser, Larenz Tate, Thandie Newton and a host of others. Through a surprising chain of events and characters that careen in and out of each other's lives, no one is safe in the battle zone of racial conflict. Although contrived, by the end of the movie you will leave challenged on how you perceive the world around you.

— Dan Basiglio - LAPD



Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith

PG-13
General Audiences
My Score: 6 (out of 10)

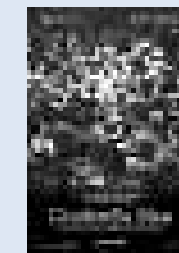
At long last, here's the final installment to the Star Wars series that began in 1977. The whole premise of this movie is Anakin Skywalker's fall from the Jedi and his turn to the Sith. The Sith represents the dark side of the force and desires complete control of the Empire as well as to discredit and destroy all Jedi fighters.

By Star Wars standards, I felt the movie

was pretty pedestrian. Hayden Christensen, Natalie Portman, Ewan McGregor, Samuel L. Jackson and Jimmy Smits all do fine in respective roles, but the story fell flat with simplistic dialogue. Missing is the tongue-in-cheek banter from the original Star Wars film of Luke Skywalker, Princess Leia and Han Solo. Yoda is actually the most compelling character in this series. The special effects are impressive as expected. But I got tired of seeing so much space traffic in almost every scene. It was like having to live next to the 405 Freeway, but in space.

One redeeming point was that the annoying Jar Jar Binks character from the last two films was seen only once and had no dialogue. The end however will not disappoint fans as we see the resolution to the origin of Darth Vader. So you can now rent the original three Star Wars series and understand how it all began.

— Dan Basiglio, LAPD



Cinderella Man

PG-13
Adults and Teens
My Score: 8 (out of 10)

This film is reminiscent of movingmaking of the old Hollywood tradition. It was based on the life of heavyweight boxer Jim Braddock. Russell Crowe once again shows his skill as an actor as he portrays a boxer in hard times during America's Great Depression era of the 1930s. Braddock had a promising career as a prizefighter until the depression hit. With a wife and three kids to feed, he is forced to work as a day laborer and fight at night. Rene Zellweger splendidly plays Braddock's supportive wife Mae. The two struggle to make ends meet to feed their kids and keep the heat on during harsh winters. The movie culminates to Braddock's exciting comeback with fighter Max Baer menacingly played by Craig Bierko for the heavyweight championship at Madison Square Garden in 1935.

But don't be fooled, it's not about boxing, rather about a man fighting to keep his family together and becoming an icon to encourage the nation during difficult times. The boxing scenes are powerful to watch. Director Ron Howard has created an authentic story in words and visuals. Paul Giamatti is excellent as Braddock's manager, as is Bruce McGill as the unflappable fight commissioner. You will be in Braddock's corner all the way.

— Dan Basiglio, LAPD

MOVIE AND BOOK REVIEW GUIDELINES

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- 2) Make sure the movie you're reviewing is still in general circulation, or that the book is available for purchase or library checkout.
- 3) Reviews should be between 100 and 250 words each.
- 4) Movies to be reviewed should be rated G, PG, PG 13 or R. Books should be appropriate for *Alive!*
- 5) Before you begin your review, give us the following information:

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- Movie Name
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- Your Rating (on a scale of 1 to 10, ten being highest)

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- Book Title
- Author
- Publisher
- Number of Pages
- Genre (romance, mystery, self-help, biography, etc.)
- Appropriate Age: Adults, Adults and Teens, or Family
- Your Rating (on a scale of 1 to 10, ten being highest)

- 6) When you write your review, use this structure: a quick opening line or two to catch the interest of the reader; a brief plot summary; and then your reaction to the movie or book. Note: Please don't reveal any plot points from about halfway through the movie (or book) to the end. People want to experience them for themselves!
- 7) *Alive!* welcomes all submissions, but only Club Members and their families are eligible for free movie tickets or gift certificates.
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- 9) Have fun!
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