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## Club Adds Two More Scholarships

■ Applications are now available online for Club Scholarship program.



**THE CLUB** — For its 2006 College Scholarship Program, the Club has increased its number of scholarships to five (from three). That means, five people will be rewarded for their academic achievement and given stipends.

"We're really excited to give back even more to our Club Members," said Club CEO John Hawkins. "It's a response to receiving so many qualified applications last year. So we wanted to reward more people for their excellence, and encourage them to continue their studies."

"We're always amazed at the quality of the applicants," he continued. "We expect this year to be even better."

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## FlyAway to LAX From Downtown

■ Downtown City workers have a new way to LAX: FlyAway buses from Union Station.

Photos by Paula Haney and Robert Larios, Director of Communications and Marketing

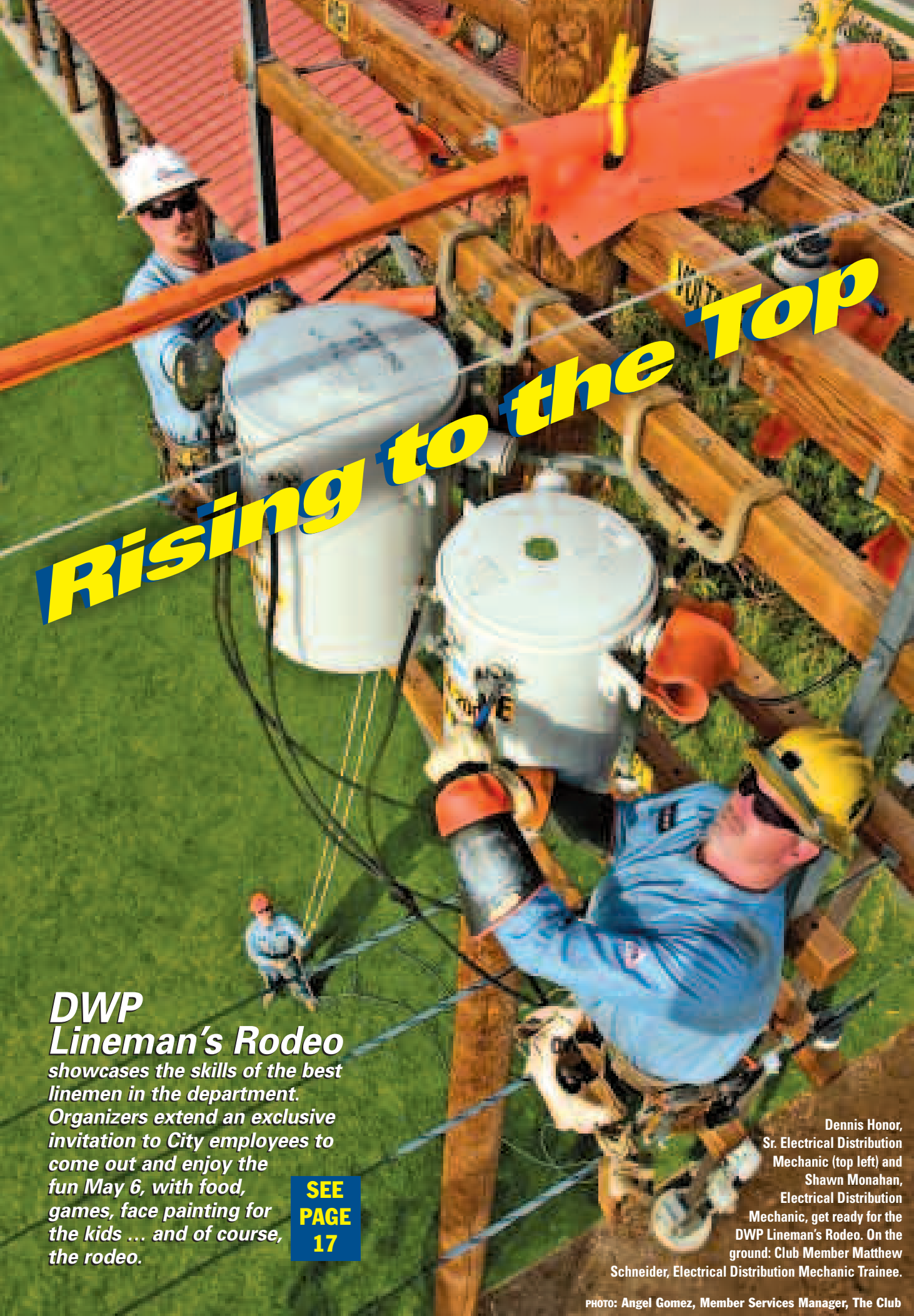
**AIRPORTS** — March 15 was a big day for downtown City workers who need to get to LAX: World Airports began much-anticipated FlyAway nonstop bus service.



"This is a wonderful new addition to mass transit in Southern California," said Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa at the kickoff event. "More than 15,000 trips are made

Club Board Member Mike Biagi, Airports, helped set up the new bus line to LAX.

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**DWP Lineman's Rodeo** showcases the skills of the best linemen in the department. Organizers extend an exclusive invitation to City employees to come out and enjoy the fun May 6, with food, games, face painting for the kids ... and of course, the rodeo.

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Dennis Honor, Sr. Electrical Distribution Mechanic (top left) and Shawn Monahan, Electrical Distribution Mechanic, get ready for the DWP Lineman's Rodeo. On the ground: Club Member Matthew Schneider, Electrical Distribution Mechanic Trainee.

PHOTO: Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager, The Club



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41 male	City Active - Spouse	Metastatic Colon Cancer	\$62,945
67 male	City Retiree	Heart: Arteriosclerotic Cardiovascular	\$20,147
71 female	City Retiree - Spouse	Diabetes Mellitus	\$5,016
74 male	City Retiree	Cancer: Metastatic Prostate	\$5,052
77 male	City Retiree	Dementia & Parkinson's disease	\$5,026
82 male	City Retiree	Carcinomatosis & Carcinoma of Pancreas	\$5,021
83 male	City Retiree	Respiratory Failure, Pneumonia	\$5,022
<b>FEBRUARY TOTAL</b>			<b>\$108,229</b>
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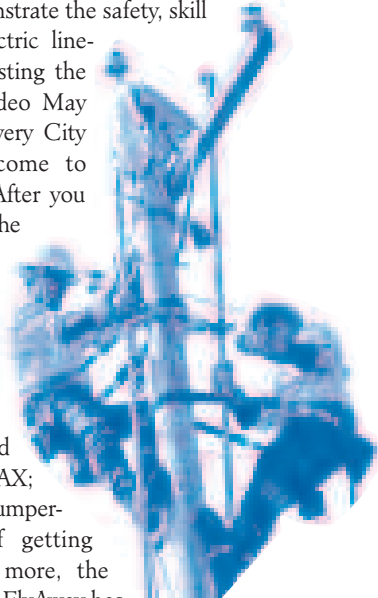
*\* A Message From the CEO \**

# Lineman's Rodeo Shows DWP Skill

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



But you didn't know that our DWP is the largest municipal utility in the good ol' USA! And, as you can imagine, supplying water and electricity to more than 3.87 million residents of this great City is a grueling, and often thankless, task. Just one of the many jobs required of DWP employees is installing, repairing and maintaining thousands of power poles and lines throughout California, Nevada and Utah. It's a dangerous job, as you can see from the front cover shot. To recognize the profession of "line work" as well as demonstrate the safety, skill and education of electric linemen, the DWP is hosting the annual Lineman's Rodeo May 6. Employees from every City department are welcome to come and have fun. After you take another look at the awe-inspiring cover photo, go to page 17 for all the details.



On a different note, if you're like me, you appreciate the lower cost and flight availability of LAX; but, you dread the bumper-to-bumper traffic of getting there. Well fear no more, the Union Station to LAX FlyAway has just begun service. See the front page for the story and take special note of our fearless leader, Mike Biagi, who was an instrumental team member in bringing this idea to reality.

Now, let's talk about something bizarre, mind numbing, gluttonous, comedic and thoroughly entertaining ... RenFair, more formally known as the Renaissance Faire. If you've never been you must go, and if you've been before go for old time's sake. It's from April 8 through May 21, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. This year it's at the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area. The Club has tickets at an unheard-of 40 percent off for adults and 34 percent off for kids (adult Club price, \$13.75; child Club price, \$8.25. Regular prices are \$22.50 and 12.50, respectively). Life is short; go to "RenFair" and live large!

Also, Michelle (a.k.a Club Events Guru) is already making plans for ClubFest 2006. We're putting the call out for bands that want to audition, so if you know of any City employees who play in a band, tell them to contact us (see the notice on page 14).

Last but not least, a big shout out to Lori Gastelum and her son, Steven. Lori sent us an awesome photo to add to our *Alive!* Around the World feature that you have to see. It's on page 42. Go ahead, take a look.

That's it for now. Enjoy your *Alive!*

Until next month,

**JOHN**

jhawkins@cityemployeesclub.com

*p.s. And don't forget to see a great shot of our "Mr. Los Angeles" on page 20!*



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# LAX Begins FlyAway Service from Union Station

## FlyAway to LAX

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through Union Station on a daily basis, so with this kind of daily population to draw from I'm sure the new Union Station Flyaway will be a huge success."

The new FlyAway bus service takes passengers between Union Station in downtown Los Angeles and Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) terminals using freeway carpool lanes. Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa was among the passengers on the first bus from Union Station following a news conference and inaugural ceremonies.

The new nonstop FlyAway from Union Station will operate from Berth 9 at the Patsaouras/Gateway Transit Plaza, on the east side of the trains at Union Station and accessed via Vignes Street. Buses will run in both directions every 30 minutes between the hours of 5 a.m. and 1 a.m., and every hour from 1 a.m. to 5 a.m. The buses will depart Union Station and LAX on the hour and half-hour.

FlyAway buses will drop-off passengers at LAX on the Upper/Departures Level in front of each terminal. Passengers departing LAX will be picked up on the Lower/Arrivals Level in front of each terminal under green signs marked "FlyAway, Buses and Long-Distance Vans."

The 20-mile, 45-minute (in most conditions) ride will cost \$3 one-way for adults, \$2 for children between 2 and 12 years, and free for children under 2 years. Tickets will be available from a kiosk staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week at the Patsaouras/Gateway Transit Plaza.

Parking for up to 30 days is available at Gateway Center Garage (enter on Vignes Street) for \$6 a day. Five hundred covered parking spaces are available for FlyAway customers.

Cash only is accepted for the bus ride. Unlike public buses, FlyAway buses are designed with luggage bays and feature cushioned seats. Porter service will be available to riders.

The ride from Union Station, which takes advantage of high-occupancy-vehicle lanes, takes less than 45 minutes during peak traffic periods.

At the kickoff event March 15, Councilman (and Club Member) Tom LaBonge said, "There was great progress made today by a collaboration of many people, including our mayor and the Council, the LA Department of Airports and all who work for the City of Los Angeles."

World Airports Executive Director Lydia Kennard said, "We're really proud of this new facility, and we hope that it will be a



From left: Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Club Board Chairman Michael Biagi shake hands inside a FlyAway bus at the inauguration of nonstop FlyAway bus service to LAX from Union Station.

great success not only for service to LAX but also hopefully one day service to Ontario airport from Union Station. I'd like to really welcome and thank our staff – Jim Ritchie, Michael Biagi, Susan Collette and Barbara Martinoff – who were the heart and soul of this project; we know it will be a great success and a great service for the people who use our wonderful airport."

In collaboration with other law enforcement agencies, Los Angeles Airport Police will ride the FlyAway

buses on a random basis and patrol station stops on foot. Bomb detection canine teams will conduct periodic sweeps of the buses, station stops and luggage-staging areas. This security operation will also include the Van Nuys FlyAway bus service.

The new service is part of World Airports' ground transportation initiatives to expand its FlyAway bus system to improve passenger convenience and reduce traffic congestion. The new service from Union Station builds upon World Airports' experience operating the popular FlyAway service from

Van Nuys in the San Fernando Valley. The Van Nuys FlyAway has served over 18 million riders and saved 396 million vehicle miles traveled in the region since it began in 1975. World Airports ground transportation experts estimate 2,000-plus cars are removed from local streets and freeways everyday due to VNY FlyAway operations. A new state-of-the-art FlyAway terminal opened at Van Nuys Airport in December 2004. More than 2,000 spaces in a five-level parking structure and another 500 spaces in a surface lot are available at VNY.

The new Union Station location is part of a plan that will eventually add seven more locations around Southern California to the FlyAway system by 2015. World Airports also plans to add FlyAway service to its other commercial passenger facilities at Ontario International and Palmdale Regional Airports as demand warrants.

Expansion of the bus service is a requirement of the LAX Master Plan Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and one of the conditions of the recent settlement of lawsuits filed against the LAX Master Plan.

*The Club thanks Club Board Chairman Michael Biagi for his assistance in producing this article, and we congratulate him for helping to create this much-needed service.*



Club Board Member Mike Biagi, Airports, helped set up the new bus line to LAX.



World Airports Executive Director Lydia Kennard.



From left: Councilman Tom LaBonge, Mayor Villaraigosa and World Airports Executive Director Lydia Kennard.



Councilman Bill Rosendahl.

# LETTERS To the Editor

## Mary Wilkins Finds Many Things to Like in *Alive!*

Hello Club friends. This is Mary again, or Ms. Wilkins to you single, handsome retirees out there. I must admit, each month I eagerly anticipate the arrival of my *Alive!* The first section I seek out is the retirement and death section. I like to view the retirements to see what new friends are joining me in the world of adventure and freedom. I view the death section to make sure my name isn't listed; I mean how else am I supposed to know that I'm really still alive! Now, now, now, you mustn't think me crazy, I'm just having a little fun.

Now the third section I race to is Ms. Rudd's "History Comes Alive" column. I especially enjoyed last month's story about the history of zoning in Los Angeles. And I found the historical tidbits regarding the Chinese laundries very, very intriguing.

Keep up the wonderful work and I hope one day that I will be privileged enough to meet Hynda Rudd. All my best

– **Mary Wilkins, "retired and a happy Club member"**

## Retiree Answer Becomes His Laugh of the Month

Hi folks, you know, I couldn't stop laughing when I read Jill Ball's response to the "Retiree Question of the Month" in the March *Alive!*; she must be a former comedian. I'm laughing right now just thinking about her response. Thanks for the fun!

– **Samuel Hastings III, Public Works**

## Dept. Month Feature's Nearly As Impressive as Actual Dept.

I am so proud of our Port Police. Thank you for doing such a nice job of highlighting them in last month's newspaper. What an incredible group of men and women. All the best.

– **Maurice Stanton, Rec and Parks.**

## He Knows About Channel 35 Because of Tuned In Column

Thank you for telling us about the City's cable channel. I never knew it existed!

– **Manuel Arista, Club Member**

## CEO John Hawkins Isn't Alone Spotting Customer Service Robots

*Editor's note: In his column last month, CEO John Hawkins lamented the experiences he's had with bad "robotic" customer service. He's not alone! Here are some other "robot sightings." And remember, the Club always insists on doing things with a personal touch!—Ed.*

It was so funny. I was reading John's column the other day and had just had a conversation with my children about how customer service used to be. Of course they laughed because they don't understand.

When we go shopping for shoes, we go to the Warehouse Shoe Sale or Skechers Store. They have shoes that the customers just pick their size themselves and try them on. If they fit, they are yours (after you pay for them of course). But I remember when there was a person in the store that would ask what size you wore, go in the back, and heaven forbid assist you with trying them on. Now getting a nice 'Good Morning' is too much work, let alone them helping with a pair of shoes. And when you need assistance you have to go to them behind the counter and ask if these shoes are in the back in your size or is this all you have. It is really getting ridiculous, but that is the year of 2006 for you.

– **Tasha Muldrew, LAFD**

I appreciated and enjoyed your insight into Customer Robots and was reminded of an incident that happened not too long ago. I was servicing my car and needed to get an oil filter. So I went into one of the auto part chains (I won't say which, but it rhymes with "say again.") The way the store is set up, the entrance is right by the cash register. It was slow at that time, so I guess the cashier stepped away from her register and took up post as a greeter. Before I even got through the turnstile, she greeted me and said "Hello, are you finding everything okay?" I had to comment, "Actually, I'm just walking in. I haven't even started looking yet." She apologized realizing that she wasn't behind her register where she issues rhetorical question #6, "Did you find everything okay?" as she rings up a sale. She did point me to the oil filters.

– **Rodney Bernaldo, Public Works**

I have one for you!

I went to K-Mart in North Hollywood yesterday, and before you exit, there is a gal there who halfway checks your bags and puts a check mark on the receipt. Then, with one of the most grating voices I have ever heard, says, "Thank you for shopping at K-mart". At first thought, that's nice, but it is so mechanical and no personality at all and the grating voice. I rather leave the store in silence!

– **Gail Seltzer, DWP**

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# Corrections



In March's Safe Harbor story on page 23, the bottom right photo was misidentified. In the photo is Rosario Ferrara, Sr. Lead Officer, 3.5 years. Our apologies to Rosario.

In a story on page 28 of the March issue of *Alive!*, we listed the wrong job title for Mary Fletcher. She was a Personnel Director III.

*Alive!* regrets the error and wishes Mary a wonderful and prosperous retirement.

Also, in last month's *History Comes Alive!* column, the guest author misstated the name of an organization. The correct name is, the Center for Research on Crime and Social Control.

*Alive!* regrets the error.

In the LAPD Adopt-a-Family story on page 31 of the March issue, the photographer was misidentified. The photos were taken by Senior PSR I Cathy Sotos, Club Member. Thanks, Cathy, for the photographs, and the Club apologizes for not giving you proper credit.

# QUESTION ? of the Month

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

## "What's your favorite part of a baseball game?"



"The look on my kids' faces when I give them their Dodger dogs."  
– **Firefighter William Barnes, 6.5 years**



"Hanging out with my family."  
– **Firefighter Nicolas Avila, 5 years**



"I like it when it comes down to the pennant race, and I still like the Dodger dogs."  
– **Firefighter Doug Lewis, 5 years**



"It's America's pastime. I love the tradition and seeing families come out together."  
– **Trenton Whetstone, Public Safety Officer, Club Member**



"The presence of the fans and the concession food."  
– **Michael L. Johnson, Sr. Lead Officer, GSD, Club Member**



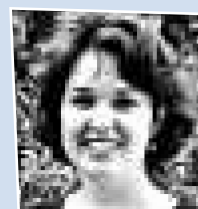
"My favorite team is the Red Sox. I love the relaxing competition of the game."  
– **Darryl Ryan, Major's Press Deputy**



"The best part of a baseball game is watching home runs."  
– **Dorothy Chrisman**



"When players get into brawls!"  
– **Brad Henrickson**

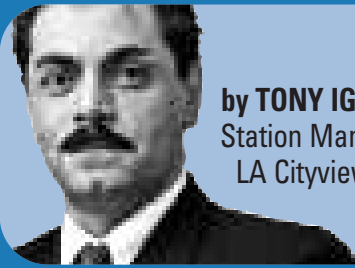


"Getting a giveaway before a major league game starts."  
– **Becky Turner**



"Catching a foul ball...with your bare hands!"  
– **Mike Scott**

# Tuned In



by **TONY IGHANI**  
Station Manager,  
LA Cityview 35



## Council... in the Valley

For many years, the residents of the San Fernando Valley have felt disadvantaged when it came to having their voices heard in City Council. Subject to the approval of the Council in mid-March, the City Council meetings will be held in the newly renovated City Hall in Van Nuys, on the first Friday of each month at 10 a.m. The meetings will be broadcast live, and remote testimony in Downtown Council Chamber will be made available.

This is only the latest milestone in LA Cityview 35's long history of helping bring government closer to its constituents through cable television coverage of City government. Others were: first to provide simultaneous Spanish audio during Council meetings; first to provide closed captioning for the hearing impaired community; and first to provide on-screen voting information for each Council action taken.

Looking at the near future, exciting new initiatives are being developed, including the ability to view all Channel 35 programming on demand on the Internet, as well as a pilot program to provide on-demand Council items with video files at the click of your mouse. So, keep tuning us in and stay informed.

### Highlights of programming in April:

#### Home Shopping "Petwork"

This brand new addition to our weekly lineup gives you the ability to view the pets available for adoption from your City's animal shelters. Where else can you shop from your armchair and have your life enhanced by a faithful companion? Don't miss this golden opportunity to save an animal's life. Airs: Weekdays at 7:30 a. m. and in numerous additional time spots during the week. Please check our listings for further airtimes.

#### L.A. Roundtable

We have added four new episodes to our library this month. Host Dave Bryan, a veteran political reporter, engages his guests in stimulating discussions on topics including the State of Public Education, Policing and the Community, and the ever-rising Cost of Healthcare. Airs: Mondays at 1:30 and 8 p.m.; Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.; Fridays at 4:30 p.m.

#### Disability Forum

Three new, informative segments of Disability Forum are scheduled, with closed captioning, from the Department on Disability. We will be given an insightful look at the Commission on Disability, tour the Festival for the deaf and see the services available for the hearing impaired, and be virtually invited to the Accessible City Exposition where the latest technology, software, and services available to maximize independent living are on exhibit. Airs: Thursdays at 9:30 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m.

#### Aging in LA

The Department of Aging has informative, new offerings this month, as does Council District 6, with a new Future of LA featuring Councilmember Tony Cardenas. Aging in LA airs: Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. The Future of LA can be seen on Mondays at 3:30 p.m. with additional airings listed in our program guide.

For more program listings and information, visit [www.lacityview.org](http://www.lacityview.org).



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## Two More Scholarships

### Scholarship

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In addition to increasing the number of winners, the total amount of scholarship money has also increased 50 percent.

Five scholarships will be awarded in amounts of \$3,500, \$2,000, \$1,000 and two for \$500 (each).

Applications must be in the Club office by noon May 31, 2006.

Applications are available for download only. They will not be available at the Club office, or from Club Counselors, or through the mail. You can download the application materials by going to:

[www.cityemployeesclub.com/scholar.asp](http://www.cityemployeesclub.com/scholar.asp)

"We know that education is expensive, and we fully support the dedication of our Club families to taking care of the educational needs of themselves and their children," Hawkins continued. "We want to help them in every way possible.

"So go online, download the applications and turn them in. We look forward to giving back."

Send questions to:  
[scholarship@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:scholarship@cityemployeesclub.com)



Brittany Stephens won the top prize in last year's Club Scholarship program. She is the daughter of Club Member Robert Stephens.



### Club Scholarship Eligibility requirements:

- All Club Members and their spouses, and children of Club members under the age 25, are eligible to apply. Club members must be in good standing.
- The successful candidate must attend an accredited four-year college or university full time in the fall semester 2006. Current high school seniors matriculating to a four-year school in fall 2006 are eligible.
- Candidates will be judged for academic excellence, community service and financial need.
- Five (5) scholarships will be awarded, in amounts of \$3,500, \$2,000, \$1,000 and two for \$500 (each).
- DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: They must be in the Club office at noon May 31, 2006. All applications must be physically in the Club office at that time to be eligible. Sorry, but the Club is not responsible for delays in delivery.
- Decisions will be made by Club personnel and will be considered final.
- Club office address: 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

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# Harbor Tees It Up

■ Harbor Employees Club hosts its "most excellent" golf tournament.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

**HARBOR** — The Harbor Dept. Employees Club's Most Excellent Golf Classic was held Feb. 17 at Los Verdes Golf Course.

The Club once again sponsored a closest to the pin contest at hole 5. The Club also provided snacks on the green. There was also a "pink ball" for the Lone Ranger game, thanks to Al Takii, who was sidelined at this tournament.

**Here are the winners:**

• **Individual Closest to the pin:**

- Hole 3 (\$75): Dolores Matich
- Hole 5 (\$100 Best Buy Gift Card): Mike Rubino
- Hole 12 (\$75): Henry Martinez
- Hole 17 (\$75): Prashant Konareddy

• **The "Lone Ranger" (pink ball) (\$120):** Pink ball 3 was Henry Martinez, Dave Chrisman, Kent Schuman and Harry Yamatsuka

• **Longest drive, male #7 (\$25):** Brian Chuc

• **Longest drive, female #7 (\$25):** Terri Krystofiak

• **Low gross, men (\$25):** Mike Rubino/Dave Walsh (80)

• **Low gross, women (\$25):** Dolores Matich (113)

**Team competitions (\$160)**

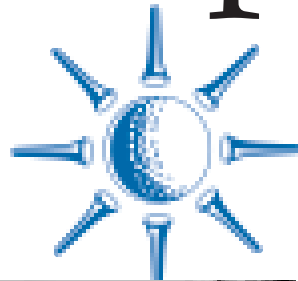
• **First place – Duffers:** Henry Martinez, Ron Sakoda, Butch McBlaine, Jin Kim, Gary Cardamone, Bruce McPheeters, Dave Chrisman and David McKenna

• **Second place – Hackers (122)**

• **Third place – Hookers (119)**

• **Fourth place – Sandbaggers (117)**

The Club thanks Martin Lovato for his assistance.



From left: Tyler Sparks, John Cameron, Brett McDaniel and Mike Rubino, Club Member.



From left: Jin Kim; Ron Reddick; Don Rice, Club Member, and David McKenna.



From left: Ron Kennedy, Rich Davidson, Bruce McPheeters and Dave Sutton.



Representing Port Police, from left: SLO Dave Clements, Glenn Twardy, Ryan Mullany and SLO Rosario Ferrara.



From left: Henry Martinez; Dave Chrisman, Club Member; Kent Schuman; and Harry Yamatsuka.



From left: Martin Lovato, Club Member; Albert Robles, Club Member; Gary Welding; and Ron Sakoda.



From left: Father and son team Stu Susswain, LAX, Club Member, and Kyle Susswain, Harbor.



From left: Prashant Konareddy, Club Member; Andrew Wooster; Brian Correa; and Todd Rother, Club Member.



From left: Gary Cardamone; Mark Rose, Club Member; Steve Imperato; Brian Chuc, Club Member; and Dave Walsh.



From left: Dolores Matich, Gil Arellano, Bill Jeff and Andy McBlaine.



From left: Thomas Asuncion, Club Member; Diosdado Garin; and Emil Zordilla, Club Member.



The all-woman team, from left: Sue Lai, Merilee Hatfield, Terri Krystofiak and Mimi Gutierrez, Club Member.

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# 17 Join New Safety Division

■ **General Services has swearing-in ceremony as it consolidates safety officers from several divisions into one.**

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

**GENERAL SERVICES** — A swearing-in ceremony, held Feb. 16 in the Tom Bradley Room atop City Hall, was a critical part of the department's consolidating public safety officers from different divisions into one new division.

Seventeen new officers from Rec and Parks were sworn in, joining the new General Services Office of Public Safety. Family and friends came to the ceremony.

The new organizational structure was accomplished through a "historic consolidation," according to Chief Gary S. Newton. The different divisions consolidated to

form General Services Office of Public Safety were Rec and Parks Rangers, Library Police, and officers from the Zoo and the Convention Center.

"101 sworn [officers], 300 security officers, 800 municipal buildings, 400 parks, 72 libraries, the Convention Center and the Los Angeles Zoo ... we are a unique citywide patrol service," Chief Newton said.

Transitioning Sergeants included Rick Beutell, Kelly Byrne and Joseph Tafoya. Transitioning officers included Javier Barragan, Ryan Bernaldo, Victor Carrasco, Sean Hennessey, Paul Hernandez, Carl Holmes, Albert Jedinak, John Keers, Francisco Primentel, Felix Rivera, Lev Shaibi, Evelyn Solano, Mark Velasquez and Gildardo Vizcarra.

The National Anthem was sung Kidd Wong, Clerk Typist.

The Club congratulates the new safety officers, and the new General Services Office of Public

Safety. And we thank Sgt. Ray Ingal, Capt. Gerry Perez, Chief Gary S. Newton and Senior Lead Officer Stanley Molden for their assistance.



Sixteen of the former Rec and Parks officers who joined the new General Services Office of Public Safety division at an event Feb. 16.



Command staff, back, from left: Lt. Ray Ingal and Lt. Kevin Montgomery. Front: Captain Gerry Perez, Club Member; Chief Gary S. Newton; Capt. Richard Musquiz; and Lt. Raymond Lucas.



Taking the Oath of Affirmation.



Taking the Oath of Affirmation.



Officer Javier Barragan, Club Member



Officer Ryan Bernaldo



Sgt. Rick Beutell



Sgt. Kelly Byrne is pinned by Chief Gary S. Newton.



Officer Victor Carrasco, Club Member



From Left: Lydia Marquez, Sr. Clerk Typist; Kidd Wong, Clerk Typist; and Iran Mercado, Clerk Typist.



Officer Sean Hennessey



Officer Paul Hernandez



Officer Carl Holmes, Club Member



Officer Albert Jedinak



Officer John Keers



Officer Francisco Pimentel



Capt. Richard Musquiz, Commanding Officer, Parks and Facilities Bureau, delivered his closing statements.



Capt. Gerry Perez, Commanding Officer, Support Services Bureau, delivered his closing remarks, congratulating the new officers and thanking everyone for attending.



Officer Felix Rivera



Officer Lev Shaibi



Officer Evelyn Solano



Sgt. Joseph Tafoya, Club Member



Officer Mark Velasquez



Officer Gildardo Vizcarra



# Thanks for Saving Lives

## ■ LAX Police Officers recognized for saving lives by using defibrillators.

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

**AIRPORTS** — Seven Los Angeles Airport Police Officers earned recognition for saving the lives of three passengers through the use of Automated External Defibrillators (AED) as the passengers traveled through Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). The incidents being recognized all occurred since 2003.

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Fire Chief William Bamattre presented Certificates of Commendation to Airport Police Officers William Handley, Vern Williams, Richard Taylor, Gregg Iwamiya, Tanansuk Chow and Thomas Dye and Sgt. Steven Zouzounis. The Officers were recognized for saving the lives of three cardiac arrest victims by using an AED. An AED is a mechanical/electrical instrument used to apply

an electrical shock to a person whose heart is in fibrillation. The shock is intended to cause the heart to defibrillate and return to a more normal rhythm.

Villaraigosa and Bamattre used the officers' commendations made at the City Council to highlight a new public service announcement about the life-saving utility of AEDs.

LAX has installed AEDs in all terminals in 2003. All Airport Police Officers involved have received training in the use of AEDs.



Sgt. Steven Zouzounis and Officer William Handley receive a special award.



From left: Officers Richard Taylor, William Handley, Vern Williams; Chief Brian Walker; Officers Steven Zouzounis; Tanansuk Chow and Gregg Iwamiya.



From left: Gregg Iwamiya, Anel Mendez, Tanansuk Chow and LA City Fire Chief William Bamattre.



From left: Chuck Lawson, Phillips Medical Systems; Deputy Chief Emil Mack; Chief Brian Walker; Steven Zouzounis; William Handley; and Dr. Marc Eckstien, Medical Director, PAD Program.

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# Tommy Walks Away



■ **Tommy Walker retires from Fleet Services after 33 years of City service.**

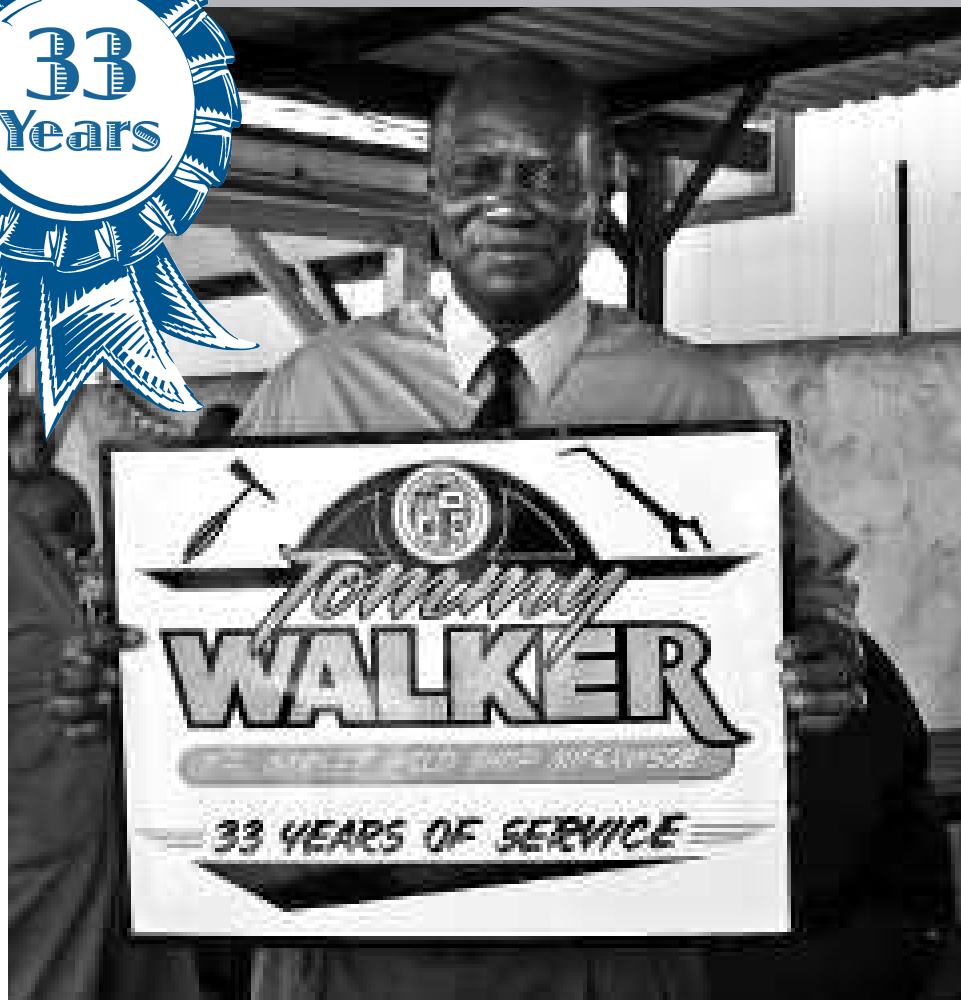
*Story and photos by Jessica Segura, Club Counselor*

**GENERAL SERVICES** — The crew from Fleet Services on Seventh Street honored Tommy Walker for his 33 years of service with the City with a party March 1.

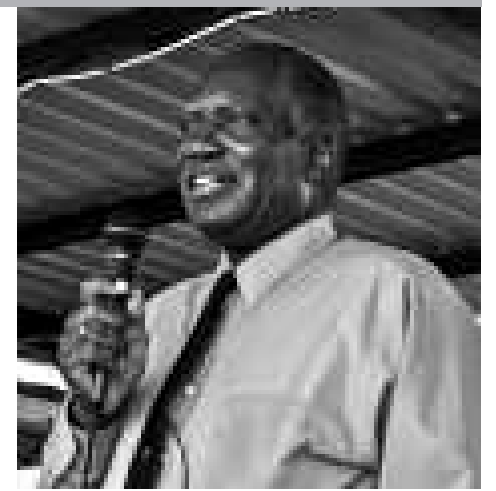
Tommy ended his service to the City of L.A. as a Welding Supervisor in the same place he began 33 years ago.

The afternoon was filled with speeches, gifts and memories of Tommy throughout the years. The crew will miss Tommy's morning greeting, "Hey now!" according to Charlie Valenciano.

A big Club "congratulations" goes out to Tommy!



Tommy poses with his gift from 24th Street.



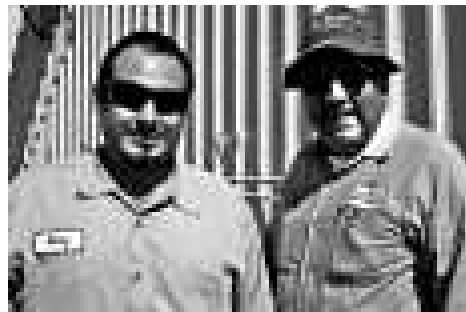
Tommy gives a thank-you speech.



Tommy Walker and his wife enjoy the celebration.



From left: Gilbert Garcia, Body Shop, 6 years; Dan Rivera, Body Shop, 13 years; and Numan Pallie, Garage Attainment, 7 years.



From left: Henry De la Cruz, Welder, 5 years, and Rafael Beltran, Mechanic, 8 years.



From left: Leo Villasenor, Heavy Duty Equip. Mechanic, 9 years; Wilson Wang, HD Equip. Mechanic, 10 years; and Fred Lammers, Welder, 1 year.



From left: Allie Taylor, Clerk Typist, 31 years, and Beverly Batiste, Secretary, 31 years, enjoy the afternoon.



From left: Dante Chinte, Equip. Mechanic, 8 years; Club Member Tom Thepprasit, Equip. Mechanic, 3 years.



Pablo Cortes, Mechanical Helper, 6 years.



From left: Moe Garcia, Electrician, 7 years; Ilan Soussan, Welder, 1 year; and Leonard Mayagotia, Electrician, 17 years.



Front row, from left: Lomant Donerson, HD Equip. Mechanic, 20 years; Alex Lopez, HD Equip. Mechanic, 20 years; and Augustin Vela, Machinist, 17 years. Back: Juan Rivas, HD Equip. Mechanic, 21 years; and Kevin Dorsey, HD Equip. Mechanic, 27 years.



From left (left side): Bob Day, Welder N. Hollywood, 5 years; Ed Segal, Equip. Mechanic, 21 years; and John Kidwell, Auto Supervisor, 23 years. Right: Rick Thayer, HD Equip. Mechanic, 12 years; and Charlie Valenciano, HD Equip. Mechanic, 12 years.



From left: Chuck Gage, HD Equip. Mechanic, 5 years; Jaime Escobar, HD Equip. Mechanic, 15 years; and Dennis Augustine, HD Equip. Mechanic, 17 years.



Don Yeomans, Welder, 16 years, gives a few words on behalf of Tommy.



Friend John Nerio, Welder, 16 years, gives a few words about Tommy.



From left: Kevin Streeter, HD Equip. Mechanic, 1 month; Ed Sutterley, Body Man, 15 years; Thomas Ruiz, Body Man, 8 months; and Jim Okikawa, Auto Body Builder and Repairer, 20.5 years.



Front row, from left: Tim Hall, Welder, 11 years; Adrian Gomez, HD Equip. Mechanic, 16 years; Toni Roverson, Clerk Typist, 17 years; and Jon Johnson, Construction Mechanic, 7 years. Back: Jaime Garza, Machinist, 17 years.



From left: Larry Hirata, Equip. Repair Supervisor, 24 years; Bob Rodriguez, Retired Supervisor, 35 years; and Howard Tapia, Retired Fleet Services, 26 years.



From left: Bruce Sato, Equip. Mechanic, 26 years; Steve Eisenberg, Auto Supervisor, 23 years; Gary Cliff, Equip. Mechanic, 1 year; David Comer, Equip. Mechanic, 3 years; and Julian Reyes, Garage Attainment, 2 years.



From left: Alan Morioka, Equip. Mechanic, 5 years; Melvin Nicholson, HD Equip. Mechanic, 29 years; Arden Houdh, Tech. Services, 21.5 years; and Leonard Walker, Equip. Superintendent, 25.5 years.



From left: Dave Wilson, Equip. Supervisor, 31 years; Ricardo Nanez, Construction Equip., 6 years; and Kelly Scrivens, Pipefitter, Terminal Island, 11 years.



From left: Dave Marshall, Retired Gen. Auto Supervisor, 28 years; Carlos Mesa, Sweeper Shop Supervisor, 21 years; Bob Yamada, HD Equip. Mechanic, 21 years; and Pete Mitchell, Welder, 20 years.



From left: William Nadalsky, Retired Welder Supervisor, 25 years; Bill Armenta, Retired, Asphalt Plant Supervisor, 38 years; Mike DeLeon, Equip. Supervisor, 32 years; and Pete Woodson, Retired, 13.5 years.

# Thwarted Purse Snatching

■ **Animal Services officer's quick action makes her a hero.**

ANIMAL SERVICES — Animal Services officers perform heroism pretty much every day they're in the field. But on March 15, Officer Nancy Page took it even further by stopping an alleged crime.

Officer Page was in the field when she witnessed an alleged attempted purse snatching. Officer Page comforted the victim and then pursued the suspect, keeping the LAPD informed of her location at all times. The police arrived at her location and apprehended the suspect.

Animal Services and the Club are very proud of Officer Page. She went beyond the call of duty and is truly our hero.



Nancy Page

## Newsbrief

### THE CITY COUNCIL HEADS TO VAN NUYS

COUNCIL — The City Council unanimously approved a motion by Councilman Greig Smith March 10 to hold complete City Council meetings at the Valley Municipal Building (Van Nuys City Hall) once a month to allow Valley residents easier access to hear and comment on issues before City Council.

"I'm a big believer in improving access to and transparency in government," Councilman Smith said. "Residents of the Northwest Valley should not have to drive all the way downtown through heavy traffic to make their voices heard on government issues that directly affect them. Holding City Council meetings at Van Nuys City Hall will bring government to the public."

The motion was part of Councilman Smith's persistent efforts to make the Valley's voice heard in City Hall and make City government more accessible and transparent for Valley residents. In 2005, Councilman Smith also introduced legislation to use videoconferencing technology that now allows residents to hear and make public comments on issues before City Council from Van Nuys City Hall. The City's Information Technology Agency will also implement an advanced system that would allow technicians at City Hall remotely control video camera equipment to film the City Council in Van Nuys for broadcast on City Channel 35.



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## SPRING PROGRAM

<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #fce4ec; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px;"><b>APRIL 11</b></p> <p><b>NOON: BOBBY RODRIGUEZ / Jazz Adventure</b>                  A high-energy program that showcases a variety of jazz styles.</p> <p><b>1:30PM: INCA FLUTES / Stories of the Incas</b>                  Adventure stories told through the beautiful music of the Inca flutes.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #fff9c4; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px;"><b>APRIL 12</b></p> <p><b>NOON: STREET BEAT &amp; FEET</b>                  Hip hop dancers use gadgets as instruments to get the beat.</p> <p><b>1:30PM: URBAN POETS</b>                  Choreographed poetry infused with hip hop, art, and drama.</p>
<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #ffe0b2; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px;"><b>APRIL 13</b></p> <p><b>NOON: WEUSI DRUM &amp; DANCE</b>                  Interactive African folk tales, traditional drum playing, and African dance.</p> <p><b>1:30PM: STRING PLANET / Fantastic Fables</b>                  Imagination comes to life with these string instrument storytellers.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #e1bee7; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px;"><b>APRIL 18</b></p> <p><b>NOON: URBAN POETS</b>                  Choreographed poetry infused with hip hop, art, and drama.</p> <p><b>1:30PM: JAZZ FOR WEE PEOPLE</b>                  The story of jazz told through dixie land and rhythm and blues.</p>
<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #bbdefb; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px;"><b>APRIL 19</b></p> <p><b>NOON: INCA FLUTES / Stories of the Incas</b>                  Adventure stories told through the beautiful music of the Inca flutes.</p> <p><b>1:30PM: WEUSI DRUM &amp; DANCE</b>                  Interactive African folk tales, traditional drum playing, and African dance.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #c8e6c9; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px;"><b>APRIL 20</b></p> <p><b>NOON: STRING PLANET / Fantastic Fables</b>                  Imagination comes to life with these string instrument storytellers.</p> <p><b>1:30PM: STREET BEAT &amp; FEET</b>                  Hip hop dancers use gadgets as instruments to get the beat.</p>

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# Art at the Port



Artist: Patssi Valdez

## ■ Harbor sponsors its first Art on the Waterfront Festival.

HARBOR — The Port of LA is celebrating the art and culture of the Harbor area by throwing an art party, to feature cargo container art installations, live performances, family activities and skateboarding demonstrations.

The first Art on the Waterfront festival at the Port of Los Angeles in San Pedro celebrates the art and culture of the port communities and Southern California. The San Pedro area has long been the center of a vibrant art scene. This first of what the Port hopes will be an annual event brings together a broad collection of Southern California artists to showcase their talents along the main channel of the nation's largest container port.

The festival is set for 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 29 at the Port of Los Angeles Harbor Boulevard Parkway, Harbor Boulevard between Santa Cruz and Third Streets, San Pedro.

The festival is free; there will be free parking at Harbor Boulevard and First Street.

There will be skateboard demonstrations, free performances and family activities all day. Food will be available for purchase

### To be featured:

- Six commissioned art installations in 20-foot cargo containers
- An art fair featuring Harbor area artists
- A stage for live entertainment, featuring cultural dancing groups
- Skateboarding demonstrations by the Wicked Wahine
- Artist-lead children's activities
- Chalk artists

The festival is sponsored by Angels Gate Cultural Center ([www.angelsgateart.org](http://www.angelsgateart.org)); SP Arts ([www.SanPedroArts.org](http://www.SanPedroArts.org)); Port of Los Angeles ([www.portoflosangeles.org](http://www.portoflosangeles.org)); Rec and Parks ([www.laparks.org](http://www.laparks.org)); and Councilwoman Janice Hahn, 15th District ([www.lacity.org/council/cd15](http://www.lacity.org/council/cd15)).

## Where in LA?

### COMING IN MAY:

## An even better Where in LA photo contest!

We'll bring you even more photo fun next month, in a feature we're calling: *Where Was I Taken?* Expect a new twist ... more great City locations ... and, of course, a great Club prize.

So keep studying your City!

Look for it in the May issue of *Alive!*

### Here is the winner from last month's Where in LA contest:

## Gary Kotas, LAPD

The photo in your newsletter shows the Los Angeles Police Memorial, located in front of the Parker Center.

In 1969, John J. McMahon, Vice President and General Manager of KABC-TV, began fundraising for a memorial to honor members of the Los Angeles police force who died while serving their community. The architectural firm of Charles Luckman and Associates, which had close ties to Mayor Sam Yorty, volunteered its service, and Horace Farmer, a designer at the firm, was assigned the project.

Farmer related the memorial to the massing and geometry of the surrounding International styled buildings by adapting an earlier design of his for a block of skyscrapers unified by a common sloping roof. Four square columns representing the authority and strength of the members of the Los Angeles Police Department who were killed in the line of duty rise from the center of a reflecting pool. The 45-degree slope at the top of each column symbolizes the lives cut short while the different heights refer to differences in the years of service of the slain police officers. Each column measures 29" on each side; the height ranges from 15'3" for the shortest, to 18' for two columns and to 20' for the tallest. The black color of both the columns and the polished granite bordering the pool create an appropriate somber tone. An inscription, "In memory of the me of the Los Angeles Police Department who have given their lives in the line of duty" is now covered by a plaque that honors all the officers—both men and women—who died while serving our city. The names of fallen officers are inscribed in the marble border of the pool. Due to cost restrictions, the columns were constructed not of solid granite as originally planned, but with sheets of flame-finished Bergen Senite granite from Italy over a steel frame.

On October 1, 1971, the \$75,000 memorial was dedicated on the northwest corner of Parker Center during ceremonies led by actor Jack Webb, the star of *Dragnet*, the popular television series about the Los Angeles Police Department. The major address that day, however, was given by the Attorney General of the United States and Nixon's closest advisor, John N. Mitchell. Rather than honoring the memory and sacrifice of the city's slain officers, and using the occasion as a time for healing and reconciliation, Mitchell, who later was sentenced to prison for conspiring with the President of the United States to obstruct justice in connection with the Watergate break-in, gave a political speech attacking dissenters. Our country, he warned, was threatened by the "tyranny of the mob" as well as by the emergence of "a whole new type of criminal—the fanatic revolutionary who kills with bombs and ambushes police, who inflames mobs to violence."

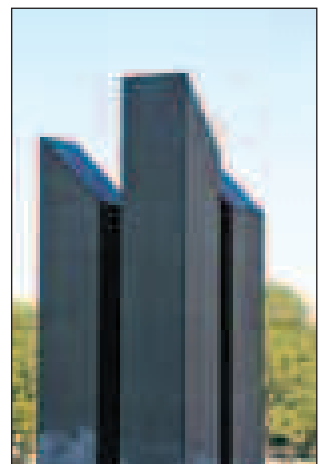
As passions defining that divisive and contentious era have faded, the Police Memorial has become accepted as a commemorative setting for an annual renewal of our respect for those who serve the common good. This somber memorial says to those who daily pass, here is a place to honor those who died while protecting our community and now is the moment to hear and remember the cries of the families shattered by the sacrifice of loved ones. The materials and forms speak of permanence but the memorial is not frozen in time. It does not anchor the present with a fixed event in the past. Indeed, the memorial remains uncompleted because it records in perpetuity our imperfections with a list of officers that continues to grow.

### HONORABLE MENTION:

**John Tusso, General Services**

**Ken Moody, ITA**

Get ready for even more City photo fun ... in the May issue of *Alive!*





## City Employees Club of Los Angeles with the L.A. Avengers

**Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 7:30 p.m.**

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# Housing H.E.R.O.s

■ Housing recognizes exemplary employees.

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

**HOUSING** — The Housing Department awards an employee every quarter who has demonstrated outstanding work performance. On March 1 at the LAHD headquarters, Peter Partnoff was announced the fourth quarter H.E.R.O.

According to event organizers, Peter has been a great asset to the Department by sharing his expertise with the constituents as well as his fellow workers. He possesses a friendliness and professionalism that are exemplary. Peter performs his duties with the utmost humanity and caring.

Currently, Peter has been assigned to the Case Management Section, and is the primary Code contact for the new Primary Renovation program.

The H.E.R.O. committee invited all past winners to attend the presentation to be recognized again for their efforts. Carlos Pelaez was given the 2005 H.E.R.O. of the Year award, and received a \$200 check. Quarterly winners received a \$100 check.

Congratulations to all the winners!



Carlos Pelaez, 2005 H.E.R.O. of the Year.



The H.E.R.O. Committee Members.



From left: Hakha Mortezaie, Peter Partnoff, Beverly Mims, Felipe Hernandez, Tim Hess, Carlos Pelaez, Agnes Lung-Tam and Domingo Saucedo.



From left: Domingo Saucedo, Director; Agnes Lung-Tam, Acting Assistant General Manager; Peter Partnoff; and Hakha Mortezaie, Director of Compliance.



H.E.R.O. Winners, from left: Felipe Hernandez, Tim Hess, Peter Partnoff, Carlos Pelaez, Robert Galardi and Beverly Mims.

## The Word on the Street



Cecilia Talbot, Club Claims Administrator

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.

### Service From the Heart ... When You Need It Most

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— Betty White, Feb. 2006

To all at the City Employees Club, your thoughtfulness is a reflection of God's heart. Thank you and God bless each of you.

— Cheryl Harper family, Feb. 2006

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness, sincerely.

— Margarita Watts, Feb. 2006

Thank you for your kind expression of sympathy on the passing of my husband. I was touched by the card (signed by so many people) and the wonderful book, *The Fall of Freddie the Leaf*. I cried when I read it, and I will never forget it.

— Harriet S. Miller, Feb. 2006

Thank you so much for the nice letter you sent to me regarding my husband Casildo Salazar, and the nice book you sent with it. Your kind and thoughtful words meant a lot to me at this time.

— Linda Salazar, Feb. 2006

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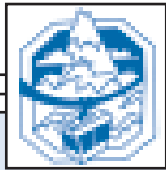
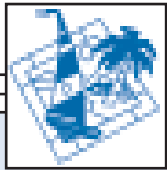
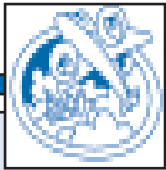
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## OFFICIAL CLUB PARTNER



# Travel Talk

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



Tony Adler

## Travel and the Value of Service

This month's travel column was inspired by a five-year-old washing machine. During those five years, this machine has needed 18 service calls. It has never worked well. It has had mold and mildew problems, and continual drainage problems. About a year ago, I found out I was not alone with this problem. There was a class-action suit that I was notified about. As part of the settlement, the manufacturer came out to fix the washer...again. The fix lasted 104 days, just two weeks longer than the 90 days that were guaranteed. After hours on hold, disconnections too numerous to count, being advised that managers were rarely available, and letters to the company president and vice presidents that went unanswered, I accepted that the company had defeated me. When I purchased the washer, I was able to justify \$1,100 cost because of the company's reputation for superior quality and reliability. I could excuse the breakdown in quality and reliability, but not the lack of customer service. The result is that I will never purchase another appliance from the company. When purchasing a new washer last week, I did not even look at one from the company. For me, the company fell short on delivering as promised.

My company sells travel, and this whole washing machine thing had me evaluate how well we do when it comes to service, and also how well our suppliers do. Just how important is service? So much of it is tied to expectations. Our clients expect much more from a Ritz-Carlton hotel than they do from a Holiday Inn. People realize that both hotels provide beds to sleep in, but some people are willing to pay much more for the extra service, which includes "free" amenities. In luxury hotels, that could mean better-trained staff at check-in, more luxurious beds, marble bathrooms, free bottled water, and deluxe shampoos and conditioners.

Why do some people select a truly luxury cruise over a more mass-market product? While the ships might visit the same ports, one cruise can offer rates from \$150 to \$200 per day, while the luxury brand can be at least twice that. But, just like in hotels, many can justify the additional expense because of their perceived value. A smaller ship with larger rooms, superior food and more personalized attention can be appealing. Some include wine at dinner and free cocktails. A few welcome families and do not charge for soft drinks. It is often the little things that add up. The cruise line also pays more for its food, and its higher staff-to-passenger ratio.

It works the same with airlines. None of us really believes the food in first class is worth hundreds more dollars. But, the additional legroom, more comfortable seats and faster check-in are features that add to the whole experience, and some are willing to pay the cost for those features. It is always funny to me when people purchase first-class air for a flight that lasts hours, and then compromises on the hotel they are in for days.

If we agree to pay more for a product, whether it is a hotel room, cruise or washing machine, we have reasonable expectations to receive the intangibles we paid for. When a company falls short in delivering the extra value proposition we purchased, we are usually less inclined to shrug our shoulders as if it does not matter. It certainly does matter! The hotel, tour and cruise companies who charge more for their products than their competition usually (thankfully) fulfill their promises and exceed expectations. That is how they continue to thrive.

Of course nothing is 100 percent. We recently stayed at a very expensive luxury hotel in Las Vegas. We understand paying a daily rate for Internet service, but I did not think it was right that the hotel did not provide a free Ethernet adapter in the room. Even some of the cheap motels offer that. To add insult to injury, they had an Ethernet adapter in the mini-bar available for purchase at \$12. Don't you just hate the nickel and dime-ing? When we visited Vegas the next time, we stayed at a different luxury hotel, The Wynn. The first thing I checked was whether or not they charged for the Ethernet adapter. They did not. We have moved several clients over to the Wynn. Once again, it is the little things.

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# THE BANDS ARE BACK FOR

# ClubFest 2006!

**Club Members told us loud and clear: The bands – featuring musicians who are also City employees – were a big hit at last year's ClubFest. So, we're doing it again!**

**ClubFest 2006 is set for Sunday, Oct. 1, at Calamigos Ranch in the hills overlooking Malibu.**

**Help us build the best ClubFest ever. Are you a City employee? Are you a musician and part of a band that wants to play (for pay) at ClubFest 2006? We want to know!**



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Contact Michelle Moreno, Club Events Guru:  
mmoreno@cityemployeesclub.com



# Engineering Excellence

## ■ City engineers win awards for several noteworthy engineering projects.

Story by Jessica Segura, Club Counselor;  
Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Communications and Marketing

LACES — The City won several engineering awards from the Los Angeles Council of Engineers and Scientists (LACES) at its annual banquet Feb. 22.

The event was held at the Stadium Club at the Home Depot Center in Carson, which was the winner of last year's Project of the Year award.

This year, the City was given many awards for numerous projects. These awards were given to:

- Public Works Bureau of Street Services and Caltrans for the Vincent Thomas Bridge Decorative Lighting Project;
- Transportation and the MTA for the San Fernando Valley Orange Line;
- Public Works Bureau of Engineering for the Sun Valley Branch Library; and
- Public Works Bureau of Sanitation for the modernization and rehabilitation of Primary Battery "D" at Hyperion Treatment Plant.

Receiving the Leadership in Engineering award was the Public Works Bureau of Sanitation for the U.S. Borax recycling and reuse project.

The Project of the Year was awarded to

Rec and Parks for the Exposition Park Intergenerational Community Center.

The Media Award was given to the Public Affairs Office for the Osborne Street Bridge situation.

Individual New Outstanding Engineers awards were also given out to these Public Works Bureau of Engineering employees: Zohra Akhter, Jennifer Kong, Edgar Mercado and Shaun Yepremian.

The night concluded with the George Washington Engineer of the Year award, presented to Sam Tanaka, Public Works Bureau of Engineering. Sam was given the huge project of building 32 public libraries throughout the City of Los Angeles. He not only completed his project on time but he finished under budget and with money left over to build more!

A big Club "congratulations" goes out to all the awards recipients.



Representatives of the US Borax recycling and reuse project accept the award for Leadership in Engineering.



Michael Simpson, LACES officer, starts off the banquet.



From left: Mayor Pro-Tem Julie Ruiz Raber and Councilman Harold Williams welcome LACES to the City of Carson.



Representatives from Transportation and the MTA accept the award for the San Fernando Valley Orange Line.



Sam Tanaka receives his award for Engineer of the Year.



Zohra Akhter accepts her award for New Outstanding Engineer.



From left: A representative from the Vincent Thomas Bridge Project accepts the award from Michael Simpson, LACES.



Belinda Jackson, Project Manager and Executive Director, Rec and Parks, accepts the award for Project of the Year at Exposition Park.



Edgar Mercado accepts his award for New Outstanding Engineer.



Shaun Yepremian accepts his award for New Outstanding Engineer.



Steve Pham accepts the award for the Hyperion Treatment Plant project on behalf of the Public Works Bureau of Sanitation.



Jennifer Kong accepts her award for New Outstanding Engineer.



Sam Tanaka accepts the award for the Sun Valley Branch Library on behalf of the Public Works Bureau of Engineering.

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- Legal assistance (TRO's etc.)
- Medical Services



# Firefighter of the Year

## ■ Capt. Stephen Ruda wins this year's honor.

Story by Bev Haro, Club Counselor;  
Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Communications and Marketing

**FIRE DEPT.** — The LAFD hosted its annual Firefighter of the Year event March 9 at the Omni Hotel downtown.

Capt. Stephen Ruda won the honors.

The following description was provided by Brian Humphrey, Public Service Officer, LAFD:

"A man of both faith and courage who has served his country with distinction as a United States Marine, and since excelled as a leader in our agency, Capt. Stephen J. Ruda was honored by his peers as LAFD's 'Firefighter of the Year.'

"This year's honoree is not only widely known for his countless contributions to the Fire Service

and community, but also for an inspiring message he wrote on a quilted wall hanging sent as a tribute to the passengers and crew of September 11's Flight 93. His heartfelt opening words soon became the Mission Statement of the Flight 93 National Memorial:

"A common field one day. A field of honor forever. May all who visit this place remember the collective acts of courage and sacrifice of the passengers and crew, revere this hallowed ground as the final resting place of those heroes, and reflect on the power of individuals who choose to make a difference."

### Congratulations to Capt. Ruda!



Firefighter of the Year: Capt. Stephen Ruda.



Captain Paul Silveri and his wife, Valerie.



Front row, from left: Capt. Butler, 25 years; Firefighter Jerry Johnson, 18 years; Capt. Steve Ortiz, 19 years; and Paramedic Richard Barnett, 15 years. Back row: Battalion Chief Kawai, 29 years, Battalion 5; Apparatus Operator Wilkinson; and Capt. Glen Miyagishima, FS 9.



Capt. Robert Rosario with his wife, Kathy.



Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa greets a table of firefighters and families from Fire Station 27.



From left: Firefighter Steve Ortiz, 3 years; Firefighter Paul Duke, 2.5 years; Firefighter Robert Hawkins, 4 years.



Firefighter Jim Rodriguez and his wife, Aggie, FS 88



Tom and Sharon Yost, FS 27.



From left: Firefighters Eric Mendoza and Dustin Powell, 3 years.



Engineer Herb Johnston with his wife, Suzanne.



Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa describes Capt. Stephen Ruda's career with the LAFD.



From left: Firefighter Joseph Smith, 2.5 years; and Rosa Tufts, Arson Investigator, formerly engineer with Fire Station 27, 22 years.



Firefighter Dustin Hurwitz.



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# DWP Lineman's Rodeo

■ **City employees are given exclusive invitation to be spectators at the fun event, which also includes food and activities for the kids.**

DWP — City employees work hard every day in all sorts of locations. But it's not often when City workers get to watch their fellow employees do their thing in one setting — and for trophies!

That's the opportunity May 6, as City employees and their families are invited to catch all the action at the 2006 Lineman's Rodeo. The general public is not invited, only City employees and their families. There will be much to enjoy at the event, including fun, food, games and kids' activities.

The competition — featuring up to 65 (35 journeymen, 30 apprentice) three-person teams

of highly skilled employees who climb utility poles or assist those who do — is a local version of a national competition. Participants at the Southern California Lineman's Rodeo come from the DWP and other municipal utilities throughout the region.

The challenges, which are timed and judged according to efficiency and safety, include:

#### Journeyman challenges:

- Pole Climb
- Hurtman Rescue
- Switch Changeout
- Cross Arm Changeout
- Suspension Insulator Changeout

#### Apprentice challenges:

- Pole Climb
- Hurtman Rescue
- Apprentice Test
- Shorts and Grounds
- Sidewalk Guy Installation

The Lineman's Rodeo Committee is also looking for vendors and sponsors. If you're interested, inquire at the Website listed in the box.

## 2006 Lineman's Rodeo

- 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Saturday, May 6
- DWP Power Distribution Training Center  
11760 Truesdale St., Sun Valley

#### Schedule:

7 – 8 a.m.:	Team registration
8 – 8:30 a.m.:	Apprentice quiz
8:30 a.m.:	National Anthem/start of competition
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.:	Balloons and face painting (for the kids)
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.:	Food served
2 p.m.:	Competition ends
2:30 p.m.:	Awards presentation

#### Needed:

The LA Lineman's Rodeo Committee is looking for vendors, sponsors and competitors. If you're interested, inquire at the Website listed below.

#### Information:

For more information, here is a Website set up by the Lineman's Rodeo Committee:  
[www.lalinemanrodeo.com](http://www.lalinemanrodeo.com)

**Support your fellow City employees and enjoy a fun day!**

## The Club's 'Unleashed Imagination'



Club Chairman of the Board Michael Biagi (right) presents the 2006 Chairman's Award to Board Member David Muraoka.



Club CEO John Hawkins (left) presents the 2006 President's Award to Summy Lam, Club IT Business Analyst.



Brian Trent, the Club's Chief Financial Officer, swears in the the Club's Board for 2006, from left: Michael Leighton, David Muraoka, Mike Biagi, Regner Globus, Robyn Barnes and Maria Romasanta.

■ **Achievement was celebrated at the Club's annual association meeting.**

Photos by Summy Lam, Club Tech Guru, and Robert Larios, Director of Communications and Marketing

THE CLUB — "Nothing limits achievement like small thinking; nothing expands possibilities like unleashed imagination."

Those words, written by William Arthur Ward (1921-94), were recalled by Club CEO John Hawkins as inspiration for the Club's year ahead.

John said them as part of his address at the Club's annual association meeting, held Feb. 28 in the Tom Bradley Room high atop City Hall.

The meeting had several purposes: to nominate and elect Board Members for the coming year; to provide a vision for the Club's growth in 2006; to recognize excellence in service to Club Members; and to celebrate those who make the Club a success.

"That's what we are doing here today, unleashing imagination so that we can continue to achieve things that celebrate the lives and work of

City employees ... to achieve things that no one even imagined were doable," John continued.

"The association's staff continues to offer the City employees of Los Angeles the ultimate in customer service, while at the same time celebrating the lives and work of City employees," said Club Chairman of the Board Michael Biagi, Airports, in his address. "It's what the Club is all about."

Biagi then led the nomination and election of officers. The slate of officers elected for 2006 is:

- Michael Leighton, Director of Publishing Services, General Services
- David Muraoka, Principal Detention Officer, Van Nuys Jail, LAPD
- Mike Biagi, Chief, Landside Operations, Airports
- Regner Globus, Property Manager, Airports
- Robyn Barnes, Senior Management Analyst, Fire and Police Pension System
- Maria Romasanta, Executive Assistant, DWP

#### Awards

The Club's 2006 President's Award, given to Club staff member who has gone above and beyond the scope of their job, was given to

Summy Lam, the Club's IT Business Analyst (the Club's Tech Guru). "Summy Lam is constantly motivated," John Hawkins said. "He continues to work with vigor and dedication. He single-handedly championed the new Website, and led the rest of the team in its development. He spends much of his time working on financial analysis and photography for Alive!, but still finds time to get all of his IT assignments done."

"He has created volumes of documentation pertaining to every aspect of the Club's business procedures. If we ever encounter a disaster that interrupts our normal business functions, our ability to recover from that disaster will be greatly enhanced by the effort he has put forth. He is hard working, dedicated and thorough. If I ask him to do a task, I can rest easy, knowing that it will be done quickly, with attention to detail and thoroughness."

The Club's Chairman's Award, given to a Board Member who has had a proven track record of enthusiastically promoting and publi-

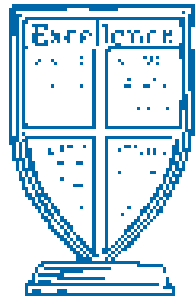
cizing the Club throughout the City of Los Angeles on and off the job, was given to David Muraoka. "Since 1987, David has participated in the Life, Spouse Life, and AD&D programs offered by the Association," Mike Biagi said. "By 2000 he became active in the Association's affairs by serving on the Member Services Committee. As a newly elected Board Member in 2003, he volunteered to chair the ClubFest Committee and has been doing so ever since. When called upon to help with our causes, he is the first one to help, always doing so much more than was expected."

"His constant activity in the field, promotion of the Club, opening access to sites for counselors, and the success of the last three ClubFests under his direction merit special recognition by his Board peers and fellow Members."

Special thanks go to Club Events Guru Michelle Moreno and Club Administrative Services Rep Lupe Medina, who produced the excellent afternoon event.



# Recognizing Excellence



From left: Presiding Justice Paul Turner, State of California Court of Appeal, receives a plaque of thanks from Tom Hyde, President, Central City Police Boosters.

## Central City Police Boosters hosts Recognition Day luncheon and awards ceremony.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor;  
Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

**POLICE DEPT.** — Five Central City police employees and one civilian volunteer were honored March 2 as the Central City Police Boosters hosted its annual Recognition Day luncheon and awards ceremony at the Wilshire Grand Hotel.

Keynote Speaker was Presiding Justice Paul Turner, State of California Court of Appeal. Special guest Councilwoman Jan Perry presented a resolution. Additional guests included Chief Lee Carter and Commander Lewis Gray.

Special Recognition President's Award recipient was Senior Lead Officer Larry Pratt.

Here are biographies of those honored at the luncheon:



From left: Roshon Gonzalez, P2; Travis Jones, P2; Tenesha Dobine, P2; and Queta De La Mancha, PSR.



Sr. Lead Officer Larry Pratt, pictured with Councilwoman Jan Perry.



Sgt. David Nunez thanks everyone for an award he "really wanted."



The Central City Color Guard, from left: Cindy Rodriguez; Maria Gonzalez; Officer Tenesha Dobine, P2; Cristal Zapata; and Ricardo Gutierrez.



From left: Capt. Andrew J. Smith, Commanding Officer, LAPD Central Area, Club Member; Detective of the Year, Cora Handayan, Detective II; Chief Lee Carter; Commander Lewis Gray; Capt. Jodi Wakefield, Commanding Officer, Central Patrol Division; Lt. Tom Brasica, Detective Commanding Officer; and Tom Hyde, President, Central City Police Boosters.



From left: Capt. Andrew J. Smith, Commanding Officer, LAPD Central Area, Club Member; Police Officers of the Year Derrick Prude, Police Officer II and Jose Ferreira, Police Officer III; Chief Lee Carter; Commander Lewis Gray; Capt. Jodi Wakefield, Commanding Officer, Central Patrol Division; Lt. Tom Brasica, Detective Commanding Officer; and Tom Hyde, President, Central City Police Boosters.

## Central Area 2005 Officers of the Year

### Police Officer III Jose Ferreira Police Officer II Derrick Prude

In their six months assigned together, working the Division's most demanding car, 1A35, Jose and Derrick have created a formidable alliance, an unbeatable team. Each workday, they form a game plan of what area problems need their attention. The two prioritize issues, both crime-driven and quality of life. Armed with information and suggested direction from their Senior Lead Officer, Officers Ferreira and Prude begin each day with renewed energy. Routinely, within an hour of their watch, multiple felony suspects appear at the Watch Commander's door.



Police Officer III Jose Ferreira, pictured with Councilwoman Jan Perry.



Police Officer II Derrick Prude with Councilwoman Jan Perry.

For the period covering January to October 2005, Officers Ferreira and Prude arrested more than 250 felony suspects and more than 40 misdemeanants. While the numbers are noteworthy, they only tell half of the story. The real progress is seeing in the relieved faces of the community members, positively reacting to the attention given their neighborhood issues. These issues, however, are not the usual challenges, but entrenched and difficult problems, which have festered over time. Undaunted, Ferreira and Prude approach each watch with unfettered intensity.

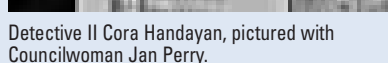
As a result of their dedication, the crime in their area has decreased by more than 18 percent. This is almost double the

reduction for the same period last year. For two officers working a basic A car, with the myriad of demands placed upon them, this is truly a remarkable feat.

Officers Ferreira and Prude have accomplished all of this while never compromising on the professionalism or level of respect accorded to the public. With the large number of contacts made, this is no small milestone. "Integrity in all they say and do, coupled with respect for others" are not merely trite slogans, but are key ingredients to the work style they employ daily. Officers Ferreira and Prude exemplify Central Areas' continued commitment to changing the face of downtown Skid Row. It is arguably a tall order. But, if any two people can give us continued hope for positive change, it is Officers Ferreira and Prude.

## Central Area 2005 Detective of the Year Det. II Cora Handayan

Cora is one of the most tenured employees assigned to Central Detective Division. As a 27-year veteran of the Department, she consistently demonstrates her enthusiasm, dedication and commitment to the community she serves. A detective since 1994, she is a valued member of the Central Robbery table. She is a "take-charge" individual who routinely fills in for her table coordinator at a moment's notice. Handayan has worked every detective position in the squad room and has garnered substantial expertise in all facets of the investigative field. She shares her vast experience with all who ask. She is a leader by every definition of the word and her supervisors have confidence with her handling and given situation.



Detective II Cora Handayan, pictured with Councilwoman Jan Perry.

A classic example of Cora's work ethic involved a case where five male and female gang members assaulted a middle-aged woman, knocking her unconscious while stealing her car. They ran over the victim while fleeing, causing major injuries. The suspects were seen laughing as they fled the scene. The victim and family were fearful, and minimal information was garnered from the timid victim.

Handayan worked ceaselessly and developed numerous clues. The victim's vehicle was found torched in the Hollenbeck area. A search warrant was obtained and GPS locator placed on the victim's stolen cell phone. Over a period of weeks, Cora's investigation led to the arrest of all five suspects, and remarkably, five confessions were obtained.

Cora is bilingual and has the innate ability to relate to victims, witnesses and citizens in general. She makes them feel comfortable and exudes a concern and compassion for them. Many times, Cora has dealt with victims who have limited English-speaking skills, often timid and afraid, yet she is able to establish a strong working rapport with them. She is also our acknowledged expert in dealing with crimes within the Asian community, despite frequent language barriers.

Handayan's general work performance is always exemplary. She covers every facet of an investigation and knows exactly what is going on with her cases at any given moment. Her written work is invariably impeccable and complete. It can truly be said that her investigations are well thought out and finished to the point where her supervisors can offer no further insight as to what more could be done. Her efforts continue to dazzle her peers on a frequent basis and are most appreciated by all supervisors. She is a most valued member of Central Detective Division and without exception all table coordinators vie for her service. It is therefore with pride and great honor that Detective Cora Handaya be recognized and honored as the Central Area 2005 Detective of the Year.

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## Central Area 2005 Civilian Employee of the Year Senior Clerk Typist Michelle Soria

Central Area has selected Michelle Soria as the 2005 Civilian Employee of the Year. In performing her duties in 2005, Michelle surpassed the expectations of her Supervisors and that of the Department.

Michelle Soria has been an exemplary employee of the Los Angeles Police Department for the past seven years. Michelle became a part of the organization in 1998. Her very first assignment was a Clerk Typist at Scientific Investigation Division. Being an integral part of organization, she soon worked her way up and passed the Senior Clerk Typist examination. Shortly, after passing the examination in 2001, she was promoted to Senior Clerk Typist at Transit Service Section. In 2003, Michelle transferred to Central Area.

Michelle is one of the Department's most dynamic employees, a rising star who has been challenged with many of Police



Back, from left: Tom Hyde, Central City Police Boosters President; Peter Bartholomew, VONS Groceries; Presiding Justice Paul Turner; Dennis Needleman, Eagles Nest Real Estate; Daina Acin, Eagles Nest Real Estate; and Alan Todd, VONS Groceries. Front: Officer Marie Kardiban, Event Organizer, Club Member.



From left: Capt. Andrew J. Smith, Commanding Officer, LAPD Central Area, Club Member; Supervisor of the Year, Sergeant II David Nunez; Chief Lee Carter; Commander Lewis Gray; Capt. Jodi Wakefield, Commanding Officer, Central Patrol Division; ; Lt. Tom Brasica, Detective Commanding Officer.



From left: Capt. Andrew J. Smith, Commanding Officer, LAPD Central Area, Club Member; Citizen Volunteer of the Year Diana Ugalde; Chief Lee Carter; Commander Lewis Gray; Capt. Jodi Wakefield, Commanding Officer, Central Patrol Division; Lt. Tom Brasica, Detective Commanding Officer; and Tom Hyde, President, Central City Police Boosters.



From left: Capt. Andrew J. Smith, Commanding Officer, LAPD Central Area, Club Member; Civilian Employee of the Year, Michelle Soria, Sr. Clerk Typist; Chief Lee Carter; Commander Lewis Gray; Capt. Jodi Wakefield, Commanding Officer, Central Patrol Division; ; Lt. Tom Brasica, Detective Commanding Officer.



From left: Capt. Andrew J. Smith, Commanding Officer, LAPD Central Area, Club Member; Capt. Jodi Wakefield, Commanding Officer, Central Patrol Division; Tom Hyde, President, Central City Police Boosters; Special Recognition President's Award recipient Senior Lead Officer Larry Pratt; Chief Lee Carter; and Commander Lewis Gray.



From left: Capt. Jodi Wakefield, Commanding Officer, Central Patrol Division; Officer Joseph; and Rosemarie Anaya, COO, Downtown Los Angeles Business Improvement District.



From left: Sgt. Ishida, Sgt. Garcia and Sgt. Chaney.



From left: Councilwoman Jan Perry, Club Member, with Civilian Employee of the Year Michelle Soria, Sr. Clerk Typist.

Department's most difficult tasks. As a Senior Clerk Typist working in the Patrol Captain's Office, she has responsibility of day-to-day patrol related functions and manages patrol office operations.

During the past year, Michelle has also expanded her role in the organization. She has been entrusted to maintain a statistical

data board for use by police officers every day. The board is a critical component in determining crime trends and other crime related information. Also, in response to her supervisor's request, she has taken it upon herself to assist the Crime Analysis Detail with date entry and plotting of crime maps. In doing so, she has alleviated countless hours of workload for that unit.

lessly assisted, trained, and mentored many subordinate sergeants, but notably many lieutenants who came to the "big chair" with limited field knowledge.

Void of bravado, guided by the Department and Central's best interests, he has directly assisted in keeping interruptions to a minimum and disruptions a mere dot on the radar.

As a result, Central Area's often-lofty goals could be achieved year after year. His ability to motivate and encourage the officers in his command had helped to keep Central among the most productive Divisions on the Los Angeles Police Department. He values the officers' individual contributions, and they, as an offshoot, transfer the positive energy toward community service. Community based policing became a driving principal, not merely a fashionable term to be bandied about without substance.

Hallmarks of Sergeant Nunez' style include his ability to cultivate synergy between patrol and detectives, day and night watch, civilian and sworn employees, and supervisors and subordinates. His communications skills, diplomacy and respect for Department directives coalesce to bring a smooth running machine to reality. For a majority of his tenure, David has contributed to Night Watch patrol supervision. He has tirelessly supported the Watch Commander in the accomplishment of goals, namely the Main Street Project, District Policing, Homeless Outreach, inception of TEAMS II Use of Force and DPS, and the resurrection of divisional training days. He is a positive influence and a tireless supporter of the first responder – the patrol officer.

Despite other personal opportunities offered to him, Sgt. Nunez has invested his talent, heart and soul into the betterment of one of Los Angeles Police Department's most challenging divisions. More importantly, he has led with class and aplomb.

For his past, present, and most assuredly future contributions to Central Area's betterment, both internally and within the community we have sworn to protect and serve, Sgt. David Nunez has raised the bar for supervisors everywhere.

## Central Area 2005 Supervisor of the Year Sgt. II David Nunez

For the past eight years, Central Area has been the fortunate recipient of steady and equitable supervisory qualities in its Assistant Watch Commander, Sergeant II David Nunez.



Supervisor of the Year Sergeant II David Nunez, pictured with his son and Councilwoman Jan Perry.

Part of a Division's success lies in the supervisory foundation holding its troops together. Without the steady, unwavering leadership built upon credibility to "do the right think" and "fight the perpetual good fight," the Area is rudderless in the eyes of its rank and file. The individual with the most contact, who holds things together in changing times, with changing agendas, is the Assistant Watch Commander. David has self-

## Central Area 2005 Citizen Volunteer of the Year Diana Ugalde

Diana Ugalde has been devoted and dedicated volunteer with the Central Area's Deputy Auxiliary Police Youth Program (DAPS) for the past eight years. She regularly attends and assists with the weekly meetings and educational outings for the program. Most of the DAPS are from Spanish-speaking families, and Diana assists by serving as an interpreter for the families, which helps keep the pro-

gram on track. She also assists the Community Relations Office with all of their major community and crime prevention events and activities.



Civilian Volunteer of the Year Diana Ugalde, pictured with Councilwoman Jan Perry.

She recently celebrated her 33rd wedding anniversary. She is the proud mother of 13 children, of which two were former members and graduates of the Central Area DAP Youth program. She believes that volunteering her time will assist in keeping kids out of the streets and allows them an opportunity to

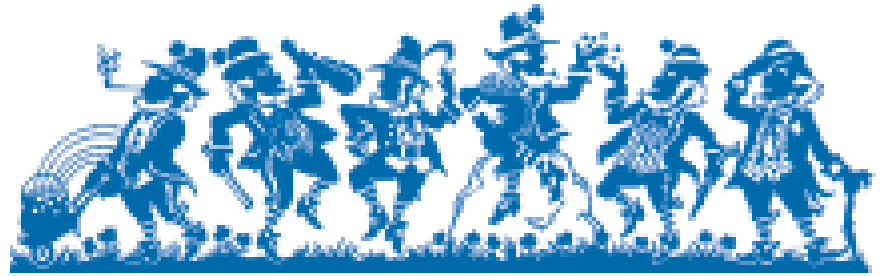
interact with law enforcement in a positive environment. Diana always goes above and beyond what is required of her and receives personal satisfaction knowing that she is helping the children and families in her community.

Diana is a wonderful and dedicated person to work with. It is not often that you can find a mother of 13 children who is so willing to volunteer her precious time for the advancement of her community. Diana's continued devotion and selflessness has generated her special admiration from the children in the youth program and has contributed to the overall success of the program.

It is with great pride and honor that Diana Ugalde be recognized and honored as the Central Area 2005 Volunteer of the Year.

**The Club congratulates the honorees and thanks Capt. Andrew Smith, Capt. Jodi Wakefield, Officer Marie Kardiban and Central City Police Boosters President Tom Hyde for their assistance.**

**Central City Police Boosters provided information for this story.**



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# St. Patrick's DAY

## Irish Weather Can't Drown St. Pat

■ A little Irish weather – cold rain – couldn't stop people from having fun at the Pershing Square party and St. Pat's parade downtown.

REC AND PARKS — Pershing Square hosted a jolly St. Patrick's Day party on the afternoon of St. Patrick's Day. Despite the rain, people really enjoyed the Celtic rock of Finn MacCool. Even the Pershing Square fountain featured green water!

The Pershing Square party followed the annual St. Pat's Parade downtown, organized through the office of Councilmember and Club Member Tom LaBonge. The parade featured heavy participation by the LAPD, the LAFD and other departments.

Here are some photos of the two events.



A giant American flag, courtesy the LAFD, framed the end-line of the annual downtown St. Patrick's Day parade.



The band Finn MacCool provided energetic Celtic rock at the Pershing Square St. Patrick's Day party.



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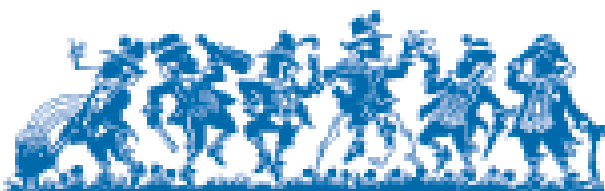
Councilmember and Club Member Tom LaBonge is Irish for a day at the annual downtown St. Patrick's Day parade. His office coordinated the parade.



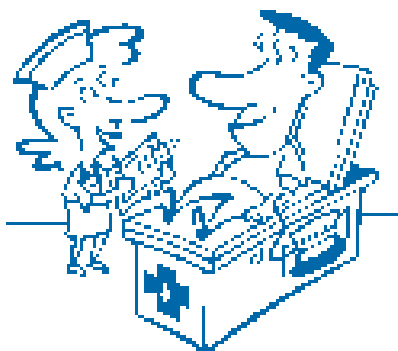
A LAFD vehicle provided the transportation for the Southern California Rose of Tralee court at the annual downtown St. Patrick's Day Parade.



A little rain couldn't stop this woman from celebrating St. Patrick's Day at the Pershing Square party.



# Wanted: Marrow Donors



Police Officer II David Budek.



Sergio G. Diaz, Commander, Assistant Commanding Officer, Special Operations Bureau, Club Member.

## ■ Police Dept. holds a bone marrow transplant registration drive.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

POLICE DEPT. — The LAPD sponsored a registration drive to encourage officers to donate bone marrow. The drive took place March 8 at the Ahmanson Training Center.

This was the second bone marrow registration drive. The first was in February.

Every year, more than 30,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with life-threatening diseases for which a marrow or blood stem cell transplant could be a cure. The LAPD, in conjunction with The Officer Needs Help Organization, sponsored the Marrow Registration Drive.

The Club thanks Lt. Brian Johnson for his assistance.



Officer Gina Onweiler (event coordinator) and Detective Cherie Clair



Randi Goldstein, civilian, found about the program through another event. She missed the Ryan Baker drive at the school and decided to come out to ARTC instead.

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# Baker to Vegas: On Your Mark

■ **Grueling event, produced by Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club, starts out with time trials. The Club again sponsors the LAPD Communications Division team.**

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

LAPRAAC — The LAPD's Communications Division headed off to the Rose Bowl March 1 for time trials in anticipation of the annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay.

The Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay is the largest and most unique law enforcement race in the world. It is a 120-mile, 20-stage foot race beginning at Baker, Calif., and finishing in Las Vegas, starting March 31. The race is owned and produced by The Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club.

The City Employees Club of Los Angeles is again a proud sponsor of LAPD 911 Communications 22nd Annual Challenge Cup Baker to Vegas Relay team for the second consecutive year.

The team hopes to bring home the mug for a repeat of last year. "This will be our third year to bring home the mug: Our goal is to come in [among the top] 100 [teams]," says running captain Anita Whited, Sr. PSR. She is once again joined by her co-captain Dan Basilgo.

Alive! plans to cover the run and report the results and the pictures of the event.

"We need 20 runners and would like to have at least 10 alternates," Basilgo said.

There are many new faces, both runners and support staff.

Good luck! See you at Baker.



Visualize the finish line.



Returning this year for her second try at Baker to Vegas is PSR and Club Member Angelina Ortega. Loosing 35 pounds from last year, she hopes to run leg 2. Way to go, Angelina!



Baker to Vegas veterans, from left: Debbie Ramsey, PSR, Club Member; and Quincy Mirage, PSR.



This second-year runner is PSR and Club Member Maria Coronado, who hopes to run leg 18.



A trainee no longer is PSR Angela Tumbeiro, who hopes that her second year will bring her to run leg 5.



Baker to Vegas veteran Sr. PSR 1 and Club Member Cathy Sotos will be part of the support team.



Running Captains Sr. PSR Anita Whited, Club Member, and PSR III Dan Basilgo, Club Member.



PSR and Club Member Christina Najjar will be a fresh face for the support team. She holds the newbie title, since this will be her first time as support.



Watch out! Gen. Services Officer Felix Topete comes on board for his first Baker to Vegas race.



Familiar faces for support are Club Members Lisa Hadsell, PSR, and Deby Herdrich, PSR.



John Harowicz, PSR, Club Member, is another veteran runner excited to see how his 2006 team will be.



Go...go...go...



On their mark...



From left: Clayton Simmons, PSR, Club Member, and Miguel Estrada, RTO Trainee, will try their hand at support for the very first time.



Officer Andre Clansy with his support team, from left: Pam Liske, PSR; Officer Andre Clansy; and Kimberlee Gallardo, PSR, Club Member.



Club Member and PSR John Craig strikes a pose. In his third year, he hopes for leg 16.



PSR III Jorge Rios, Club Member, hopes that his second-year experience gives him the edge to becoming a great follow vehicle person.



Elise Rodriguez, Sr. PSR I, was a Baker to Vegas captain before, and he looks forward to running for her ninth year.



Robert Cervantes, Detective I, Juvenile Division. Being that it's his eighth year, he doesn't really seem to care which leg he runs as long as he runs.



Newbies as support staff (but they can do the job) are PSRs (from left) Kiyoko Clemons, Club Member; Allison Karnoff; and Christina Oliva.



Back row, from left: Jesus Espinoza, Sr. Detention Officer, Club Member; John Grogan, Sr. Detention Officer; Juan Sanchez, Sr. Detention Officer, Club Member; Julio Giron (in suit), Sr. Detention Officer; and Marcos Vasquez, Sr. Detention Officer. Front: Renee Cuevas, Sr. Detention Officer, Club Member; Matthew Gonzales, Sr. Detention Officer; Gerardo Ibanez, Sr. Detention Officer, Club Member; Ramil DeLeon, Sr. Detention Officer, Club Member; and Roberto Soriano, Sr. Detention Officer. Those who were promoted to Sr. Detention Officer, but not pictured were Edward Corral, Denna Thompson, Shawn Anderson, George Coe and Nathan Nieto.

# LAPD Sworn Promotions

Name	Title	Assignment
Kirk Albanese	Commander	West Bureau
Joseph Mariani	Captain I	Hollywood Area
Luann Pannell	Director of Police Training	Training Group-First Group
John King	Lieutenant I	Newton Area
Chris Waters	Lieutenant I	Van Nuys Area
Stephanie Herron	Senior Personnel Analyst I	Police Commission
Jie Li	Police Performance Auditor III	Audit Division
Adriane Ables	Senior Management Analyst I	Records & Identification
Manuel Rodarte	Senior Management Analyst I	Records & Identification
Harriet Voloso	Senior Management Analyst I	Police Commission
Denise Chang	Personnel Analyst II	Personnel/CES
Wayne Rorex	Personnel Analyst II	Personnel Division
Kanwarjit Bhopal	Management Analyst II	Audit Division
Steve Villanueva	Management Analyst II	Pacific Division
Annette Arredondo	Management Analyst I	Civil Rights Integrity
Elizabeth Carrillo	Management Analyst I	Operation South Bureau
Freneshia Clark	Management Analyst I	Narcotic Division
Janet Howell	Management Analyst I	West Bureau
Cordelia Williams	Management Analyst I	Commission Investigation Division
Donna Moore	Principle Clerk Police II	Information Technology Division
Jody Stiger	Sergeant I	Central Area
Karen McCormack	Sergeant I	Harbor Area
Emada Castillo	Sergeant I	Harbor Area
Jaime Marin	Sergeant I	Hollywood Area
Timothy Counihan	Sergeant I	Mission Area
John Costa	Sergeant I	Northeast Area
Shannon Hale	Sergeant I	Newton Area
Barbara Scallon	Sergeant I	Newton Area
Colin Braudrick	Sergeant I	North Hollywood Area
Melody Hainline	Sergeant I	Southwest Area
Karapet Tchilingarian	Sergeant I	Van Nuys Area
Richard Spackman	Sergeant I	Van Nuys Area
Shawn Anderson	Senior Detention Officer	Jail Division
George Coe	Senior Detention Officer	Jail Division
Edward Corral	Senior Detention Officer	Jail Division
Renee Cuevas	Senior Detention Officer	Jail Division
Ramil De Leon	Senior Detention Officer	Jail Division
Jesus Espinoza	Senior Detention Officer	Jail Division
Julio Giron	Senior Detention Officer	Jail Division
Matthew Gonzales	Senior Detention Officer	Jail Division
John Grogan	Senior Detention Officer	Jail Division
Gerardo Ibanez	Senior Detention Officer	Jail Division
Nathan Nieto	Senior Detention Officer	Jail Division
Juan Sanchez	Senior Detention Officer	Jail Division
Roberto Soriano	Senior Detention Officer	Jail Division
Denna Thompson	Senior Detention Officer	Jail Division
Marcos Vazquez	Senior Detention Officer	Jail Division
Doreen Wilson	Detective I	77th Street Area
Carlos Gonzalez	Detective I	Central Area
Raymona Moussa	Detective I	Central Area
Ann Chavez	Detective I	Hollenbeck Area
Romik Keshishi	Detective I	Narcotics Division
Travis Coyle	Detective I	Narcotics Division
Rudy Chavez	Detective I	Narcotics Division
Eric Bixler	Detective I	Narcotics Division
Rodolfo Ramirez	Detective I	Narcotics Division
Leonel Vargas	Detective I	Northeast Area
Todd Chaney	Detective I	Newton Area
John Runyon	Detective I	Newton Area
Carlos Figueira	Detective I	North Hollywood Area
Ray Rodriguez	Detective I	North Hollywood Area
James Mylonakis	Detective I	Narcotics Division
Thomas Burke	Detective I	Southwest Area
Sean Williams	Detective I	Southwest Area
Sean Hansen	Detective I	Southwest Area
Jonquil Bibee-Stephens	Senior Clerk Typist	Records & Identification
Angela Castle	Senior Clerk Typist	Planning & Research Division
Kasey Chavez	Senior Clerk Typist	Records & Identification
Olga Coumparoules	Senior Clerk Typist	ATSB
Marlene Crosswhite	Senior Clerk Typist	Personnel Group Recruitment
Gustavo Cuadra	Senior Clerk Typist	Chief of Police
Salyna Cun	Senior Clerk Typist	Records & Identification
David Feiler	Senior Clerk Typist	Personnel Position Control
Erika Fields	Senior Clerk Typist	Records & Identification
Rachel Fonseca	Senior Clerk Typist	Personnel Division
Daniel Garcia	Senior Clerk Typist	Records & Identification
Rebecca Gonzales	Senior Clerk Typist	Records & Identification
Maribel Gutierrez	Senior Clerk Typist	Records & Identification
Vanessa Jones	Senior Clerk Typist	Records & Identification
Mark Lang	Senior Clerk Typist	Records & Identification
Kristy Maloof	Senior Clerk Typist	Narcotics Division
Ann Montoya	Senior Clerk Typist	Records & Identification
Monica Muniz	Senior Clerk Typist	Records & Identification
Rosa Rayos	Senior Clerk Typist	Records & Identification
Victoria Rodriguez	Senior Clerk Typist	Records & Identification
Tammy Ryder	Senior Clerk Typist	Records & Identification
Maximino Santos	Senior Clerk Typist	Records & Identification
Marcia Woods	Senior Clerk Typist	Records & Identification
Michelle Yracheta	Senior Clerk Typist	Records & Identification
ClaritzaValdovinos	Senior Clerk Typist	Chief of Police

# Promoted

■ **Police Dept. holds swearing-in ceremony for more than 90 employees who were promoted.**



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

**POLICE DEPT.** — On Feb. 2, the LAPD hosted a swearing-in ceremony for approximately 90 employees who were promoted.

The ceremony was held at Parker Center. Among those being promoted were:

- 12 to Sergeant I;
- 15 to Sr. Detention Officers (Jail Division);
- 18 to Detective I;
- 25 to Sr. Clerk Typist
- 2 to Lieutenant; and
- 1 to Commander, just to name a few.

To the right is a complete list of those promoted who were sworn in at the ceremony.

Congratulations to all!

The Club thanks Aril Richmond; Principal Detention Officer David Yuen; and Principal Detention Officer and Club Board Member David Muraoka for their assistance.



George Coe, pictured with LAPD Police Chief William Bratton, was promoted to Sr. Detention Officer from Jail Division.



Stephanie Herron, Club Member, promoted to Sr. Personnel Analyst I from Police Commission.



Kirk Albanese, promoted to Rank of Commander from West Bureau.



Rodolfo Ramirez, promoted to Detective 1.



Jie Li, promoted to Police Performance Auditor III from Audit Division.



Kanwarjit Bhopal, promoted to Management Analyst II from Audit Division.



Emada Castillo, pictured with her family, promoted to Sergeant I from Harbor Area.



Club Member Jesus Espinoza, pictured with LAPD Police Chief William Bratton, was promoted to Sr. Detention Officer from Jail Division.



Manuel Rodarte, promoted to Sr. Management Analyst I from Records & Identification.



Pictured with his son is John King, promoted to Lieutenant 1 from Newton Area.



It's a family affair as Club Members Ramil DeLeon (left), promoted to Sr. Detention Officer from Jail Division, joined his brother, Alan DeLeon, Principal Detention Officer for Jail Division.



From left: Wayne Rorex, pictured with his wife, Linda Rorex, Club Member, promoted to Personnel Analyst II and assigned to Personnel Division.

# Commendable

## ■ Airport Police Det. John Hernandez receives commendation from the FBI.

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

**AIRPORTS** — Airport Police Detective John Hernandez, assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Joint Terrorism Task Force, received a commendation from FBI Director Robert S. Mueller Feb. 21.

FBI Director Mueller praised Detective John for his diligent efforts, dedication and contributions to an investigation of terrorist activities last year. Hernandez was presented a FBI Commendation during a public meeting of the Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners.

Brian A. Walker, acting Chief of Airport Police said, "Hernandez's tenure with the Joint Terrorism Task Force ensures LAX is provided

with the information needed to ensure the safety and security of the traveling public, employees and visitors to Los Angeles."

Additionally, Chief Walker presented John a Certificate of Appreciation for his dedicated service to the Los Angeles Airport Police and Los Angeles International Airport.

The Club congratulates John on his commendation!



Detective John Hernandez receives a commendation from the FBI.



From left: Sgt. Darren Gilbert, Capt. LaPonda Fitchpatrick, Det. John Hernandez; Lt. Nixon and Sgt. Fernando Franco.



# The Zoo's Really Hopping

## ■ It's bunny fun at the Zoo with the annual Big Bunny's Spring Fling.

**ZOO** — On Easter weekend, the Zoo will present its annual Big Bunny's Spring Fling.

The event is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday, April 14 through 16.

For three days, families can participate in festive springtime activities. Children can get their faces painted, make bunny ears to wear, take pictures with Big Bunny (at nominal cost), and plant carrot seeds to take home. There also will be live rabbits to pet as well as a puppet show and musical entertainment by Dan Crow. Enjoy these activities and visit many of the Zoo's 1,200 exotic animals.

The Zoo 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. Big Bunny's Spring Fling activities are free (excluding pictures with Big Bunny) with paid admission to the Zoo. For information, call (323) 644-4200 or visit the L.A. Zoo Website at [www.lazoo.org](http://www.lazoo.org).



At last year's Point Fermin Garden Show, which benefits the facility.

# Spring Garden Show

## ■ Point Fermin Lighthouse to host second annual garden show as fundraiser for the facility.

**REC AND PARKS** — The second annual Point Fermin Lighthouse Spring Garden Show is scheduled for April 30. The event benefits the Point Fermin Lighthouse Historic Site and Museum, the Lighthouse Gardens, and the Point Fermin Lighthouse Society.

The event is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

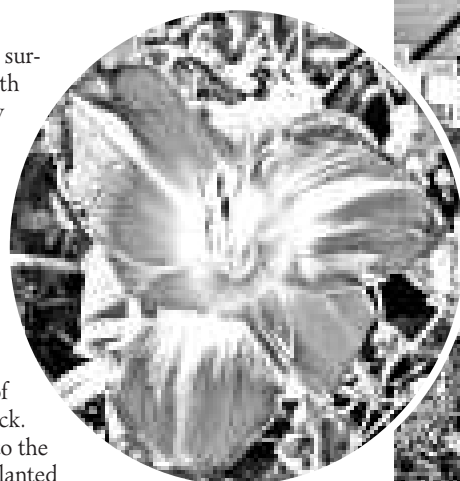
The day of flower festivities includes garden tours, professional garden speakers, local growers, flower vendors, garden vendors, children's garden crafts, door prizes and more. The Point Fermin Lighthouse Society will be offering Lighthouse tours and Point Fermin Lighthouse merchandise for sale in their gift store. There is an entrance donation of \$5 for adults and \$1 for children.



The Point Fermin Lighthouse Gardens surround the beautiful historic lighthouse with blooms all year long. Head Gardener Cathy Cover designed the Victorian cottage gardens to complement the architectural style of the lighthouse. A plethora of blooming bulbs includes iris, lily and daffodils. These are surrounded and complemented by beds of cyclamen, foxglove and dianthus. When the gardens were first established at the Point Fermin Park in the 1920s and 1930s they included beds of snapdragons, penstemon and stock. To bring back traditional blooms to the gardens, large beds of these are planted each year.

Many lighthouse keepers at Point Fermin planted vegetable gardens to supplement their supplies from the US Lighthouse Board. The Point Fermin Lighthouse Gardens reflect that tradition by including beds of bountiful vegetables. Each season brings its own selected harvest.

The Point Fermin Lighthouse Historic Site and Museum is in the Point Fermin Park at the end of Gaffey Street in San Pedro, 807 W. Paseo de Mar. Information: (310) 241-0684.



Point Fermin Lighthouse.





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- Deadline: April 15.

## Toastmasters Draw a Crowd



### ■ Public Works Toastmasters group holds international speech contest.

Story courtesy Pioneers Toastmasters

**PUBLIC WORKS** — For the first time in Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club's history, the guests outnumbered members in attendance at its International Speech Contest, held March 8.

The audience was entertained by two charter members, Bureau of Engineering's Civil Engineering Associate IV Dominic Buenaventura and Bureau of Sanitation's Management Analyst II Kari Iwai.

Board of Public Works President Cynthia Ruiz, Executive Assistant Geraldine Rodriguez and 25 other employees had no trouble finding the contest, even after its move to the sixth floor conference room of the Public Works Building at 1149 S. Broadway. David Berkowitz of a neighboring club, Transamerica Occidental Toastmasters Club, also visited.

Dominic, who is also the club's Sergeant of Arms, presented "Why I Love to Drive in LA" that accentuated his adventurous driving in the Los Angeles area. Kari's speech, "Men in Tights," pointed out Americans' phobia about male ballet dancers.

First-place contest winner Kari will represent the club and advance to the Area 43 Contest against other club winners at a contest scheduled for Wednesday, March 22, at 5:30 p.m. at 1200 W. 6th Street in Downtown LA. Just in case Kari can't make it, second-place winner Dominic will be her backup.

Personnel Analyst II Michael Sloss observed, "Kari's performance was enthusiastic, dynamic and full of energetic gestures." Michael led the impromptu speech part of the meeting as the Table Topics Master and Board President Ruiz participated by answering the question, "What is your big secret in life?"

Kari's inspiration for her speech came from her son, who is an accomplished ballet dancer. When asked how she keeps improving her vocal variety, pitch and pace, Kari said, "I use my tape recorder. By listening to myself over and over, I recognized that I needed to correct my pronunciation for words like 'courageous,' 'intrigued' and 'thrill.'"

Toastmasters is a nonprofit communication and leadership program recognized worldwide for its expertise in training people. The PW Pioneers club meets each Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. in the Public Works Building in the main sixth floor conference room. There is plenty of room for guests. You do not need to be a Public Works employee or a City employee to join.

For more information, contact Ivan Gerson at (213) 485-1169 or Chelsea Li at (213) 847-0406.

## Libraries Win Green Awards

### ■ Lake View Terrace City Library named one of the world's most eco-friendly buildings by national organization. Sun Valley Branch gets nod, too.

**LIBRARY** — The U. S. Green Building Council has announced that the Lake View Terrace Branch Library is one of only 17 buildings worldwide to receive its Platinum Level LEED Award for environmentally sustainable design. The Sun Valley Branch received a Gold Level LEED Award. The LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building rating system is a voluntary, consensus-based national standard established by the building industry for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings.

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, and Councilmembers Alex Padilla and Tony Cardenas—in whose districts the branches are located—accepted the Platinum and Gold plaques from the U.S. Green Building Council's Los Angeles Chapter March 6 at the Lake View Terrace Branch, 12002 Osborne St. Following a brief program, they joined other dignitaries on a tour of the library's innovative environmental features.

The branch library is the second facility in the City of Los Angeles to earn the Platinum Level LEED Award, according to the U.S. Green Building Council. The Audubon Center at the Ernest E. Debs Regional Park received the Platinum designation in 2003.

As a model "green" building, the Lake View Terrace Branch was designed to have a minimal impact on the environment through the use of recycled materials and features that conserve energy and water. The facility's distinctive evaporative cooling tower and windows that automatically open and close to circulate air are among the unique features that contributed to its

Platinum Level Award.

Other systems that help control the building's interior and exterior temperatures include high-rated insulation materials, glazing and extended roof overhangs to reduce heat absorption. The building contains carpet and walls made of recycled materials, a bamboo floor in the lobby and meeting room, plumbing fixtures that use 20 percent less water than the "low flow" variety and solar panels that generate electricity that is returned to the City's power grid. The building also features an environmental resource exhibit area.

Many of these same features are incorporated into the Sun Valley Branch.

Both branches have collections of more than 40,000 books, CDs, videotapes and other materials, in addition to special areas for children, teenagers and adults, and a multipurpose meeting room. Free public-access computers link patrons to the Internet and the Library's online services, hundreds of databases and other resources.

The branches are the result of a successful partnership between the Los Angeles Public Library and the Public Works' Bureau of Engineering. The branches are part of the nation's largest library construction program, primarily funded through 1989 and 1998 bonds, which have rebuilt more than 90 percent of the City's libraries. The program has doubled the



City Librarian Fontayne Holmes and Councilmembers Alex Padilla (left) and Tony Cardenas proudly display the Platinum and Gold awards presented by the U.S. Green Building Council to the Lake View Terrace Branch and the Sun Valley Branch. The branch libraries opened in 2003 and now rank among the world's most eco-friendly buildings.

library space in the city of Los Angeles to more than 1.4 million square feet and has increased the number of facilities from 63 to 72 libraries.

The Lake View Terrace Branch was designed by James Weiner and Fields Devereaux Architects (now Harley Ellis Devereaux) and funded through a Community Development Block Grant, the Lopez Canyon Amenities Trust Fund, the 1989 library bond, Hanson Dam Environmental Fund and a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board. The 10,700-square-foot building opened in 2003 and is located in Council District 7, represented by Councilmember Alex Padilla.

The Sun Valley Branch was designed by Fields Devereaux Architects and funded through the 1998 bond and a Community Development Block Grant. The 12,500-square-foot building opened in 2003 and is located in Council District 6, represented by Councilmember Tony Cardenas.



BY  
**Michelle Moreno,**  
City Events Guru

# Michelle on the Move

# EVENTS 411

## Spring's Here With Tons of Great Events

### Spring is here!

It's that great time of the year where it's not too hot or too cold – the epitome of that famous California weather. It's the type of weather that makes you want to go outside and take a huge deep breath – only to end up in a coughing fit due to the infamous L.A. smog. But then again, that's why we have such things as road trips, air purifiers (do those really work?) and most importantly – trees. It's these great natural – and might I add, free – air purifiers that not only help living in L.A. more bearable, but also provide us with daily supplies of paper, cardboard and in the end, a example of the beauty of Mother Nature. If I sound like a tree-hugger, well that's because I am and that's why for April, I have listed several Earth Day events.

The 36th anniversary of Earth Day will take place April 22. There are several opportunities to help with renovations and cleanups of parks, beaches, etc. If you are interested in participating, you can see the listed events or find more events at: [www.earthday.net](http://www.earthday.net). So if you can, I suggest you take part in one of these cleanups. I've done a few of them, and each time, I feel pretty good about myself, not only because I made the world a better-looking place but also because I got a free workout in doing so. Also, if you have children, this would be a great chance to teach them how to appreciate and take care of this planet.

Speaking of children, April is also the month of Easter, and that means Easter egg hunts. Remember when you were a kid and you'd get all excited about Easter because it meant candy and usually money hidden inside an egg? Then the day you would have the hunt, you'd get all excited only to be disappointed that your little cousin found the egg with the \$20 in it because your uncle told her where it was and then you'd get upset and throw a plastic egg at her for being a cheater only for her to start crying which would then cause your mom to come outside and scold you? Yes, sir, those were good times.

Well anyhow, there are several Easter egg hunt opportunities out there – many sponsored by our very own Rec and Parks. So if you want to avoid the politics that go on in having your own Easter egg hunt, I suggest you take the kiddies to one of these.

Lastly, don't forget Cinco de Mayo is May 5 (for those who are Spanish-challenged). There are great activities going on in Olvera Street as well as other parts of Los Angeles.

Well that's it from me. I thank you for taking the time to read Events 411 and I wish you a wonderful spring!

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](mailto:michelleonthemove@cityemployeesclub.com)

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

- [www.culturela.org](http://www.culturela.org)
- [www.experiencela.com](http://www.experiencela.com)
- [www.la.com](http://www.la.com)
- [www.laparks.org](http://www.laparks.org)
- [www.losangelesalmanac.com](http://www.losangelesalmanac.com)
- [www.laweekly.com](http://www.laweekly.com)
- [www.olvera-street.com](http://www.olvera-street.com)
- [www.whatsonwhen.com](http://www.whatsonwhen.com)
- <http://beaches.co.la.ca.us>

Know of any great City events?  
**Let me know!**

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

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## April

### Sixth Annual Blooming of the Roses Festival

If you enjoy flowers, this event is for you. Come and watch the beautiful roses of Exposition Park. Enjoy the rest of the day participating in exhibits and other fun activities.

Date(s): TBA  
Time: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Site: Exposition Park, 741 State Drive, Los Angeles  
Cost: Free  
More info: (888) 527-2757 or [www.laparks.org](http://www.laparks.org)  
Sponsor: Rec and Parks

### 12th Annual EcoMaya Festival

Also known as the Mother Earth Day Celebration, this event celebrates Mother Nature as well as the Mayan Culture. Come and enjoy the various exhibits, dances, music, food and much more.

Date(s): TBA  
Time: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
Site: Los Angeles Eco Village, 117 Bimini Place, Los Angeles  
Cost: Free  
More info: (323) 960-7879 or [www.ecomayafestival.com](http://www.ecomayafestival.com)

### iWitness at the Mark Taper Forum

"iWitness takes us inside the mind, dreams and memories of Franz Jägerstätter, an Austrian Catholic farmer persecuted in Berlin in 1943 by the Nazis for his refusal to serve in the army of the Third Reich. He stood instead 'in solitary witness' to peace. An explosive and resonant play, it questions our current understanding and acceptance of war, and illustrates the social pressure citizens of every nation feel to support their government's involvement in wars." (Website)

Date: Through May 21  
Time: 8 p.m. (Tues-Fri), 2:30 and 8 p.m. (Saturdays) 2:30 and 8 p.m. (Sundays)  
Site: 135 N. Grand Ave., downtown  
Cost: \$30 - \$55  
Club Code: 6697  
More info: (213) 972-7231 or [www.taperahmanson.com](http://www.taperahmanson.com)

### "Carnaval" exhibit at the UCLA Fowler Museum

"Explore the revelry of Carnival festivals as they are enacted today in eight different geographic and cultural regions. This lavish exhibition presents approximately 50 elaborate costumes and numerous masks reflecting a range of masquerade and performance themes that represent traditions in these sites...These unique celebrations and rituals are brought to life through photographic murals and short video programs of recent Carnival festivities in these locales..." (Website)

Date(s): Through April 26  
Time: Noon – 5 p.m. (Wed. – Sun.)  
Noon – 8 p.m. (Thurs.)  
Site: UCLA, North Campus, Westwood  
Cost: Free  
More Info: (310) 825-4361 or [www.fowler.ucla.edu](http://www.fowler.ucla.edu)

### Renaissance Pleasure Faire

Hazaai! Come and enjoy the annual Renaissance Faire. There are tons of activities, lots of food and lots of fun.

Date(s): April 8 – May 21, weekends  
Time: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Site: Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area, 15501 E. Arrow Highway, Inwoodale  
Cost: Club price: \$13.75/adult, \$8.25/kids (5-11)  
Gate Price: \$22.50/adult, \$12.50/kids (5-11), free/ children under 5, \$19.50/students, senior, military  
More info: (626) 969-4750 or [www.renfaire.com/social](http://www.renfaire.com/social)

### Pershing Square Kids Spring Program

Need something for the kids to do? Well if so, this event is perfect. Come and bring the little ones to enjoy stories, arts and crafts, music, poetry and inflatable rides. Enjoy events from: jazz, Inca flutes, hip-hop, drums and dance, African dance, string-instruments and more. Call or visit Website for details.

Date(s): April 11 - 13, 18 - 20  
Time: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Site: 532 S. Olive St. Downtown L.A.  
Cost: Free  
More info: (213) 847-4970 or [www.laparks.org/pershingsquare](http://www.laparks.org/pershingsquare)  
Sponsor: Rec and Parks

### Radio Disney AM 1110 Easter Eggs-plosion

Bring the kids for this huge Easter egg hunt with 8,000 eggs filled with candy, toys and prizes. There will also be live entertainment as well as pictures with the Easter Bunny, an Easter Bonnet Parade, concession booths, giant inflatable rides, a face painter, a children's activities area and game booths. Please note that parking is very limited, so arrive early.

Date(s): April 15  
Time: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Site: Johnny Carson Park, 400 S. Bob Hope Drive, Burbank  
Cost: Free  
More info: (818) 238-5300 or <http://radio.disney.go.com/mystation/losangeles>



### Meet the Grunion (Closed Season)

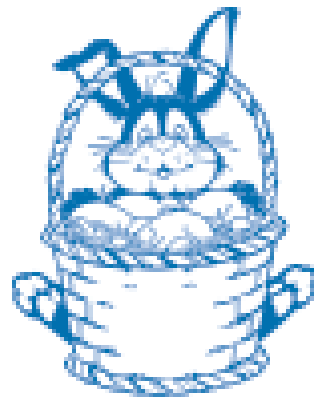
Come watch the silvery fish come up on the beach to spawn. Don't forget to bring a flashlight and warm clothing. Please note that grunion may not be taken by hand – only observation is allowed. (Day is subject to change, please call or visit Website to confirm)

Date: April 14, 28  
Time: 8 p.m. (aquarium opens)  
9 p.m. (auditorium program begins)  
10:10 p.m. - 12:10 a.m. (April 14) – grunion run  
10:05 pm - 12:05 a.m. (April 28) – 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](http://www.cabrilloaq.org)  
Sponsor: Rec and Parks

### Big Bunny's Spring Fling

"This annual event features a slew of fun activities—pet a fuzzy bunny, plant your own carrot, have your face painted, make a be-a-bunny craft, have your photo taken with Big Bunny and enjoy children's musical entertainment. Come have an egg-citing time!" (Zoo Website)

Date(s): April 15-16  
Time: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Site: Los Angeles Zoo, 5333 Zoo Dr., Los Angeles  
Cost: \$7/adult, \$4/child (Club prices)  
More info: (323) 644-4200 or [www.lazoo.org](http://www.lazoo.org)  
Sponsor: Los Angeles Zoo



### Wildflower Show at Malibu Bluffs

Like flowers? If so, come and enjoy wildflower displays, native plants for sale, books, posters and more. Also, there will be wildflower walks at 1 p.m. daily.

Date(s): April 15-16  
Time: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Site: Malibu Bluffs Park, Pacific Coast Highway at Malibu Canyon Road  
Cost: Free  
More info: (310) 317-1364 or [www.lacnps.org](http://www.lacnps.org)

### Olvera Street 76th Anniversary Celebration

Come and celebrate one of the oldest streets in Los Angeles. Please call or see Website for time information.

Date(s): April 20  
Time: TBA  
Site: Olvera Street, Los Angeles, 845 N. Alameda St.  
Cost: Free  
More Info: (213) 625-5045 or [www.olvera-street.com](http://www.olvera-street.com)  
Sponsor: Rec and Parks

### 13th Annual Huntington Park Carnaval Primavera Downtown Festival

"Enjoy this family-festival created with an international ambiance blended together with the color and excitement of Mardi Gras. This event incorporates more than 130 food, arts and crafts and commercial exhibitors, two major concert stages with live entertainment and amusement rides, plus samplings and demonstrations." (Website)

Date(s): April 21-23  
Time: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Site: Downtown Huntington Park, along Pacific Boulevard  
Cost: Free  
More info: (323) 582-6161 or [www.hpchamber1.com](http://www.hpchamber1.com)

### Black Rider at the Ahmanson Theatre

"The Black Rider tells an updated version of a 17th-century story of a clerk who makes a Faustian contract with the devil, accepting magic bullets to win the hand of his beloved in a shooting contest. Wilson's vivid images paid homage to German expressionism. Tom Waits performed a shotgun marriage between Tin Pan Alley and burlesque horror music, while Burroughs' politically acute librettos gave unique insight into the mind of a character whose actions lead to tragic consequences." (Website)

Date: April 22 – June 11  
Time: 8 p.m. (Tues-Fri), 2 and 8 p.m. (Saturdays) 2 and 7:30 p.m. (Sundays)  
Site: Ahmanson Theatre, 135 N. Grand Ave., downtown  
Cost: \$45 - \$95  
Club Code: 6697  
More info: (213) 972-7231 or [www.taperahmanson.com](http://www.taperahmanson.com)

### Earth Day Fair at Cabrillo Beach

Come and help out Mother Nature by participating in Earth Day. This event begins with a beach cleanup and ends with a fair: activities for kids, prizes, food, guided walks to the adjacent salt marsh, Salinas de San Pedro, and more!

Date: April 22  
Time: 8 – 10 a.m. (coastal cleanup)  
10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (fair)  
Site: Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, 3720 Stephen White Dr., San Pedro  
Cost: Free  
\$7/beach parking  
More info: (310) 548-7562 or [www.cabrilloaq.org/spevents.html](http://www.cabrilloaq.org/spevents.html)  
Sponsor: Rec and Parks

### Earth Walk L.A.

Come and enjoy this benefit walk, which will be raising money to help plant trees in L.A. city colleges. If you don't like walking, then bring the kids and enjoy an inflatable bouncer, face painting, arts and crafts, live music, a tree dedication, mobile pet adoption unit, vendors and presentations. Registration information available online.

Date(s): April 22  
Time: 8 a.m. - noon  
Site: Piece College, 6201 Winnetka Ave., Woodland Hills  
Cost: Free  
More info: (213) 593-8010 or [www.earthwalkla.com](http://www.earthwalkla.com)

### Earth Day Restoration and Cleanup throughout Los Angeles

Show your appreciation for Mother Earth by joining the statewide restoration and cleanup process. Cities throughout California will be participating. There are four sites in L.A. and three in O.C. Visit the Website for details.

Date(s): April 22  
Time: Vary  
Site: Hungry Valley State Vehicular Recreation Area, Malibu Lagoon State Park, Pio Pico State Historic Park, Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park, Topanga State Park, Crystal Cove State Park, Huntington State Beach, San Onofre State Beach.  
Cost: Free  
More info: [www.calparks.org](http://www.calparks.org)

### Indio Salsa Fest at the Riverside County Fairgrounds

This event will include "everything from artisans to merchant vendors; an extensive are show; a car show and massive midway carnival for the little ones; and of course, salsa dancing exhibitions and lessons, along with an unbelievable salsa food contest complete with entrants from all corners of the globe." (Website)

Date(s): April 22  
Time/Cost: TBA  
Site: 46-350 Arabia St., Indio  
More info: (760) 837-7228 or [www.salsafest.org](http://www.salsafest.org)

### WorldFest 2006: L.A.'s Largest Earth Day Festival

"WorldFest is a solar-powered celebration of music, the environment, animals and humanity. We're helping people learn what they can do for the Earth and its inhabitants. There are three stages of music, many food booths, products and information. This year, WorldFest also has an EcoTent with informative speakers, a film festival and an art and poetry area. There is a Kid's corner with many activities, along with a pet adoption area." (Website) Pets welcome.

Date(s): April 22  
Time: 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
Site: Woodley Park, 6350 Woodley Ave., Encino  
Cost: \$5/general, free/kids 12 and under  
More info: (310) 477-7887 or [www.worldfestevents.com](http://www.worldfestevents.com)

### Annual Feria de los Niños (Celebration of the Children)

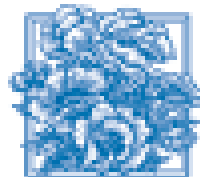
"A cultural arts and education celebration of youth, featuring boat rides and races on the lake in vessels beautifully decorated with flowers, tortilla making and salsa tasting contests, activities for children, plenty of ethnic food and entertainment with many performances by children." (Website)

Date(s): April 22 - 23  
Time: Sat: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Sun: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Site: Hollenbeck Park, 415 S. St. Louis St., East Los Angeles  
Cost: Free  
More info: (888) 527-2757 or [www.laparks.org](http://www.laparks.org)  
Sponsor: Rec and Parks

### California Poppy Festival

Come and celebrate California's official state flower with a day of crafts, great food, live entertainment, plenty of activities and much more.

Date(s): April 22-23  
Time: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Site: Lancaster City Park, 43011 N. 10th St. West  
Cost: \$7/adults, \$3/seniors, children (6-12), free/children (5 and under)  
More info: (861) 723-6077 or [www.poppyfestival.com](http://www.poppyfestival.com)



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### Cherry Blossom Festival

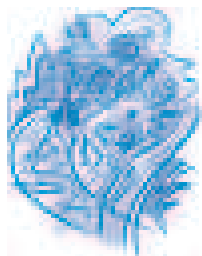
"Take the time to see, hear and taste a bit of the Japanese and Japanese American culture through a first-hand experience of watching traditional Japanese dancing, hearing the resounding beats of the Taiko drums, observing the mastery and various skills of martial arts, participating in the ancient art of the tea ceremony, or buying hand-made crafts or food with an Asian flair. Other highlights of the festival include games and crafts for children, and numerous cultural displays."

Date(s): April 22-23  
 Time: 11 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. (Sat.)  
 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Sun.)  
 Site: Barnes Park, 350 S. McPherrin Ave., Monterey Park  
 Cost: Free  
 More info: (626) 307-2541

### Annual Heritage Day at Banning Museum

Want to see how life was in the 1880s - that's right, more than 100 years ago! If you are interested, come to the Banning Museum for a trip back into time. "Take a leisurely self-tour of the historic 1864 residence. You can learn a Victorian Dance step at a barn dance! Play hoops and tug-o-war or enter a sack race. Listen to live music from the era on the front porch. Artisans will be invited to demonstrate their special crafts. You'll see ladies sewing a quilt, woodcarvers carving their creations and much more!" (Website)

Date(s): April 23  
 Time: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 Site: Banning Residence Museum  
 401 East "M" St., Wilmington  
 Cost: Free  
 More info: (310) 548-7777 or www.banningmuseum.org  
 Sponsor: Rec and Parks



### Taste of Huntington Beach - Fundraiser

"A unique sampling of the finest Restaurant's Cuisine in Huntington Beach paired with fine wines of California, all in the name of charity. The setting is at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Resort & Spa, with great entertainment while you dine. Benefits go to the children's wing of the HB library." (Website)

Date(s): April 23  
 Time: Noon - 4 p.m.  
 Site: The Hyatt Regency Resort and Spa 21500 Pacific Coast Highway  
 Cost: \$50 - \$60  
 More info: (714) 960-1896 or www.hbrestaurants.com/events/hbevents.htm

### Santa Clarita Cowboy Festival

Howdy, pardners! If you want to take a trip back in time to the Old West, come and enjoy the Cowboy Festival. There will be food, music, poetry, cowboy gear and much, much more. Call or check out the Website for the daily schedule.

Date(s): April 29-30  
 Time: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
 Site: Melody Ranch Motion Picture Studio  
 24715 Oakcreek Ave, Newhall  
 Cost: \$15/adults, \$10/kids (3 - 11), free/kids (under 3)  
 two-day pass: \$25/adults, \$15/kids  
 More info: (800) 305-0755 or www.cowboystival.org

### 13th Annual 50 + Fitness Jamboree and Expo

"Free activities include: a health fair, massage booths, foot reflexology, entertainment, information on senior services, exercise demonstrations, refreshments and more. Participants can also register for 1-K and 5-K walks. \$7 per person before April 13 and \$10 per person registering after April 13. Fee includes event T-shirt, medals for all who finish and lunch. Registration forms available at all 30 full time City of Los Angeles Senior Centers." (Website)

Date(s): April 27  
 Time: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
 Site: Griffith Park Ranger Station  
 4730 Crystal Springs Dr., Los Angeles  
 Cost: Free (Fee for walks)  
 More info: (888) 527-2757 or www.laparks.org  
 Sponsor: Rec and Parks

### San Gabriel Annual Street Fair and Festival Birthday

Bring your family and/or friends and celebrate the City of San Gabriel's birthday with a day of fun, food and lots of activities.

Date(s): April 28-30  
 Time: Fri: 5 p.m. - midnight  
 Sat: Noon - midnight  
 Site: Historic San Gabriel  
 425 S. Mission Drive  
 Cost: Free  
 More info: (626) 576-2525 or www.sangabrielchamber.com

### 11th Annual Los Angeles Times Festival of Books

If you are a fan of literature, come to the L.A. Times Festival of Books. There will be lectures, workshops, storytelling, demonstrations, book signings from well-known authors, and much more. There will also be a great section for kids. Please note that tickets are required for indoor panel and speaker sessions. Tickets will be available Sunday, April 23, at noon at all Ticketmaster locations throughout Southern California, free of charge.

Date(s): April 29-30  
 Time: April 29: 10 a.m. - 6p.m.  
 April 30: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Site: UCLA Campus, Westwood  
 Cost: Free  
 More info: (213) 237-7335 or www.latimes.com/extras/festivalofbooks

### 10th Annual Arbor Day Celebration

Yay trees! Come and learn more about these shade-providing, air-cleaning gifts from Mother Nature. Activities will include demonstrations, crafts, food, music, live entertainment and much more.

Date(s): April 29  
 Time: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
 Site: Sycamore Grove Park, 4702 N. Figueroa St., Los Angeles  
 Cost: Free  
 More info: (888) 527-2757 or www.laparks.org  
 Sponsor: Rec and Parks

### 17th Annual Fiesta Broadway L.A.

Come and participate in the "largest Cinco de Mayo celebration in the world." (Website)

Date(s): April 30  
 Time: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
 Site: Downtown L.A.  
 Broadway, Hill and Spring Streets  
 Cost: Free  
 More info: (310) 914-8308 or www.fiestabroadway.la

## May

### Cinco de Mayo Celebration at Olvera Street

Come and celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a day of workshops, food, live traditional music and dance, and much, much more!

Date(s): May 5  
 Time: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
 Site: Olvera Street, Los Angeles  
 845 N. Alameda St.  
 Cost: Free  
 More info: (213) 628-1274 or www.olvera-street.com  
 Sponsor: Rec and Parks

### Pasadena Cinco de Mayo Celebration at the Rose Bowl

This event will "offer a culturally rich program consisting of some of Southern California's most talented Latino artists, athletes, vendors and culinary artists. In keeping with its core family values, the event continues to present its festive program package as the largest alcohol-free Cinco de Mayo celebration in Southern California." (Website)

Date(s): May 6-7  
 Time: TBA  
 Site: Rose Bowl  
 Cost: Free, \$5/parking  
 More info: www.pasadenacincomayo.org

### Cinco de Mayo Celebration at Whittier Narrows

Attend this large and fun-filled event. There will be tons of live entertainment, food, radio personalities, rides, activities and more.

Date(s): May 7  
 Time/cost: TBA  
 Site: 823 Lexington - Gallatin Road, South El Monte  
 More info: www.979laraza.com

### World City Music Festival - Ranganiketan

"On tour from Manipur, India, World City is proud to present this exquisite and mesmerizing international company of drummers and dancers. Ranganiketan enralls audiences with a performance celebrating the ancient culture of Manipur, often called the "Jewel of India," which has been preserved intact for thousands of years, meticulously passed on from one generation to the next through master artists and teachers." (Website)

Date(s): May 6  
 Time: 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 2 p.m.  
 Site: Walt Disney Concert Hall  
 111 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles CA  
 Cost: Free  
 More info: (213) 972-7211 or www.musiccenter.org/education/worldcity.html



## Easter Egg Hunts

Sponsored by Rec and Parks



Want to know where take the family for an Easter egg hunt? Rec and Parks provides several free options. Please make sure to call the park to confirm date and time. You may also contact: (888) LA-PARKS or www.laparks.org

\*Following information was taken from the Rec and Parks Website.

#### April 12:

Van Nuys Recreation Center, 91405  
 2 - 4 p.m., (818) 756-8131

#### April 13:

Gilbert Lindsay Rec. Center, 90011  
 Noon - 2 p.m., (323) 233-0552

Pueblo del Rio Rec. Center, 90058  
 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., (323) 587-6953

South Park Rec. Center, 90011  
 Noon - 3 p.m., (213) 847-6746

Woodland Hills Rec. Ctr., 91367  
 10 - 11 a.m., (818) 883-9370

#### April 14:

Harvard Rec. Center, 90047  
 1 - 3 p.m., (323) 778-2579

Mount Carmel Rec. Center, 90044  
 1:30 - 3 p.m., (323) 789-2756

North Hills Community Park, 91402  
 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. (818) 895-9863

North Weddington Rec. Center, 91602  
 2 p.m. - 5 p.m., (818) 506-1467

Reseda Rec. Ctr., 91335  
 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., (818)-881-3882  
 Studio City Rec. Ctr., 91604  
 Noon - 2 p.m., (818) 769-4415

#### April 15:

Algin Sutton Rec. Ctr., 90044  
 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., (323) 753-5808

Alpine Rec. Ctr., 90012  
 9 a.m. - 1p.m., (213) 485-5448

Barrington Rec. Ctr., 90049  
 1 p.m., (310) 476-4866

Brandford Rec. Ctr., 91331  
 Noon, (818) 891-6205

Chatsworth Rec. Ctr., 91311

10 a.m. - noon, (818) 341-6395

Costello Rec. Ctr., 90023  
 10 a.m. - noon, (323) 485-9111

Cypress Park Rec. Ctr., 90065  
 9: 30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., (213) 485-5384

Delano Rec. Ctr., 91411  
 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. (818) 756-8529

Exposition Park Community Center, 90037  
 10 a.m. - noon, (213) 763-0114, ext. 204

Fernangeles Rec. Ctr., 91352  
 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., (818) 767-4219

Fred Roberts Rec. Ctr., 90011  
 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., (323) 234-8650

Glassell Rec. Ctr., 90065  
 Noon - 2 p.m., (323) 257-1863

Green Meadows Rec. Ctr., 90011  
 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., (323) 750-4820

Hazard Rec. Ctr., 90033  
 TBA, (213) 485-6839

Imperial Cts. Rec. Ctr., 90059  
 Noon - 3 p.m., (323) 564-1834  
 Jordon Downs Rec. Ctr., 90002  
 1 - 3 p.m., (213) 485-1835

Lanark Rec. Ctr., 91304  
 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., (818) 883-1503

Mason Rec. Ctr., 91311  
 10 a.m., (818) 998-6377

Pan Pacific Rec. Ctr., 90036  
 11 a.m., (323) 939-8874

Panorama Rec. Ctr.  
 11 a.m., (818) 893-3401

Sepulveda Rec. Ctr., 91402  
 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., (818) 893-3700

Shadow Ranch Rec. Ctr., 91307  
 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., (818) 883-3637

Silver Lake Rec. Ctr., 90026  
 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (323) 644-3946

St. Andrews Rec. Ctr., 90047  
 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., (213) 485-1751

Stonehurst Rec. Ctr., 91352  
 TBA, (818) 767-0314

Sunland Rec. Ctr., 91040  
 TBA, (818) 352-5282

Sylmar Park & Rec. Ctr., 91342  
 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (818) 367-5656

William Nickerson Rec. Ctr., 90059  
 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., (323) 566-1267

Yucca Park Community Ctr., 90028  
 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., (323) 957-6339

#### April 16:

Baldwin Hills Rec. Ctr., 90016  
 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., (323) 934-0746

Downey Rec. Ctr., 90031  
 4 - 6 p.m., (323) 225-7100



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# 4th Annual Charity Motorcycle Ride Chili Cook-Off and Bike Show



**Check-In**  
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.  
**Ride & Festivities**  
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday  
June 25, 2006**  
**Tax-Deductible**

Help Support the Los Angeles Police Department, Central Community Police Station Youth Programs and Crime Prevention Activities.

Ride starts at the Police Academy-Dryden Park, 1800 N. Academy Road with stops at various locations including the Hollywood Blvd and Harley Davidson of Glendale. The ride returns and ends at the Police Academy for a BBQ and festivities.

Your ride donation will include a celebration in the picnic area with a BBQ lunch, event pin (fit for HD riders), free entry into the bike show, free entertainment, celebrities, bike enthusiasts vendors, LAPD Displays and lots and lots of prize giveaways. Beer and Wine will be served at the event.

For further information on the bike ride, chili cook-off sign-up sheets, and to purchase tickets for the 2006 Harley Davidson FLST Heritage SoCal, please contact the Central City Police Boosters Liaison, Officer Mary Kariklin, (213) 472-1876. Please see reverse side of flyer for release waiver/registration form.

**Celebrity Grand Marshall**

*Mickey Jones*



**Entertainment**  
*Lightin' Asslie  
And The Purr Boys*

**Master of Ceremonies**  
*Cervelia France Smith*

Platinum Sponsor  
Chairperson

Flights Near Real Estate  
County Membership

**affle Tickets - \$20 each**  
We Are 2006 Harley Davidson  
FLST Heritage SoCal



Dipping or avoid. \*Wine/beer need not be present



## Central City Police Boosters 4th Annual Motorcycle Charity Ride Sunday, June 25, 2006 REGISTRATION & WAIVER

Every Participant (Motorcycle Rider or Passenger) MUST Complete the Registration & Waiver

Check over: Rider \$35.00, Rider with Passenger \$45.00, Lunch Only \$15.00, Donation Only \_\_\_\_\_  
Rider Pre-Register and save \$5.00!

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Passenger's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please pay by check or money order, payable to Central City Police Boosters  
Mail to: Central City Police Boosters, P.O. Box 522443, Los Angeles, CA 90052, (213) 472-0076

**WAIVER**

**This is a Release and Indemnity Agreement Read it Before Signing**

I hereby release, defend, and hold harmless in any way, and the Los Angeles Police Department, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers from loss of liability for claims or third party claims which may arise from or in connection with my participation in this event, including such claims which are attributable to the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Central City Police Boosters, Inc. or the Los Angeles Police Department, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers.

I acknowledge that the Central City Police Boosters, Inc. and the Los Angeles Police Department permit hereby child under age of 18 to participate in the above-named event. I hereby and for any liability for child's behalf, including admissions, transport, and all legal questions, hereby agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Central City Police Boosters, Inc. and the Los Angeles Police Department and its officers, agents, employees and volunteers from loss of liability for claims or third party claims which may arise from or in connection with my participation in this event, including such claims which are attributable to the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Central City Police Boosters, Inc. or the Los Angeles Police Department, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers.

I HEREBY CERTAINLY IS COMPROMISED BY AND WAIVES WITH THE REPUTATION OF MOTORCYCLISTS AND HELLS RIDERS THROUGHOUT THE BIKE AND MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY BY ACCEPTING TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT AND I AGREE TO ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SAFE AND SUCCESSFUL OPERATION OF MY MOTORCYCLE, and I accept the entire risk of any accidents or personal injury, including death, which (1) may result solely from my participation in this event, (2) could be caused by the negligence of any third party, and (3) may result from my participation in this event.

I warrant that I am a legal resident of the State of California and that I am a resident of the City of Los Angeles. I warrant that I am at least 18 years old and that I am a legal resident of the City of Los Angeles. I warrant that I am a legal resident of the City of Los Angeles.

By signing this document, I certify that I have read this document and fully understand it, and that I am not relying on any statements or representation of any of the Motorcyclists. This document shall be binding upon me, my (and ability) heirs, executors, administrators and assigns (and all legal questions) on my behalf.

Signature of Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Passenger \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian (If Rider is under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*If rider died on the ground level location of the above-named rider/passenger and that I have full authority to act as a father or guardian to the above-named rider/passenger.



## John's Picture Perfect Contest

**WIN  
\$25  
TRADER JOE'S  
Gift Card**

### For April, we have three winners

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

**Three  
PRIZES**

NEXT DEADLINE:  
**May 15**  
Happy Snapping!



"This is Genevieve, our family cat. Although cats are known to have expressive faces, Genevieve was able to sum up a situation in a single glance. This was taken just after she was treated to a pill that she was more than unhappy about being given!"

**- Bob Hill, DWP**

John's comments: Well, what can I say ... I love cats!



"This is a picture of my son, Angel Gomez Jr., at Legoland with his new dinosaur magnifying glass."

**- Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager**

John's comments: Nice work, Angel. I really like the imagination you put into your photography! Oh, and just so all of you know, this picture was taken by the same Angel Gomez who took the cover photo for this month's Alive! A round of applause, please!



"This is a picture of two of my seven children, Joe and John. I can't remember specifically where this was taken, but it was one of those picture perfect moments that I actually caught on film about 35 years ago."

**- Robert Hawkins, retired; former LAPD Crime Lab Consultant**

John's comments: Nice shot, Dad! Having kids, I know how hard it is to get them to sit still for a picture, let alone to get them to have the facial expressions you want.

**Rules:**

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

# Honoring Tommy Scott

■ **Deceased Airport officer given award posthumously by local group.**

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

**AIRPORTS** — Los Angeles Airport Police Officer Tommy Edward Scott, who gave his life while protecting the aviation community and doing a job he truly loved, was honored Feb. 21 with an Outstanding Service to the Community Award by the Westchester Elks Lodge.

Scott was killed April 29, 2005, while on patrol during an altercation with a suspect. Scott was a four-year veteran of

the Los Angeles Airport Police. Curt Curtiss, a member of the Westchester Elks Lodge, presented Hubert Scott, Tommy Scott's father, with the award during a Board of Airport Commissioners meeting at Los Angeles International Airport.

The Westchester Elks Lodge each year recognizes officers from law enforcement agencies in the airport area for their outstanding service to the community. As the 2005 recipient, Scott was added to the Westchester Elks plaque honoring previous officers.

Scott's father also accepted for his son Certificates of Special Recognition from U.S. Representative Maxine Waters. Los Angeles City Councilman Bill Rosendahl presented Scott's father with an Officer of the Year Award.



Officer Tommy Scott, 1969-2005



Hubert Scott, the father of the late Airport Police Officer Tommy Scott, accepts the award from Curt Curtiss.

# Remembering Rene and Rick

■ **Public Works held a one-year remembrance for Big Rick Garris and Rene Flores, who died on duty.**

Story and photos by Jessica Segura, Club Counselor

**PUBLIC WORKS** — One year ago, Public Works and other departments within the City experienced a tragic and unforgettable loss of "Big" Rick Garris and Rene Flores.

This past Feb. 24, family and friends joined in City Hall to remember Rick and Rene and honor them. Bennie Williams, who was the best friend of Big Rick and friend to Rene, held a ceremony to unveil a monument in their memory. The monument will stand 18 feet tall in the lobby of the new Public Works Building, which will be on 12th Street. Funding for the monument is solely based on fundraising and donations. It is expected to be ready for display by the same time next year.

The Club thanks Club Rep Tonja Bellard for her assistance.



Rene Flores, 1950-2005



"Big" Rick Garris, 1955-2005



A small replica of the monument for Big Rick and Rene.



From left: Rachel Flores, mother, and Sandy Flores, sister-in-law.



From left: Yvette D. Williams Garris, widow; Ruth Wright, mother in law; and Willie F. Garris, father.



From left: Herbert Fragosa, Plumber, 32 years, and Richard Barboza, Bridge Crew 165, 7 years of service.



From left: Katie Curry, granddaughter; Desiree Castaneda; Margie Castaneda, fiancé; and Renee Flores, daughter.



From left: Minister Darrell Wright, brother-in-law, and Karen Garris-Wright, sister.



Special Projects Division Manager Dennis Weber gives a few words in memory of Rick and Rene.



From left: Frederick Dorman, Equip. Operator, 11 years; and Patricia Williams, Local 761/ Special Projects, 5 years of service.



From left: Michael Curry and DeAnna Flores, daughter.



From left: Earl Coleman, Special Projects, 15 years, and Bennie Williams.



From left: Yolanda Fuentes, Public Works Commissioner, and William Robertson, Director of Street Services.



From left: John Serrato, Special Projects, 5 years; Bob Garcia, Special Projects, 22 years; and John Delao, Special Projects, 19 years of service.



From left: Jason Flores, son, and his girlfriend, Laura Dominguez.



From left: Jose Arandia, MNC Street Services, 9 years, and Manuel Guerrero, Mason Street Services, 5 years of service.



From left: Bennie Williams, Acting Supervisor, Special Projects, and William Robertson.

# History Comes Alive!

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



Tales From the City Archives

## All Aboard!

### ■ The early years of the Southern Pacific Railroad in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles has had the reputation of being one of the most improbable cities in the world. First, before Cityhood in 1850, it was a drop-off point between two missions. Second, there was no major water source other than the Los Angeles River for a City population that grew by leaps and bounds by the end of the 19th and into the early 20th centuries. And, third, a monumental change occurred when the iron horse, the railroads, arrived in Los Angeles and converted a sleepy ranching and agricultural community into a major economic force in the western United States. This happened in 1873, with the arrival of the Southern Pacific Railroad at the edge of the San Pedro Bay.

Prior to the arrival of the Southern Pacific in the Los Angeles area, a pioneer by the name of Phineas Banning (1830-85), known as the Father of the Los Angeles Harbor, lived in Wilmington, named for his hometown in Delaware. Banning, a mover and shaker in 1851, was a Teamster, hauling people and goods to Los Angeles. Later he replaced oxcarts with stagecoaches. In time he also had contracts to supply merchandise and wares to government posts into Arizona.

Banning built the first rail line in Los Angeles with a government subsidy. It ran from the tidewater in San Pedro to Alameda Street near the Plaza called the Los Angeles & San Pedro Railroad (LA&SP). The year was 1869. In time, the Banning innovation became the second extension in California of the nation's Southern Pacific in 1873.

At the same time, in 1869, four major players from northern California had their own focus on railroading, but at a transcontinental level. These four gentlemen were Collis P. Huntington, Henry Huntington's uncle; Charles Crocker; Mark Hopkins; and Leland Stanford. Their interests related linking their newly completed Central Pacific Railroad (CP) from Sacramento to the Union Pacific (UP) in Ogden, Utah. This became a reality when, on May 10, 1869, the striking of the Golden Spike became a monumental event that merged the United States from east to west at Promontory Point, Utah.

It should be noted that these four major brokers were also involved, a year earlier, in purchasing a controlling interest in the Southern Pacific. Supposedly, the only real claims to this event are seen in an 1866 congressional paper authorizing rail construction from San Francisco to the Arizona border, somewhere near Mojave. Southern Pacific

was a subsidiary of the Central Pacific, moving toward transcontinental status with eastern railroads.

Los Angeles did not become involved with the Southern Pacific until 1872. At that time this major railway had extended its Northern Lines from south of San Jose toward the San Joaquin Valley toward the town of Goshen. This became Southern Pacific's land-grant territory from the federal government. This began on December 31, 1869.

Between 1869 and 1872, southern California leaders were fearful that Los Angeles might be overlooked by the major railroads and remain a parochial country town or village. It was decided that a delegation of prominent Californians including former Governor John G. Downey and Los Angeles merchant Harris Newmark meet with then-Southern Pacific President Collis P. Huntington in San Francisco. According to authors Larry Mullaly and Bruce Petty in their publication, *The Southern Pacific in Los Angeles, 1873-1996*, the following is what occurred:

Huntington displayed some engineer's maps ... and showed the railroad, if constructed in Los Angeles at all, would have to enter the city. Huntington had a price. As a condition for coming to Los Angeles, he demanded both a public subsidy and title to the 22-mile-long Los Angeles & San Pedro Railroad — conditions which were begrudgingly accepted by a plurality of City and county voters Nov. 5, 1872.

The results of the election found in the City Council Minutes, volume Eight (8), dated November 7, 1872, showed that 1,051 votes were cast, of which 897 votes were for the transfer of the City Railroad Stock to the SP and 154 votes were against the transfer. At that time, the boundaries for the Council were divided into wards, of which there were three. The first two wards each had three Councilmen, while the third ward had four representatives.

The election also obligated the City and county to pay the Southern Pacific five percent of the entire taxable property of the county, in the form of county bonds. All the above-mentioned stock in the Los Angeles & San Pedro amounted to \$527,730, and 60 acres of land in the City for right of way, depot and workshop grounds were to be transferred to Southern Pacific. In return, the major railroad promised to build 50 miles of new tracks on three new lines out of Los Angeles within fifteen months of the election.

The Southern Pacific began construction in the San Joaquin Valley in 1873, and by 1876 had completed one of its tasks into northern

Los Angeles County. In 1877, the City Council granted certain privileges to the 16-mile-long Los Angeles and Independence Railroad Company (LA&I), originally connecting Los Angeles to Santa Monica and purchased by Southern Pacific. One of the many issues granted by the City to the LA&I was to connect its depot

by right of way on San Pedro Street to the Southern Pacific on Alameda Street at the intersection of First Street. Results would be for passengers and trains to travel from the City to the sea, and to also be part of a future transcontinental line.

The powers that be decided that Southern Pacific should move north to San Francisco through the Mojave Desert. In 1876, the burgeoning San Fernando Valley was being advertised as a mecca for new landowners. Plots of land for homeowners were selling between \$10 and \$25 each. Farmland was selling between \$5 and \$40 an acre. The railroad was the conduit to bring future buyers to the "land of plenty." After Southern Pacific built its tunnel to the Valley, farmland rose to \$150 an acre. The San Fernando Tunnel was considered at the time a monumental design.

Newspapers hailed the San Fernando Tunnel as one of the majestic feats built in the United States in the 19th century. The 6,976-foot-long tunnel was begun in January 1875, with a construction force of 1500 men, mainly Chinese. The mile long tunnel near Newhall was excavated below San Fernando Pass. Problems of safety arose because of issues relating to the caving-in of the soft geologic formation. Nevertheless, tracks were laid and the tunnel, which still exists, was completed in August 1876. Within a month, the Southern Pacific rails were joined from Los Angeles to northern California.

Beginning in 1881, Southern Pacific began running the Sunset Limited from San Francisco through Los Angeles to New Orleans. It was considered a modern, comfortable "Pullman Palace." This was the third new line Collis Huntington promised as part of the negotiations with the City and county of Los Angeles back in 1873. In time, Southern Pacific built another more deluxe passenger train called the Golden State Limited in 1903. This line traveled from Los Angeles to Chicago.

An integral part of railroad systems are the depots. Los Angeles acquired its first depot in 1869, when Phineas Banning built the depot for his LA&SP. By 1874, the Southern Pacific used that facility for freight and passengers until 1876. The location was at Commercial and Alameda Streets, two blocks south of the present Union Station. Another depot, the original Los Angeles Junction, was built by the Southern Pacific on San Fernando Street in 1876, later to become a depot-hotel from 1882 to

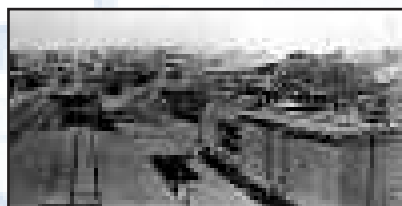
1902. The LA&I depot acquired by the Southern Pacific in 1877 on San Pedro Street was closed, but continued as a commuter stop until 1889. There was one more early station, the Arcade Depot built in 1889, near First and Alameda Streets, on what was originally an orange grove.

Major changes for the Southern Pacific came with the 20th century. This railroad was then the largest transportation system in the world. There was close to 10,000 miles of railroad track and 16,000 miles of water lines, an instrumental necessity for the growth and development of its operation and developing communities along the way.

Also, in August 1900, Collis Huntington, one of the original railroad barons, died. Within a year, a monumental change occurred for the Southern Pacific. Control of Southern Pacific passed into the hands of Edward H. Harriman, a New York financier, railroad magnate and father of the great 20th-century financier and politician W. Averell Harriman. At that time Harriman also owned the Union Pacific, the Illinois Central and the Oregon Trunk Line railroads. The Southern Pacific was now the consummate railroad because of the Harriman acumen and money to improve its operations and facilities. The Southern Pacific remained the most vigorous iron horse in the Los Angeles area over the Santa Fe and the Union Pacific until 1996. But that would be a continuing story for another time unless there is interest in reading the above-mentioned book, *The Southern Pacific in Los Angeles, 1873-1996*.



The first Special Fast Fruit train, June 24, 1886, chartered by W.R. Strong & Co. and Edwin T. Earl, Fruit Packers and Shippers. The train was heading east with the season's first citrus crops. Photo courtesy the Donald Duke Collection of the Los Angeles Railroad Historical Foundation, and Joe Lesser.



The Southern Pacific River Station Yard in 1890, with lots of freight cars and a whole lineup of cabooses. Photo courtesy the Donald Duke Collection of the Los Angeles Railroad Historical Foundation, and Joe Lesser.



The San Fernando Tunnel, 1876; 6,976 feet long, it was excavated and dug by mostly Chinese. At Lang, a short distance north on the mainline, is a special commemorative marker noting the participation of the Chinese. Photo courtesy the Donald Duke Collection of the Los Angeles Railroad Historical Foundation, and Joe Lesser.



Southern Pacific shop grounds during a working strike in 1894 — Lots of SP Locomotives lined up. Photo courtesy the Gerald M. Best Collection and the Donald Duke Collection of the Los Angeles Railroad Historical Foundation, and Joe Lesser.

For Retired Club Members



# The Best Years

## City Retiree Associations:

### DWP Retirees Association



**Dolores Foley, President**  
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Dolores Foley, *President*

### Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association



**James Chastain, President**  
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James Chastain, *President*

### Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



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

Ed Harding, *RLACEI President*

### Change of Address?

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

### Have News About Yourself?

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

## RLACEI Membership Meeting April 13

By Phil Skarin, *Publicity Chair, RLACEI*



### Legislative Update:

■ Ken Spiker, our elected commissioner to the LACERS Board of Directors, wants to reassure those retirees who have been following the news media reports of failing retirement systems, both Government and private funds, they should not worry. The LACERS fund is in very good condition. Though not fully funded, it has reached an all time high of \$9.4 billion. Your retirement check is secure.

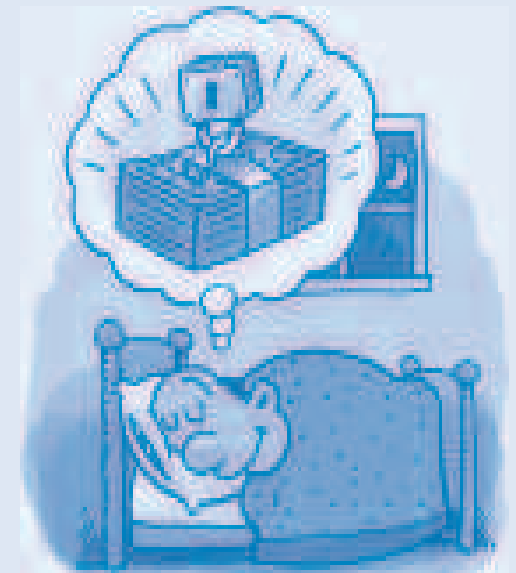
■ At the time of this writing the Annual Cost of Living (CPIINDEX) has not been presented to the Board. However, the Regional CPI estimate is at 4.5 percent, the national average for all cities is 4.1 percent. Thus, it appears we can expect our July 2006 check to be increased by three percent (3 percent). Any increase of the CPI over 3 percent can be added to your CPI accumulated banked benefits account. Your banked account can be used in any year the CPI is below 3 percent.

■ The Los Angeles Federal Credit Union will be hosting the checkpoint #1 at the WalkAmerica in Griffith Park Saturday, April 29 at 8 a.m. They will be collecting monetary donations at LAFUCU branches through April 21. This Walk is the biggest fundraiser for the March of Dimes. This year's theme is 'Walk for Someone They Love.'

### RLACEI President Ed Harding reports:

■ "I want to invite all retirees and their wives or husbands to our Membership Meeting Thursday, April 13, at the Van Nuys / Sherman Oaks Senior Center, 5056 Van Nuys Blvd., Sherman Oaks. The meeting is at 1 p.m., but you can come for a free lunch at noon if you call one of the officers on the Retirees' Helplines as soon as you get this paper. There will be an informative speaker, plus about 20 valuable door prizes."

■ "The next big event in the schedule is our 28th Annual Retirees' Invitational Golf Tournament Tuesday, June 6, at the Alhambra Municipal Gold Course. A shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. will be followed by an awards luncheon in the adjacent Almansor Court. If you would like to be a prize sponsor, contact Co-chairmen Phil Skarin at (818) 784-0130 or Tom Stemnock at (818) 487-6789."



■ "The City Employees Club of L.A. recently celebrated its 78th anniversary with a luncheon in the City Hall Tower. John Hawkins, President and CEO of The Club, invited my son, Dennis, and I as guests. At our table were the presidents of two other retired associations: Dolores Foley, DWP Retirees Association, and James Chastain, L.A., Retired Fire and Police Association. We meet together about quarterly to discuss matters of common concern."

■ "I have recently been suffering with a pinched nerve in my spine. The doctor gave me an injection, which caused temporary numbness from the neck down so they could lubricate the spine."

■ "Don't forget to come for the free lunch on April 13."

### Other Business:

■ If you are moving, notify Helen Salgado at (323) 728-4930 or write to her at 5423 Dewar St., Los Angeles, CA 90022. Also notify LACERS.

■ A complimentary copy of this newspaper *Alive!*, published by the City Employees Club of L.A., was recently mailed to our members. It was a one-shot mailing and does not replace *El Pueblo*.

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

## RLACEI Upcoming Events:

The 28th Annual Retirees Invitational Golf Tournament will again be at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course Tuesday, June 6, followed by an awards luncheon at the Almansor Court. Prize sponsors have helped keep the entry fee low. If you would like to be a sponsor this year, contact Phil Skarin at (818) 784-0130. Look for an entry form in the spring 2006 RLACEI newsletter.

**April 13:** General Membership Meeting at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center

**June 6:** Golf Tournament at the Alhambra Golf Course

**Aug. 10:** Picnic at the Grace E. Simons Lodge

**Oct. 12:** Annual Corporation Meeting and Elections at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center

**Dec. 7:** Christmas Party at the Grace E. Simons Lodge

# The Best Years

## ADVENTURES with HAL!



The Diamond Princess.

By Hal Danowitz,  
Secretary, RLACEI

### Retiree Hotlines

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

**City Employees Retirement System:** (213) 473-7200

#### RLACEI Retirement Counselors:

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

**DWP Retirement Plan Office:** (213) 367-1722

### RLACEI:

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Jerry Bardwell, Budget  
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Neil Ricci, Special Needs for Retirees  
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Helen Salgado  
Phil Skarin  
Dave Wilkins  
Jack Mathews  
Neil Ricci



## Cruising to Asia

### ■ Hal and friends chart their three-week cruise to Asia. Part I.

Towards the end of 2004, friends Ron and Lynn mentioned that they were going on a Southeast Asia and China cruise in October 2005 on Princess Cruises. They had booked with another couple, Lanny and Elaine, whom we also knew. The first couple has been friends of ours for a long time; in fact I'm the godfather of their oldest daughter. They are very busy attorneys, and I didn't think they would really take the three weeks necessary for the trip, but I decided to also book a cabin and I didn't have to make a decision until last August. We were already scheduled to go on the three-week northern European cruise in June (documented in the last few issues of *Alive!*), and I was pretty sure we would cancel the Asian cruise.

It was to be a 17-day cruise on the Diamond Princess starting in Xingang, China (the port for Beijing), and ending in Bangkok, Thailand. The other ports were Nagasaki and Okinawa, Japan; Shanghai and Hong Kong, China; Taipei, Taiwan; Nha Trang and Ho Chi Min City (Saigon), Vietnam; and Singapore. In most cases we had a day at sea between ports, which made this cruise a lot easier than the Northern European Cruise.

The price for the cruise (only) was just under \$7,000 for an outside deluxe cabin with a balcony. This was much less than the European Cruise on Celebrity. After I made the deposit I didn't worry too much about the trip because I was busy planning our June cruise. But I did get our in-laws, Effie and Pierre, to also book the Asian cruise, so now we had four couples scheduled to go.

Around the first part of July I started to think about the Asian trip, and I was surprised that so far everyone was still going. I had done nothing about air transportation, and I started looking for the best way to get to Beijing and back home from Bangkok. I wanted to go business class and use mileage if I could. I couldn't find any upgradeable seats (buy economy and upgrade to business class using mileage), so I ended up getting two "free" United Airlines business class tickets for 150,000 miles each. It used most of our miles on United, but those tickets cost about \$5,000 each, so if you think about it's a good deal.

We were to leave LAX in the morning Oct. 21, change planes in San Francisco and arrive in Beijing in the early evening Oct. 22. We returned from Bangkok Nov. 11, changed planes in Narita, Japan, and arrived at LAX.

We had been to China 20 years ago, and I

didn't think we needed to see the sights around Beijing again, so we didn't take a pre-cruise tour package. We did take the post-cruise package in Bangkok, but only the hotel and transfer package: no tours.

Traveling with four couples does pose some problems, including getting everyone to agree on anything. We had a pre-cruise meeting to decide on the post-cruise package, and that was our first disagreement. We couldn't decide on which hotel package to take. It took about three weeks before we finally agreed. Another issue was tours off the ship and eating. Because some of us had visited some of the cruise ports, it was decided that we would each pick our own tours, and if any were the same, we would book together. In the end this worked out well.

As for dining, Princess has both traditional and open dining; traditional means your dinner is either early or late seating and you always are at the same table with the same wait staff. Open seating allows you to pick from five different restaurants, and you can eat anytime you want during dining hours. We had chosen the open seating, and we decided that each day one couple would select a restaurant and check with everyone to see who wanted to dine that evening and then make the reservation. If you didn't want to dine with everyone that was also okay. Being together for three weeks can sometimes put a strain on any relationship, so having time on your own was very important. In the end, both the tours and dining worked out fine.

During our European Cruise, we had one of our cell phones set up for international service. While it worked in some places it was not satisfactory, so I got on the Internet and found an international phone service from www.mobal.com. I purchased a phone from them for a flat fee of \$49 and then I paid for usage by the country I was in. The \$49 phone would not work in the United States or Japan, but was good every place else. The phone has a British phone number, and incoming calls were about a \$1 per minute; outgoing calls varied from \$1.50 per minute in Singapore to \$6.95 per minute in Vietnam. Charges were billed to my credit card as I used the phone. It worked very well, and Lanny also had one. We were able to call each other to pick a place to meet after port tours. If I had to do it again



Front to back: Lanny and Elaine, Pierre and Effie, and Hal and Evelyn.

I would purchase the more expensive phone, which gives you more options.

On board the Princess we also had Internet availability, and because we were platinum club members (five or more cruises with Princess), the usage was free, which turned out to be a great deal for keeping in touch with home.

About a month before we were to leave, I got a call from my travel agent saying that Princess had offered us a different cabin. I checked it out on the deck plan, and I could see that it was a lot bigger than the one I booked, and so I told her to go ahead and take it. I did not notice that it was a handicapped cabin. I finally figured it out about a week before we were to leave, and Evelyn was really upset because the bathrooms have roll-in showers and not a lot of storage space. She told me that when you take a shower, the water is knee deep in the bathroom. It was too late to change again, and I was in the doghouse. The cabin was big, more than 300 square feet, about 100 square feet larger than the cabin we originally booked. It had lots of closet space but no extra chairs, and the bath was as Evelyn pictured. The first thing I did was to have our cabin steward (Carlito) bring us a couple of extra chairs, and in the bathroom I had him add a table. The first time I used the shower I found that Evelyn was right, and there was water everywhere. This was not a problem; I used my trusty screwdriver and redirected the drainage system. After that, we had no more water problems. I liked the large shower, and the room was great.

A week before we were to leave, Ron and Lynn had to cancel because of family illness, so we ended up with three couples making the trip.

Next month we will start our trip with our flights from LAX to China, which almost turned out to be an adventure in itself.

**If you have any comments or questions  
you can e-mail me at  
adventureswithhal@cityemployeesclub.com**



# Retiree Question of the Month

Alive! asked retirees...

## What's your favorite part of a Baseball Game?



"Smelling the fresh and well maintained field grass."

— Jack Keremy



### RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

**Herbert and Ruth Daniels**, Rancho Cucamonga, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 4. Their secret is to always listen attentively to whatever the other is saying. Ruth had worked 30 years with the ITA and Herbert was with the RTD.

**Ed Gorman**, Huntington Beach, succumbed to cancer March 9. He was a member of the Civic Center Optimist Club, and retired from the Harbor Dept. He is survived by his wife, Orpha, and four children.

**Poets**, get your creative juices flowing for an entry in the 2006 RLACEI Annual Poetry contest, any style, subject or length. Send a typed copy to Phil Skarin by Oct. 1. Separate categories for members and spouses. Everybody wins a prize.

**Melvin Hayes**, retired Bldg. Inspector, lives in Idaho and enjoys the mountains and fishing. He works for the Dept. of Fish and Game making Bluebird houses, which he takes to schools. The bluebird is the state bird whose numbers have been decreasing, so they are trying build their numbers back up.

**Glen Durham** moved to Las Vegas after his retirement from the LAX Police Dept.

**Dianne Tolbert (Hockless)**, Rialto, retired June 30, 2003, after 34 years of City service, including five years as the Executive Assistant to Councilman Nate Holden. She likes to travel, visit local casinos and attend colleges. In February, the Mayor and Council of Rialto appointed her as a member of the Neighborhood and Housing Preservation and Beautification Commission.

**Dave Brauns writes:** "Your Thought for the Day is always enlightening." Jane Hanson writes: "What you write is always very helpful. Your Thought for the Day says so much. Thank you for these gems."

**If you have news about yourself or other retirees that you'd like to share, send it to:**

**Phil Skarin**  
5301 Norwich Ave.  
Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910  
or call (818) 784-0130  
or fax (818) 906-3722.

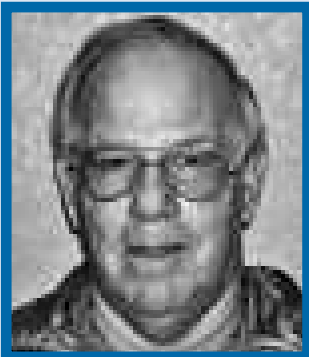
"I get a kick watching all the happy faces."

— Wilma Jones



"I love having peanuts, a Coke, and a hot dog on my lap while watching the players."

— Mildred James



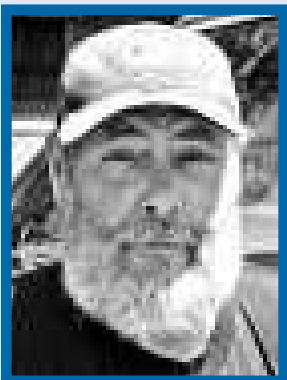
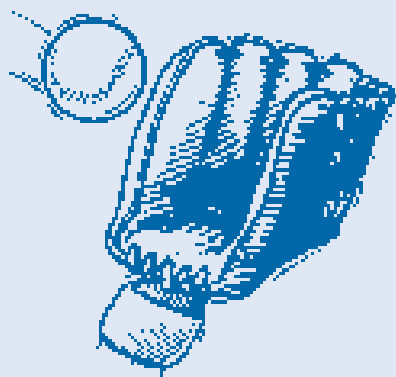
"Going to a ballpark that sells fish and chips!"

— Henry Carmichael



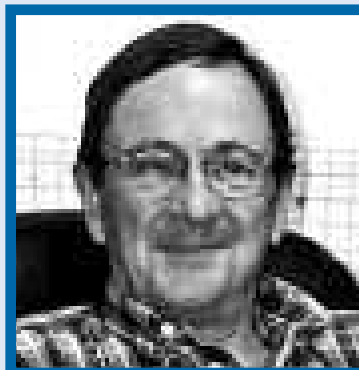
"I like the exercise I get as I hit a beach ball with my hand up a few rows behind me."

— Bob Farmer



"What's baseball?"

— Tim Rogers



"Having your team win the game!"

— Trevor Kernel

## Rec, Parks Reunion

■ Five who retired from Rec and Parks Valley Region had an informal reunion.

REC AND PARKS — Five retired employees from the Valley Region of Rec and Parks got together to remember old memories and make new ones.

The retirees were Tom Hutchinson (Senior Director, Retired); Greg Perkins (Senior Director, Retired); John Pierce (Supervisor, Retired); Tom Peterson (Principal II, Retired); and John Maghakian (Principal I).

It was the first reunion since they worked for the Valley region of Rec and Parks. Tom Hutchinson volunteers at Cal State Northridge for the baseball team; Greg Perkins is bicycling; John Pierce is into exercising; Tom Peterson continues to golf; and John Maghakian has happily been spending time with his time with his grandchildren.

They met in February at Tom Peterson's house.



From left: Tom Hutchinson, Tom Peterson, John Maghakian, John Pierce and Greg Perkins.



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## Financial Advice



Planning and Managing Your Retirement

## The Smart Money

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Financial Adviser,  
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The Club wants to make planning your financial future easier and more confident. To that end, there are now two separate Club partners to choose from: Eric Garcia, Smith Barney; or James Ocon and Kevin Wright, Wachovia Securities.

Remember that all financial decisions are yours; the Club offers these partners as a courtesy to you and offers no financial/securities advice of its own.

*Alive!* will feature these two partners in this space in alternating months. As the two partnerships may or may not have separate views on financial matters, they don't necessarily endorse the others' views. But they stand by what they write in the columns with their name(s) on them.

Feel free to contact them at your earliest convenience:

**Eric Garcia: (626) 683-4621**

**James Ocon and Kevin Wright: (818) 907-4209**



Eric Garcia



Kevin Wright

Be Careful About  
Withdrawing IRAs

You may be one of the millions of Americans who changes jobs or retires each year and receives a distribution from your employer's retirement plan. Naturally, you will be faced with many questions that may dramatically affect your financial future.

Perhaps the most important decision you will have to make is determining when you will access this money. If you don't use this money right away, you have a significant opportunity to build your retirement wealth through continued tax-deferred compounding.

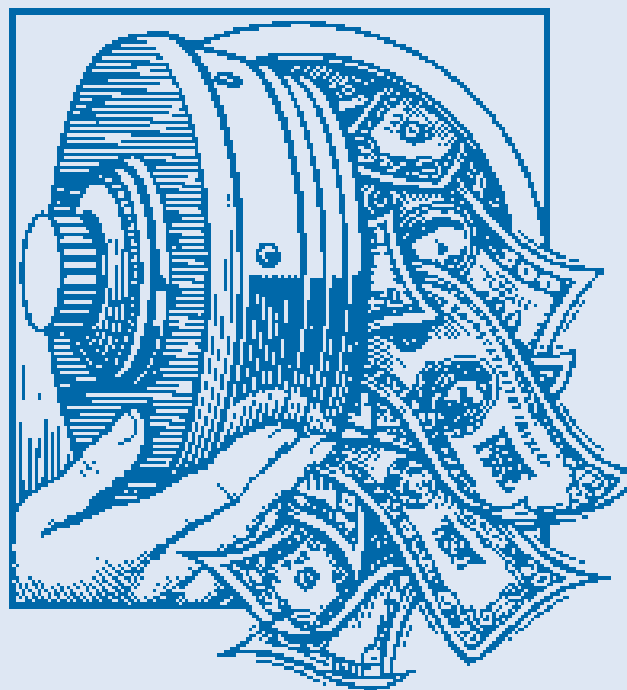
If you should need immediate access to these funds, you should be aware that your withdrawals would be considered income for tax purposes in the year they are received.

Spending this financial windfall may seem attractive, but it could be costly to your future financial security. You will have to pay ordinary income tax on any distribution you take from your retirement plan, and if you are under age 59.5, you may also owe a 10 percent premature distribution tax.

Special tax treatments, such as 10-year averaging, may be available to individuals born before January 1, 1936, who meet specific IRS requirements. However, even with these special options, you will still lose the opportunity for tax deferral on the future growth of your retirement assets. This can have a dramatic effect on the financial resources available to you during your retirement years—so make your decision carefully.

An IRA rollover permits you to continue to defer taxes on your retirement plan distribution, thus allowing your money the potential to grow faster than in a regular savings account. Most distributions from qualified

retirement plans can be rolled over to a traditional IRA. With the recent passage of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001, there is even greater flexibility for IRA holders in distributing and moving assets both among IRAs and among various other retirement arrangements. As a result, IRAs can be more popular than ever as vehicles for accumulating, hold-



ing and directing taxpayers' retirement assets.

Once you roll your distribution into an IRA, you have flexible distribution options that enable you to control both your income stream as well as when you will pay taxes. If you need to withdraw funds before age 59.5, you might employ Rule 72(t) to create a series

of equal and substantial payments for five years or to age 59.5 (whichever is longer) and avoid a 10 percent premature distribution penalty.

If continuing to defer taxes with an IRA Rollover is the preferred action step for you, ask your employer to send your distribution directly to your traditional IRA custodian. If the distribution is paid to you instead, your employer generally is required to withhold 20 percent of the distribution for federal income taxes. If the 20 percent is withheld, you can still avoid taxes on the entire distribution if you rollover the amount that you received plus the amount of the withholding within 60 days. Presumably, you will get a refund of the withheld amount when you file that year's taxes.

If you roll your retirement plan distribution into a traditional IRA, you may want to explore the tax-free income opportunities available with the Roth IRA. Your modified adjusted gross income must be \$100,000 or less and you must be either single or file a joint tax return with your spouse to be eligible to convert your traditional IRA to a Roth. You should consider such factors as your current and future tax rates, when you plan to use the money in your IRA, and your risk tolerance when making your choice.

Before making any decisions about your retirement plan distribution, seek the advice of a Tax Accountant and a Financial Advisor to fully understand your rollover options and the tax consequences of those options. Most importantly, remember that a flexible and dynamic retirement investment strategy strives to result in the bright future you envision for you and your family.

Kevin D. Wright is a financial adviser with Wachovia Securities in Woodland Hills. Contact him: (818) 251-5030.

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The Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 is subject to a "Sunset" provision. The "Sunset" provision (required by the Congressional Budget Act of 1974) requires that the provisions of the Act do not apply after the end of the year 2010. Therefore, technically, all the current rules, rates, and exceptions come back into effect in 2011 unless reenacted.

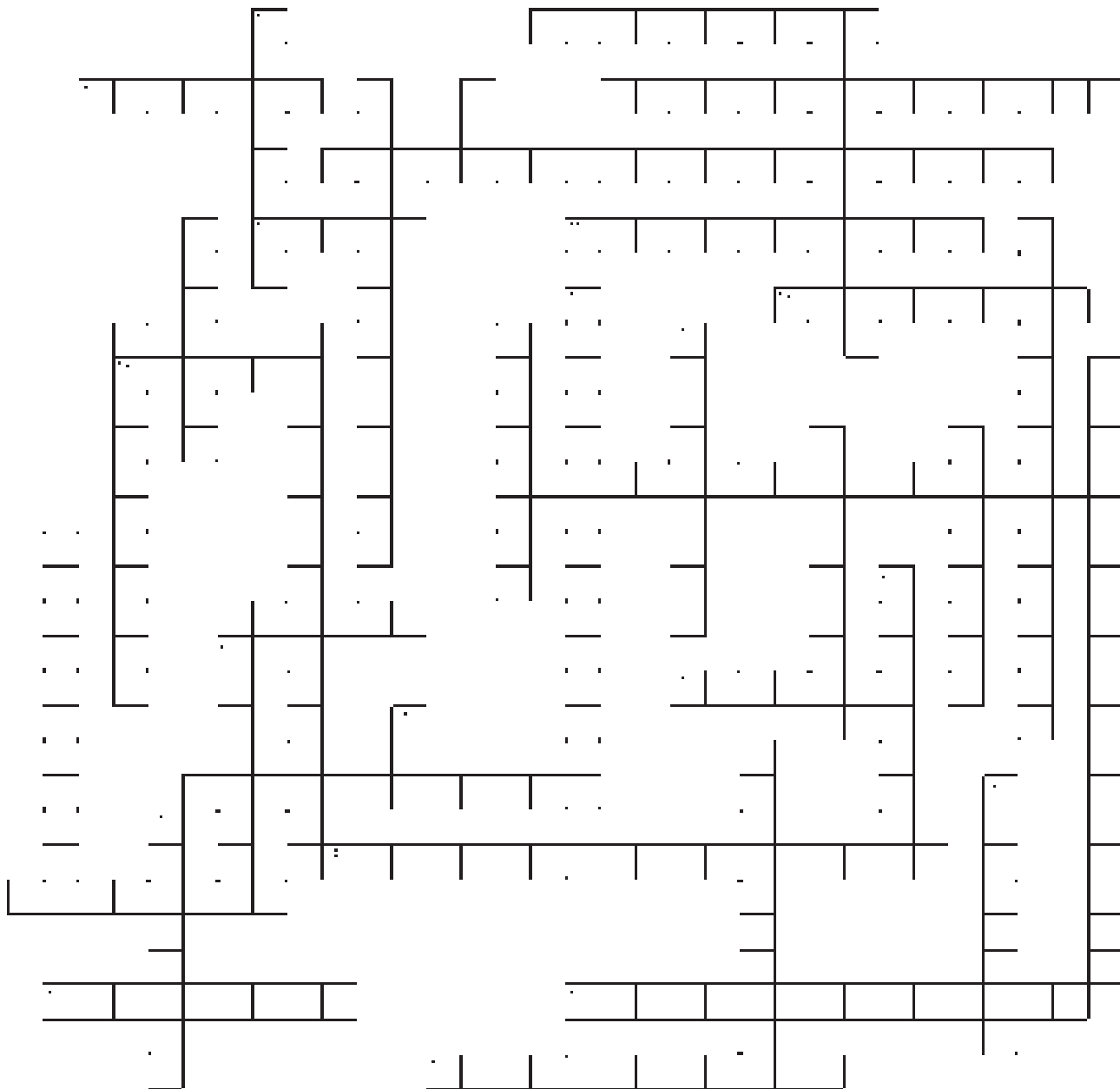
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# The *Alive!* Crossword Puzzle

Created by Club Events Guru Michelle Moreno

## ALL ABOUT California

Grab your pencil, and let the fun begin!



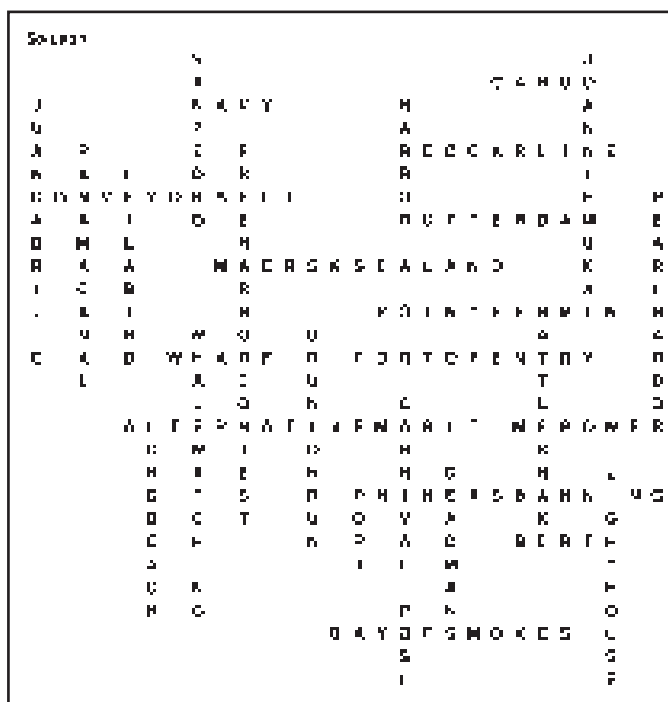
### ACROSS

- 2. (2 words) Largest city in state
- 4. Immigrant workers responsible for creating the California railroad
- 7. (3 words) English explorer to first claim California
- 8. (4 words) State dance
- 10. U.S. President born in California
- 11. (2 words) State animal
- 14. California dog face...
- 19. state motto
- 23. (4 words) state song
- 26. Raisin capital of the world
- 28. (2 words) first state capitol
- 31. (2 words) Tallest peak
- 34. (3 words) Largest living tree in the world
- 35. (2 words) 1849 event that attracted many
- 36. (2 words) Only mobile national monuments
- 37. (2 words) Date capital of the world (the food)
- 38. Paris of the Pacific

### DOWN

- 1. Father Junipero Serra founded the first of these in CA
- 3. Almond capital of the world
- 5. (3 words) California nickname
- 6. Trojans
- 9. Roman goddess of wisdom who is on the state seal
- 12. (2 words) State bird
- 13. (2 words) Eschscholtzia Californica
- 15. (2 words) Home of the lowest point in the Western Hemisphere
- 16. (2 words) The "first Californians"
- 17. (2 words) Home of the first of 21 coastal missions
- 18. Home of the movies
- 20. (3 words) one of the most famous cartographic errors in history
- 21. Avocado capitol and high school of Chef Larios
- 22. Spanish named state after his novel about Califia, a mythical paradise
- 24. (2 words) "Best view of the world" in the U.S.
- 25. Home of the world's only burlesque museum
- 27. Tallest trees in the world
- 29. a.k.a Route 1
- 30. (2 words) famous earthquake fault spanning 800 miles
- 32. Founder of present-day California
- 33. Athens of the west

### Last Month's Answers



THE BEST YEARS



### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: *Security Blankets*

*As we grow older, we tend to become obsessed with security. We only associate with old friends, we only go to familiar places, and we play the same records over and over. But there is potential for growth throughout our entire lifetime. There is always a need for new ideas, a new song to be sung, a stranger to befriend and new stars that appear in the heavens to remind us that Creation and creativity are never-ending processes.*

-- Phil Skarin, RLACEI



### RLACEI Website

Hal Danowitz asks you to visit our Website at:  
[www.rlacei.com](http://www.rlacei.com) to find out the latest retiree news.

# Life's Important Moments

## Share your moments!

### In Memoriam

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

- Active**  
**Virginia Brandolino**, Convention Center, 10  
**Michael Burney**, Public Works, 30
- Retired**  
**William Avila**, Public Works, 36  
**Richard Bailey**, General Services, 16  
**Wilbur Bingham**, Building and Safety, 28  
**Lawrence Blouin**, Transportation, 34  
**Harvey Boyce**, DWP, 28  
**Raymond Boye**, DWP, 18  
**Olin Culpepper**, Public Works, 25  
**Sarah Davis**, DWP, 3  
**Jeanne Dyer**, Library, 11  
**John English**, DWP, 28  
**Escamead Gibbs**, Library, 30  
**Billy Gilbert**, DWP, 32  
**Robert Gotti**, Harbor, 32  
**Irvin Hewins**, DWP, 11  
**Audra Hill**, Rec and Parks, 10  
**Santina Isola**, City Clerk, 30  
**Albert Jenkins**, DWP, 37  
**Ross Joy**, General Services, 12  
**Paul Kanarek**, Data Service Bureau, 10  
**Natsuya Kawashima**, Public Works, 36  
**Dennis Kroepin**, Animal Regulations, 33

- Sylvia Malin**, Library, 25  
**Robert Leake**, DWP, 28  
**Leo Mark**, City Clerk, 19  
**Hiroshi Masuda**, Public Works, 12  
**Gerald McConnell**, DWP, 11  
**Steve McDonald**, LAPD, 16  
**M.M. McKenzie**, DWP, 33  
**Ruth Mires**, DWP, 15  
**Jerry Porter**, DWP, 21  
**Richard Powell**, Rec and Parks, 22  
**Gordon Pryne**, DWP, 31  
**Frank Ramirez**, DWP, 26  
**Abraham Regenbogen**, Rec and Parks, 41  
**Herman Reischel**, DWP, 42  
**Norman Rosen**, LAPD, 19  
**Clyde Rowland**, DWP, 27  
**Joe Sims**, Rec and Parks, 25  
**Arthur Swanson**, DWP, 39  
**Teru Tambara**, Public Works, 18  
**Arthur Terrazas**, DWP, 39  
**Rolando Valdez**, Rec and Parks, 4  
**James Wagoner**, General Services, 12  
**Curtiss Walker**, Rec and Parks, 26  
**Alvie Ward**, DWP, 22  
**Johnny Watkins**, Data Service Bureau, 11  
**Robert Young**, LAPD, 10

### Promotions



**Galaxya De Ande**, promoted to Police Officer III, LAPD. She previously was Police Officer II. She has 7 years of service with the LAPD.



**Apparatus Operator Robert Sanchez**, who has been a member of Fire Department for five years, was promoted to Apparatus Operator, responsible for driving and maintaining the Aerial Ladder Truck. A/O Sanchez's new assignment is Fire Station 105, serving the West Hills area of the City. Previous assignments were all in the downtown area of the City. Shown with him is Battalion Chief James Gaffney.



**Gholpat (Donny) Senachai**, promoted to Senior Clerk Typist, Police Dept. Previously he was Clerk Typist, DWP.



**Adriene L. Allen**, promoted to Management Analyst I, Police Dept. Previously she was Real Estate Associate, DWP.

### Retirements

- Araceli Anderson**, Legal Secretary, City Attorney, 30  
**Norman Aubrey**, Refuse Coll. Supt., Public Works, 36  
**Blanche Bell**, Police Service Rep., LAPD, 30  
**Thomas Bilich\***, DWP  
**Edwina Brown**, Exec. Admin. Asst., Zoo, 36  
**Alfred Cardiel**, DWP  
**Spencer Cham\***, DWP  
**Linda Cory**, Animal Keeper, Rec and Parks, 10  
**Noel Cunningham**, Traffic Manager, Harbor, 20  
**William Davenport**, Deck Hand, Harbor, 22  
**Benedict DeSimone**, DWP  
**Lynda Dostal, Sr.**, Mgmt. Analyst, CDD, 12  
**Elvia Estupinian**, Clerk Typist, Rec and Parks, 1  
**Connie Farfan**, Clerk Typist, Housing, 15  
**Rivian Fishkin**, Rec. Asst., Rec and Parks, 2  
**Diane Finneran**, DWP  
**Edward Fogderud**, DWP  
**Benjamin Fontenot**, Ref. Coll. Truck Op., Public Works, 33  
**Brenda Fowler\***, DWP  
**Kelly Gage, Sr.**, Equip. Mechanic, LAPD, 15  
**Anacieto Gano**, DWP  
**Willie Garrison**, Fleet Services, Gen. Services, 38  
**Mary Ann Gonzales**, Pers. Records Supv., Library, 41  
**Diane Gordon**, Librarian, Library, 21  
**Gary Graziano**, Property Officer, LAPD, Public Works, 31  
**Ricky Hall**, Special Officer, Gen. Services, 18  
**Walter Hall**, DWP  
**Donald Hayward**, Property Officer, LAPD, 34  
**Raymond Hill**, Safety Engr. Associate, Personnel, 37  
**Thomas Hokinson**, DWP  
**Alice Howard, Sr.**, Clerk Typist, Public Works, 32  
**Maurice Hughes**, Wastewater Trmt. Oper., Public Works, 20

- Ronald Humphrey**, DWP  
**Ernest Johnson**, Truck Operator, Public Works, 32  
**Philip Johnson**, Sr. Gardener, Rec and Parks, 31  
**Gordon Lawler**, Sr. Admin. Analyst, City Adm. Officer, 47  
**Ingrid Lingstrom**, Airport Guide, Airports, 5  
**Eduardo Lubrin\***, DWP  
**Michael Macias**, Cement Finisher, Airports, 39  
**John McWhirter\***, DWP  
**Jose Melara**, Gardener Caretaker, Rec and Parks, 20  
**Asmik Minasyan**, Airport Guide, Airports, 6  
**Tatiana Noscoff**, Clerk Typist, Library, 28  
**Richard Nunez\***, DWP  
**Stephen Otero\***, DWP  
**Karen Plemmons**, DWP  
**Ronnie Riffel**, Management Analyst, LAPD, 20  
**Larry Robbs**, DWP  
**John Saathoff\***, DWP  
**Charles Salvatore\***, DWP  
**Carolyn Sawyer**, Electrical Craft Helper, LAPD, 30  
**Bruce Seaton**, General Manager, Harbor, 35  
**Carmen Sipple**, Exec. Admin. Assistant, Airports, 21  
**Oliver Simelton**, Gardener Caretaker, Rec and Parks, 12  
**Teresita Tapuro**, DWP  
**Luis Terreros**, Light Equip. Operator, Gen. Services, 33  
**Jose Vazquez**, Forensic Prnt. Spec., LAPD, 18  
**James Whitmore\***, DWP  
**William Willson**, Build. Mech. Inspector, Building and Safety, 20  
**Darlene Wong**, DWP  
**Janet Wong, Sr.**, Accountant, Rec and Parks, 39  
 \*Club Member

### Births



**Derrell Sherrod Jr.**, born Nov. 25. He is the grandson of Darryl Sherrod, General Services, and Christy Sherrod, Airports.



**Olivia Lynn Knight**, born Feb. 26 to Erin Knight, Senior Clerk Typist, Police Dept., Office of the Chief of Analyst II, Bureau of Sanitation, Solid Resources Citywide Recycling.



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## New Members

### Welcome New Members!

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

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Guy Painter  
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Blanca Rodriguez  
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Jose Velasquez  
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John Chavez  
Angela Salgado

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Jafar Ahmed  
Antonio Alcantara  
Juan Arana  
Francisco Blanco  
Mary Cazares  
Greg Cordell  
Brian Gonzalez  
Margaret Hopwood  
George James

Frank Ramos  
Carlos Velasquez

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Vincent Cruces  
Marco Garcia  
Victor Maldonado  
Peter Pham

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John Bell  
Gary Brown  
Ruben Butler  
Steven Butler  
Glyndis Dean  
Robert Dickerson  
Terri Dubinsky  
Frank Fonseca  
Jesus Garza Jr.  
Vincent Hernandez  
Phillip Holloway  
Antonio Raul Lingao  
Allen Lupoe  
Brent Martin  
Hector Miranda  
George Moreno  
James Oden  
Charles Raffetto  
Kathy Rainey  
Michael Regan  
Erika Wimberly  
Dennis Witherspoon

**Fire**

Nora Andrade

**General Services**

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Freddie Rivas

Alan Sepulveda  
Richard Telles  
Neil Wantana

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Byron Bailey  
Miguel Camorlinga  
Marco Ceron  
Albert Galloway  
Rodolfo Gonzalez  
Melvin Jones  
Steve Joyce  
Shawn Olson  
Shirley Palacios  
Christine Pina  
Mary Ramos  
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Donya Plazo  
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Lawrence Russell

**Planning**

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Marlo Jones  
Heidi Keeseey  
Michael McComas  
David Purdy  
Angela Rodriguez

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Terrence Brown  
Marcia Elayne  
Francois Gardere Jr.  
Raymond Hernandez  
Lennis Jones  
Phyllis Meyi  
Mark Moshlak  
Maria Pineda  
Fidel Puerta  
James Thomas

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Michael Fusano  
Gerardo Garibay  
Calvin Hodges  
Brittney Lewis

**Retired**

Larry Farris  
Susan Pierce

**Other**

Jose Gongora  
Derrick Henderson  
Bernard Langlois  
Mary Pagarigan  
David Peterson  
William Turner

**Club Staff**

Sara Fama

## Weddings



**Paul and Cheryl Dorries** were married July 24 at the Castaway in Burbank. Paul is an Engineer with Hewlett Packard, and Club Member Cheryl Morris is a Senior Lead Officer with Port Police.



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Watts Prophets performed several inspirational poems including "Wake Up World."



Billy Mitchell Group with Lorca Hart on drums and Ryan Cross on bass, and Daniel Richardson on saxophone, featured Jazz Vocalist Alexandra Isley, a USC Freshman. Isley will be the opening act for the Dunbar Economic Development Corporation's Annual Central Jazz Festival in July 2006.



Conney Williams performs a poem dedicated to the Hurricane Katrina survivors entitled, "She Gone." Williams is accompanied by Ryan Cross on bass.



Audience singing "Lift Every Voice and Sing" led by the LADWP's Voices of Power.

■ **Water, Power African American group presented event that honored history makers.**

# WPAAA Turns Nostalgic

Photos by Malcolm Ali, Adell Brown and Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager

WPAAA — For some, it was a chance to meet African Americans who made a difference. For many it was an opportunity to revisit memories that shaped and strengthened their lives that prepared them to overcome life's obstacles, both professionally and personally.

On Feb. 28, the Water and Power African American Association (WPAAA) and the Dunbar Economic Development Corporation presented "A Celebration of African American History Makers," which commemorated the achievements of African Americans who changed the world and celebrated those individuals who are in the process of making history. Some of these history makers were part of the day's entertainment.

"One of the purposes of Black History Month is to highlight and acknowledge African American men and women who made numerous valuable contributions from inventions used on a daily basis to technology, entertainment, sports, medical breakthroughs — and more — all an integral and essential part of American history," said Marie Y. Lemelle, WPAAA President.

During the two-hour event taped by LA Cityview Channel 35, hundreds of people arrived at the DWP auditorium to share in the rich culture and traditions that are an undeniable part of the fabric of this nation. History was everywhere in the DWP auditorium, from the large posters of Dolphin's of Hollywood to the black and white photographs of the famous musicians of Central Avenue.

In the weeks leading up to the day of the event, it was surprising to learn that many people were nos-

talgi about how their lives were touched by these African American history makers scheduled to perform that day. "The potentially grand scale of the 'Celebration of African American History Makers' becomes an intimate experience when the attendees begin to say to each other 'Remember when...?' or 'Did you know...?'" said Michael Dolphin, Dunbar Economic Development Corporation Board Member. "When those responses include 'I didn't know that, but I would be excited to know more,' then the event has achieved a greater success."

Jacqueline Boddie, Jesse Frescas, Joseph "Tommy" Johnson and Richard Lee were just a few of the many attendees who reminisced about the performers who offered the audience a chance to remember the days gone by, the present time, and a glimpse into the future.

"The performances were stellar — from the poetic Watts Prophets, legendary Tom Reed, jazz giant Billy Mitchell, the young talents of jazz vocalist Alexandra Isley and saxophonist Daniel Richardson and the exotic Amelia M'Baye to the raw rhythm of Conney Williams and from the soulful sounds of Voices of Power to the tower of strength Harry Flourney — it was a mix of smooth sounds, exuberance, and humor," Lemelle said. "After nearly 40 years in the business, the Watts Prophets will never lose their cool."

For Jacqueline Boddie, her memories of the Watts Prophets go back to 1972. "I was a performing arts student at Los Angeles Southwest College and a struggling single mom with two young boys," said Boddie, a clerk typist at DWP with more than 16 years of service. "Otis O'Solomon, Amde Hamilton and Richard Dedeaux were great role models for my sons because of their literary skills,

positive messages and forward-thinking approach to life." Boddie added that in her part-time profession as a singer, dancer and actor, there were many times that she and the Watts Prophets shared the same stage where she found much joy and solace listening to the prolific performers.

Jesse Frescas, a reprographic operator with DWP for more than 25 years of City service, was thrilled to meet his hometown legend — Harry Flournoy, who was part of the historic Texas Western College basketball team—the first team to start five black players to win the NCAA championship. (Flournoy's wife, Sukari, works for the DWP.) Frescas was born and raised about a mile from the Texas Western College campus in El Paso, Texas. "I don't recall ever missing a game," said Frescas.

"The team was fantastic; I never lost faith in their ability to win," he said. Frescas recalled how proud the City of El Paso was of the team accomplished for the town, the community, and the State of Texas.

In January, the Disney movie, *Glory Road*, about the road to victory for an all-black starting lineup in a college basketball championship game was released. The painful story of discrimination and disrespect was made public in a tremendous way. "It was really sad and emotional for me to see what they experienced," Frescas said. "Harry and the team really had class because they never let the negativity overcome them. That's admirable."

A few weeks later, Frescas read about "A Celebration of African American History Makers" in the February issue of *Alive!* and the DWP's Contact newsletter and learned that Harry was going to be one of the performers, and that his wife, Sukari, worked at DWP.

"I called the WPAAA President and asked if I

could meet Harry and take a photo with him," Frescas said. "She arranged it, and I could not have been more thrilled."

"I called the WPAAA President Marie Lemelle and asked if I could meet Harry and take a photo with

him," Frescas said. "Meeting Harry for the first time after seeing him play 40 years ago, brought back many good memories of TWC and the rest of the team."

LAFD Inspector II Joseph "Tommy" Johnson, with 25 years of City service, had a different career mindset in the 1960s and early '70s. "I was a founding member of Los Angeles based The Johnson's 3+1 Band," he said.

"After winning a recording contract with Venture Records, we met Tom Reed," Johnson said. "Tom liked what he heard and was instrumental in our exposure to the greater Los Angeles area." The Johnson's 3+1 Band played at many of Tom Reed's record hops and other events hosted by him. "Being a man of character, Tom maintained contact and included us in his book, *The Black Music History of Los Angeles — Its Roots*."

For those of us who missed out on the musical talents of the Johnson's 3+1 Band, you may remember his talented younger brothers — George and Louis — of the popular duo The Brothers Johnson.

At the end of the day, many marked Feb. 28 as a journey to nostalgic times and added another missing chapter about African American History Makers to the history books of their minds.

"All in all, this celebration was an elevated recognition and appreciation of the rich academic, professional and cultural legacies of African Americans within this City. Those of us associated with the Dunbar Economic Development Corporation (EDC) were elated to have the opportunity to be a part of it," Dolphin said. "We will be thrilled to partner again next year."

For more information about WPAAA, go to [www.wpaaa.org](http://www.wpaaa.org)



Chief Deputy Officer Donald Lancaster from Councilwoman Jan Perry's Office presented certificates to Michael Dolphin, a board member of the Dunbar Economic Development Corp. and Marie Y. Lemelle, President of WPAAA for their contributions to the community.



Brenda Anderson, Office of Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa South LA/Harbor Area Director of Neighborhood & Community Services and Bureau of Public Works Board Member Valerie Shaw presented certificates from the Office of the Mayor to Michael Dolphin, a board member of the Dunbar Economic Development Corp. and Marie Y. Lemelle, President of WPAAA for their contributions to the community. Councilwoman Jan Perry's office presented certificates to all the performers, including LADWP Conney Williams, for their participation in the WPAAA Black History Month event. Standing, from left, are Williams, Shaw, Dolphin, Lemelle, and Anderson.



Tom Reed is greeted by old friend LAFD Inspector II Joseph "Tommy" Johnson.



After seeing "Glory Road," Jesse Frescas was inspired to design cap and T-shirt in honor of Harry Flournoy and the team who changed the face of college basketball in 1966.



WPAAA President Marie Y. Lemelle gets approval from her mom, Theresa. Her father, Clayton, a LADWP retiree, was also present.



Enjoying the show is Reginald Chapple, president of the Dunbar Economic Development Corporation, whose organization partnered with WPAAA for this Black History Month event.



Joan Jackson, president of the National Council of Negro Women, attended the WPAAA event.



Melvin and Birgitta Snell are the co-founders of the L.A. Humanity Group Foundation. WPAAA partnered with LAHGF to provide socks and knitted caps to the homeless during the holiday season.



The Water and Power Credit Union were one of the sponsors of the WPAAA Celebration of African American History Makers event. From left, Hope Street Branch Manager Gary Iseminger, Alyson Richard, Robin Onder, Vice President Marketing and Finance Services Celeste Zibelli, Emily Dixon, Laura Fermaint, Patrice Mustafa, and Bob Bayliff.



Arriving in African attire are Cheryl Jennings, a customer service representative at LADWP with 8 years of city service; Rosie Johnson, a customer service representative at LADWP with 18 years of service; Lois Bowman, a senior commercial service representative at LADWP with 20 years of service; Carolyn Johnson, a senior commercial service representative at LADWP with 19 years of service; Jean Godfrey Bell, a senior commercial service representative at LADWP with 34 years of service; and Helen Daniels, a public relations specialist in Community Relations Division at LAX with 24 years of service.



A few of the 300 WPAAA members took a break from the event preparations to pose on stage. Pictured are Fern Holmes, Market Research - administrative support, 29 years of service; Cheryl Barnes, a clerk typist with 26 years of service; WPAAA Treasurer Angela M. Franklin, a management analyst II with 16 years of service; WPAAA President Marie Y. Lemelle, a public relations representative with 9 years at LADWP; Denise Busby, a customer service representative with 25 years of service; and Jacqueline Boddie, a clerk typist with 16 years of service.

# LAABP's Trailblazers

## ■ LAABP salutes outstanding City employees.

LAABP — Councilmembers, General Managers and City staff came together Feb. 15 for the Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel's Trailblazers Reception, held in the Tom Bradley Room at City Hall.

The event recognized individuals who have contributed to the progress of African Americans in City government as well as achieved notable positions in their City careers. The honorees were Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Robert Allen, D'Lisa

Davies, Grace Harper, Ronnie Cato and Art Newborn.

Among the 130 guests offering salutes to the honorees were City Council President Eric Garcetti; Councilmember Janice Hahn, Councilmember Bernard Parks and Fire Chief William Bamattre. Also attending were Cynthia Ruiz, President, and Commissioners Valerie Lynne Shaw and David Sickler of the Board of Public Works; Carolyn Webb de Macias, Special Adviser to the Mayor; Clifford Graves, General Manager, Community Development Department; Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer;

Ed Ebrahimian, General Manager, Bureau of Street Lighting; Rita Robinson, General Manager, Bureau of Sanitation; Asst. Chief Jim McDonald, LAPD; Asst. Chief Roxanne Bercik, LAFD; John Reamer, Inspector of Public Works; Ken Sommons, Executive Officer, ITA; and Andrew Adelman, General Manager, Building and Safety.

Steve King, LAABP Director, served as host for the reception. Other program participants were Jeffry Whitmore, LAABP President, and Cora Jackson-Fossett, LAABP First Vice President.



## Robert L. Allen District Supervisor, DWP



Robert L. Allen, District Supervisor, DWP with Councilwoman Janice Hahn.

A native of Philadelphia, Robert has worked for the City for 28 years. Starting his career in 1977 with Public Works Bureau of Sanitation, he soon moved to the DWP as a Construction Equipment Service Worker, and has since served as a Sand Blast operator, Electric Craft Helper, Electric Distribution Mechanic, Electric Distribution Mechanic Supervisor, and Transmission Distribution District Supervisor B.

Currently, he is District Supervisor A with DWP, responsible for designing the overhead distribution system for the entire City of LA.

His role models were his father and mother, who both stressed discipline and constant learning, and he says, "I am the better for it today."

Robert loves to travel and has visited nine countries in Africa as well as countries in Europe, Central and South

America, Asia, and most of the Caribbean Islands. He loves golf and has played in every country he's visited.

His words of wisdom: Never forget the humble beginnings from where we have all come from. It helps to assist others along our very short journey in life.



## Stacy K. Burnette Telecommunications Manager, ITA



Stacy K. Burnette, Telecommunications Manager, ITA with Councilwoman Janice Hahn.

Stacy Burnette is an award-winning attorney and a Telecommunications Manager in the City's Information Technology Agency. As an attorney, Stacy received a Sustained Superior Performance award from the District of Columbia, based on her record of winning numerous jury trials litigated in the District of Columbia Superior Court and United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

As a Telecommunications Manager, Stacy has negotiated several multimillion-dollar telecommunications contracts, and she has written telecommunications policy for local municipalities. Plus, she's been quoted by the *Wall Street Journal*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Multichannel News*, *Cable World* and a host of other publications regarding cable matters.

A native of Los Angeles, Stacy earned a law degree and a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from

Howard University, where she was named in *Who's Who Among American College and University Students*.

Off the clock, she travels and has visited Africa, Europe and throughout North America.



## Ronnie Cato Sergeant, LAPD



Ronnie Cato, Sergeant, LAPD with Councilwoman Janice Hahn.

Sergeant Ronnie Cato is a 25-year veteran of the LAPD, assigned to South Traffic Division as the assistant watch commander.

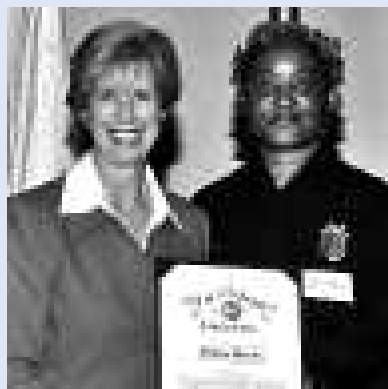
Raised in Compton, Cato joined the Department in 1981, and in 1994, he became the First Vice President of the Oscar Joel Bryant Foundation (OJB). The Foundation was created after the death of Officer Oscar Joel Bryant, who at the time many believed to be the first black officer killed in the line of duty. In 2002, Cato became the president of the Oscar Joel Bryant Foundation and extended the progressiveness of the Foundation to be more inclusive to all members of the Department. The organization has become more involved in community empowerment, political affairs, mentoring, recruitment, housing for low-income families, credit repair, scholarship programs and providing legal assistance to combat racism and discrimination against the membership.

Cato's goal is to make the Foundation a one-stop stop for the membership by providing the members with everything they need to enhance their careers and livelihood.

His words of wisdom: "If you really want a difference, you must become the difference."



## D'Lisa Davies Firefighter, LAFD



D'Lisa Davies, Firefighter, LAFD with Councilwoman Janice Hahn.

D'Lisa Davies was the first African American female firefighter hired by the LAFD. Joining the Department in 1984, D'Lisa has worked in various battalions as well as special projects, including Fire Chief's Intergroup Relations Committee, the Terrorism Committee, and several women's focus groups.

She is assigned to LAFD's Recruitment Unit. She is also an instructor at the West Los Angeles Fire Academy.

A native of Tucson, Ariz., D'Lisa enjoys donating her time and talents to children's outdoor recreational activities. She participated in organized sports throughout childhood and as an adult, became the first female Director of Athletics at Harbor College. In 1989, she received the Education Medal of Valor in honor of her dedication to coaching children's teams.

She says, "I like coaching beginning sports. The result is seeing the improvement in their skill level. It's much like seeing new cadets develop into the fine firefighters of LAFD."



## Grace Harper Dep. Superintendent, Building & Safety



Grace Harper, Dep. Superintendent, Building and Safety with Councilwoman Janice Hahn.

Dr. Harper began with the City in 1978 and has worked her entire career with Building and Safety. She started as an apprentice plumber and became the first female to graduate from a plumbing apprenticeship in spring 1977. Next, she became an Assistant Inspector, then Chief Plumbing Inspector, next Assistant Deputy Superintendent of Buildings and then to her current position as Deputy Superintendent of Buildings in Spring of 2001.

Her mother died when she was 13, and she is a product of the foster care system. She says, "I could have gone many different ways, but there was always someone who gave me a reality check or purposefully went out of their way to help me. I have had great mentors throughout my life, who have contributed greatly to my growth regarding human relationships and technical knowledge."

Off the clock, she enjoys computer games, learning how to create and record music and traveling.

Her basic tenants of life are to work hard, be focused on learning and growing and to enjoy life and keep negativity at a distance.



## Art Newborn Division Manager, Street Lighting



Art Newborn, Division Manager, Street Lighting with Councilwoman Janice Hahn.

Art has 38 years with the City, starting as a Maintenance Laborer for the then-Bureau of Street Maintenance. Soon he was promoted to Street Lighting Electrical Craft Helper at the Bureau of Street Lighting. Utilizing his training and education in electronic technology from the U.S. Navy and college, he learned all facets of street lighting electrical work.

He was promoted to Assistant Street Lighting Electrician, then Street Lighting Electrician, Street Lighting Electrician Supervisor I, and in 1988, he was promoted to Street Lighting Electrician Supervisor II in charge of 80 Field Personnel involved in the construction, maintenance and repair of the City's entire street lighting system.

In May 2005, he was promoted to his current position as Division Manager of the Field Operations Division responsible for construction, maintenance and repair of the City's 240,000 streetlights.

His role models were his parents, who were hard workers and devoted to seeing that their nine children succeeded in life. They created the foundation for his strong work ethic and always encouraged him to strive for higher education and to overlook road blocks whatever they may be.

Off the clock, he's attempting to learn to golf and enjoys tennis, oil and watercolor painting and life drawing. During his formative years, he obtained the level of second degree black belt in Shotokan Karate.

His words of wisdom: "Through self-realization and continued education, you should focus on developing sound communication skills and hone your relationships with others."

# LAABP Celebrates History Month

## ■ Black Personnel association hosts 10th annual African marketplace.

LAABP — Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa joined more than 1,500 City employees at the 10th annual African Marketplace Feb. 1-2 at Bowron Fletcher Square in downtown Los Angeles.

The event kicked off the African American Heritage Month activities sponsored by the Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel (LAABP) during February.

A wide range of vendors was on hand offering items including business wear, casual outfits, ethnic attire, designer jewelry, body oils, framed paintings and distinctive ties for men. As usual, the food vendors drew huge crowds attracted to the aroma of fried catfish, gourmet Polish sausages and fresh baked goods.

Highlighting the celebration was the fashion show featuring Mayor Villaraigosa modeling a brilliant white African robe and hat, and another model from Simply Couture Productions. Also, music was provided by disc jockey "Chipmunk" of 100.3 The Beat radio station and several local performers.

Adding to the occasion were the four raffles of beautiful baskets designed by LAABP Second Vice President Susan Huntley. Proceeds from the raffles go to the LAABP Scholarship Fund. Since 2000, LAABP has presented more than \$60,000 in scholarships to college-bound students.

"This was definitely an exciting event and we are pleased that so many people participated," said LAABP President Jeffery Whitmore. "The

committee did an outstanding job organizing this celebration, and laying the foundation for an even more successful affair next year." Cora Jackson-Fossett, LAABP First Vice President, served as Committee Chairperson, and Co-chairs were Linda Lanier, Third Vice President; and Terrance Montgomery, Director-at-Large.

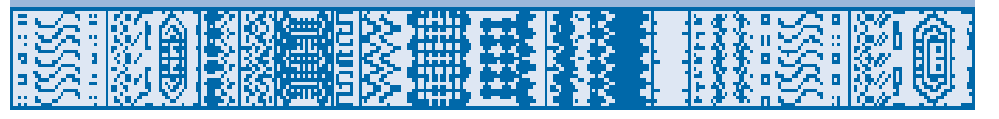
Also, the LAABP sponsored two additional activities to celebrate African American Heritage Month. On Feb. 15, the Trailblazers Reception was held in the Tom Bradley Room in City Hall. The reception recognized individuals who have contributed to the progress of African Americans in City government as well as achieved notable positions in their City careers. The honorees were Mayor Villaraigosa; Robert Allen, District Supervisor, DWP; D'lisa Davies, LAFD; Grace Harper, Building and Safety; Ronnie Cato, LAPD; and Art Newborn, Public Works Bureau of Street Lighting.

On Feb. 22, a Jazz By the Sea concert was held at Hyperion Treatment Plant. More than 300 employees heard music by local musicians and greetings from Rita Robinson, Sanitation Bureau Director, and Bob Blake, Associate Managing Agent of Colonial Insurance.

The LAABP is the official representative for City of Los Angeles employees of African American heritage. Incorporated in 1972, the LAABP advocates equal employment within the City's workforce and increased opportunities for "people of color" to attain management and executive positions. Among the services the organization provides are career development seminars, student scholarship program, mock interview programs and networking forums.



At the 10th annual African Marketplace.



# Honoring With Scholarships

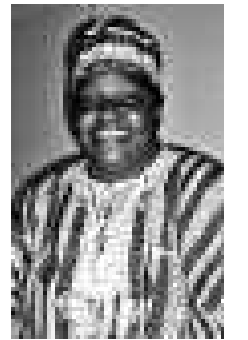
## ■ Street Services hosts scholarship luncheon for Black History Month.

Story and photos by Jessica Segura, Club Counselor

PUBLIC WORKS — The Bureau of Street Services Black History Committee held a luncheon Feb. 23 at the L.A. Mart in celebration of Black History Month and to award scholarships to three deserving young men. The theme of this year's luncheon was "Black Inventors." The afternoon was filled with great music, food and company.



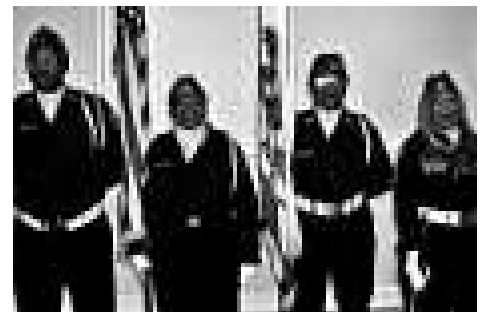
Shaka, the drummer.



Phyllis Meyi, Public Works, 5 years of service, shows off her traditional African outfit.



The attendees partake in singing the Black National Anthem.



Jackie Robinson Post No. 252 Color Guards.



Host Cora Jackson-Fossett, Director, Bureau of Public Information, enthusiastically gives the welcome.



From left: Vernal Beal, Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation, 26 years of service; Sharon Redditt, Public Works, Contract Administration, 33 years of service; Lennis Jones, Street Services, 20 years of service; and Roberta Longino, Street Services, 5 years of service.



From left: Michael Carter, Street Services, 21 years; Carol Abele, Street Services, 5 years; and Marion Chapman, Street Services, 23 years of service.



From left: Mike Holmes, Street Services, 35 years; Shahidah Britt, Street Services, 5 months; and Billie Evans, Street Services, 9 years of service.



From left: Patricia Sweets, Street Services, 23 years of service; David Joiner, Street Services, 25 years of service; and Veronica Maxwell, Street Services, 16 years of service.



From left: Barbara Bank, Street Services 26 years of service; and Belinda Cristales and Club Member Tobias Cristales, Street Services, 16 years of service.



From left: Bertha Colbert, Street Services, 22 years; Troy Dolliole, Street Services, 22.5 years; Erin Jones, Street Services, 5 years; and Richard Lopez, Street Services, 22 years of service.



From left: Phil Bazan, Street Services, 6 years; Sherman Torres, Street Services, 19 years; and Amy Shimabukuro, Street Services, 4.5 years of service.

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# Take Guesswork Out Of Behavioral Interviews



### INTERVIEW SKILLS, PART 2: Behavioral Questions

You've finally settled into your chair to face your interviewers and the battery of questions for which you have prepared. You've done your homework. You know about the job and the company or department. You've mapped out your answers to all the usual questions and have even engaged in a mock interview. You are ready.

The panel smiles and asks "traditional questions" number one and two. You smile back. You breeze through the questions. You're looking good. Your confidence swells. The panel smiles again and without warning, throws you a curveball. You're not quite sure what hit you. They are now asking a succession of questions like:

- Think about a difficult co-worker, boss or other person. What made this person difficult? How did you successfully interact with this person?
- Talk about a complex problem and how you solved it. Describe any different perspectives or approaches you used to solve the problem.
- Describe a situation wherein you were not pleased with the outcome of a project that you were in charge of. What could you have changed? What did you learn?
- How do you determine priorities? Describe a situation wherein you missed a deadline. What did you learn?
- Describe a situation wherein you had to conform to a policy with which you did not agree.

#### Time out!

These are called behavioral interview questions and have, in many instances, replaced and/or supplemented traditional interview questions.

Traditional interview questions are résumé-focused and are used to evaluate skills, capabilities and levels of experience. Behavioral interview questions, on the other hand, focus on the candidate's behavior based on the

premise that "the most accurate predictor of future performance is past performance in a similar situation."

Rather than focusing on your résumé, an interviewer may instead ask you open-ended, close-ended, theoretical or leading questions. They may also use the dreaded "why" questions.

So, now what do you do? Can you prepare for a behavioral interview? Just its very name conjures up punishment-type pain.

Thankfully, there is a way to successfully and, for the most part, painlessly handle behavioral interviews:

- The first step is, as in all things, to "know thyself." Look at your background and figure out what skills you do have that you can relate to those required for the job or position. What are your top "selling" skills?
- Next, analyze the skills required for the position you are applying for. In other words, "know the position."
- Always give concrete examples of how you demonstrated your skills in past experiences. If you can, quantify your results to add to your credibility.
- Learn how to tell a story that has, as with all stories, a beginning, a middle and an end. State the problem or situation at the beginning of your story. Talk about the action you took to address the problem or situation for the middle part of your story. Conclude your story with the result of your action. Be careful not to go off on a tangent or ramble on when telling your story.
- Finally, just as with traditional interviews, you can practice telling your behavioral stories. Think up past experiences, personal or professional, wherein you used the very skills the job you are interviewing for requires. Write them down. Practice telling them.

This being accomplished, you go on with your interview. The panel is still smiling. There are no curveballs. You are grinning from ear to ear as you confidently thank the panel for their time. They thank you for yours. You've aced the interview. You know it. They know it, too.



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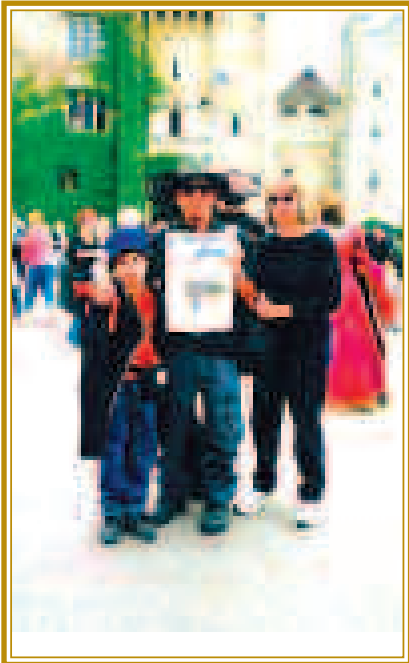
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Steven Eisenberg, his wife, Nancy, and their 9-year-old son, Tristan, hold their copy of *Alive!* at Hever Castle in England. Steve's a supervisor at the City's Seventh Street Truck Repair facility.



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From left: Greig Smith, Councilmember, 12th District; Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa; Fire Captain from Fire Station 83; Jack Weiss, Councilmember 5th District; and Fire Chief Bill Bammatre.

# Fire Station 83 Opens



■ Fire Department opens much-needed Valley facility.

Story and photos by Beverly Haro, Club Counselor

**FIRE DEPT.** — The new Fire Station 83 in Encino is open for business, after a ribbon-cutting ceremony Feb. 26.

The new station is at 4960 Balboa Blvd. Groundbreaking for new Fire Station 83 took place April 26, 2004.

It replaced old Fire Station 83, whose increasingly troublesome electrical, mechanical and plumbing systems could no longer support a modern, diverse and efficient workforce, and furthermore, the overcrowded and antiquated facility did not allow the flexibility and safety necessary to promptly serve the community.

Many of Old Fire Station 83's neighbors were known to look on in amazement as the staff at the single-bay Fire Station would scramble around the clock to move one or more vehicles when an emergency response would call for only the Engine Company or the Ambulance, merely to see the process repeated again and again as the crews returned to quarters and were dispatched to subsequent emergencies.

Because the property beneath Old Fire Station 83 was too small to support a new or revamped Fire Station, Proposition F of November 2000 has provided the community with a new 15,250 square-foot Fire Station on a one-acre lot at 4960 Balboa Boulevard — almost across the street from the Old Station.

Built to exacting safety, seismic and efficiency standards at a combined cost of less than \$7 million, the new station houses a four-person Paramedic-Assessment Engine Company, a two-person Paramedic Rescue Ambulance and an Emergency Medical Services Battalion Captain.

The new energy efficient six-bay facility features an important "drive through" feature that prevents the need to block traffic on Balboa Boulevard when rehousing large fire apparatus.

The new station will also serve as a home base for cross-staffed specialty vehicles and support units, including an Emergency Lighting Unit for use at major emergencies and disasters, a full-sized four-wheel drive Brush Patrol for preventing and assisting with emergencies in the adjacent Santa Monica Mountains, as well as a nimble Off-Road Micro Utility Vehicle for handling medical emergencies and patient transport at large public events, such as the festivals held year-round at nearby Lake Balboa and the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area.

The Club thanks LAFD Information Officer Brian Humphrey for additional information.



The New Fire Station 83.



Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer.



From left: Local resident Angela Murillo with Firefighter/Paramedic Brooks (FS 83), 14 years, C shift.



Firefighter/Paramedic Villa with his family.



From left: Asst. Chief Curtis James; Batt. Chief Butler; and Capt. Carlos Calvillo.



From left: Firefighter Reyes; Engineer Como; a neighbor; and Deputy Chief Rheda.

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The four-day bike tour will begin May 9, leaving from Florham, N.J. to Washington, D.C.

The Airport Police has scheduled a barbecue lunch Wed., March 15, at 6320 West 96th St. to raise funds for the bike riders' tour registration fees and accommodations.

The barbecue will feature raffle prizes, including a 42-inch plasma television, a DVD home theater system, Southwest Airlines round-trip tickets, Trader Joe's gift baskets, memberships to Costco and the Auto Club, and many other prizes.

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### Retirement Party

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**April 26, 2006**

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### Congratulations

Congratulations to Andrenique Wilson, who won first place in the First Luther Church of Carson's Heritage Essay Contest. The theme was, "How Rosa Parks Inspired Me in My Life and Community."

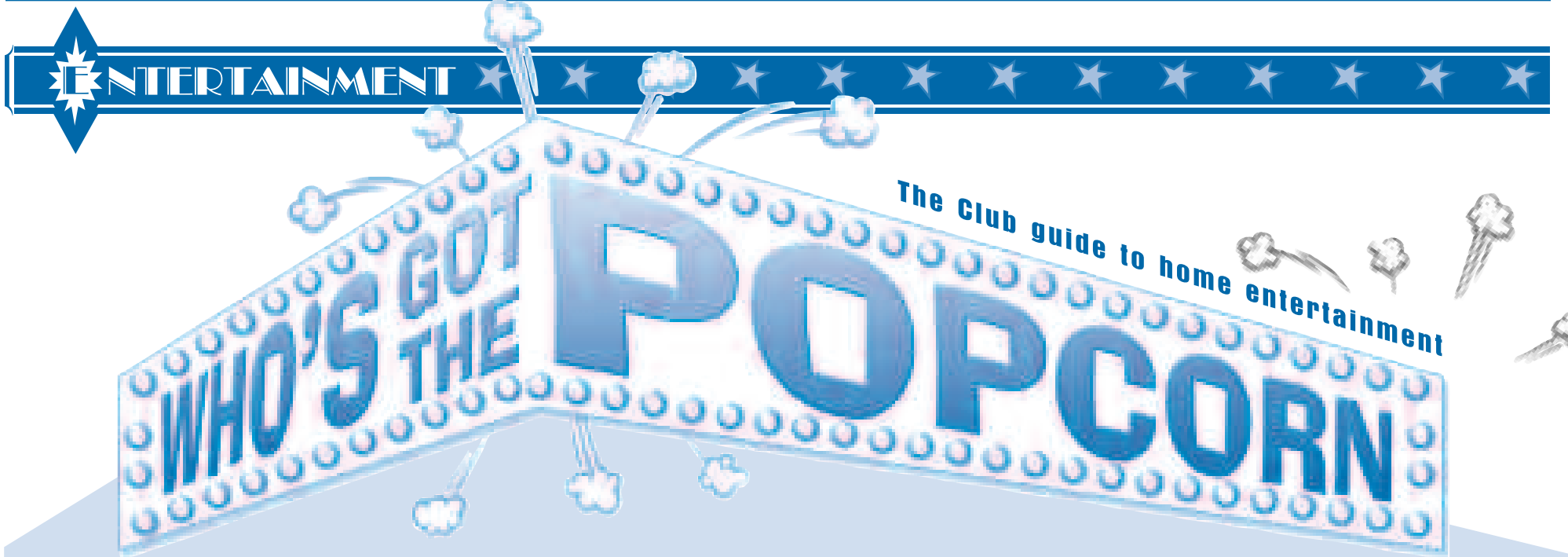
Andrenique is the daughter of Club Member Andrea Wilson, Public Works.

Andrenique, 14, attends Curtiss Middle School in Carson. For taking the top prize, she won a \$100 saving bond. Mom Andrea is very proud of her daughter and "hopes she will continue with her success."

Good going, Andrenique!



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## Romantic Scenes: All About the Warm Fuzzies

"You had me at hello." "Love means never having to say you're sorry." "A life without love is no life at all." "I'm just a girl standing in front of a boy, asking him to love her." "Frankly my dear, I don't give a damn." Oh wait, that's not really a love quote, now is it?

Though some of these lines may be cheesy, they are what make romantic films so enjoyable to watch. Not only do they encompass how one feels about someone in a few words, but more importantly, they give great lines to use in our own relationships ... and who doesn't want to tell their loved one: honey, "you complete me"?

Looking throughout movie history, T.G. and I tried to think of the best romantic scenes, but it's just too hard to choose one. From the scene in *Never Been Kissed* where Michael Vartan runs to the high school baseball field to give Drew Barrymore her first "real kiss" while everyone from the high school is watching; to Prince Phillip waking up Sleeping Beauty with a kiss. Yes it's these great scenes that give you that warm fuzzy feeling inside.

Women love to watch these films, and so do men, even though they may not admit it. So be sure to go out and rent a romantic film. As for

those "macho" guys who don't like watching chick flicks, studies show that women's hormone levels rise when watching a romantic movie. (That's a bit of advice from TG.)

This is TG and EG saying, "The greatest thing you'll ever learn is just to love and be loved in return."



## ROMANTIC MOVIE CAPSULE REVIEW

### Reviews of movies to watch this month:

#### Movie of the Month:

#### The Phantom of the Opera

Filmed version of Andrew Lloyd Webber's Broadway megahit.

**E.G.:** I love this movie! You either hate it or you love it. I know the phantom is evil and crazy, but he's also misunderstood. Why, Christine? Why did you not choose the Phantom? I give it a 5.

**T.G.:** One of the worst movies I have ever seen. E.G. actually suggested that I rent this movie. She has posters, the DVD and an abundance of useless Phantom of the Opera facts. I would recommend seeing this at a live theatre rather than renting this movie. The only positive was the female lead has a beautiful voice, but as for the male leads, well, let's just say, "Give me the microphone." The movie gets a whopping 0.7843 out of 5.



## Join in the Fun

**Ticket Guy and Events Guru want you to join in the fun. If you do, you could win a prize! Here are the details:**

1. Submit a review (100 words or less, with a rating between 1 and 5) of a fun movie (either because it's really great or really bad). Make sure it's on next month's theme. Be creative! If we print your review, we'll send you a \$5 Blockbuster gift certificate. Send reviews to popcorn@cityemployeesclub.com
2. Answer the trivia questions. The first five Club members to answer correctly will win a \$10 Blockbuster gift certificate. Send your responses to popcorn@cityemployeesclub.com
3. Anyone can respond, but only Club Members with a valid Club membership number are eligible to win.
4. The feature is all in good fun: The Club is not responsible for delays in delivering *Alive!* or in the transmission of replies.

### Rating System

- ★★★★★ Must See/Must Buy
- ★★★★ Rent
- ★★★ Watch on cable
- ★★ Wait for it on Network TV
- ★ Break out the home videos and make your own movies) please e-mail it to popcorn@cityemployeesclub.com

### Capsule reviews of other movies to watch this month:

#### Just Like Heaven

Rated PG-13, Adults and older teens

My Score: ★★★★★

This is about a doctor (Reese Witherspoon) and a landscaper (Mark Ruffalo). The most romantic scene to me was when Reese Witherspoon woke up from being in a coma for several months, she could not remember anything. But as soon as she walked to the rooftop of her apartment building, she found an outrageous garden setting. She sees him and instantly remembers her feeling for him. It was like a fairytale.

— Patty Saucier, DWP

#### The End of the Affair

Rated R, Adults and older teens

My score: ★★★★★

Set in 1940s England, Maurice Bendrix (Ralph Fiennes) is entangled in a complicated love affair with the Sarah Miles (Julianne Moore), the wife of his friend. Although the affair occurred a few years ago, how it broke off was a mystery and a misunderstanding between the two lovers. In a chance meeting with his friend, Henry Miles (Stephen Rea), Maurice is drawn again into his obsession for his wife. The story is filmed with filters that sentimentally capture an overall 1940s look. The best romantic scene has to be when Sarah finds Maurice after a bombing and mourns for him.

—Yvonne Liu, Office of Finance

#### Horseman on the Roof

Rated R, Adults and older teens

Foreign: French and Italian with English subtitles  
My score: ★★★★★

In 1832, France is hit by a cholera epidemic. Pauline de Théus (Juliette Binoche), who was visiting her family in Paris, is trapped within the city

due to the quarantine. She must make her way home to her elderly husband, who is a Baron. Young, handsome Angelo Pardi (Olivier Martinez), a revolutionary, is making his way to join his comrades in Italy. He becomes her guide and on horseback, the two make a difficult journey through the French countryside. It is a captivating story if you don't pay attention to medical accuracy.

—Yvonne Liu, Office of Finance

#### The Princess Bride

Rated PG, Adults and children

My score: ★★★★★

The Princess Bride is all about romance. The entire movie is fanciful and magical. Romance screams from Wesley (Cary Elwes) every time he answers Princess Buttercup's (Robin Wright-Penn) requests with an understated, "As you wish." It takes her a bit to realize he is in love with her, then for it to dawn on her that she loves him as well, but it does and they do! The rest is fairy-tale perfect. For anyone who hasn't seen this charming movie, it includes perfect villains and heroes. The movie will carry you along effortlessly; you may not want it to end! When Wesley goes to seek his fortune the movie gets great, with kidnappers, pirates and a six-fingered Count out for revenge!

— Barbara Johnson, LAFD

#### Monsters, Inc.

Rated G, Adults and children

My score: ★★★★★

Who says that romance movies have to be sappy? Monsters, Inc. has a great romantic scene in it. Remember the bar, when the one-eyed monster, Mike Wazowski (Billy Crystal), is having dinner with his girlfriend, Celia (Jennifer Tilly)? He tells

her: "I remember when I first laid eye on you... how pretty you looked... I like everything about you." That's romantic, and would have been more so except Mike's best friend, Sulley (John Goodman), interrupts him carrying a little kid in a gym bag. And, if you can go for it, Mike Wazowski has a kind of romantic relationship – just not in a *Brokeback Mountain* kind of way – with Sulley. Add a little girl named Boo, who ends up in the middle of it all, and you've got a great, fun, romantic movie night!

— Barbara Johnson, LAFD

#### Shrek

Rated PG, Adults and children

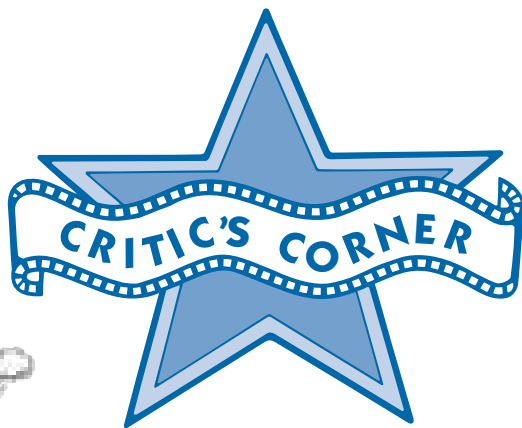
My score: ★★★★★

Shrek is another goofball comedy that has romance in it. Shrek (Mike Myers) is an ogre who falls in love with Princess Fiona (Cameron Diaz) after he rescues her from a fire-breathing dragon, with the help of his sidekick, Donkey (Eddie Murphy), for the height-challenged Lord Farquaad. Shrek isn't comfortable with his feelings and has to be coached by Donkey to at first understand them and then to act upon them. Much of the romance is in his actions, over words. But it is a funny movie with a lot of heart and some very witty situations and characters.

— Barbara Johnson, LAFD

## Next Month's Theme:

Movies most people love  
but you hate.



## TRIVIA CONTEST

We have ... no winners from March. Are we too tough on you?

Note: Trivia relates to this month's theme.

1. Name the six films referenced in the introduction.
2. Actress known as "America's sweetheart."
3. Oscar actress born in New Orleans in 1976.
4. Famous love scene with clay is from which movie?
5. "As you wish" film.
6. Holly's cat's name.
7. Actor who wins her heart with a field of daffodils.
8. Mr. Darcy loves her just the way she is.
9. Film where she writes their story so she may never forget.
10. Film with a boom box and Peter Gabriel.

The answers from last month are:

1. *Rudy, Elephant Man, Miracle, A League of Their Own, A Beautiful Mind, Radio and Seabiscuit*
2. *Frida*
3. *The Pianist*
4. *Monster*
5. *Windtalkers*
6. *Elizabeth*
7. *Donnie Brasco*
8. *Confessions of a Dangerous Mind*
9. *The Aviator*
10. Hilary Swank

## Send us your Book Reviews



### Dangerous Lady

Martina Cole, *Headline Books*  
563 pages, Fiction

My Score: 3 (out of 5)



What a story! A quote before the book begins sets the tone: "If possible honestly, if not, somehow, make money" (Horace 65-8 BC)

*Dangerous Lady* is about Maura Ryan, the youngest of 13 births, her living brothers, and her parents. It is a wild ride of 1950s England and the crime streets they inhabit. It's a family saga that is very engrossing. Through violence, one brother raises the family status and controls the area until something happens to Maura to make her want to join him. It is a gang - family style. I definitely recommend it.

— Barbara Johnson, LAFD

### Hour Game

David Baldacci, *Warner Vision Books*  
592 pages, Fiction

My Score: 5 (out of 5)



David Baldacci is a great writer. Check out some of his other books also: *The Winner, Absolute Power, Total Control* and *The Simple Truth*, among others. *Hour Game* is about a killer who is mimicking famous slayings from the past. It is about two ex-secret service agents working together to defend an innocent man from a burglary in a rich family's home. It gets more interesting, involved and complicated as it progresses - well worth buying or loaning from a friend or library!

— Barbara Johnson, LAFD

### Son of a Grifter

Kent Walker with Mark Schone, William Morrow  
*True Crime*, 405 pages

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This is another true-life story of crime committed by a sociopath, and the people touched by it. The difference is that the sociopath is a woman, the authors' mother. It was Santee Kimes, with her youngest son, Kenneth Kimes, who was arrested in New York for killing Irene Silverman.

Taken at face value, that all discussed in the book is true, it is almost unbelievable. Yet, sociopaths are as Santee Kimes is described by her oldest son. Although they are very insipid and dangerous, they can be very likable when they want to be.

— Barbara Johnson, LAFD

## 100 Words or Less!

To all our movie (in theaters), book and theater reviews, here are the rules: Keep it short and fun!

- Keep all reviews to 100 words or less (but try to come close; try to write more than a sentence or two)
- Your own comments are more important than a long plot summary.
- Give us your score, on a scale of 1 to 5. Use this format:  
My Score: X (out of 5).  
(And not everything is a five!)
- Make sure to give us your name and City department (or retired)
- Have fun!

## 100 Words or Less! IN THEATERS

### Movie Reviews by Fellow Club Members

#### Final Destination 3

Rated R, Over 18

My score: 4 (out of 5)

This movie was extremely better than the previous *Final Destination 2*, but I have to say the deaths are far gorier, also. If you can't handle that, then do not see the movie, or keep your eyes covered. The first accident/death occurred on a roller coaster ride, and that is how everything starts. During the movie I felt bad for the girl who knew which students were going to die, but it ended well and the movie also had many funny parts. After we left the movie we were paranoid for some reason, but it was fun!

— Michi Slaughter, LAPD

#### Madea's Family Reunion

Rated PG-13, Adults and teenagers

My score: 5 (out of 5)

This movie will make you laugh, cry and get downright angry at some of the things this one particular man does in the movie. I really truly enjoyed it. Tyler Perry has definitely found his niche. From playing an array of characters, writing, directing, filming and casting, he did a great job. This movie is about love and family, and it will strike a chord in your soul. Many people take family for granted, and after I left the movie I wanted to just let my family and my loved ones know how much they are loved.

— Michi Slaughter LAPD

#### My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Tyler Perry again plays three of the parts in this movie. I did not think it was as funny as his other movie, *Diary of a Mad Black Woman*. Madea's Family Reunion was a little slow, though there were some very funny scenes. Not only is this a comedy, but Perry is trying to get across a message regarding domestic violence and the importance of family. I think the movie is worth seeing. I thought the credits at the end were some of the funniest I have seen, so don't miss them.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

#### My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Although it's a predominately African-American movie, I think it is good for anyone to see. It's about family values, what is needed in our community and how we can all do better. In the movie there is a woman who is physically abused who comes back to do better; a woman who does not trust and ends up falling in love; as well as older women who are always willing to give advice on how to do better because they have been there. In the movie there were parts that made you laugh and parts that made you cry. The movie makes you feel like you are not alone that everyone has some kind of adversity in life and you can get through it with the help of friends and family.

— Tasha Muldrew, LAFD

#### Aquamarine

Rated PG, Adults and older children

My Score: 3.5 (out of 5)

This is a cute comedy/drama that will be enjoyed mostly by young girls and teens. It will also be enjoyed by those who are young at heart and who enjoy teen movies. I am one of those people, so I did enjoy this movie about a mermaid trying to prove to her father that love really exists. She has three days to prove this; otherwise, she will have to marry someone she does not even like. I originally thought this was going to be a teen version of the movie *Splash* with Tom Hanks. But it went in a different direction.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

#### Date Movie

Rated PG-13, Adults and teenagers

My Score: 2 (out of 5)

This is a movie spoofing comedy and romance movies. Should be good, right? Wrong. Not

enough laughs to be satisfied with the price of admission. If you absolutely must see it, wait until it comes to the rental stores.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

#### Eight Below

Rated PG, Adults and older children

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

I debated about seeing this movie because I knew that this was based on true facts. So, as a dog lover I really did not want to see any of the dogs die. But once again a friend pushes me into seeing a movie. The scenery was awesome and beautiful, just breathtaking. The dogs were beautiful and so amazing. These have to be some of the smartest dogs around. I am glad I went to see the movie and I do recommend the movie.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

#### Curious George

Rated G, All audiences

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

This is a cute animated film for children and for others who enjoy this type of movie. One of the best parts of animation films for me is the celebrity voices! But story is still important. And this is a cute story of a little monkey whose curiosity lands him in some fun adventures.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

#### The Matador

Rated R, Over 18

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This movie was a surprise. Pierce Brosnan is not one of my favorite actors, but he did a very good job in this movie. In this movie, Brosnan plays a hit man who travels all over the world to - what else - kill people. In Mexico at a bar, he meets a salesman played by Danny Wright. Wright is in Mexico to close a sales deal. The two of them become friends. Their adventures are funny and the movie has some good twists. If you have not seen this movie, make sure you see it soon.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

#### Failure to Launch

Rated PG-13, Adults and teenagers

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

It was cute. I can't imagine that a 35-year-old guy could be still living at home with his parents, with them cooking and cleaning up after him. I also can't imagine a girl having that type of business, where she will get adult males to move out of their parent's home, for a price. Why would parents have to hire someone to get you out? Can't they just ask or kick you out? It just goes to show you that we cannot always control our lives. This is a very entertaining movie and I do recommend it.

— Patty Saucier, DWP

#### My Score: 3.5 out of 5

This is a rather predictable and very humorous story, very carefree and just an enjoyable movie to see. Matthew McConaughey and Sara Jessica Parker are good in their roles, but it's Terry Bradshaw and Kathy Bates who got the theater laughing out loud during the movie (be sure not to miss the "naked room" scene or "the nod"). Near the end, it got a little tedious, but it finally picked up. I was very glad we braved the rainy weather to see this movie.

— Jean Sarfaty, LAPD

#### 16 Blocks

Rated PG-13, Adults and teenagers

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Action packed! The movie is full of action, with never a dull moment. Bruce Willis continues to entertain. Mos Def drove me crazy at times and I wanted to yell "shut up," but he fit right in. I look forward to seeing more of him. I liked the end: It was a surprise. I never thought that would happen. This was a thrilling mind-boggling movie. I do recommend this one.

— Patty Saucier, DWP

# PREPARING FOR THE Next Earthquake



By Jimmy Hill;  
Fire Marshal, LAFD

## Are you ready for the next earthquake?

Every year California has more than 1,000 earthquakes. Most of them we do not even feel. Does your family know what to do if they are at home, work or school?

### Things to do before an earthquake:

- Create a family earthquake plan and designate a place to meet.
- Practice how to drop, cover and hold.
- Learn first aid.
- Keep emergency phone numbers and a phone number of an out-of-state contact.
- Make sure you have a working smoke alarm (with extra batteries).
- Learn where the gas, water and electricity shutoffs are.
- Secure your water heater and appliances with earthquake safety straps
- Make an emergency kit with the following items: handy-wipes, plastic bags, pet supplies, extra money, food (special foods), water, manual can opener, medicine, first-aid kit, photo ID of your children and pets, tools, walking shoes, clothes, solar blanket, flashlight, battery-operated radio and extra batteries
- Make an emergency kit for your home, auto and office.
- Have an extra wheelchair, cane, glasses and hearing aid (extra batteries) for special-needs people.
- Check chimneys roof and wall foundations for stability (should be done by a licensed contractor).

### During an earthquake:

- Drop, cover and hold (stay under safe cover until the shaking stops).
- Stay away from windows and doors.
- If inside, stay there unless you feel your life is in danger.
- In a car, pull over to the side of the road. Stay in your car.
- If you are in a wheelchair, stay in the chair, lock your wheel brakes and protect your head with your arms as best as you can.
- In a high-rise building, and you are not near a desk or table, move against an interior wall. Protect your head with your arms
- Do not use an elevator

### After an earthquake:

- Stay calm.
- Make sure your family and pets are all accounted for.
- Avoid broken glass (make sure you are wearing shoes).
- If you smell gas, get out and shut off the gas and electricity .
- Check for structural damage (if you do not feel safe, get out).
- Listen to your battery-operated radio for emergency information.
- If in a car, drive to a safe location. Do not park under an overpass.
- If outside, get away from buildings, electrical wires, and trees.
- I want every one to "Make every day Emergency Preparedness Day!"

For more information, contact your local fire station or go to: [www.lafd.org](http://www.lafd.org)



HOT CLUB OFFER!!

# Dodgers Deals

VERSUS	DATE	COST
Houston Astros	Tuesday, May 9	\$15
New York Mets	Tuesday, June 6	\$27
San Francisco Giants	Sunday, August 13	\$27
Seattle Mariners	Thursday, June 22	\$15
Cincinnati Reds	Thursday, August 29	\$15
St. Louis Cardinals	Sunday, July 23	\$27

## ALL SEATS ARE FIELD LEVEL!

This offer is only good through the Club and there is a limited amount available so act now!

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Come a Join Us In Our 1950's  
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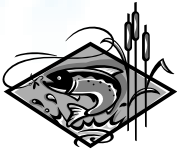
## CLUB CORNER

# Check Out These Groups

*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](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com), and we'll post the notice free ... as a service to our members!

### 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](http://www.laceaaa.org).

### Los Angeles Filipino Assoc. 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.

### DWP Choraliers

Those interested in performing can join the DWP Choraliers, a performing arts (music, theatre, dance) group with performances throughout the year. You do not have to be a DWP employee. The group usually meets a couple of times a week on Tuesdays and Wednesdays or Wednesdays and Thursdays. Contact April Steffen, (213) 367-4514.

### 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 Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel (LAAPB) was incorporated in 1972 and approved by the Los Angeles City Council as the official representative for City employees of African-American heritage. Though the organization was founded during a tie of more overt discrimination, the group remains in the forefront of the battle for equal employment within the City workforce, focusing on achievement through self-help.

The LAABP provides test preparation training, networking opportunities, college scholarships to employees and their families, and supplemental life insurance. The organization works cooperatively with other affirmative action organizations, and it encourages membership by all City employees.

The mission of the LAABP is to motivate, encourage and educate individuals to realize their dreams and move forward in their career with City government. For information, contact Steven King at (213) 580-5387, or write to LAABP, P.O. Box 53822, Los Angeles, CA 90043-0822.

### DWP Dance Club

The DWP Dance Club is for anyone (men, too) who likes to dance. The club, in its sixth year, practices Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 – 12:15 p.m. during lunch hour.



The following styles are taught: salsa, cha-cha, rumba, bolero, swing, samba, tango, swing and other ballroom dances. Free to all DWP employees and City employees. Contact Lourdes Zerrudo: (213) 367-1405, or [Lourdes.Zerrudo@ladwp.com](mailto:Lourdes.Zerrudo@ladwp.com).

### 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 AAW 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 AAW, P.O. Box 53488, Los Angeles, CA 90053, or visit the Website at [www.la-aaaw.org](http://www.la-aaaw.org).

### The British and Dominion Social Club



Michael Barnes,  
President

Anglophiles, unite! Join President Michael Barnes (who works for Harbor Dept.) in celebrating all things British, with fun social events and networking. "We do all kind of different things, from watching live soccer, playing cricket and teaching Highland dancing, to name a few." The Club meets in Garden Grove. Go to [www.britclub.org](http://www.britclub.org) for more info.

### Water and Power African American Association



Marie Y. Lemelle, MBA  
WPAAA President

The Water and Power African American Association (WPAAA) was founded in 1991 and is a recognized organization of the City of Los Angeles. WPAAA was formed to strengthen the foundation of African American employees at the LADWP by advancing the employment, education, economic, and social welfare of its members and the community at large.

WPAAA's mantra is "Promoting African American Achievement and Higher Education." To that end, WPAAA supports Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action by pooling resources and expertise to boost self-determination and self respect, and by demanding effective training and career counseling that will enhance career advancement.

For more information, write to [marie.Lemelle@ladwp.com](mailto:marie.Lemelle@ladwp.com) or visit the website at [www.wpaaa.org](http://www.wpaaa.org).

### 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](mailto:portillo2339@sbcglobal.net) or write to LACECA, P.O. Box 53590, Los Angeles, CA 90053.

### Los Angeles Municipal Accountants and Auditors Assoc.

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.

### Public Works Toastmasters

The Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club meets each Wednesday at noon at 650 S. Spring St. in the 12th floor Giannini Room. Guests are always welcome. Joining the club is inexpensive, educational and fun. Toastmasters International is an internationally well-known, non-profit organization that helps its members to improve their communication skills, lose their fears of public speaking and learn skills that will help them succeed in their personal and professional goals. For more information, contact Ivan Gerson at (213) 847-8844.

# Cooking with the Club

by our own  
**Robert Larios**



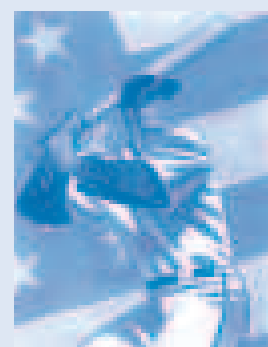
## Send Us Your Recipes!

If you would like your recipe published in the next issue of *Alive!*, you may fax your recipes to (213) 620-0398 or e-mail us at [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com).

# Baseball, Bunnies and Brownies

With the start of major league baseball and Easter coming up quickly, I can't but help but think of food. I know, I'm strange to think about food but that's what you get with a chef. Unlike in the previous five April editions of *Cooking with the Club*, I'm going to try something new and have a mix of recipes for you. They're unique in that it's not the usual recipes for honey-baked ham, deviled eggs or grilled hot dogs – not that there's anything wrong with ham, eggs or hot dogs.

Outfielder's Taco Heaven is a combination of Mexican and American cooking styles and flavors. I can't see how you can go wrong with the ingredients and, what's more incredible is the marriage of flavors. As you might have guessed, this recipe is not a new idea. In fact, Taco Bell has the double-decker taco on its menu and is similar in flavor this recipe.



Now let's turn to the maker of the Easter egg: the chicken. The Mother of All Chickens recipe is another perfect example of my cooking mantra – easy cooking is the most delicious cooking. You need only a few key ingredients, a whole chicken and place it in the oven. Yummy.

I'd like to thank Michael Bentner for his Letter to the Editor about brownies in the March edition of *Alive!* Although I have some knowledge of the culinary arts, I have limited knowledge of pastries. While I was thinking of a solution for Michael, John Hawkins, Club CEO, brought me a piece of his homemade brownies. It was magnificent – professional grade in my book. So I enlisted John to share his brownie recipe along with preparation details. Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome Chef Hawkins! (Applause!)

"Thank you, Chef Larios!" John says. "Don't ask me why, but one day I just woke up and had the desire to make my own brownies from scratch. Over the years I have been experimenting with different recipes, but this one is my favorite; I call it 'The Club Brownie.'"



"First, for the guys reading this, you need to realize that making brownies is about the easiest thing on the planet, just short of tying your own shoes (which is why I haven't let my kids make them on their own yet). The second thing you need to realize is that it doesn't take very much time to make them, maybe 15 minutes to melt the chocolate and mix the ingredients and another 30 to bake them. The third thing you need to know is that you don't even need a mixer, all you need is a saucepan (like the kind you heat your tomato soup up in) and a spoon to mix the ingredients. Oh, and you'll need an 8 by 8 baking pan (it's not the one your mom made lasagna in, it's half the size; although you can use the bigger one; you'll just have to double the recipe)."

Okay, let's get started!

## The Club Brownies

By John Hawkins, Club CEO

### INGREDIENTS:

- A cube of butter (to be more precise, 1/2 cup)
- 2 ounces of unsweetened cooking chocolate (hey guys, don't get the semi-sweet cooking chocolate, as tempting as it might be)
- 1 cup of sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla (real, not artificial vanilla)
- 3/4 cup of all purpose flour (I use the unbleached flour)

### DIRECTIONS:



First, melt the chocolate and the cube of butter in the saucepan. Make sure you put the heat on the lowest setting possible. If you have a "simmer" setting use that. Stir every minute or so.



Once everything is melted remove the pan from the heat and stir in (you can simply use a spoon) the sugar, eggs and vanilla.



I only use natural vanilla, it's not real cheap but it's worth it.



Stir lightly until everything is mixed in. After that you just add the flour, stirring it in until you have one nice big chocolate glob. If you want nuts (chopped walnuts), now's the time to stir them in. If you want a nice jolt of extra chocolate, mix in a handful of chocolate chips. Then, you simply dump it into the cooking pan and cook it at 350 degrees for exactly 30 minutes.



Once you take them out, let them cool down for an hour or so ... and enjoy!

## Outfielder's Taco Heaven

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 pound ground beef
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 cup pasteurized cheese spread
- 1 (16 ounce) can refried black beans, warmed
- 12 (6 inch) flour tortillas, warmed
- 12 taco shells
- 2 cups shredded red leaf lettuce
- 1 cup chopped tomatoes
- 2 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 (2.25 ounce) can sliced ripe olives, drained
- 1 (8 ounce) jar thick and chunky salsa or taco sauce



### DIRECTIONS:

In medium skillet over medium-high heat, cook ground beef; add the salt and pepper, stirring until crumbly and no longer pink. Drain fat. Stir in cheese spread and cook until heated through.

To assemble, spread heaping tablespoon of refried beans on each flour tortilla. Place taco shell in center. Fold sides of flour tortilla onto taco shell to stick. Fill each taco shell with about 2 tablespoons beef mixture.

Top with lettuce, tomatoes, cheese and ripe olives. Serve with salsa or taco sauce.

## Mother of All Chicken Recipes

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 (2 to 3 pound) whole chicken, cut into pieces
- 1/2 cup honey, warmed slightly
- 1/2 cup prepared mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 tablespoon of salt and pepper



### DIRECTIONS:

In a small bowl, combine the warm honey, mustard, nutmeg, salt and pepper and mix until well blended. Smear onto the chicken pieces, coating well. Refrigerate and let sit for a half-hour.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).

Bake in the preheated oven for 30 minutes, or until done and chicken juices run clear. You can also grill or broil for 30 minutes, turning chicken pieces after 15 minutes of cooking.





# LA Dodgers Tickets Available Now!

# TO ORDER FROM THE CLUB STORE:

Call the Ticket Hotline: (888) 777-1744. The Ticket Guy is waiting for your call!  
—or— Complete the order form below, and fax or mail it in.

### Discount Tickets

Theatre Tickets **	Retail Price	Club Price	Quantity	Total
AMC - RESTRICTED TICKETS	\$10.00	<b>\$5.50 X</b>	=	\$
AMC - GOOD ANY TIME	\$10.00	<b>\$7.00 X</b>	=	\$
Small Popcorn	\$3.25	<b>\$2.25 X</b>	=	\$
Small Drink	\$3.25	<b>\$2.25 X</b>	=	\$
Krikorian Theatres - GOOD ANYTIME	\$9.50	<b>\$6.00 X</b>	=	\$
Regal/Edwards Cinema/United Artists RESTRICTED TICKETS	\$9.00	<b>\$5.50 X</b>	=	\$
Regal/Edwards Cinema/United Artists GOOD ANY TIME	\$9.00	<b>\$6.50 X</b>	=	\$
Imax at Exposition Park - Adult	\$8.25	<b>\$5.25 X</b>	=	\$
Imax at Exposition Park - Child	\$5.00	<b>\$4.00 X</b>	=	\$
Cinemark Theatres - Restricted Tickets	\$9.50	<b>\$5.50 X</b>	=	\$
Cinemark Theatres - GOOD ANYTIME	\$9.50	<b>\$6.50 X</b>	=	\$
Loews Cineplex /Magic Johnson (Restricted)	\$8.50	<b>\$5.50 X</b>	=	\$
Loews Cineplex /Magic Johnson (Good Anytime)	\$8.50	<b>\$7.00 X</b>	=	\$
Loews Cineplex Odeon - No Restrictions!	\$8.50	<b>\$6.00 X</b>	=	\$
<small>Valid only at Universal Citywalk</small>				
Mann Theaters - Restricted (Mon-Thurs)	\$9.00	<b>\$5.75 X</b>	=	\$
Mann Theaters - GOOD ANY TIME	\$9.00	<b>\$7.00 X</b>	=	\$
Pacific Walk/Drive In (Restricted)	\$9.00	<b>\$5.50 X</b>	=	\$
The Bridge Cinemas (Restricted)	\$11.00	<b>\$9.00 X</b>	=	\$
Theme Parks / Attractions **	Retail Price	Club Price	Quantity	Total
Adventure City Adult/Child	\$12.95	<b>\$8.25 X</b>	=	\$
Aquarium of the Pacific - Adult	\$19.75	<b>\$14.95 X</b>	=	\$
<small>Good through 12/31/06</small>				
- Child 3-11	\$11.95	<b>\$8.95 X</b>	=	\$
Boomer's Family Fun Centers - All day Pass	\$20.00	<b>\$14.00 X</b>	=	\$
California Adventure - Adult	\$56.00	<b>\$49.00 X</b>	=	\$
<small>Good through 12/14/06</small>				
- Child 3-9	\$46.00	<b>\$44.00 X</b>	=	\$
Catalina Island Express (Round Trip) - Adult	\$54.00	<b>\$45.00 X</b>	=	\$
<small>Through 12/31/06</small>				
- Child	\$41.50	<b>\$37.00 X</b>	=	\$
<small>Not valid 5/26-5/29, 6/30-7/4, 9/1-9/4</small>				
Catalina Sightseeing - Adult	\$23.00	<b>\$18.40 X</b>	=	\$
<small>Choice of 2 tours: Avalon Scenic, Casino, Daytime Glass Bottom Boat or Sea Rocks Cruise. Seasonal. Through 12/31/06. Ticket not valid 5/26-5/29, 6/30-7/4, 9/1-9/4. Black out dates apply.</small>				
- Child	\$11.50	<b>\$9.20 X</b>	=	\$
Disneyland - Adult	\$56.00	<b>\$49.00 X</b>	=	\$
<small>Good through 12/14/06</small>				
- Child 3-9	\$46.00	<b>\$44.00 X</b>	=	\$
Disneyland 1-Day Park Hopper - Adult	\$76.00	<b>\$62.00 X</b>	=	\$
<small>Expires 12/14/06. Access to both parks on the same day.</small>				
- Child 3-9	\$66.00	<b>\$57.00 X</b>	=	\$
Disneyland/California Adventure - Adult	\$56.00	<b>\$49.00 X</b>	=	\$
<small>Expires 4/27/06 (Buy 1 get a second day free. Second visit must be used within 30 calendar days of first visit.)</small>				
2fer Tickets - Child 3-9	\$46.00	<b>\$44.00 X</b>	=	\$
Disneyland/California Adventure Premium Annual Passport w/parking	\$349.00	<b>\$329.00 X</b>	=	\$
<small>Valid 1 year from date of activation. No blackout dates.</small>				
Disneyland/California Adventure Deluxe Annual Passport	\$229.00	<b>\$209.00 X</b>	=	\$
<small>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Valid 315 days.</small>				
Disneyland/California Adventure Annual Passport (SoCal)	\$149.00	<b>\$141.55 X</b>	=	\$
<small>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Valid 220 days.</small>				
Disneyland/California Adventure Annual Passport (SoCal Select)	\$119.00	<b>\$113.05 X</b>	=	\$
<small>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Valid 175 days.</small>				
Knott's Berry Farm - Adult	\$45.00	<b>\$23.95 X</b>	=	\$
- Child 3-11	\$32.00	<b>\$14.95 X</b>	=	\$
Knott's Berry Farm Annual Pass - Adult	\$115.00	<b>\$80.00 X</b>	=	\$
<small>Expires 12/31/06</small>				
- Child 3-11	\$60.00	<b>\$60.00 X</b>	=	\$
Legoland - Adult	\$41.95	<b>\$31.95 X</b>	=	\$
<small>Through 1/31/07</small>				
-Child 3-11	\$35.95	<b>\$31.95 X</b>	=	\$
Los Angeles Zoo - Adult	\$10.00	<b>\$7.00 X</b>	=	\$
- Child 4-12	\$7.00	<b>\$4.00 X</b>	=	\$
Magic Mountain - Adult	\$59.99	<b>\$27.00 X</b>	=	\$
<small>Through 12/31/06</small>				
- Child (Under 48")	\$40.00	<b>\$15.00 X</b>	=	\$
Magic Mountain Private Party 4/28/06	-	<b>\$20.95 X</b>	=	\$
Medieval Times - Adult	\$48.65	<b>\$39.65 X</b>	=	\$
- Child 12 and under	\$34.40	<b>\$29.40 X</b>	=	\$
Mulligan's All Day Pass - Above 58"	\$20.95	<b>\$15.75 X</b>	=	\$
<small>Restrictions: Pass Valid on Fridays After 4pm and All Day Saturday and Sunday. Valid Everyday 6/19 to 9/3/2006</small>				
- Under 58"	\$18.95	<b>\$12.75 X</b>	=	\$
Pirates Dinner Adventure - Adult	\$48.65	<b>\$44.00 X</b>	=	\$
- Child	\$31.95	<b>\$30.00 X</b>	=	\$
Renaissance Faire - Adult	\$25.00	<b>\$13.75 X</b>	=	\$
<small>Saturdays &amp; Sundays 4/8/06-5/21/06</small>				
- Child 5-12	\$15.00	<b>\$8.25 X</b>	=	\$
Ripley's Believe It or Not - Adult	\$10.95	<b>\$6.50 X</b>	=	\$
<small>Buena Park Location</small>				
- Child 4-11	\$6.95	<b>\$3.95 X</b>	=	\$
San Diego Zoo - Adult	\$32.00	<b>\$25.00 X</b>	=	\$
<small>Good through 3/31/07</small>				
- Child 3-11	\$19.75	<b>\$15.75 X</b>	=	\$
Sea World San Diego - Adult	\$53.00	<b>\$40.75 X</b>	=	\$
<small>Good through 12/31/06</small>				
- Child 3-9	\$43.00	<b>\$35.50 X</b>	=	\$
Universal Studios - Adult	\$55.00	<b>\$33.00 X</b>	=	\$
<small>Good through 5/31/06</small>				
- Child (under 48')	\$43.00	<b>\$33.00 X</b>	=	\$
Universal Studios Front of Line Pass	\$89.95	<b>\$67.00 X</b>	=	\$
<small>Valid 2/1/06 - 5/31/06</small>				
Universal Studios - Annual Pass	\$83.00	<b>\$53.00 X</b>	=	\$
<small>Valid 1 year from date of activation</small>				
Wild Animal Park - Adult	\$26.50	<b>\$21.00 X</b>	=	\$
<small>Good through 3/31/07</small>				
- Child 3-11	\$19.50	<b>\$15.50 X</b>	=	\$

### Merchandise

Hats	Retail Price	Club Price	Quantity	Total	
CITY SEAL Hat (with seal only)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Orange		<b>\$10.00 X</b>	=	\$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black		<b>\$10.00 X</b>	=	\$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark Blue		<b>\$10.00 X</b>	=	\$	
CITY SEAL Hat (with "Los Angeles")					
<input type="checkbox"/> Orange		<b>\$10.00 X</b>	=	\$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black		<b>\$10.00 X</b>	=	\$	
CLUB LOGO Hat					
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark Blue		<b>\$7.00 X</b>	=	\$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Khaki		<b>\$7.00 X</b>	=	\$	
City Seal Watches					
Mens Black/Silver Color Pendant, Model #1494-XBK		<b>\$43.23 X</b>	=	\$	
Mens Silver Color, Leather Band, Model #1161-XSB		<b>\$64.97 X</b>	=	\$	
Mens Silver Color, Model #1051		<b>\$54.46 X</b>	=	\$	
Mens Full Color Seal, Black Band Model #1245		<b>\$36.00 X</b>	=	\$	
Mens Gold Color Pendant, Model #1673		<b>\$76.54 X</b>	=	\$	
Ladies Silver Color, Model #2051	<b>SOLD OUT!</b>	<del><b>\$54.46 X</b></del>	=	\$	
Ladies Full Color Seal, Black Band, Model #2245		<b>\$36.00 X</b>	=	\$	
Books					
Los Angeles, Views of the Past & Present		<b>\$25.00 X</b>	=	\$	
Orange County, Views of the Past & Present		<b>\$25.00 X</b>	=	\$	
Gift Certificates					
Golf 'n Stuff	\$26.50	<b>\$11.50 X</b>	=	\$	
See's Candies Gift Certificate (1 lb.)	\$14.25	<b>\$9.83 X</b>	=	\$	
Mulligan's Family Fun Center	\$15.00	<b>\$10.00 X</b>	=	\$	
\$15 Gift Certificate					
SUB TOTAL					
Shipping & Handling					
Tickets: Standard Mail*		<b>\$2.25 X</b>	1	=	\$
Tickets: Certified Mail		<b>\$3.50 X</b>	1	=	\$
Hats	<b>\$2.25 for 1 to 3; \$1.25 for each above 3</b>			=	\$
Watches	<b>\$3.00 for 1 or 2; \$2.00 for each above 2</b>			=	\$
Book		<b>\$5.50 X</b>		=	\$
Overnight Shipping		<b>\$15.00 X</b>		=	\$
<small>Available only to orders shipped to a California address. No P.O. Boxes.</small>					
<b>TOTAL (please include shipping)</b>		<b>\$</b>			
<small>*When using Standard mail, please be aware that the Club cannot be responsible for tickets lost in the mail. **Please be aware that black-out dates and restrictions may apply to the use of discounted tickets.</small>					
To Order:					
BY MAIL:	Complete the order form below and mail to:		BY PHONE: (888) 777-1744		
	Ticket Guy		BY FAX: (213) 620-0398		
	City Employees Club of Los Angeles		BY WEB SITE: Go to		
	350 S. Figueroa St., Ste. 700		<a href="http://www.cityemployeesclub.com">www.cityemployeesclub.com</a>		
	Los Angeles, CA 90071		and click on <b>Club Discounts.</b>		
Member Information					
Member's name					
Home Street Address					
City	State	Zip			
Home Phone	Work Phone				
Club Member Number					
Payment Method					
<input type="radio"/> Check or Money Order enclosed (please paper clip to order form)	Make checks payable to <b>City Employees Club of Los Angeles</b>				
<input type="radio"/> Credit Card	Please charge \$ _____ (enter total from above form) to my credit card.				
<input type="radio"/> MasterCard <input type="radio"/> VISA	CVV Code:*		<small>*Last 3 digits on back of card, after account number.</small>		
No.				Exp. <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/>	
Cardholder Name _____					
Cardholder Signature _____					
<b>TICKET GUY</b>					
Navin "TG" Cotton	ALL TICKETS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY. PRICES MAY CHANGE.	Tickets must be mailed to your home address.			
<b>Vendor Relations &amp; Advertising Coordinator</b>	DO NOT SEND CASH - ALL SALES ARE FINAL - NO REFUNDS.	City Employees Club of Los Angeles cannot be held responsible for money or tickets lost in the mail.			
	When visiting Club offices, only the first 15-minutes of parking will be validated. The CLUB strongly encourages that members phone in orders before visiting our office.	For your convenience, the Club accepts VISA or MasterCard.			
	Orders will be processed as soon as received.	<b>Maximum 12 tickets per event/ theatre/attraction per order.</b>			
		Allow 3 to 7 days for delivery.			

# Club Store

OFFICIAL CLUB MERCHANDISE & DISCOUNT TICKETS



Mens Silver Color, Embossed City Seal, Leather Band  
MODEL: #1161-XSB  
PRICE: \$64.97



Mens Full Color City Seal, Black Band  
MODEL: #1245  
PRICE: \$36.00

Ladies Full Color City Seal, Black Band  
MODEL: #2245  
PRICE: \$36.00



Mens Silver Color, Embossed City Seal  
MODEL: #1051  
PRICE: \$54.46

## City Seal Watches

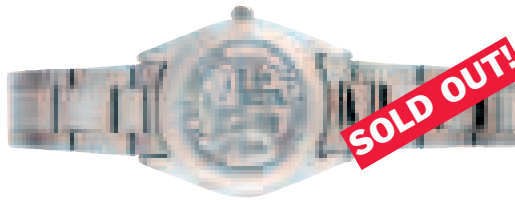
These watches have been meticulously crafted using only high-quality quartz movements in hypoallergenic casings.



Mens Gold Color, Embossed City Seal  
MODEL: #1673  
PRICE: \$76.54



Black/Silver Color Pendant, Embossed City Seal  
MODEL: #1494-XBK  
PRICE: \$43.23



**SOLD OUT!**

Ladies Silver Color, Embossed City Seal  
MODEL: #2051  
PRICE: \$54.46

## Los Angeles, Views of the Past & Present

An excellent example of what Los Angeles looked like in its humble beginnings compared to the present day. Photographs by the world famous George Ross Jezek.

Club Discount Price.....\$25.00 (\$32.95 Retail)



## Orange County, Views of the Past & Present

An excellent example of what Orange County looked like in its humble beginnings compared to the present day. Photographs by the world famous George Ross Jezek.

Club Discount Price.....\$25.00 (\$32.95 Retail)



## City Seal and Club Logo Hats!

High quality embroidered ball caps!



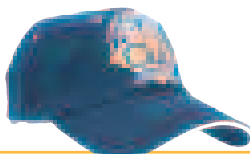
Orange with City Seal: \$10.00 each



Black with City Seal: \$10.00 each



Orange with City Seal and City of Los Angeles script: \$10.00 each



Dark Blue with City Employees Club of Los Angeles logo: \$7.00 each



Khaki with City Employees Club of Los Angeles logo: \$7.00 each



Dark Blue with City Seal: \$10.00 each

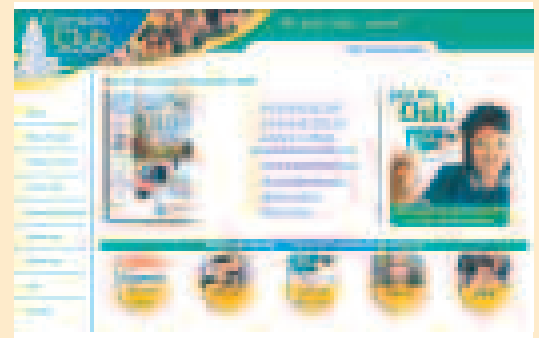


Black with City Seal and City of Los Angeles script: \$10.00 each

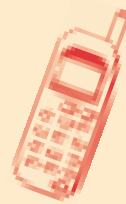
### FOR EASY ORDERING OF DISCOUNT TICKETS AND CLUB MERCHANDISE:

### ONLINE

Go to [www.cityemployeesclub.com](http://www.cityemployeesclub.com) and click on "Ticket Express"



### PHONE



Call (888) 777-1744 or Fax (213) 620-0398

### MAIL

Complete the order form to the left and mail to:

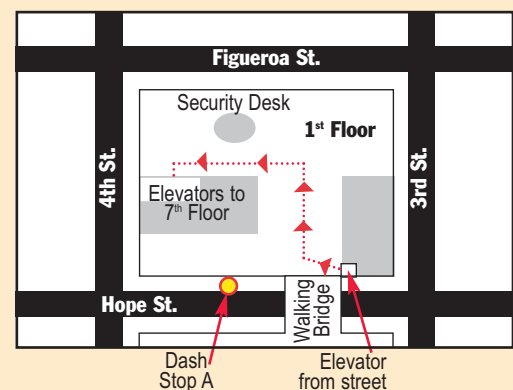
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City Employees Club of Los Angeles  
350 S. Figueroa St., Ste. 700  
Los Angeles, CA 90071



### PICK-UP

**350 South Figueroa St. Suite 700**

Take the Dash "A" Route and get off at the World Trade Center stop. Take the outside elevator to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Go west into the building and then make a left. Take the main elevators to the 7<sup>th</sup> floor.



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## Meet the Club Team

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

### Need help? Find your Counselor

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



**Beverly Haro**  
Member Services  
Counselor

Aging, Department of DWP Admin.  
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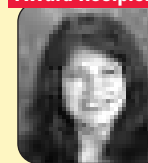
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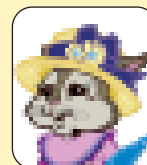
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Member Services Manager

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