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LACECA Is Proud as It Turns 35

■ **City's Chicano Association turns 35 with a special gala May 19. Tickets and sponsorships are available.**

LACECA — The Los Angeles City Employees Chicano Association (LACECA) invites you to join the group in celebrating the organization's 35th anniversary Friday, May 19, at Tamayo's Restaurant in Los Angeles. The association promotes better employment opportunities and the advancement of the Hispanic community.

LACECA is proud of its accomplishments and its consistent commitment to the objectives and ideals upon which it was founded. Although much has changed in the City of Los Angeles over the last 35 years — demographics, political priorities and physical landscape, LACECA's principles and goals have remained unchanged. The organiza-



LACECA Founding Member Miguel Alvarez (right) accepts a Council resolution congratulating the group from Councilman Art Snyder in 1973.

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The *Alive!* Interview

Pomona Calls City Employee Madame Mayor

■ **LAPD PSR Norma Torres is also the mayor of Pomona.**

POLICE DEPT. — Antonio Villaraigosa is not the only City employee who's a mayor. That description also fits Norma Torres, a Public Service Representative with the LAPD who is also the mayor of Pomona. Recently, Club CEO John Hawkins and Club Counselor Arlene Herrero sat down for a chat with Norma.



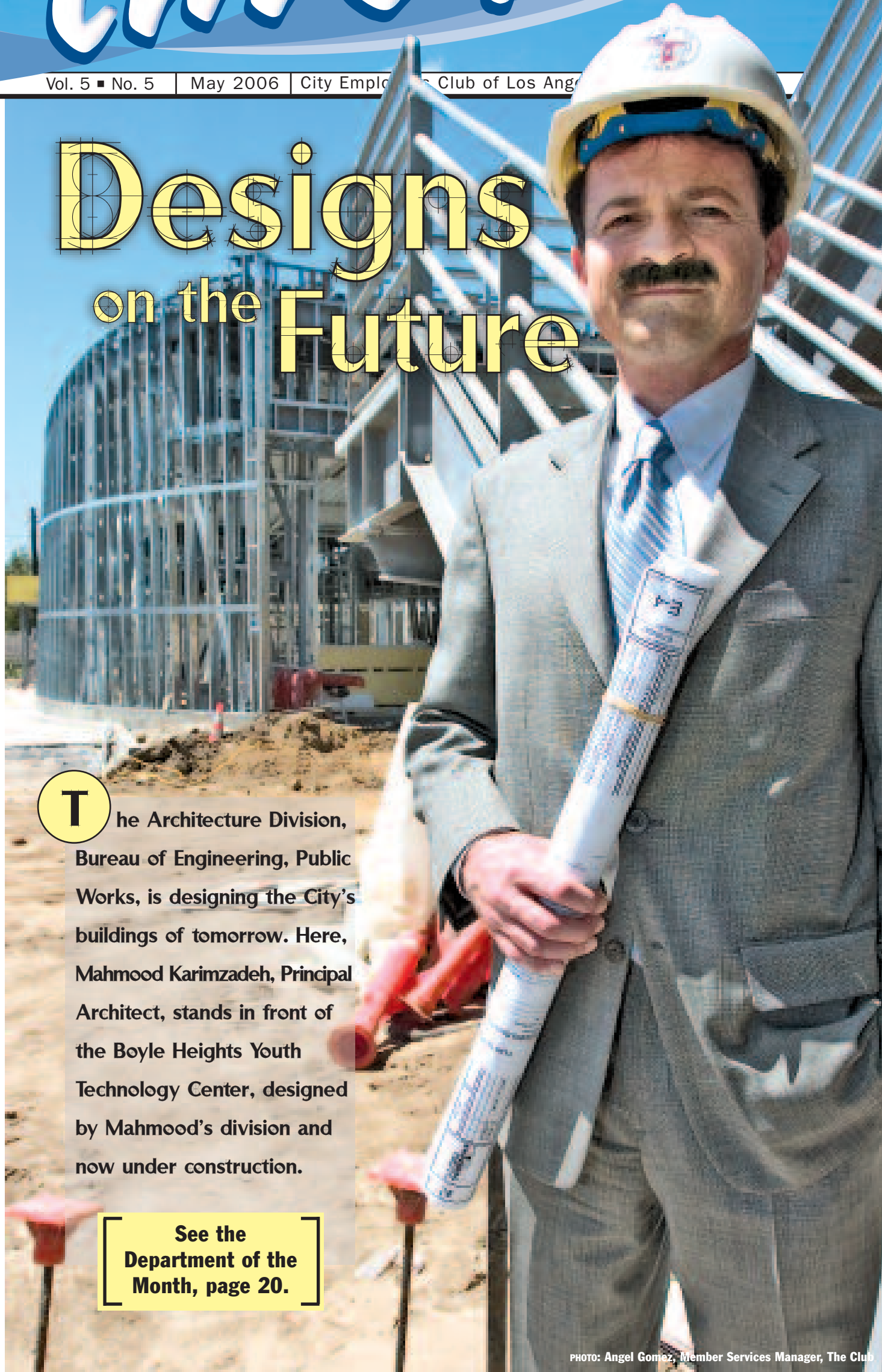
Norma Torres, Mayor of Pomona

Alive!: Why did you become the mayor of Pomona?

Norma Torres: I was on the Pomona city council since 2000. I ran for office representing North Pomona District 6, and last year our mayor became ill and died.

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Designs on the Future



The Architecture Division, Bureau of Engineering, Public Works, is designing the City's buildings of tomorrow. Here, Mahmood Karimzadeh, Principal Architect, stands in front of the Boyle Heights Youth Technology Center, designed by Mahmood's division and now under construction.

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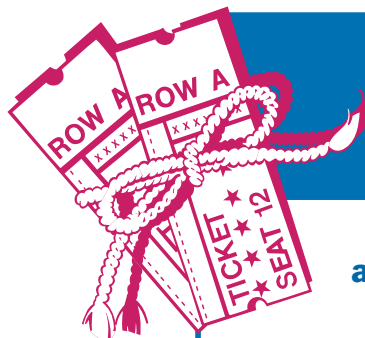
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56 male	City Retiree	Heart: Arteriosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease	\$5,025
59 male	City Retiree	Cancer: Acute Leukemia	\$5,021
65 Male	Rec and Parks	Car Accident	\$60,000*
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68 Male	DWP	Fall	\$120,000*
69 Male	Public Works	Cause Pending	\$90,000*
71 male	City Retiree	Heart: Acute Myocardial Infarction Coronary Artery	\$10,027
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76 male	City Retiree	Heart: Myocardial Infarction Coronary Atherosclerosis	\$5,015
77 male	City Retiree	Heart: Cardiopulmonary Arrest, Multi Organ Failure	\$10,044
79 male	City Retiree	Heart: Arteriosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease	\$25,856
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** A Message From the CEO **

Thanking Moms, For All They Do

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



I can't believe it's already May. One more month and my favorite time of year is here, summer, but before I get ahead of myself I'd like to remind everyone to start planning for Mother's Day. Make those reservations now before it's too late and Mom doesn't get to brunch at her favorite place.

There are many mothers in my life, and they have all made an impact on my life. Mothers are so special. They have the ability to accomplish so much and make us all feel completely loved at the same time. I'd like to mention three particular mothers who are closest to my heart.

First and foremost, the mother of my children, my wife, Kelley. I've had a few chances this year to take over her job and boy, did I see her in a different light. She can do things in one day that I couldn't accomplish in a month. I tried to do the things she does, but I was overwhelmed! Her job is harder than any other job on this planet and yes, she occasionally gets frustrated, but she also says she wouldn't trade it for anything. I'm just glad all I have to do is run a company. I appreciate everything she does for my family. She is my hero! I love you, Kelley!

Secondly, I would like to mention my mom, Yvonne, who nurtured, cared for and loved me and all six of my siblings. And believe me, that was no easy job, considering six of us were boys. She taught us to see life as an adventure and to make it our own. She taught us to be positive and to see the good in people. I have to say that a lot of what I have become today I owe to my mom. I love you, Mom!

Last and definitely not least, I would like to mention my mother-in-law, Sue. She is a kind, gentle spirit who has loved me as if I were her own. She's a peacemaker, which is so important in life. She does it with such ease and I admire her for that. She would give you the last shirt on her back and be there for you whenever and wherever you need her. But most importantly, she raised a wonderful daughter who is now my wife. Thank you Sue. I love you.

We all need to take time this Mother's Day and think about all the mothers who have made impacts on our lives, and let them know.

*Happy Mother's Day,
Kelley!*

*Happy Mother's Day,
Mom!*

*Happy Mother's Day,
Sue!*

And Happy Mother's Day to all our members who are mothers themselves.

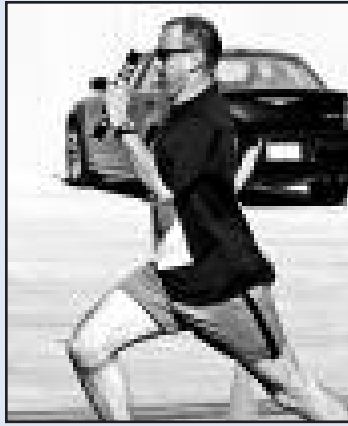


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Pomona Mayor Is City Employee

Madame Mayor

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There was an open seat and, looking at the candidates who were running, I was not thrilled from the candidates, so I put my name in on the very last day. It's too much of an important job that required somebody who was a little bit more dedicated to the community and to the service of the community. Pomona's mayor is not a full-time mayor like the City of L.A. so I don't have staff. It's a part-time position. That's why I've had to keep my job in L.A. So it really requires somebody who is interested in the betterment of the community and has that in their heart.

Alive!: I can imagine. How did that get into your heart?

Norma Torres: I live here. I've just purchased my third home here in the city. I have seen North Pomona, primarily the district that I have represented, go from being really bad as far as graffiti and lack of involvement from the community to being very proactive and expecting a lot more from local government. I want to see the rest of the city move in that direction.

Alive!: How do you balance working for the City of L.A., and being Mayor of Pomona? You must be busy.

Norma Torres: I work graveyard. It's a great thing that just happened. Our captain just changed our hours. We used to work from 11 p.m. to 7:30 in the morning. Well, she changed our hours to 10 to 6:30 in the morning, which has really worked out great for me. It's too early in the morning to set any meetings, so it forces me to come home and go to bed. That means I'm not available most mornings unless it's my day off and I go straight home, go to bed, get up around noon and I start my day here at city hall at 3 p.m.

Alive!: What's your favorite part about being mayor?

Norma Torres: Visiting the schools. I love talking to the kids. It's great; they're so innocent and they mean well. They don't really know much about their government, and they have such high expectations; I really encourage them to talk to their parents and instill those same types of expectations in their parents. Unless the community gets involved, our city will continue to be the last in everything – even though we're the fifth largest city in the county.

Alive!: But I see some changes. How is Pomona changing?

Norma Torres: Downtown Pomona is going through a major renovation. We have the only Latin American museum, where its focus is on Latinos who were born and lived in the U.S. We have the only ceramics museum that's a 100 percent ceramics museum in the country. Most of the museums that show ceramic art, they're

a combination of this and that, but this is 100 percent ceramics

Alive!: That's impressive. What is the hardest part about being the mayor?

Norma Torres: Developing. We certainly need more shopping and entertainment opportunities here in the city. I look at development around us. At every town they've stopped and looked and done something and kept on going. When it came to Pomona they sort of just jumped over and kept on going. It's very difficult for me to look at that and see where we've failed; what can we do better? The first day of last week we held the very first redevelopment meeting and we invited major retailers like the Lewis Corporation to come in and tell us what is it, what can we do better to get you to build an entertainment facility center here in the city of Pomona, provide more shopping opportunities for our residents? I think we're the biggest exporters of tax dollars in the surrounding areas. So a lot of positive things came out of that.

Alive!: Sounds like it did, yeah. How many Pomona city employees are there?

Norma Torres: Let's see. Close to 800.

Alive!: How connected to those city employees are you? Is it the same as the mayor in L.A. would have?

Norma Torres: I have a little bit more of a personal relationship with them because I am so hands-on. Like I said, I don't have a staff, a team of people who would meet with developers and only deal with that. We're a one-stop shop. We're very old with small-town mentality, and that's my biggest challenge right there. That's something that I need to change. That could only be done through a charter amendment.

Alive!: If you do that, what would you amend?

Norma Torres: That we would have more of a representation, more of a full-time position for the mayor and for the city council.

Alive!: Since Pomona is growing, it will need that. Do you think it'll happen on your watch?

Norma Torres: It won't happen for me on my watch, but I certainly hope that I can make that happen for the next person.

Alive!: That's good thinking. What are the top three things that just tickle you pink about Pomona?

Norma Torres: I think we have very good parks in the city of Pomona. That's one of the things. I think we have a great downtown and what we have to offer in housing. Let's say in Pasadena you can buy an old home and it'll cost you a million dollars. You can come to Pomona and buy an even better home for half of that! Look at our homes. We have three historic districts. They are just beautiful!



LAPD PSR Norma Torres (left) chats with Club Counselor Arlene Herrero

Alive!: How do people address you in the city?

Norma Torres: Norma.

Alive!: Mayor Norma or Norma?

Norma Torres: During the official council meetings they call me Madame Mayor and I'm still having a hard time with that but that's what they refer to me as, Madame Mayor.

Alive!: Madame Mayor. I like that! Do many L.A. City employees know that you're Madame Mayor of Pomona?

Norma Torres: Oh, yeah. And you know what? It's funny because in L.A. my coworkers call me Mayor.

Alive!: And now even more might call you that, since you're going to be in Alive! Do you like the newspaper?

Norma Torres: I love you guys.

Alive!: We love sharing the details about what people in the City do. What's the hardest thing about being a PSR?

Norma Torres: My job as a PSR, we're really a support service, support for the officers in the field, support for everybody, for the citizens, of going out and doing the community fairs and all of that. That's the fun part of our job. We are a support service.

It's interesting to me to sometimes see people protesting in front of Parker Center against police brutality or against something that we have done or somebody else has done; the same people leaving have been victims of crime and call us and I love it because this is America. Right? This is the part that I love: They talk to us and they were just protesting. They talk to us and we're going to give them the same level of service that anyone else in the City gets.

My operator number is 432, and when I do a community workshop or I go out to a neighborhood watch group, I always

[tell people] my operator number is 432. I'm very proud of that because when you call me I am going to give you the best service. I'm going to treat you like if you were a member of my family asking for help, and it's work that goes unnoticed for most of the time. The department is getting a little bit better over the last few years at celebrating the good things that we do. There is no room for mistakes in our job, really not at all, so whether you're working days or nights you have to be alert and you have to really know your job. Training is very difficult.

Alive!: How long have you been a PSR?

Norma Torres: I started in June of 1991.

Alive!: What did you do before that?

Norma Torres: I used to sell stainless steel valves and fittings. Elbows and valves and pipe in L.A. I did that for 10 years.

Alive!: I bet you know all sorts of lingo.

Norma Torres: Yeah, and I think the best job has been the job with the LAPD and I'm really proud of the work that we do in the community.

Alive!: Thanks for your time, Madame Mayor!

Norma Torres: Thank you!

Norma Torres

Police Service Representative, 911 Call Center, LAPD Communications Mayor, City of Pomona

FAVORITE MOVIE: *Munich.*

FAVORITE CANDY: \$100,000 bar. Or See's candies, the strawberry-filled milk chocolate.

FAVORITE QUOTE: "One day at a time. Every day is an opportunity to make positive change."

FAVORITE HOBBY: Reading historical novels. *Henry the Eighth.*

FAMILY: Married for 20 years. Three sons.



LETTERS To the Editor

Lineman Story Shows Good Work Is Happening at DWP

I was so happy to see last month's cover with the DWP Linemen. It's about time someone shows the positive side of the DWP. I am so sick and tired of people bashing them day in and day out. You know, there's a lot of hard working DWP employees that are doing amazing work each and every day bringing the citizens of LA water and electricity. Hats off to you guys for the great story and picture. You guys are awesome!

— **Brenda Thompson,**
Proud Club Member, LAPD

Club Insurance Is Key To Protect Your Family

Based on the deaths of Club members listed on page two of the April newspaper, I really don't want to retire. Why are so many retirees dying? Scary! The only consolation is that they at least left behind some life insurance money to their families.

— **Jenny Wall, General Services**

He Likes *Alive!* Article On Downtown FlyAway

I wanted to attend the FlyAway press conference, but I had some important meetings at City Hall that morning. Fortunately you guys had an informative article about it. That's going to be a real neat service to use and I hope that those buses end up being super filled with travelers. It is really nice to learn from the article that several city departments got together to make this service possible.

— **Bill Myers, LAFD**

April Cover Photo Sent Club Member Sky High

Holy schmooley, how did you guys take that photo above the power poles with DWP employees Dennis Honor and Shawn Monahan below? That is some picture. The *Alive!* media department really out did themselves this time. I can't wait to see what next month's photo will be.

— **Terry Mills, DWP**

New FlyAway Service Gets Events Guru's Thumbs-Up

I recently took the LAX FlyAway Shuttle from Union Station, both going and returning, and I'm happy to say that it was such a great experience. It was only \$6 roundtrip and I was in a comfortable air-conditioned bus. Most importantly, I didn't have to deal with driving or inconveniencing anyone to drive me to the airport. I highly recommend everyone to it to everyone!

— **Michelle Moreno, Club Events Guru**

In Cooking Column, She Wants Recipe for Youth

At first glance, I thought the lady standing next to Chef Larios was his significant other, but I quickly found out that she's his mom? She is so young! It's actually hard to believe. Hey Chef Larios, can you send over the secret recipe for looking young and longevity?

— **Renee Thompson,**
Rec and Parks

Retiree Reads Best Years First But Has a Question

Hi *Alive!* people. I love this City newspaper, it's the only one I read now about City employee news. I always read the Best Years section first because the Phil Skarin article is always very informative and well written. I have a question, though: What did Phil mean when he wrote in the Legislative update, "The LACERS fund is in very good condition. Though not fully funded, it has reached an all-time high of \$9.4 billion." That didn't seem to make sense to me. Can someone make sense of it for me?

In any case, even though I don't play golf anymore since my lower back operation, I very much enjoyed the *Alive!* articles about the annual RLACEI golf tournament at the Alhambra golf course.

— **Roy Jennings,**
Retired, Building and Safety

Feel free to contact Phil Skarin directly at: 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411, or fax (818) 906-3722 or phone (818) 784-0130. — Ed.

Mary Rose Really Wants Ed Harding to Feel Better

Greetings *Alive!* friends. Hope I'm not wearing out my welcome, but I read in your retiree section that the good-looking Mr. Edward Harding, who I believe is the President of the Retirees Association, has been suffering from a pinched nerve on the spine. Well, I can tell you firsthand that a pinch of any sort hurts like heck, but a pinched nerve hurts even more. And on the spine?! Land 'o goshin, that poor fellow. Might I be so bold as to suggest that all of us retirees send Mr. Ed Harding a get-well card? Let's just send them to his buddy Phil Skarin, who, might I add is also quite handsome. Phil's address is 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys CA, 91411. I'm sure Phil won't mind passing your cards along to Mr. Harding.

Well, that's all for now, I'm going to get me a get-well card and get it in the mail. Call me crazy, but life is short. Why not do something out of the ordinary once in a while? Talk to you soon.

— **Mary Rose Wilkens, Retired and "happy"**

Ticket Guy Service Makes Her Sick to Her Stomach

I checked my mailbox, and my tickets were in there. Thank you so much.

When I am on that boat getting seasick, I will be thinking about you.

— **Ruth Chaney, LAPD**

Ticket Guy filled her order for tickets ... to Catalina Island. — Ed.

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Corrections

On page 32 of the April issue, *Alive!* gave an incorrect date for free boat tours in the Port of LA. The correct dates are Saturday and Sunday, May 13 and 14.

In the cover story/department of the month feature on the Port Police in the March issue, there were two mistakes. First, Sgt. Alfred Guerrero, who was on the cover, should also have been pictured inside the department of the month feature, as a Port Police employee. And second, Christine



Sgt. Alfred Guerrero, Port Police, Club Member

Piña was mistitled. Her correct title is X. *Alive!* regrets the errors.

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 comes to mind when you think of Memorial Day?"



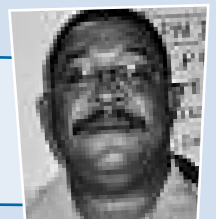
"A time to remember how far our country has gone and how much more we have to go."
— **Javier Estrella, Electrical Craft Helper, Club Member.**



"A day of rest."
— **Mike Newell, Electrician, Club Member.**



"I was hired the day after Memorial Day, so it reminds me of when I was hired. May 29 is my first year anniversary with the City."
— **Jack Bahlstrom, Electrician, Harbor C & M Yard.**



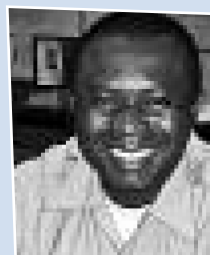
"The opportunity to pay homage to those who gave their lives in defense of our way of life."
— **Gordon McCullough, Traffic Officer II, 9 months.**



"Working the parades for the servicemen is my way of showing respect and gratitude to them."
— **Emmanuel David, Traffic Officer II, 7 years.**



"The sacrifice that servicemen have made for us. And, I appreciate every last one of them. May God bless them all."
— **Robin Smith-Gregory, Traffic Officer II, 19 years.**

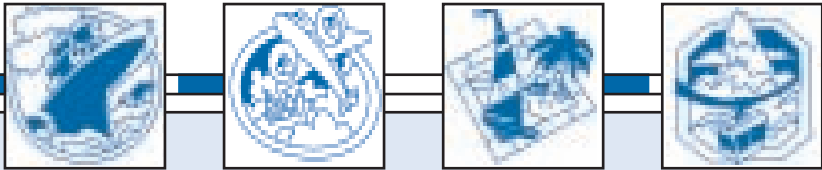


"Memorial Day reminds me of those brave soldiers who lost their lives for the freedom and liberty that we enjoy today."
— **Emeka Nnamoko, Traffic Officer, 9 months.**



"A day to remember those who gave their lives for our freedom, and to reflect on what we have as a result."
— **Howard Pompel, Club Staff.**

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Travel Talk

by Tony Adler, President,
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Tony Adler

Emerald Isle: A Real Gem

■ **Don't forget about Ireland:
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We sell a tremendous amount of European travel, but only a fraction of our clients visits Ireland. This is truly a shame, since Ireland is an absolutely fantastic vacation destination with friendly people who are anxious to welcome visitors from the United States. And Ireland is rapidly becoming one of the most modern European countries.

Irish representatives recently visited our offices, representing small and large hotels, five-star castles, cozy guesthouses and farmhouses. We didn't start out that excited, but once they did their presentation, we all wanted to go Irish! We just never paid attention to how much there was to see and do in Ireland.

Research shows that many visitors choose Ireland because of their Irish heritage. This seems to be a no-brainer that I always took for granted. Being able to personalize the history of the country certainly adds to the experience. Certainly there are many Club Members who are Irish. What I was *not* previously aware of was how big the family market is for Ireland. It offers a variety of experiences for all members of the family unit. Combine the heritage attraction with the family attraction, and it is clear why many of our guests travel to Ireland with relatives from several generations.

We book all types of tours to Ireland, and we also have our own Virtuoso representatives there to help plan once-in-a-lifetime adventures for our clients. If I were visiting, I would stay at a variety of properties as I toured the country. How often do you get to actually stay in a castle?

Dublin is the capital, and it has all the attractions of a modern city, but also the beauty and heritage of the past. It is Europe's fastest-growing urban destination. The city has a wealth of museums and galleries, as well as some of the best examples of Georgian architecture in the world. Sip a pint of the famous Guinness brew at the Guinness Storehouse Gravity Bar and enjoy a panoramic view of the city! Don't miss the Dublin Writers' Museum or the exciting Temple Bar area. We recommend making the Westin Hotel or the Four Seasons your home while visiting Dublin.

Killarney is spectacular wonderland of lakes and mountains. The scenery is straight out of the majestic paintings we have all seen. This is a part of Ireland that everyone should see at least once! Three main lakes and the mountains that surround them are all within the Killarney National Park, encapsulated by a road called the Ring of Kerry. We recommend the outstanding Killarney Park Hotel, a member of The Leading Small Hotels of the World.

Cork City is known for being the shopping, festival, commercial and cultural center of Southern Ireland. The ancestors of most Irish Americans left the Emerald

Isle through Cork and its port, Cobh (pronounced Cove). At Cobh, the old railroad station has been converted into a terrific museum of Irish emigration. There is also a tribute to the *Titanic*, whose last stop was at Cobh before heading off west to its own fate.

On the other side of Cork is Kinsale, the gourmet capital of Ireland. That might look like a misprint, but it isn't. Kinsale is a treat for all the gourmands out there.

But the seat of old-world Ireland — music, dancing, pub culture and the Irish (Gaelic) language — is Galway, the heart of the west. A trip to Ireland without stopping in Galway is a missed opportunity.

Don't forget Dingle, Connemara, Belfast and Waterford. If you are a golf lover, the K Club is the host of this year's Ryder Cup in September. This is a luxurious hotel and country club set amidst 550 acres of County Kildare countryside by the River Liffey, just outside Dublin.



Getting to Ireland is easy. There are plenty of air choices (Aer Lingus flies nonstop, and American Airlines connects through Boston or Chicago), and it takes about the same time as a flight to London. We also have cruises that visit some of the coastal cities, but if you can afford the time, I would take a leisurely tour of the country. We work with the best tour companies and top hotels throughout Ireland. We can customize any trip to match your dreams and desires.

So don't forget about Ireland! It is a piece of heaven certainly worth a visit. Maybe you could even take your whole family for a vacation of a lifetime.

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More Club Scholarships to Love

■ **The Club has added two more awards to its college Scholarship program, for a total of five. But hurry: Deadline for applications is noon May 31.**

THE CLUB — Have you applied yet for one of five Club Scholarships? Time is running out; the deadline is May 31.

Applications are available online only: www.cityemployeesclub.com/scholar.asp

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 always amazed at the quality of the applicants," said John Hawkins, Club CEO. "We expect this year to be even better."

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).

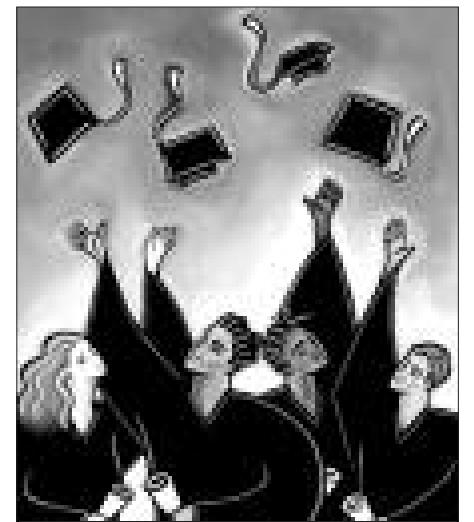
Applications must be in the Club office by noon May 31, 2006.

Applications are available for download only. They will not be available at the Club office, or from Club Counselors, or through the mail.

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

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.



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■ 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, 90071

■ Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

**Send questions to:
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Detention Graduation

■ LAPD Detention Officers graduate from training.

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

POLICE DEPT. — On March 20, the LAPD graduated 17 Detention Officers – the class of January 2004 – from training. Five were from outside the Department. The event was held at the Police Academy.

The graduates were: Casey Ballentine, Beverly Hills PD; D'Metric Bradley, LAPD; Todd Dressen, LAPD; David Garcia, LAPD; Rose Hernandez, LAPD; Jimmie Marshall, LAPD; John Matsumura, Seal Beach PD; Clint Najarian, LAPD; Mirna Orozco, LAPD; Linda A. Palacios, LAPD; Eduardo Perez, LAPD; Pearl L. Perez, Garden Grove PD; Alex Povolotsky, LAPD; Alejandro A. Puche, LAPD; Christopher Serrano, Seal Beach PD; and Pochien Wang, LAPD.

Uniform inspection was conducted by James P. Mc Donnell, First Assistant Chief of Police. Capt. Patrick K. Findley gave the introduction. The invocation was by Rev. Kenneth Crawford.

Distinguished guests included Councilman Dennis Zine and Board of Police Commissioner Anthony Pacheco. Family members and friends were present to witness the occasion. The recruit class speech was delivered by Detention Officer Todd Dressen.

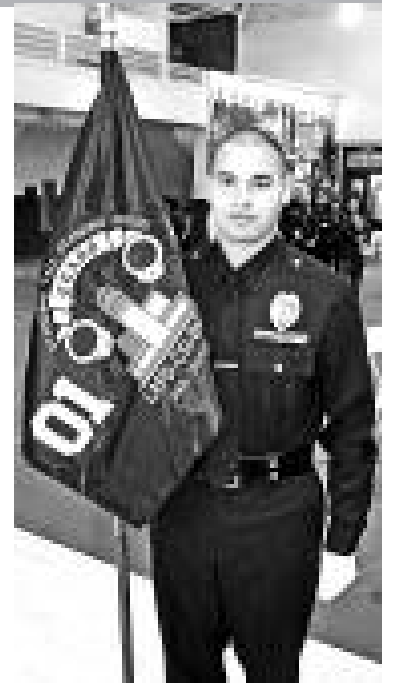
Special recognition went to:

- Clint Najarian, Highest Academic Achievement;
- Alex Povolotsky, Physical Training;
- Alejandro Puche, Detail Uniform Appearance; and
- Todd Dressen, Excelling in All Areas of Training/ Overall Performance.

The Club thanks Principal Detention Officer David Yuen and Detention Officer Catalina Alvarado for their assistance.



The LAPD Color guard marches in.



Alejandro A. Puche, LAPD Detention Officer, received the Detail Uniform Appearance Certificate.



Capt. Patrick Findley, Commanding Officer, Jail Division, conducts Uniform Inspection.



Councilman Dennis Zine congratulates the graduates.



James P. McDonnell, First Assistant Chief of Police, Club Member, delivers commencement address.



Board of Police Commissioner Anthony Pacheco addresses the graduates and their families.



From left: D'Metric Bradley, LAPD Detention Officer, and her husband, Timothy Bradley, GSD Police; and James P. McDonnell, First Assistant Chief of Police, Club Member.



Sylvia Flores, Alhambra Police Detention Officer



David Garcia, LAPD Detention Officer



Rose Hernandez, LAPD Detention Officer



Jimmie Marshall, LAPD Detention Officer



Casey Ballentine, Beverly Hills Detention Officer



Todd Dressen, LAPD Detention Officer



John Matsumura, Seal Beach Detention Officer



Clint Najarian, LAPD Detention Officer



From left: Linda Palacios, LAPD Detention Officer, with James P. McDonnell, First Assistant Chief of Police, Club Member.



Christopher Serrano, Seal Beach Detention Officer



Pochien Wang, LAPD Detention Officer



Alex Povolotsky, LAPD Detention Officer



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Bald Is Beautiful

■ LAFD, LAPD host annual St. Baldrick's head-shaving fundraiser.

Story by Arlene Herrero and Beverly Haro, Club Counselors; Photos by Arlene Herrero, Cathy Sotos and Jean Sarfaty, Public Safety Representatives, and Robert Curtis, LAFD

POLICE, FIRE DEPTS. — Fire Station 89 in North Hollywood hosted the fourth annual St. Baldrick's head shaving event March 17 to once again raise funds for childhood cancer research. The local event was part of a nationwide campaign to "shave a way to conquer kid's cancer."

"St. Baldrick's is completely about the kids," says the LAPD's Sergeant Greg Doyle, co-organizer of the event whose own young son is a cancer survivor. "We want to see cancer in all forms wiped out in our lifetime but we most certainly want to see childhood cancer beaten so this year we're dedicating our event to the memory of John Taggart, the son of fire fighter Kelly Taggart who was diagnosed with neuroblastoma at age two and lost his 3.5-year battle this past year."

"We hope our head shaving event here at the fire station and others like it across the country will make a difference so that some day kids will never again lose their hair and, most importantly, their lives due to cancer," added LAFD Captain Waldie Brangham.

The public was invited to attend and participate as a donor and/or a shaveree. The primary beneficiary of St. Baldrick's is CureSearch

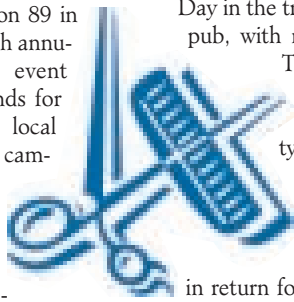
National Childhood Cancer Foundation – which supports CureSearch Children's Oncology Group - the world's foremost childhood cancer research organization. To learn more about CureSearch, visit www.CureSearch.org.

The St. Baldrick's Celebration was dreamt up by a group of business executives in New York City in 1999 with the first event occurring in 2000. For quite a while the men, all of whom have Irish roots, had been observing St. Patrick's Day in the traditional way – pints at their favorite pub, with music and laughter in great supply.

They decided to give their celebration a little twist and help young children diagnosed with cancer who typically lose their hair during treatment. It started as a "I'll shave my head if you will" conversation and then the group recruited volunteers to have their heads shaved in public in return for pledges of financial support. What began with a goal of "\$17,000 on the 17th," has snowballed with astonishing results. Nearly 16,000 shaves, including more than 1,000 women, have shaved their heads at 554 St. Baldrick's celebrations, raising more than \$12 million

For further information about St. Baldrick's, please log on to www.stbaldricks.org.

The Club thanks LAPD Sgt. Greg Doyle, Club Member, and LAFD Capt. Waldie Brangham, for their assistance.



LAFD Capt. Waldie Brangham and LAPD Sgt. II Greg Doyle, event organizers.



Fireman Kelly Taggart, whose son, John, succumbed to cancer, thanks everyone for coming out.

Captain Waldie Brangham (LAFD); Sgt. II Greg Doyle, Club Member, coordinated this great event.

Brian Humphrey, dubbed the "Voice of LAFD," is shaved by Councilwoman Wendy Greuel



Trevor Harvey, son of Firefighter Jeff Harvey, Fire Station 70, grew out his hair for two years when he lost his aunt to cancer. His hair will be made into a wig.



KTLA Newscaster Eric Spillman gives Firefighter Shaye Garvey, Fire Station 3, a haircut.



William, son of Sgt. Greg Doyle, LAPD Communications, has been cancer free for three years.



Caden Smith, 2, might have been the youngest shave participant. His proud dad is Dale Smith, Fire Station 3.



Sgt. Randy Goddard.



Fireman Ryan Guthrie, Station 89, estimates that he cooked 400 pancakes in about an hour.



From left: Maureen and John Keys, Lead Paramedic, Station 69, Pacific Palisades.



Ronnie has the honor of cutting PSR Shawnie Livera's hair.



Daeho Moon, Engineer, enjoys a first St. Baldrick's experience.



Councilwoman Wendy Greuel shaved the head of Joaquin Macias, Field Deputy from her office.--



From left: Lisa Hadsell, PSR II, Club Member; Theresa Bui, PSR II, Club Member; Catherine Chao; and Adrian Smith.



Smiling after their shave are, from left: William Doyle, son of Sgt. Greg Doyle; and Trevor Harvey, son of Firefighter Jeff Harvey.



Fireman Allen Albera on breakfast detail.

Women's Expo

■ Police, Fire Depts. host recruitment expo for women.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

POLICE, FIRE DEPTS. — The LAFD and LAPD, in cooperation with Personnel, celebrated Women's History Month with "Women Behind the Badge," a public safety career expo at the Los Angeles Police Academy March 25.

This joint Police and Fire Dept. event featured seminars, equipment displays, Police Academy tours and F.A.T.S. experience – the Fire Arms Training Simulator, an interactive video presentation that allows civilians to assume the role of an LAPD officer.

In addition, the three-hour LAPD entrance examination was offered. Ongoing hiring seminars detailed the hiring process for the Fire Dept.

Special guests included LAFD Chief William Bamattre; LAPD Commission Vice President Alan Skobin; LAPD Commissioner Andrea Ordin; LAPD Chief William Bratton; LAPD Assistant Chief Sharon Papa; LAFD Deputy Chief Emil Mack; LAFD Assistant Chief Roxanne Bercik; and LAFD Commissioner Tolentino.

The Club thanks Bruce Whidden and Officer Adriana Sanchez for their assistance.



From left: Officer Lisa Duran; Officer Leticia Gutierrez; Francine Briscoe, P3; Capt. III Joan McNamara, Club Member; LAPD Assistant Chief Sharon Papa, Club Member; Lt. II Evangelyn Nathan; Sgt. II Elaine Morales; Det. II Laura Chao; and Sgt. Cassandra Britt-Nickerson, Panel Moderator.



From left: Capt. II Karen Richter; Capt. I Kris Larson; LAFD Chief William Bamattre; Capt. I Stacy Gerlich; Firefighter II Linsay Goodrich; and Engineer Kristin Crowley.



Wearing late 1950s-early 1960s police women uniforms are, from left: Adriana Sanchez, P2, Recruit Section; Karen Wright, P3, Juvenile Division; and LaDonna Cissell-Day, P3, Recruit Section. The uniforms are original ... and have come a long way!



A uniform from the 1920s was used by the first female LAPD officer.



Detention Officers staffing the Jail Division booth, from left: Renee Cuevas, Sr. Detention Officer, Club Member; and Amelia Trimino, Detention Officer.



From left: Francine Briscoe, P3; Sgt. II Elaine Morales.



From left: Don Anderson, Mounted Unit with "Colorado;" and Donna Shoates, Mounted Unit, Club Member, with "Zip."



John Kent, P3, SWAT.



Debra Kickbush, Tactical Flight Officer.



Deborah Gonzales, Detective III, LAWPO.



Lisa Lahendro, Criminalist II, Crime Lab.



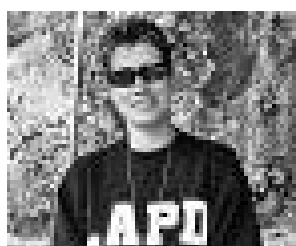
Eileen Landacre, LAFD Community Service Representative.



Sgt. Dawn-Amber McCallum, Metro.



In the LAPD Communications Division booth, from left: Diane Boose, PSR III, Club Member; and Tammy Lindquist, PSR III, Club Member.



Kristi Nielsen, Police Officer, Officer of the Chief of Police.



Joe Rubert, P3, SWAT.



Lisa Wesolowski, Forensic Print Specialist II, Latent Prints, Club Member.

Speech! Speech!

Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club holds evaluation speech contest and wins trophies at the area contest.

Story by Yvonne Liu, Vice President, Public Relations, Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club; Photo courtesy Pioneers Toastmasters

PUBLIC WORKS — Room 6024 of the Public Works Building contained excitement during lunchtime March 15, as Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club hosted its first evaluation speech contest, drawing a throng of 20 people.

Bureau of Engineering Civil Engineering Associate II Patricia Konkirati gave the model speaker speech, which was the community project update for the Eagle Rock Interceptor Sewer Mitigation Project (also known as ERIS). After she spoke, four evaluator contestants had five minutes each to prepare a 2.5-minute oral presentation with feedback and analysis that would

help her improve on her next presentation

First place went to Dominic Buenaventura, Civil Engineering Associate IV from Bureau of Engineering's Project Award and Control Division. Second Place went to Personnel Analyst II Michael Sloss of Bureau of Engineering's Administrative Services Division.

Dominic said that the most important role of an evaluator is "to be a friend." I watch, listen, and respond to their presentation. I then praise them on all the strengths and skills they used in their speech and point out what they might do next time to become an even better speaker. Why? Because that's what real friends do!" Dominic said.

One way that Dominic helped Patricia to improve was suggesting that she says "contaminated soil" with a crooked grin, rather than with a smile.

City Engineer Gary Lee Moore and Chief Deputy City Engineer Brad Smith were the early birds in renewing their membership with Toastmasters for the next six months. Special guests included President of the Board of Public Works Cynthia Ruiz, Senior Civil Engineer Rajni



From left: Civil Engineering Associate IV Dominic Buenaventura, Mechanical Engineering Associate Sharat Batra, Public Relations Consultant Olga Morales, Civil Engineering Associate II Yasmin Hafeez, Sanitary Engineering Associate II Berndette Halvorson, Personnel Analyst II Michael Sloss (back), Management Analyst II Ivan Gerson (front), Management Analyst II Jennifer Lau, Civil Engineering Associate II Patricia Konkirati, Management Analyst II Kari Iwai and Civil Engineering Associate III and Club President Chelsea Li.

Patel, Senior Civil Engineer Keith Hanks, Senior Personnel Analyst Mary Orcutt, and Program Manager Jon Haskett.

Evaluation skills (also known as listening skills) can be extremely helpful to supervisors or to employees preparing to supervise in the future. How? The Toastmaster evaluation method teaches the evaluator to acknowledge and reinforce the speaker's strengths and give concrete feedback to the speaker that inspires the speaker to continuously strive for improvement. Eventually, every improvement is a new personal best. If you apply the Toastmaster's method as a supervisor, you will find that you motivate your employees at the same time as you build a positive relationship with your employees.

Pioneer Toastmasters winners attended the Toastmasters International Area 42 and 43 Evaluation Speech Contest March 22 at 1200 W. Seventh Street. There they competed against club winners from several other Downtown Toastmasters clubs. They returned victorious with two trophies:

Dominic Buenaventura as the first-place winner of the Area 43 Evaluation Contest, and Kari Iwai (Bureau of Sanitation Management Analyst II) won first place in the Area 43 International Speech Contest.

"I'm learning so much from seeing the speakers at the area level," Kari said. Dominic

and Kari will advance to the Division Contest in late April.

If you visit the Pioneers Toastmasters on any Wednesday between 12:05 to 12:50 in the Public Works Building in the main sixth floor conference room, you will have an opportunity to see evaluation skills in action. Guests are always welcome, even if you can stay only 20 minutes. You do not have to be a City employee to join.

For more information about the Toastmasters program and the Pioneers club, contact Ivan Gerson at (213) 485-1169 or Chelsea Li at (213) 847-0406.



From left: Pioneer Toastmasters Club President Chelsea Li presents Dominic Buenaventura with the Best Evaluator Award.



Pioneer Toastmasters Club International Speech Contest Winners, from left: First Place Kari Iwai; Club Evaluation Contest Second Place Michael Sloss; Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club President Chelsea Li; and Club Evaluation Contest First Place Dominic Buenaventura.

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Cecilia Talbot,
Club Claims Administrator

Your service to me in this time of sorrow was very good. All my questions were answered and everything was taken care of in a timely manner. The book [The Fall of Freddy the Leaf] was simple and easy to read, and it helped me to see death as a part of life and not something to fear. I was saddened by my husband's death, and this book helped me to feel better."

— Shirley Tooze, March 2006

The service was "excellent, courteous and very understanding. Everyone that I had contact with or who spoke to me were very kind and so helpful to me that they brought my spirit up at a time when I was feeling so depressed and sad over the loss of my husband. [The book] brought into focus that death is a natural occurrence and that after a loss life will go on."

— Linda Salazar, March 2006

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—Elizabeth Bustamante, March 2006

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— Juliet Felix, March 2006



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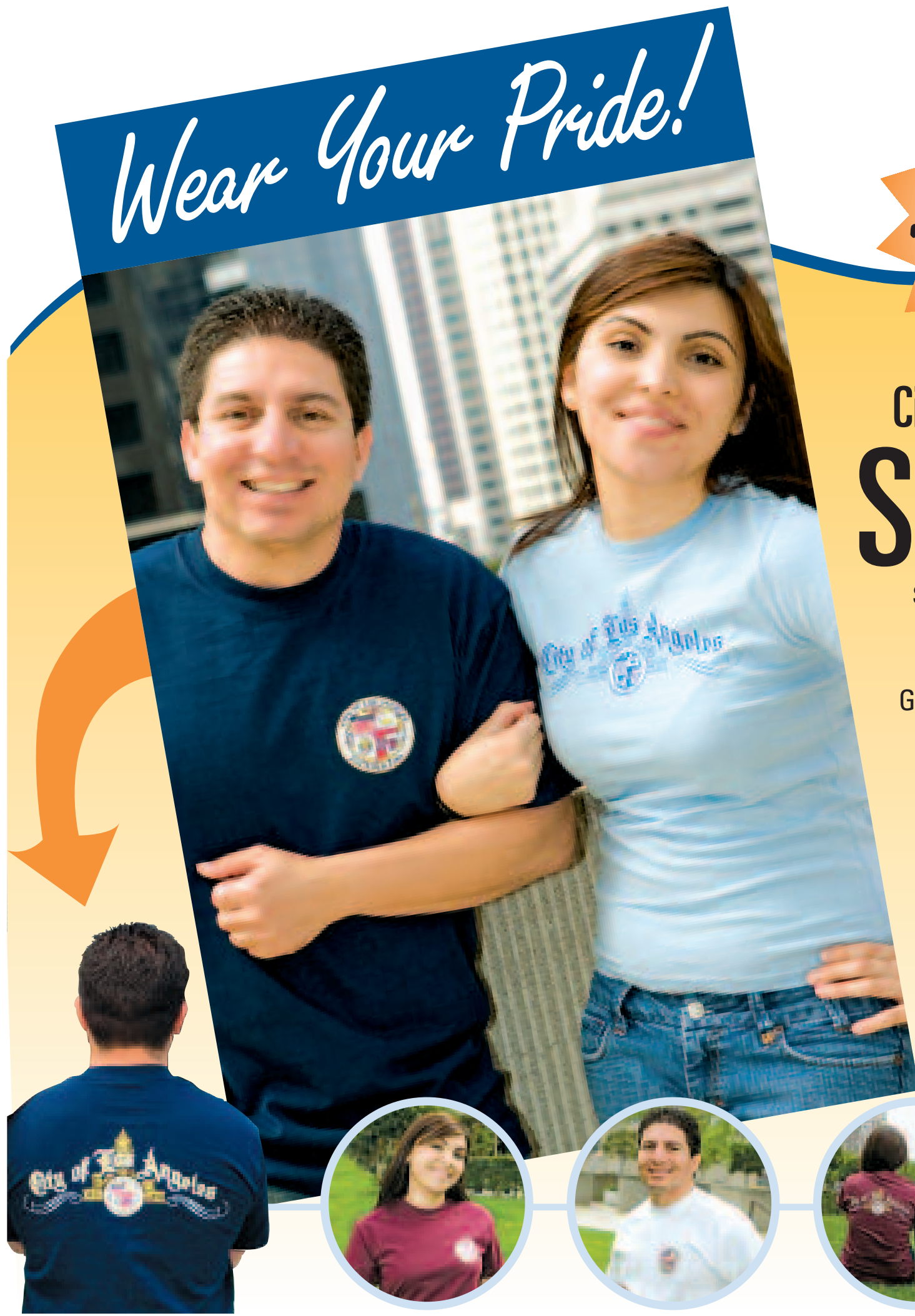
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tion continues to advocate for increased employment and promotional opportunities for Hispanic government employees and to strive to achieve parity in all employment classifications in the City of Los Angeles. LACECA believes that its work



LACECA Executive Board Founding Members, March 1971

will lead to more responsive City government and provide better support and attention to the needs of the Hispanic community.

At the event, LACECA will present honorary awards to:

– **Edward James Olmos**, for his outstanding contributions to the community, including the multimedia project launched in 1999, "Americanos: Latino Life in the United States," a celebration of Latino culture through photography, film, music and the printed word;

– **Moctezuma Esparza**, a lifelong entrepreneur and businessman who was recently appointed by

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to serve on the California State University Board of Trustees. Producer of the movie Walkout, Moctezuma was one of the student leaders who organized the walkouts in March 1968 while at Lincoln High School.

The art of Sergio Hernandez will commemorate LACECA's 35th anniversary and be used for the souvenir program cover. An artist for more than 30 years, Sergio's art draws from his life experiences growing up in Los Angeles as a Chicano that includes current reflections of life and culture in the community.

Tickets and sponsorships are available. Should you have any questions, contact Leonor V. Garcia at (323) 342-6237 or Edna Meraz at (626) 757-8916.



Jackie Zarate with Councilwoman Gloria Molina, 1986



Hugh S. Lee

Hugh Goes International

■ **Hugh Lee, Public Works, is chair of association's International Underground Utilities Committee.**

PUBLIC WORKS — Hugh S. Lee, Engineering Division Manager, Street Services, Public Works, is the new chair of the Technology and Underground Utilities Committee of ASTM (American Society for Testing Materials).

The committee is comprised of some 230

industry, government and academia representatives who have jurisdiction over nine standards that address issues associated with underground utilities in terms of use, maintenance and design. Established in 1898, ASTM standards are accepted and used in research and development, product testing, quality systems and commercial transactions around the world.

As manager of the Engineering Division of Street Services, Lee oversees the operations of a staff that provides engineering services for the Department's street maintenance activities. This includes curb ramp construction, pedestrian facilities, bus landing facilities, landscape and streetscape, bikeways, street-safety related projects, railroad liaison, State Highway relinquishment, street widening and reconstruction.

Lee is also a member of the American Institute of Steel Construction, the American Public Works Association, The American Society of Civil Engineers and the City and County Engineers Association. He holds both Bachelor's and Master's degrees from UCLA.



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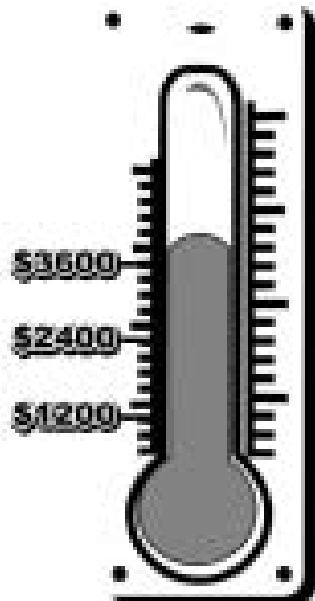


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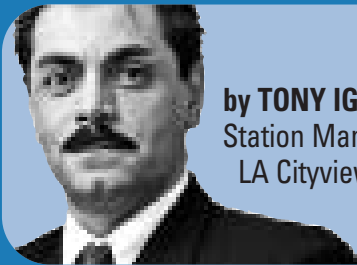
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Tuned In



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



Keep Track of Budget Talks

As the City's annual budget deliberation begins, so does Channel 35's expanded coverage of the Budget and Finance Committee hearings. Starting in late April and into early May, we will be providing gavel-to-gavel broadcast of their important City process, live and replayed on the weekends. Coverage of the City's public meetings, including live Council coverage, has been a longstanding hallmark of our programming lineup. Last year, we commenced full coverage of the City's five key City commission meetings, which include CRA, DWP, Airport, Police and Harbor. The demand for open government has never been this evident, and Channel 35 is pleased to be the window through which constituents can view their representatives in action.

Programming Highlights for May:

Aging in LA

This month, *Aging in LA's* topics range from the shameful (elder abuse) to the inspirational (volunteer work). Host Paul Peterson welcomes guests from all sectors of society and engages them in thought-provoking dialogue, resulting in four new information-packed segments.

CDD: Business, Social Services, & Fresh Food Access

Community Development Department (CDD) has been improving the quality of life for Los Angeles residents for nearly 30 years. This month, LA CityView 35 spotlights another collection of CDD programs whose topics cover economic, social and employment opportunities for individuals, families, and neighborhoods. Learn what's being done in the City to make life better for everyone.

DWP Science Bowl

The DWP sponsored the 14th annual DWP Regional Science Bowl competition. LA CityView 35 was on hand to cover this event, which encourages thousands of students from all backgrounds to pursue careers in the fields of mathematics, science and technology.

L.A. Fire in Action

They say that April showers bring May flowers, but in this case they may bring the newest episode of *LAFD in Action!* This thrilling series brings our viewers into the exciting workings of the Los Angeles Fire Department. This new episode takes us along to fire station 112, the home of the world's most powerful fireboat. Come aboard and see what it takes for this elite team to protect the port of LA.

Road Trip with Huell Howser

On yet another beautiful day in the Southland, Huell heads east to San Bernardino County, where high above the desert floor is a lush valley of earthly delights, known as *Oak Glen*. This is Southern California's largest apple growing region. So if apples are the fruit of your eye, tune in and watch as Huell takes a road trip to another one of California's great destinations.

Straight From the Tap

This month's new offering, *Straight from the Tap*, is a show filled with tips to make your home and garden more energy efficient and water-wise. Produced in a magazine format, this series offers advice for all Southern Californians.

For more program listings and information, visit www.lacityview.org.



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Contact Tony with your questions:
channel35@cityemployeesclub.com

See you on LA Cityview 35!



John's Picture Perfect Contest

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For May, 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

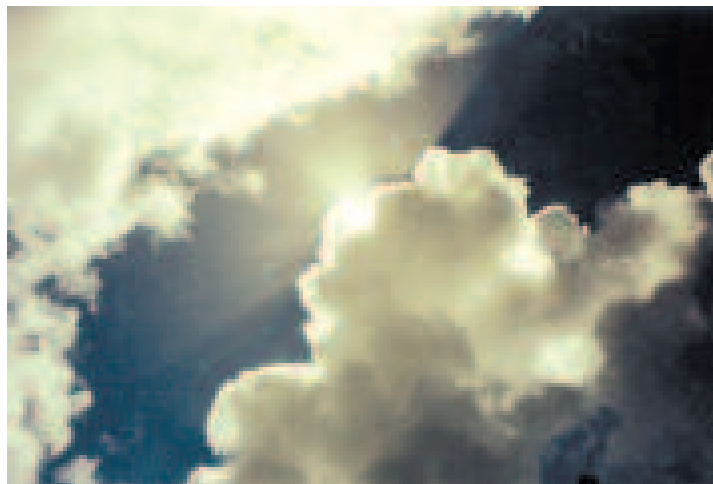
NEXT DEADLINE:
May 15
Happy Snapping!



"While on my way to the mailbox, which is curbside here in Shadow Hills, I noticed something different with the sky. When I looked up, it was like a million cotton balls floating in the sky. I got my camera, looked straight up and snapped."

- Jack D. Rich Jr., Heavy Duty Truck Operator, Hyperion Plant

John's comments: Perfect description, Jack; it does look like a million cotton balls! Very nice shot, and I'm impressed that you were able to get the palm trees with just the right amount of exposure and clarity. Nice work!



"The weather the past three weeks has been cold and brisk. Being lucky enough to go the beach for lunch (meeting an out-of-town friend from New York) was an experience, with 50-degree weather in the shade."

- Gina Caguiat, Public Works

John's comments: The sun looks so friendly and inviting ... never mind the fact that it's about 11,000° F. A magical picture. Thanks, Gina!

"This is Nicholas Burton, two-and-a-half, discovering all of life's wonders. He found this snail in the front yard after a February 2006 rainstorm."

- Anna Burton, EPD

John's comments: Those were the days! I remember my mom said she would give me a nickel for every snail I captured out of her garden. After getting about a hundred, the price quickly dropped to a penny per snail. Nice picture, Anna; you truly captured a "perfect" moment!



Runner-Ups:

Yvonne Liu, Finance
Jenny Arzate
Carlos Ojeda, Transportation
Arvin Lopez, Engineering, Public Works

Harry Klan, LAPD
Carlos Aranda
Patricia Saucier
Jennifer Smith, City Attorney

Rules:

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

Where Was This Photo Taken?

A NEW *Alive!* CONTEST



You had fun with *Where In LA*, our last contest involving photos and the City. And now comes ***Where Was This Photo Taken?***, which is even more fun ... and more involving.

Using this photo as a guide, answer the following questions:

- In detail, describe the location where this photo was taken.
- What's the serial number of the parking meter?
- If the camera looked in the exact opposite direction, what would it see?

Whoever answers these questions with the most detail and accuracy wins a \$25 gift certificate to Vons.

BONUS QUESTION:

Give us the GPS coordinates of where the camera was located when the photo was taken, and win an additional \$25 gift certificate to Vons!

DEADLINE **May 15**

Here are the rules:

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

General Services Graduates 2

■ Two Gen. Services officers take part in LAPD graduation ceremonies.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; Photos courtesy Lydia Marquez and Stan Molden

GEN. SERVICES. — Two General Services Public Safety Officers graduated as part of the Police Department graduation ceremonies.

The graduation took place March 31 at the Police Academy.

The General Services graduates were Officers Misha Wei and Christopher Garcia.

Congratulations to Misha and Christopher!

The Club thanks Chief Gary S. Newton, Senior Lead Officer Stanley Molden, Lydia Marquez and Capt. Richard Musquiz for their assistance.



Chief Gary Newton, General Services, accompanies Officer Christopher Garcia, graduate, as LAPD Chief William Bratton hands him his certificate.



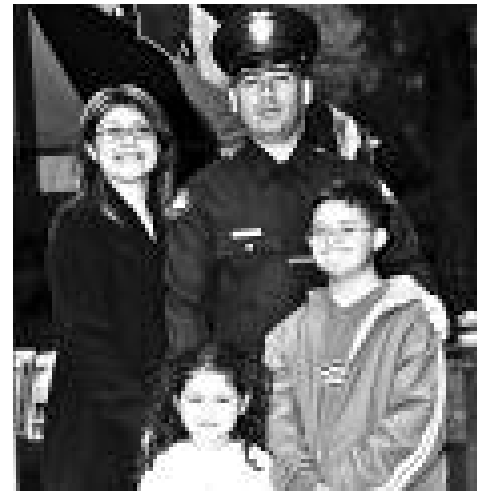
Chief Gary Newton, General Services, with Officer Misha Wei and LAPD Chief William Bratton.



Chief Gary Newton and staff came out to witness the graduation.



Officer Misha Wei, graduate, with Chief Gary Newton, General Services.



Officer Christopher Garcia, graduate, with his family.



From left: Lt. Kevin Montgomery; Sr. Lead Officer Donald Taylor; Sr. Lead Officer Raed Kailany; and Sr. Lead Officer Larry Guillen.



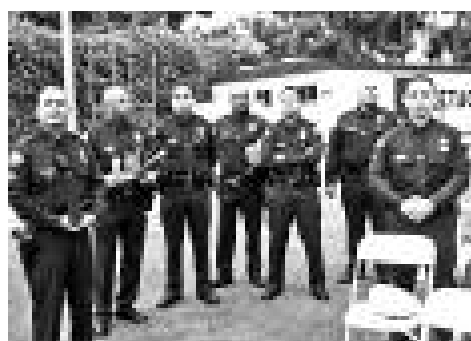
From left: Armando Nunez, Recruit; Sr. Lead Officer Hector Graciano, Club Member; Lt. Ray Ingal; and Sr. Lead Officer Gabriel Mayorga.



Officer Christopher Garcia, graduate, with Chief Gary Newton, General Services.



Sr. Lead Officer Raed Kailany with new Recruits Armando Nunez (left) and Charles Daher (right). Nunez and Daher are at the LAPD Academy.



From left: Sr. Lead Officer Al Martinez; Sr. Lead Officer Michael S. Johnson, Club Member; Sr. Lead Officer Hector Graciano, Club Member; Sr. Lead Officer Donald Taylor, Club Member; Lt. Ray Ingal; Lt. Kevin Montgomery; and Sr. Lead Officer Gabriel Mayorga.



From left: Capt. Richard Musquiz, General Services, Club Member; Chief Gary Newton, General Services; Chief William Bratton, LAPD; and Capt. Gerry Perez, General Services, Club Member.

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BAKER TO VEGAS RUN 2006

Mug Winners!

ON YOUR MARKS...

■ Baker to Vegas 2006 is another endurance test for LAPD Communications team. They come out winners of the valued mug. Many other LAPD teams compete, too.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor
Photos by Daniel Wang, Club Correspondent

POLICE DEPT. — Once again, the LAPD's Communications Team, running in the annual Baker to Vegas road race, made the City proud, improving in overall position.

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

This is the Club's second year to sponsor the LAPD Communications team. The team's goal was to "bring home another mug, to balance out the two that we already have," said Team Captain Anita Whited. "We hope to do City Employees Club proud," said Team Co-Captain Dan Basiglio.

There were new faces on the team this year, but much of the team had ran last year or in years past. Two-hundred-twenty-two teams participated this year. Fifteen mugs were handed out in the Mix Invitational Category that LAPD Communications ran under. The team came in 12th overall in their category. International Teams who participated this year: Calgary Police Service, Queensland Police Service Australia and South Wales Police England.

The Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club (LAPRAAC) is a private nonprofit organization, established more than 70 years ago by police officers of the Los Angeles Police Department. LAPRAAC has strived to ensure the highest level of professional law enforcement skills by providing athletic, educational, marksmanship, physical fitness, recreational, and social activities to benefit its members.

The Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay, which challenges teams of runners to race (on foot) from Baker, Calif., to Las Vegas, was founded by Los Angeles Police Officers Chuck Foote and Larry

Moore in 1984 with the continuous financial support of LAPRAAC. It began with 19 teams composed of law enforcement officers who faced the harsh Mojave Desert in an effort to prove which team was up to the "challenge" and would come away the winner of the Challenge Cup.

The race has become the largest law enforcement athletic event of its kind worldwide. Participation includes 10,000 law enforcement personnel of all ranks and agencies including the LAPD, the Sheriff's Dept., federal agencies, United States military, the Chief of Police, Department heads, agents in charge, and special VIP guests, celebrities, dignitaries, family members, race sponsors, press and media.

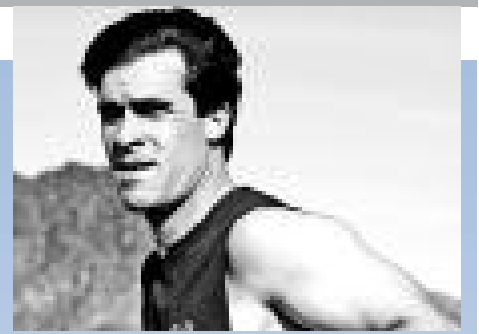
Congratulations to all participants, and especially to the LAPD Communications team!



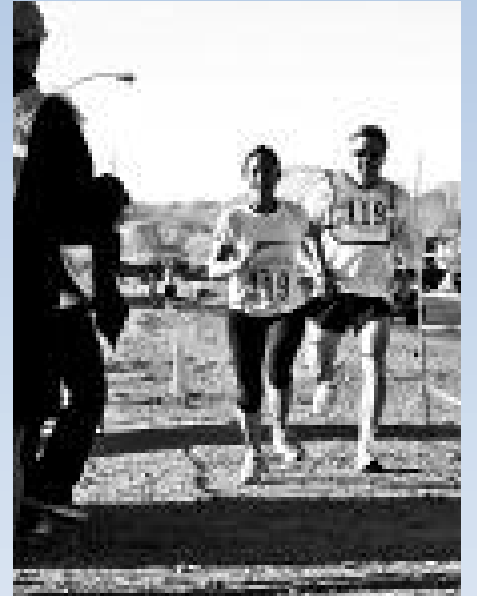
Runner and Follow Vehicle for Aussie Queensland Police came a long way to take part in this challenge.



John Horowicz on Leg 19 at sunrise.



Jeff Deacon, SID on Leg 3, the toughest of the course.



John Harowicz hands off to Anita Whited for the finish line.



GET SET...

Go...go...go.



Anita Whited brings her team home!

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Lt. Ann Barrera, Stage 14 (5.4 miles).



Officer Andre Clansey, Stage 12 (4.7 miles).



From left: Debbie Ramsey, PSR, Club Member, Stage 5 (6 miles); and Quincy Mirage, PSR, Stage 9 (6.8 miles).



Elise Rodriguez, Sr. PSR, alternate runner for legs 6-10.



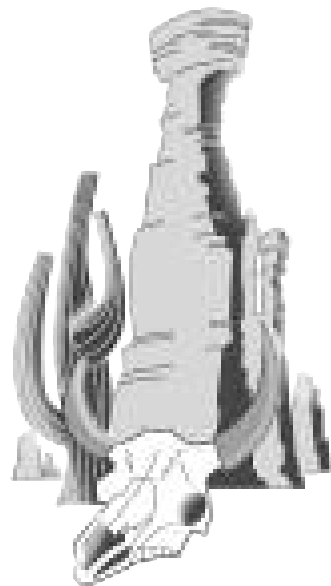
Maria Coronado, PSR, Club Member, Stage 18 (7 miles).



John Craig, PSR, Club Member, Stage 16 (5.5 miles).



Shuttle Support, from left: Christine Anderson and Lisa Brogelman.



...AND THEY'RE OFF!

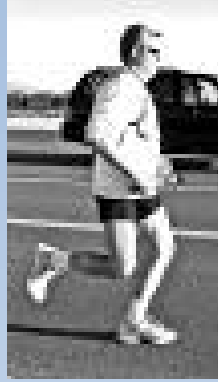
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Team 100 LAPD North Hollywood crosses the finish line.



Team 105, LAPD Harbor Division.



It's slow and steady for John Horowicz on Leg 19 on his way to Anita Whited for the finish line.



Team 110, LAPD South East vs. Team 161.



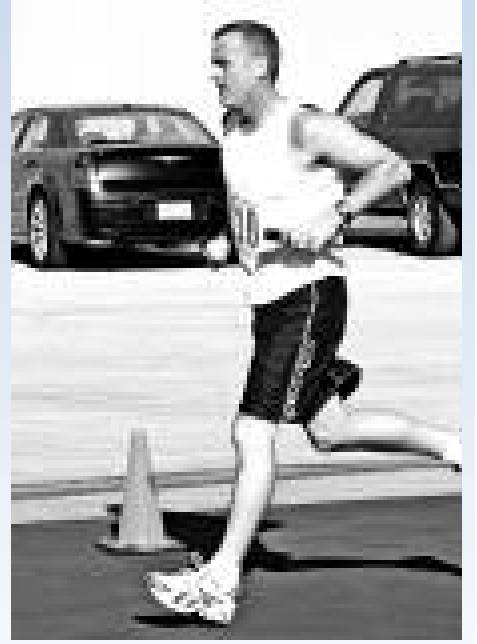
Sr. Detention Officer Arredondo represented Team 179 LAPD Jail Division.



Runner for Team 100 LAPD North Hollywood.



Team 4, LAPD Metro SWAT.



Team 110, LAPD South East.



CT Feng on Leg 4 as his follow van drives alongside of him.



Debbie Ramsey on her way toward the handoff to Angelina Ortega on Leg 6.



CT Feng adjusting his music, which kept him company for the next 5.1 miles of his run.

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Drea Moss, PSR, Club Member, Catcher.



From left: Kiyoko Clemons, PSR, Club Member; Miguel Estrada, PSR, Club Member, acted as Catchers, who catch runners as they come in.

CONGRATULATIONS

RUNNERS!



Shuttle volunteers, from left: Alison Karnoff, PSR; and Mahidi Parnell, PSR, Club Member.



Sylvia Martin, PSR, Shuttle Support.



From left: Nicole Salas, PSR, Shuttle Support; Kimberlee Gallardo, PSR, Club Member, Follow Vehicle; and Christina Najjar, PSR, Club Member, Catcher.

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Capt. Sharyn Buck, alternate runner for legs 16-20.



Lourdes Varas, PSR, Club Member, Stage 2 (5.6 miles).



CT Feng, PSR, Club Member, Stage 4 (5.1 miles).



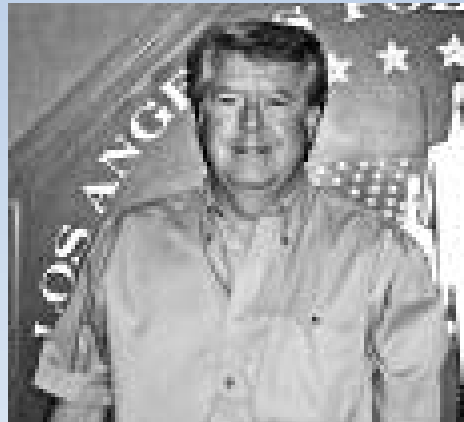
Yolanda Arroyo, PSR, alternate runner for legs 1-6.



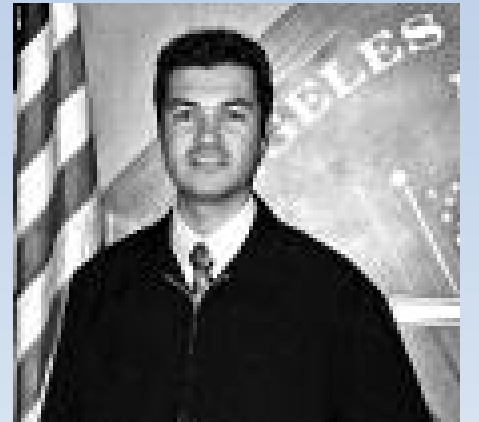
Dan Basiglio, PSR III, Team Co-Captain, Club Member, Stage 1(6.6 miles) started the race.



Marisol Vielma, PSR, Club Member, Alternate runner for legs 1-5.



John Harowicz, PSR, Club Member, Stage 19 (5.5 miles).



Detective Robert Cervantes, Stage 8 (7.3 miles).



Carlos Mejia, PSR, Club Member, Stage 7 (6.2 miles).



Anita Whited, Sr. PSR, Team Captain, Club Member, Stage 20 (3.9 miles) ran the last leg to the finish line.



Officer Felix Topete, GSD Police, Stage 15 (5.2 miles).



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Team 179 LAPD Jail Division celebrates at the finish line with Capt. Findley.



Capt. Sharyn Buck with LAPD Communications Supervisors.



Lt. Ludwig with his Follow Vehicle Crew along with Shuttle and Catcher, from left: Kimberlee Gallardo, PSR, Club Member; Pam Liske, PSR; Lt. Stan Ludwig, Club Member; Elise Rodriguez, Sr. PSR, Alternate Runner; Sandie Rennie, Sr. PSR, Club Member; and Cathy Sotos, Sr. PSR, Club Member.



Dan Basiglio and Anita Whited once again teamed up this year to as LAPD Communications Co-Captains.



From left: Margaret Peters, Sr. PSR, Shuttle Volunteer, Club Member; Lourdes Varas, PSR, Leg 2 Runner, Club Member; and Robyn Frazier, Sr. PSR, Catcher, Club Member.



All smiles for a job well done from left: Deby Herdrich, PSR, Follow Vehicle Driver, Club Member; and Lisa Hadsell, PSR, Follow Vehicle Crew, Club Member.



From left: Anita Whited, Sr. PSR, Team Captain, Club Member; Capt. Sharyn Buck, Alternate Runner; and Dan Basiglio, PSR III, Team Co-Captain, Club Member.



Team 179 LAPD Jail Division, from left: Juan Sanchez, Sr. Detention Officer, Club Member; Jennifer Malis, Jail Manager, Santa Monica PD, Club Member; Porchia King, Detention Officer; Mirna Orozco, Detention Officer; Cesar Rivas, Detention Officer; James Lemos, Principal Detention Officer; and David Muraoka, Principal Detention Officer, Club Board Member.



Shanna Lee, Forensic Print Specialist, made her way to Las Vegas to support fellow Forensic Print Specialist Jeff Deacon.

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Master of Ceremonies Christine Devine, Fox News-Channel 11.



Master of Ceremonies Pete Demetriou, KFWB News 98.



LAPD Chief William Bratton congratulates everyone .



From left: Yvette Bentley, Sr. PSR, Club Member; Anita White, Sr. PSR, Club Member; Tracy Page, Sr. PSR, Club Member; Margaret Peters, Sr. PSR, Club Member; and Berta Ugas, Sr. PSR.

Let's Celebrate!



From left: Anita White, B2V Captain, Club Member; Dan Basigo, B2V Co-Captain, Club Member, proudly hold their mug and plaque.



Jorge Rios, PSR III, Club Member, with his wife, Rachel.



Eddie Gomez, Club Member, with his children: Ian, 10, and Lauren, 5.



From left: Teddy and Mary Derby-Grant, Club Member.



From left: Jessica and Clayton Simmons, Club Member.



Back, from left: Marissa Assah; John Craig, Club Member; Christina Najjar, Club Member; Louie Cuevas; and Angela Tumbeiro. Front: Chris Hardy, Club Member.

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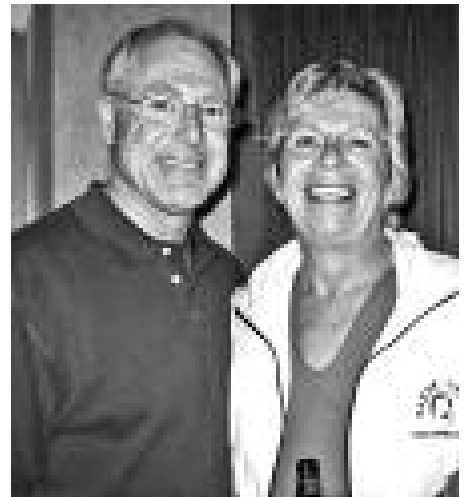
From left: Lourdes Varas, Club Member; Cathy Sotos, Club Member; and Lisa Hadsell, Club Member.



From left: Pam Liske and Jeff Brown.



From left: Christina Najjar, Club Member and Kimberlee Gallardo, Club Member.



From left: Deputy Chief Gary J. Brennan and Sandie Rennie, Club Member.



From left: Margaret Peters, Club Member; Yvette Bentley, Club Member; Berta Ugas; Tracy Page, Club Member



From left: Kikoyo Clemons, Club Member; and CT Feng, Club Member.



From left: Elise Rodriguez; John Craig, Club Member; Deby Herdrich, Club Member; and Lt. Stan Ludwig, Club Member.



Back, from left: Capt. Andrew J. Smith, Commanding Officer, LAPD Central Area, Club Member; and Sgt. Bert, Pacific Station. Front: Anita White, B2V Team Captain, Club Member.

History Comes Alive!

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



Tales From the City Archives

Justice Shelved?

■ Was City Librarian Mary Jones a victim of sexual discrimination in 1905?

In 1905, the City of Los Angeles was going through a growth spurt. The population had risen to beyond 100,000 residents. The "City Fathers" were truly feeling Los Angeles no longer could be considered a provincial agricultural community of orange groves and vineyards. As a matter of fact, the City Seal was changed that year from a "seal of a cluster of grapes" to the present City Seal for that very reason. City government had also grown. The 1889 Charter, the City's first home rule Charter, was amended in 1903.

On March 8, 1878, the Public Library was established. This facility proved that Los Angeles was moving in a new direction. The new era was an educational and cultural move from rampant gambling and narcotics in the City. With the 1889 Charter, the Mayor appointed a two-year term for five unpaid Directors, who would develop a management and administrative program for the Library. Four years later the appointment for Directors

Los Angeles Park, was situated between Fifth and Sixth Streets between Olive and Hill Streets. The new library finally became a reality in 1926, but not at that exact location.

Mary L. Jones, head librarian of the Los Angeles Public Library was dismissed by four of the five Directors of the Los Angeles Public Library on June 13, 1905. The five men were prominent Los Angelenos: J.W. Trueworthy, President; Isidore B. Dockweiler, Willoughby Rodman, Siegfried G. Marshutz and Foster C. Wright. Mr. Rodman declined from asking for the librarian's removal. Miss Jones was dismissed without previous discussion and without opportunity to defend herself.

The Directors had already picked her replacement. His name was Charles Fletcher Lummis, a noted cultural and literary phenomenon who had been a Los Angeles Times reporter and editor, among other things. Rumor was that Los Angeles was becoming a major city in America and the head of the library should be a man who had management skills.

This case was considered so egregious that it became a Library Investigation by the City Council, Council of the Whole. The proceedings of this investigation, eight volumes in all, may be found in the Los Angeles City Archives. The investigation, according to Volume I, January 24, 1906, states, "There seems to have been some trouble in the Library and there has been a proposition brought before the council removing four of the library board, and...is to start an investigation as to the cause why they were removed."

It was Mayor Owen McAleer "who removed these four trustees." The removal came about because many powerful women's associations, in particular The Friday Morning Club, were upset over the manner of dismissal of Miss Jones by the Library Directors. The Mayor then asked the Council to investigate the issue. The Council replied that the Mayor could easily take care of the matter.

But, the Directors refused to let McAleer investigate them because they claimed he was a "silent witness" to the Mary Jones dismissal.

In the "Library Investigation," Volume 2, dated Dec. [Jan.] 31, 1906, much discussion was spent on the trafficking of mail between the Mayor and City Council about who should be responsible for solving the matter of terminating four of the five Directors of the Library. The Mayor had contacted the City Attorney, who advised the Mayor "that the burden of proof in that investigation rested upon the Library Board to substantiate their action in dismissing Miss Jones." The Directors objected.

That was when the Mayor dismissed the Library Board and sent the fact to the City Council, asking for action to either affirm or reject his action. The four Library Directors removed were Isidore B. Dockweiler; Dr. J.W. Trueworthy, President; Foster C. Wright; and S.G. Marshutz.

The bickering between the Mayor, the Council, the "dismissed Directors" and the citizens continued through the summer and fall of 1905. Finally, it was decided to have a formal investigation by the Council's Committee of the Whole.

In some ways this investigation became a circus. It was difficult to determine who was telling the truth and who wasn't. The meetings were held over a four-week period at 7:30 p.m. There was always a full crowd.

The first gathering was held Jan. 24, 1906. That day the Times reported that the powerful women of the community asked to have 16 people subpoenaed, including the Mayor; W.S. Rodman, the fifth Director, who didn't vote to dismiss Miss Jones; and Celia Gleason, Miss Jones's assistant for four years, who remained in good stead with the Library Directors. The Council was hoping for a quick resolve that night with the subpoena of the Mayor and his quick reply to their questions. But the Mayor did not appear. Instead, his attorney appeared and claimed he would not let his client be cross-examined by Councilman Houghton or Miss Jones's attorney, Mr. Harris. It appeared the Mayor was the one on trial!

At the second session, Jan. 31, 1906, the Mayor testified. Within the formal investigation papers, the Mayor's attorney, a Mr. Miller, interjected answers for the Mayor. The Council wanted the Mayor to state that he had been aware of the Library Directors' decision to remove Miss Jones from the Library, and that he had concurred with their decision. And, if this were so, why he removed the Directors and asked for a formal investigation from the City Council. During cross-examination of the Mayor, he exploded and walked out. Nothing was accomplished.

On Feb. 1, 1906, Mary L. Jones was asked to testify. She had been waiting eight months to give her side of the story. Mary Jones had been dismissed by the four Directors for the following reasons, without her own defense: (1) absence of leave; (2) lack of discipline; (3) insubordination to the Board; (4) threats to resign; (5) threat to accept another job; (6) executive incompetence; and (7) "inharmonious" in the management. The crux of the matter really involved three issues: one, a salary increase; two, problems with a library employee, Miss Miller; and three, supplies.

In March 1905, President Trueworthy visited Miss Jones in her office, according to her testimony. Her assistant, Celia Gleason, was present. During the meeting, a salary increase that had been discussed by Mary Jones and the Director at the end of the preceding year, was discussed. According to her testimony, the Director told her that no money was available for salary increases until a new library was built. Miss Jones then asked, "Does this mean you wish me to seek other employment?" His reply, which angered Miss Jones, was, "Well, you would give us plenty of notice, wouldn't you?" From her testimony, she claimed she was angry, and the Director knew

it. Ten days later she sent him a note apologizing for her anger.

Also during Miss Jones's testimony Feb. 1, 1906, she related that on June 13 and 14, 1905, President Trueworthy visited her as the spokesman of the Board. He informed her they wanted her resignation; the next day she appeared in the presence of City Attorney W. B. Matthews to make the request official. President Trueworthy told her "the board had decided that it wanted a man for a librarian; that the income of the library had increased to...sixty-five thousand" and no woman could administer a library with that income. Previously, she had stated she would resign when two or more Directors wished her to leave. She did. And the Board hired their new librarian, Charles F. Lummis.

Testimony continued until Feb. 21, 1906. Some others who were called to testify were Willoughby Rodman, the one dissenting Director on the Library Board; Celia Gleason, the assistant to Mary Jones; Isidore B. Dockweiler, a Library Director, who did not approve of Mary Jones; and a recall of Mary Jones herself. This trial was more like a three-ring circus. In fact, there had even been petitions to recall Mayor Owen McAleer over this incident.

On Feb. 22, 1906, a Times article notes, "At last the investigation of the library board muddle has dragged its weary length to the finish line. Even the lawyers were so utterly weary of the whole business...they...refused to plead the case." It was then decided that the Committee of the Whole would make a report to City Council as soon as possible. On March 5, 1906, in City Council Minute Book number 72, this was presented. After a lengthy discussion with the full Council, it was agreed upon "that the request of the Mayor for concurrence in the removal of the Directors named should be denied, and therefore so recommend." The report was adopted.

Charles Lummis remained Librarian until March 1910. What happened to Mary L. Jones after the investigation is unknown to this writer.

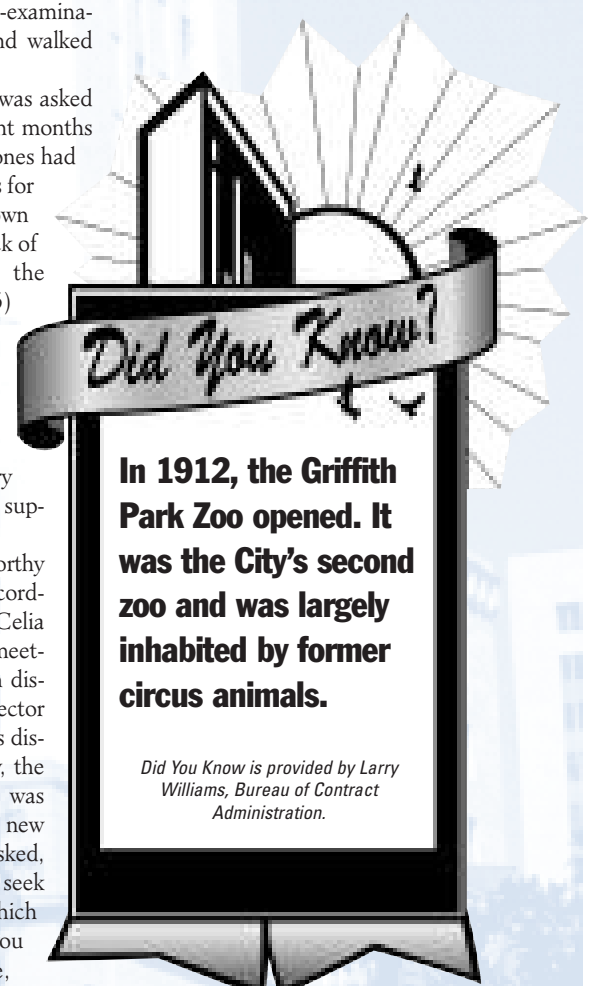


Mary L. Jones

was upped to serve for four years. City Council members were forbidden to apply.

From 1900 through July 31, 1905, Mary L. Jones was the head Librarian for the Los Angeles Public Library. The Library had been the only City department that hired mainly women. During that time, the City Library was situated in the "old City Hall." It is difficult to determine if that meant the third City Hall (1885-89) that sat on Spring and Second Streets or the then-current fourth City Hall (1889-1929) on Fort Street (today known as Broadway). Newspapers noted in 1905 that a new library was to be built in Central Park. This park, formerly known as

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'Coach' Bruce Retires

■ Dinner honors Club Member Bruce Seaton as he retires as Interim Executive Director of Harbor.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor;
Photos by Navin Cotton, Club's Ticket Guy

HARBOR — More than 100 people came to celebrate the career of Bruce Seaton at a dinner honoring the Harbor Interim Executive Director. The dinner was held March 18 at the Los Angeles Harbor Hotel.

Welcome remarks were delivered by the Hon. Rudy Svornich Jr. Bruce Seaton's father, Charles, traveled 676 miles to attend, and other guests came from as far as Missouri.

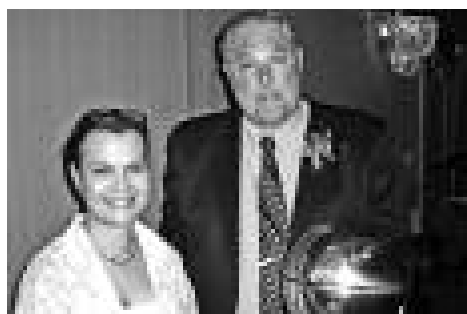
In a speech, Bruce was referred to as "coach" for his leadership abilities, and he was touched at that.

A resolution was read in his honor:

"Whereas Bruce E. Seaton has chosen to retire from public service after dedicating 35 years to the City and the Port of Los Angeles; and

"Whereas a Wilmington native, he attended local schools, and his genuine love for that community is manifested in his volunteer role as an instructor at the Port of Los Angeles International Trade Academy at Banning High School; and

"Whereas, he started his City career in 1970 with the DWP, where he helped construct the Castaic Hydroelectric Power Project, and he began his long tenure at the Port a few years later; and



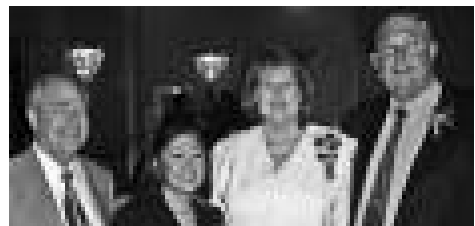
Julie Huerta, Club Member, presents Bruce Seaton with a signed "game ball." Bruce was touched by Julie's speech referring to him as the "coach."

"Whereas, he rose through the Port's management ranks to become Chief Harbor Engineer and Director of Construction Management in 1989, and briefly served as Director of Engineering Development before his 1999 appointment as Chief Operating Officer; and

"Whereas, during those years, he oversaw a massive development programs that would lead the Port of Los Angeles into the dominant position it holds today and he is widely acknowledged for skillfully marshaling thousands of firms and construction workers, \$1 billion in capital projects, and tons of heavy equipment to move projects forward, garnering him awards such as the Marvin M. Black Partnering Award from the National Association of General Contractors and the engineering industry's prestigious 'Golden Beaver' award; and



Standing, from left: Deedee Seaton, Bruce Seaton's sister, and Kat Seaton, Bruce Seaton's sister-in-law. Seated: Elaine Larkin, Bruce Seaton's mother-in-law; and Charles Seaton, Bruce Seaton's father.



From left: Kent Noyex, Director of Engineering, DWP; Helyne Noyes, Electrical Engineer, DWP; Estelle and Bruce Seaton, retiree, Club Member. Bruce and Kent worked together at the DWP in 1970.



Gabe Silva presents Bruce E. Seaton with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the Harbor Department Employees Club.



From left: Edward Valverde, President, Valverde Construction, with guests Alma Nunez and Rose and Joe Valverde.



From left: Gabe Silva, Environmental Specialist, Club Member, with his fiancé, Wendy Cartmill, and Melissa and Arley Baker, Director of Public Affairs.



From left: Ralph Larison, President, Connolly Pacific Co.; Rod Lundin, Program Director of Alameda Corridor; and Al Landez, Sr. VP Herzog Constructing Corp.

"Whereas, as Chief Operating Officer, he was largely responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Port, and his strong leadership and expertise led to his appointment as Interim Executive Director in 2004; and

"Whereas, during his career, the Port set national records, including an 'AA' rating, the highest bond rating assigned to any U.S. port; unprecedented container volume for six consecutive years, and landmark initiatives for homeland security, environmental stewardship and community outreach; and

"Whereas, his personal dedication is exemplified by his unblemished sick leave record in the past 25 years: Therefore be it

"Resolved, that the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners expresses its sincere appreciation to Bruce E. Seaton for his dedicated service and extends to him and his family its best wishes for health and happiness in the years to come."

Congratulations, Bruce, on your much-deserved retirement, and thanks for supporting *Alive!* in helping to cover the good news at the Harbor.

The Club also thanks Rachel Campbell, Julie Huerta, Jill DeMontagnac and Lisa Homizad for their assistance.



Yolanda Brown, Executive Secretary, presents Bruce Seaton's wife, Estelle, with a bouquet of roses.



From left: Trisha Karmelich, Secretary; and Yolanda Brown, Executive Secretary.



From left: Lisa Homaizad, Secretary; Jill Demontagnac, Sr. Clerk Typist; Michelle Nunez, Secretary; Danny Demontagnac, spouse; and Laura Leon, Civil Engineering Associate, Club Member.



Graduates!

Congratulations!

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

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

Make sure you tell us:

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



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

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

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


HIGH-FIVES FOR DAD!

City Employees: Pay tribute this Father's Day... with a photo and message of respect, honor and love, published in *Alive!*

In our June issue, we'll print a photo of you and your dad (or just your dad)... and a two- or three-sentence message of Happy Father's Day from you. Then you can take your copy of *Alive!* and show him what he means to you.

Photos can be either print or digital. But you have to act quickly, as our June issue is fast approaching.

- Send in a print or digital photo of you and your dad (or just your dad)
Send digital photos to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com
Send print photos (or drop them off in person) to:
City Employees Club, 350 S. Figueroa, Suite 700, Los Angeles 90012
- Include a message of Happy Father's Day (up to three sentences)
- Deadline: May 17





BY
Michelle Moreno,
City Events Guru

Michelle on the Move

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May Marked for Mothers and Carnivals

Happy May, everyone!

It's the wonderful month of May – frankly, the best month of the year – and I'm not just saying that because it happens to be my birth month, but because May signifies the beginning of summer fun. It's time to make plans for vacation, start preparing for the kiddies to come back home, getting into shape to fit into those swimsuits and getting ready to enjoy those warm summer nights. No longer are we confined to spend our days and evenings indoors. And more importantly, no longer do we have to fear the chance of rain, which as we all know causes Los Angelenos to lose their driving ability, creating a chaos of angry drivers, snail-like vehicle movement and accidents! The summer is upon us! Now it's time to figure out exactly how we are going to spend it.

First off, the outdoor festivals are back. From the Renaissance Faire to the Santa Monica Festival to several carnivals, there are tons of great ways to enjoy the outdoors. Personally, I'm excited about attending the Venice Beach Carnivale. I have always wanted to attend a carnival somewhere, and what better place than Venice Beach – home to the unique, artistic, imaginative and weird, and plenty of scared tourists. Just joking – they're not really weird. So if you need a place to enjoy the sun, then attend one of these.

If indoors is your preference, there are several ways to enjoy that as well. The L.A. Conservancy is bringing back "Last Remaining Seats," where you can enjoy watching classic films, including *Chinatown*, *Rebel Without a Cause* and others in the historic theatres of Downtown L.A. Imagine watching a film in a theater that is older than your grandparents – that's pretty cool. It may be a bit pricey for a movie, but it would make a great date: enjoy a classic film and then have dinner in a cool downtown restaurant. Make reservations soon!

Speaking of reservations, don't forget to plan your Mother's Day events. I listed a few events that your mom might enjoy, including the Mother's Day Blues and Jazz Extravaganza, the Mother's Day Concert at the South Coast Botanical Garden, and more. Check them out and let me know if you mom enjoyed it.

Lastly, the California Science Center has some neat activities for kids as well as kids at heart. They've got a cool new 3-D film about the ocean as well as an exhibition about the truth behind your favorite Marvel Comics characters. If you want to know why the Hulk is green, here's your chance to find out.

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

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

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

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

Know of any great City events?
Let me know!

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

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

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

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

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 L.A.
Cost: \$30 - \$55
Club Code: 6697
More info: (213) 972-7231 or www.taperahmanson.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. [Composer 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: Through 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 L.A.
Cost: \$45 - \$95
Club Code: 6697
More info: (213) 972-7231 or www.taperahmanson.com

Deep Sea 3-D at the California Science Center

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

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



Marvel Superheroes Science Exhibition at the California Science Center

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

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

Renaissance Pleasure Faire

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

Date(s): Through May 21, weekends
Time: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Site: Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area 15501 E. Arrow Highway, Irwindale
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/socal

Let's Make History at the Autry National Center

Want a fun and educational experience for the kids? "Families with children ages 5 to 12 will journey through the museum's galleries with educators and create exciting take-home projects." "Let's Make History" activities are free with museum admission. Call or check website for project information.

Date(s): May 6, 13, 21 and June 3, 10
Time: 1 - 2:30 p.m.
Site: Southwest Museum of the American Indian Museum Drive, Los Angeles
Cost: \$7.50/adults, \$5/students, seniors, \$3/children (2-12) AAA discount available
More info: (323) 667-2000 or www.autrynationalcenter.org click on "About us > Arts and Culture"

Last Remaining Seats/ Los Angeles Conservancy

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

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

Carnivale at Venice Beach

"The costumed celebration focuses on the art and artists who live and work in Venice and allows area residents the chance to celebrate the history and traditions of one of Southern California's most diverse and unique neighborhoods." (Website) Want to have lots of fun and see crazy costumes! Then attend Carnivale, where there will be plenty of costumes, vendor booths, contests, a car show and lots of crazy fun!

Date(s): May 13
Time: Noon – 10 p.m.
Site: Main and Windward
Cost: Free
More info: www.carnivale.us

Family Fun Fest at the Japanese American Cultural Center

A weekend is dedicated to celebrating children. There will be plenty of activities for the kids, entertainment, food, crafts, dancing and much more.

Date(s): May 13
Time: TBA
Site: Japanese American Cultural and Community Center 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo, downtown Los Angeles
Cost: Free
More info: (213) 628-2725 or www.jacc.org

Fire Service Recognition Day

Want to see what your local fire station looks like? If so, May 13 is the day to do it. All Los Angeles Fire Stations are hosting an open house for the public.

Date(s): May 13
Time: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Site: Local Los Angeles Fire Stations
Cost: Free
More info: www.lafd.org/fsd.htm

Santa Monica Festival

Come and enjoy this fun festival, which "features an eclectic array of traditional and contemporary music and dance on several stages, demonstrations of traditional crafts by local artists, and hands-on art and environmental workshops to engage people of all ages." (Website)

Date(s): May 13
Time: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Site: Clover Park, 2600 Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica
Cost: Free
More info: (310) 458-8350 or www.arts.santa-monica.org/events

"Meet the Grunion" (closed season – observation only)

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: May 14 and 27
Time: 8 p.m. (aquarium opens) 9 p.m. (auditorium program begins) 10:10 p.m. – 12:10 a.m. (grunion run) May 14 9:40 p.m. – 11:40 a.m. (grunion run) May 27
Site: Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, 3720 Stephen White Dr., San Pedro
Cost: \$5/adults, \$1/seniors and children (fee for Aquarium) Free (grunion run)
More info: (310) 548-7562 or www.cabrilloaq.org
Sponsors: Rec and Parks

Mother's Day at the Arboretum in Arcadia

Need plans for Mother's Day? Does your mom like gardens? If so, bring her to the Arboretum in Arcadia. Not only do you get a chance to enjoy the lovely flora but also the Queen Anne Cottage will be open to the public. This historical building is open to the public only twice a year.

Date: May 14
Time: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Site: 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia
Cost: \$7/adults, \$5/seniors, students, \$2.50/kids (5-12), free/kids under 5
More info: (626) 821-3222 or www.arboretum.org

Mother's Day Blues and Jazz Extravaganza at the Ford Amphitheatre

"Top off your Mother's Day celebration with an event that will inspire, rejuvenate and renew the entire family. Celebrate Mom with some of LA's top gospel, blues, jazz and soul. Bring your picnic basket filled with food and drinks and enjoy a day out." (Website)

Date: May 14
Time: 2 – 8 p.m.
Site: 2580 Cahuenga Blvd., East, Hollywood
Cost: \$25
More info: (310) 670-6937 www.soulsundays.com



Mother's Day Concert at the South Coast Botanical Garden

"Performed by the Palos Verdes Symphonic Band in the Frances Young Hall. What a nice thing to do for Mom! Come hear the band and enjoy the Garden on this special day." (Website)

Date: May 14
Time: 1 – 4 p.m.
Site: 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes Peninsula
Cost: \$7/adults, \$5/students, seniors, \$2.50 kids (5-12), free/kids under 5
More info: (310) 670-6937 www.soulsundays.com

Mother's Day at the Museum of Latin American Art

"Treat your mother to a Mother's Day with Latin flair. Your whole family will enjoy a fiesta with all-female sensation and multicultural ensemble Mariachi Divas." (Website) Brunch is included.

Date: May 14
Time: 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Site: 628 Alamitos Ave., Long Beach
Cost: \$65/adults, \$30/kids under 10
More info: (562) 437-1689 or www.molaa.org

13th Annual Duck-a-Thon in Huntington Beach

"Duck-a-Thon Rubber Duck Race is the 13th annual Duck-a-Thon event. Thousands of rubber ducks are launched from the Huntington Beach Pier and recaptured by volunteers as they float ashore. Prizes are awarded for corporate and public entries into several races. There's musical entertainment throughout the day, food booths and children's activities that include face painting, 'duck dip' and more."

Date(s): May 19-21
Time: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. 3 p.m. duck race (Sat.)
Site: Huntington Beach Pier
Cost: Free
More info: (714) 536-6712 or www.duck-a-thon.org

Affaire in the Gardens Art Show in Beverly Hills

"The show features art by more than 200 exhibitors from around the nation with a variety of works including photography, painting, sculpture, watercolor, mixed media, ceramics, jewelry, drawings, graphics and prints. All pieces of art exhibited are available for sale and in addition there is live music, lots of food and activities for children."

Date(s): May 20 - 21
Time: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Site: Beverly Gardens Park along Santa Monica Boulevard
Cost: Free
More info: (310) 550-4796 or www.beverlyhills.org

JPL (Jet Propulsion Laboratory) Open House

Want to know what exactly JPL does? If so, come and see exhibits and demonstrations, and talk to actual scientists. There will be hands on activities for kids. Food and beverages will also be available.

Date(s): May 20-21
Time: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Site: 4800 Oak Grove Dr., Pasadena
Cost: Free
More info: (818) 354-0112 or www.jpl.nasa.gov



NoHo (North Hollywood) Theatre and Arts Festival

"Celebrating its 14th year, The NoHo Theatre and Arts Festival's goal is to produce and present the highest quality arts and entertainment event in Southern California. You will experience Theatre Square, Fine Arts Colony, Arts and Craft Pavilions as well as a Commercial Fair, together with great food, outstanding music, and great entertainment on three stages. Again this year, an interactive Kid's Kourt will dominate one of our four entertainment spokes." (Website)

Date(s): May 20-21
Time: 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Site: Lankershim and Magnolia
Cost: Free
More info: (213) 305-8618 or www.nohofest.com

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Orange Blossom Festival in Riverside

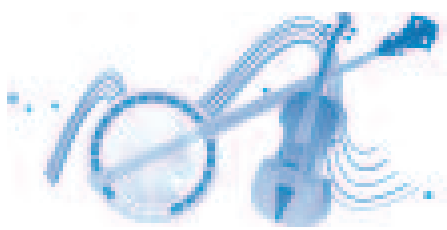
If you live in Riverside and are looking for something to do, why not stop in at the Orange Blossom Festival? There will be a parade, carnival, live entertainment, tons of vendors, live music, and a microbrew.

Date(s): May 20-21
Time: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. (Sat.)
10 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Sun.)
Site: Historic Downtown Riverside
Cost: Free
More info: (951) 715-3400 or
www.obfa.org/OrangeBlossomFestival

World Trade Week Harbor Tour

In celebration of World Trade week, the Port of Los Angeles is offering free one-hour harbor tours. Come and bring the family and catch a glimpse into one of the busiest ports in the world!

Date(s): May 20-21
Time: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Site: Tours depart Ports O'Call in San Pedro and Banning's Landing in Wilmington
Cost: Free
More info: (310) 732-3508 or www.worldtradeweek.com
Sponsor: Harbor



Topanga Banjo Fiddle Contest and Folk Festival

Do you like old-time and bluegrass music? Well, this festival is for you! Come and enjoy a day of singing, Western-style dancing, clogging, fiddle playoffs, cowboy poetry, food and lots of fun.

Date(s): May 21
Time: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Site: Paramount Ranch, Agoura
Cost: \$12/adult, \$7/ages 10-17 or over 65, \$10/contestants, free/ages 10 and under
More info: (818) 382-4819 or www.topanganbanjofiddle.org

Garden Grove Strawberry Festival: Celebrating 50 Years

Do you like strawberries? Do you like city anniversaries? If so, then make your way to this event. There will be: carnival rides, giant strawberry shortcake cutting ceremony, community parade, celebrity entertainment, vendors, contests, live entertainment and lots of strawberries!

Date(s): May 26-29
Time: 1 - 10 p.m. (Fri.)
10 a.m. - 10 p.m. (Sat. - Sun.)
10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Mon.)
Site: Village Green between Euclid and Main Streets
Cost: Free
More info: www.strawberryfestival.org

17th Annual Pasadena Summer Fest at the Rose Bowl

Enjoy a weekend of live entertainment provided by Playboy Jazz, lots of food, and more than 100 fine arts and crafts exhibits at the world famous Rose Bowl.

Date(s): May 27 - 29
Time: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Site: Rose Bowl, Pasadena
Cost: Free
More info: www.oldpasadenasummerfest.com

33rd Annual Valley Greek Festival - Northridge

"Boasting an average of 50,000 guests annually for the admission-free, three-day event, the fundraiser is the largest festival of its kind in the area. More than 500 volunteers invite you to enjoy an experience for the entire family with live Greek music, dancing, food, children's games and activities, market and shopping areas." (Website)

Date(s): May 27 - 29
Time: 1 - 9 p.m.
Site: St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 9501 Balboa Blvd.
Cost: Free
More info: (818) 886-4040 or www.valleygreekfestival.com

Fiesta Hermosa

Need plans for Memorial weekend? If you want to attend the "largest arts and crafts fair in Southern California featuring 270 vendors" as well as hear live music, take the kids to the Kiddy Carnival or petting zoo, or just kick it at the beer and wine garden, before heading to the beach.

Date(s): May 27 - 29
Time: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Site: Hermosa Beach; check Website for parking information
Cost: Free
More info: www.fiestahermosa.com

UCLA Jazz Reggae Festival

Are you a fan of jazz and/or reggae? If so, this event is for you. It's a weekend of great music from well-known artists, lots of food and lots of fun. Jazz Day is Sunday, and Reggae Day is Monday. Please call or visit Website for price information.

Date(s): May 28-29
Time: Noon - 7 p.m.
Site: UCLA Intramural Field, Westwood
Cost: TBA - please call or visit website
More info: (310) 825-9912 or
www.studentgroups.ucla.edu/JazzReggae

June

Pershing Square Summer Concert Series

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

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

Hope for Firefighters

"Corporate teams from local businesses will compete in Firefighter Muster games, featuring the Bucket Brigade, Firefighter Suit Up Competition and Old Fashioned Hose Pull contest. Fire stations from all over LA will partner with local business sponsors to present a variety of food booths featuring a taste of the firehouse prepared and served by the firefighters themselves." (Website)

Date(s): June 1
Time: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Site: Bunker Hill, Hope St. Between Third Street and Hope Place, downtown L.A.
Cost: Free
More info: www.hopeforfirefighters.org

World City Music Festival - Pacifico Dance Theatre and Mariachi Divas

"At the finale event of the season, revel in traditional and contemporary Mexican culture with these two popular companies. Pacifico Dance Theatre features authentic dances from Mexico's vibrant folk tradition in stunning regional costumes. The all-female Mariachi Divas are a multicultural ensemble that adds timbales, congas, percussion and flute to the traditional guitar, vihuela, violins and trumpets to create their unique blend of mariachi music." (Website)

Date(s): June 3
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

60th San Fernando Valley Fair

Come and enjoy "The Tigers of India Spectacular Show, the amazing and popular animal petting zoo and pony rides, and the Heritage of Horses show...Hollywood animal trainer Kevin Keith's Lights, Camera, Animals! Featuring wild baboons and other domestic animals...Raggs Kidds Club Band, spectacular circus show, Kids Town USA, strolling entertainment and the stilt walker! ...Carnival rides, midway games, blow-up slides, a rock-climbing Wall and face painting for the kids."

Date(s): June 8 - 10
Time: 4 - 10 p.m. (Thurs.)
4 - Midnight (Fri.)
Noon - Midnight (Sat.)
Noon - 10 p.m. (Sun.)
Site: Hansen Dam Recreation Complex, 1400 Foothill Blvd., Lakeview Terrace
Cost: \$7/adults, \$4/seniors, \$4/children (6-11), free/children (5 and under)
More info: (818) 347-4577 or www.sfvalleyfair.org

36th Annual Los Angeles LGBT Pride Festival and Parade in West Hollywood

Celebrate National Gay Pride Month at this weekend festival filled with live entertainment, a parade, food and much more. See great live bands such as Berlin, the Bangles, and Taylor Dayne.

Date(s): June 9-11
Time: Noon - 11 p.m. (Sat.)
11 a.m. - 10 p.m. (Sun.)
11 a.m. Parade (Sun.)
Site: West Hollywood Park
San Vicente, between Santa Monica and Melrose
Cost: \$20/gate, \$15/presale
More info: (323) 969-8302 or www.lapride.org

Cairo Carnivale at the Santa Anita Racetrack

"Experience the dazzling excitement of a Bedouin Bazaar! Cairo Carnivale is MECDAs annual fundraiser, show and workshop event. See your friends and enjoy two stages of dancers, live music, Middle Eastern food and lots of shopping." (Website)

Date(s): June 10-11
Time: 11:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. (Sat.)
9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (Sun.)
Site: 285 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia
Cost: \$15/adult, \$5/children (3-12), free/children under three
More info: (626) 588-4907 or www.mecda.org



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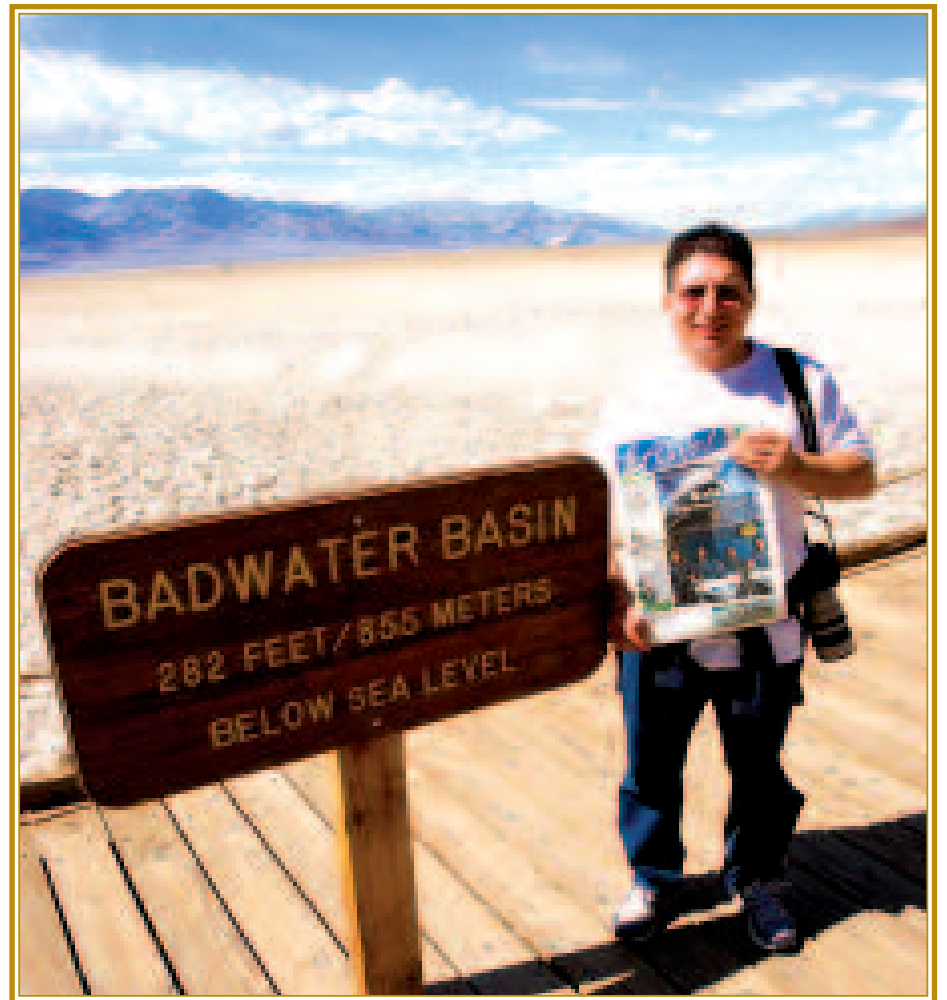
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"My wife and I just returned from a vacation in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. We took along a copy of *Alive!* in hopes that our fellow readers would enjoy seeing their newspaper 6,000 miles away! The photo was taken on the second night of Carnaval in the Sambodromo, where more than 60,000 fans sang, danced and cheered for their favorite samba 'schools' as they paraded by. The samba parade is held on two nights from 9 p.m. until about 6 a.m. and is the culmination of a year's worth of preparation and practice!"

— Capt. Charles "Buzz" Clark, LAFD FS 20, and Kimberly Clark



Club Member Services Manager Angel Gomez ... is *Alive!* in Death Valley! Angel holds a copy of *Alive!* during a recent trip to Death Valley ... and lived to tell about it.

(Street) Lighting the Grill

■ **Street Lighting hosts employee appreciation barbecue.**

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

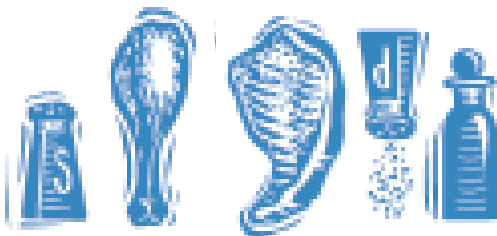
PUBLIC WORKS — The Bureau of Street Lighting hosted an Employee Appreciation Barbecue March 23. The department organized the event to show its appreciation of its employees.

Many people volunteered their time to set up and cook the food.

The Club thanks Felipe Rodriguez for inviting us to this fun event. The Club donated movie tickets and Disneyland tickets.



People line up for the food.



From left: Luis De Castro and Victor Chiovare.



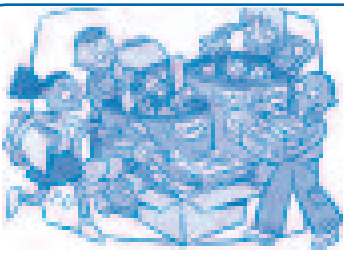
Evelyn Jones wins Regal Movie tickets from the Club.



Anthony Martinez wins AMC Movie tickets from the Club.



Kristina Briones, with her daughter, Savannah, wins Disneyland tickets donated by the Club.



Sanitation Open Houses

PUBLIC WORKS —
Here's a schedule so you can stop by your neighborhood Sanitation yard and see the good work they're doing.

Open house hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

May 6:
East Valley District Yard
11050 Pendleton St., Sun Valley

May 13:
West Valley District Yard
8840 Vanalden Ave., Northridge

May 20:
North Central District Yard
452 San Fernando Rd., Los Angeles

June 3:
South Los Angeles District Yard
786 South Mission Rd., Los Angeles

June 10:
Harbor District Yard
1400 North Gaffey St., San Pedro

June 24:
West Los Angeles District Yard
2027 Stoner Ave., Los Angeles

Patty Retires

■ **Club Member – and frequent Alive! movie reviewer – Patty Saucier retires.**

Story by Gail Seltzer, DWP;
Photo courtesy Gail Seltzer, DWP

DWP — After 27 years of service to the DWP, Patricia Saucier is retiring. Her official retirement date is July 1, although her last workday is scheduled to be May 19.

Patty started out as a Meter Reader and will finish her career as a Senior Meter Reader for the Valley Meter Reading Unit. Patty is a very hard worker and is very well respected by her peers and management. If there is something that needs to be done, Patty is always right there. She even took it upon herself to do many reports that otherwise would have never been done. She is an exceptional worker.

After her last day at work, Patty will be moving to Las Vegas, where she has family. Patty is very excited about the move, although her many friends and co-workers here will miss her. But they all wish her the best. She put in her time and now she deserves to enjoy this new chapter in her life.

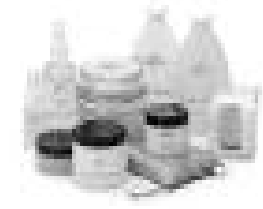
The Club congratulates Patty on her great career, and looks forward to more movie reviews now that she is a retired Club member!



Patty Saucier



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Wed, May 31 st @ 7:05 PM Vs. Minnesota	12-Pack Cooler		\$17.00	\$7.00	
Thurs, June 15 th @ 7:05 PM Vs. Kansas City	Floppy Hat		\$17.00	\$7.00	
Tues, June 27 th @ 7:05 PM Vs. Colorado	Pop-up Basket (Fans, Ages 2-16)		\$17.00	\$7.00	
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For Retired Club Members



The Best Years

RLACEI Has Added 200 New Members

By Phil Skarin, Publicity Chair, RLACEI



Ed Harding, RLACEI President, reports:

■ "This is my 11th year as your president, a position I have been able to fill only with the help of our dedicated and able officers and committee chairpersons. I was sorry to miss our April Membership Meeting, but I had a family reunion in Minden, Nev."

Municipal Golf Course, followed by an awards luncheon at the adjacent Almansor Court. You may come for lunch, only, for \$21. Co-chairmen Phil Skarin [(818) 784-0130] and Tom Stemnock [(818) 487-6789] will answer any questions. Sponsors of prizes so far include LAFCU, City Employees Club, John Powell, Bob Okuda, Phil Skarin and anonymous. Americo Garza will handle the efficient registrations and Bob Okuda will do the handicapping."

- "Sandra Dyson, a LACERS staff member, has just retired. She has been so very helpful whenever I had any questions. We'll miss her."
- "I was sad to hear that Helen Jones passed away March 19. She was the wife of the late Larry Jones, who was the president for many years preceding me."
- "Our recent membership campaign has resulted in more than 200 new members. A big thanks to Helen Salgado, Membership chair."
- "Our next big event is the 28th annual Retirees Invitational Golf Tournament, scheduled for Tuesday, June 6, at the Alhambra



showing the accumulated banked benefits according to retirement date.

Legislative Update:

- Ken Spiker, our elected Representative to the LACERS Board of Administration, reports the LACERS Board unanimously approved a three percent (3 percent) cost of living adjustment effective July 1. The CPI for the year came in at 4.5 percent.
- The balance 1.5 percent increase in this year's CPI will be added to the retiree's bank. The bank can be used in future years when the CPI is less than 3 percent.
- The RLACEI summer newsletter will include a chart

City Retiree Associations:

DWP Retirees Association



Dolores Foley, President
Phone: (626) 445-7376
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Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association



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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 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.

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

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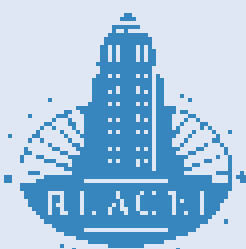
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Jerry Bardwell, Budget
David Wilkins, Bylaws
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Americo Garza, Picnic
Americo Garza, Holiday Party and Installation
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After 20 Years, a Different Beijing

■ Hal and his entourage continue to their cruise in the Far East. Part II.

Our cruise ship, the *Diamond Princess*, was set to sail Oct. 23 from Xingang, China, and Princess required us to be in Beijing on the 22nd, so I scheduled our flight for Oct. 21. Because we were not taking a pre-cruise package, Princess required us to purchase a one night hotel stay and transportation from the Beijing airport to the hotel and from the hotel to the ship the next day. The cost was very reasonable, about \$150 each.

Our United Airlines flight was scheduled to leave LAX at 10:20 a.m. for San Francisco to catch a 1 p.m. flight to Beijing. I had originally booked an earlier flight to San Francisco, but United changed it to the 10:20 flight. I was concerned about weather problem in San Francisco, and I wanted to have enough time between flights for any delay. Well, I was right. When we checked in I asked for boarding passes for the China flight, but was told I could get them only in San Francisco. When we got to the gate and I found out that the flight was delayed, I started to worry. I asked the gate attendant if they would hold the plane for us in San Francisco, but she said no. In the meantime I convinced her to give us our boarding passes for the China flight. We finally boarded the plane to San Francisco at about 11:30 a.m., and we made the China flight with time to spare. In fact, United held the plane for an hour. We still made it to Beijing on time because the pilot was allowed to fly over Russia, which shortened the distance. The flight was fine, and we arrived in Beijing at about 5 p.m. Oct. 22.



Lanny, Elaine and Evelyn in front of the New World Hotel.

I remembered an old and dark airport from our first trip to Beijing 20 years ago. Well, that airport is no more; the new Beijing International Airport is state-of-the-art and very modern. We cleared immigration and then picked up our luggage. A representative from Princess was in the baggage area and took charge of our bags. We had been told to bring an overnight bag because our bags would go directly to the ship. When we left the terminal to get on the bus, there were a number of people waiting to help with our bags. It looked like they were part of the airport service, but they were doing it on their own and expected a tip.

The bus ride to our hotel (New Century) took about an hour, and I was amazed at the changes in the city. Tall building, neon signs (even some in English), freeways and traffic, just like at home. Twenty years ago the streets were filled with bicycles and ox-drawn carts, but now there were cars, buses and trucks. I felt right at home.

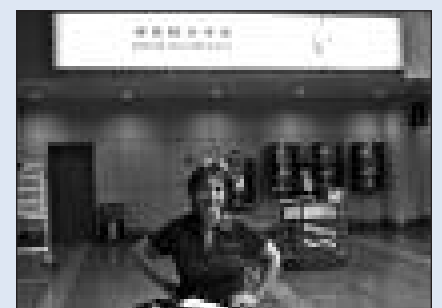
The New World Hotel was by the Beijing zoo in a mixed business and residential area. The hotel was on a par with a Hilton hotel and the room was very nice.

After putting our things in the room, we decided to get something to eat. As we were walking through the lobby we ran into our cruisemates Lanny and Elaine. They had arrived into Beijing earlier in the day and were also getting ready to eat. The hotel had a buffet that was a very nice mixture of Chinese and Western foods.

We made plans to meet for breakfast (included as part of the room) the next morning before we caught a 10 a.m. bus to the ship. After breakfast we took a walk around the area and found a large shopping area, with both individual shops and large "department stores" with a multitude of stalls. This is something we did not see 20 years ago, and I was very impressed with what we saw.

The drive to the cruise check-in terminal was about two hours. Most of the trip was through farmland, but I did see a few golf courses.

The check-in location, a hotel meeting and convention space, was about 20 minutes from the



Evelyn at the new and modern Beijing Airport.

ship, because the new cruise terminal in the harbor was not finished. The check-in process did not go smoothly. First we had to wait in line to get our cabin keys, and then we had to stand in a longer line to clear Chinese immigration. It really was a mess. Princess did bring us bottled water as we waited in line.

Once we cleared immigration, we were to go back to our bus for the short ride to the ship. We were able to make it outside to the bus, but some passengers were stopped by the Chinese authorities. We waited more than an hour before we could continue to the ship.

The first sight of the *Diamond Princess* (launched in March 2004) is very impressive. At 113,000 tons and more than 1,000 feet long, it is a big ship, some may say too big. It holds 2,670 passengers and more than 1,300 crew members. I won't bore you with great detail, but this ship had most everything you would want, even a nine-hole golf putting course and two computerized golf simulators. There were four outside pools and a conservatory consisting of a swimming pool and bar, with a balcony deck and sliding glass roof.

Princess has a personal choice dining program, which allows to you choose either the traditional dining in the International Dining Room, with two seating for dinner or anytime dining in one of four different restaurants, where you can dine between 5 and 10 p.m. In addition there are two specialty restaurants that charged a fee: Sabatini's, which was \$20, and Sterling Steakhouse, \$15. If you wanted to dine more casually, there was the 24-hour Horizon Court and, for lunch, the Prego Pizzeria and Trident Grill for burgers and hot dogs on the pool deck.

Up until our cruise, the four anytime restaurants (Pacific Moon, Santa Fe, Savoy and Vivaldi) had different menus, but now the menu was the same as the traditional dining, with each restaurant having one specialty item, which was the same for the entire cruise. This was a disappointment when we found out, but overall the food and service were very good.

After finding our cabin, which I told you about last month, we set out to explore the

Adventures with Hal! (cont'd)

ship before we had to get ready for the mandatory lifeboat drill. The ship was big, but Princess does a good job of providing space that keeps you out of the crowded areas. In fact the only time you noticed the large number of passengers was during the times that you needed to get off the ship for tours and at the three formal nights, when everyone gathered in the same locations.

Effie and Pierre had taken a tour of Beijing offered for those who had not been to the city before and still had not come on board the ship. We found out later that one of the passengers on their bus lost her passport, and that had made them late for the ship. The person who lost the passport was not allowed to board the ship and had to return to the hotel. We later learned that she had dropped the passport at the hotel. She did not catch up to the ship until Shanghai.

It was getting close to dinnertime, so the four of us decided to have dinner. This was our first experience with the personal dining, and we chose the Santa Fe Restaurant. Both the service and food were good, so we felt good about our choice.

The next day we spent at sea on our way to Nagasaki, Japan.

More next month.

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



Waiting for the bus to the ship after checking in.

Adventure Questions

Question: Hal, I saw your review of the Sheraton Vacation in Maui package in the March issue of Alive! I also received the offer last year, and my wife and I are scheduled to take advantage of the deal this June. I was just wondering if you had any problems with the \$185 Avis credit or the resort certificate?

Thanks for any help!
– Brian G. Pinter, Aurora Networks

Answer: Brian, we had no problems whatsoever. Just follow the instructions with Avis.

As for the resort certificate, the hotel let us use the \$100 credit on our bill.

Thanks for writing!
– Hal

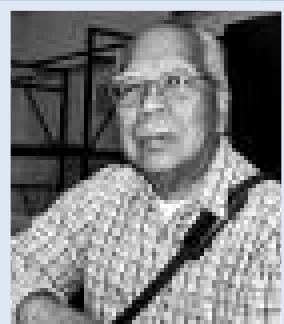
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Retiree Question of the Month

Alive! asked retirees...

What will you be doing on Memorial Day?

The Best Years



"I'll be seeing my family."

–Mar Ondoy, 26 years of service.



"I'll be out completing my desert photography."

–Paul Jamgochian, 30 years of service.



"I'll be participating in the World War II Veteran Parade in West Valley."

– Joe Guvea, 25.5 years of service.



"Coming back from Alaska."

– Betty McMaster, 31 years of service.

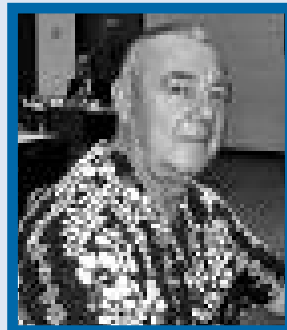


"I have no idea, whatever comes up."

– Doris Dosser, 27 years of service.

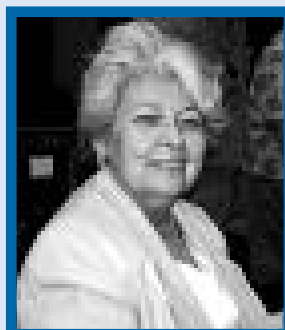
"I'll be with a singles camping group and driving my motor home for 3 days."

– Patricia Langlois, 38-plus years of service.



"I'll be having surgery!"

– Pablo Rivero, 30 years of service.



"Watching over Pablo!"

– Maria De Jesus, friend



"I'll be getting back from Hawaii."

–Ken Kochakji, 32 years of service.

RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

John Lemons, Morro Bay, shot his age in golf in February (84) for the 17th consecutive year. I believe that must be a world's record for an amateur.

Irving Leemon, Northridge, is licensed to conduct civil weddings; he makes recordings for the blind, teaches computers for seniors at the ONE Senior Center in Van Nuys; and frequently writes letters to the editor of the Daily News.

John Shadle, Burbank, was born in Stuttgart, Germany. A former neighbor stayed with John recently while he was getting licensed to fly helicopters. Tillman Kaupp is a captain on an Airbus 320.

Del Grubbs, Morro Bay, writes, "I had a left hip replacement, but the knee is still a problem. If I can get it fixed, I'll see you at the Golf Tournament in June. Thank you for your work for seniors. I appreciate your dedication. Keep it up."

Leo Rosen, Van Nuys, says, "I love your poetry and Phil-osophy."

Manuel Mendizabal, Northridge, after retiring from Bldg. & Safety in 2000, worked for the cities of Santa Monica and Long Beach, but is now retired again and is working on sharpening up his golf game, where I saw him at the driving range.

Ignacio Zambrano is at an assisted living place, the Village, Room 154, at 925 Villa Street, Pasadena, CA 91106. Phone: (626) 792-8993. I had a nice long visit with him, reminiscing about our time in the Bureau of Engineering. He would sure like to hear from his former workmates. His son, James, works for Planning.

Dave Brauns, Palos Verdes, writes, "Your 'Thought for the Day' is always enlightening."

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

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Poetry Contest: Poets, it's time to sharpen your quills and start to work on a poem for the 12th annual Poetry Contest. Any style, subject or length. Send a typed copy to Phil Skarin by Oct. 1. Separate categories for retirees and spouses. Everyone wins a prize.

If you have news about a retiree 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.

The Best Years

RLACEI Meeting



Maria Ream (Tony Alvarez's girlfriend) and her aunt Eleanor Mones, visiting from New York.



Michael and Cleone Vrabel, retired from LAPD.



Cleone Vrabel, 25 years of service, won one of the Club-sponsored raffles, a \$50 Safeway gift card.



Leo and Norma Rosen, RLACEI members and formerly with Public Works, Engineering.



Retirees Assn. holds annual spring meeting and social.

Story by Robert Larios, Director of Communications and Marketing

Photos by Robert Larios and Michelle Moreno, Events Guru

RLACEI — The Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) retirees association held its annual spring corporate meeting April 13 at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center.

Friendships were renewed, business was addressed, and good food was enjoyed.

The Club thanks Ed Harding and everyone at RLACEI for inviting us.



Jerry Bardwell, RLACEI Treasurer.



Helena and Henry Gervais. Henry retired from Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, in 1997.



Bob Wilkinson, RLACEI First Vice President.



Barbara and David Port, retired from General Services.



Phil Skarin, RLACEI Publicity Chairman.



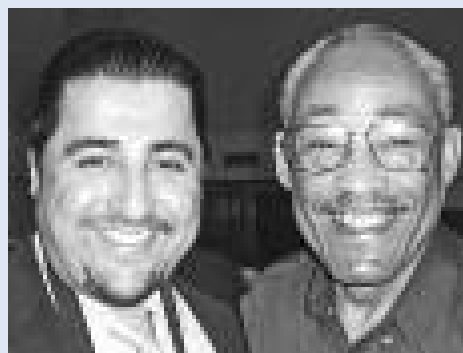
Tony Alvarez.



Harry Warshawsky, 42 years of service, with his significant other, Renee Kastner.



Jerry Cohen and his wife, Dr. Bebe Jacobsen.



Robert Larios, Club Marketing Director, with Jack Mathews.



Elizabeth and John Hills, retired from Public Works, Street Maintenance.

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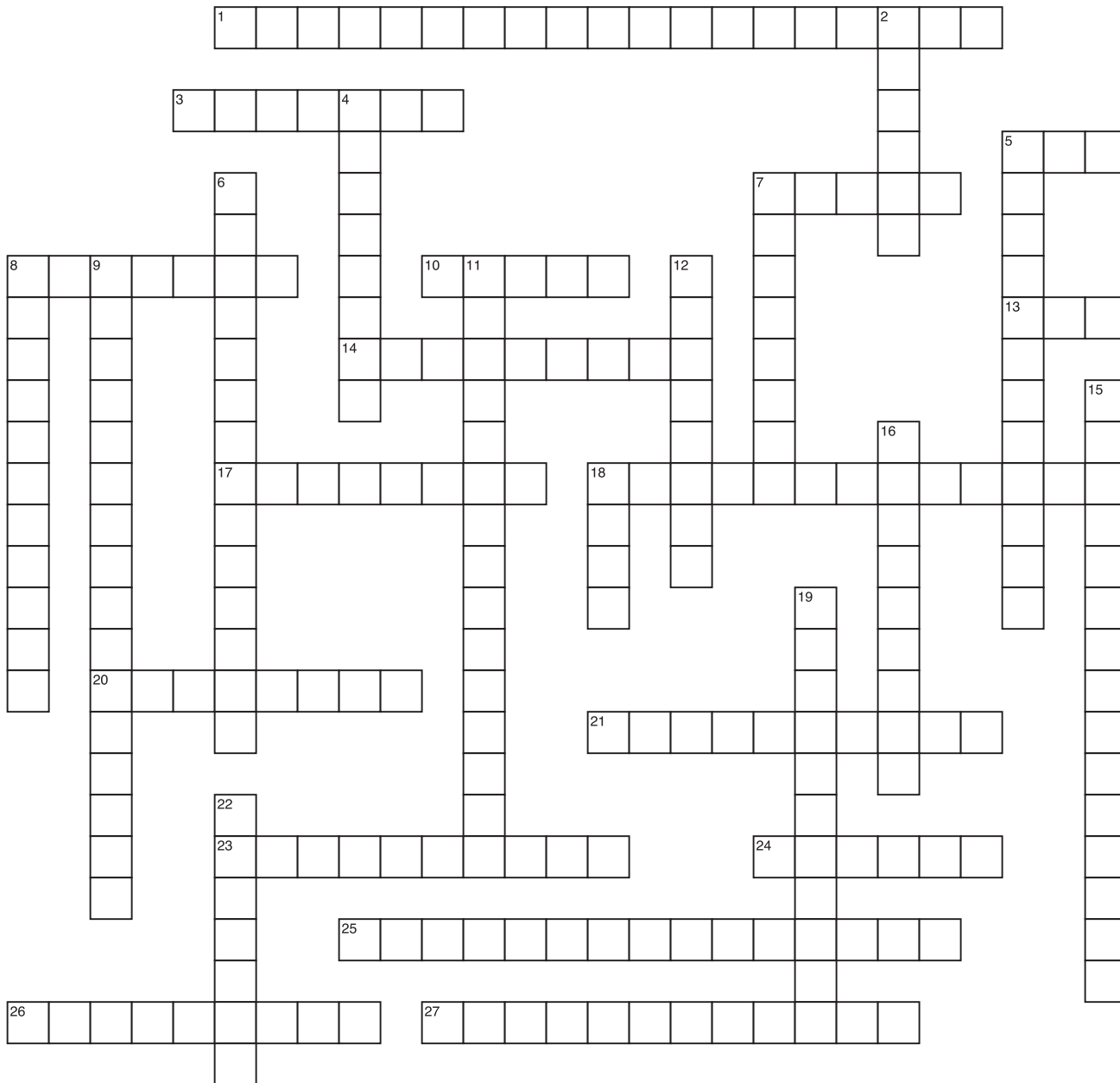


The *Alive!* Crossword Puzzle

Created by Club Events Guru Michelle Moreno

The L's and A's of L.A.

Grab your pencil, and let the fun begin!



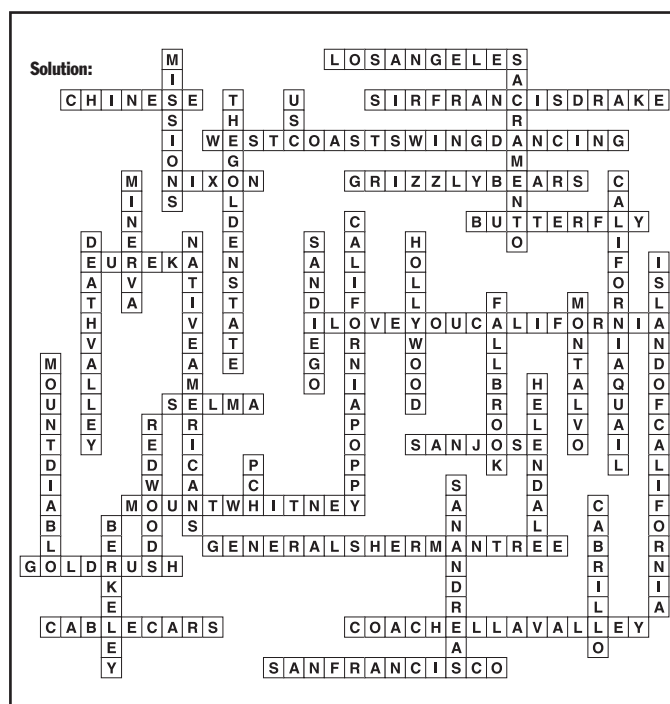
ACROSS

1. (5 words) Street carnival held since 1894, now known as L.A. Fiesta Broadway
3. In 1940, Puente Hills was known for their groves of these
5. Originally founded as a social club for car enthusiasts
7. Museum founded by the "Singing Cowboy"
8. Founded Universal Studios on land that was originally a chicken farm
10. Now known as the City Employees Club
13. Established a new "Fly-Away" program last month
14. (2 words) Home to the Queen Mary
17. Nicknamed "Pill Hill" due to increase of residing physicians
18. (4 words) Home to 40,000 year-old fossils
20. Generous philanthropist who has a theatre named after him
21. Controversial water engineer who played a pivotal role in creating the L.A. Aqueduct
23. German agricultural pioneer
24. Literary figure who walked from Cincinnati to Los Angeles in 1884
25. (2 words) Progressive mayor from 1909-1913
26. (2 words) Greatest achievement was the Cathedral of St. Vibiana
27. (2 words) Famous baseball manager

DOWN

2. (In)Famous basketball team
4. Silent film comedian whose career ended in scandal
5. (2 words) Advertised as the "Shortest Paying Railway in the World"
6. First African American member of the city council
7. (2 words) Legendary Melrose club responsible for fame of many musicians
8. (2 words) Once was home to 30,000 Japanese
9. (3 words) A founder of AARP and National Retired Teachers Association
11. (2 words) First to become a Historic Preservation Overlay Zone
12. "Gateway to San Gabriel Valley"
15. (3 words) Literary building bombed in 1910 killing 21
16. (2 words) Largest Spanish daily newspaper
18. One of the 11 founding families of the pueblo of L.A.
19. (2 words) Designer of the Chemosphere
22. Mexican-born painter known of one of "Los Four"

Last Month's Answers



THE BEST YEARS



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Compromise vs. Conscience

Compromise can be defined as an adjustment for practical purposes of rival systems, beliefs, or theories by a partial yielding on both sides.

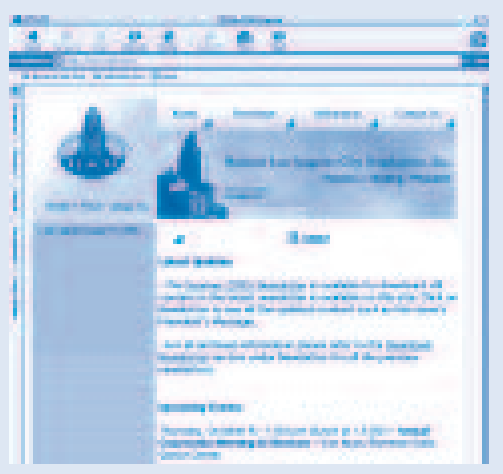
Conscience can be defined as ideas, feelings or beliefs within a person that tells him when he is doing right and warns him of what is wrong.

Compromise and conscience are vying with each other throughout our lives, in our relationships with family, employers, governments and social and religious organizations.

But, whenever you compromise your conscience, you will find that it is accompanied by a price tag. The more you say and do things that go against your beliefs, the more internal conflicts you will experience.

Carefully examine what you seek in your job, your career and your life, and try to maximize the areas that will allow you to be you and not someone else.

-- Phil Skarin, RLACEI



RLACEI Website

Hal Danowitz asks you to visit our Website at: 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

- Jaqueline Hawkes, DWP, 36
- Thomas Preimesberger, DWP, 22
- Mike Tackett, DWP, 7, Retired
- Samuel Adams, DWP, 23
- Fred Battle, DWP, 34
- Anthony Bauerlein, Bldg. and Safety, 21
- Frank Bonner, DWP, 29
- Rudolph Borquez, DWP, 25
- William Bowers, DWP, 33
- Jack Bracken, DWP, 30
- James Bridges, Bldg. and Safety, 27
- Charlotte Brier, DWP, 20
- Ozell Campbell, Rec and Parks, 15
- Wardell Charbonnett, Rec and Parks, 25
- Robert Crouch, DWP, 11
- Elmer Dandurand, ITA, 20
- Melvin DeYoung, DWP, 33
- Cleopra Dyas, Public Works, 21
- James Duffy, DWP, 29
- Marie Edwards, DWP, 15
- Rosindo Flores, Rec and Parks, 34
- Robert Garrett, DWP, 28
- Joe German, Gen. Services, 10
- Jewel Gilreath, DWP, 21
- Peter Giragosian, DWP, 34
- Edward Gorman, Engineering, 40
- Chris Grant, Rec and Parks, 17
- Beatrice Gurkewitz, City Clerk, 15
- Carolyn Hall, Finance, 35
- Emil Helmers, Harbor, 14
- Eddie Johnson, Gen. Services, 40
- William Jones, DWP, 21
- Weston Landers, LAPD, 11
- Edwin Larson, DWP, 28
- M. Jean Lau, DWP, 23

- Chien Li, Controller, 17
- Colman Lockett, DWP, 35
- Harry McCutcheon, LAFD, 24
- Dorothy Mewshaw, Library, 26
- Robert Montavon, Public Works, 0
- Alice Mukae, DWP, 25
- Masao Nabeta, DWP, 24
- Umeko Nakagiri, DWP, 23
- Lawrence Nolan, DWP, 31
- Robert Nourse, DWP, 33
- David Olson, Public Works, 32
- Sheldon Olson, DWP, 40
- Earl Pirtle, Public Works, 20
- Annette Potter, DWP, 19
- Harold Pratt, Transportation, 30
- Frank Prosser, DWP, 23
- Johanna Randle, Transportation, 12
- Norman Ray, Bldg. and Safety, 14
- Donald Roth, Rec and Parks, 20
- Richard Rowland, DWP, 33
- Pete Salazar, DWP, 30
- William Schlegel, Transportation, 30
- Ted Schroeder, Public Works, 35
- Carl Seboldt, DWP, 34
- Quentin Slatten, Bldg. and Safety, 14
- Sammie Spain, LAFD, 24
- William Sullivan, Transportation, 25
- Stephen Szasz, Gen. Services, 35
- John Thomas, Public Works, 30
- James Van Huss, Rec and Parks, 28
- Jackie Washburn, Public Works, 9
- Phillip Watts, DWP, 34
- Jack Weitzman, Engineering, 27
- Richard White, Public Works, 28
- Leon Yates, Public Works, 32
- Herbert Zimmerman, Bldg. and Safety, 14



Retirements

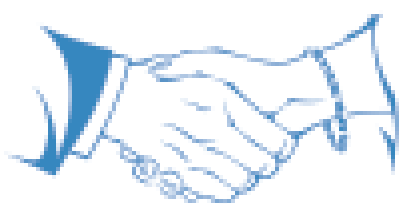
- Gallia Ablaskaris, Airport Guide, Airports, 5
- Elvia Adler, Police Service Rep, LAPD, 21
- Felix Alvarez, Equip. Mechanic, Gen. Services, 34
- Lawrence Andrade, DWP
- Carlos Arevalo, Maint. Laborer, Airports, 20
- Warren Carl, DWP
- Margie Cohen, DWP
- Rachel Cruz*, DWP
- Antonio De Leon, Accountant, LAFD, 32
- Daniel Estrada, DWP
- Paula Ewing, Dep. City Atty., City Atty., 27
- Irving Green, DWP
- Sally Greer, Secretary, LAPD, 34
- Liwayway Gonzales, Sr. Accountant, CDD, 30
- Sarah Hanley, City Planner, Planning, 6
- Louis Hatano, Equip. Mechanic, LAPD, 20
- Neville Hendy, Light Equip. Operator, Public Works, 25
- Bao Hoang*, DWP
- Delores Jackson, Custodial Serv. Attn., Airports, 31
- Robert Janovici, Chief Zoning Admin., Planning, 36
- Natalia Kaminski, Civil Eng. Associate, Public Works, 26
- Samuel Krowe, Safety Engr. Assoc., Personnel, 38
- Peter Lam, Programmer/Analyst, ITA, 20
- Gabriel Lara, Maint. Laborer, Public Works, 25
- Eunice Laureano, Payroll Supervisor, Controller, 25
- Rachel Leduc, Sr. Clerk Typist, Gen. Services, 28
- Ki Lee, Reprographic Operator, Public Works, 30
- Thomas Lee, Commun. Electrician, ITA, 28
- Ralph Leeper, Ref. Coll. Truck Op., Public Works, 35
- Ralph Lew, Sr. Architect, Public Works, 31
- Richard Loriso*, DWP
- Robert Luther, DWP
- Theodore Marko, Sr. Build. Mech. Inspector, Bldg. and Safety, 28
- Ronnie Marshall*, DWP

- Daniel Miroballi, DWP
- Cynthia Miscikowski, Council Member, Council, 29
- Steve Morris, Heavy Duty Truck Operator, 29
- Diane Newman, Secretary, Gen. Services, 30
- Dennis Ogren, Sr. Mgmt. Analyst, Harbor, 33
- Ellen O'Neill, Legal Clerk, City Atty., 19
- Margaret O'Reilly, Sr. Clerk Typist, LAPD, 25
- Beatriz Padiangan, Dept. Chief Acct., Gen. Services, 31
- Phillip Palacios*, DWP
- Maria Panoff, Data Process. Tech., ITA, 36
- Carmelita Pascual, Sr. Clerk Typist, Personnel, 25
- Keith Powell, DWP
- Charles Quick, Equip. Mechanic, LAPD, 21
- Linda Ramsey, Accounting Clerk, Library, 26
- Anthony Sanchez, Systems Programmer, ITA, 34
- Patricia Saucedo, Clerk Typist, Library, 26
- Stephanie Smith, Admin. Hearing Officer, Transportation, 33
- Seua Souksamlane, Traf. Painter Sign Post, Transportation, 26
- William Spring, DWP
- Martha Tarango, Librarian, Library, 29
- Lerna Tioseco, Pr. Tax Auditor, Finance, 26
- Rolando Torres, Elect. Engr. Assoc., Public Works, 31
- Walter Vanbatenburg, Gardener Caretaker, Rec and Parks, 32
- Luis Villegas, Rehab. Project Coordinator, Housing, 35
- Joseph Vullo, Struct. Engr. Associate, Public Works, 25
- Tommy Walker, Welder Supervisor, Gen. Services, 33
- Pearl Wang, DWP
- Tad Yamaoka*, DWP

*Club Member



Promotions



Angela Roman, promoted to Accountant Clerk II, from Clerk. She has six years of City service.



Daniel Garcia, promoted to Sr. Clerk Typist, Harbor, from Clerk Typist, Library. He has four years of City service.



Armando Parra, promoted to Real Estate Officer, Harbor, from Real Estate Associate, DWP. He has six years of City service.



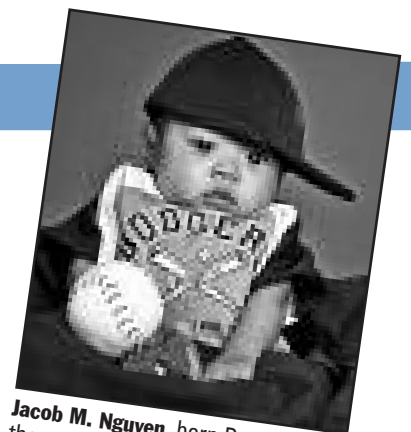
Princely Aiwize, Club Member, promoted to Security Sergeant, Port Police, from Traffic Officer, LAX. He has seven years of City service.



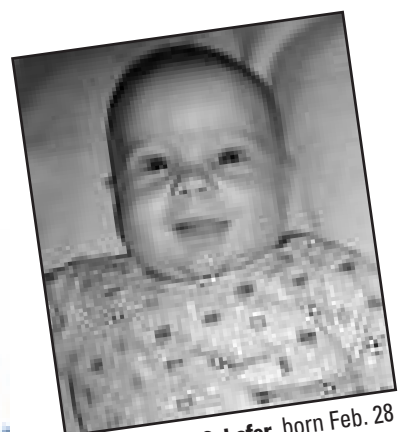
Births



Jafet Emanuel Canales, born Jan. 23 to José Canales, Custodian Services Attendant, LAX.



Jacob M. Nguyen, born Dec. 3. He's the grandson of Joe Sanz, DWP.



Jakob Edward Schafer, born Feb. 28 to Gerald Schafer, Mechanical Repairer, Airports. He joins big brother Nathan.



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



New Members

Welcome New Members!

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

Airports

Maurice Buckner, II
Brian Campbell
Douglas Colson
Lee Ann Deberry
Collin Horsey
Eugene Johnston
Lillian Liu
Ioneca Martinescu
Roy Martinez
Eloy Perez
Tritia Randall
William Reynolds
Summer Scott
Scott Shanley
Thomas Shepherd
Victoria Valencia
Brian Yoder
Karen Young

Animal Services

Yolanda Ancheta
Alice Escoto
Maria Kuenz
Carlise Lane
Martha Lopez
Adan Lozoya
Octavio Oregel
Laura Romero
James Scott
Linda Smith
Felicia Taylor
Marcus White

City Attorney

Thomas Gutierrez
Lillian Reed

Community Development

Dionte Holt
Karla Michel
Quoc Tran
Antonio Zepeda

Aging

Andrea Angulo
Anthony Aguilar

Sharifa Austin
Herman Avilez
Jorge Beltran
Jose Diaz
Raul Diaz
Martin Flores
Conrad Garcia
Karina Henriquez
Martin Manani
Steve Martinez
Maryd Miller
Kendra Musgrove
Grace Palomo
Giselle Pedroza
Karen Reed
Rande Smith
Ryan Tyiska
Wendy Valdez
Adrian Veliz
James Wade
Montley Wilson

Personnel

Jeannie Hernandez
Lashawn Mcloud
Jeri Scott

ITA

Linda Mikell-Hoyt
Joe Quan

City Council

Taylor Nicole Moye

Harbor

Eloina Gonzalez
Reynaldo Jimenez
Timothy Lee
Humberto Troncoso
Marisa Trutanich

General Services

Johnetta Bennett
Janice Bonner
Jan Burba
Marcus Carrington
Bonae Fleming

Daniel Owens
Clifford Parker
Jerome McCants
Kenneth Murray
Lucille Redmond
Jesse Snead
John Tuso

Library

Kathleen Killen

Housing

Tanya Gomez
Cecilia Lamas
Jaime Macias
Martha Quintero

Convention Center

Danilo Mamaril
Ruth Reza

Public Works

Greg Borja
Milton Catching
Roger Chandley
Sterling Davis
Vicki Estrelle
Kimberly Fitzpatrick
Linda Garza
Erick Jackson
Phyllis Reysen
Robert Rodriguez
Anthony Valenzuela
Alfonso Zavala

Rec and Parks

Diane Alps
Edgar Becerra
Isiss Fernandez
Darlene Fong
Mauricio Gonzalez
Julie Monroy
Francisco Moreno
Lien Nguyen
Kenn Tucker
Emma Zelada
Jessica Zepeda-Grande

Transportation

Alejandro Acosta
Earlene Stewart

Retired

Guillermo Barragan
Donna Cox
Joan Johnson

DWP

James Arterberry
Jessica Bolitho
Irma Gallardo
Vickie Herring-Johnson
Chante Jackson
Michael Lemestre
Michael Lofton
Thomas Mendez
Velma Moore
Johnny Ong
John Polson
Bryce Reynard
Charlie Seals
Judith Stiles
John Trussell
Ernesto Villanueva Jr.
Craig Young

Other

Benjamin Bertrand
Kathy Bogan
Ron Clark
Cecelia Edwards
Fred Frazier Jr.
Armen Gariban
Gloria Martin
Jeffrey Olmsted
Adriel Peterson
Joseph Rivers
Warren Royal
Paul Salles
Anna Sklar
Thelma Tellis
Hugo Trujillo
Leonard Valentine
Stacy Walker



Weddings



Sheryl Thomas, Senior Management Analyst, and Dudley Perkins, a retired Public Works (Central California) Director, Feb. 16.



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Beverly Haro



Arlene Herrero



Liz Montes



Jessica Segura

A Big Harbor Welcome

Harbor welcomes new employees with orientation, boat tour.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

HARBOR — The Port of L.A. hosted another in its series of orientations/boat tours for new employees.

The employees consisted of those who are new with the City and those who have transferred from other departments through lateral or promotions.

The Club once again provided the bagels, muffins and juice served in the morning. The orientation ended with the two-hour boat tour aboard *Angelina II*.

Thanks to Martin Chavez for his assistance.



Nina Gonzalez, Clerk Typist, 3 months, Club Member.



From left: Emil Zordilla, Architect, 3 years, Club Member; and Mark Padilla, Electrical Engineering Associate, 2.5 yrs, Club Member.



Mark Emami, Structural Engineering Associate, 19 years.



Eric Klungreseter, Gardener Caretaker, 9 months.



Shirley Palacios, Clerk Typist, 5 months, Club Member.



Byron Bailey, Maintenance and Construction Helper, 5 months, Club Member.



Melody Ugalde, Clerk Typist, 7.5 months, Club Member.



From left: Jill Shimamoto, Civil Associate, 4 months; and Michael Swords, Civil Associate Construction Division, 4 months.



From left: Tsukasa Arimura, Gardener Caretaker, 9 months, Club Member; and Marco Ceron, Gardener Caretaker, 9 months.



Daniel Garcia, Electrical Craft Helper, Crane Crew, 6 weeks.



From left: Shilpa Gupta, Environmental Specialist, 8 months, Club Member; and Daniel Garcia, Sr. Clerk Typist, 4 years.



Scott Gilmour, Civil Associate, 4 months.



Mary Ramos, Clerk Typist, 4 years, Club Member.



Darian Chin, Financial Analyst, 1 month.



Eunice Zordilla, Management Assistant, 4 months.



Twyla Montague, Clerk Typist, 4 weeks.



From left: Sgt. James Real, Port Police Security, 6 years; and Sgt. Princely Aiwize, Port Police Security, 7 years.



Josue Ramirez, Gardener Caretaker, 4 months.



E.M. Scott, Gardener Caretaker, 9 months.



Carol Wang, Financial Analyst, 1 month.



Armando Parra, Real Estate Officer, 6 years.



Trina Schutte, Management Analyst II, 3 years.

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Brush Fires



By Jimmy Hill;
Fire Marshal, LAFD

Brush clearance is a year-round responsibility

Here are some tips about how to handle brush fires:

- High winds can cause brushfires. Call 9-1-1 if you see smoke or fire in your area
- Listen to the radio and television news for up-to-date information .
- Do not fly a kite near power lines or trees.
- If a kite becomes tangled in live wires, do not attempt to retrieve it.
- Possible downed powers line can cause periods of localized power outages. Be careful and treat all traffic signals as four-way stops.
- Use caution when driving in high winds or blowing sand.
- Do not light campfires during periods of high winds.
- Secure all loose items around your house. Watch out for toppled trees and wind-blown debris.

Do you live in an area that has heavy vegetation? The following information may be of help to you:

- Clear all hazardous vegetation and other combustible growth within the first 100 feet surrounding structures. Reduce the amount and/or modify the arrangement of hazardous vegetation within the area comprising the second 100 feet for a total distance of 200 feet from any structure unless otherwise specified.
- Know at least two escape routes out of your area (if possible).
- Take photos of all your important documents.
- Keep garden hoses attached and ready to use.
- If you have a pool, have a pool pump for emergencies.
- Make sure you have a spark arrestor on your chimney.
- Trees shall be trimmed so foliage is no closer then 10 feet from outlet of the chimney.
- Make sure roof surface is free of leaves, needles, twigs and all combustible material

Possible evacuations due to a brush fire:

- Turn off all ceiling and attic fans.
- Close all window shutters and blinds, if they are fire-resistive.
- Be ready to turn off all gas valves.
- Back your car into the garage with windows closed. Keep your keys with you in case of a rapid evacuation.
- Pack car with your most important: items, pets, pictures, photo ID's and extra food for yourself and your pets.
- Move all combustible furniture away from windows and sliding glass doors to avoid ignition from radiant heat of the fire.
- Keep extra flashlight, radio and smoke alarm batteries handy.
- Turn on the lights in all rooms of your house, on the porch, and in the yard to make your house more visible in smoke or darkness.

For more information on maintaining your property, contact your local fire station or visit us on the Web at: www.lafd.org



Arlette Davis, with her family and co-workers.

Honoring Arlette

Arlette Davis receives service pin before retiring in May.

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



35 Years

ACCOUNTING — The Board of Public Works presented Arlette Davis, Senior Accountant II, with a 35-year Service Award March 15 at City Hall.

Friends and family were there to congratulate Arlette on her achievement. Arlette will be retiring in May from the Office of Accounting.

The Club offers Arlette hearty congratulations on her service pin, and a farewell on her impending retirement.

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Chrysler	Isuzu	Lincoln	Saturn	And More!!

Improved Runway Takes Off

■ Ontario dedicates renovated runway.

Story by Maria Tesoro-Fermin, Ontario Airport
Photo courtesy Ontario Airport

AIRPORTS — Officials from Los Angeles World Airports held a dedication ceremony March 20 at Ontario International Airport (ONT) to commemorate the reopening of Runway 08L/26R, one of Ontario's two main runways. The \$50 million project entailed reconstruction of the 10,200-foot runway and included the removal and replacement of existing asphalt pavement, signage, runway lights, storm drains, service roads, electrical vault, markings, and taxiway intersections. Runway 08L/26R closed for reconstruction in May 2005 with minimal impact on the airport's 268 daily flight operations.

Ontario Airport handles 7.2 million passengers and 575,000 tons of cargo annually.



Elected officials and Ontario Airport employees cut the ribbon.

Pedal Power

■ Club-sponsored Animal Services Bike Team takes part in race.

Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor;
Photos courtesy Animal Services

ANIMAL SERVICES — A group of City employees from Animal Services took part in the Los Angeles Acura Bike Race March 19. The team trained for weeks in advance to prepare for the 20-mile bike race.

The Club was a proud sponsor of the team. Team members include Renee Jones, Eric McCullough, Guillermo Perea, Shatana Rose,

Garens Loyd, Mario Ochoa, Angelea Llerenas, Michelle Roache, Chip Vang, Debbie Betancourt, Laura Romero, Dale Cotton, Patricia Kellogg, Brenda Van Den Bosch and Katie Rainey.

Congratulations to the team!



Members of the bike team during the race.



LA Animal Services Bike Team.

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March of Dimes Fundraiser

■ **Engineering hosts annual In-n-Out fundraiser for March of Dimes.**

Story by Jessica Segura

PUBLIC WORKS — The Bureau of Engineering held its annual In-n-Out burger day fundraiser March 21 and April 11 to raise money for the March of Dimes. The truck was at the San Pedro City Hall, and more than 250 meals were bought by City employees.

A number of departments were involved, including Harbor, General Services, LAPD, LAFD, Rec and Parks, Sanitation, Street Services, City Attorney's Office, Building and Safety, Community Redevelopment Agency, Transportation and Contract Administration.

Thanks go to Arianne Coleman, Engineering, event coordinator, for her assistance.



Dominic Buenaventura, Civil Engineering Associate IV.



Kim Barton, Secretary, 12 years of service, with her daughter, Jasmine, while working the Beanie Baby fundraising table.



Arianne Coleman, Secretary, Engineering, one of the event coordinators.



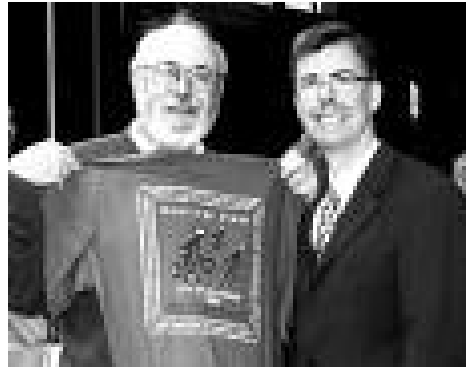
Christine Keushguerian collects tickets at the event



Terri Winfield, Exec Admin Assistant II, and Jim Zabala, Sr. MA II, Project Award and Control.



Lining up to place their orders.



From left: Brad Smith, Deputy City Engineer, and Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer.



James Mai, Civil Engineer Assoc III, is ready to eat!



Christine Keushguerian and Kendrick Okuda.



The long line shows how much support they had!

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"Here's a picture of my mother, my son, Benjamin; and I on Chinese New Year's 2006. Since my father passed away in 1997, my mom, Martha Liu, has bounced back with invigorating energy and put it in her grandchildren, which is why I am able to concentrate on my work and have a career with the City. Thank you, Mom, for giving me the peace of mind and the opportunity to do the best job I can."
 - Yvonne Liu, Office of Finance



My mother, Sylvia Munoz, is my biggest supporter ever! My best friend, my loving mother, I love you."
 Happy Mother's Day.
 - Lorena De La Torre, General Services



From left: Angela and Alicia Mercado, grandmother and mother of Michelle Moreno, Club Events Guru.

"I love these women. I really, really do. Though we've had our moments of family 'disagreements,' I can't imagine my life without them. They're both strong, loving, caring, highly independent and very stubborn - and I completely love them for this. They really are the most amazing people and my greatest inspiration."
 - Michelle Moreno, Club Staff

Happy Mother's Day

to all the great mothers out there!



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Mid-Wilshire Toastmasters Club

Meets Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Pio Pico Koreatown Branch Library 694 S. Oxford Ave., Los Angeles, just south of Wilshire Boulevard

Kudos!

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

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

Bell Gardens High School Reunion

For all alumni/hosted by class of 1976 Saturday, August 5, 2006 - 6-10 p.m.



Hilton Waterfront Beach Hotel 21100 Pacific Coast Highway, Huntington Beach Cost is \$40.

For more information, contact Eulema Miller, (909) 861-4551 or e-mail: dbmom4@hotmail.com

Retirement Luncheon & Birthday Celebration for Beverly Simms



Secretary, Los Angeles Fire Department 35 Years of Dedicated Service Thursday, May 18, 2006 - 11:30 a.m.

New Otani Hotel & Garden, Banquet Level 120 South Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 Buffet Luncheon, \$35 includes tax, tip, and gift RSVP no later than Monday, May 15, 2006

Please contact: Melissa Hernandez (213) 978-3859 Joyce Kawai (213) 978-3873

Please make checks payable to: Beverly Simms 200 N. Main Street, Suite 1800, City Hall East, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Retirement Party for Arlette Davis

Arlette Davis, Senior Accountant II will retire May 26 after 35 years of City service. Wednesday, May 24, 2006 - 11:30 a.m.

New Otani Hotel & Garden (Banquet Hall), 120 South Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 Cost is \$35 per person.

Contact: Billie Domingo (213) 978-0955, Angie De Vera (213) 978-0937 or Saletheil Armstrong (213) 978-0986.

Public Works Pioneer Toastmasters

Meets Wednesdays from 12:05-12:50 p.m.

Public Works Building 1149 S. Broadway St., Los Angeles 90015, Sixth floor, Room 6024

For more information, contact Jennifer Lau at (213) 485-4389.





They Beg to Differ!

Who hasn't experienced those times when a fellow moviegoer raves about a film that you found to be a complete abomination? Well, this month was the chance to voice such opinions. It was the opportunity for people like TG to stand up proud and fearless and state, "I hated *Spiderman*!" (Then again, who would take TG's opinion, when he has also proudly stated that he loved *Gigli*).

As we sit back and try to think of more films that most people loved but we hated, we have a bit of difficulty. Truth is, do people really love those Oscar winners or is it peer pressure? Why is it that those long 2- to 3-hour movies seem to be so popular? Are they

really that great or is it that we fear admitting that we wasted three hours of our life sitting in a movie theatre? Can Spielberg really make a terrible film? Can Tom Hanks for once not be nominated for another Oscar? It's these crazy questions that make us sit and wonder:

Are those "great" movies as great as they really are? Oh well, I guess we'll never know. But that's okay because we may admit that we thought the new *Pride and Prejudice* film

was great, but inside we're really thinking (actually EG is), "I want my money back!"

This is TG and EG saying, "Customer service will usually return your money back within 30 minutes of show time."



CAPSULE REVIEW

Reviews of movies to watch this month:

Movie of the Month: Spiderman

The big-screen adaptation of the Marvel Comics blockbuster.

E.G.: I actually liked this film. TG didn't, only because he truly wishes that he were Spiderman. I give it a 4.

T.G.: By the end of this movie, I was asleep. Don't get me wrong, I love movies based on Marvel Comics, but the first movie in a series usually disappoints me.

In that way, *Spiderman* did not let me down. Half of this two-hour waste was building the story. Why half the world was raving about this movie, I will never know, but I do know the only reason I didn't walk out of the theatre is that I would have had to step over 90 million people because of the crowded theatre and I didn't want my big head shadow on the movie screen. I give this movie a 2.1908.



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

Reader Reviews of Movies on DVD

THIS MONTH'S THEME: Movies Others Liked, But I Didn't

Star Wars: Phantom Menace

Rated PG, Adults and children

My score: ★★

People camped out to see this. As a big fan of Liam Neeson (Qui-Gon Jinn) and Ewan McGregor (Obi-Wan Kenobi), I was expecting great acting, character development and personal stories behind these crucial characters. It turned out to be all about special effects, painted backgrounds, lightsaber fights and very little storytelling. The characters lacked depth and I didn't find myself emotionally attached to anybody, even when Neeson died. The subsequent episodes improved on the personalities of the characters.

— Yvonne Liu, Office of Finance

The Last Samurai

Rated R, Adults

My score: ★★

People told me about Cruise's superb performance in this epic movie about Nathan Algren (Tom Cruise), an American mercenary finding redemption in Japan. Instead, I felt that Katsumoto (Ken Watanabe) stole the show. Having lived in Japan for one year, I learned that Japanese is not easy to pick up. The story required an enormous suspension of disbelief to accept that in months, Cruise's character was able to master Japanese, to perfect advanced kendo and judo, and to dress himself singlehandedly in Japanese clothing. I appreciated the film for the landscape shots, art direction and the cinematography.

— Yvonne Liu, Office of Finance

The Silence of the Lambs

Rated R

My Score: Brown bag, please

I can't deny that Jodie Foster and Anthony Hopkins were magnificent in their roles. I do admit I got caught up in the story and continued to watch to see what happens. But once is enough! Any time I am channel surfing and this movie is on, I keep going! I cannot even believe they can show this movie on television. One of my closest friends loves this movie and I always call her crazy for that. And she lets her young daughter watch it! If anyone wants to know, I did not see the next movie about Hannibal.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

Broken Flowers

Rated R

My Score: Watch in bed

Roger Ebert of the *Chicago Sun-Times* said, "Bill Murray in one of his best performances." Is he joking? No, it's right on the cover of the DVD. I thought this was one of the worst movies I had ever seen. If I were smart, I should have walked out and asked for my money back. If I had to watch this movie again, I would do it while in bed, so when I fell asleep I would be comfortable!

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

Red Eye

Rated PG-13

My Score: ★

A thriller with a good premise that starts out well in the beginning but just becomes too predictable in the end.

Appealing Rachael McAdams plays a hotel manager who is caught in a complicated plan that involves assassinating a politician and his family

at her hotel. All this while she is on a redeye flight from Dallas to Miami. Cillian Murphy is the villain this time around. For an international killer, his character is excessively sloppy. The last half of the movie is like watching an episode of "Alias" on TV, but you know what is going to happen. The writers seem to have run out of time and clever ideas. It just becomes too unrealistic and predictable. Where have all the thrills gone?

— Dan Basilgo, LAPD

Saving Private Ryan

Rated R

My Score: ★

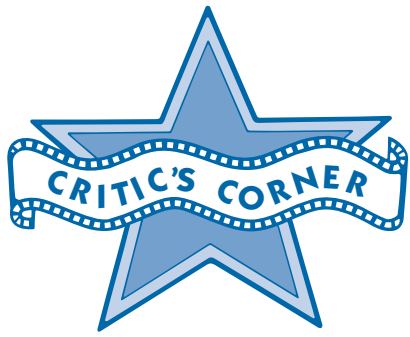
Saving Private Ryan is the movie that I hated and a lot of people enjoyed. Starring Tom Hanks and Matt Damon, the acting was good, but the story itself was very sad.

I don't enjoy watching people getting killed and tortured. Too much blood. I could not believe that [a character] dies in the end. When I walked out of the theater, all I could think of was that it was this really does happen. War is just a part of life. I didn't know that the military went to that much trouble if someone else in your family was killed.

— Patty Saucier, DWP

Next Month's Theme:

Best Remakes
(thanks to Yvonne Liu for the theme)



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

Inside Man *Rated R*
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

For Denzel Washington fans, this is a must see – but then again you've probably already seen it. A great job by Director Spike Lee, who takes us through a brilliantly planned bank robbery, and the days proceeding where everything comes to light. Denzel plays the hostage negotiator who gets his first big career break – if he can save the hostages. But he is in nearly over his head with Clive Owen playing the criminal mastermind. Jodie Foster plays a high-class problem solver. This is a very smart film, and is a must see.

– Corey Berman, Harbor

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This is the type of movie I want to see again and again. I saw it the first day it came out and went back the next day. The movie is full of action. You need to pay attention; otherwise, you will have questions once it ends.

These were different parts than normal for Denzel Washington and Jodie Foster. You have Denzel throwing in comedy and it was a surprise to see Jodie in a supporting role. Good for Jodie!

– Patty Saucier, DWP

American Gun *Rated R*
My Score: 2 (out of 5)

Not all movies with good intentions end up being good; such is the case with this movie now in limited release. It takes on the problems of gun proliferation in America in three separate stories. The first a mother (Marcia Gay Harden) in suburban Oregon, whose son was responsible for a Columbine-type massacre three years ago, and the cop (Tony Goldwyn) who struggles with the guilt of not saving the lives of the slain kids. In the second, a high school principal (Forrest Whitaker) struggles to keep guns out of his urban Chicago school and students on track. Thirdly and least effectively, a college student (Linda Cardellini) in Virginia, who works at her grandfather's (Donald Sutherland) gun shop, considers getting a gun for protection after rescuing a friend from a date rape. None of these stories presents a compelling case for anything. It is very pedestrian and just goes nowhere. Very disappointing. Don't look for a wide release on this one.

– Dan Basilgo, LAPD

Find Me Guilty *Rated R*
My Score: 2 (out of 5)

Vin Diesel was a little out of character here playing a goofy/silly character. The whole movie basically took place in a courtroom with a bunch of mobsters. The story itself was unbelievable. It reminded me of the days of *Eliot Ness* and *The Untouchables*.

– Patty Saucier, DWP

She's the Man *Rated PG-13*
My Score: 3 (out of 5)

It was a cute movie. But it was a lot like so many other movies that we've seen years ago. It was nice to see a movie that shows girls being as good as the guys. And at the same time be so feminine and have feminine qualities.

– Patty Saucier, DWP

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

This movie was definitely a family movie. Amanda Bynes (Viola) plays soccer on a girl's high school soccer team, and the team gets canceled. Viola feels she can play on the boy's soccer team, but the coach will not allow her to try out for the team. Viola's twin brother, Sebastian, goes to the rival high school. Sebastian skips school and Viola takes his place. Viola impersonates Sebastian so she can prove to everyone that she can compete in soccer with boys her age. I think it's a great inspirational movie and has a lot of funny moments.

– Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

Failure to Launch *Rated PG-13*
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This is a funny movie starring Matthew McConaughey and Sarah Jessica Parker. McConaughey is 30-something and still lives at home with his mother (Kathy Bates) and father (Terry Bradshaw; yes the ex-football player). McConaughey's parents pay Parker to date him, but she actually falls in love with McConaughey. There are a lot of funny lines, especially when you see Bradshaw walking around in his birthday suit. The movie is definitely worth seeing.

– Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

Basic Instinct 2 *Rated R*
My Score: 2 (out of 5)

This was definitely not as good as the original *Basic Instinct*. Sharon Stone was of course the star in this movie. She plays a mystery writer/killer. Stone seduces the men she comes into contact with. It appears that Stone kills numerous people in this movie, but she tries to blame it on a policeman and then a psychiatrist. The movie is hard to follow and I would suggest using your money for another movie.

– Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

Thank You for Smoking *Rated R*
My Score: 2 (out of 5)

Katie Holmes looked too young for the part. This movie is just like real life: It shows what the cigarette companies are willing to do to sell cigarettes. The acting was okay; I guess it was the topic that I disliked.

– Patty Saucier, DWP

Phat Girlz *Rated PG-13*
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Normally this type of title would turn me right off on seeing this movie. But I like the star of the movie, Mo'Nique, so I thought I would take a chance. This movie was phatabulous, and so was Mo'Nique. The story was very well written and well acted. It was funny, uplifting and true to life at times and romantic. The only scene I did not really care for was the one at the fast food restaurant. That really was a turn off and not funny to me at all. I think Queen Latifah might have some new competition.

– Gail Seltzer, DWP

Lucky Number Slevin *Rated R*
My Score: 3 (out of 5)

This was one of the strangest movies I have ever seen. I didn't understand who was on whose side or who was good or bad. It was hard to follow; half way through I was ready to walk out. Then they started to explain what was going on. If you see the movie, give it time. Bruce Willis played a villain, which was different for him, but as usual there was plenty of action.

– Patty Saucier, DWP

V for Vendetta *Rated R*
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

I thought this might be some cheesy movie about a guy in a mask who goes around marking the letter V, like Zorro's Z. Turns out this movie is out to make a bigger statement. Okay, there is a guy with a mask named V played by Hugo Weaving. V is never seen without it, which adds to the character's mystique and final premise. It is the not so distant future, and Britain has become a Big Brother-type of society. V is a single-handed freedom fighter trying to rouse the populace to rebel against the ruthless government through terrorist acts. Natalie Portman is excellent as Evie, who inadvertently finds herself as V's accomplice. I really liked this movie, especially the parallels it makes to today's political climate in America.

– Dan Basilgo, LAPD

TRIVIA CONTEST

Trivia relates to this month's theme:
Movies that most people love but I hate!

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| 1. Horror film where lead female needs Kleenex | 6. "They trained him to kill for their pleasure..." |
| 2. Who wouldn't love Pemberley? | 7. Actress who saw his death in a well |
| 3. Leonardo died saving Kate | 8. He lives in an airport |
| 4. She will never go hungry again | 9. Actress who pretends to be her real-life self |
| 5. Dirty Harry, a boxing coach? | 10. Best plays Binks in this film |

The answers from last month are:

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. <i>Jerry Maguire, Love Story, Ever After, Notting Hill, Gone With the Wind, Never Been Kissed</i> | 6. <i>Cat</i> |
| 2. Meg Ryan | 7. <i>Big Fish</i> |
| 3. Reese Witherspoon | 8. Colin Firth plays two Mr. Darcys: 1) <i>Bridget Jones' Diaries</i> ; and 2) <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> . |
| 4. <i>Ghost</i> | 9. <i>The Notebook</i> |
| 5. <i>The Princess Bride</i> | 10. <i>Say Anything...</i> |

The Club congratulates Jenny Arzate, Debbie Winger, Debbie Bunt, Gail Seltzer and Patricia Saucier for answering correctly!

Send us your Book Reviews



A Catskill Eagle

Robert B. Parker, Dell
368 pages, Fiction
My Score: 4 (out of 5)



This is an easy romp, a Spenser novel that is clever with its dialogue, fresh and offbeat. It doesn't take much to make it through the pages. You will find yourself laughing or smirking at the witty way he has with words and situations.

I could tell you the story of the book, but it really doesn't matter. Spenser and his band of characters have fun being bad while doing good and slipping past the law. That is enough. Oh, and his girlfriend, Susan, starts the book off and sets the tone with this note: "I have no time. Hawk is in jail in Mill River, CA. You must get him out. I need help, too. Hawk will explain. Things are awful, but I love you."

– Barbara Johnson, LAFD

Angel

Barbara Taylor Bradford, Random House, Inc.
467 pages, Romance
My Score: 3 (out of 5)



I really didn't like this book. It was okay as far as romance books go, but I didn't care for the characters. The relationships just didn't ring true – ha ha in a romance book, I know! That said, I did finish it. It is an easy read and will give the requisite escape from reality into a made-up world of Hollywood, London, antiques and the NYPD.

– Barbara Johnson, LAFD

Echoes in the Darkness

Joseph Wambaugh, Bantam Books
370 pages, True Crime
My Score: 5 (out of 5)



This story is bizarre. It's a well-written telling of two sociopaths whose lives intersected in Philadelphia in the 1970s. One was the principal (Dr. Jay C. Smith) at the school they both worked at, the other a teacher (William Bradfield). In the end, five were dead or presumed so.

The story is a fascinating insight into the human psyche and what evil people can accomplish alone, with other disturbed people, and/or with others, who are either duped into, or willing to, suspend reality and believe the lies, deceit and craziness.

This book is about the the socially deprived among us. Engrossing.

– Barbara Johnson, LAFD

God Gave Us You

Lisa Tawn Bergren, Warnerbrook Press
32 pages, Children
My Score 5 (out of 5)



A polar bear cub doesn't want to sleep yet and asks her mama, "Where did I come from?" Mama Bear gives her the answers that all children and animals everywhere wish for and want to hear.

This is a sweet, sweet book that deserves to be told and retold to all children everywhere. It tells them that they are wanted, cherished, special. It gives them words and concepts they can hold onto while making them feel secure and loved.

– Barbara Johnson, LAFD

Riding with Purpose

■ DWP Marketing Rep John Lockett raises funds to help fight diabetes.

Story by Marie Y. Lemelle, President, Water and Power African American Association

DWP — When City employee John Lockett discovered that his mother's caretaker, Hasim, is diabetic, Lockett joined the American Diabetes Association's annual Tour de Cure. "I have seen the havoc the disease has caused Hasim and I knew I wanted to do all I could to help find a cure," Lockett said.

Lockett, Vice President of the Water and Power African American Association and a Utility Marketing Representative at the DWP, started cycling to improve his overall health and stamina. "I ride in four major events a year," he said. "The Tour de Cure is my only fundraiser. I chose it because it was a worthy cause and deserves my support."

The SoCal Tour de Cure is set for 6:15 a.m. Saturday, May 20, at El Dorado Park in Long Beach. Cycling is a great family activity, team sport, or you can go solo. The ADA designed the

ride to fit all levels of cyclist with three different routes at 15 miles, 34 miles, or 65 miles.

"I formed the Angel City Pedallers in 2005," Lockett said. "We're L.A.'s team." Lockett who has 12 years of service with the City of Los Angeles, says that the citizens and employees of this great City are all invited to join the Pedallers in their ride towards a cure. "Last year, we raised more than \$3,500 as a team," he said. "This year, I hope we do even better."

Why is the cure for diabetes important? One leading public health official called diabetes the "Rodney Dangerfield" of public health threats. According to the American Diabetes Association, in 2005, surveys confirmed that more than 20 million people have diabetes; however, 6.2 million people don't know it. In 2002, more than 200,000 died because of diabetes. Unfortunately, diabetes prevention and research don't get the attention they deserve.

What is diabetes? Diabetes is defined as having high levels of blood glucose (blood sugar), which provides the main source for energy for the body. Normal blood sugar levels are normally 60 to 100 milligrams per 100 milliliters of blood; it rises after a meal to as much as 150 milligrams per 100 milliliter of blood.

How do you know you have the disease? Many people are unaware that they have diabetes because typically the symptoms don't trigger concern. Some of the symptoms are: frequent urination, excessive thirst, extreme hunger, unusual weight loss, increased fatigue, irritability, and blurry vision. However, the effects of diabetes should be viewed as a major concern.

According to Frank Vinicor, associate director of the Centers for Disease Control, in a 24-hour period across the United States:

- 4,100 people will be diagnosed with diabetes
- 230 amputations will occur on individuals with diabetes
- 120 patients will enter end-stage kidney disease programs as a result of diabetes
- 55 diabetic people will go blind

The bottom line is, if you don't do anything about diabetes, this is what diabetes can do for you:

- Amputations
- Blindness
- Complications of pregnancy
- Dental disease
- Heart disease and stroke
- High blood pressure
- Kidney disease
- Nervous system disease
- Other life-threatening complications



On a recumbent bicycle, DWP employee John Lockett crosses the finish line of the 35-mile route during the 2004 American Diabetes Association Annual Tour de Cure.

What can you do to fight diabetes? Now that you have this information, the only way to be certain whether diabetes is affecting you is to talk to a health professional. To find out if you are at risk, take the diabetes risk test at www.diabetes.org/risktest.

Aside from healthy eating, regular exercise, and medical checkups, you can do more to defeat diabetes by assisting the ADA and John Lockett through sponsorship or participation. "Diabetes is a disease, which demands our immediate attention, and the ADA is an organization that deserves our support," Lockett said. To help the Angel City Pedallers, contact Lockett at john.lockett@ladwp.com. For more information about the Tour de Cure, go to www.diabetes.org/tour or call (888)-Diabetes. Ride on, John!



One of the many new businesses in the Downtown Historic Core.

CDD Wins 2

■ Community Development Dept. wins two awards for economic projects.

Story compiled by Beverly Haro, Club Counselor

CDD — The California Association for Local Economic Development (CALED) has just announced two Awards of Merit for Community Development Department (CDD) programs and projects. CALED awards celebrate and recognize successful economic development programs, projects and partnerships.

"The Community Development Department, through its Economic Development Division, offers a comprehensive package of services to retain or attract businesses to the City," said CDD General Manager Clifford Graves. "This award recognition further underscores the quality of our programs."

One of the Awards of Merit goes to CDD's 636 S. Maple Avenue Intermodal Parking Structure, which received \$10.8 million in assistance from the Industrial Development Authority's Empowerment Zone Bond Program. The Maple Avenue project exemplifies the cooperation and coordination of federal, state and county government and a myriad of local agencies and City departments. Significant impacts will be realized in the downtown area through the provision of 420 parking spaces to facilitate patrons of the busy Fashion District and residents of Santee Village, now under construction. The village is the largest adaptive re-use commercial/residential project in the City of Los Angeles and, when complete, will offer nearly 500 housing units and 25 commercial outlets.

A second CDD project also received an Award of Merit for economic development in the Historic Downtown Core. CDD created the Historic Downtown L.A. Retail project to provide free retail consulting services for any business wishing to move into the downtown area. Right now the area is exploding with new development, loft conversions and new businesses. The Valley Economic Development Center, a CDD partner agency, administers CDD's retail consulting program and offers a number of services including site location, training and loan packaging.

The Club thanks Angela Estell for her assistance in producing this story.

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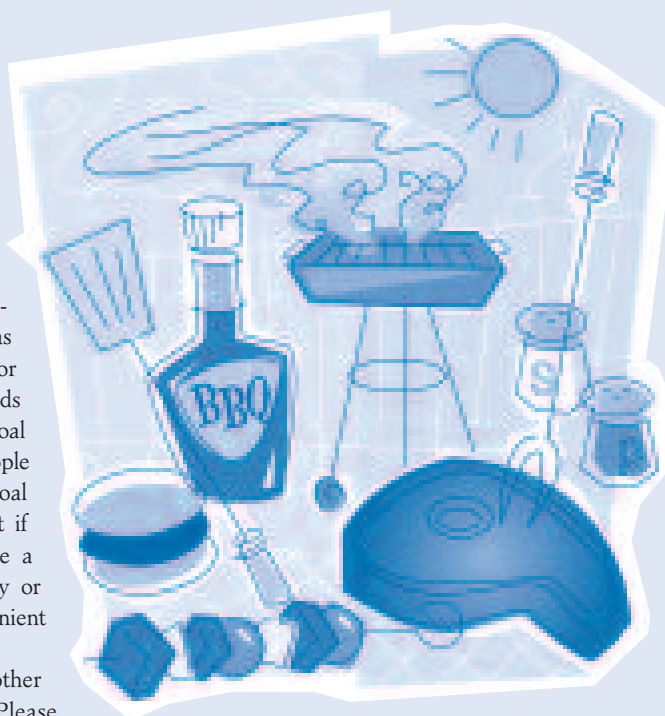
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Grilling Is Thrilling

It's high time to roll out the charcoal and gas barbeques and get grilling. But if your year has been anything like mine, it's been a challenge on the cold and rainy days to be grilling outdoors. Fortunately, we're on the cusp of summer weather, and grills stashed away in garages around the world must be yearning to get out. People always ask me, which is better, gas or charcoal barbeque sets? And my answer is that it's a person's preference because in terms of taste, the difference is unnoticeable. Personally, if I'm grilling at home, I like using the gas grill because I can light it in seconds and grill for hours, especially if my Uncle Sal and his 20 kids are visiting. In contrast, using a charcoal grill for a large group of people may take a few bags of charcoal and a delicate touch. But if you are looking to take a grill to a tailgate party or park, it's more convenient to take a charcoal grill.

I've included some other grill thoughts below. Please enjoy the recipes too.

Happy grilling!



Grilling considerations:

- Gas grill prices can go up to about \$5,000, but charcoal grill prices usually don't go over \$500.
- Gas grills heat up in about 10 minutes, whereas coals need about 20 minutes or more to be ready for grilling.
- Gas grill temperatures can be controlled by temperature knob, whereas coals can burn above 500 degrees and require close watching.
- Gas grills provide the convenience of steady heat supply, whereas coals must be replenished.
- Cleaning a gas grill is easier than a coal grill.

Although the taste differences are hard to distinguish, most people believe that, while gas-grilled foods taste good, coal-grilled foods taste great.

Bobby's BBQ Beef Tenderloin

For sensational flavor, rub nice thick tenderloin steaks with olive oil, crushed garlic and meat tenderizer. Let the meat sit for a bit and then grill.

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 (2 inch thick) beef tenderloin steaks
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 cloves crushed garlic
- 1 teaspoon sea salt and pepper

DIRECTIONS:

1. Rub meat with olive oil and crushed garlic. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes.
2. Preheat grill for medium high heat.
3. Use non-stick spray on the grill to help prevent sticking, and place steaks on it. Cook for five to seven minutes per side, or until done.



Gary's Grilled Shrimp

To turn shrimp easily, use stainless steel, flat-bladed skewers. Round skewers often create large holes, causing the food to slip instead of turn.



INGREDIENTS:

- 2 pounds unpeeled jumbo fresh shrimp
- 1/2 cup lime juice
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

DIRECTIONS:

1. Peel shrimp, leaving tails intact, and de-vein, if desired. Combine lime juice and remaining ingredients; pour over shrimp.
2. Cover and chill two hours. Remove shrimp, discarding marinade. Thread shrimp on skewers.
3. Grill without grill lid, over medium-hot coals (350 to 400 degrees) three minutes on each side or until done. Makes three servings.

The Potato 'n' Beef Hamburgers

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 large potato, peeled and shredded
- 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
- 1 cup chopped fresh mushrooms
- 2 pounds lean ground beef
- 2 (1 ounce) packages dry onion soup mix



DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat grill for high heat.
2. In a medium bowl, mix together potato, cheese and mushrooms.
3. In a large bowl, mix ground beef with onion soup mix. Form into six large burger patties. Make a pocket in each burger; stuff with potato mixture and seal.
4. When ready to grill, brush grate with oil. Cook burgers over high heat for five minutes on each side, or until well done. Serve hot.

Honey Mustard Chicken

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1/2 cup honey and mustard
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves



DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat a grill for medium heat.
2. Melt butter in a skillet over medium heat. Add the garlic, and cook until fragrant, 1 to 2 minutes. Whisk in honey mustard sauce along with lemon juice. Reserve half for basting, and brush the other half onto the chicken breasts.
3. Lightly oil or use non-stick spray on the grill, and place chicken on it. Cook for 6 to 8 minutes per side, turning frequently. Baste often during the last 5 minutes. Chicken is done when the meat is firm, and juices run clear.

Thanks for 30

Transportation awards service pins to 30-year veterans.

Story by Beverly Haro, Club Counselor; Photos by Bev Haro and Allyn Rifkin

TRANSPORTATION — Three Transportation Parking Adjudication Division employees received their 30-year service pins at the Board of Transportation Commissioners Meeting March 30 at City Hall.



The three employees are Jay Carsman, Parking Systems Coordinator; Linda Klapper, Management Analyst II; and Stephanie Smith, Administrative Hearing Examiner.

Stephanie Smith was not present at the ceremony.

Congratulations to all three! And the Club thanks John Fick for notifying us of the event.



Linda Clapper receives her award from DOT General Manager Gloria Jeff and Transportation Commissioner Paul Kim.



From left: Jay Carsman, General Manager Gloria Jeff and Transportation Commissioner Paul Kim.



From left: Linda Clapper, Management Analyst II, and General Manager Gloria Jeff.



From left: Jay Carsman, Parking Systems Coordinator, receives his award.

Victor Martin Retires

Victor Martin retires from Gen. Services after 30 years of City service.

Story and photos by Jessica Segura, Club Counselor

GENERAL SERVICES — Victor Martin's 30 years of service to the City were celebrated April 11 at The Castaways Restaurant in Burbank. Victor retires from the General Services Department as the Director of Fleet Services.

Many people attended the celebration, including family, friends and other City employees.

Congratulations, Victor, from the Club!



Victor Martin, Director of Fleet Services, celebrates his 30 years of service.



From left: Adrian Gomez, Aerial Shop HDEM, and Don Yeomans, Seventh Street Weld Shop, enjoy the celebration.



From left: Paul Leung, North Central Repair Shop; Larry Wissman, Tech Services; Oscar Bustos, Tech Services; Mike Graham, Tech Services; and Paul Fadul, Tech Services.



From left: Alvin Blain, General Manager, General Services; Nazario Saucedo, Assistant Director, Street Services; Bill Robertson, Dir., Street Services; Papkin Hovasapian, Standards Division, General Services; and Club Board Member Michael Leighton, Printing Division, General Services.



From left: Club member Dan Rivera, Seventh Street Body Shop; James Okikawa, Seventh Street Body Shop; and C. Ruiz, Seventh Street Body Shop.



From left: Sam Calderwood, Seventh Street; Tommy Walker, Retired; Jung Ho, SCA Shop; and Randal Brown, 24th Street Refuse Repair.



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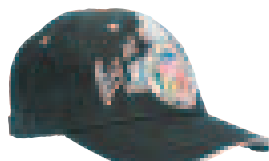
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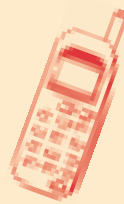
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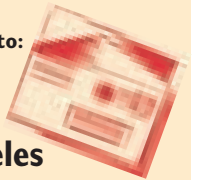


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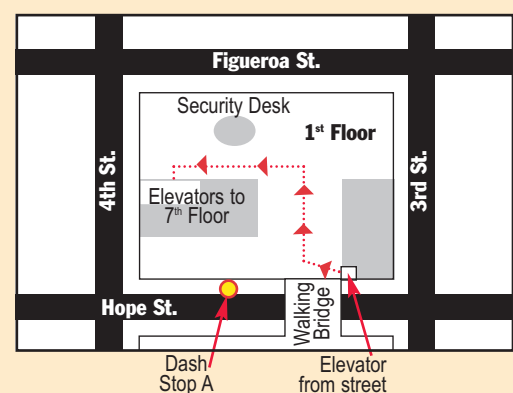


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