

**NEW FEATURE**  
**L.A. History To Come Alive!**

■ Retired LA archivist Hynda Rudd to write column for *Alive!*

"I love archival work because it protects the records of the past," says retired L.A. City Archivist Hynda Rudd. "It also affords the present to understand where it came from and the future to be aware of its long, rich history. The archives are an educational tool that provide the public with a resource to understand itself."



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

That's why she has agreed to make *Alive!* even better: Hynda will write a regular column on the City's rich history.

Her column begins this month.

The column is titled *History Comes Alive!: Tales From the L.A. City Archives*. It's a coup for *Alive!* ... and for all

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**Rising to the Occasion!**

■ LAFD Museum begins work on its long-planned Fallen Firefighters Memorial.



An aerial view of construction as the LAFD Historical Society begins building the Fallen Firefighters Memorial.

The LAFD Historical Society has just passed a huge milestone: construction of the much-anticipated Fallen Firefighters Memorial is under way!

"As I am writing this message the ground is shaking from the jackhammer breaking the concrete in front of the Museum to start the con-

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From left: Yvette Bentley, Sr. PSR, 16 years, Club Member; Jay Leno; and Tracy Page, Sr. PSR, 14 years, Club Member at the LAPD Communications holiday party, held Dec. 10 at the LAX Renaissance Hotel. The event included fun, friends, fellowship and dinner.

**The City Parties!**

*Alive!* was there when dozens of City departments celebrated the holidays.

Catch all the recaps beginning on page 14.

Club Member Services Manager Angel Gomez visits with Santa at one of the many City parties held over the holidays. Tons more pictures inside!

A young girl receives her gift from Santa at a holiday dinner and party hosted by Ontario International Airport. More photos of the event are inside.

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## New Year Brings New Members and Same Great Service

Here at the Club, 2005 promises to be a phenomenal year. We're already getting off to a great start with our new monthly columnist, the world renowned Hynda Rudd. Hynda was the City's first archivist and knows more about the history of this great City than anyone. We are honored, and quite frankly, humbled to have her as a regular columnist. Hynda is guaranteed to stir up memories as well as curiosities of this great place we call Los Angeles.

2005 is also going to be a year for new memberships. Right now the Club is just shy of 16,000 members. My goal is to be at 20,000 by year's end. The reason for the push is simple. The more Club members there are, the more power we have to offer you substantial discounts in everything from movie and theme park tickets to discounts at places like Office Depot and Best Western. In addition, you are going to see big incentives throughout the year that revolve around getting your fellow City employees to join the Club. Look for the referral form in this *Alive!* With benefits including *Alive!*, discount tickets at cost, free notary, Office Depot discounts and more, joining the Club is a no-brainer.

And since this is the New Year edition of *Alive!*, here's two resolutions for you: (1) See more movies; and (2) link your credit/debit card to the Office Depot Club discount. Seeing more movies is really easy, especially since our tickets are the lowest in the country as far as we know (or free if we publish your movie review). The Office Depot discount is so simple, everybody ought to be doing it: A couple of weeks ago I picked up some CD cases, glue and other items. The initial bill came to \$46.13. Once I swiped my card the bill went down to \$36.52, a savings of \$9.61, or 21 percent. A couple of weeks earlier, I bought a 50-pack of HP photo paper, which initially came to \$37.84. Once I swiped my card the price went down to \$29.53. That's a savings of \$8.31 or 22 percent just for linking my credit card (don't forget, not every item is discounted, and you have to link your credit card). Do you have a savings story? If so, email it to me ([jhawkins@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:jhawkins@cityemployeesclub.com)) and I'll share it with more than 15,000 of your co-workers.

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From all of us here at the Club, Happy New Year!

**John Hawkins**

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### Zoo Vendors Detract From Experience

Can someone tell me why those cheeese vendors are allowed at the Zoo? I went there a month ago and was surprised to see a pop-up tent next to the Merr Cats with a disinterested kid (not a City employee; I asked) inside selling Kettle Corn. Oh, and then there's some mini-rollercoaster ride just past the entrance that only detracts from the beautiful surroundings. Maybe I'm just being old-fashioned, but it was plain embarrassing. These are definitely not fixtures you would find at a world-class zoo, or, am I just crazy? Anyone out there agree?

— Sam Watts, Rec and Parks

### Ticket Guy: Right On With Magic Mountain

Magic Mountain was groooooooy! All nine of the kids had a good time (got on my nerves) but had a good time. By the time we left they were so tired we could not stand up (me included). So to make it short and sweet, we can't wait till next year.

— Tasha Muldrew, LAFD

### Kudos to Bev Haro for Knowing Her Club Stuff

I want to personally thank Club Counselor Beverly Haro for taking the time to come to our location and make her insightful presentation. Her mannerism is very professional and informative. Her service helps to better our lives. We appreciate her expertise. I hope that she will be our representative for a long time.

— Joey Johnson, Asst. Supervisor,  
West Los Angeles Field Groups

### When You Swim With Shreks, You Must Sit Through Previews

I know this is really silly but it just makes me so angry. I bought the Shrek 2 DVD and sat down with the kids to watch it. Naturally they plug a couple of the studio's other movies (Madagascar and some other animated film), which was okay the first time we watched it. Later in the week, the kids wanted to watch it again. (For those of you who have kids you'll know what I'm talking about). No problem, I just popped in the DVD and away we went.

The previews for Madagascar starting playing, so I just pushed fast forward, since I really didn't want to see a seemingly annoyed and indifferent Ben Stiller talk about his movie again.....but the preview kept playing. I thought that I must not have pushed down on the FF button hard enough. I pushed again, and again, and again yet I couldn't get out of the preview. I was getting furious! I was being forced to watch the preview and will always be forced to watch the preview every time I want to see Shrek 2! It kind of makes me never want to see Shrek 2 again, let alone the Madagascar movie. Give me my old VCR back where I had complete control!

— Jimmy Tomlin, Club Member

### Voting in Nov. Election Left Him Feeling Puzzled

There was voter fraud going on at the USC poll location. They "ran out" of ballots. Now this means that people who are not registered are voting, which is illegal.

— David Jiles, Street Services

### She Doesn't Like the U.S. Wealth Imbalance

It's true that the rich are becoming richer and the poor are becoming poorer. In terms of net worth (what we own minus what we owe), the top 1 percent of the U.S. population now owns more than the bottom 90 percent.

There should be rewards for working hard and being innovative, but being ten times as wealthy would be sufficient incentive. A million times as wealthy is definitely not normal, in my opinion.

I don't want to get too political by suggesting that government policies are contributing to the imbalance and that we could reduce the imbalance and at the same time raise much needed tax revenues to improve education and otherwise benefit the less wealthy, so I won't.

— Julie Monroe, DWP

### Rec and Parks Gets High-Five For Launching New Website

Wow! Have any of you seen the new Rec and Parks Website? It must have just been re-done and it looks awesome! If you want to check it out yourself go to [www.recandparks.com](http://www.recandparks.com). Nice job Rec and Parks! Hey Alive, maybe you should do a story on the new website, that might encourage other departments to follow suit.

Just a thought.

— Jimmy Tomlin, Club Member

Jimmy: We'll look into it. Thanks for the suggestion!—Ed.

### Just Who Was Left Holding The Bag at LAX Airport?

I just heard that more drama occurred at LAX. An anti-terrorism official was stopped after screeners found an undeclared .38 caliber pistol in his bag. Quite ironic.

— Rick Myers, Club Member

### Chief Bratton Should Keep Out of the Mayoral Race

I would say that Chief Bratton needs to keep out of the mayoral race and work on the City crime problem. However, he claims that even though Mayor Hahn is a supporter of hiring more officers to police the communities, Hahn has been faced with political obstacles to make this happen. My question is, then why support Hahn if he is not getting the support needed from City Council to get more officers? Maybe Hahn is not the right person to make the required policy changes and Bratton needs to support a mayoral candidate who will have this kind of pull.

— Roger Loewes, DWP

### Turner Fields Five Solutions To What Is Ailing Baseball

Things Major League Baseball needs to do to get out of this downward spiral:

1. Reinstate Pete Rose. Come on, you're gonna let Darryl Strawberry into the Hall of Fame, but you won't let Pete in? All Pete did was bet on baseball. Betting on baseball is legal outside of the MLB.
2. Fire Bud Selig.
3. Blacklist Barry's "record."
4. Open or reopen an investigation into Mark McGwire's record.
5. Two words: Salary cap! The owners should

take in the majority of the money and then some! This is why they are called "owners." These baseball babies act like they're making minimum wage.

— Turner Johnson, DWP

### No Smudging the Fact: She Likes This Mascara

A few days ago at Nordstrom's I was looking for a mascara that didn't smudge. I mentioned to the gal working in the beauty products section that I had tried many brands that promised not to smudge and they all did. The gal highly recommended Bline Kiss Me mascara. It is a little pricey (\$24), but I've wasted much more than that on mascaras that don't live up to their promises.

I tried it last night and after about four hours it wasn't smudging. Great, I thought, but let's try the true test and sleep with it on and see if I wake up with raccoon eyes in the morning. This morning there were no smudges at all. I saw maybe two tiny flakes that brushed off easily, but it basically looked as good as when I first applied it.

Actually I am stunned. I am so used to buying products that make promises and they never work. This stuff is fantastic and will be the one I use from now on. Not quite as thick as some I've used, but it defines the lash well. You won't get Tammy Faye Baker lashes with this mascara. Thanks to Nordstrom's personnel!

— Mable Smith, Rec and Parks

### Trying to Find Metro Station Has Made Him Blue, Indeed

I have been trying to find the correct address of the Slauson station. The MTA Website says that it is 5885 Randolph St. When you run this address through the trip planner, your journey starts in Commerce. Both Thomas Guide and USPS do not place this address near the Metro Blue Line.

I have contacted the MTA Webmaster, MTA customer service, and the MTA library. The answer is always the same, even though I explain that it is erroneous.

I guess nobody wants to take the trouble to find out what the real address is. It is not like you can go to the station and look at the door. Any suggestions on who to contact next?

If you think that this is a trivial matter, just try inputting 7th Street/Metro Center into the Travel Planner. You will get nowhere! You have to use the address of the station, 660 S Figueroa St.

— Joe Ventura, City Clerk's Office

Hi Joe: If you type the Slauson Station address into [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com), the site places the station right on the rail line between Bell and Bell Gardens, just south of Slauson. The actual address is: 5885 Randolph St., Los Angeles. Hope that helps. (And congrats on using public transportation.)—Ed.

### Here's the Title

In our November issue, we published some of the winning entries in the RLACEI's annual poetry contest. We inadvertently left off the title to the poem written by Evelyn Akerman. So sorry about that, Evelyn!

So here's Evelyn's lovely poem reprinted.

The title: *To a Soldier*



Evelyn Akerman

### To a Soldier

I HAD A TALK WITH GOD TONIGHT  
AND I ASKED HIM IF I WAS RIGHT  
IN WANTING YOU AND LOVING YOU  
AND WANTING YOU TO LOVE ME TOO.  
HE SAID IF I WAS SINCERE  
IN THE LOVE I SOUGHT FROM YOU, MY DEAR  
THAT I SHOULD SEEK IT,  
SO YOU SEE  
I'M GLAD WE TALKED..... GOD AND ME.

I ASKED GOD IF HE WOULD SEE  
THAT YOU WERE SAVED JUST FOR ME  
HE SAID THAT HE WOULD DO HIS BEST  
SO HE'S WATCHING YOU, I GUESS  
BUT HE WON'T TELL ME IF YOU ERR  
AND IF HE DID, I WOULDN'T CARE  
AS YOU'RE AS SWEET AS YOU CAN BE  
AND WE LOVE YOU..... GOD AND ME.

IN OUR TALK.....GOD AND ME  
DECIDED I WAS MEANT TO BE  
JUST FOR YOU AND YOU ALONE  
SO ALL MY OTHER CARES HAVE FLOWN  
AND NOW IN LOVELY THOUGHTS I DWELL  
WISHING FROM A WISHING WELL  
THAT YOU WERE HERE OR I WAS THERE  
ALL ALONE--JUST WE THREE  
WONDERFUL YOU, AND GOD AND ME.

LOVE  
V  
E Evelyn Akerman

Correction

# History Comes Alive!



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

## New Column to Connect Club With City's Rich History

It is with great pride that I formally introduce you to the Los Angeles City Archives. This is the first of many articles relating interesting and historical information about our City government. My name is Hynda L. Rudd. I became the first City Archivist in 1980; this was during the celebration of the City's bicentennial. My employment was with the City Clerk's Office. I was City Archivist from 1980-85. I then became the Records Management Officer from 1986-2001. Within the scope of this time period, I began to realize that the City of Los Angeles had one of the finest municipal archival collections anywhere in this country. My disappointment has always been that this archival collection never received its full recognition. I hope these future articles will help to broaden the history of this incredible city.

Every month here in *Alive!*, I hope to share with you, fellow Club member, another historical aspect of our fine city, courtesy a record or two from the City Archives. I'm really looking forward to it.

The purpose of the City Archives' Historical Records Program is to identify, collect and preserve records of historical significance originated by City government. The City Archives represents the most unique and esteemed component of the City's Records Management Program. The City Archives wants to inform researchers not affiliated with the City government about the nature of the institution, and the resources that are available to the public. While a body of government records collectively known as the "City archives" has existed since the 1830s, the

City Archives as stated above was established in 1980.

Historically, the Los Angeles City Clerk's Office has assumed responsibility for keeping official City records and making them available to the public as well as to City officials and employees. This responsibility was outlined in the first City Charter of 1876, and continued in the Charters of 1889, 1925 and 2000. While the City Archives has records from as early as 1827, the great bulk of the records are from the 20th century.

They include records of the Los Angeles City Council Minutes; City Council Petitions and Files; past and current versions of the City Charter; Administrative and Municipal Codes; Contracts; Deeds to and from the City; Election Files (Precinct maps from 1908 to present); Departmental Annual Reports; maps; photographs; financial reports and ledgers of the City Auditor, City Controller and Treasurer; and local municipality records from Eagle Rock, Hollywood, San Pedro, Tujunga, Venice, Watts and Wilmington prior to their becoming part of the City of Los Angeles. Also included are office files of Mayor Yorty, a little of Norris Poulson, and those of Richard Riordan. There are files of many of the Council Members from Tom Bradley and Art Snyder to the present. The staff of the City Archives has prepared finding aids and inventories that index the historical records of City Departments, City Council and Mayor.

Reference service is the top priority of the City Archives. Questions and comments regarding the program are welcomed, and the user is invited to make use of the resources for research purposes. The City Archives and the City Records Center are in the C. Erwin Piper Technical Center at 555 Ramirez Street, Space 320, Los Angeles, CA 90012. The facility is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contact Todd Gaydowski, City Records Management Officer at (213) 485-8783 or Jay Jones, acting City Archivist at (213) 485-3512 for further assistance.

See you next month!

## New Column

## Archivist Rudd Joins *Alive!* Team

### City History

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the Club members who enjoy this newspaper.

"Los Angeles is very rich in history," Hynda continues. "I am not a native of Los Angeles; I come from Salt Lake City. I grew up thinking L.A. was La La Land. This is far from the truth.

"Once I became the City Archivist, and later the Records Management Officer, I realized the incredible depth and breadth of the records in the City Archives. The records follow the history of Los Angeles City government from the State's Act of Incorporation of 1850 through today. The City Archives has every City Council minute book and index from 1850 through 2004. The Archives contains the Mexican minutes (in Spanish with translations) from 1832 to the American occupation of 1847. Other records date back to 1828.

"This government history is so rich that I have become project director of a 26-chapter, 32-author anthology on the history of L.A. City government from 1850-2000. The two-volume work will be published in 2005."

Even her own journey toward becoming the City's archivist has its own story to tell.

"I became the City's first archivist because of a fateful encounter. I moved to L.A. from Salt Lake City in 1978. On July 5, 1979, I decided I needed to do some research on a man named Herman Silver, who I had written about for my Master's thesis in Salt Lake.

"Herman Silver was a 19th-century Abe Lincoln-type man who lived in Denver. My thesis covered the years 1826-1885. Silver was a prominent man in Denver. He was Assayer of the Mint in Colorado, as well as a lay-rabbi for the burgeoning Jewish community. I discovered in doing my research that Herman had moved to Los Angeles during the 1880s. I had heard that he eventually became the President of the City Council and ran for Mayor where he was defeated.

"I wanted to know more about Mr. Silver. I decided on July 5, 1979, to go to the City Clerk's Office to do research. When I arrived, I was told to go upstairs in the City Clerk's vault in Room 320 City Hall. While doing my research, a man came upstairs and introduced himself as Bill Ashdown, Assistant City Clerk. It turned out he, too, had Utah roots. He asked me what I did professionally. I mentioned I had been an archivist and records manager. He told me that the City had prepared a federal grant to employ an archivist for an eight-month stint during the City's bicentennial. There was also the possibility that the City would eventually make the position

permanent. Mr. Ashdown suggested I apply when the grant became available, about November of 1979. I applied. I interviewed for the position along with, I have been told, about 100 applicants. I eventually was fortunate to receive this esteemed position, which I held for five years. And that's how it happened.

"I was an employee of the City Clerk's Office for 21 years. I retired three years ago. These were the best working years that I experienced. I was fortunate to work in the profession of my choice, as an archivist and records manager. Also, I worked with a great community of diverse people within my immediate Office, as well as throughout City government and the general public. This City experience not only helped me understand the history of this unbelievable city, but broadened and matured me in the process.

"A sidebar to this story is about Herman Silver. In time after his mayoral defeat, he became the President of the City's first Water Commission. And the community of Silverlake is named after him."

The Los Angeles City Archives, under the City Clerk's office, is a treasure trove.

"The City Clerk's Office is one of the oldest departments in the rich history of Los Angeles City government," Hynda continues. "The evolution of this position was originally known as 'Council Secretary' dating back to 1850 under the State's Act of Incorporation. One of the City Clerk's major functions, dating back to the 1800s, was to maintain the records of City government. To me, this is one of the most important mandates of our city government.

Hynda feels that the City's Archives need to be celebrated. *Alive!* agrees.

"I am writing this monthly article because the L.A. City Archives will receive the recognition it deserves. I am the conduit to bring the documents to life in a City newspaper that is *Alive!* This publication affords City employees and retirees the opportunity to not only learn about the City's past, but to also understand they, too, commit history every day."



The Archive team: Jay Jones, Acting Archivist; Todd Gaydowski, Records Management Officer; and Hynda Rudd, retired City Archivist.



The City's Records Management office, from left: Todd Gaydowski, Records Management Officer; Esme Trueheart, on loan from the Chief Legislative Analyst's Office; Mike Holland, Student Professional Worker; Willie Buggs, Storekeeper I; and Jay Jones, Acting Archivist.

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## Darren Is 'Outstanding'

The Board of Public Works recently presented an Outstanding Employee Award to Darren Bolden, Heavy Duty Truck Operator with the Bureau of Street Services.

Bureau of Street Services Director Bill Robertson had high praise for Bolden, saying that he always "steps up" and is ready to go beyond what is expected of him to serve the City of Los Angeles.

Bolden was presented the award by the Public Works Task Force for Employee Achievement and Morale (the PW TEAM).

Congratulations, Darren!



Darren Bolden (center) displays his certificate with, from left, Russ Strazzella of the PW TEAM; BPW Commissioner Janice Wood; Vice President Ellen Stein; President Valerie Lynne Shaw; and Commissioner Ronald Low.

Political Forum



# Thanks to You, City Getting Safer

By Mayor Jim Hahn

With the start of the New Year, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your hard work over the past year. With your teamwork and dedication, we are turning Los Angeles around and we are well on our way to meeting the goals we have set for this great city.

My number one priority as mayor is to make Los Angeles the safest big city in America, because in a safe city, all else follows. A safer city attracts housing development. A safer city attracts job-creating investments. A safer city helps our kids grow up right. A safer city improves neighborhoods, helps us sleep better at night and saves lives.

We have made great strides over the last two years in making Los Angeles a safer city. Citywide, homicides dropped more than 20 percent and violent crime decreased more than 18 percent.

We are moving in the right direction and we cannot afford to reverse course. In order to maintain our momentum against crime – to make Los Angeles the safest big city in America – we need more police officers on our streets.

The LAPD has done too much, with too little, for too long. It is time to act. Sixty-four percent of voters in the City of Los Angeles agree with Chief Bratton and me that the City needs more police officers. The addition of at least 1,200 officers is critical to meeting our goal of making Los Angeles a safer city.

With the hard work of our police officers and all the City employees, we are turning Los Angeles into the city we all know it can be. The dedicated public servants of the Housing Department have helped double the pace of

housing production since I became mayor. The Department of Street Services will improve more streets this year than ever before, while Los Angeles Public Library and the Department of Recreation and Parks are helping me make Los Angeles the safest big city in America by giving our kids secure, fun and productive places to spend their time.

I want to thank you all for your energy, enthusiasm and effort in serving the people of Los Angeles. I wish each of you and your families a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.



# Chief Legislative Analyst Plays Critical Council Role

by Cindy Miscikowski, Councilwoman, District 11

As you may have heard, Ron Deaton has left this role as the head of the Chief Legislative Analyst's (CLA) office, and the City Council is embarking on a search for a new CLA. The CLA and its staff are a crucial and important part of the operations of the City Council and the City of Los Angeles as a whole. The CLA's duties include investigation and analysis for the Council, its committees and its individual members regarding legislation, including preparing reports, schedules, analyses and recommendations. Further, the Chief Legislative Analyst coordinates the development of legislative policy for the Council and monitors and reports on the City's legislative program at the state, federal and local levels of government.

In my almost 30 years of service to the City of Los Angeles, the Chief Legislative Analyst has been the backbone of the City's legislative might, and I believe it is important that it remain as such. At times the Council and/or its membership may not agree with the advice of the Chief Legislative Analyst, but it is important for whoever is selected to this position to be able to continue to give the Council unbiased and independent advice. It is crucial in the proper governance of the City that the office of the CLA maintains independence and integrity. The CLA's office has been and should remain an institutional force that provides accurate and independent

feedback to the City Council. The role of the CLA is of great significance, and choosing a successor should be a high priority for the City Council to focus on over the next several months.

### Ms. Miscikowski Council District 11 represents the following areas:

- LAX
- Westchester
- Playa del Rey
- Del Rey
- Mar Vista
- Playa Vista
- Marina del Rey (City of LA)
- Venice Palms
- West LA
- Brentwood
- Pacific Palisades

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# New Harbor Employees

■ Harbor holds semi-regular orientation for new employees.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

On Dec. 7, the Port of LA held another one of its semi-regular new employee orientation afternoons. (This was the end-of-year orientation.) The program helps familiarize new and transfer employees to the Harbor.

The event took place on Liberty Hill on San Pedro, and aboard the Angelina II.

The Club was proud to sponsor the Continental breakfast, as we have at previous orientations. We hope you enjoyed the food!

The Club welcomes new and transferred employees to the Harbor and thanks Martin Chavez for his assistance.



Captain Di Tucci, Captain of Angelina II, illustrates how much the Port has grown.



Florida "dredges" on at the Port (it's one of the reasons why the Port might be DWP's biggest customer).



Eden Garcia, General Accounting, 1 month.



Froilan Naro, Land Survey Assistant, 16 years, Club Member.



From left: Kedren Pilgrim, Clerk, 4.5 years, Club Member, and Jamie Page, Clerk Typist, 6.5 years.



From left: Kyle Susswain, MA1, 3.5 years, and Kat Prickett, Environmental Specialist, 5 months.



Julian Benjamin, Clerk Typist, 2 years.



Maria Rongavilla Sayoto, Engineering, 12.5 years, Club Member.



Kecia Brooks, Sr. Clerk Typist, 15 years, Club Member.



Claudia Romero, Sr. Clerk Typist, 3.5 years, Club Member.



Kai Wong, Procurement Analyst 1, 8.9 years.

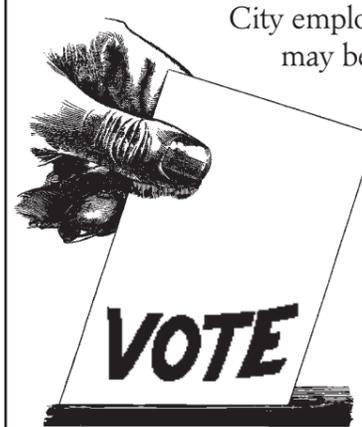


## CITY EMPLOYEE POLLWORKERS SOUGHT FOR UPCOMING ELECTIONS

**Positions could include overtime pay.**

The City of Los Angeles has established and funded a comprehensive City Employee Poll Worker Program that will place City employees at polling places to assist community volunteer poll workers for the upcoming **March 8 and May 17 municipal elections.**

City employees assigned to work at polling places may be paid overtime, in accordance with their Memorandum of Understanding.



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# New Day at LAWA

■ Kim Day appointed executive director of Airports.

The Board of Airport Commissioners (BOAC) announced in late October the appointment of Kim Day as executive director of Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), the City department that operates Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and three other airports.

Day had served as interim executive director since December 2003 following the resignation of Lydia Kennard. Day's appointment was announced at a BOAC meeting following an extensive nationwide search and consideration of more than 100 candidates. Interviews of finalists were conducted by a panel of airport stakeholders and the BOAC. The BOAC voted in closed session to appoint Day.

"The Board of Airport Commissioners is confident that it has made an excellent choice in selecting Kim Day to lead Los Angeles World Airports," said BOAC President Cheryl Petersen. "She is extremely well qualified to lead the department as demonstrated by her accomplishments over the past year as interim executive director."

Before being named interim executive director, Day served in the position of LAWA Deputy Executive Director of Project and Facilities Development since November 1999. She was responsible for design, construction and engineering projects at all four airports. She was also charged with overseeing LAWA's Facilities Planning, Engineering, Residential Soundproofing, Construction & Maintenance and Space Planning Divisions.

Day is an architect with more than 25 years of experience in all phases of design and implementation, including substantial work on aviation projects. She began her professional career in 1977 with Daniel, Mann, Johnson and Mendenhall (DMJM) of Los Angeles/San Francisco. As a DMJM vice president, Day oversaw a variety of airport and transportation projects, including serving as project director for the Ontario International Airport Terminal Project.

Day earned her Bachelor of architecture degree from Cornell University in 1977, and has completed graduate course work for the Haas School of Business at the University of California, Berkeley. She is a member of the American Institute of Architects.

In accordance with City Charter, the appointment was subject to confirmation by the Mayor and City Council.



Kim Day

# LAX Plan Nearing Liftoff?

■ Council approves consensus plan for major LAX rebuild, but obstacles may be placed in its way.

Dec. 7, the City Council approved Mayor Jim Hahn's controversial plan to rebuild Los Angeles International Airport. But expected lawsuits by other governments and neighborhood groups could challenge the plan's ultimate and complete implementation. The final version of the plan was developed by consensus with the Council.

Mayor Jim Hahn applauded the City Council for voting to move forward with the plan to modernize LAX. Mayor Hahn was joined by members of the business, labor, environmental and residential communities today at City Hall to celebrate final override of a County land-use com-

ground transportation center located east of the current passenger terminal area; northern runway improvements; demolishing Terminals 1, 2, 3 and the north end of the Tom Bradley International Terminal; and construction of a new western terminal.

"The long-awaited modernization of L.A.'s international air gateway is finally at hand," said LAWA Executive Director Kim Day. "Upon receiving final federal approval early next year [2005], we will be ready to embark on a full decade of construction projects and community mitigation measures that will benefit all LAX stakeholders and the Southern California economy."

Approval of the Consensus Plan also enables the City to move forward with an historic agreement between the City of Los Angeles, LAWA and the LAX Coalition for Economic, Environmental and Educational Justice, which includes more than 20 community groups, envi-

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ronmental organizations, school districts and labor unions.

mission opposed to the plan, the final certification of the LAX Master Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR), and the adoption of the Consensus Plan.

"Today the City of Los Angeles demonstrated a shared commitment to creating a safer, more secure airport," the mayor said. "My primary interest in improving the airport is to increase the security of LAX's employees, travelers and infrastructure. This plan will enhance the safety of the millions of passengers who move through the airport every year."

As a result of the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, Mayor Hahn directed Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) to develop a new alternative to airport modernization that focused on safety and security, which resulted in the LAX Master Plan Alternative D, the Enhanced Safety and Security Alternative.

The Consensus Plan, developed by Mayor Hahn and City Councilmember Cindy Miscikowski, is a process for airport modernization that would allow LAWA to move forward on elements of the LAX Master Plan Alternative D that enjoy the support of many stakeholders. These elements include realignment of the south-side airfield, a new consolidated rental car facility, a new intermodal transportation center that links to regional transit, an automated people mover, and an expansion of the FlyAway program.

"The City Council today indicated that they were ready to begin the process of modernizing LAX to both meet the needs of the aviation industry and balance the concerns of the surrounding communities," said Councilmember Miscikowski. "The LAX Master Plan will provide for the safety, security and convenience to the traveling public. Meanwhile, the Master Plan, the Stakeholder Liaison and the new Community Benefits Agreement will allow local communities to have a real voice in mitigating the impacts of daily flight operations."

The Consensus Plan would also require additional studies involving vehicular traffic impacts, aviation activity and security issues before "yellow-lighted" elements of Alternative D were implemented. These elements include a new

ronmental organizations, school districts and labor unions.

At more than \$500 million, the Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) represents the largest and most comprehensive CBA ever negotiated.

"Last year I directed LAWA staff and my own staff to work with the coalition to negotiate an agreement that would provide environmental, economic and educational benefits to the most impacted communities surrounding the airport," said Mayor Hahn. "This Community Benefits Agreement is a national model for airport development and serves to enhance the quality of life for those living around the airport. In the spirit of cooperation and trust, together we have developed a comprehensive plan of which we can all be proud."

Some of those benefits include:

- Increased funding for the soundproofing of homes and all affected schools;
- Retrofitting diesel construction vehicles and other diesel vehicles operating on the tarmac to curb dangerous air pollutants by up to 90 percent;
- Electrifying airplane gates to eliminate pollution from jet engine idling;
- Studying the health impacts of airport operations on surrounding communities and making those studies public on the LAWA Website;
- \$15 million in job training funds for airport and aviation-related jobs;
- Creating a local hiring program to give priority to local residents, low-income and special needs individuals for new LAX jobs; and
- Enhanced opportunities for local, minority and women-owned businesses in the modernization of LAX.

The last comprehensive update of LAX was completed in 1956, and the last major upgrades to terminals and airport roads were completed before the 1984 Olympics.

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How do you feel about the plans to modernize LAX? Write to Alive!, and we'll publish your comments: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

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# Pinned for Service



## Sworn and civilian LAPD veterans are honored for their longevity and dedication.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

For longtime LAPD veterans, the pin means everything: the pin signifies dedication and longevity.

On Nov. 2, the LAPD honored its veterans with at least 30 years of service at a pinning ceremony. It was the last such ceremony to take place in the auditorium in Parker Center, due to remodeling and new facilities.

According to Personnel Director Tom Brennan, this was the largest participation by far. The semi-annual 30 Year Service Pin

Presentation Ceremony for those with 30 years and above took place with the Board of Police Commissioners and the Chief of Police. Certificates and service pins were presented to sworn and civilian personnel eligible during the 2nd and 3rd quarter of 2004. Family, friends and co-workers of all recipients were welcome to attend.

The attire for the occasion is Class A Uniform without cover for sworn employees and business attire for civilian employees.

The Club thanks Personnel Director Tom Brennan, Commanding Officer of Personnel Division for inviting us to the ceremony, and Leticia Mares and April Richmond, who assisted with information regarding the ceremony.

The Club was proud to be in attendance at this excellent event.



Chief of Police William J. Bratton delivers the congratulatory remarks, celebrating the men and women of the department.



Thom Brennan, Personnel Director, Commanding Officer of Personnel Division, Club Member, delivers the opening remarks before calling out the names of the recipients.



Michael Marsolek, Sgt. II, West Traffic Division, 30 years.



Madelen F. Davis, Principal Clerk Police III, Van Nuys Area, 30 years.



Larry Wehage, Sgt. II, Newton Area, 30 years.



Mary J. Keating, Sr. Management Analyst 1, Jail Division-Metro, 30 years, Club Member.



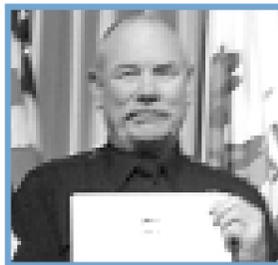
Richard Ackerman, Lieutenant 1, Valley Traffic Division, 30 years.



Victor Masi, Sgt II, Devonshire Area, 35 years.



Leo Ortega, Police Officer III, Hollywood Area, 30 years.



Ronald Batesole, Sgt. II, Wilshire Area, 40 years.



Ricardo Demartino, Lieutenant 1, Harbor Area, 30 years.



Ferdinand Faustino, Detective III, Rampart Area, 30 years.



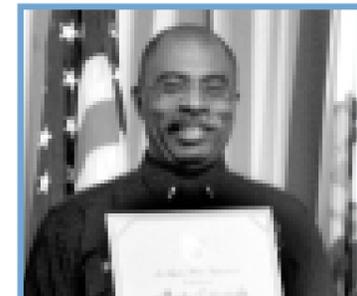
Ronald Phillips, Detective III, West Los Angeles Area, 35 years.



John Crotty, Detective II, Southeast Area, 30 years.



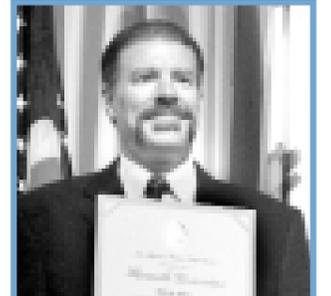
Juana I. Riley, Management Aide, Facilities Management Division, 30 years.



Marty Cotwright, Lieutenant 1, Newton Area, 30 years.



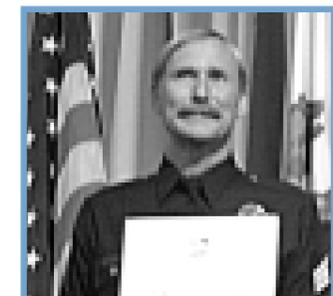
Yolanda E. Jaimez, Sr. Personnel Analyst 1, Continuing Education Division, 35 years, Club Member.



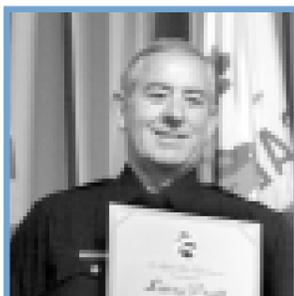
Kenneth Buscarino, Sgt. II, Hollywood Area, 30 years.



Cheryl J. Richards, Management Aide, Commission Investigation Division, 30 years.



Donald Tudor, Sgt. I, Training Group, 30 years.



Larry Pratt, Police Officer III, Central Area, 35 years.



Cayler Carter, Deputy Chief, Central Bureau, 30 years.



Michael Kriha, Detective II, Major Crimes Division, 40 years.



Kent Anderson, Detective III, Major Crimes Division, 35 years.



Michael Woodings, Detective III, Commercial Crimes Division, 30 years.



Jimmy Love, Police Officer II, Communications Division, 30 years.



Cheryl A. Jantz, Sr. Management Analyst 1, Commission Investigation Div., 30 years, Club Member.



Mark Leap, Commander, Critical Incident Management Bureau, 35 years.



Coleen A. Briggs, Sr. Management Analyst I, Training Division, 35 years, Club Member.



Douglas Raymond, Detective III, Major Crimes Division, 30 years.



Jeffrey Siggers, Sgt. II, Professional Standards Bureau, 30 years.



Ernest London, Police Officer III, Southwest Area, 30 years.



Michael Pavelka, Detective III, Commercial Crimes Division, 30 years.



Michael Neveaux, Police Officer II, Air Support Division, 30 years.



Ralph Arzate, Police Officer III, Northeast Area, 30 years.



Joseph Curreri, Captain III, Devonshire Area, 30 years.



Elaine R. Prince, Clerk Typist, North Hollywood Area, 30 years.



Helen M. Ricks, Hearing Reporter, Professional Standards Bureau, 40 years.



Lyle Prideaux, Lieutenant II, Robbery-Homicide Division, 30 years.



Javier Gonzalez, Detective II, Major Crimes Division, 30 years.



Brian Carr, Detective III, Robbery Homicide Division, 30 years.



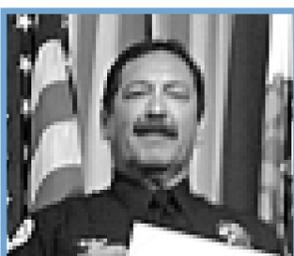
Michael Florio, Lieutenant 1, West Valley Area, 30 years.



Paul Geggie, Lieutenant II, Risk Management Group, 30 years.



James Gerardi, Detective II, North Hollywood Area, 30 years.



David Avila, Police Officer II, Air Support Division, 30 years.



Gregory Derousseau, Detective II, West Valley Area, 30 years.



Emmanuel Hernandez, Lieutenant II, Juvenile Division, 30 years.



Bertha Calderon, Secretary, Property Division, 40 years.



Roger Gayhart, Detective III, Juvenile Division, 30 years.



Andrew Monsue, Lieutenant II, Central Area, 30 years.



David Pierson, Lieutenant 1, Harbor Area, 30 years.

## LAPD Service Pin Recipients

### 35 years:

#### Lieutenant II

Otis Dobine, Commercial Crimes Division  
Leslie Lutz, Personnel Division

#### Detective III

William Fallis, Professional Standard Bureau

#### Detective II

Donald Barfield, Narcotics Division  
Francis Bolan, Wilshire Area  
Michael Farrant, Narcotics Division  
Dave Harned, Commercial Crimes Division  
Frederick Hescong, Devonshire Area  
William Baxter, Detective III, Juvenile Division

#### Sergeant I

Ronald Lopez, Northeast Area, Club Member  
Bruce Wallace, Central Traffic Division

#### Police Officer III

Donald Cox, Public Information Office  
Michael Damianakes, Narcotics Division  
Steven Stear, Metropolitan Division

#### Police Officer II

Donald Matthews, West Valley Area

#### Equipment Mechanic

Craig W. Morgan, Motor Transport Division

### 30 years:

#### Captain III

Allan Michelena, Robbery-Homicide Division

#### Sr. Management Analyst II

Marianne F. Blodgett, Fiscal Operations Division

#### Lieutenant II

John Fletcher, Special Operations Support Division  
Lenny Hundshamer, Civil Right Integrity Division  
Joseph Owens, Wilshire Area  
Dennis Shirey, Juvenile Division  
Howard Silverstein, Hollywood Area

#### Lieutenant I

Andy Heredero, Central Area

#### Detective III

Larry Broadhurst, Hollenbeck Area  
Michael Depasquale, Pacific Area  
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Ronald Robbins, West Valley Area  
Daniel Schultz, Commercial Crimes Division

#### Sergeant II

Michael Apodaca, Ombuds Office  
Jimmy Blum, Wilshire Area, Club Member  
Richard Laguna, Training Division  
Paul Modrell, Valley Traffic Division  
Paul Partridge, Jail Division-Metro  
Gary Romo, Communications Division  
Alan Sorkness, West Valley Area  
Thomas Toutant, North Hollywood Area  
Charles Urso, Professional Standards Bureau

#### Sr. Police Service Representative II

Holly J. Tufts, Communications Division

#### Detective II

Jon Anderson, North Hollywood Area  
Ralph Huerta, Valley Traffic Division  
Larry Minton, Van Nuys Area  
Perry Moore, Narcotics Division  
James Redman, Organized Crime and Vice Division  
Kent Ridenour, Organized Crime and Vice Division  
John Vanderhorck, Harbor Area  
Charles Zeglin, Special Operations Support Division

#### Sergeant I

John Armour, Devonshire Area  
Joseph Ciancanelli, Northeast Area  
Robert Hamilton, West Los Angeles Area  
Gregory Hancock, West Traffic Division  
Frank Montelongo, West Valley Area  
Robert Smith, Wilshire Area  
Eddie Solomon, Rampart Area  
David Tavizon, Central Area  
Gregory Vinger, North Hollywood Area

#### Detective I

Joseph Bagwell, 77th Street Area  
Raymond Conboy, Hollywood Area  
Thomas Herman, Hollenbeck Area  
Mark Kislig, Organized Crimes and Vice Division  
William Longacre, Commercial Crimes Division  
Steven Metz, North Hollywood Area  
Daniel Welle, North Hollywood Area

#### Detective III

Roger Michel, Detective III, Detective Support Division

#### Police Officer III

Richard Coates, 77th Street Area  
Rudolph Deleon, Metropolitan Area  
Robert Donaldson, Metropolitan Area  
Thomas Fox, Central Traffic Division  
Louis Huett, Metropolitan Division  
Arthur Ibarra, Harbor Area  
Steven Manriquez, Rampart Area  
Theetta Rankins, Wilshire Area  
Donald Sanquist, Central Area  
William Springer, Northeast Area

#### Principal Clerk Police III

Nancy A. Larson, West Los Angeles Area

#### Police Officer II

Robert Bean, Air Support Division  
Donald Blanken, Foothill Area  
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Robert Percy, Air Support Division  
Ronald Ray, Special Operations Support Division  
Robert Williamson, West Traffic Division  
Michael Wilson, Pacific Area

#### Principal Clerk Police II

Pamela R. Franklin, Information Technology Division, Club Member

#### Secretary

Sara S. Saucier, Wilshire Area, Club Member

#### Detention Officer

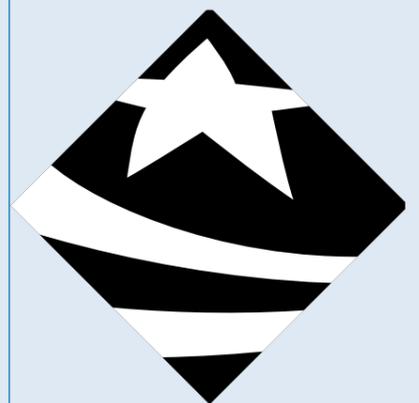
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## For Retirees *By Phil Skarin, RLACEI Publicity Chair*

### MEMBER NEWS

Member News: After two terms on the Morro Bay City Council, **John Lemons** is working more on his golf game. My handicap has gone up to 15, he complained. Mine has just come down to 30! ...

**Ivan Forbes** just won a \$100 gift certificate in a Pet-Owner Look-Alike Photo Contest held by the City Employees Club of L.A. See Page 15 of the November *Alive!* paper ...

**Charles Andrews** and his wife, **Joanne**, volunteer at the Nutrition Center of the Josslyn Senior Center in Burbank ...

Six of the winning poems in this year's Poetry Contest are on Page 25 of the November *Alive!* paper ...

**Marcella Butler** took a class in Creative Writing – Poetry at the Southwestern Oklahoma State University. The University published a book of the students' poems, a copy of which she sent to me ...

**John and Marguerite Shadle** celebrated their 58th anniversary by going on an ocean cruise from San Pedro to Hilo, Hawaii. It took three weeks, and then they touched port at each of the other islands in Hawaii...

**Dan and Vyrel Mircheff** will celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary Jan. 5 ...

**Phil and Miriam Skarin** celebrated their 54th Nov. 18, the same date he enlisted in the Marine Corps (in 1942), but this "hitch" lasted longer...

**Dale Rogers**, Temple City, is active in real estate. His son, Carl, is a superintendent at the Hyperion Plant; Paul is a supervisor at the Convention Center; and John works for the Postal Service ...

Condolences: **Bob Dye's** wife, **Jeanette**, passed away Nov. 8 in San Diego. **Bob Esterbrook's** wife, **Vi**, passed away Nov. 19 in Arizona. Ernest Newsom passed away Nov. 12...

**Jack Chestor Matthews** was given a special commendation in October in Las Vegas at the Fordyce Club's 27th annual tribute. His 16 years of service in the Fordyce Club included offices in local chapters and at the national level, including national president ...

**Al Goldfarb** just completed 25 years as a writer for the Southern California Golf News. Did he get a service pin? No, he got a pink slip because the publication folded. He recalls interviewing Tiger Woods when Tiger was only 15 ...

**Bill Turner** has been very active in his retirement. He has competed in marathons in Honolulu, Portland and Dallas. He was a member of the 2002 – 03 County Grand Jury. He volunteers in the City Attorney's office in the Dispute Resolution Program.

# LACERS Fund at All-Time High, Reaches \$8.2 Billion



**Ed Harding,**  
*RLACEI President*

*Retiree's Corner by Phil Skarin, RLACEI Publicity Chair*

**Ed Harding**, RLACEI President, reports: "We had more than 200 retirees and guests at our Christmas Party Dec. 9 at the Grace Simons Lodge in Elysian Park. Americo Garza did a fine job in making the arrangements, including a fine luncheon catered by Chris & Pitts. Sue Skarin, Phil Skarin's daughter-in-law, provided some excellent musical entertainment on her \$15,000 harp.

Special guests included Robert Aguallo Jr., General Manager of LACERS; John Hawkins, President of the City Employees Club of Los Angeles; and members of their staff.

**Hynda Rudd**, former City Chief Archivist, installed the officers who will begin new two-year terms beginning this month. Checker Cab provided courtesy rides from the parking areas to the Lodge.

Legislative Update: Ken Spiker, our elected member of LACERS Board of Directors, is very pleased to report that the LACERS fund has reached an all-time high of \$8.2 billion. It is notable that the fund has recovered from the losses that occurred in 2001 and 2002. Ken gives the LACERS staff, especially Dan Gallagher, the

credit for the recovery and excellent investment advice.

The LACERS Board of Directors has unanimously approved a proposal offering the City a 15 year payback plan for the \$43 million the City owes the retirement fund. If approved by the City Council and Mayor, the plan will become effective on July 1, 2005, and carry an 8 percent annual interest rate.

Ken also reports that the Board of Directors has approved an increase in the monthly Medicare Part B reimbursement from \$66.60 to \$78.20. The increase became effective Jan. 1 and will match the announced 17 percent rate increase of the Federal Medicare Program.

### Coming events:

**Tuesday, June 14, 2005:**  
**Retirees Golf Classic**

*More info to come*

**If you have news about yourself or other retirees that you'd like to share, send it to Phil Skarin 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910, or phone (818) 784-0130 or fax (818) 906-3722.**

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

*After the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas we usually have a diet of warmed up leftovers until they are finally fed to the dogs.*

*As we begin the New Year, we are faced with a different kind of leftovers, such as promises we didn't keep wrongs we didn't make right affections we have withheld responsibilities we have neglected.*

*So, let us take care of these leftovers and then have a Happy New Year!*

*Phil Skarin*

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# John's Picture Perfect Contest

## Introducing *Alive!*'s Picture Perfect Contest

Do you have a favorite snapshot that you've taken? Send it in to Club CEO John Hawkins, and you could win!

Every month we'll pick a winning shot. The winning photographer will receive a \$50 gift certificate.

Every issue will have a submission deadline, but you can enter in any month ... and re-enter if your photograph was not chosen.

"I can't wait to see your great photos," John says. "Go ahead: Impress me!"

Read the rules below to the left, and happy snapping!

**Next month's Deadline:**  
February 10

**WIN \$50 Best Buy gift certificate**

### Photo Contest 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.



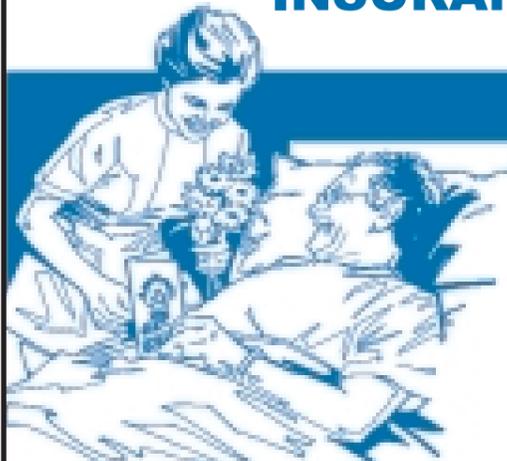
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**Photo Contest**

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# Where in LA?

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**New Photo ... Great Prize**

**Get ready for another great contest. We wish you could all win!**

For January, we're keeping the same great prize: a \$50 gift certificate to Claim Jumper Restaurant. Excellent, you say! All you have to do is send in a correct and substantial answer (in your own words) to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com, and you could win!

## What is this? Where is this?



**The Club member who gives us the most complete, detailed description of the object related to the City of Los Angeles wins the great prize!**

- This month's deadline: Feb 14. See complete list of rules at bottom right.
  - Thanks for playing, and good luck!
- Send your response along with your Club card number by e-mail whereinla@cityemployeesclub.com, by fax ([213] 620-0598) or by surface mail (350 S. Figueroa, Suite 700, Los Angeles 90071).

**The winner of last month's contest is: KEN MOODY, ITA.**



**Here is Ken's response: "The photo is of one of the outside benches at Marvin Braude San Fernando Valley Constituent Service Center. The Constituent Service Center had its grand opening June 23, 2003. The building has 140,000 square feet of office space and has 13 City department located within it."**

**You got it, Ken. Here's a little more information: The Story Benches are a public artwork (and benches for sitting) by Kim Abels. From the bench: "Abels interviewed local professionals and scholars to collect direct impressions of the people, places and nature of the Valley; then she commissioned poet Lewis McAdams to compose The Valley Suite of poems, to be cast-bronze in the handwriting of the poet." Very cool!**

**Here are a few others who got it right: Yoly Ortiz, GSD; and Sheila Baker. Thanks also to Bill Martin and Kathi Shippy, who sent in (imaginative!) responses, but were not correct.**

**Contest Rules:**

1. Winning contestants must be Club members in good standing. Everyone is welcome to submit responses, however. (Responses without Club membership numbers will be accepted but not eligible for the winning prize.)
2. Responses can be delivered by mail, fax, e-mail or in person (phone responses will not be accepted).
3. Winning responses will be determined by official Club personnel. All decisions will be final.
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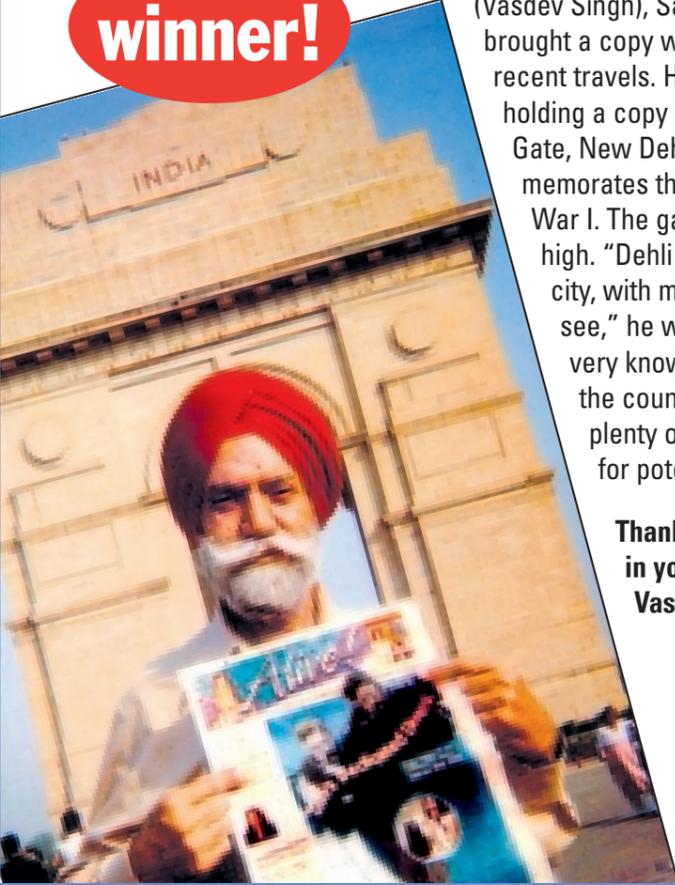
## Alive! Around the World

The last two months we offered two free movie tickets to the Club member who takes his or her copy of *Alive!* on vacation with them ... and takes a picture from a far away and interesting location.

We have a  
winner!

*Alive!* travels to India with "Vas" (Vasdev Singh), Sanitation, who brought a copy with him on his recent travels. He is shown holding a copy in front of India Gate, New Dehli, which commemorates the end of World War I. The gate is 42 meters high. "Dehli is a beautiful city, with many places to see," he wrote. He is very knowledgeable on the country and offers plenty of information for potential tourists.

**Thanks for sending in your great photo, Vas!**



Congratulations, Vas!



The new Chatsworth Branch Library.

## New Chapter in Chatsworth

### ■ New Chatsworth Library opens.

Story and photos by Bev Haro, Club Counselor

On Nov. 15, the Library Dept. opened up its brand new branch in Chatsworth, on Devonshire Ave. The department's new City Librarian, Fontayne Holmes, welcomed guests and neighbors.

Speakers included Mayor Jim Hahn; Councilmember Greig Smith; Geri Witt, vice president of the Board of Library Commissioners; Keith Watts, president of Friends of Chatsworth Branch; and Ashley Gomez, a sixth-grade student at the Ernest Lawrence Middle School.

The Pledge of Allegiance was executed by the

James Monroe High School JROTC.

The original Chatsworth branch opened in 1963 as the department's 59 branch. That building was demolished so that a new, impressive building could take its place. The new 12,500-square-foot facility offers multiple computer workstations that link patrons to the LAPL Website, catalog, a vast array of databases and the Internet. The branch also has special areas for children, teens and adults and a multipurpose meeting room.

Construction of the new building was funded by Proposition DD, a library bond that will build or renovate 32 new branch library facilities, four in communities without current library service.

The building was designed by Mahmoud Gharachedaghi of GA Design. The building contains many art projects as well.

Congratulations on this great new facility!



Also attending the event were (from left) LAFD Assistant Chief Curtis James and Firefighter Williams (Fire Station 88, Division III).

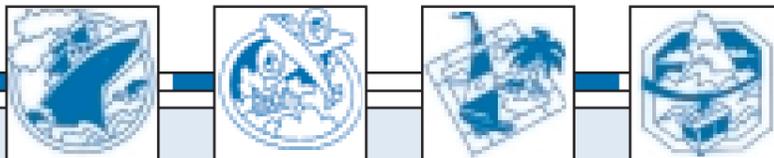


Councilman Greig Smith presents an award to Fontayne Holmes, City Librarian.



Mayor Hahn cuts the ribbon at the grand opening.

## OFFICIAL CLUB PARTNER



# Travel Talk

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



## Make Sure to Pack A Sense of Humor

I thought it might be fun to share with you some personal adventures I've experienced while traveling the world.

When I was 12 years old, I convinced my father to take me on a Princess cruise to Mexico. This was still a few years before *The Love Boat* hit television screens, so cruising was still in its infancy. They had evening games where the Cruise Director helped the passengers get to know each other. One game was a sort of relay race where we popped balloons by sitting on other people's laps. This was a great ice breaker that probably wouldn't be politically correct today. Anyway, a very attractive girl my age popped a balloon on my lap. That eventually led to my very first kiss a few days later. After four years, I found the girl's name in the phone book and we began dating. We dated on and off for six more years.

One pop of a balloon spawned a friendship that has lasted for decades. Today's cruises to Mexico are on ships 10 times the size of the one we were on and they cost less than they did back then, but I bet there are still a few people who share their first kiss on a "Love Boat."

You would think everything would go smoothly for professionals in the travel business, wouldn't you? Well it doesn't always happen that way! My wife and I took our kids to a top resort in Hawaii when our oldest child was only five. We did millions of dollars in business with the particular hotel and its parent company, but we were greeted by a desk agent with an attitude. The connecting oceanfront rooms we were promised were not available for us. We were told that our children could be in one wing and my wife and I could be in another wing, about a ten-minute walk away. This desk clerk was serious! When I asked for the manager, the same clerk did a 360-degree turn and advised me that she was the acting manager that evening. We ended up sharing a garden room with roll-aways that night. I was able to reach the president of the hotel chain the next morning, and our rooms were changed along with a big apology. Nevertheless, there was absolutely nothing I could have done to resolve the situation the night before. We were VIPs and treated like that! We now have much more empathy for what our clients occasionally go through, even at the best properties. That situation was one of the reasons my company, Cruise and Resort, became part of the Virtuoso Group. This group represents the majority of upscale vacation travel booked by people in the United States. We have special representatives at most properties to try to make sure what happened to us doesn't happen to our guests. Even with that in our hip pocket, it doesn't always assure our clients will never encounter a

rude desk clerk.

My wife and I have been on more than 60 cruises, so we know not to miss the boat! We were hosting a group on a Bermuda cruise that stopped in Norfolk, Va., a little over a year ago. A few of our families got together and rented a van from a major car rental agency so we could take our kids to Williamsburg for the day. After dropping off some of our group at the ship, we returned the van to the agency just ten minutes away. This was two hours before the ship was supposed to sail. The rental car agency offered to drive us (myself, my eight-year-old son and a friend) back to the ship. Taking them up on their offer turned out to be a big mistake. After driving for about 20 minutes, the driver said she had just come down from the mountains where she had lived her whole life and she was totally lost. We ended up



in a terrible traffic jam, stuck on a bridge, and going the wrong way on a one-way street.

The captain of the ship waited as long as he could, but alas, when we finally arrived, the ship had just departed. We made arrangements with the port agent to take a taxi to Virginia Beach, board a launch boat and meet the ship on the open seas. (This misadventure required a stop at an ATM so I could pay the launch operator \$400.) A rope ladder was thrown overboard and we actually had to climb aboard the ship while it was moving. Not only was it scary, but the embarrassment was overwhelming. Hundreds of passengers were taking pictures and videos as we made our way up the ropes. We lost all anonymity on that cruise; we became celebrities! We even gained a few new clients who said we really knew how to find adventure beyond the typical shore excursions!

The above examples show that you never know what you might encounter while traveling. Not everything always goes according to plan. If you have an open mind, an open heart, and the willingness to roll with the unexpected, traveling really is a great deal of fun!

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# Holiday Wrap-up

## A Holiday Tradition

### Retired folks have holiday fun.

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

On Dec. 9, the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) held its annual Christmas party and luncheon and installation of officers. As it was last year, the party was held at the Grace E. Simons Lodge near Dodger Stadium.

There was a great party atmosphere, as very many people were there to renew acquaintances and wish each other a great holiday.

The Club was happy to donate attendance prizes, and the Club thanks RLACEI for inviting us to this event. We always look forward to it!



RLACEI Board.



From left: Curtis Hopson, retired from Street Maintenance; Elvie Walker, retired from Street Maintenance; Gene Walker, retired from Street Maintenance; and Shirley Walker, retired from Street Maintenance.



From left: Carmen Gomez, guest; John Gomez, retired from Recreation and Parks – City Center District; and Pete Torres, retired General Services – Fleet Division.



Janet Valadez, guest; and Jimmy Wright, retired from Street Maintenance.



From left: Jack Mathews, RLACEI Board Member, retired from General Services; Denise McGee, retired from Rec and Parks; and Paul McGee, retired from General Services.



From left: Les Iden, retired from General Services; Ina Rasmussen, retired from General Services; Sharren Iden, retired from Street Services; and Mico Rousso, retired from Public Works – Engineering.



Phil Skarin, RLACEI Publicity Chair



From left: Milton S. Cohen, retired from Public Works – Contract Administration; Eva Lopez, guest; George Lopez, retired from Planning; and Reginald Foster, retired from Planning.



Curtis Hopson, retired from Street Maintenance, wins a \$50 Albertsons gift card from the Club.



Marguerite and John Shadle, retired photographer from Building and Safety.



From left: Ed Harding, RLACEI President; and Tom Redditt, Sr. Park Services Attendant. Tom did an awesome job of setting up the Grace E. Simons Lodge for the RLACEI Holiday Luncheon. Thanks, Tom!



Ken Spiker, RLACEI Board.



Juan and Sally Lopez, retired from the Library Department.



Leo and Norma Rosen, both retired from Engineering, win a \$50 Vons gift card from the Club.



Robert, LAFD, and Wilma Rebbe, retired from LAPD.



Clifford Leivas, retired from the Harbor Department.



From left: John Bogdanoff, retired from Recreation and Parks, and daughter, Joanne Bogdanoff-Ortiz.



From left: George Sehaad, retired from General Services; and Evelyn Akerman, retired from Public Works, and Poetry Contest Winner.



From left: Clyde Reed, retired from Public Works; Cameron Thomas, guest; and Paul Thomas, retired from ITA.



Julius, retired from the LAFD, and Mary Gonzalez.



Sara Ortiz, retired from Street Maintenance, wins \$50 Vons gift card from the Club.



Leon Lancaster, retired from Street Maintenance.

# Holiday Wrap-up

## Rec & Parks Party

■ Metro Region has a holiday breakfast.

Story and photo by Jorge Suarez, Club Counselor

The beautiful Romona Hall Center was filled with celebration as Rec and Parks Griffith Metro Region supervisors held a first-rate breakfast for their staff of directors, clerks, maintenance, etc.

The breakfast took place Dec. 16. More importantly, the Club thanks Rec and Parks for doing a fantastic job this year.



From left: Mark Mariscal, Superintendent (Griffith Metro), 25 years; Jon Mukri, General Manager; and George Stigile, Assistant General Manager (East), 33 years.



From left: Sonya Young, Childcare Associate, 6 years; Joe Stackhouse, Director (Rose Hill), 8 years; Roz Brown, Sr. Director (Yucca), 14 years; Adria Wilson, Class Parks Rec, 2 years; and Hua Ling, Rec Coordinator, 5 years.



From left: John P. Abetar, Civic Center Maintenance, 10 years; Dehava McLaurin, Civic Center Maintenance, 4 years; Edward Castellalos, Gardner, 13 years; and Troy Camp, SPA II, 3 years.



From left: Marci Berumen, Rec Coordinator(Griffith), 5 years; Dave Griffith, Sr. Director, 39 years; and Mark Houchberg, Sr. Clerk Typist, 24 years. Top: Armondo Martinez, Rec Coordinator (Hollenbeck), 5 years; and Larry Perales, Director (Hollenbeck), 25 years.



From left: Cecilia Contreras, Clerk Typist, 4 years; Lita Satterwhite, Senior Clerk Typist, 28 years; and Lilit Arutyunyan, Clerk Typist, 8.5 years.



From left: Carlos Rubio, SPA II, 1 year; Anthony Guerrero, Gardener, 5.5 years; and Gerardo Cortez, SPA II, 3 years.



From left: Karin Fox, Rec Coordinator (Yosemite), 4 years; Cassandra Burno, Sr. Rec Director (Yosemite), 7 years; and Celia Mann, Sr. Rec Director (Queen Anne), 6 years.



From left: Reyes Nunez, SPA II, 4 years; Maria Neito, SPA II, 9 years; Judy Sokolowsky, Clerk Typist, 15 years; and James Gordon, SPA II, 10 years.



From left: Liceta Bravs, Assistant Program, 23 years; Tiffany Tran, System Analyst, 5 years; and Daniel Do, Sr. Systems Analyst, 14 years.



From left: Pete Nishimura, Rec Coordinator Class Parks, 2 years; and Baya Louie, Rec Coordinator Class Parks, 3 years.



Keith Barbour, Rec Coordinator (Cypress), 5 years.



Jorge Suarez, Club Counselor, offering words of encouragement and praise.



From left: Santiago Cuevas, Director (El Sereno), 20 years; and Richard Sokolowski, Director (State), 30 years.



From left: Andy Price, Boxing Coordinator (Lincoln Park), 15 years, and Judy Sokolowsky, Clerk Typist, 15 years (Romona Hall).

## Holiday Central

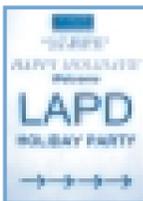
■ The holidays come to LAPD Central Station.

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

The LAPD Central Station held its festive holiday dinner Dec. 4 for friends, family and co-workers. Everyone could celebrate the season together.

The event was held at the Hyatt Regency Los Angeles.

The Club was happy to donate a prize for the raffle, and was glad to be part of the big night! Special thanks go to Captain Rubert, Officer Marie Kardiban and Cathy Susim for inviting the Club to join in.



Becky Padilla and her husband, Detective Felix Padilla, Central Traffic Detective, 16 years.



Back, from left: Rosalyn Lopez, Central Records, Club Member; Wilma Mayo, Central Records, Club Member; Lucy Rios, Central Records; and Vitolina Ganotise, Central Records, Club Member.



Marilyn Mack, Central, and John Mack, Retired LAPD Sergeant.



From left: Andria Shubin, LAPD, 18 years; Cynthia James, FOD, LAPD, 9 years, Club Member; and Michelle Soria, Central Patrol.



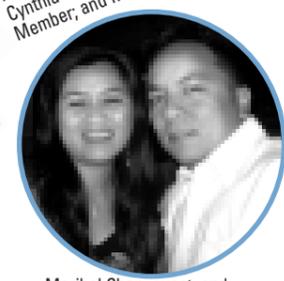
Nicole and Officer Sean Laule, CTD.



Jade Quek and husband Sergeant Bill Urrutia, CTD.



Back: Officer Marie Kardiban, Club Member. Seated, from left: Daisy Barajas, Central Booster's Secretary; Sergeant James Baker, Central Patrol; and Wendy Baker, LAPD South Traffic.



Maribel Chan, guest, and Officer Alan Rabina, CTD.



Eddie and Leslie Macias, DOT.



From left: Pete Foster, LAPD Central; and Irma Foster, LAPD Central; and Carlos Garcia, LAPS Central.

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## Angels Exist

■ **LAPD's Project Angel Tree brings Christmas spirit to the less fortunate.**

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

Sponsoring a less fortunate child at this special time of year is what Project Angel Tree is all about. And, at the Van Nuys Jail this past holiday season, the generosity continued. And how.

Last year, 30 Angels (youngsters) were sponsored by LAPD detention officers at Van Nuys. This year, 50. Two-thirds more.

"I am overcome with joy at the generosity

and willingness of City employees who have come together to give back to our community by sponsoring a child," said David Muraoka of the LAPD/Van Nuys Jail and Club Board Member. "They exemplify the true spirit of Christmas."

Some employees have made this a family project, getting their children, parents or siblings actively involved. Several employees sponsored more than one child.

Detention Officer Maria Elias and Senior Detention Officer Jose Jimenez were joint coordinators for the 2004 Angel Tree Project. For the past couple of years, Principal Detention Officer Jennifer Malis was the catalyst who got the Van Nuys Jail Detention Officers involved in this project; she is assigned downtown at Parker Center.



From left: Maria Elias, Detention Officer, 3.5 years, Club Member; Captain Patrick Findley, Commanding Officer Jail Division; Alejandro DiazValle, Detention Officer, 4.2 years, Club Member; Rozine Kalaidjian, Secretary, 4.5 years, Club Member; and Genesis Garrett, Detention Officer, 11.5 years, Club Member.



Standing by a Christmas tree, with presents, from left: Jaime Amador, Principal Detention Officer, 25 years, Club Member; Captain Patrick Findley, Commanding Officer Jail Division; Maria Elias, Detention Officer, 3.5 years, Club Member; and Genesis Garrett, Detention Officer, 11.5 years, Club Member.



From left: Captain Patrick Findley, Commanding Officer Jail Division; and Helen Vondrus, Detention Officer, 3.2 years.



From left: Bonita Wellner, Detention Officer, 9 years; and Captain Patrick Findley, Commanding Officer Jail Division.

## Well-Planned Party

■ **City Planning Dept. has holiday party.**

Story and photos by Jorge Suarez, Club Counselor

The City Planning Dept. held its annual holiday party high atop City Hall Dec. 7. The party was held in the Tom Bradley Room in City Hall. The Club thanks City Planning for inviting us to celebrate the holidays with you.

Here are some photos of the event.



From left: Jae Kim, City Planning Associate, 7 years; and Ronny Biron, City Planning Assistant, 3 years.



From left: Alan Bell, Associate Planner, 20 years; and Herman Van Bueen, City Planner, 25 years.



From left: Gabrielle Williams, Commission Supervisor, 30 years, and Dr. John Lett, Commissioner, 3 years.



From left: Dave Manhart, GIS Supervisor, 35 years; Art Espinoza, GIS Specialist, 25 years; Maria Raz, Assistant Analyst, 3 years; David Dieudonne, GIS Specialist, 3 years; Garry Himan, GIS Specialist, 5 years; and Louie Angeles, GIS Specialist, 19 years.



Top, from left: Conni Pallini, Mel Sayo, Kit Awakuni, Iris Awakuni and Julie Hanaoka. Bottom: Maria Ortiz, Myra Vines and Meredith Elguirda.

## Airport Kids In the Spirit

■ **LAX holds annual Christmas party for children of employees.**

Story and photos by Liz Montes, Club Counselor



The LAX Association of Airport Employees held its annual Children's Christmas Party Saturday afternoon, Dec. 4, at the LAX First Child Care Center in Westchester. More than 400 LAX employees and their families attended.

The event was free to all airport employees. Guests enjoyed free food, prizes, games, carnival rides, pony rides and face painting.

The Club thanks City employee Kelly Arthurs for her assistance.



From left: Ferrari, Seaghan and Ahriael Colling.



Kids enjoying the party.



Revelers going for a spin in the bumper cars.



Enjoying the free pony rides.



Guests enjoy a free train ride around the park.



From left: Maria Abdallah, Custodian, 3 years; Enrique Alvarez, Custodian, 3 years; and Sabas Valencia, Custodian, 4 years.

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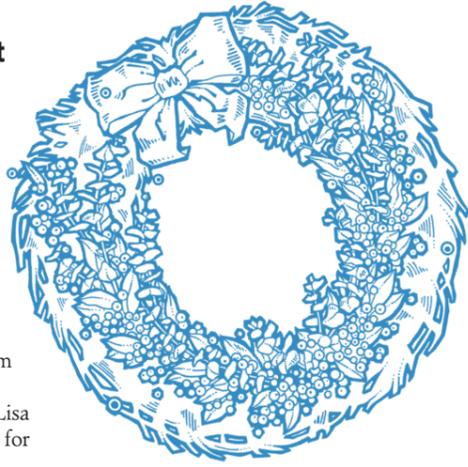
## Watts Trims the Tree

■ Watts Library Branch really got festive for the holidays.

Story by Bev Haro, Club Counselor  
Photos by Lisa Blackburn

The Watts Library Branch really went out of its way to bring out the holiday spirit for its many patrons and City employees. We're glad to show the rest of the world the good work you did! You made a lot of people have a more festive holiday, by helping them get into the spirit.

So here you go! Thanks. (And thanks to Lisa Blackburn, Catherine Law and Lucille Vestal for their assistance.)



Lucille Vestal, Branch Librarian, 34 years.



Catherine Law, Clerk Typist, 31 years, with (left) Allison and (right) Edward Blackburn, children of Lisa Blackburn.



Lisa Blackburn, Clerk Typist, 23 years.



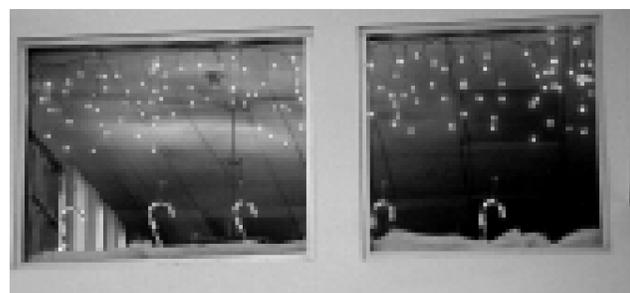
It won't take long before this Christmas card board gets filled with holiday cheer.



City Employees at the Watts Library decorate all corners and areas of the library.



The Watts Library Branch really helped make the season bright.



Candy cane decorations with snow lights bring out the holiday spirit for the many patrons that go this library.



## City Hall Lights It Up

■ The Rotunda comes alive for the holidays.

Story and photo by Robert Larios, Club Operations Manager

This year in the City Hall Rotunda (unlike last year, which took place on the south lawn of City Hall), Mayor Jim Hahn lit the City's official Christmas tree, for all the City's citizens.

It took place Dec. 7. Also featured were the Hope Institute of Music Children's Choir and the Dickens and Company Mistletoe Carolers.

City Departments that sponsored the event were Project Restore, the City Council, the Mayor's Office, DWP, Gen. Services and IIA. Other sponsors included the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 11 and the National Contractors Association.



The Holiday Tree in the center of the City Hall Rotunda.

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## DOT Traffic: For the Kids

Story and photos by Bev Haro, Club Counselor

On Dec. 16, 16 kids from South Park Elementary School were invited to a Christmas party at the DOT South Parking Enforcement facility, 7510 S. Figueroa. Each child received a new coat and a few presents from Santa. After each child received his/her gift, they had lunch.

According to Traffic Officer Barbara Bowers, during the 1985 holiday season the DOT Southern Division Parking Enforcement Supervisors and Traffic Officers began their Annual Christmas Toy Giveaway. The first recipient was the House of Uhuru (a home for Women and Children in Need). Over the next five years, Traffic Officers donated everything needed to make the holiday special for their families.

Soon thereafter children were no longer housed at the House of Uhuru. At this time the officers began what they now call the Adopt-a-Child program. Each year a different local elementary school is contacted and 15 to 20 young children are chosen based on need. The children are invited to a Christmas party with Santa, his helpers and lots of holiday cheer. The children each receive a new winter jacket, clothing and lots of toys. Everything is donated from the traffic officers and their unions, Local 347.

In December 2005, the program will celebrate its 20th year.



Christmas Tree displayed at Southern Division



Santa doesn't want to give up his toys yet.



Back row, from left: Sgt. Oscar Martin, 24 years; Captain Elma Walker, 34 years; Traffic Officer Loretta White, 30 years; Traffic Officer Phillip Hall, 17 years; Traffic Officer Berdena Garrett, 18 years; Arlecia Clay, Sr. Clerk, 8 years; and Garage Attendant Glenn Moore, 13 years. Seated: Traffic Officer Lois Thomas, 24 years. Front row: Traffic Officer Barbara Bowers, 20 years; and Russell Flores, Warehouse & Tool Room Worker.



From left: Officer Thomas, Club Member; Officer Bowers, Club Member; and Officer Garrett, Club Member, all help pass out coats for children.



The children were so excited to see Santa!



# Holiday Wrap-up

## Holidays Come To East Valley

■ Sanitation's East Valley Yard throws second Christmas celebration.

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

On Dec. 10, the holidays arrived at the East Valley!  
The Bureau of Sanitation's East Valley Yard celebrated its second annual Family Holiday Celebration. The party was for coworkers, friends and family.

The Club donated an X-box as well as other prizes for the raffle. Special thanks go to Joel Zuniga, Sal Miranda and Adriana Nunez for inviting their Club to participate.



From left: Maria Zurate, Clerk Typist, 4 years; Billy Medina, RCTO, 13 years; and Veronica Camacho, Clerk Typist, 5 years.



Back, from left: Manny Sanchez, RCTO, 17 years, and Enrique C. Zaldivar, Assistant Director. Middle: George Sanchez, RCTO, 1.5 years; Rita Robinson, Director, Bureau of Sanitation, Club Board Member; and Robert Garcia, RCTO, 22 years. Seated: John Pegg, RCTO, 18 years.



The crowd waits for their raffle ticket number to be called.



The crowd waits for their raffle ticket number to be called.



John Pegg, RCTO, 18 years, seasons the chicken.



Ron Cole, Driver, 15 years.



George Sanchez, RCTO, 1.5 years.



Back: Daniel McKay, Recycling Commodity Supervisor, 10 years. Front, from left: Robert Garcia, RCTO, 22 years, and Kenny Lampton, West Valley Recycling Supervisor, 23 years.



John Pegg, RCTO, 18 years (left) and Efrén Corral, RCTO (right) help present an Appreciation Award to Joel Zuniga, East Valley Superintendent, 20 years, Club Member (center).



From left: Jeff Armstead, RCTO, 5 years; Oscar Vargas, RCTO, 5 years; and Albert Gerardo, RCTO, 5 years.



From left: Lenore Jones, Supervisor, 27 years, with Tammy Ryder, Clerk Typist, 10 years.



From left: Sal Miranda, Division Manager 1, 28 years, Club Member, and Greig Smith, Councilman District 12.



Seated, from left: Jose Alonso, RCTO, 16 years, and Lance Brown, RCTO, 14 years. In back: Enrique C. Zaldivar, Assistant Director, with Rita Robinson, Director, Bureau of Sanitation, Club Board Member.



From left: Joe Garcia, RCTO, 15 years, and Louis Ballard, RCTO, 10 years.



From left: Joel Zuniga, EV Superintendent, 20 years, Club Member, with guest Priscilla Aragon.



Making sure the "chicken was not overcooked" were, from left, Sal Miranda, Division Manager 1, 28 years, Club Member, and Ron Lee, Supervisor East Valley, 18 years, Club Member.



Charles Davis, RCTO, 13 years.



From left: Rafael Perez, RCTO, 17 years, with Rafael Moreno, RCTO, 16 years, Club Member.



From left: David Sakamoto RCTO, 15 years, and Richard Santa Maria, RCTO, 14 years.



From left: Lloyd McMillan, RCTO, 15 years; Todd Tate, RCTO, 16 years, Club Member, who enjoys the sports section and his food at the same time.



From left: Manny Sanchez, RCTO, 17 years, with Gary Wong, Equipment Mechanic, 24 years, Club Member.



On the left, Chuck Salse, RCTO, 12 years, Club Member, gives his "thumbs up" for the great food. With him is James Barrett, RCTO, 12 years.



John Grimm, RCTO, 1.5 years.



Richard Santa Maria, RCTO, 14 years, proudly hold the X-box he just won. The prize was donated by the Club.



Seated: Aaron Galicia, RCTO, 5 years. Standing, from left: Bobbie Ursery, RCTO; Enrique C. Zaldivar, Assistant Director; Rita Robinson, Director, Bureau of Sanitation, Club Board Member; Rafael Perez, RCTO, 17 years; and Rafael Moreno, RCTO, 16 years, Club Member.

# Holiday Wrap-up

## Good, Clean Holiday Fun

### Gen. Services throws Holiday party for Custodians.

Story and photos by Jorge Suarez, Club Counselor

On Saturday, Dec. 4, Gen. Services hosted an excellent Custodian Holiday Celebration, to

celebrate the season.

The event was held at the Four Seasons Hotel downtown.

What a fun-filled night it was, where you got to see City employees have a great time dancing the night away and win many raffle prizes. Yes, the Club was there; we are everywhere!

Thanks for inviting us to this fun evening.



Rosa Hurtado, Custodian, 3 years.



From left: Monique Tyler and Keisha Tyler, Custodial CSA, 3 years.



Logan Redmon, Custodial Supervisor, 30 years and Joe Greenhoward, retired.



From left: Leretta Quenon, Management Analyst; Liz Floyd, Supervisor, 27 years; Johnny Johnson, Custodial Supervisor, 17 years; Victoria Hobbs, Supervisor, 15 years; and Janette Smith.



Marques Johnson; Victoria Hobbs, Supervisor 15 years; Mecca Johnson; Crystal Johnson; and Shahidah Johnson.



Gloria Garcia, Custodian, 3 years.

Johnny Johnson, Custodial Supervisor, 17 years, was promoted to head custodial Supervisor for LA Zoo.



From left: Naeema Mansur and Mecca Britt.



From left: Liz Floyd, Supervisor, 27 years; Sheena Woods; and Victoria Hobbs, Supervisor, 15 years.

## Traffic Trims a Tree

### DOT Traffic Officers trim their tree.

Story and photos by Robert Larios, Club Operations Manager

DOT West Division Traffic Officers took time out of their workday to trim a Christmas tree, bringing the holiday spirit to the office and started the season right.

They trimmed their tree with very special ornaments: Some were handmade, some have certain sentimental value, and others were just fun to share.

The trimming party took place Dec. 1 at the Western Division headquarters, 11214 Exposition Blvd.

People brought an ornament and a side dish to share in the holiday spirit.

It was a beautiful tree, Traffic Officers. Thanks for letting the Club be a part of your celebration.



Just some of the other ornaments that were placed on the tree.



Talee Cook, OPG-Police Garage, 5 years.



Diana Armijo, Sergeant, 10 years.



From left: Dante Basilio; Albert Fuller, DOT II, 3 years; and Yolanda Barnes.



Just some of the other ornaments that were placed on the tree.



An ornament on the tree.



From left: Edwina Chism, DOT II, 7 years, and Dante Basilio, DOT 2, 2.5 years.



Officer Edwina Chism uses her favorite ornament to demonstrate her tree-trimming technique.



Jenny Day, a Traffic Officer who just started her career.



Yolanda Barnes, Sergeant, 8 years.



Just some of the other ornaments that were placed on the tree.



Sharon Jacobucci, Traffic Officer, 17 years.



# Holiday Wrap-up



## The Zoo Celebrates!

■ Zoo holds holiday luncheon.

Story by Bev Haro, Club Counselor  
Photos by Summy Lam,  
Club Technology Officer

The L.A. Zoo held its annual holiday luncheon for employees and special guests Dec. 15 at the Zoo.

It was an excellent event, and the Club is happy to have been invited!



From left: Gina Dartt, Promotions Coordinator, 3 years; Blaire Parker, Marketing Assistant, 1 year; and Sharon Coggin, Marketing Manager, 3 years.



From left: Heather Shields, Assistant Curator of Education, 4 years; Rebecca Galbo, Education Department, 2 years; and Paula Stanley, Education Department, 1.5 years.



From left: Paul Kennedy, Painter, 6 years; Charles Andrews, Painter, 16 years; Henry Hernandez, Mechanical Repairer, 18 years; and Darrel Jones, Painter, 20 years.



From left: Angie Ortiz, Receiving in Accounts Payable, 3 months, and Robert Rodriguez, Computer Operator, 2.5 years.



From left Patricia Stein, Docent, and Genie Vasels, VP for Development of GLAZA.



From left: Barbara Barnes, GLAZA, and Tanzi Cole, Administrative Assistant in the Education Dept.



From left: Dana Baker, Personnel Director, 17 years; and Mercedes Andal, Sr. Management Analyst, 17 years.



From left: Ida Rodriguez, Clerk Typist, 16 years; Susan Valencoure, Sr. Clerk, 10 years and Club Dept. Rep.; and Martha Cabral, Clerk Typist, 20 years.



C. Carter, Sr. Painter, 11 years.



From left: Irene Enriquez, Sr. Clerk Typist, 16 years, and Larry Alvarez, Building Repairman, 38 years.



From left: Sue Thisdell, Safety Officer, 12 years; Sandy Masuo, Associate Editor (Publications Division), 1.5 years; and Brenda Posada, Interim Director of Publications, GLAZA, 4 years.



From left: Beige Berryman, Communications Administrative Support Worker, 5 years, and Darryl Pon, Landscape Architect Project Manager, 6 years.



Donial McElwee, Custodial Service for deaf and hard of hearing.



Mike Van Valkenburgh, General Volunteer, 40 years.



From left: Glen Malabuyoc, CASW, 1 year; Aurora Olympia, Temporary Part-time Accounting, 2 months; Suzanne Yu, CASW, 1 year; and Andy Louie, Sr. Electrician, 24.5 years.



## Romping With 'Rudolph'

Club Member Services Manager Angel Gomez Sr. visited the Reindeer Romp at the LA Zoo on Thanksgiving weekend and enjoyed the program.

This year, the Zoo moved many of its holiday activities outside, to better coordinate with the DWP's holiday lights program in Griffith Park. The Zoo also offered nighttime hours for a successful double event.

Here are a few photos of the event, taken by Club Technology Manager Summy Lam.



From left: youngsters Aden and Angel Gomez Jr. with Santa.



Reindeer. We wonder if they know Rudolph.

# Holiday Wrap-up

## A Holiday Renaissance

■ LAPD Training Division throws a throwback party for the holidays.

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

On Dec 4, the LAPD's Training Division revisited the Renaissance. That was the theme for the division's annual holiday party, which included family, friends and co-workers.

The event was held in the Mountain View Ballroom at the Castaway in Burbank.

The Club was more than happy to provide prizes for the all-important raffle.

Special thanks go to the Holiday Committee: Laura Rangel, Denise Williams and Deborah Hernandez. And the Club also thanks Captain Terri Hara and Laura Rangel for inviting us to this exceptional party!



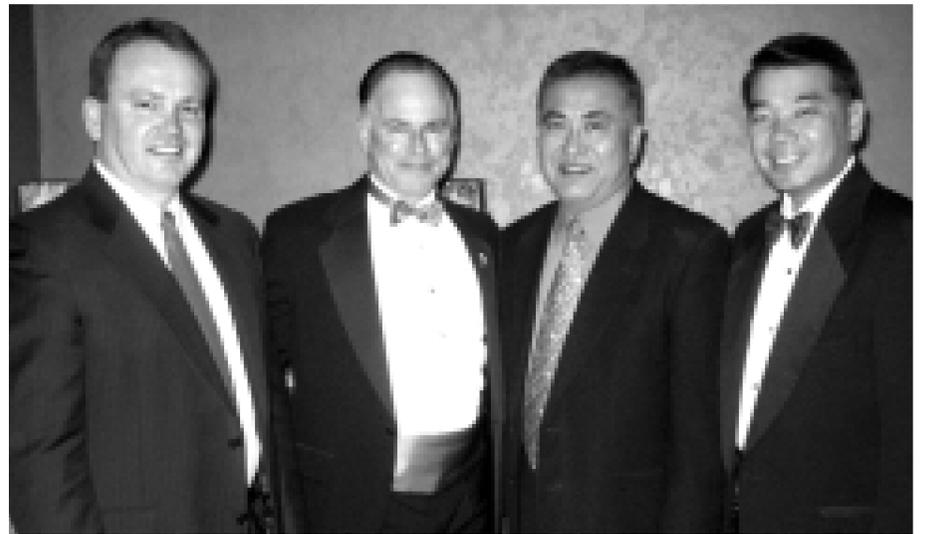
Eva and Cleon Joseph, LAPD Self Defense.



From left: Penny Dimitra, Office of Finance; Carolyn McCain, guest; and Monica Lewis, LAPD Training Division, Club Member.



From left: Jim Katapodis, LAPD Training Division, with Lori Barrios, LAPD Training Division.



From left: Chief Jim McDonnell, First Assistant Chief of LAPD; Captain Greg Meyer, Commanding Officer CED; Commander Paul Kim, Commanding Officer LAPD Training Group; and Captain Terri Hara, Captain Training Division, Club Member.



From left: Anthony Pack, LAPD Training Division, with his wife, Lakeysa; and Iris Ahn, wife of Paul Ahn, LAPD Training Division.



From left: Daryl Lewis, LAPD Central; Dawn Hunter, guest; and Lea Meighan, LAPD Training Division.



Denise Sinclair, LAPD Training Division, with her husband, Bryan.



Carla Ford, LAPD Training Division, with her husband, Leitch.



From left: Synorve Drake, LAPD Training Division, with guest Lestine Drake.



Lieutenant Regina Scott, South Bureau, with Kevin Wandick, guest.



Marie and Sgt. Ron Moen, LAPD Training Division.



Sally and Tim Surette, LAPD Training Division.



Rosalyn Hawes, LAPD Training Division.



From left: Gayle Hara, City Attorney, Club Member, with Captain Terri Hara, LAPD Training Division, Club Member.



Troy Baychue, guest, with Rhonda Mitchell, LAPD Training Division.



Captain Greg Meyer, Commanding Officer CED, and his wife, Natalie. In keeping with the theme of the evening, Natalie dresses in a Victorian dress.



Robert Grant III, LAPD Officer, with Denise Williams, LAPD Training Division.



From left: Detective Gena Brooks, LAPD South West, with Tony Alex, guest.



From left: Dan Thompson, LAPD Training Division; Kris Hutchings, guest; Lou Salseda, LAPD Training Division; and Kathy Salseda, wife.



David and Beverly Clark, LAPD Training Division.



From left: Erika Gonzalez, guest; Officer Deborah Hernandez, LAPD Training Division; and Officer Laurie Gyllen, LAPD Training Division, with her daughter, Megan Gyllen.



From left: Carol Portnoff, LAPD Training Division, with Michael Portnoff, LAFD.



From left: Charlie Dansler, guest; Eugene Mori, LAPD Training Division; and Leona Reed, LAPD Communications.



From left: Jenai Johnson, LAPD CED; Elisha Mitchell, LAPD CED; and Coleen Briggs, LAPD TD, Sr. Management Analyst, Club Member.



From left: Jack Hill, guest; Neckole Malik, LAPD Training Division; and Lee Allen, LAPD, and his wife, Nancy.



From left: Chuck Gioia, LAPD Training Division, and his wife, Janet, with Robin and Dan Miller, LAPD Training Division.



From left: Elvira Osmond, guest; Charles Osmond, guest; Shirley Mirador, guest; and Tony Ong, guest.

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## A Holiday Renaissance (continued)



Reginald Scott and Nodia Heastie, guests.



From left: Jan Barnett, guest; Officer Ann Bozzi, LAPD Training Division; and Officer Don Wynne, LAPD Training Division.



From left: Laura Rangel, LAPD Training Division, Club Member, with Miguel Rangel, DWP, Club Member.



Rosalyn Clark, LAPD Training Division, with her husband, Gary.



Christina and Rick Magana, guests.



Sergeant Ruben Padilla, LAPD Training Division, and his wife, Margaret.



Brenda Smith, LAPD TD, Club Member, with her husband, Jo Smith.



Officer Laura Windsor, LAPD Training Division, with Sergeant Mitch Windsor, West Traffic, 22 years.



Officer Joyce Davis, LAPD Training Division, and Officer Dewayne Davis, LAPD West Los Angeles.



Natalie Williams, LAPD Training Division, with James Williams, Sheriff.



Timothy and Sheila Campbell, guests.



From left: Joan Mueller, wife of Joseph Mueller, LAPD Training Division; and Mark Snyder, LAPD Training Division, with his wife, Debbie.



Kenneth Wyse, with his wife, Sandra Deis-Wyse, LAPD CED.



Officer Chris Hughes, LAPD Training Division, with his wife, Luana.



From left: Eric Hertsgaard, guest; Erica Le Pon, LAPD Intern; and Robin Young, Retired LAPD.



Kim Reedy, Police Officer 2, LAPD Training Division, and Brenda Smith, LAPD Training Division.



Jennifer Hooper, guest, with London Ward, LAPD Training Division.



From left: Joshua Lewis, guest; Kenna Jones, guest; and Julie Heuer, guest.

## Lighting Up the Holidays

### Street Lighting holds annual Holiday party.

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

The Bureau of Street Lighting held its holiday luncheon Dec. 8 at the New Otani Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. Approximately 100 people were at the event and enjoyed a buffet lunch, live music and free door prizes.

Thanks for inviting the Club to your holiday party!



The entrance to the Street Lighting Holiday luncheon.



From left: Robert Horsting, guest, and Janet Iwaki-Horsting, 1.5 years.



From left: LaNita Wade, guest, and Francis Akpanokon, Engineering Associate I, 4 years.



Guests enjoying their lunch at the holiday party.



From left: Bruce Movahedi, Engineering, 2 years; Flora Khaw, Management Analyst, 1.5 years; Megan Hackney, 5 years; and Carleen Marquez, Senior Management Analyst, 13 years.



From left: Ray Nobuhiro, 20 years; Art Tagatac, Engineering Associate, 4 years; Jim Quigley, Engineering Associate, 11 years; and Ruben Flamenco, Engineering, 15 years.



From left: Pauline Tang, Management Analyst, 4 years; Art Newborn, Supervisor, 38 years; Kristina Briones, Clerk Typist, 1.5 years; and John De La Rose, Management Analyst, 1.5 years.



Back row: Kerney Marine, Engineering, 15 years. Front, from left: Tae Lee, Engineering, 2 years; Katya Belyayeva, Engineering, 1.5 years; Marnelli Tabbada, Engineering, 2 years; Mari Gomez, Engineering, 3 years; and Dwight Garcia, Engineering, 23 years.



From left: Kurt Sato, Senior Systems Analyst, 16 years; Todd Mitchell, Senior Systems Analyst, 10 years; Sandy Truong, Associate, 13 years; and Robert Tom, Engineering, 4 years.



From left: John Garcia, Engineering, 11 years; Hagop Tujan, Division Manager, 16 years; Jorge De La Cerda, 1 year; and Shan Yu, Engineering, 3 years.

# Holiday Wrap-up

## Chicano Association Gives to Charity



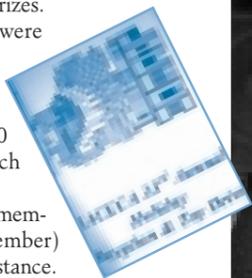
### ■ LACECA holds annual party and toy drive.

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

The Los Angeles City Employees Chicano Association (LACECA) held its 33rd annual Holiday Reception and Toy Drive Dec. 2 at the Travel Town Transportation Museum in Griffith Park. LACECA members enjoyed food, music, dancing and door prizes.

All donations raised were given to the Good Shepherd Center for Homeless Women, which serves more than 1,200 women and children each year.

The Club thanks Club member (and LACECA member) Leonor Garcia for her assistance.



From left: Raul Lemus, Elba Solano and Rafael Porter.



From left: Elvia Garcia and Gloria Ortiz.



Back row, from left: Chris Barajas and Cythnia Martinez. Front: Lupe Durazo, John Garcia, Anna Campuzano, Rose Marie Rosa and Michael Salazar.



From left: Leonor Garcia, Carlos Portillo, Veronica Jaimez and Lupe Durazo.



From left: Charles Rogers, Gonzalo Vasquez, Robert Aguayo, Mario Casas and Raul Valenzuela.



From left: Gloria Ortiz, Elvia Garcia, Bridget LaBonge, Tom LaBonge.



The LACECA Holiday Committee, from left: Charles Rogers, Edna Meraz, Carlos Portillo, Elvia Garcia and Gloria Ortiz.



From left: Juno Galvan and Leonor Garcia, Club Member.



Dolores Medina.



From left: Robert Soto receives a recognition award; with Jackie Zarate, LACECA president.



From left: Katynga Martinez; Frank Martinez, City Clerk; Gloria Sosa; Rafael Porter; Elba Solano; Raul Lemus; and Raul Valenzuela.



From left: Hector Torres-Cacho, Art Irigoyen and Raul Pereyra.



Live music performed by Milestone.

## Holidays Take Off at Ontario

### ■ Ontario throws its own holiday party for children.

Story and photos by Liz Montes, Club Counselor

More than 300 Ontario Airport employees and guests enjoyed food, games and free prizes at the Ontario Airport Annual Children's Christmas Party. The party took place on Dec. 4 at the Scandia Park in Ontario.

The Club was happy to donate an Xbox as a prize.

The Club thanks Club Member Leatrice Pickens for her assistance.



From left: Elaine Hatcher, AAE representative; Lu Alexih, winner of the Xbox donated by the City Employees Club; Aprile Benjamin, AAE representative; and Diane Gilmartin.



From left: Leatrice Pickens (on the microphone); Lori Coleman; and Jeff Mararac, who won the portable DVD player.



Guests wait anxiously as the prizes are given out.



Guests enjoying the festivities.

## Reyes in Wonderland



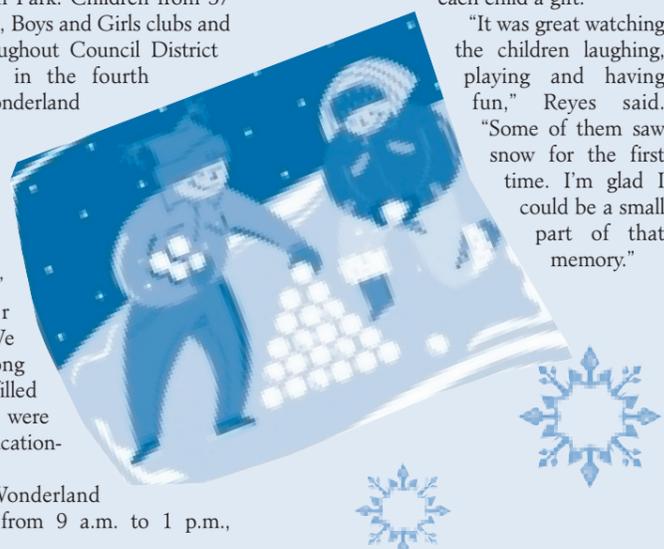
On Dec. 7, Councilmember Ed P. Reyes treated 450 children to a daylong winter wonderland experience – complete with snowball fights, sleigh rides and Santa visit – at the Grace Simons Lodge, 1035 Elysian Park Dr. in Elysian Park. Children from 37 elementary schools, Boys and Girls clubs and other groups throughout Council District One participated in the fourth annual Winter Wonderland Party.

"Many of the children came from some of the City of Los Angeles' poorest neighborhoods," Councilmember Reyes said. "We planned a daylong event for them filled with activities that were both fun and educational."

The Winter Wonderland Party, which ran from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.,

included puppet shows, face painting, crafts, a Dodgers batting station, the Avengers "Achieve" show, balloon art and lunch. The party culminated with Santa arriving on an LAFD truck and giving each child a gift.

"It was great watching the children laughing, playing and having fun," Reyes said. "Some of them saw snow for the first time. I'm glad I could be a small part of that memory."



# Holiday Wrap-up

## Jay Stops By

■ Talk show host Leno attends the LAPD Communications holiday party.

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



The holiday committee poses with guest Jay Leno. In back, from left: Valerie Covington, PST, 9 years, Club Member; Elana Boswell, PSR, 7 years; Pat Alston, Sr. PSR, 13 years; Rosemary Arroyo, PSR, 10 years, Club Member; Stephanie Martin, PSR, 14 years; Jay Leno; Laura Cruz, PSR, 10 years; David Baek, Police Officer, 5 years; Rebecca Pereida, PSR, 7 years, Club Member; Lieutenant Gloria Vargas. Front: Yolanda Bunn, PSR, 10 years, Club Member; and Yvette Bentley, Sr. PSR, 16 years, Club Member.

The LAPD Communications Division held its holiday party Dec. 10 at the LAX Renaissance Hotel. The event included fun, friends, fellowship and dinner.

Special guests included Tonight Show host Jay Leno (who attended thanks to Lt. Gloria Vargas) and, of course, the Club. The Club thanks Captain Andrew J. Smith, Tracy Page and Yvette Bentley for inviting us!

Congratulations, LAPD Communications, on a great year with the Club. Here's to many more.



From left: Dale Melton, TFO, 9 years, with Sgt. Jim Heintzman, Air Support, 32 years.



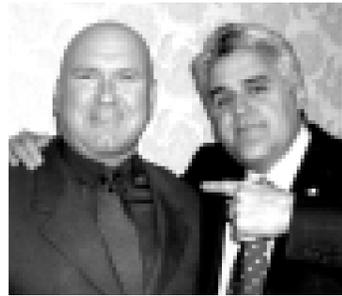
From left: Yvette Bentley, Sr. PSR, 16 years, Club Member; Jay Leno; and Tracy Page, Sr. PSR, 14 years, Club Member.



From left: Michael McGowan, PSR, 1.5 years; wife Brandy McGowan; Eva Espinoza, PSR, 10 years; and husband Jesus Espinoza.



At the check-in table, from left: Tracy Page, Sr. PSR, 14 years, Club Member, and Yolanda Bunn, PSR3, 10 years, Club Member.



Sgt. Mat Mulvihill, LAPD, 22 years, with Jay Leno.



From left: Latrice Jones, PSR, 2.5 years, Club Member; Norma Chacon, guest; and Alma Flores, PSR, 2.5 years, Club Member.



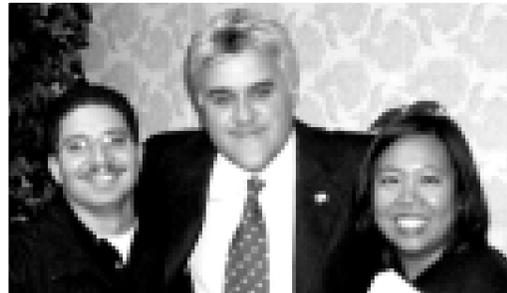
From left: Karen Koukal, PSR3, 11 years; Tammy Lindquist, PSR3, 5 years, Club Member; Yvette Salazar, PSR3, 10 years, Club Member; and Ricci Cureton, PSR3, 8 years.



From left: Peter A Di Carlo, Assistant Commanding Officer, LAPD Information & Communications Bureau; Deanna Deering, guest; and Captain Andrew J. Smith, LAPD Communications Division.



From left: Freddie Oliver, Retired PSR, 30+ years, with Gloria Unterburger, PSR, 31 years, Club Member. (Gloria thanked the Club for her refund check. She was very happy with her check!)



The Club visits with the Celebrity, from left: Angel Gomez, Club Member Service Manager; Jay Leno; and Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor.



Yvette Bentley, Sr. PSR, 16 years, Club Member, with her husband, Brian.



From left: Captain Andrew J. Smith, LAPD Communications Division; Deanna Deering, guest; with Jay Leno.



From left: Melissa Felix, guest; Andrea Esquivel, PSR, 1 year, Club Member; Maria Moreno, PSR, 1 year; Emiko Uyeda, PSR, 1 year; and Joe Bonilla, guest.



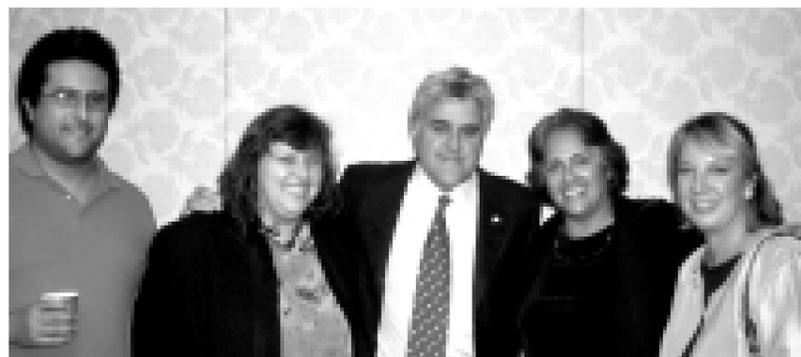
The crowd reacts to Jay Leno's performance.



The crowd reacts to Jay Leno's performance.



From left: Lieutenant Charles Mealey; Peter Di Carlo, Assistant Commanding Officer, LAPD Information & Communications Bureau; Sharon Papa, Assistant Chief, Club Member; and Captain Andrew J. Smith, LAPD Communications.



From left: William Vargas, brother of Lieutenant Gloria Vargas; Natja Vargas, wife of William Vargas; Jay Leno; Lieutenant Gloria Vargas; and Leslie Carr, guest.



# Holiday Wrap-up

## Heroes Land At Ontario

### Ontario Airport hosts holiday event for the well-deserving.

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

On Dec. 15, Ontario International Airport (ONT) hosted a holiday dinner and party for approximately 80 homeless and disadvantaged children. The community event took place at the airport's fire station where the children, ages five to 17, were treated to a traditional holiday dinner with all the trimmings, hands-on tour of the fire station, guest appearances by local community mascots such as "Tremor" of the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes, and special visit from Santa Claus, who arrived by helicopter. Each child received a present and keepsake photos taken with Santa Claus.

In November, ONT "adopted" the Hero Club (Homework Enrichment Reading and Outreach), an after-school program that provides tutoring services, enrichment activities, clothing and shoe referrals, school supplies, referrals to medical and dental care, on-site counseling services, and snacks for school-aged homeless children living within the west end of San Bernardino County. The children live in cars, motels or with relatives. ONT's Community and Public Affairs, and Airport Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) divisions coordinated an airport-wide book and toy drive. The books will be donated to the Hero Club library and the toys will be individually wrapped and handed out to the children at the "Holiday Heroes" event.

The Club would like to give a special thank you to Maria Tesoro-Fermin, Mayor Pro Tem Paul Leon, Jens Rivera, Airport Manager, Chief Dan Lindsay, Bill Nugent, Dave Duncan, Leatrice Pickens, and Penny Riccardi.

Congratulations to Ontario Airport on this excellent program and event. It's what the holidays are all about.



More than 80 children in attendance get ready for Santa's arrival.



From left: Ontario Mayor Pro Tem Paul Leon, Maria Tesoro-Fermin and Jens Rivera, Airport Manager.



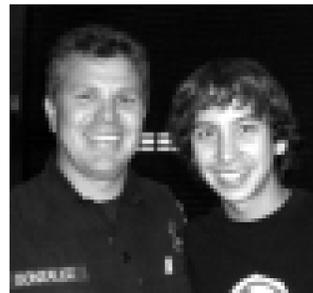
The kids waiting for Santa wave to him as he gets closer.



From left: Colby Horstmeyer, Michael Nugent and Bill Nugent, Club Member



Randy Horstmeyer makes his big entrance down the pole.



From left: Nick and Guillermo Gonzalez.



A young boy in attendance walks away with a big surprise.



A young girl wins her prize.



Kids gather to pick their favorite animal.



From left: Cliff, Dalton and Theresa Duckett.



"Tremor" of the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes takes a picture with the kids.



Children get their pictures taken with Santa Claus.



Children get their pictures taken with Santa Claus.



A youngster delivers to Santa her Christmas wish.



Children get their pictures taken with Santa Claus.



The Club's Member Services Manager Angel Gomez with Santa Claus.



Each child in attendance received a stuffed animal.



The event committee poses with Santa.



The guests pose for a picture with Santa.

# Holiday Wrap-up

## A Fiery Fun Event

■ LAFD hosts a holiday luncheon for its employees.

Story by Bev Haro, Club Counselor  
Photos by Robert Larios, Club Operation Manager

On Dec. 14, the LAFD held an annual Christmas luncheon for its employees.

The event was held in City Hall East.

The Club had a great time at the event, and we thank the LAFD for being invited. It's always great for City departments and their events to be a part of *Alive!*



From left: Valerie Coleman, Secretary, 8 years; Zina Abram, Sr. Clerk Typist, 9 years; and Rugena Weakley, Payroll Supervisor II, 27 years.



From left: Adriana Courseault, Clerk Typist, 1.5 years; and Debbie Martinez, Sr. Clerk Typist, 24 years.



From left: Kathleen Devereaux, Personnel Analyst II, 3 years; and Battalion Chief Dan McCarthy, 24 years.



Entertainment at the holiday party.



From left: Stephanie McNeil, Personnel Analyst, 5 years; and Fernando Pescon, Sr. Clerk, 20 years.



From left: Joyce Kawai, Sr. Personnel Analyst, 28 years; and Daisy Quan, Secretary, 17 years.



From left: Franklin Etherly, Payroll Supervisor, 25 years; Robert Garcia, Clerk Typist, 1.5 years; Esther Rojas, Accounting Clerk I, 6 years; and My Banh, Accounting Clerk II, 17 years.



Captain Villanueva, 22 years; Captain Reynar, 22 years; and Captain Cronenbald, 22 years.



Back row: Mariana Rivera, Sr. Management Analyst, 19 years. Front row, from left: Virginia Waters, Clerk, 31 years; Mary Reuschel, Management Analyst, 3.5 years; Sandra Ocon, Sr. Personnel Analyst, 11 years; and Faye Matsuoka, Sr. Management Analyst, 29 years.



From left: Sammie Spain, Cartographer, 23 years; and Chief Bill Bammatre, 29 years.



From left: Battalion Chief Brian Schultz, 24.5 years; Battalion Assistant Chief Terry Manning, 27 years; and Janos Szaktilla, GIS (Geographic Information Systems Supervisor), 5 years.



Teresa Tse, Accounting Clerk I, 25 years.

From left: Grace Davis, Sr. Clerk Typist, 20 years; Katherine Bermudez, Principal Clerk, 15 years; Alice Castillo, Clerk Typist, 1.5 years; and Bernal Edna, Management Analyst II, 16 years.



From left: Barry Johnson, Clerk Typist, one-half year; Greg Bartz, Management Analyst, 16 years; Rosemarie Ibanez, Sr. Management Analyst, 18 years; and Martha Lucero, Executive Secretary, 31 years.



From left: Roberta Yang, Deputy Mayor, 5 years; and Maureen Tang, Accounting Clerk I, 19 years.

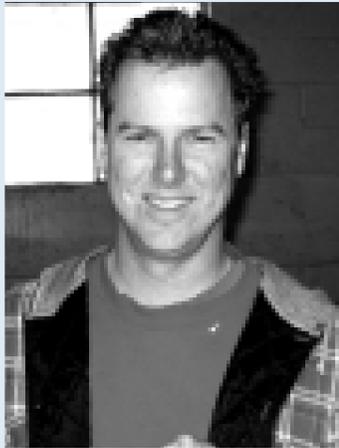


From left: Rosa Orlean, Sr. Clerk Typist, 20 years; and Patricia Redwine, Sr. Personnel Analyst, 20 years.



From left: Laura Triner, Sr. Personnel Analyst, 5 years; and Silvia Pena, Clerk Typist, 5 years.

# Gaffney Gets Pinned



Michael Gaffney shows off his pin recognizing City service of 15 years.

## Michael Gaffney recognized for service to Griffith Park.

Michael Gaffney, Rec and Parks, was recently awarded for 15 years of dedication and service to Griffith Park.

The pinning event took place Nov. 17 at Travel Town in Griffith Park.

Congratulations, Michael! Keep on making the City look its best.

# Newsbrief

## FINAL TUNNELING:

Councilmember Ed P. Reyes announced Nov. 15 that the final tunneling stage of the \$160 million Northeast Interceptor Sewer Project has begun and the entire project will be completed this summer.

"Our children were dangerously playing in untreated sewage that spilled onto City streets during the El Niño rains in the late 1990s," said Reyes, who helped secure the funding for the NEIS Project. "The NEIS Project is necessary to handle the wastewater flow, and to protect the safety and health of our communities." Reyes' announcement followed a gathering at the shaft site at Humboldt Street and San Fernando Road where Bureau of Engineering staff showed off the "Ground Hog," the tunnel-boring machine which drilled 135 feet underground for the final construction phase of the NEIS Project. The NEIS Project is an 8-to 11-feet in diameter tunnel that extends 6 miles from the intersection of Mission Road and Jesse Street near 7th Street in eastern downtown, northward to the intersection of San Fernando Road and Eagle Rock Boulevard. The NEIS Project, along with the Eagle Rock Interceptor Sewer (ERIS), will relieve the decaying North Outfall Sewer (NOS) which was built between 1924 and 1930. The NOS has been strained by structural defects resulting from corrosion and population growth.

The El Niño storms of 1997-98 caused a number of sewer overflows and required the construction of new sewers to provide additional capacity. On Sept. 14, 1998, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board ordered the City to take action to prevent future overflows. The City's Bureau of Engineering and its consultants developed NEIS and ERIS to provide the additional capacity needed to comply with the order and allow for the rehabilitation of the existing sewer. Construction of NEIS began in July 2002.

"Our residents have been extremely patient," Reyes said. "They know how important it is to protect the health of our children, and make sure that the El Niño overflows never happen again."

# Ruby Never Forgot

## Ruby the Elephant returns to the L.A. Zoo.

Story by Bev Haro, Club Counselor  
Photos by Summy Lam, Club Technology Manager

Former Angelino Ruby the Elephant missed home too much. So, on Nov. 13, she came home.

Ruby, the 43-year-old African elephant who was transferred to the Knoxville Zoo in May 2003, returned to the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens Nov. 13. The transport truck arrived at the Zoo at 10:30 p.m. and Ruby stepped off the truck and walked into her off-exhibit barn. She immediately started munching apples and bananas.

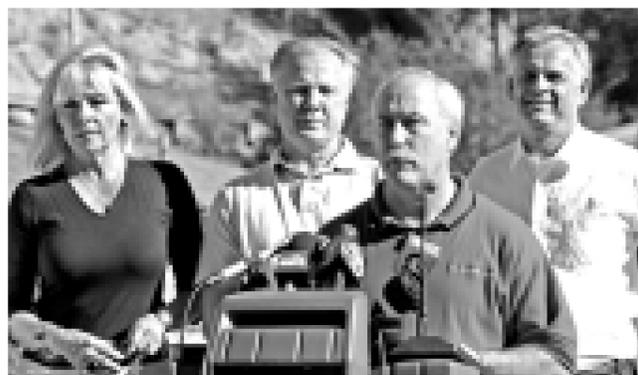
"I am pleased to announce that Ruby arrived safely and is settling in very well," Mayor Jim Hahn said.

The 40-hour cross-country drive went smoothly, according to the Zoo. Planned Migration, the animal transport company that handled Ruby's trip to Knoxville, conducted the return trip. Prior to the move, the L.A. Zoo elephant curator, principal elephant keeper and a Zoo veterinarian flew to Knoxville to assist in the move and to follow the truck to Los Angeles. The trip was non-stop with the exception of periodic breaks for Ruby and the people accompanying her.

Ruby was originally transferred to the Knoxville Zoo to integrate her with a herd of African elephants to contribute to the longterm propagation of African elephants in North American zoos.



Ruby the Elephant is back home.



From left: Mrs. LaBonge; Councilman Tom LaBonge; John Lewis, Zoo Director; and Mayor Jim Hahn.

"Ruby's move to Knoxville was well-intentioned but, in this instance, she was unable to be fully assimilated to her new surroundings," said John Lewis, Zoo director. "Since Ruby has been away from the L.A. Zoo elephants for more than a year, the staff who care for our elephants will accept Ruby as a new elephant entering the collection. We are currently revisiting present and future plans for all of the Zoo's elephants."

City Councilman Tom LaBonge, who represents the Zoo, added, "The most important thing is that the Zoo do what's right for the animals. I support the Zoo in moving Ruby to Knoxville and in bringing her back to Los Angeles."

A new elephant habitat is under construction at the L. A. Zoo. Prior to the decision to move Ruby to Knoxville, an off-exhibit area covering 8,300 square feet was renovated to accommodate the Zoo's three female elephants. Between that space and the former area, which is still available during construction, there is more than ample room for all four of the Zoo's elephants—Billy, Tara, Gita and Ruby.

Ruby was to be quarantined for 30 days in the off-exhibit elephant compound. She will be sharing space with Tara, a 44-year-old African elephant. Gita and Billy will be on public exhibit in the elephant area in the main Zoo.

**Welcome back, Ruby!**

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# Dog Disease Outbreak

■ **City, County declare an outbreak of distemper. Humans not affected.**

L.A. Animal Services and L.A. County's Veterinary Public Health Office declared a distemper outbreak in Los Angeles Dec. 2 with both agencies recommending distemper vaccinations for all dogs.

In his report, Veterinary Public Health and Rabies Control Chief, Dr. Patrick Ryan, wrote: "We see periodic outbreaks of canine distemper in dogs and wildlife, such as raccoons. Animal Shelters often experience outbreaks in unvaccinated dogs and puppies. What is occurring in the shelters generally mirrors what is happening in the community."

Canine distemper is a highly contagious, systemic, worldwide, viral disease of domestic dogs and susceptible wildlife. It is caused by a virus closely related to the measles virus and is transmitted through the air (airborne) or through droplet exposure from the nasal cavity, pharynx and lungs. It cannot be transmitted from animals to humans.

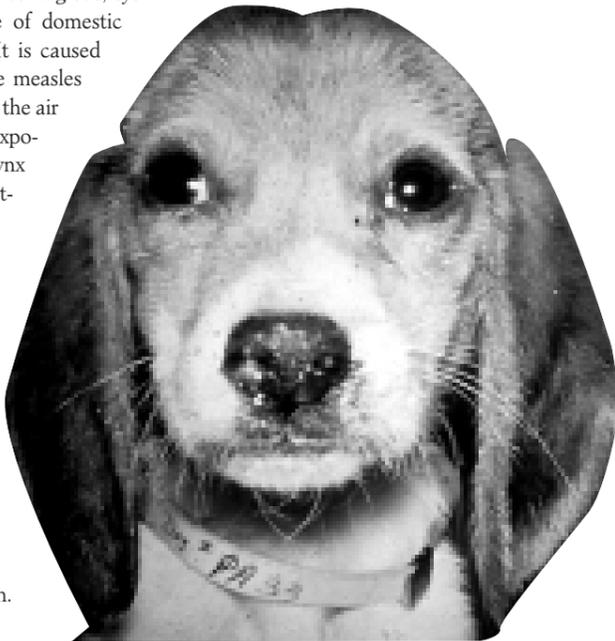
"Distemper can be very dramatic in its presentation causing respiratory, gastrointestinal and neurological symptoms," says L.A. Animal Services Chief Veterinarian, Dr. Casandria Smith. "The course of the disease can be days to weeks characterized by fever, nasal and ocular discharge, depression, anorexia, convulsions, seizures and death.

It is physically devastating to the animal and emotionally devastating to animal guardians."

Other animals susceptible to distemper include wildlife including raccoons, coyotes, foxes, wolves, ferrets, skunks, mink, leopards, lions and tigers.

L.A. Animal Services reminds pet owners to check with their private veterinarians on a regular basis for advice on preventive medicine as well as for guidance on infectious diseases.

For more information on distemper or low cost vaccination clinics, residents can call L.A. Animal Services at (888) 4LA-PET1 or (888) 452-7381 (TTY Hearing Impaired: [877] 875-8205) or visit the department's Website: [www.LAAnimalServices.com](http://www.LAAnimalServices.com)



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

# The Pet Club

## New Year's Resolution Was Adopted, Literally

It's time once more for New Year Resolutions – diet, exercise, cut down on spending, quit smoking and all sorts of resolutions to do with controlling or discarding one nasty habit or another. This year, how about a New Year's Resolution that says: pick up and share a whole lotta love?

What could I possibly be talking about? Yep, you guessed it. How about bringing a pet into your life? Next to having your own kids, there's nothing quite like it.

Okay, so there are some real responsibilities to having a pet. There's the food and the nurturing and the care for the lifetime of your animal. Payback's great, though. You get this cuddly furry creature to love you and your family back – unconditionally! Do you have any idea what kind of psychological and emotional payback that is? No? Well, maybe it's time you find out.

Here's how it worked for me: I had not owned a pet in years. I was too busy with a new family and a whole new life. As my kids grew, my daughter, at age three, began crawling around the house barking and meowing. I'd talk to her in people talk and she'd bark or meow back. She finally began putting her cereal bowl on the floor and licking it. My light bulb finally came aglow: If I didn't get us a pet real soon, my sweet daughter Nikki might actually begin growling. An Animal Control Officer friend confirmed all this with his matter-of-fact statement: "Children should have a dog or cat. It makes them whole."

That was it. I decided that since my kids were so little, a small dog would work best. I kept my eyes and ears open for the perfect pet to replace the wannabe dog-cat of the family.

I knew I wanted to adopt a shelter animal. Buying one from a breeder or pet store was (1) way too expensive and (2) just plain nuts considering all the wonderful homeless animals begging for a home.

I kept looking on our L.A. Animal Services Website until I found what appeared to be a pathetic dirty white poodle. It had problems – fleas and stuff like that. Okay. I went to the shelter maybe five or six times to visit this poor thing. He couldn't even look at me through that tangled mess of fur that he dragged around. I felt so bad for this mess-of-a dog yet it felt so right. In the end, I adopted him.

Here was the problem: My daughter, Nikki, wanted a "girl" sheep dog. This dog was a male. Okay, neutered, but still a male. I solved the dilemma by naming this dog Tootsie – you know, as in the Dustin Hoffman movie Tootsie. My son, Stephen, didn't like the name, but Mommy made the decision and that was it.

Looking at Tootsie today, you would swear this is not the same animal. I got him vet care, did some wonderful grooming, and guess what I found under that tangled mess? A most beautiful pure breed Barbichon Frise – a lily-white fur ball, with a cute red tongue that hangs out of his mouth and a tail that wags to no end. He loves us fiercely and he also believes he is human.

My kids are crazy about Tootsie. We come home and he is all over the kids – leaping for joy at the sight of them. The kids embrace him and it is a Kodak moment just about every time.



Tootsie, before adoption.



Tootsie after being "uncovered" at the shelter.



Tootsie and Mimi have become part of the family.

They understand each other real well

and I know I've done the right thing for my Nikki, Stephen and Tootsie. They watch TV with Toots and lie down and cuddle with him and play with him and just enjoy him to no end. Some very serious bonding has happened. Tootsie has become family and we do not discard our family members.

You should see how proud my kids are of Tootsie. People who see him always comment as to what a beautiful animal he is. They have trouble believing that this model-perfect creature was a shelter dog – one of society's discards. How could anyone possibly treat him like garbage and toss him out into the street?

I've since adopted another – a girl dog named Mimi, also a shelter dog who now gets the ultimate royal treatment. She too was a mess and now looks like one giant pampered fur ball. Some ugly people used her for breeding and when they were done with her, tossed her out into the street. She now has a loving home.

I've also added Snowy to the bunch – that's the final one since we're not allowed to own more than three dogs in the City of Los Angeles. Snowy is a little dumb and we love her just the same.

We call all three dogs our three stooges. We have fun. They have fun. We take care of each other. We love each other. We are family and my daughter no longer thinks she's a dog or cat.

So, what do you say? There's a pet out there waiting for you – the perfect animal – that can enrich your life the way our animals have enriched our lives. Think about what kind of pet would work best for you and your family and then begin the process: start looking until you find your true love that will love you back unconditionally.

There is much loneliness in this world and it doesn't have to be that way when there are those waiting to provide us with loving companionship. We have them here, at our shelters, waiting for you. I guarantee, you won't be disappointed and, if you have kids, it will teach them how to care for and love all God's creatures. It's what life is all about.



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### Send Questions

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

Feel free to send questions and concerns to me, and I'll be happy to respond to them in my column. I'm excited about this, so don't hesitate! Write to me at: [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)



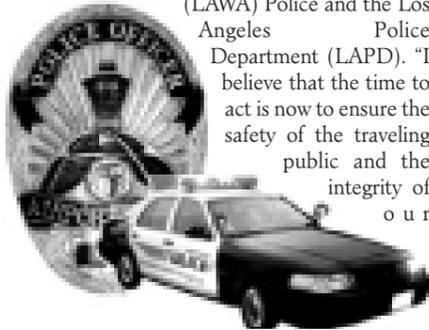
## Newsbriefs

### AIRPORT POLICE/LAPD:

Mayor Jim Hahn directed both the Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners and the Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners to immediately develop a plan to unify command of

Los Angeles World Airport (LAWA) Police and the Los Angeles Police

Department (LAPD). "I believe that the time to act is now to ensure the safety of the traveling public and the integrity of our



city's vital infrastructure. I strongly support a plan to unify command of functions of the Airport Police with the LAPD," said Mayor Hahn.

### WEST L.A. TRAFFIC:

Responding to concerns about traffic congestion and unsafe conditions in the West Los Angeles area of his district, Councilmember Jack Weiss on Dec. 8 introduced a measure to create a West Los Angeles Regional Traffic Task Force to review traffic studies and recommend the best use of available traffic mitigation funds.

"Traffic is the top quality of life concern in the West Los Angeles area of my district," said Weiss. "Motorists, pedestrians, residents, and local businesses are frustrated by unsafe driving, cut through routes in residential neighborhoods, gridlock, and delays."

Recently concerns have been raised about the impact of the Century City Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (NMTP). The NMTP was designed to improve traffic flow on main arteries and discourage use of smaller residential streets. Improvements and mitigations in the plan are funded by revenues from development projects in

the area, and some additional mitigation funds will be available for future traffic projects. Weiss' measure will establish a Council District 5 (CD5) Regional Traffic Task Force that will include representatives of neighborhood councils and other neighborhood organizations in the West Los Angeles area of his district. The Task Force will coordinate with the existing and planned traffic studies of other organizations within the area to evaluate plans, and develop recommendations for improving traffic conditions in the area.

It will be responsible to advise the City Council of the best possible use of available funds for improvements and mitigation and provide regular updates and recommendations directly to the City Council's Transportation Committee. The measure will be discussed by the Transportation Committee in the new year.

### EXCELLENT FINANCIAL REPORTING:



For the ninth consecutive year, the City of Los Angeles has been awarded the prestigious Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). The

GFOA's impartial panel of experts judged the City of Los Angeles' comprehensive annual financial report as meeting the "highest standards and demonstrating a constructive spirit of full disclosure."

"My mission as City Controller is to be the taxpayer's watchdog, improve City services, eliminate waste and fraud and open up the City's books," said Laura Chick, Los Angeles City

Controller. "Reporting the City's finances in a transparent and forthright way helps us fulfill our mission. When you look at the corporate scandals that have occurred in America, I am proud that the City of Los Angeles stands as a model of responsibility, accountability and accuracy for others to follow."

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 14,000 government finance professionals.

### HOMELAND SECURITY

Mayor Jim Hahn announced Dec. 3 that the Los Angeles Urban Area, which consists of 16 cities and the county, will receive

\$61 million in homeland security funds in the latest round of Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funding from the United States Department of Homeland Security - Los Angeles' largest award under the UASI program to date.

"The City of Los Angeles has spent over \$150 million for enhanced security, new equipment and training for first responders since September 11, 2001. Urban Area funding helps to further prepare our city and our neighboring cities, to ensure that we meet the challenges of protecting our region in the event of an emergency," said Mayor Hahn.

Administered by the Department of Homeland Security, UASI offers financial assistance to address the equipment, training, planning, exercise and operational needs of large, high threat urban areas. The grant enhances Los Angeles' capacity to prevent, respond to, and recover from threats or acts of terrorism by helping to establish regional response teams, reim-



bursing cities for costs related to orange alert, and enhancing emergency operations centers in urban area cities.

This is the fourth round of Urban Area funding to Los Angeles. In the last three rounds Los Angeles received \$60 million total; in this fourth round of funding the Department of Homeland Security has doubled Los Angeles' award. Los Angeles received the third highest allocation behind New York City (\$207 million) and Washington D.C. (\$77 million).

"I am thrilled that critical funding has been awarded to our city for badly needed equipment and terrorist-response training for our police officers and firefighters," said Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, who sits on the Homeland Security Subcommittee of Appropriations. "The increased funding for urban area grants represents a heightened recognition by my colleagues of the importance of distributing homeland security funds to areas with the greatest need, such as the Los Angeles region, which is home to Los Angeles International Airport and our nation's largest container port, the Los Angeles/Long Beach Port Complex."

The Los Angeles Urban Area was designated for funds based on a combination of factors including population density, critical infrastructure and threat/vulnerability assessment. The L.A. Urban Area is made up of the City and County of Los Angeles and 16 contiguous cities including: Alhambra, Beverly Hills, Burbank, Commerce, Culver City, El Segundo, Glendale, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Monterey Park, Pasadena, San Fernando, Santa Monica, Torrance, Vernon and West Hollywood.

"The sheer size and assets of the City of Los Angeles make us especially vulnerable to terrorist attack and challenge our security infrastructure and resources. We know that local responders will be first on the scene to respond to any emergency in our city, which is why we must provide the Los Angeles Police and Fire Departments with all of the resources necessary to protect the residents of this city," said Mayor Hahn.

## City Employees:



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# Construction Starts on Tribute

## LAFD Memorial

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struction of our Fallen Firefighters Memorial," said Society Director Frank Borden. "It is deafening but it is a great sound to hear."

The Historical Society's Board of Directors met Nov. 20 and made a very important decision to begin construction on the LAFD Fallen Firefighters Memorial. This is a major milestone in the project. Construction will take place in phases, only building what we can afford. "We will use nearly all the money we have in the bank currently for phase one. Our general contractor is John Rotondi," Borden said.

The project is beginning to take shape at the restored Fire Station 27, at 1355 N. Cahuenga Blvd. in Hollywood, the home of the LAFD Fire Museum and the Society headquarters.

"We noticed that Los Angeles is one of the few major cities without a firefighters memorial," said Liz Bamattre, chairperson of the Memorial Committee. "There is a war veterans memorial, that contains those firefighters who died serving their country. But no memorial for those who died serving their city."

The project has been developing for some

time. The Historical Society organized a design contest. Five entries were received, and the winning design came from LAFD (active) Captain Dwayne Golden.

Liz Bamattre explains. "It's five bronze statues, of firefighters doing what they do, fighting fires and saving lives," says Liz Bamattre, chairperson of the Memorial Committee. "It's not contemporary. It's very realistic and practical, which we thought was appropriate. It's poignant."

"I've seen many memorials. But our statues really bring into the memorial the department's everyday emergency abilities, an emergency medicine element. Emergency medicine is so much of what the department does."

"The design really reflects what the department does every day."

The design selected, the Historical Society took the plans to Honors for Excellence, a Minnesota company that specializes in creating such memorials. "Building our statues was a labor of love for them as much as it was for us," she says.

The statues were delivered in early 2003. Now under construction is a place to put them: "There's an outdoor plaza outside old Fire Station 27 that we thought would be beautiful," she says. And thus it was chosen. The society selected Los Angeles architect Michael Rotondi of Roto Architects to create the plaza.

The Memorial Wall itself, which will hold the names of those fallen in the line of duty, was designed by Los Angeles artist Yoshikawa. The wall will contain an archway of limestone, water that streams down the surface, and etched glass.

The Historical Society has launched a brick memorial program, where anyone can contribute to the project and have their name etched permanently on the patio's brick pavers.



Frank Borden, director of the LAFD Historical Society, with the statues that will be placed in a permanent Memorial Plaza now under construction in front of old Fire Station 27 in Hollywood.



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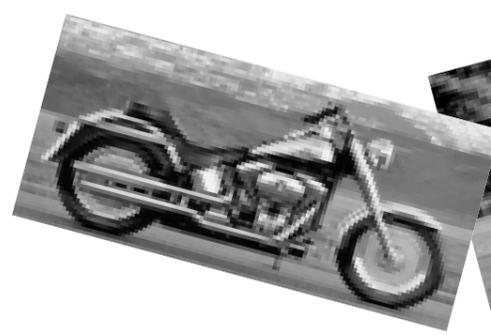
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# Sasaki of the Month



Sasaki (center, holding certificate) shares her proud moment with, from left, Russ Strazzella from PW TEAM, Board of Public Works Commissioner Janice Wood, BPW Vice President Ellen Stein, Myo's parents, BPW President Valerie Lynne Shaw, Myo's husband, and BPW Commissioner Ronald Low.

The Board of Public Works recently presented its Supervisor of the Month Award to Myo Sasaki, Senior Management Analyst I with the Bureau of Sanitation. Sasaki was praised for her "can-do" attitude and for the way she leads by example. Sasaki was presented the award by the Public Works Task Force for Employee Achievement and Morale (PW TEAM). Above, Sasaki (center, holding certificate) shares her proud moment with, from left, Russ Strazzella from PW TEAM, Board of Public Works Commissioner Janice Wood, BPW Vice President Ellen Stein, Myo's parents, BPW President Valerie Lynne Shaw, Myo's husband, and BPW Commissioner Ronald Low.

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# Detention Graduation

## ■ LAPD graduates its class of new Detention Officers.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero

The LAPD graduated its 2004 recruit class of new Detention Officers in a ceremony Nov. 24 at the Elysian Park Police Academy Gymnasium.

Principal Detention Officer David C. Yen provided these details: The Detention Officers (DO) staff the LAPD's three regional jails and seven area jails. One of the area jails is in Wilshire area.

The recruit Academy course is nine-and-a-half weeks long. LAPD operates the largest Type I jail system in the western United States. A Type I facility is the classification for jails that process and house pre-arrestment arrestees. Our Department adheres to the guidelines that Board of Corrections has set forth for the correctional system. Per Board of Corrections, our recruits are required to attend a minimum of 176 hours of training.

The recruits have had extensive training in Codes, Statutes and Legal Documents; Professionalism and Ethics, Cultural Diversity; 832 PC Arrest and Control Training and Contraband and Evidence. They additionally gained practical training in Tactical Communications, the LAPD Arrest and Control Defensive Tactics Course and First Aid and CPR. The Academy is run by the detention personnel assigned to LAPD Jail Division, Standards and Training for Corrections (STC) Unit.

Twenty-eight recruits planned to graduate. On an average, there are two classes of detention officer recruits a year. Captain II Patrick K. Findley is the current Commanding Officer of Jail Division.

For those who want to Meet the Challenge and become a Detention Officer contact Personnel Department (213) 847-9240

The Club thanks Club Member and Detention Officer Catalina Alvarado for inviting us to come, and we congratulate all the new graduates!

### List of Graduates:

- Marvin Aldredge
- Stacy Antonio
- Roberta Avellaneda
- Rochelle Baeza
- Val Balaton
- Alberto Bacqueiro
- Beverly Calcote
- Alberto Cardenas
- Ronald Crittendon
- Nora Duenas
- Eureka Daniels
- Dennis Goynes
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- Gwendolyn Jacson
- Porchia King
- Jose Melendez
- Timothy Molinari
- Tracie Montgomery
- Elizaeth Nunez
- Jesse Rubacalva
- Jose Sandoval Garcia
- Rosanne Savala
- Jesse Tanner
- Amelia Trimino
- Jesus Valdez Jr.
- Sarita Williams
- Zubair Yousif

### Training Staff

Captain Patrick K. Findley, Commanding Officer, Jail Division; Lt. Kevin H. Williams, Standards and Training for Corrections Unit; Principal Detention Officer David C. Yuen, Sr. Drill Instructor; Principal Detention Officer Michael H. Ellington, Drill Instructor; Principal Detention Officer Charles W. Duncan IV, Drill Instructor; Detention Officer Catalina Alvarado, Drill Instructor; and Detention Officer Luke Ray, Drill Instructor.



From left: Charmaine Utz, friend; Dennis Goynes, Detention Officer; Patricia Phelps-Goynes, mother; and Laura Phelps, grandmother.



Back: Terence Aldredge. Middle, from left: Dennis Heaney, stepfather; Brittney Jones, daughter; Bridget Jones, wife; and Marvin Aldredge, Detention Officer. Front: Mary G. Heaney, mother.



Back, from left: Michael Ellington, Principal Detention Officer, 29 years, with Luke Ray, Detention Officer, 3 years. Front: Davin Yuen, Principal Detention Officer, 14 years; Rob Nobile, Principal Detention Officer, 20 years; Catalina Alvarado, Detention Officer, 5 years; and Charles Duncan, Principal Detention Officer, 14 years.



Back, from left: Art Contreras with his cousin Roseanne Savala, Detention Officer assigned to Van Nuys. Front: Michael Contreras, son; with Rudy Martinez, son of Roseanne.



From left: Alberto Baqueiro, Detention Officer, with Maggie Guerrero, Police Service Representative.



From left: Jesus Valdez Jr., Detention Officer, with Sharon K. Papa, Assistant Chief, Club Member.



From left: Sarita Williams, Detention Officer, with Sharon K. Papa, Assistant Chief, Club Member.



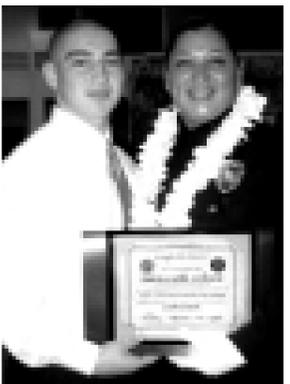
Ronald Crittendon, Detention Officer, with his sister, Sharon Crittendon.



Detention Officer graduates after receiving their certificate.



From left: Demesha Conway, daughter; Rita Blocker, mother; Sarita Williams, Detention Officer assigned to Van Nuys; Eric Williams, husband; and Richard Lyles, father.



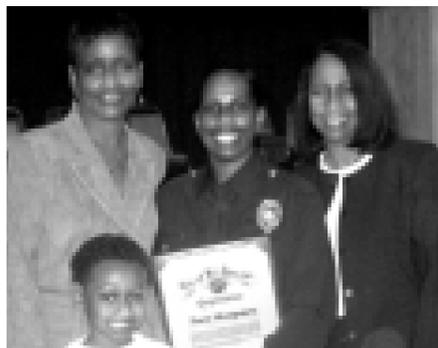
Arsenio Avellaneda, guest, with Roberta Avellaneda, Detention Officer assigned to Metro.



From left: William Hsu, Detention Officer assigned to 77th Station, with Timothy Molinari, Detention Officer assigned to Van Nuys.



Eureka Daniels, Detention Officer assigned to 77th Station, with her father, Kim Daniels, Custodian Supervisor, Gen. Services, Club Member.



Back, from left: Shirley Bell, aunt; Tracy Montgomery, Detention Officer assigned to Parker Center; and Mary Montgomery, mom. Front: Tay-mon Lawson, son.



From left: Alicia Valdez, mom; Jesus Valdez, Detention Officer assigned to Parker Center; Sandy Gudiel, friend; and Stacy Cordova, friend.

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# Club's Cool Quenchers

## ■ Club donates water bottles to DOT parking officers.

By Bev Haro, Club Counselor  
 Photos by Bev Haro; Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; and Robert Larios, Club Operations Manager

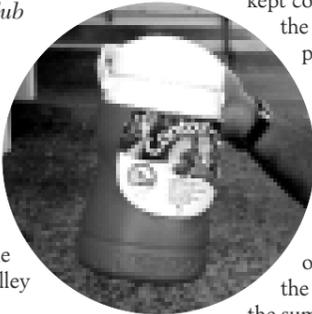
On Dec. 1, I was very fortunate to be able to deliver more than 100 Igloo water bottles to the very deserving DOT parking officers, courtesy of the Club. The Club donated 113 half-gallon Igloo water bottles to all the employees stationed at the Valley Traffic Division.

Club CEO John Hawkins and Club Operations Manager Robert Larios visited this location to cover the story about a local radio station broadcasting from a remote near the Valley Traffic Division. It was then that John heard the voices of traffic officers, who told John that the

summer months are terribly hot and the officers have to brave the blistering heat. Although the City vehicles they use are air conditioned, many employees have to buy water bottles, coolers, and ice packs to make sure they are hydrated and kept cool when patrolling the streets in the summer. Employees still have to purchase these extra amenities although DOT makes sure that the officers are accommodated with many resources to make their workdays run as easy as possible.

Once John learned of this, he offered to donate water bottles to the entire division in anticipation of the summer heat. After several months, the special order of Igloos arrived, and on Dec. 1, I delivered them to the division. I spent the entire day at the division making sure that everyone received the Igloos that were promised to the employees at this location.

It was a great day. Glad we could do it!



From left: Officer Lifonzo, 1.5 years, with Officer Schlegel, 17 years. Back: Officer Martin, 3 years.



Officer Vargas, 1.5 years.



Officer Shah, 2 years.



Officer Niovich, 8 years, and Officer Heerman.



Officer Battles, 27 years.



Officer Rogers, 8 years.



From left: Officer Niovich and Officer Serrato, 3 years.



From left: Officer Griner, 3 years, and Sgt. August Johnson, 16 years.



From left: Jessica Rios, Clerk Typist, 4 years, and Marion Carr, Traffic Officer, 29 years.



Officer Connie Rozier, 26 years.



Officer June Hayes, 18 years, with Club Operations Manager Robert Larios.



Officer Iranpur, 17 years.



From left: Officer Neustadter, 9 years, and Christopher Price, 9 years.



Officer Moreno, 3 years, with Bev Haro, DOT's Club Member Services Counselor.



Officer Fonseca, 24.5 years, with Club Member Services Manager Angel Gomez.



From left: Officer Stewart, 10 years, and Officer Contreras, 4 years.



From left: Sgt. Silka Iglesias, 16 years, with C.C. Catia, 3.5 years.



Officer Jackson, 3.5 years.



From left: Officer Locatelli, 28 years, with Officer Myles, 18 years.

# Training Classroom Opens

■ LAFD holds grand opening for its new training classroom.

Story and photos by Robert Larios, Club Operations Manager.

The LAFD held a wonderful Grand Opening and Dedication ceremony for its new Training Classroom. The new facility is at Fire Station #89, 7063 Laurel Canyon Dr.

The ceremony was held Dec. 9.

With the modernization of this facility, the community around the fire station will benefit greatly by having firefighters who are highly trained and capable of many fire and rescue skills that will save many of their lives.



The LAFD's new training classroom facility is ready for action.

Funds were made available through a recent Proposition that allows the remodeling of many facilities and stations.

The Club congratulates the LAFD on this great new facility!



From left: Roberto De Leon, Project Manager, Engineering, 16 years; Allan Kawaguchi, Program Manager, Engineering, 20 years; and Robert Falcon, Project Manager, Engineering, 13 years.



Tony Nanne: Communications Engineering Associate, ITA, 9 years.



Jeff Kemper: Contract Administration, Construction Inspector, 3 years, District A-1 under Brett McReynolds.



The training tower at the new classroom facility

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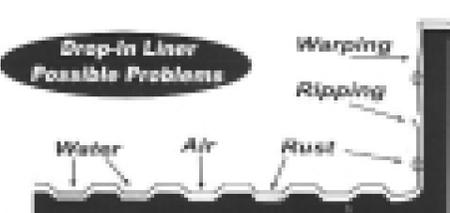
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# Badges of Honor

## ■ LAFD promotes several employees.

Story by Bev Haro, Club Counselor  
Photos by Robert Larios, Club Operations Manager

In October, the LAFD promoted several employees and presented them with impressive badges.

The event took place at the Fire Prevention Bureau in City Hall East.

Fire Marshal Jimmy H. Hill honored several employees. They were;

- Kathleen White, who was promoted from Fire Inspector I to Fire Inspector II and has served the city for 25 years. She also is a paramedic.
- Shane Allen, who was promoted to Fire Inspector II and has also served the City for 25 years;
- Firefighter Jeffrey Arnold, who was promoted to Fire Inspector (from Fire Fighter). He came from Fire Station 42 A Platoon.
- Not pictured is Rickey King, who was promoted to Fire Inspector (from Fire Fighter).

Rickey came from Fire Station 5, C Platoon.

- Captain II Robert Knight, who transferred from the field to the Fire Prevention Bureau. He is in charge of the high-rise unit.

Also honored was Hector Morales, LAFD Principal Clerk. On Sept. 29, he made the Fire Department proud, so the Fire Marshal honored him with a certificate for his heroic act.

The Club congratulates and thanks all those promoted (and Hector Morales, too) for their excellent service to the LAFD and the City of Los Angeles.



From left: Fire Marshal Jimmy H. Hill and Kathleen White, who was promoted to Fire Inspector II, 25 years.



From left: Fire Marshal Jimmy H. Hill and Shane Allen, who was promoted to Fire Inspector II, 25 years.



## Hector's a Hero

### ■ Hector Morales of the LAFD is commended for helping a man.

Story and photo by Bev Haro, Club Counselor

Hector Morales was given a special badge of merit Oct. 19 for good reason: He did the right thing.

He was on his way home from work one day when he observed strange behavior from a man on the street near Union Station. The man seemed disturbed and was yelling at pedestrians.

Hector continued watching the man until he saw the man climb over the rail, clinging

over the 101 Freeway by the Union Station. Hector immediately reached for his cell phone to dial 911 for help. He also called his supervisor at the Fire Department.

Hector tried to calm the man down by talking to him. The man came back



Hector Morales

onto the street and became hostile. He began chasing Hector, and Hector ran. Although Hector realized that the chase may have appeared like a rare spectacle to people trying to commute home, Hector was pleased that the man was now away from the rail.

When the police arrived they were able to get custody of the man. Hector says that he was impressed by the professional manner in which the LAPD handled the incident.

Hector was honored for his service to the city of Los Angeles. Not only did he call for help, but he took action to prevent the man from harming himself and others.



From left: Hector Morales, Principal Clerk, who was honored for his heroic act, with Jimmy H. Hill, Fire Marshal.

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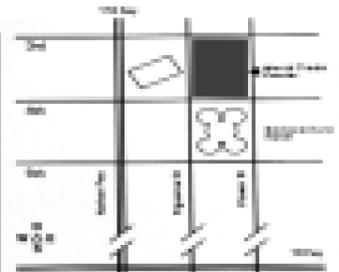
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BY Michelle Moreno, City Events Guru

# Michelle on the Move

## EVENTS

### Michelle Is Resolved for A Great 2005

Hello folks!

Welcome back to Events 411! I hope you enjoyed your holiday season! Did you get all the gifts you wanted? Did you ring in the New Year with a great celebration? Are you making your New Year's resolutions? Are you actually going to stick to them? C'mon, really, are you? Be honest!

I didn't think so. Don't worry, I'm just joking with you. If you can stick to those New Year's resolutions, not only is that fantastic, but I would definitely like to know your secret. This year, one of my resolutions is stop procrastinating and try to get things – such as this article – done early instead of at the last minute (there are just so many good things to put into it). This is my task for 2005, now how about you? Now that you know one of my New Year's resolutions, I would like to hear yours. If you'd like to share your resolutions with your fellow Club Members, please send them to me at michelleonthemove@cityemployeesclub.com.

I'd be happy to publish them in my article for our February or March issue.

So now that we've discussed what you plan to do for 2005, it's time to get into more detail and plan out what you are going to do for this month. For those of you who don't know much about the Chinese New Year, 2005 is the "Year of the Rooster." There are several parades and events celebrating the "Year of the Rooster," so why not participate in one of them – there's even a car show included. Speaking of car shows, don't forget the L.A. Auto Show is this month.

Another great event going on is "Downtown on Ice." If you like to ice skate, Pershing Square is a great place to spend a day with family and friends. However if you're like me and just enjoy watching (due to personal painful experiences), Disney is hosting a free Disney on Ice show starring the great characters of the hit film, "Monsters, Inc." This is a great event for the kids and it's free!

So as you can see, the winter is not without great free events. Go out and enjoy the beginning of 2005 and don't forget to send in those New Year's resolutions.

Once again, I must be on the move. I hope you enjoyed this month's Events 411 and I wish you the start of a great new year! I hope to see you around the City!

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

For more events around the City, visit these Websites:

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Know of any great City events? Let me know!

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

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 Date(s): Through Jan. 17  
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 Fri - Sun: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
 Site: Pershing Square, 532 S. Olive Street, Downtown L.A.  
 Cost: \$9/hour  
 More info: (888) 527-2757 or www.laparks.org/pershingsquare/pershing.htm  
 Sponsor: Rec and Parks

**Pershing Square's Winter Concert Series**  
 Enjoy great live music during your lunchtime, a Friday night, or a Sunday afternoon – all for free!  
 Date(s): Through Jan. 17  
 Time: Tues. and Thurs. - noon to 2 p.m.  
 Fri: 8 - 10 p.m.  
 Sun: 2 - 4 p.m.  
 Site: Pershing Square, 532 S. Olive Street, Downtown L.A.  
 Cost: Free  
 Performance schedule:  
 Jan 7: Space Oddity – (David Bowie tribute)  
 Jan 9: N2N (funk)  
 Jan 13: David Hughes (jazz)  
 Jan 14: Queen Nation (Queen tribute)  
 Jan 16: One World (world beat)  
 Jan 17: Urban Dread (reggae)  
 More info: (888) 527-2757 or www.laparks.org/pershingsquare/pershing.htm  
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**Disney on Ice, Monsters Inc. – Pershing Square**  
 Bring the kids for a free preview of Disney on Ice – Monsters, Inc. See Boo, Mike, Sulley and more of these great characters - - all for free.  
 Date(s): Jan. 11  
 Time: TBA – call or visit Website for details.  
 Site: Pershing Square, 532 S. Olive Street, Downtown L.A.  
 Cost: Free  
 More info: (818) 243-6488 or www.laparks.org/pershingsquare/pershing.htm  
 Sponsor: Rec and Parks



**Martin Luther King Jr. Parade**  
 Come and celebrate the life of the great Martin Luther King with a street parade full of floats, activities, celebrities and more.  
 Date(s): Jan. 15  
 Time: 11 a.m.  
 Site: Begins: Martin Luther King Blvd. at Crenshaw  
 Los Angeles  
 Cost: Free  
 More info: (323) 299-1234



**Whale Fiesta at Cabrillo Beach**  
 Kick off the whale-watching season with a fun-filled day of activities, exhibits, contests and more.  
 Date(s): Jan. 16  
 Time: 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
 Site: Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, 3720 Stephen M White Drive, San Pedro  
 Cost: Free  
 More info: (310) 548-7562 or www.cabrilloaq.org/spevents.html



**World City Music Festival - Khac Chi and Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company**  
 Come and enjoy this free Vietnamese song and dance performance by the Khac Chi Ensemble. This is part of the 2005 season of "World City," "an admission-free Saturday performance series designed to celebrate the diverse cultural traditions reflected in the Los Angeles population."  
 Date(s): Jan. 29  
 Time: 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



**Lunar New Year at the Zoo**  
 Celebrate the Year of the Rooster at the L.A. Zoo. Come and bring the kids for crafts, performances and more.  
 Date(s): Jan. 29 & 30  
 Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 Site: Los Angeles Zoo  
 5333 Zoo Drive, Los Angeles  
 Cost: \$10/adults, \$7/seniors, \$5/children (ages 2 to 12), free/children (under 2)  
 Get your \$2 off Adult or \$1 off Child's price coupons at Club Headquarters  
 More info: (323) 644-4200 or www.lazoo.org  
 Sponsor: Los Angeles Zoo



# February

**San Gabriel Valley Lunar New Year Parade**  
 Come and celebrate the Year of the Rooster with a parade, live entertainment and more.  
 Date(s): Feb. 5  
 Time: Parade: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
 Street Festival: 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
 Site: On Valley Boulevard between Garfield and Almansor, Alhambra  
 Cost: Free  
 More info: (626) 284-1234 or www.lunarnewyearparade.com



**Chinese New Year Parade**  
 Another celebration for Year of the Rooster filled with a weekend full of fun: a parade, car show, live entertainment and more.  
 Date(s): Feb. 12-13  
 Time: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
 Parade: 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Feb. 12)  
 Car show: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Feb. 13)  
 Site: Chinatown, Los Angeles  
 Cost: Free  
 More info: (213) 617-0396 or www.lagoldendragonparade.com



**World City Music Festival - Jazz Tap Ensemble and Heritage Chorale**  
 Come and enjoy this free jazz song and dance performance by the Heritage Chorale from Faithful Central Bible Church. This is part of the 2005 season of "World City," "an admission-free Saturday performance series designed to celebrate the diverse cultural traditions reflected in the Los Angeles population."  
 Date(s): Feb. 19  
 Time: 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



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# Thanks for the Mail!

## ■ Councilmembers stop by as Gen. Services hosts appreciation day for Mail Services.

Story and photos by Jorge Suarez, Club Counselor



Councilmembers Wendy Greuel and Dennis Zine were among those who stopped by to say thanks to the City's Mail Services Division of Gen. Services.

The event took place Dec. 7 in the Tom Bradley Room high atop City Hall.

Led by Chandra Mosley, the appreciation day was rightfully due for the men and women of Mail and Messenger Services, a key division of Gen. Services. Congratulations!



Top, from left: James Steele, Delivery Driver, 21 years; and Timothy Lamb, Delivery Driver, 3 months. Bottom: Jacobi Patterson, Vocational Worker I, 2 years; Benjamin v. Sacro, Delivery Driver I, 3 years; and Ernie Bernal, Delivery driver I, 3 years.



Top, from left: Ceci Rogers, Exec Secretary, 39 years; and Laura Bermudez, Executive Secretary II, Bottom: Lisa Harris, Executive Secretary, 17 years; and Beverly Stinson Pleasant, Executive Secretary III.



Tony Royster (far left), Assistant General Manager, gives the Employee of the Year award to David Pongvarin (center). Also pictured are (from left) Eric Brown, Deputy Mayor; Alvin Blain, General Manager of Gen. Services; and Chandra Mosley, Chief Clerk of the Mail and Messenger Services Division.



Esperanza Reynoso won a Dedicated Team Player award.



Jacobi Paterson won an Outstanding Customer Service award and a Perfect Attendance award.



Ernest Bernal won a Perfect Attendance award.



Some of the prize winners display their winnings at the recent Mail Services Appreciation Day.



Randy Gordon won a Perfect Attendance award and a Best Team Player award.



David Meraz won a Perfect Attendance award.



Brenda Nichols won a Perfect Attendance award.



Terry Brummund won a Perfect Attendance award.



Napoleon Fuller III won a Safety Awareness and Outstanding Work Performance awards.



Jeannette Arnold, Principal Clerk, 25 years.



Margaret (Peggy) Moore won a Perfect Attendance award.



Michael Hammersley won a Perfect Attendance award.

## Haven House

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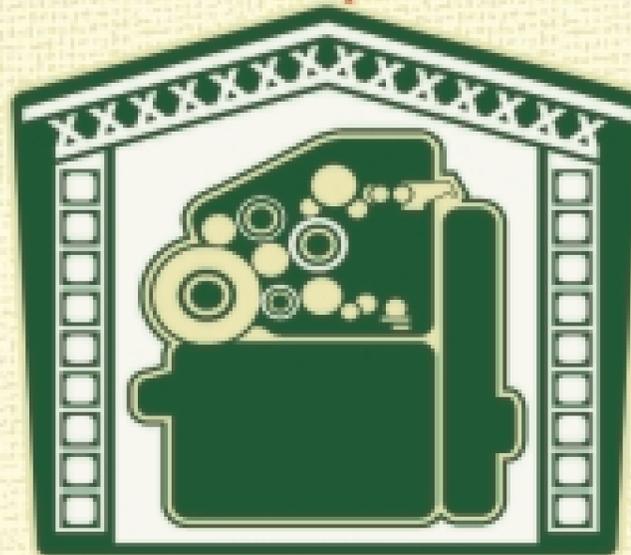
Haven House is the oldest shelter of its kind in the United States, founded in 1964 to shelter families of violent alcoholics.

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- Legal assistance (TRO's etc.)
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We want to know about you! Tell us a little about yourself:

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ How old are you? \_\_\_\_\_

When is your birthday? \_\_\_\_\_ What is your favorite television show? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your favorite snack? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the first name of your best friend? \_\_\_\_\_

I want to go to Aquarium of the Pacific because: \_\_\_\_\_

For parents/guardian to complete:

Name of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Job title and department with the City: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's address/state/zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit to:**

Club Coloring Contest  
 City Employees Club of Los Angeles  
 World Trade Center  
 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700  
 Los Angeles, CA 90071

Deadline for submission:

**February 10,**  
**2005**

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

**Good luck, and have fun!**



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# Life's Important Moments

## Share your moments!

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



### In Memoriam

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

NAME	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE
<b>Active</b>		
Mohammad Asrar	Public Works	22
Michael Baker	Information Technology	25
Linda Henderson	LAPD	2
Kenneth Jones	Library	32
Cleveland Mayfield	DWP	N/A
Fred Rampe	Airports	21
Juanita Roberts	Transportation	4
Carlos Sobrino	DWP	N/A
<b>Retired Members</b>		
Lula B.Adams	Airports	23
Ausaf Ali	Harbor	26
Joe Anderson	Public Works	32
Helen F. Anstine	City Council	14
Holton Browning	DWP	N/A
Violeta A. Campana	City Clerk's Office	15
Willie R. Campbell	Rec and Parks	32
John Caulton	DWP	N/A
Alva Collins	DWP	N/A
Michael Coyle	DWP	N/A
Louis Cummings	LAFD	12
Louis J. Davis	Public Works	34
Bern L. Dean	Public Works	10
Joseph Doran	DWP	N/A
Eloise Enoch	City Clerk 1	8
Hermon Evans	Building and Safety	20
Armando Gervacio	DWP	N/A
Albert Gould	Rec and Parks	11
Winifred Graham	DWP	N/A
Alfred Hansen	Public Works	17
Milton W. Hodge	Public Works	29
Dale M. Howe	Airports	27
Shirley Jackson	DWP	N/A
Merle Kappmeyer	DWP	N/A
Henry Kohn	DWP	N/A
Ethel Lehman	DWP	N/A
Antonio Maldonado	DWP	N/A
John Mallery	Public Works	15
Lawrence Martin	Animal Control	29
Mike McDow	DWP	N/A
Raymond Mendenhall	DWP	N/A
Robert Mendez	DWP	N/A
Bobbie Moore	City Attorney	20
Virginia Morgan	DWP	N/A
Edward Morris	Public Works	20
Ernest J. Newsom	Public Works	33
Robert Parker	DWP	N/A
Leonard E. Payton	Airports	12
Charles Phillips	Public Works	30
Victoria Pierce	LAPD	14
Frank Polce	Gen. Services	23
Robert Roberts	ITA	29
Ralph M. Robertson	Public Works	19
Luis C. Robres	Gen. Services	16
Antonio Romero	Public Works	24
Pedro Romero	Public Works	41
Ruben Saucedo	DWP	N/A
Edward Silva	DWP	N/A
Ransom W. Southern	LAPD	30
Roger Sebastian	DWP	N/A
Marvin Strunk	Gen. Services	31
Marvin R. Sward	Gen. Services	20
Ralph Torroni	Rec and Parks	27
Alice Trainor	DWP	N/A
Albert Watson	DWP	N/A
John T. Watson	LAFD	30
Robert Woolley	Harbor	12

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



### Promotions

#### Promotions:

Send us your department, your former job title, your new job, and a sentence saying your supervisor is aware that you're sending this. Send your photo, too, plus your phone number. Send to [moments@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:moments@cityemployeesclub.com).



**Charles Tajiri**, promoted to **Principal Accountant with Port of Los Angeles**. He was a Sr. Auditor at ITA and has been with the City for 30 years.

**Kai Wong**, promoted to **Procurement Analyst I at Port of Los Angeles**. She was a Management Assistant for Bureau of Sanitation at Hyperion and has been with the City for almost nine years.



**Kecia Brooks**, promoted to **Sr. Clerk Typist at Port of Los Angeles**. She was a Clerk Typist for Los Angeles Convention Center and has been with the City for almost 15 years. She has been a Club Member since 1993.



### Weddings

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



**Sylvia and Michael Koire**, Club Members, were married July 6. Sylvia and Michael met each other in 1944, dated for six years and then parted their ways. Neither saw each other for 55 years until Michael called Sylvia and they began dating again. They were soon married! A big congratulations from the Club!



**Vincent and Maegan Zabukovec**, recently married. Vincent is in Power Systems Operations for the DWP.



**Martin Lovato**, Club Member and Electrician for the Construction & Maintenance, Port of LA, and **Darly Lovato**, married Dec. 16 in Long Beach.



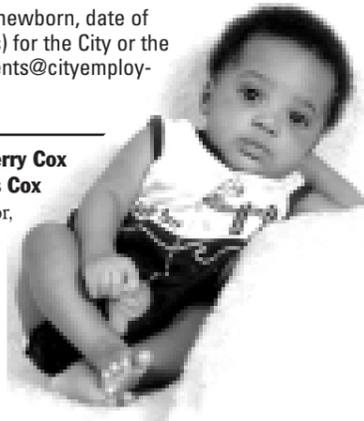
## Births

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

**Liam Lewis Cox**, born July 5 to **Sherry Cox** (Senior Clerk, Sanitation) and **Lewis Cox** (Refuse Collection Truck Operator, Sanitation).



Kai's first Halloween: **Kai Anthony Rongavilla Sayoto** was born Jan. 10 to **Ray and Maria Sayoto** of Torrance, and we featured Kai in our March issue. Here he is again, all grown up (well, sort of) at his first Halloween. Good going, Kai! Maria is a Senior Clerk Typist with the Port of LA Harbor Department. Kai's grandfather, Ponciano R. Rongavilla, is a Mechanical Engineer Associate in Harbor Department, Engineering Division.



## Just Married? or Had a Baby?



### We Have a Gift for You!

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

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

If it's a wedding, The Club will send you the book **Our Honeymoon: A Record Book About Our Wild Ride** free as our

wedding gift! The book is a record keeper and photo album all in one.

If it's a birth, The Club will send you the book **My Life as a Baby** free as our baby gift! It highlights the baby's first year, from the baby's point of view, with space for all the important information and lots of photos.

Don't delay. Send in those pictures and information to [moments@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:moments@cityemployeesclub.com)



## Club Graduations

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



## New Members

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

## Welcome New Members!

- |                         |                      |                     |
|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Mary Aliasghar          | Jose Garcia          | Judith O'Connor     |
| Nancy Alvarez           | John Gibbs           | Rene Olivia         |
| Jose Arandia            | Sharon Glass         | Jeffrey Olmsted     |
| Jose Arias              | Carlos Gomez         | Maria Osuna         |
| Daniel Arnold           | Rafael Gomez-Blanco  | Lynda Ozuna         |
| Richard Ayala           | Jose Gongora         | Erika Palominos     |
| Elsa Barraza            | Art Gonzales Jr.     | Paul Parish         |
| Gilbert Bazurto         | Rosario Gonzalez     | Odetta Paterno      |
| Joan Becker-Freese      | Ramiro Gonzalez      | Miguel Perez        |
| Shahram Behina          | Belinda Gonzalez     | Randy Pettit        |
| Dorothy Belanger        | Jordan Good          | Diana Pointer       |
| Julia Bennett           | Barbara Grisham      | Rosie Poydras       |
| Donald Benton           | Michelle Gross       | Gabriel Quintanilla |
| Johnny Berru Jr.        | Lee Guilbeaux        | James Randall       |
| Dorothy Bibb            | Minerva Gutierrez    | Maria Renfrow       |
| Carmencita Bognot       | Arthur Guzman        | Maria Restrepo      |
| Jeffrey Bogust          | Dan Haecker          | Linda Rhine         |
| Edna Boyd               | David Hales          | Lisa Rhodes         |
| Dennis Bragin           | Karin Hamayak        | Dennis Robertson    |
| Richard Brinson II      | Elaine Hatcher       | Hynda Rudd          |
| Gary Brown              | Leslie Holiday       | George Ruiz         |
| Cameron Buffington      | Ryan Howley-Strauss  | Enrique Salazar     |
| Patrick Burnsido        | Elsa Hung            | Gary Sam            |
| Thomas Burroughs        | Oscar Insong         | Rosardo Sanchez     |
| Melissa Burrows         | Janet Iwaki-Horsting | Manuel Sanchez      |
| Callie Bush             | Thomas Jeffers III   | Pablo Sanchez       |
| Lucile Butler           | Barbara Johnson      | Mike Sayre          |
| David Calderon          | Frederick Jordan     | Millie Schuyler     |
| Janelle Adeloga Carpena | Jayson Joseph        | Manuel Sena         |
| Larry Carter            | Dong Joung           | John Serrato        |
| Anthony Carter          | Vatche Kasumyan      | Paul Shakstad       |
| Ryan Carter             | Robert Landrum       | Stephanie Shelling  |
| Anita Cerna             | Anthony Law          | Vincent Shepherd    |
| Jose Chavarria          | Stephanie Lazarus    | Stephen Simon       |
| Audrey Childress        | Chinh Le             | Elsa Slutzky        |
| Kevin Clark             | Robert Lee           | DaShawn Smith       |
| Michael Clarke          | Laura Leon           | Freddie Spears      |
| Daniel Cobos            | Francisco Leyva      | Paula Stanley       |
| Kenneth Collier         | Mark Lopez           | Katie Stanley       |
| Jennifer Corona         | Martin Lovato        | Lee Sweet           |
| Doug Corsette           | Marshall Lowe        | Shalonda Taylor     |
| Patrick Corti           | Lac Luc              | Pierre Taylor       |
| Lenore Crumrine         | Reinalda Mabin       | Susan Thisdell      |
| LaQuan Cunningham       | Emilio Macias        | Nathan Thomas III   |
| Iris Davis              | Sophia Mackey        | Quenton Trenal      |
| Juan De Lao             | Michael Mallon       | Glenn Twardy        |
| Trina De Pedro          | Virginia Mattered    | Arturo Vargas       |
| King Disimulacion       | James McCollum       | Jorge Venegas       |
| Jerome Divinitr         | Takisha McFarland    | John Wakamatsu      |
| John Doyle              | Lynn McKay-Roth      | Latisha Warren      |
| Julie Erickson          | James Meek           | Taiwan Washington   |
| Antonio Espinoza        | Baltazar Menjivar    | Sylvia Williams     |
| Sonia Estevez           | Mary Mims            | Steven Williams     |
| Belinda Estrada         | Yolanda Montes       | Charles Windt       |
| Frances Felix           | Andres Morales       | Eileen Wong         |
| Israel Flores Jr.       | Anthony Moses        | Anita Wu            |
| Delinda Fuentes         | Taylor Nicole Moyo   | Scott Yi            |
| Michael Gaffney         | Maria Munoz          | Vincent Zabukovec   |
| Rebecca Galbo           | Judy Neisonger       |                     |
| Jesus Galvez            | Juan Nunez           |                     |

## Retirements

NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	#YEARS
Mark Bascom	Wastewater Treatment Mech.	Public Works	24
Joyce Bergmann	Secretary	Rec and Parks	30
Lydia Bosley	Animal Keeper	Zoo	17
Richard Brown	Elec. Distr. Mech. Supv.	DWP	N/A
Nestor Carreon	Fingerprint ID Exp.	LAPD	23
Carlos Curugado	Sr. Building Inspector	Bldg. and Safety	34
James Edwards	Sr. Electrical Insp.	Public Works	19
Mercia Estrella	N/A	DWP	N/A
Milton Farmer	Rehab. Constr. Specialist	Housing	38
Albert Fierstine	Traffic Manager	Harbor	24
Ronald Fisher	N/A	DWP	N/A
Barbara Friedman	Admin. Deputy Controller	Controller	5
Mary Gibson	Customer Service Rep	DWP	N/A
Donald Gonzales	N/A	DWP	N/A
Albert Henderson	N/A	DWP	N/A
Michael Hunter	N/A	DWP	N/A
Rae James	Deputy Mayor	Mayor's Office	6
Robert Jewell	N/A	DWP	N/A
Denneth Johnson	N/A	DWP	N/A
Diane Jordan	Customer Service Rep	DWP	N/A
Ralph Haack	Systems Analyst	Public Works	19
Joan Kleihauer	Art Instructor	Cultural Affairs	19
Gouri Kothandapanay	Accounting Clerk	CDD	16
Steven Lipman	Council Aide	City Council	12
Domenic Lomedico	Delivery Driver	Library	30
Eutiq Luminarias	Civil Engineering Associate	Public Works	27
Felix Lutrario	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.	Rec and Parks	16
Benjamin Mariano	Steam Plant Operator	DWP	N/A
Richard McCarthy	Tree Surgeon	DWP	N/A
Lynn McCord	Commun. Opr.	ITA	18
Fred Meadows	Wastewater Treatment Mech.	Public Works	24
Vivian Mendoza	Council Aide	City Council	5
Joseph O'Grady	N/A	DWP	N/A
Justina Palicte	Sr. Clerk Steno.	Harbor	45
Caldwell Pochmara	N/A	DWP	N/A
Syloan Price	Light Equip. Operator	Rec and Parks	15
Stephen Rasmussen	Electrical Mechanic	DWP	N/A
Darryl Roberson	Sr. Traffic Supervisor	Transportation	34
George Romero	Equipment Mechanic	DWP	N/A
Sudie Rover	Pr. Tx. & Prm. Field Rep.	Finance	32
Frank Salas	Assistant GM	DWP	N/A
Jose Salas	MTNC Construction Helper	DWP	N/A
Ricardo Sanchez	Equip. Mechanic	LAPD	30
Linda Simpson	N/A	DWP	N/A
Dennis Spiker	Wastewater Engineer	Public Works	30
Robert Stafford	Auto Painter	Gen. Services	17
Suzanne Strawn	N/A	DWP	N/A
James Tyrone	Warehouse and T/R Worker	Public Works	33
James Winn Sr.	Wastewater Treatment Operator	Public Works	29

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

# Cooking with the Club

by our own  
**Robert Larios**



## Send Us Your Recipes!

If you would like your recipe published in the next issue of *Alive!*, you may fax your recipes to (213) 620-0398 or e-mail us at [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com).

# Super Foods for Super Bowl

Even if you aren't a football fanatic, you can't escape the delight of Super Bowl food. There are endless number recipes and new ones being created for one of the most anticipated sporting events of the year. Not to mention that Super Bowl watchers consume about nine million pounds of just tortilla chips and more than 15,000 pounds of guacamole.

Super Bowl Sunday, in early February, is definitely one of the favorite eating pastimes for football fans. Some of the best dishes are made right at home. I'm sharing just some of my favorite Super Bowl dishes as well as some great tips on making sure you

are food-safe.

The night before the game, try to get as much work done as possible. Cut up vegetables and marinate meat.

If making sandwiches, make and freeze these ahead of time using coarse-textured bread that doesn't get soggy when thawed. Make sure you refrigerate the mayonnaise.

Perishable foods such as lunch meats, cooked beef or chicken, tuna, potato, egg and pasta salads all need to be refrigerated. I highly recommend that you use watertight containers to prevent those leaks.

Be prepared to wash your hands frequently, especially when handling protein like poultry and raw beef.

When the party is over, you may have leftovers. The following tips are great for handling leftovers: Refrigerate leftovers as soon as you can because food that sits out for more than two hours isn't safe to eat. If the ambient temperature is above 90 degrees, food should be put up after one hour.

When in doubt, throw it out!

## Marino's Grilled Butter Oysters

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb. butter, melted and clarified
- 2 tbs. chopped garlic
- 1 tsp. sea salt
- 1/2 cup of parsley
- 1 tsp. ground black pepper
- 3 dozen oysters on the half shell



### DIRECTIONS

Open oysters and place on the half shell on the grill. Ladle butter mixture on top. When cooked, sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and a bit of chopped parsley on each oyster.

## Spice Reliever Punch

### INGREDIENTS

Make two days in advance:

- Boil 2 cups water and 3 cups sugar, chill

Make one day in advance:

- 46 oz. can unsweetened pineapple juice.
- 12oz. can of frozen orange juice concentrate.
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice.
- 3 bananas, ripe but not overripe.

### DIRECTIONS

Just before serving:

- Combine with 4 qts. Ginger ale
- Use the whole quart of simple syrup!



## Garlic Toast a la Grilled

### INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 lb. butter
- 1/2 lb. margarine
- 1-cup parsley, chopped
- 3 green onions, chopped
- 8-12 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup Romano cheese (optional)



### DIRECTIONS

Soften butter and margarine to room temperature. Fold in parsley, garlic and cheese. Spread on loaf of bread cut in thick slices. Place on hot grill until toasted.



## Running Back Jalapeños

### INGREDIENTS

- 1/4 lb ground beef
- 10-12 popper-size jalapeños
- 1 small onion
- 1 lb bacon
- 12 oz - 1 lb. Monterey Jack w/jalapeños cheese



### DIRECTIONS

Chop onion and brown in small amount of oil. Add hamburger and brown and drain. Grate cheese and mix with hamburger. Cut top off jalapeños and core out the seeds. Slit down to 1/4 inch from bottom. Stuff with hamburger mixture. Wrap slice of bacon around popper. Stick with toothpick if necessary. Grill over coals until done.

## Coach's Seasoned Guacamole

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 California avocados, about 1 pound
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 cup finely diced red bell pepper
- 1/2 cup small cherry tomatoes
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced green onion
- 3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon chopped, fresh thyme leaves or 1/4 rounded teaspoon dried
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper



### DIRECTIONS

Coarsely mash avocados; stir in lemon juice. Fold in remaining ingredients. Guacamole is best made as close to serving as possible. For short-term storage, seal in an airtight container with a piece of plastic wrap against the surface of the guacamole, and one avocado seed.



CLUB CORNER

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Jaime Truong, President

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Leonor Garcia, 2nd Vice President

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# Critic's Corner What I Saw

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## Ray

Ray is a thoroughly enjoyable movie—great acting, good music, and memorable performances...what more can you ask for? This is a must-see movie if you are a rhythm and blues fan. Jamie Foxx does an Oscar-worthy performance in his portrayal of Ray Charles. You will walk out of the theatre appreciating Ray Charles' musical genius and the struggles he dealt with throughout his life. This movie is Rated PG-13 for its comical but mature aspects of his freestyle attitude with the women in his life.

— Chuck Beas, DWP

Wow! Jamie Foxx did an amazing job playing music legend Ray Charles. He deserves at least an Oscar nomination. The movie is a little long, 2 hours and 45 minutes, but this biographical story holds your interest throughout.

I was disappointed it left out the last three or four decades of his life. It left me wanting more, more, more. I really hope they will do a Ray 2.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP



## Shall We Dance

This is a fantastic movie, based on a married couple. The husband feels unhappy with his life, feels he's life is routine, with no excitement.

His wife has busy schedule and has no time for him. He's a lawyer in New York, traveling to and from work on the train, when he sees a woman looking out the windows. The next day, he sees the same woman and now he's intrigued. He notices the sign that says "dance studio, visitors free to watch." He gets off the train and enters the building attempting to watch.

Approached by the dance instructor for assistance, he ends up paying for lessons. During a private moment, his instructor tells him, she used to dance professionally and was dumped by her partner and she's been depressed ever since. She feels that she needs to teach others to dance, to forget. He feels he can't tell the wife about the lesson because he feels he would hurt her feelings. He continues his lessons and his wife feels he's having an affair, so she hires a private investigator. All this time, he's taking dance lessons, making him happy again.

He enters dance contest. His wife finds out he's taking lessons, but doesn't say anything to him. She shows up at the contest with their daughter to watch him dance.

This movie has good humor, a lot of laughs, is clean and very entertaining. Highly recommended.

— Diane Gilmartin, Ontario Airport

Richard Gere stars as John Clark, a weary, happily married but bored man. He knows he has a good life, a good job and a good family life, but for some inexplicable reason something seems to be missing. Each evening on the train ride home, he notices a beautiful woman (Jennifer Lopez) standing in a dance studio. Before he knows it, he's taking dance lessons. Gere does a good job of convincing you that his life has hit a lull, a point where too much comfort and routine brings his spontaneity and lust for life to a standstill. He does a good job of accomplishing what he has set out to do. John's wife (Susan Sarandon) suspects he's having an affair. Stanley Tucci is hilarious as Gere's co-worker who loves to dance.

*Shall We Dance?*—yes. My husband (reluctantly thinking this was just another dance movie) and I went to see this movie not knowing what to expect. We both enjoyed the movie very much. This movie has a little of everything—romance, humor and dancing. Go see this movie and enjoy yourself.

— Gwen Lew, DWP



## Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason

The long awaited Hugh Grant (adorable), Colin Firth (gorgeous) and Renee Zellweger movie has finally arrived. The saga continues for Bridget; she is still overweight, insecure and pretty much a screw up at work. But, much like her fictitious TV public loves her, I do, too. There is something sweet and refreshing about the regular girl getting ahead, especially when she must take so many paths to get there. The movie does drag a bit in the beginning, but it is quickly outweighed by several laugh-out-loud moments. This is a great date movie or even a girl's night out. Overall, I would rate this movie a B.

— Paula Stanley, Zoo



## After the Sunset

Pierce Brosnan and Salma Hayek star as diamond thieves who retire to a tropical paradise. While Salma is enjoying herself, Pierce seems a bit bored. When a cruise ship comes to port with a very rare diamond on exhibit, will they try to steal it? Woody Harrelson is the bumbling FBI agent who never can catch them. He does track them down to the island and hopes he can finally catch them in the act.

While channel surfing, I saw that Ebert and Roper both gave this movie their "thumbs down." Well, I liked it!

It is a lighthearted comedy/drama. And some of it may look familiar, as it may have recycled some ideas from other movies. But again, I enjoyed the movie and feel it is fine for teens and up.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

If you enjoy a movie with good twists, reasonably good action, just enough romance to keep the ladies happy, and Salma Hayek in a two-piece (no drooling on your keypads guys), then *After the Sunset* may just be the movie for you and her. This one feels a bit like a throwback to a movie starring Cary Grant titled *To Catch a Thief*, with this even somewhat winked at in the film itself, minus some of the classic cinematography and dialogue of the original.

The movie is based on a couple of would-be thieves, having completed the perfect heist. Retiring and now living it up on a remote paradise, only to be tracked down and enticed by the same paradisiacal temptations.

The movie stars Pierce Brosnan, Salma Hayek, Woody Harrelson and Don Cheadle. It's a good date movie and definitely worth a look-see, especially if you're looking for something that satisfies both parties.

— Dory Boyd, Sanitation



## The Polar Express

*The Polar Express* is a train that picks up children who doubt that Santa Claus really exists. It takes a wild/fun ride to the North Pole.

The animation is terrific as is Tom Hanks in several parts. This is a nice and all who love Christmas.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP



## Alfie

What's it all about? It's about the movie theatre taking your money! Jude Law stars as *Alfie*, a play-boy-type character who cannot make commitments. It's a great cast (Susan Sarandon, Marisa Tomei, Nia Long, Jane Krakowski and Siena Rose Miller), and there are some good scenes here, but overall if you want to see it, wait for it to come to the rental store. For adults.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP



## The Incredibles

This is my favorite of the past eight or so movies that I have seen. Craig T. Nelson from TV's *The District* is the voice of Mr. Incredible. He is a superhero who was forced, along with all others, to retirement.

Inside the witness protection plan, they are moved to new locations. At a time when he is just so bored and frustrated with trying to lead a "normal" life, a new job opportunity comes along.

The movie is great for the whole family.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP



## Saw

I enjoyed this movie. I would not recommend it for children. The story takes place in a rundown bathroom with Adam, a photographer, played by Leigh Whannell, and Dr. Gordon, played by Cary Elwes. Both Adam and Dr. Gordon are chained at their ankle to their own pipe at each end of the bathroom. Between them lays a dead body. Dr. Gordon has to kill Adam by 6 p.m. or the unknown killer will kill Dr. Gordon's wife and daughter. The movie flashes between the bathroom scene and other victim's the unknown killer has either killed or nearly killed. Danny Glover plays a detective who is working on solving who the killer is. Clues throughout the movie will eventually lead you to who the killer is, but there are twists along the way to throw you off. The reason the movie is called *Saw* will become evident as you watch the movie. I do not want to give away the end, which would spoil you seeing the movie. If you like a good who done it thriller, then you will like *Saw*.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD



## The Grudge

I definitely did not like this movie. It's rare that I have walked out on movies, but I almost did with this movie. I do not think I would let children see it. Sarah Michelle Gellar is the main star along with Jason Behr,

Bill Pullman, Clea Du Vall and Kadee Strickland. It was suppose to be a horror ghost movie that takes place in Tokyo. The movie is very difficult to follow because it first shows a man who falls from a hotel balcony, then shows a professor who is teaching at a university. The ghost appears throughout the movie, which makes you jump a few times. I think the basic thought of the movie was to show a ghost had inhabited a house in Tokyo and the people throughout the movie where connected to the house and the ghost. Good luck if you go to see it.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD



## National Treasure

This is a great family movie. I took my five kids, ages 13 to 23, and we all enjoyed it.

Nicolas Cage plays a treasurer hunter who comes from a family of treasure hunters going back to the Revolutionary

War. A treasure was hidden from the British and he spends his life looking for the clues that will lead him to this treasure. There is a lot of history from the time of the signing of the Declaration of Independence to the present day. There is a lot of action also, which keeps the kids entertained.

Jon Voight plays Cage's father, and there is the story of their relationship, which had suffered because of Cage's insistence on finding this treasure. I recommend this movie for pre-teens to adults. Also, it may help school-age children appreciate our history.

— Linda Cuarenta, LAPD

It's definitely a movie worth seeing. It reminded me of the Indiana Jones movies. Nicolas Cage plays a treasure hunter; his father and grandfather were also treasure hunters. Sean Bean plays the bad guy who is also after the same treasure as Cage. The secret to the treasure is supposedly written on the Declaration of Independence. So the race is on between Cage and Bean as to who can steal the Declaration of Independence. Diane Kruger plays the pretty museum supervisor in charge of the Declaration of Independence. She gets pulled into Cage's search for the lost treasure. The movie does keep you on the edge of your seat and has a great ending. It's a good movie to take the whole family to, with no sex or violence.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

I just went to see *National Treasure* and it was great. The movie, somewhat a little far-fetched, is about the fact that some of our Founding Fathers somehow hid clues to a great treasure in the Declaration of Independence. OK! Given the plot, Nicolas Cage, obsessed treasure hunter, goes for it even though that means stealing one of the most protected documents of our time, yes, the Declaration of Independence, so he can find the clue and eventually find the treasure.

Not so fast: As always, there is a bad guy. This guy is on to Cage and tries to steal the Declaration for himself and his bad guys. Lots of good action/adventure scenes and of course Cage is always good, but I just could not get over the fact that our Founders placed clues on the Declaration of Independence for a hidden treasure. Other than that, I thought it was a good show and appropriate for 13-year-olds and up. Worth the discount ticket price.

— Richard Tamez, LAPD



## Christmas with the Kranks

The previews and commercials definitely showed the funny scenes of the movie. Jamie Lee Curtis and Tim Allen play the Kranks, who are going to boycott

Christmas because their grown daughter is supposed to be out of the country for Christmas and they are going to take a cruise. The neighborhood is very upset with the Kranks and they harass the Kranks, which is good for some laughs. At the last minute the Kranks' daughter decides she will come home for Christmas. Of course the Kranks have not decorated their house inside or out. The neighbors pull together to help the Kranks decorate before their daughter gets home. The movie was cute for kids, but was not that funny. I would save this one for the \$5 DVD special.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

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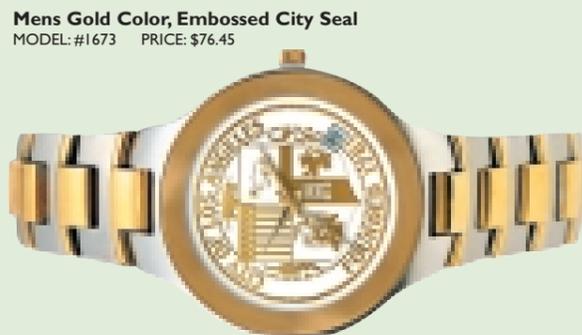
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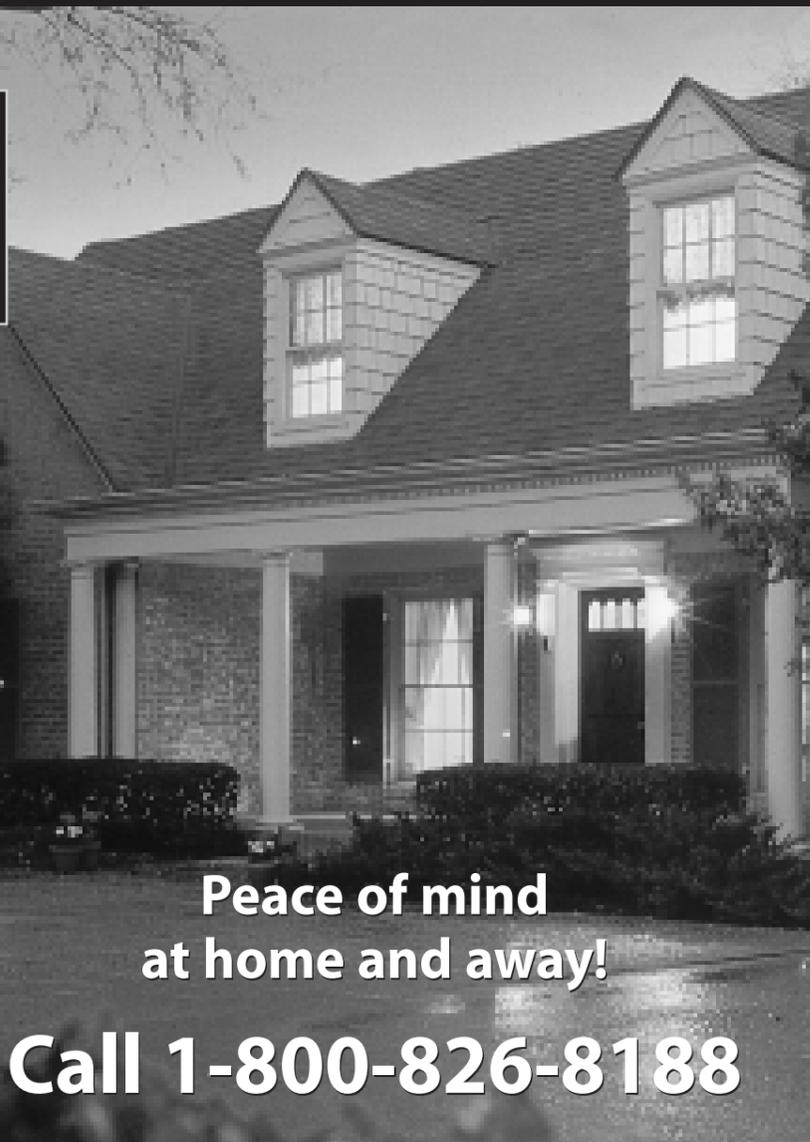


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