

Three City Employees Laid to Rest

■ Three City employees perish, two in the recent Metrolink train collision and one while attending to a collapsed street during the recent rains.



Julia Bennett

Julia Bennett, a Senior Clerk Typist with the LAFD, and Alfonso Caballero, an accountant with the Dept. of Aging, were among 11 killed when one Metrolink train smashed into an automobile obstructing the tracks, sending the train reeling into another Metrolink train in the early hours of Jan. 26.



Alfonso Caballero

In a separate incident, Rory Shaw, a Civil Engineering Associate with the Bureau of Engineering (Public Works), died when working to short up a large sinkhole in a street in Sunland Sunday night, Feb. 20.



Rory Shaw

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Airport employees donate \$6,570 in tools and cash for the victims of the global tsunami disaster.

Some 250 shovels, picks, axes, shoes, machetes, tarps, nylon ropes and flashlights with batteries were donated by Los Angeles World Airports employees Jan. 4 - 11.

The value of these construction-quality tools is estimated at \$5,000. LAWA employees donated an additional \$1,570 in checks. Coordinated by Airport Police, LAWA teamed with Operation USA, a Los Angeles-based relief organization, to target the collection of critically needed supplies for use in search and rescue efforts, for building immediate shelters for survivors, and for reconstruction efforts. United Airlines donated cargo space on one of its flights to take the tools to South Asia.

Los Angeles Airport Police Sgt. Joaquin Mendez, who coordinated the fundraising campaign with Senior Clerk Typist Claudia Coronel, said, "The need for aid is tremendous. We focused our efforts on critically needed supplies that will reach tsunami survivors and disaster recovery workers quickly. We are very proud of the response by LAWA employees to take the time to go out and buy the tools, as well as donate cash to purchase more tools." He added, "We collected more than \$1,000 a day in tools and cash during the week-long campaign."

Los Angeles Airport Police Sgt. Joaquin Mendez (right) and Senior Clerk Typist Claudia Coronel conduct inventory of 250 tools donated by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) employees Jan. 4-11 to help with tsunami recovery efforts. Photo by Pete Gara (DWP).

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



Gather Friends, Enjoy St. Pat's Day Parade

Don't forget, it's that time of year again for the St. Patrick's Day Parade organized by the City's very own LAFD Captain Andrade (see page 21 for details). It's right in downtown, so grab your friends and make it a point to see this grand St. Paddy's Day Parade.

As you most likely know we run a coloring contest for children every three months or so. Well, I recently got the crazy idea of letting the adults in the Club family show off their artistic talents, too. Why let the kids have all the fun? Having said that, you'll notice on page 35 we are running our first-ever Adult Coloring Contest. So go all out, have some fun and maybe you'll win!

You'll notice on page 5 that we are selling sweatshirts for the Baker to Vegas 911 Dispatchers team. All proceeds go to the team, so help support the 911 dispatchers and buy a sweatshirt. They are available at the Club office for a limited time. (By the way, I bought one and they are very warm and cozy.)

Switching gears just a bit, let's talk about recycling ... I have always wanted to recycle everything possible but found it too inconvenient to run outside to the blue bin every time I had something. So about a month ago I went out and bought two trash cans for the kitchen (that's my son, Noah, with them). One is for recyclable trash and the other for trash that doesn't belong in the recycle bin. What I've found is that I have just as much recyclable trash as regular trash and now I am filling my blue recycle bin all the way to the top. If you want to know exactly what is recyclable and what is not, type this in your browser: <http://www.ci.la.ca.us/SAN/sanlist.htm>. It spells it all out for you.

And lastly, make sure you read Hynda Rudd's History Comes *Alive!* column (learn all about the five buildings that have served as city halls over the years) and Tony Adler's Travel Column (this month he is featuring my favorite place of all time, Hawaii).

Have an awesome March and don't forget to go to the St. Patrick's Day Parade!

John

— jhawkins@cityemployeesclub.com



Noah Hawkins helps remind his dad, John, to recycle, recycle, recycle.

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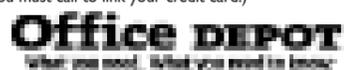
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History Comes Alive!



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

One City, Five Halls

Last month's article was a news release by Dr. Judson A. Grenier, Retired Professor of History Emeritus from California State University, Dominguez Hills. The release was an overview of a massive two-volume history of Los Angeles City government to be published shortly. Within the confines of this major work is a section on the history of the five original city halls, featured below, written by Irene Tresun.

Los Angeles City Halls, 1853 to Present



~ 1853 Rocha Adobe City Hall ~

1853 Rocha Adobe City Hall

On April 4, 1850, Los Angeles, with a population of about 1,600 within its jurisdictions, became an incorporated city. The homes of prominent citizens such as Benjamin Hayes and Abel Stearns were the first meeting places of the Common Council. In 1853, the city began leasing space in an adobe on the southern end of town. Traveling south from the plaza on the west side of a dirt road known as Spring Street sat the Rocha Adobe. The building became the first official Los Angeles City Hall under the American flag.

The Jose Antonio Rocha building, across from the present City Hall, was a single story adobe typical for its time, long and narrow with an extended roof over the porch. The adobe housed the offices of the Tax Collector and City Treasurer. A dimly lit room served as the Council chamber, where candles were in good supply in case of late meetings.



~ 1859 Los Angeles City Market and City Hall ~

1859 Los Angeles City Market and City Hall

In 1858, Jonathan Temple began construction on a two-story brick structure. The Council approved the proposal, and in September of 1859 moved into its new chamber. Located on the east side of Spring Street, and a stone's throw to the north from the Rocha Adobe city hall. The building was officially called the Los Angeles City Market and City Hall. Its large clock tower, with a clock facing four directions, boldly rose above the town's predominantly single story adobe skyline.

In 1869 the County purchased it and gradually the building became known as the Clocktower Courthouse. Despite the new owner and the new name, the Common Council would continue to meet on the second floor. Later, Mayor Cameron E. Thom declared the need for the government to have its own city hall.



~ 1885 Second Street City Hall ~

1885 Second Street City Hall

In July of 1884, the Council approved drawings for a new municipal building. The plans were for the first city hall built and owned by the City of Los Angeles. The building, completed in 1885, sat on the north side of Second Street, between Spring and Fort Street. Its brick and stone façade was crowned with a schoolhouse-style bell tower.

Within two years of completion, the three story city hall had become inadequate to serve the rapidly growing city. Population increased from 11,000 to 50,000. Los Angeles was no longer a dusty pueblo. City hall was sold in 1887 for \$120,000, which assisted in the construction of the new 1889 city hall.



~ 1889 Fort Street City Hall ~

1889 Fort Street City Hall

In 1889, a much needed city hall was built that would serve the City's present and future needs. The Romanesque revival structure was constructed of red sandstone, steel and wood, with a tower that extended well above the downtown skyline. The location on Fort Street between Second and Third Streets was to showcase the building and emphasize its importance. The Mayor's office and the Council chamber were on the second floor of the tower section.

The City, having spent more than \$300,000 for construction was able to provide space in the building for almost every municipal department, including the City's library. The Fort Street city hall remained in existence until 1929. In 1890, Fort Street was renamed Broadway.

1928 Spring Street City Hall

Los Angeles began the 20th century with a population of more than 102,000. In 1912, when it was apparent that William Mulholland's dream to pipe water from Owens Valley, 240 miles away to the City of Los Angeles, was to become a reality, the City Council began plans for a new city hall. By 1920, the population had reached 576,000, and according to Mayor George E. Cryer, 80 percent of the City's offices were in rented buildings. The old city hall completed in 1889 on Broadway was outdated and overcrowded, and its tower had been cut down to half its height, as it was discovered to be leaning in 1918.

The new city hall would eventually cost close to \$10 million for site, construction, structures, equipment and furniture. Special legislation was drawn up to allow the new city



~ 1928 Spring Street City Hall ~

hall to exceed the City's 150 foot height limit, clearing the way for Los Angeles to build a world-class skyscraper. By 1927, keeping with tradition, when the steel skeleton was completed an American flag was placed at its apex, more than 450 feet above the streets below. At that time it was the tallest building in Los Angeles.

On Friday April 2, 1928, the new city hall opened its doors to the world, establishing itself as the seat of local government. The building was dedicated April 26, 1928. The celebration culminated with President Calvin Coolidge touching a telegraph key at the White House, lighting the Charles Lindbergh Beacon atop the pyramid roof of city hall.

In 1986, almost 60 years after dedication, Project Restore was established under Mayor Tom Bradley to restore and preserve this national landmark. The new agency believed the changes could be realized through an energetic partnership of the community's public and private sectors. By 1998, City Council adopted Project Restore's Master Plan for City Hall's renovation. By 2001, many restoration projects were completed. City Hall was rededicated April 26, 2002, 74 years later to the exact date of the original dedication.



(FRONT) Left to Right: Trinh Pham, Michelle Moreno, Beverly Haro, Angel Gomez, Arlene Herrero.
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For Retirees *By Phil Skarin, RLACEI Publicity Chair*

MEMBER NEWS

Sampson and Ruth Wilson celebrated their 74th wedding anniversary Feb. 13 ...

Patsy (that's really his name) and **Rose Matarrese** celebrated their 60th anniversary late last year. Patsy, a plumber, spent nine years installing air conditioning piping throughout City Hall. They live in Murietta, Calif. Phone: (951) 696-1239 ...

Are you keeping those New Year Resolutions, especially the one to get back in shape? Well, **Joe Truban, Howard Fox** and **Phil Skarin** have. You can find them working up a sweat at the Van Nuys YMCA regularly ...

If you have news about yourself or other retirees that you'd like to share, send it to Phil Skarin
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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Security Blankets

As we get along in years, there is a tendency to become obsessed with security.

We limit our associations to long-time friends; we only go to familiar places; we play the same records over and over; and we only converse with those who will reinforce our deeply held beliefs.

But, there is the potential for growth throughout our entire lifetime.

There is always a need for new ideas to stimulate thinking a new song waiting to be sung a stranger to befriend someone in pain who needs comforting new stars that appear in the heavens to remind us that Creation and creativity are never-ending processes.

— Phil Skarin



Will Governor's New Legislation Impact LACERS Retirement Fund?



Ed Harding,
RLACEI President

By Phil Skarin, Publicity Chair, RLACEI

Ed Harding, RLACEI President, reports: "As I begin my 11th year as your president, I am fortunate to have some very competent committee chairmen who really do most of the work with little fanfare. They have all agreed to serve for another year: Ken Spiker, Legislative Chair, helps us to keep informed of all legislation that concerns retirees; and Phil Skarin, Publicity Chair, writes this monthly column and edits the RLACEI Newsletter. With the passing of Larry Jones, Phil is now the senior member of our Executive Board.

"Hal Danowitz and I have been invited to a

conference on Retirement Systems sponsored by L.A. County in Long Beach March 21 - 25. I will be on a panel to discuss the relative merits of a defined Benefit Retirement System vs. a Defined Contribution Retirement System. The Governor is trying to get legislation passed to require all public employees retirement systems to use the Defined Contributions type. This would dramatically change the L.A. City Employees Retirement System. Stay tuned.

"I urge all members and their spouses to save the date of Thursday, April 14, for a Membership Meeting at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center at 1 p.m. You can come at noon for a free chicken lunch, but only if you make a reservation by calling one of the officers on the Retirees Helpline by April 7. There will be speakers who will tell about

the status of legislation affecting retirees and their spouses. Many valuable door prizes will be passed out."

Legislative Update: Ken Spiker, our elected Commissioner to the LACERS Board of Directors, reports the LACERS fund has leveled off at \$8.4 billion and remains healthy.

In regard to the Board's earlier conflict of interest problem, Ken reports the Board had previously directed DFA, the small cap investment firm managing approximately \$319 million for LACERS, to sell the investments within 120 days. All of the investments were sold and LACERS recovered approximately \$319 million, which now has been reinvested in other holdings. According to LACERS staff, no fee was charged for liquidating the original assets.

Lastly, it was previously reported that the City's actual contributions to LACERS for Fiscal Years 2003-04 and 2004-05 were less than required because of inaccurate assumptions used by the prior actuary. This produced a Net Pension

Obligation (NPO) estimate of \$41.6 million. The LACERS Board has approved spreading the NPO over a 15-year period with the first payment to be included in the City's contribution amount effective July 1 2005. On Jan. 11, the City Council received and filed the City Administrative Officer's report on this issue, which recommended accepting the Board's action to spread the NPO over a 15-year period. The matter will again be considered when the Mayor and City Council process the annual contributions to LACERS.

Housekeeping: If you change your address, notify Helen Salgado, Membership Chair, at (232) 728-4930, or write her at 5423 Dewar St., L.A., CA 90022 ... the LACERS office is at 360 E. Second Street, L.A., CA 90012; phone (213) 473-7200 or (800) 779-8328. Contact them to arrange Direct Deposit of your retirement checks, change your tax withholding or beneficiary, or questions about your health plan ... Hal Danowitz suggests that you visit our Website at www.rlacei.com to find the latest retirement news. It will be updated often.

Upcoming events:

- **April 14** - Membership Meeting & Luncheon at Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center;
- **June 14** - Golf Tournament
- **August 11** - Picnic at Grace Simons Lodge
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 PARENT: Mahlon K. Driver, Building and Safety



Alicia Gonzalez, 7
 FAVORITE TV SHOW: Powerpuff Girls • FAVORITE SNACK: Chocolate Chip Cookies •
 BEST FRIEND: Daria • WHY I WANT TO GO TO AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC: I haven't been there in a
 long time and I want to go there again. • PARENT: Roben Gonzalez, Airport Officer



Janine Carpena, 8
 FAVORITE TV SHOW: Zoom • FAVORITE SNACK: Strawberries • BEST FRIEND: Michelle •
 WHY I WANT TO GO TO AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC: I want to see dolphins. •
 PARENT: Janelle Carpena, Real Estate Officer, DWP

Congratulations to the WINNERS! of our Club Coloring Contest!

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

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

Honorable Mention

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| Samantha Ashley
– age 10 child of Tim Ashley | Andrew Lopez
– age 8 child of Alejandro Lopez |
| Janet Balba
– age 6 child of Rommel C. Balba | Melissa R. Negrete
– age 7 child of Maria Negrete |
| Justine Bennett child of
– age 8 Pam Bennett | Michael Payton
– age 7 child of Erica Minor |
| Niara Brown child of
– age 4 Jene Brown | Reann Ramirez
– age 11 child of Renee Ramirez |
| Nicole Cano
– age 3 child of Vanessa Quijada | Nancy Raudales =
– age 9 child of Fernando Raudales |
| Cristyna Cervantes
– age 6 child of Frank Cervantes | Alexander Realegeno
– age 3 child of Edwin Realegeno |
| Karen Cruz
– age 9 child of Mardoque Cruz | Natalie Realegeno
– age 6 child of Edwin Realegeno |
| William D. Deprez
– age 6 child of William G. De Prez | Alyssa Reyes
– age 8 child of Robert D. Reyes |
| Francisco Diaz
– age 6 child of Ilda Diaz | Sabrina Rinehart
– age 8 child of Rick A. Rinehart |
| Sharlene Diaz
– age 8 child of Aracely Galicia | Norma Ruvalcaba
– age 10 child of Norma Cibrian |
| Melissa Diaz
– age 10 child of Myrna Diaz | Jamie Sahagun
– age 7 child of Erica Sahagun |
| Clarissa Faner
– age 10 child of Norman Faner | Justin Santizo
– age 9 child of Cheryl Montanes |
| Briana Fierros
– age 6 child of Artemio G. Fierros | Isabell Thuang
– age 2 child of Norman Thuang |
| Matthew Foster
– age 5 child of Sandy Foster | Jessica Tom
– age 10 child of Stuart Tom |
| Doshawn Franks
– age 8 child of LaSann Gilyard | Peter Trinh
– age 6 child of Karen Trinh |
| Elizabeth Garcia
– age 7 child of Marc Garcia | Karen Trinh
– age 7 child of Karen Trinh |
| Alexa Gonzalez
– age 8 child of Isabel Gonzalez | Edwin Valencia
– age 10 child of Edwina Valencia |
| Kimberly Hara
– age 9 1/2 child of Gayle Hara | Emily A. Valenzuela
– age 8 child of Emilio Valenzuela |
| Camryn S.Hillman
– age 5 child of Steve Hillman | Jennifer M.Varela
– age 10 child of Francisco Garcia |
| Jessica Ho
– age 8 child of Jung Ho | Samantha White
– age 9 child of Victoria White |
| Elle Jimenez
– age 8 child of Valente Jimenez | Lisette Wineman
– age 6 child of Shirley Wineman |
| Daniela Juarez
– age 8 child of Hector D. Juarez | Noel Wong
– age 10 child of Nora Wong |
| Glorybeth Juarez
– age 5 child of Abigael Juarez | |
| Melissa Lava
– age 7 child of Amy Lava | |
| Jesus A.Leon
– age 7 child of Luciano F. Leon | |
| Anthony Longoria
– age 5 child of Manuel Longoria | |



Larry Dominguez, Press Operator, 16 years.



Patsy Arlane, Bindery Worker, 20 years, gives a tour of the Heidelberg Digimaster press.



Dave Shur, Bindery Supervisor, 28 years, Club Member, stands next to stacks of items ready for binding.



Michael B. Leighton, Director of Publishing Services, Club Board Member, left, inspects the reproduction of business cards from different eras with Stephan Nalbantian, Print Supervisor, 15 years.



Steve Cabazos, Bindery Equipment Operator I, 20 years.



Art Perez, Press Feeder, 5 years.



■ Publishing Services' open house highlights all the things the division can do. Are you using it to your advantage?

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

Craftsmanship ... Creativity ... Technology. That was the theme of the annual Publishing Services open house ... and a promise made for your next job produced there.

The open house was held Jan. 19 and 20 at the Printing Services headquarters in Piper Tech.

Publishing Services, a division of Gen. Services, is a full-service provider, offering options from the simplest job to the most complex.

"What can we do for you?" asks Michael Leighton, Director of Publishing Services and Club Board Member.

Here's a description of just some of what the division provides:

"We take our commitment to our customers very seriously. Publishing Services offers you the quality and service you can expect at the most sophisticated print shop with the low cost obtainable through a not-for-profit operation.

"We offer job planning, graphics, printing, copying and binding services at Piper Technical Center, 555 Ramirez St., Space 200. Our hours of operation for manufacturing are 6 am until midnight. Customer service and clerical functions operate from 8 am until 4:30 p.m.

"All of our services are charged back on a cost-recovery basis. Occasionally we will buy entire jobs or parts of jobs from outside vendors. In these instances we simply pass the cost on to our customers without any markup. Remember that our experience in the industry allows us to obtain the most beneficial pricing while ensuring that

vendors perform satisfactorily. We encourage you to contact our Customer Service staff to plan the most cost-effective way to produce your job. We will be happy to provide you a written estimate before we produce your job.

"In addition to our printing operations, Publishing Services is responsible for:

- Central duplicating
- Citywide copier program
- Electronic forms design
- Business card ordering

The division's mission statement is:

"We are committed to inspiring customer confidence by providing the highest quality printing that our tax dollars can buy and by taking an individual interest in our customer's printing requirements. We do this by:

- Taking the time to understand the intent of our customer's printing requests
- Communicating to our customers exactly what they can expect and meeting those commitments
- Promoting the teamwork and cooperation necessary to optimize our resources for our customer's benefit
- Recruiting, training, developing and supporting a dedicated staff of printing professionals
- Maintaining the financial and production controls necessary to run an efficient business
- Working to continuously improve the quality of our product
- Maintaining the confidentiality which our customers require
- Examining and using emerging technology to the benefit of our customers
- Maintaining close ties to the Graphic Arts industry

"Because we believe in ourselves and respect our customers we absolutely guarantee complete customer satisfaction."



Willie Jackson, Press Operator, 24 years



Richard J. Malvino, Pre-Press Supervisor, 5.5 years, talks about the pre-press process.



Mercy Esquel, Supervisor, 16 years, and Juakin Ruiz, 11 years.



Walter Griffin, Press Operator, 15 years.



Michael Leighton (left) gives a tour to Tony Royster, Assistant GM; Alvin Blain, General Manager of General Services; and Robert Jensen, Assistant GM.



Patsy Arline, Bindery Worker, 20 years; and Ronnie Cannon, Bindery Worker, 25 years.



Standing next to the display of business cards available online for City employees are, from left: Dan Herrera, Asset Management (Gen. Services), Sr. Real Estate Officer, 39 years, Club Member; and Lavivanh Tang, Real Estate Officer I, 18 years.



Tracy Vu, System Analyst, 5 years, begins the tour with information on variable printing.

Where in LA?

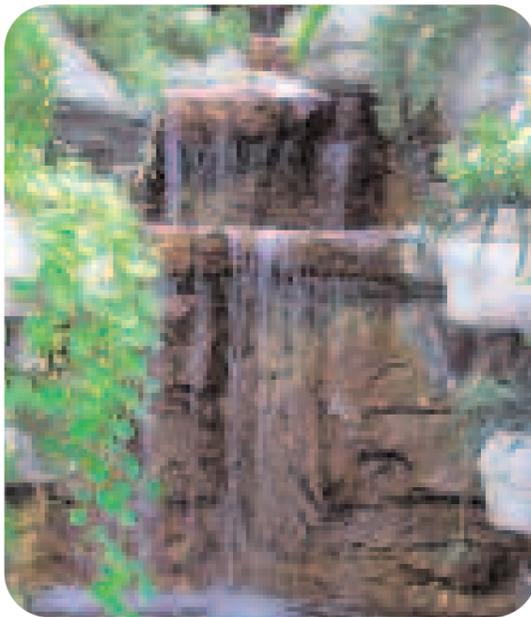
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For March, we're keeping the same great prize: a \$50 gift certificate to Claim Jumper Restaurant. Excellent, you say! All you have to do is send in a correct and substantial answer (in your own words) to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com, and you could 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: March 15. See complete list of rules.
- 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:

John Mireles,
 from Gen. Services.



"This is one of the two statues presented to the City of Los Angeles by the Chinese community, under the auspices of the Chinese consolidated Benevolent As. They commemorate the Bicentennial of independence of the United States in 1976. Now the statue in the picture is the one on the left as you are facing east from the main St. The statue is at the top of the stairs in between City Hall South and City Hall East. I believe they call that the rotunda area. This statue has a plaque reading: 'When the great way prevailed every person was a part of public society and public society belongs to everyone. The virtuous and the able were chosen for public office. Fidelity and Friendliness were valued by all. 'Natural resources were fully used for the benefit of all and not appropriated for selfish ends. People wanted to contribute their strength and ability to society for public good, but not for private gain.'

"I hope that was a good enough detail."

Sure was, John!

Also submitting a correct answer:
Ellen Sahara, Building and Safety.
Ken Moody, ITA.

Contest Rules:

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

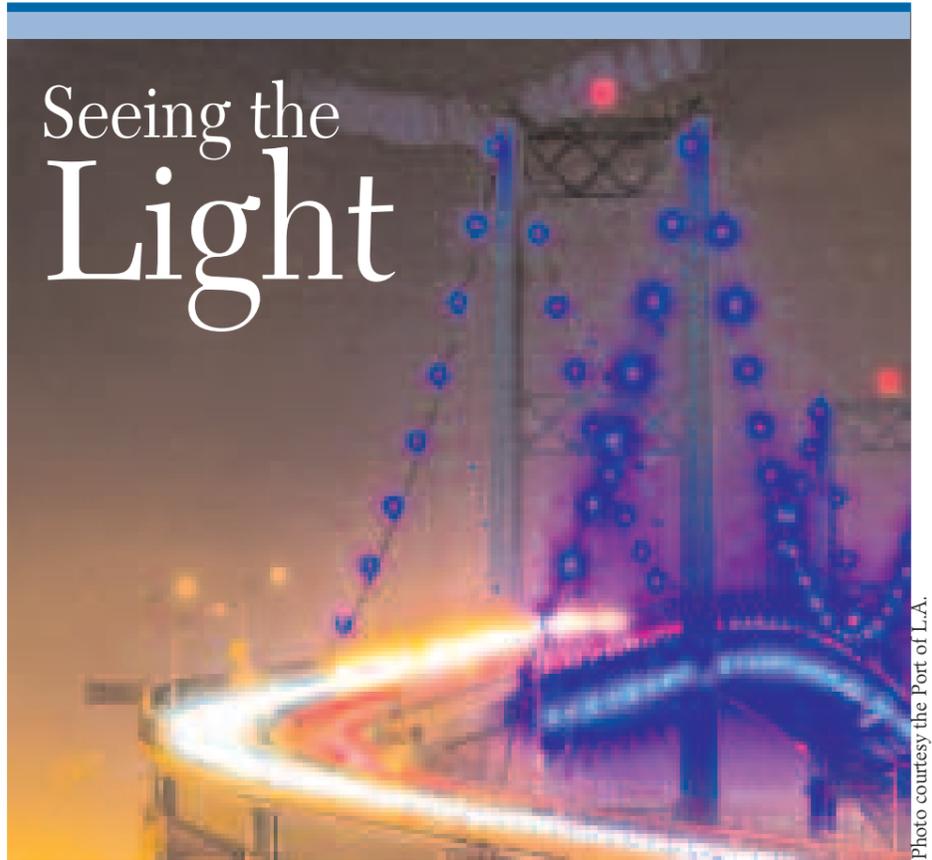


Photo courtesy the Port of L.A.

City helps effort to brighten the path into the Port of L.A

The entrance to the Port of L.A. will never be the same, thanks to a 17-year joint City/state/citizen effort to add lights to the majestic Vincent Thomas Bridge.

The inaugural lighting event took place on Berth 94 on the Cruise Ship Promenade Jan. 30. A number of dignitaries attended, including Mayor Jim Hahn; Councilwoman Janice Hahn; Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald; State Senator Alan Lowenthal; State Assemblywoman Betty Karnette; Caltrans District Director Douglas Failing; Commissioners from the Harbor Department, Department of Water and Power, and Department of Public Works; and the Vincent Thomas Bridge Lighting Committee.

This ceremony was the finale of a 17-year citizen-driven effort involving the cooperation of City and state agencies. The lighting of the bridge also marks a major milestone in the harbor's waterfront renaissance.

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Three Give Their Lives in Service to the City

Passings

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Alfonso Caballero



Alfonso Caballero left his native Philippines 15 years ago with his wife and children to seek out a better life. That life ended up being in the Valley, and working for the City since 2001. He boarded the train most every morning in Chatsworth.

Alfonso Caballero joined the City family at the Department of Aging on March 1, 2001 as an accountant.

Al was recently named Employee of the Quarter by his colleagues at the Dept. of Aging. He was singled out for his skill, knowledge, work ethic and enthusiasm. He delved into his assignments with a refreshing zeal and became quite a team player. Within nine months of being hired, all of these attributes contributed to Al being promoted to Accountant II. Because of his great personality, Al created a wonderful work-

ing rapport with his DOA co-workers, the operating agencies' fiscal staff, and fellow colleagues in the Controller's Office.

"He was a very social, wonderful man who made you feel wonderful," said Laura Trejo, General Manager, Aging, where Caballero worked. "He enjoyed people, and it was obvious because we enjoyed him."

Friends and family remember Alfonso as a loving father who dressed well and loved to golf and sing.

He regularly attended church and joined the choir, so it wasn't unusual for Alfonso to burst into song in the office.

He is survived by his wife, Victoria Caballero; daughters Clarissa Caballero, 29, and Catherine Caballero, 21; son Carlo Caballero, 25; and grandchild Alexis Paige, 6 months.

Julia Bennett



Julia Bennett was a longtime Club Member. Alfonso Caballero was featured in *Alive!* one year ago when this newspaper detailed the Dept. of Aging as its department of the month.

Julia was a third-generation City employee. She was the daughter of retired Battalion Chief Ray

Gordon and the granddaughter of the late retired Assistant Chief Thad Whippo. Julia was a longtime member of the staff at the Valley Fire Prevention Office before recently transferring to the downtown office in City Hall East. She was on her way to work when the crash occurred. She was said to have taken the train reluctantly when she transferred downtown, but had grown to love it. She was said to regularly sit in the first car.

Julia began her career in 1983 with Building and Safety. In October 1986, she transferred to the LAFD, Valley Fire Prevention Office. On July 27, 2003, she voluntarily transferred to CHE Headquarters, Public Assemblage Unit, to help due to staffing shortages. Though she resided in Simi Valley, she willingly commuted to and from work on the Metrolink. Julia often told her co-workers that she enjoyed riding the trains because it allowed her the opportunity to meet new friends.

Julia was a joy to work with, according to co-workers. She had a way about her that would brighten your day if you felt a little low. She loved to laugh and was full of vitality and had a special way about her.

Julia took pride in her work and enjoyed assisting customers that needed fire permits, her coworkers say. She made everyone feel that they were important to her and to the department.

Julia also knew a lot about movies and music. Many times she recited lines from her favorite movies and words of many songs. She loved life in general: family, close friends, co-workers, and her "adopted" Fire Department family.

Julia was so proud to be part of the Fire Department, that she often introduced her family to co-workers. Julia is survived by her husband Paul, daughter Lyndsie, step-daughter Brittany, father retired Battalion Chief Ray Gordon, mother Linda Gordon, and brother Greg.

"She was well respected and an industrious worker who held the spirit of the LAFD as close to her as her bloodline, which ran deep in the department," said LAFD spokesman Brian Humphrey.

Her memorial service was held Feb. 4 at the Henry Fonda Theater. See related story.

In her honor, the LAFD dedicated a conference room on the 17th floor of City Hall East in her memory.

Julie's Memorial Service

Here are images taken from the memorial service for Julie Bennett, one of two City employees killed when two Metrolink trains collided Jan. 26.

Eleven people were killed in the accident that morning.

Her memorial service was held Feb. 5 at the Henry Ford Theater in Hollywood Hills. The men and women of the Los Angeles Fire Department wanted to celebrate her life.

Her officemates in the LAFD's Fire Prevention Bureau on the 17th floor of City Hall East mourned her death. She was a Club Member.



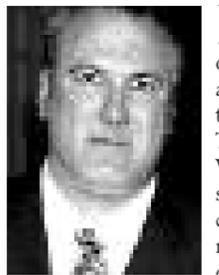
The family has respectfully asked that any memorial donations be made to either:

Lyndsie Bennett
c/o Los Angeles Firemen's
Credit Union
1520 West Colorado Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91105
(800) 231-1626

OR

**Los Angeles Firemen's
Relief Association**
Widows and Orphans Fund
2900 West Temple St.
Los Angeles, CA 90026
(800) 244-3439

Rory Shaw



Rory Shaw, a 15-year City veteran, was on duty Sunday, Feb. 20, at an enormous sinkhole that had rendered Tujunga Ave. in Sun Valley unusable. The sinkhole apparently was caused by the torrential rains the City had been experiencing.

Rory, one of the Bureau's emergency specialists, was on site, briefing City officials that night, including Mayor Jim Hahn, Councilmember Tony Cardenas and Bureau of Public Works Commissioner Yolanda Fuentes Sunday night when he returned to work at the sinkhole site.

He walked away and stood near the edge of the sinkhole. The ground gave way, and he fell in.

It remains unclear exactly how Shaw fell into the sinkhole. LAFD officials are continuing their investigation at press time.

Cardenas was quoted as saying that he saw Shaw begin to cross the street in deepening water, and then, "he just disappeared."

Within minutes, Cardenas was quoted as saying, LAFD rescuers arrived on the scene, but they were not able to rescue Shaw.

"My heart and prayers go out to Rory's family, friends and co-workers, and I extend my deepest sympathies," Mayor Hahn said. "I have ordered all flags at City facilities to be flown at half staff in his honor." Mayor Hahn also said that counseling was to be available for City employees who knew Rory.

400 Say Goodbye to Rory

Memorial service for Rory Shaw held in City Council chambers.

Rory Shaw was always there to serve the City in emergency situations. At a memorial service held in City Council chambers Feb. 24, approximately 400 people came to remember him.

In a crisis, civil engineer Rory Shaw was the go-to guy. Even if the call came in the middle of the night or on his day off, he would respond.

Rory, director of the City's Emergency Sewer Repair Division, was killed Feb. 20 in Sun Valley when the ground gave way while he was helping to repair a sinkhole in Tujunga Avenue in Sun Valley.

"His life ended tragically because he was trying to save a street," his sister, Leslie Botti, said during the two-hour memorial.

"Do not play the what-if game," she was quoted as saying. "It was an accident."

Born in Aurora, Colo., Shaw grew up in Michigan and graduated from Michigan State University in 1979. He served in the Navy until 1984, working on nuclear power and classified assignments.

He went back to school to obtain a civil engineering degree and then embarked on a 14-year career with the Los Angeles Public Works Department.

"I think it's an honor for all of us to be City employees when we look at employees like Rory Shaw," said Hahn. "His memory is going to serve as an inspiration to all of us. Maybe when we're tired, maybe when we think the job is too difficult, we can think of Rory, and maybe we can also go beyond the expectations."

Shaw's family has set up a scholarship fund with his alma mater, Michigan State University. Those who wish to donate should make their checks out to the university, and include the designation, In Memory of Rory Shaw.

Checks should be mailed to Michigan State University, University Department, 4700 S. Hagadorn Road, Suite 220, East Lansing, MI 48823.



Saying Goodbye to Christopher Wozniak

Born May 23, 1970 in Mission Hills, California and passed away January 22, 2005 at the age of 34. Chris was a former City of Los Angeles employee, working for both the Bureau of Sanitation and DWP. His father, Richard Wozniak is a Solid Resources Manager in the Bureau of Sanitation.



Christopher Richard Wozniak

Christopher was survived by his loving parents, Richard Wozniak, Benny and Martha Garcia; grandparents, Don and Elinore Webster; and Richard and Monica Garcia, Alice Garcia, and sisters, Melissa, Yvette, Andrea and Carrie; brother, Grant; brother-in-law, Justin; nephews, Sal, Nick, Alex, Lil B and River; nieces, Samantha and Jessie; and many uncles, aunts and cousins.

The love surrounding Chris was evident by the standing room only at the Rosary held on Thursday, January 27, 2005, and the Mass held on Friday, January 28, 2005, at St. Genevieve Catholic Church.

Chris will be missed for many reasons including his humor, compassion, laughter, love he had for his family and friends, and the protection he always had for his sisters. Just two weeks prior to his death, Chris took time out to select the perfect rosary beads for his sisters. Along with their memories, they will cherish this gift forever.

Richard Wozniak, father of the deceased, commented that "It is a shame to senselessly take a human life." Without hiding the sorrow of a grieving parent, he further added, "Simply because you're able to do so." Additionally, the family would like to thank everyone for their support and expression of condolences.

The Club extends our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Julia, Alfonso, Rory, and Christopher.

Bye-Bye to Barney

■ Club Member Lawrence Barney retires after almost 25 years.

Story and photos by Bev Haro, Club Counselor

Longtime DWP staffer (and Club Member) Lawrence Barney was the center of attention at his retirement party, held Jan. 28 at the DWP Customer Services Branch in Van Nuys.

His friends told me that what some people may not know about Lawrence is that he spent many years working with youth sports in Pacoima. He was a mentor, coach, and umpire.

He raised six children and is well

respected and well known in his community.

Lillian Trice, Manager of the Van Nuys Branch, said that Lawrence is loved by many people and that he made a contribution to the DWP. He has worked for the City since July 21, 1980 (25 years). His job title at retirement was Custodian Service Attendant.

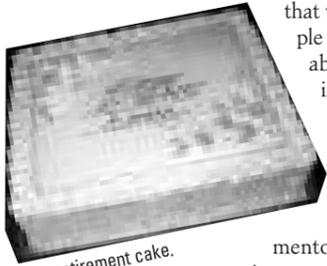
He has a wife (Carla) and six children: Ryan, Myron, Earl, Warren, Joseph and Ever Mae. Ryan attended the party.

Lawrence told me that, after retirement, he plans on traveling to Louisiana and Florida to visit his family.

Congratulations, Lawrence!



The guest of honor table.



The retirement cake.



Gladys Berry presents a certificate.



From left: Sharon Arterberry, CSR, 11 years; Leslie Singh, 5 years, Club Member; and Gladys Berry, Sr. Branch Manager, Club Member.



Sharon Session presents a certificate.



From left: Carla Barney, Lawrence Barney and Leticia Suarez, CSR, 7 years.



From left: Sylvia Franco, CSR, 6 years; and Sandy Null, the Gas Company.



From left: Nancy Romero, Local 18, with GERALYN WASHINGTON-TATUM, Local 18.



From left: Ernest Howard, Light Equipment Operator, Rec and Parks, 27 years, Club Member; and MORRIS PICHON.



From left: Juan Delgado, Security Officer, 5 years; and Ariel Rosales, Security Officer, 16 years.



From left: Ryan Barney, son and his wife, Carla, and Lawrence Barney, retiree.



Local 18 presents a certificate.



From left: Nancy Romero, Local 18; T.J. Dillon, Custodian, 6 years; and Maurice Pinchon.



From left: Lillian Trice, Van Nuys Branch Manager, Club Member; Sharon Session, CS Trainer, 15 years; and Leilani Lemle-Macias, CSR, 8 years.

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Bloodletting at City Hall



■ No, it's just for a good cause: **The Red Cross.**

By Liz Montes, Club Counselor
Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager, and Robert Larios, Director of Operations

The American Red Cross and City Hall organized a blood drive Jan. 18 through 20. The event took place in the City Hall fourth floor media room. The event was open to all City employees, and many took the time out of their busy schedules to donate blood. Thanks, everybody, for your generosity!



From left: Winston Song, ITA, 12 years; and Anabella Salinas, nurse.



Michelle Garcia, Secretary, Public Works Bureau of Sanitation, 4 years.



Millie Martinez, LAPD Litigation, 12 years.



Kristina Briones, Street Lighting, 1.5 years.



Carmen Evans, Personnel, 2 years.



From left: Sandrina Hu, Accounting; and Amy Chang, Accounting.



Sarah Morales, Clerk Typist, Animal Services, 3 years.



Eddie Rodriguez, City Clerk Election Division, 1 year.



Elisa Dominguez, City Clerk, 3 years.



Lupe Maria Lopez, Clerk, City Clerk, 2 years.



Frank Peña, Mechanical Repairer, Street Services, 8 years.



Robert Castillo, Worker's Comp Analyst, Personnel, 10 years.



Musa Khan, Clerk, City Clerk Election Division, 3 years.



Gary Sunkin, Volunteer, Mayor's Office.



Judy Benitez, Senior Personnel Analyst, Personnel, 6 years.



Kim Hunter, Criminal Investigator, City Attorney, 4 years.



Marliyn Moor, LAPD, 24 years.



David Law, ITA, 2.5 years



From left: Shon Dejongh; and Lt. James Cogan.

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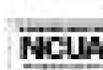


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Thanks for the Roses



■ Bigwigs are present to thank DOT officers for taking part in the Rose Bowl and parade.

Story and photos by Bev Haro, Club Counselor

More than 100 DOT traffic officers helped their Pasadena counterparts with traffic management for the New Year's Day Rose Bowl and Parade, the first time that DOT has helped control those mega-events. And lots of people came together Jan. 21 to honor them for their joint effort.

The event, which more than 50 DOT officers attended, was held on the rooftop of the Local 347 headquarters on Wilshire Boulevard.

The ceremony started with an invocation led by David Sanders, Staff Director of Local 347, followed by lunch.

The first speaker was Julie Butcher, General Manager of Local 347. She said that the Rose Parade and Bowl were opportunities for City

employees to publicize their work. Next, Jimmy Price, head of the DOT traffic officers, spoke, followed by DOT Commissioner, John Frierson.

The GM of Transportation, Wayne Tanda, spoke and said that what Pasadena experienced for one day is what our [Los Angeles] residents experience everyday.

Lieutenants Rick Aversano and Eric Mills represented the Pasadena Police Department since they were in charge of event planning and traffic control. The Pasadena Police Officers said that from their perspective the partnership worked out really well and that they look forward to working with DOT again.

Captain Betty Harris was in charge of preliminary work on the DOT side. She spoke on behalf of the Sister Union, Local 777, and thanked the supervisors. LAPD Chief William Bratton made a special appearance and extended his personal thank-you to the traffic officers. He also extended a professional thank-you for DOT's cooperation with LAPD and said that he plans to improve coordination and support between the two agencies.

Councilman Dennis Zine and Deputy Mayor Brian Williams also attended.

Congratulations to the traffic officers and the DOT for this excellent cooperative effort.



Standing, from left: Officer Gustavo Martinez Jr., 5 years; Sgt. Tom Villareal, 16 years; and Sgt. R.C. Smith, 17 years; Seated: Officer Daniel Rodriguez, 10 years; and Officer Lisa Pallares, 5 years.



Jimmie Price, Chief of Parking Enforcement and Traffic Control Operations, Club Member.



Wayne Tanda, General Manager, DOT.



Lt. Rick Aversano, Pasadena Police Department.



From left: Lt. Rick Aversano, Pasadena Police Department, 22 years; Captain Harris, 28 years; and Lt. Eric Mills, Pasadena Police Department, 28 years



From left: David Sanders, Staff Director of Local 347, with Officer Barbara Calhoun, Club Member.



From left: Officer David Hiovich, 8 years, Club Member, and Officer Lori Griner, 3 years, Club Member.



From left: Officer Calhoun, Club Member, with Councilmember Dennis Zine, Club Member.



From left: Wayne Tanda, GM, DOT; Deputy Mayor Brian Williams; and Julie Butcher, GM, Local 347.



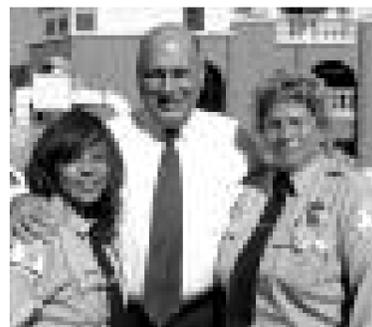
From left: Officer Mendoza, 7 years; Captain Susan Hicks, 33 years; and Officer Salangron, 17 years, Club Member.



From left: Training Officer Powell, Club Member; Officer Felipe Espinoza, 6 months; Officer Sean Wynn, 6 months; Officer Jenny Day, 6 months; Training Officer Isaac Williams, 8 years, Club Member; and Officer Manuel Frias, 6 months.



From left: Lieutenants Eric Mills and Rick Aversano, Pasadena Police Department; Chief William Bratton of LAPD; Jimmy Price, Chief of Parking Enforcement and Traffic Control Operations, DOT; and Deputy Chief Lampkin.



From left: Officer Lydia Robinson, 16 years, Club Member; Councilmember Dennis Zine, Club Member; and Officer Lori Griner, 3 years, Club Member.



Officer John Aiken, Club Member, with a certificate.



LAPD Chief William Bratton.



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Honoring Central Officers

■ Central City Police Boosters to host luncheon and awards ceremony.

Club members are invited to join the Central City Police Boosters in honoring the LAPD Central Area officers who have gone beyond the call of duty to protect and serve downtown Los Angeles.

The luncheon is planned for noon Tuesday, March 8, at the Wilshire Grand Los Angeles hotel, 930 Wilshire Blvd, downtown.

There is a range of ticket prices. Those interested should contact LAPD Central Area Officer Marie Kardiban, (213) 972-1876.



China on Parade

■ Locals, dignitaries come together to celebrate Chinese New Year with the annual Chinatown parade.

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

The 106th annual Golden Dragon Parade snaked its way through Chinatown Feb. 12 in the Year of the Rooster.

The parade drew a number of important participants, including the LAFD, Mayor Jim Hahn and several City Councilmembers.

Here is a history of the parade, taken from the Chinese Chamber of Commerce Website:

More than 100 years ago, the Chinese community began to participate in the parades of the City of Los Angeles. In 1898, the Chinese lion and dragon procession were regarded as one of the most beautiful units in the City's annual La Fiesta parade. The Chinese community was applauded for its contribution to the celebration.

The Fiesta committee immediately requested the Chinese community to permanently join this annual event. The Chinese Merchants Association organized and sponsored the lion dance procession in addition to one or two floats. The group also arranged for the use of a dragon from the Chinese community in Marysville, Calif. Subsequently, they raised \$1,500 to acquire a dragon that required 25 men to maneuver. Their units were always considered the main attraction at the Fiesta parade and had always drawn a very enthusiastic and excited crowd.

In 1956, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Los Angeles (formerly the Chinatown Chamber of Commerce) joined in the celebration. New dragon heads were imported from Hong Kong, and local family association members were hired to perform the cultural dances. In the early 1960s, the lion and dragon dancers would visit every Chinese business along the parade route. Funding for the parade included fundraising dinners and door-to-door solicitations to gather support from Chinatown businesses.

After the Vietnam war in 1975, Indo-Chinese refugees poured into the United States and soon became active in our community. Local family associations, Buddhist temples and community-based organizations mushroomed, and the parade became a focal point of community participation.

Since the 1970s, the parade has had a number of celebrity grand marshals, including Bruce Lee, David Carradine, Haing Ngor and Lindsay Wagner. The parade, originally a Friday night fixture, was moved to Saturdays to accommodate more viewers and participants.

Since the mid-1980s, the Golden Dragon parade has expanded to include almost two dozen floats, multiple marching bands, government officials, dignitaries, entertainers, local business leaders and cultural groups. The parade's theme emphasizes ethnic diversity, Chinese culture and exposure to Chinese businesses. The parade continues to be a rich and diverse experience for Angelenos of all ages and ethnicities.

Congratulations to the L.A. Chinese Chamber of Commerce on another wonderful parade.



Miss L.A. Chinatown and her court.



The beginning of the 106th Golden Dragon Parade.



South Pasadena Mayor Mike Ten.



Assemblymember Judy Chu.



Line dancers.



An antique fire truck.



Councilmember Ed Reyes.



Mayor James Hahn.



Koreatown Queen and court.



Senator Jack Scott.



Celebrity entertainer Kelly Hu.



Mayor of Diamond Bar Wen Chang.



A dragon.



From left: Senator Gloria Romero and Henry Lo, Harvey School Board Member.



Senator Richard Alarcon.



Celebrity actor James Hong.



Councilmember Tom LaBonge.



Councilmembers Jan Perry and Wendy Greuel.



USC football players Brandon and Ryan Ting.



Councilmember Bernard Parks.



Councilmember Alex Padilla.



A street performer.



A youngster lighting a firecracker.



From left: Mayor of Walnut Tom King with Councilman Joaquin Lim.



Gordon Tokumatsu of KNBC channel 4.



A rooster.



A fire truck.



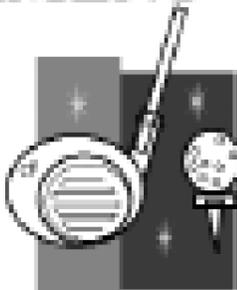
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LAPD Sees Some Reorganization

■ The following is LAPD Chief William Bratton's monthly message distributed in early February via the department's online listserv. Note: This message was developed most likely before the incident involving 13-year-old Devin Brown.

By LAPD Chief William Bratton

Greetings from the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department. The following is the monthly update for February 2005. We hope you find the information useful. You are encouraged to continue to visit our Website at www.lapdonline.org as it has recently been redesigned and updated.

The Chief's Message

With 2004 now behind us, the men and women of the LAPD have much to be proud of. They were successful once again in saving lives and making the streets of our City safer. Now it is time to set new goals for the new year, and optimize and capitalize on the momentum of the past two years. Because of their hard work, and ability to do more with less, the command staff and I feel that this Department has the capacity to achieve a stretch goal of an additional 10 percent reduction in Part I crime in 2005.

This is a stretch goal, similar to last year, and is based on the assumption that the LAPD will not realize any significant increase in personnel resources in 2005. Should there be a change in available resources, either an increase or decrease, this stretch goal will be adjusted accordingly. As part of the effort to realize this 10 percent crime reduction goal, working with the recommendations of the senior command staff, we have further refined and reorganized the Department's structure to make it more efficient, coordinated and focused. We have combined certain commands to eliminate duplication and expedite operations both internally and with the City's administrative structure.

The largest change in the Department's organizational structure is the elimination of Human Resources Bureau with a large share of its units being reassigned to the Office of Support Services, which remains under the command of Assistant Chief Sharon Papa. These include Personnel Group, Training Group, Behavioral Science Services, and the Ombuds Office. Risk Management Group will be reassigned to Consent Decree Bureau and Employee Relations Group will be added to the responsibilities of the Chief of Staff. The Chief of Staff will also be responsible for the Use of Force Review Section. By eliminating Human Resources Bureau, it will free up First Assistant Chief Jim McDonnell to become the new Chief of Staff, and will allow him to work more closely with me as we continue to

fight for more resources. It will also allow Deputy Chief Mike Berkow to devote his full attention to commanding the Professional Standards Bureau. I very much appreciate Chief Berkow's willingness over the last eight months to perform successfully what amounts to two full time functions.

Another major change is in the Office of Operations, continuing under the command of Assistant Chief George Gascón. Office of Operations will assume the responsibility of Jail Division. Under Operations, we will look for efficiencies that help us to cut the time it takes to book detainees. The ultimate goal is to get police officers back on the streets more quickly to do what they do best - fight crime.

Another change in the Office of Operations will be in the Detective Bureau, which remains under the command of Deputy Chief Gary Brennan. The Organized Crime function will now become its own Section and will be moved to Major Crimes Division. Major Crimes is under the newly renamed Counter Terrorism and Criminal Intelligence Bureau (formerly Critical Incident Management Bureau) under John Miller. Vice Division



LAPD Chief William Bratton

will remain in Detective Bureau.

As I mentioned, Assistant Chief Sharon Papa, who heads up the Office of Support Services, will assume command of a large portion of the human resources related duties. Commander Mike Bostic will serve as her Executive Officer and will oversee Planning and Research Division. Personnel Group will fall under Administration and Technical Services Bureau, (formerly Fiscal and Technical Services Bureau) aligning it more closely with the budget and finance component. Ninety-six percent of the Department's budget supports the personnel function. By combining these two areas, we will be able to operate more efficiently with City Hall and the City Administrative Officer. Additionally, Records and Identification Division will move to Information and Communications Services Bureau.

This reorganization supports our 10 percent crime reduction goal this year and is consistent with the Department's 10 percent crime fighting formula for success; 10 percent of the suspects commit 50 percent of the crime, 10 percent of the victims equal 40 percent of the crimes, 10 percent of the places are where 60 percent of the crimes are committed. By streamlining our systems and structure, we will continue to focus our limited personnel on these repeat offenders, victims and problem locations.

With the additional refining and reorganization of the Department, I am confident the men and women of this organization can continue to reduce crime, prevent terrorist attacks and fully implement the Consent Decree. We are working to enhance the quality of life for everyone who lives, works and visits the City of Los Angeles.

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Crime Statistics – Citywide

Year to Date as of January 29, 2005

Homicide	Down	-10.5%
Rape	Down	-36.6%
Robbery	Down	-16.9%
Aggravated Assault	Down	-20.6%
Total Violent Crimes	Down	-19.5%
Burglary	Down	-15.4%
Burglary/Theft from Vehicle	Down	-19.6%
Personal/Other Theft	Down	-23.3%
Auto Theft	Down	-15.9%
Total Property Crimes	Down	-18.9%
Total Part I Crimes	Down	-19.0%

Marufo Moves On



■ **Anthony Marufo retires from DWP after more than 30 years.**

Story and photos by Bev Haro, Club Counselor

Tony Marufo retired as a Commercial Field Service Representative in the Valley Unit Customer Service Department of DWP. His career with the City lasted 30 years and 6 months. Tony was on the Joint Labor

Management Committee. His co-workers threw him a retirement open house Jan. 31 at the AOB Trailer in Sun Valley. Some words that Tony's co-workers used to describe him were "amusing, unique, honest, and cooperative." They said that he had a great sense of humor and always made them laugh at their meetings. Tony will be missed.

Tony's family attended the open house. His wife, Elizabeth, and children, Lisa, Tony and Annette were present. His daughter attended the party with her husband, Oscar, and son Vicente.

Congratulations, Tony!



From left: Michelle Grundy, Commercial Field Supervisor, 30 years, Club Member; Robert Crissman, Sr. Dispatcher, 30 years, Club Member; Wanda Barnett, Commercial Field Supervisor, 24 years, Club Member; and Tony Marufo, Retiree.



From left: Bob Saenz, Tony Marufo and Javier Cordova, Commercial Field Service Rep (Metro), 8 years.



From left: Annette Marufo, daughter of retiree, with Xavier Valadez, Retired DWP, 43 years.



From left: Tony Marufo with Jeff Childers, Utility Marketing Rep



From left: Oscar Ramos, son-in-law of retiree; Lisa Ramos, daughter, holding Vicente, Tony's grandson; Tony Marufo, son; and Annette Marufo, daughter. Front right: Elizabeth, Tony Sr.'s wife.



From left: Anthony Marufo, son of retiree; and Mike Buccat, Utility Services Manager, 30 years.



From left: Linda Engeseth, Timekeeper for Valley Field Services, 23 years, with Lance Brown, Assistant Director of Customer Service, 25 years.



From left: Fred Puglia, Director of Customer Service, 36 years, with Bernie Doss, Retired Manager.



Back row: Maryann Ward, Field Service Rep, 18 years, Club Member. In front, from left: Tony Marufo, with Stan Dean, Customer Service Rep (JFB), Commercial Resource Center, 19 years.



From left: James Rico, Field Investigator (W. Los Angeles), 15 years, Club Member; Tony Marufo; and Arthur Vasquez, Field Investigator (W. Los Angeles), 16 years, Club Member.

All Hail Gail



■ **Gail Weingart retires after 25 years of City service.**

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



From left: Gail Weingart and Linda Evans.

After 25 years of service, Gail Weingart (City Attorney's Office) retired from the City of Los Angeles. Several of her closes friends and coworkers gathered at Pete's Café in Los Angeles Feb. 4 to say their farewells.

Gail was an adviser to many City departments including the City Council, City Planning and the LAFD. She will be missed.

From all of us here at the Club, congratulations and best wishes, Gail!



From left: Claudia Culling, Gail Weingart, Deborah Farkas and Terree Bowers.



From left: Laurel Lightner and Joe Mizrahi.



From left: Mike Tharp, Gail Weingart, Robert Bunes and Tim Manning.



From left: Susie Brown and Brown, Vicky Chan and Sally Anderson.



From left: Herman Landry, Marcia Kimbrough and Ron Curry.



From left: Ted Jordan; Kristina Scott; and Adrienne Khorasane.



From left: Renee Stado and Phil Lam.



From left: Terry Martin-Brown and Margie Currier.



From left: Jose Cronenbold, Leonard Thompson and Greg Reynar.



From left: Marilyn Lee, Julie Downey, Mike and Carol Tharp, and Bea.



Officer Michael Scotland

Officer Scotland, Rest in Peace

■ Harbor Dept. holds memorial service for Port Police Officer and Club Member Mike Scotland.

Story by Martin D. Chavez, Port of L.A.
Photos by Anthony Di Tucci, Port of L.A.

On Feb. 5, the Harbor Department Port Police Division held a memorial service honoring the career of Port Police Officer Michael Scotland. Officer Scotland passed away Jan. 27, following a courageous battle against leukemia. Fellow officers, coworkers, family and friends gathered in the Harbor Administration Building Board Room to share their memories of Michael and remember the man whose humor and caring touched so many people.



The memorial book.

Officer Scotland began his career with the City of Los Angeles' Harbor Department Port Police in July 1977. In May 1981 he received a commendation, along with Officer Ernesto Paz, for rescuing a man from drowning who had severely injured himself when he fell from a wharf into the water. Shortly thereafter in August 1981, Officer Scotland along with other Port Police Officers, were commended for rescuing persons from a capsized sailboat and for righting the vessel. Officer Scotland would go on to receive four commendations for his police work from the Harbor Department and two letters of appreciation from the Los Angeles Police Department.

Mike's caring was best described by his neighbor, a little girl whom he called Princess, who shared a story how Mike would watch over the neighborhood children sharing his time with

them and how he would fill the air on her bicycle tires. But the most lasting memory she has is when she was leaving after having visited Mike in the hospital of him smiling at the window blowing "thousands of goodbye kisses to her."

The memorial was presided by LAPD Chaplain Ed Beardsly; the Port Police provided the Honor Guard. Following the memorial in the Board Room the gathering moved to the Harbor Administration Building Patio where the LAPD Emerald Society bagpipes and drum corps performed Amazing Grace. The Port Police Honor Guard provided a Rifle Salute for Officer Scotland followed by a bugle rendition of Taps by LAPD Officer Amy Wong and a flyover by the Port Police Air Support helicopter.

The family of Officer Scotland wish to thank the many people and groups who organized and participated in the very successful Bone Marrow Donor Drive held at the Harbor Department in November 2004. The outpouring of support touched the life of Officer Scotland and the many people who will benefit from the drive.

The Club was honored to have participated and thanks our many members who volunteered to be part of the donor database so they may help others in the future.

The Club sends its heartfelt sympathies and condolences to the family and friends of Mike Scotland.

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The Port Police Rifle Salute and LAPD Officer Amy Wong (on bugle) playing a rendition of Taps.



The memorial presentation.



The Port Police Honor Guard and LAPD Emerald Society bagpipes and drum corps performed Amazing Grace.



Captain Tracy presents a flag to Chief Ronald J. Boyd.



Chief Ronald J. Boyd presents the flag to Claudia Scotland and family.

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Hoffman's Is Off the Meter

■ Joseph Hoffman retires from the DWP after almost 31 years of City service. He helped design the department's modern metering system.

DWP meter testers said goodbye to Joseph M. Hoffman at a reception at the DWP's Artesian Street Facility. The party was held Jan. 20.

Joe has been a member of the Club since he started at the Central Library downtown as a messenger clerk in 1972.

He worked there for a year and a half and then was hired at DWP as a meter reader. He read meters for about 12 years. During that time, he also worked as a trainer and was on the design team that developed the automated meter reading datacap with the Itron company.

Then he worked in the test lab for about 18 years.

The Club wishes you much joy in your retirement, Joseph!



Joseph Hoffman and his wife, who is retiring after 36 years of service with Library Dept., in front of the party cake.



Tester's Club President Bill Bartley congratulates Joseph Hoffman on nearly 31 years of service.



DWP meter testers holding forth at the party with exciting stories of derring-do.

To Baldly Go

■ St. Baldrick's event, where people have their heads shaved for charity, is set for the Police Academy March 17.

The St. Baldrick's event, part of an international fundraiser on the morning of St. Patrick's Day, has been set. For those who wish to participate, this year's fundraiser is scheduled for St. Patrick's Day morning, at the LAPD Police Academy.

The event is a fundraiser for cancer research. The local event is usually organized by the LAFD, but this year it's being put together with the cooperation of Sgt. Greg Doyle of the LAPD, too.

To participate or for more information, contact Waldie "Baldie" Brangham, (805) 857-0779.

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When I was 13, I went on a golfing trip with my father. We stayed at the Mauna Kea resort on the Big Island of Hawaii. It was absolutely beautiful with a scenic crescent white sand beach. It had a classy, clubby feel. Most of all, there was romance in the air. Unfortunately, it was this 13-year-old kid and his father. My father's frustration meant we argued on the golf course. We golfed, we ate, we argued and we came home ... not speaking to each other! This was not the right spot for us. Now that I am in the travel business, we send many romantic couples, and even some families, to the Mauna Kea, but we are careful not to recommend this romantic paradise to singles and divorced parents. For them we recommend a larger resort with more things for the kids, or a livelier place where new friends can be made easily. We might suggest the Hyatt Regency or Grand Wailea on Maui.

We know the properties, and that can be important. Right next door to each other in Wailea on Maui are two five-star resorts, the Four Seasons and the Grand Wailea. Both are terrific, but they are very different. The Four Seasons is smaller than the Grand Wailea, has a Spago restaurant, a very nice pool, and even a wading pool for infants and very young children. They carefully net in the balcony of your room before your arrival for the safety of your kids, and offer them milk and cookies. It is a terrific property for romantic couples and parents with very young children. The Grand Wailea, on the other hand, has a water-park pool area with many short and long water-slides. They even have the world's only water elevator. Older kids absolutely love it, and so do many active adults. We were having lunch at the Four Seasons last year when we heard a family talking at the next table. The kids, ages 9 and 12, were complaining that "it just wasn't fair" that they had to "rough it" at the Four Seasons while everyone was going down the slides at the hotel next door. Of course, they were "roughing it" in a hotel room that was costing their parents in excess of \$500 per night! We try to help our clients make informed decisions by helping design vacations that are not generic, but apply to specifically to them.

It is good to know the water-slide rules in advance, especially the height requirements. Our six-year-old terrific swimmer was most upset when a resort we were staying at would not let him go down the slide. Not one to give up, I tried to reason

with the people in charge. Then I tried begging. Finally, I signed all kinds of liability releases and my son had to pass a swimming test most Olympic champions would have trouble with. My son was granted his wish and received a wristband entitling him to go down the slide. I was proud and exhausted. We all watched from down below as my son climbed the stairs and made his way to the top of the slide. Once there, he stood there proudly. Unfortunately, he didn't move. Then he started crying. He became scared. He made his way down the stairs, and didn't try again the whole trip. On the way to the airport, after we had left the hotel, he announced that he was now ready. He had to wait another year before he got another opportunity. Who said parenting was easy?

We recommend some of the fabulous Hawaii golf resorts including the Mauna Kea mentioned above and the highly acclaimed Hyatt Regency and the Princeville Resorts on Kauai. We can also recommend some incredible restaurants, including a hidden away French Tepanyaki restaurant that seats only 16 people on Maui. We'll even tell you about the best hamburger joints.

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■ Cruise and Resort, the Club's travel partner, gets high marks from these Club members who have used the service.

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Here is what other Club members are saying about their experience with Cruise and Resort:

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— Michael Poon, Finance

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— Navella Hutchings, Engineering

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— Scott Ko, Club Member



CITY EMPLOYEE POLLWORKERS SOUGHT FOR UPCOMING ELECTIONS

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VOTE



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Dublin in Downtown!

St. Patrick's Day Parade March 17th



Annual downtown St. Pat's Parade is just right for City workers downtown. Take part in it, or at least come out and enjoy it.

There will be plenty of green – and fun – winding through the streets of downtown March 17, as the annual St. Patrick Day Parade uncoils once again. But will there be plenty of you? Your participation – either in the parade, or having fun watching it, is requested! The parade features and highlights the City's local heroes from the LAFD and the LAPD. In addition, the parade will also feature a variety of Irish entertainment, local government officials, antique vehicles and a host of local celebrities. This year's parade will be held Thursday, March 17, at 11:30 a.m. in downtown Los Angeles.

The parade will introduce a new parade route this year. The parade will start at Pershing Square and proceed up Broadway Street and end at Historic Olvera Street. At Olvera Street there will be a small after-parade event featuring some of the entertainment from the parade.

The general public is invited and all city employees encouraged to come down for a day of Lots o' Fun!

So come on out and join the parade!

If you're interested in participating, call (310) 537-4240 or go to the parade website at: www.pageantryproductions.com



Parade Begins:

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Check in time for parade participants begins at 9:00 a.m.

Parade

Starting Point:

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Parade Ends:

12:45 p.m.
at Olvera Street



For Parade Participation:



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Asian Assn.'s New Officers

■ LACEAAA installs new officers.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

The Los Angeles City Employees Asian American Association (LACEAAA) welcomed all members and guests to a reception for its 29th installation of officers Feb. 11 in the City Hall Tower.

Special guest was the Hon. Robert M. Takasugi, U.S. District Court judge, who also installed the new board. Takasugi was the first Japanese American appointed to the federal bench in 1976.

The Club thanks Joe Quan, Mei Ong and Jaime Truong for their assistance, and to the LACEAAA for inviting us to their excellent reception.

Congratulations to all the new officers.



LACEAAA past presidents, posing with Council District 11 candidate Flora Gil Krisiloff, from left: Mei Ong, 1976; Tommy Hom, 1982-83; James Okaxaki, 1984; Dorothy Tamashiro, 1997-98; Joe Quan, 1999-2000; Jaime Truong, 2003-04; and Flora Gil Krisiloff.



From left: Ben Lee, LAPD; Sgt. Dan Wong, LAPD; Flora Gil Krisiloff, City Council Candidate, District 11; and Doug Shur, LAPD, LACEAAA President.



The 2005-06 LACEAAA Board, from left: The Hon. Robert M. Takasugi; Doug Shur, LAPD, LACEAAA President; Mei Ong, Public Works Sanitation, LACEAAA Vice President; Kathy Khou, Controller, Vice President; John Quan, ITA, LACEAAA Vice President; Irene Sae Koo, DOT, LACEAAA Treasurer; Mike Fong, CDD, LACEAAA Corresponding Secretary; and Jaime Truong, LADBS. Back: Glen Kawahata, ITA, LACEAAA Recording Secretary.



From left: Sharon Chow, El Pueblo, 19 years, Club Member; and Lily Wren, LAPD 15 years, Club Member.



Jayson Joseph, ITA, 2 years, Club Member.



From left: Eva Yuan-McDaniel, City Planning, 21 years, Club Member; Irene Saekoo, DOT, 18 years, LACEAAA Treasurer; and Shirley Tan, City Controller's Office, 29 years, Club Member



From left: Joe Quan, ITA, 15 years; Shirley Tan, City Controller's Office, 29 years, Club Member; Larry Tamashiro, guest; Dorothy Tamashiro, retired City Controller's Office, 36.5 years, Club Member; and Kenneth Heinsius, DOT, 23 years



From left: Eva Lee, guest, with Laura Shur, Retired LAPD.



From left: Joel Tuley, LADBS Building Inspector, 7 months; Mei Ong, Public Works Sanitation, LACEAAA Vice President; Honorable Robert M. Takasugi, U.S. District Court; and Lou Quan, CDD, 10 years.



From left: Dave Iwataki, keyboard, and Dane Matsumura, bass, provided entertainment.



From left: Jinny Pak, City Clerk, 10 years; (seated) Glenn Kawahata, ITA, 31 years, LACEAAA Recording Secretary; and Arleen Taylor, City Clerk, 20 years.



From left: Daisy Sacro, City Controller's Office, 27 years; Benjamine Sacro, GSD Mail Services, 14 years; and Dorothy Tamashiro, Retired City Controller's Office, 36.5 years, Club Member.



From left: Dolly Malva, CDD, 30 years, Club Member; Lou Quan, CDD, 10 years; Flora Gil Krisiloff, City Council Candidate, District 11; and Mei Ong, Public Works Sanitation, 35+ years.



From left: Master of Ceremonies Dorothy Tamashiro presents Jaime Truong a plaque on behalf of LACEAAA for her dedicated services to membership.



From left: Mike Fong, CDD, 3 years, LACEAAA Corresponding Secretary, Club Member; John Fong, DOT, 36 years; James Okazaki, DOT; and Doug Shur, LAPD Captain, LACEAAA President.



From left: Jaime Truong, LADBS, 6 years; and Dolly Malva, CDD, 30 years, Club Member.



Dorothy Tamashiro, Master of Ceremonies, welcoming the guests.



Doug Shur, LAPD, LACEAAA President, delivering the closing remarks.



The Hon. Robert M. Takasugi makes some remarks.



LACEAAA Recording Secretary Glenn Kawahata, ITA, 31 years.



From left: Michael Yamamoto, guest, with the Hon. Robert M. Takasugi, U.S. District Court.



From left: Kathy Khou, City Controller's Office, 17 years; Mei Eye, City Controller's Office, 24 years, at the welcome and sign-in table.



From left: Jackie Zarate-Roberts, Fire Commission, 21 years, President of Los Angeles City Employees Chicano Association, Club Member; and Isabel Rosas, Cultural Affairs Commission, 27 years, past president of Los Angeles City Employees Affirmative Action Association for Women.



The Hon. Robert M. Takasugi leads the incoming board to an installation oath.

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Read the rules below, and happy snapping!

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.

We have a winner ... and lots of great images!

Here are the others who submitted great shots this month:

- Jenny Arzate (Rec and Parks)
- John and Linda Sanchez (John is retired City employee)
- Cheryl Power (DWP)
- Shauntae Williams
- Mike and Shawn Boyd (Mike is with West Valley Sanitation):
- Yessica Flores
- Marjorie Thayne (Retired City employee)
- Millie Schuyler
- Silva Abramian
- Victoria White (LAPD)

Start snapping today, and send us your best results! The winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate to Best Buy.

DEADLINE:
April 10

This month's winner:
Club Member Carlos Ojeda

Here's his description: "This is my favorite snapshot. It was taken with a Canon Digital Rebel at a local restaurant, using a combination of natural light from the window and fill flash from the camera's built-in flash. The model is my granddaughter Maia."

Great shot, Carlos!

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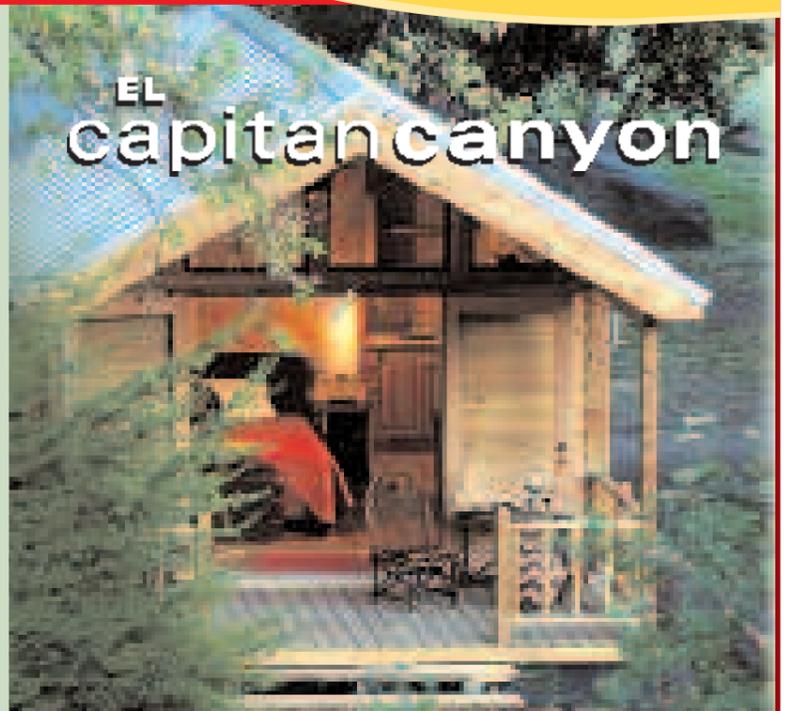
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El Capitan Canyon offers horseback riding, hiking, kayaking, swimming, biking, yoga, stargazing, massage treatments, and a summer concert series. Group activities include a ropes challenge course, wagon and carriage rides and guided hikes by the on-site naturalist. Dining choices include a BBQ on your own outdoor fire pit, something from the Canyon Market & Deli, or take a short drive to nearby famous restaurants.



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Breaking ground.



San Pedro Going To the Dogs

■ **Animal Services breaks ground for modern new facility in San Pedro.**

Story and photos by Liz Montes, Club Counselor

The Harbor Animal Services Center groundbreaking ceremony took place Feb. 10. Several City representatives spoke about the new Animal Services Center to be completed in two years.

The new facility will have 79 kennels, a 750-square-foot community room, 40 parking spaces and a small animal area. The facility will also feature an animal get-acquainted area that will allow people to mingle with the animals. The center will enhance the quality of life for animals and help to find them new homes.

Construction of the new facility is being managed by the Bureau of Engineering.

Congratulations on the groundbreaking, Animal Services. It's going to be a great facility.



Rochelle Gonzalez, the Mayor's Harbor Representative for Neighborhood Operations.



Guerdon Stuckey, General Manager, Animal Services.



Councilmember 15th District Janice Hahn.



Valerie Lynne Shaw, President, Board of Public Works.



Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer.



Alan Espiritu, Project Manager, makes welcoming remarks.



John Reamer, Director, Bureau of Contract Administration.



From left: Lt. Michelle Roache, Lt. George Mossman, Lt. Ram Carnero and Captain Derek Brown.



From left: Hal Moore, Animal Care Technician Supervisor; and Julie McIntyre, Animal Care Technician.

The Pet Club

Curiously Cute ... And Against the Law

No doubt a number of *Alive!* readers saw the story on the news about the serval – an exotic cat that escaped in the Laurel Canyon area of West Los Angeles a few weeks back. There was a lot of media interest in the animal – because the cat is so exotic and also because of the danger it presented L.A.'s surrounding neighborhoods.

Although the serval had been raised as a pet (it had a collar and tag) and although it had been declawed (a painful procedure involving the permanent removal of an animal's nails), it was still a large predatory animal with enough sharp teeth and "wild" in it to endanger small children and pets. Even our own Animal Control Officers had to be very cautious handling the exotic cat.

So, what is a serval? It looks much like a bobcat. It is around three feet long and a foot and a half tall. The serval comes from Africa and is exotic to California. It looks almost comical with a head that's almost too small for its striped and spotted body. Still, this wild feline is graceful and is a sight to behold.

The serval story did come to a good end. Our department set out humane traps in the area where the cat was first seen and while it did not take the bait, it did manage to survive on its own. There were serious concerns that the serval might not be able to defend itself from other predatory wildlife because it had been declawed. Sitings were reported on and off throughout the exotic cat's trek from West L.A. to Studio City. Finally, a resident called the East Valley Shelter to report a large cat in her backyard. L.A. Animal Services immediately dispatched Officer Angela Jackson – a petite (and brave) Animal Control Officer who was able to single-handedly immobilize the scared creature using an Animal Control Device (a stick with a loop on the end). No one was hurt and the serval is doing well in a wildlife preserve where it can live out the rest of its days in comfort with other servals.

Other servals? Well, yes. Unfortunately, there are some very smart people who feel it's a good idea to smuggle, breed and keep these exotic animals as pets – you know, a good showoff and conversation piece – until the animal escapes and endangers the community.

To these folks, let it be known: It is against the law to keep predatory wildlife as pets. The Department of Fish & Game and the Department of Animal Services both require special wildlife and exotic permits to ensure that (1) exotic wildlife is treated well and kept in a suitable environment, and (2) that keepers of wildlife have the ability to keep the animals under control at all times and make sure the animals do not escape.

There's another law involving predatory wildlife that many choose to ignore: It is against the law to feed any predatory wildlife. Wild animals do not like to be around humans (we too are predators). However, when some well-intentioned person begins to feed wildlife, there is a tendency for the animal to lose its fear of man and become quite comfortable around our species. Animals accustomed to human hand-outs become dangerous not only to the feeder but also to the feeder's neighbors as well. This



could spell disaster for both people and the wild animal, causing possible harm and death to humans and condemning the wild animal to capture and death.

For safety, it is best to discourage wild animals such as servals, coyotes and bobcats from coming around your property. Here are a few ideas:

- Clear your area of excess vegetation to remove secluded hiding places.
- Do not leave pet food or water outside when your pet is indoors.
- Pick fruit from trees as soon as it ripens. Pick up all fallen fruit.
- Use fencing – at least six feet tall with the bottom extending 6 to 12 inches below ground level. Add an angle at the top of the fence facing. The angle should face outward at a 45-degree angle and should be at least 16 inches wide.
- Restrict feeding birds and squirrels. Predatory wildlife is attracted to these small animals as they are to the pets (and small children) in your yard.
- Keep small children and pets indoors.
- Never leave small children unattended.
- Should an animal come around, use noise and motion activated deterrents to make the animal uncomfortable. Try an air horn, a motion activated sprinkler or even an outdoor radio set to a news or talk station. Banging pans or other objects together to make as much noise as possible should also scare the animal away.
- If confronted with predatory wildlife, make yourself appear as large as possible and move away slowly.

For those who are curious as to the owner of the serval, he has signed the animal over to L.A. Animal Services. He is being very cooperative. Still, he does face criminal charges and, while that too makes a good conversation piece, I have a feeling our serval owner would rather it not be the case. He's also probably realized that keeping predatory wildlife for a pet just isn't worth the risk.

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





Michelle on the Move

Moreno,
Guru

EVENTS

? what's happening ?

Spring Into Egg- cellent Fun Events

Hello folks!

Welcome back to Events 411. Have you been enjoying your wet winter? If not, well great news: spring is almost upon us! Yes, it's time to get ready for sunshine, the outdoors and more importantly – more events to fill your free time (just look at all the events I've found). So get your pen and calendar out, because it's time to start making plans.

What is spring without a traditional Easter egg hunt? For you folks with kids, or you adults who are kids at heart – you know who you are – there are plenty of opportunities to participate in an Easter egg hunt, thanks to Rec and Parks. The department has several listed on its Website: www.laparks.org. So if you're in the mood for colored eggs and lots of candy, be sure to check these out. But just like any event, times and dates are subject to change, so make sure you call before you go.

Another great Easter hunt is the one sponsored by Radio Disney. This event is pretty big – more than 8,000 eggs will be hidden! That's right, you read it correctly, no typo – 8,000! There will also be live music, prizes and more. Fair warning though: Parking is limited, so be sure to get there early.

So now you're probably wondering, what else is there to do besides Easter egg hunts? Well the answer is – plenty! There are free public concerts, grunion runs, events at Olvera Street and much more. Also, don't forget that March is also the month of St. Patrick's Day. Be sure to catch the St. Patrick's Day parade that goes through Downtown Los Angeles. I was there last year and I had a great time.

If you are searching for other events that I was unable to list (due to space constraints), be sure to check out the Los Angeles 2005 Festival Guide, brought to you by the Department of Cultural Affairs. They do a great job in listing several fun events. I couldn't write this column without their help. Thanks guys!

So as you can see, spring is a time for not only great fun ... but free fun, the best kind of fun. So put away the umbrellas, ponchos, and gloomy moods because spring is here!

Thanks for reading. 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 wonderful spring. 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 information about events around Los Angeles, visit these Websites:

- www.culturela.org
- www.experiencela.com
- www.losangelesalmanac.com
- www.laweekly.com
- www.olvera-street.com



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.

March



Free Concerts in Public Areas: Arpa y Aulos (Classical)

Come and enjoy a free concert sponsored by the Los Angeles County Arts Commission and the Recording Industries' Music Performance Fund.

Date: March 11
Time: 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Site: Hollywood Senior Multipurpose Center
1360 North St. Andrews Place, Hollywood
Cost: Free
More info: (323) 876-7704 or <http://lacountyarts.co.la.ca.us>

Meet the Grunion (Open Season)

Come watch the silvery fish come up on the beach to spawn. Don't forget to bring a bucket, flashlight and warm clothing. (Day is subject to change, please call or visit website to confirm)

Date: March 12
Time: 8 p.m. (Aquarium opens)
9 p.m. (Auditorium program begins)
10:40 p.m. - 12:40 a.m. (Grunion Run)
Site: Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, 3720 Stephen White Dr., San Pedro
Cost: \$5/adults, \$1/seniors and children (fee for Aquarium)
Free (Grunion Run)
More info: (310) 548-7562 or www.cabrilloaq.org
Sponsors: Rec and Parks

World City Music Festival: Patrick Ball and the Tinkers

If you like Irish and Scottish culture, this event is definitely for you. Bring family, friends or just yourself and enjoy the traditional sounds of the Celtic harp and the Scottish bagpipes, as well as wonderful stories.

Date(s): March 12
Time: 12:30 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

Sixth Annual L.A. City St. Patrick's Day Parade

"Top of the mornin' to ya" – Want to know how to spend your lunchtime celebrating St. Patrick's Day? Well come and watch your fellow City employees in this fun parade as it goes through Downtown Los Angeles.

Date: March 17
Time: 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Site: Parade begins at Fifth and Olive Streets and ends at Olvera Street
Cost: Free
More info: (213) 972-7211 or www.musiccenter.org/education/worldcity.html

Free Concerts in Public Areas: Aztec Stories (World/Latin)

Come and enjoy a free concert sponsored by the Los Angeles County Arts Commission and the Recording Industries' Music Performance Fund.

Date: March 19
Time: 1 – 3 p.m.
Site: Smith Park
6016 Rosemead Blvd., Pico Rivera
Cost: Free
More info: (562) 801-4300 or <http://lacountyarts.co.la.ca.us>

Family Arts Day at Pico Rivera

Bring the family for a fun-filled day of artist demonstrations, artwork for sale, hands-on art activities for all ages, entertainment, food and a book fair.

Date(s): March 19
Time: 12 – 3 p.m.
Site: Center for Arts
9200 Mines Ave., Pico Rivera
Cost: Free
More info: (562) 801-4300 or www.pico-rivera.org

Arrival of the Easter Bunny in Huntington Park

Bring the kids to meet the Easter Bunny, enjoy a movie, and eat a bunch of free candy! Date(s): March 19

Time: Begins at 9:30 a.m.
Site: Park Theatre
6504 Pacific Blvd., Huntington Park
Cost: Free
More info: (323) 585-1155 or www.hpchamber1.com

Easter Egg Hunts Sponsored by the Rec and Parks

Want to know where to take the family for an Easter egg hunt? Well, Rec and Parks has provided you with several free options. Please make sure to call the park to confirm date and time. You may also contact: (888) 527-2757 or www.laparks.org

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

March 19

Angels Gate Park, San Pedro
Begins at 10 a.m. (310) 548-7705

Bogdanovich Rec. Ctr., San Pedro
Begins at 10 a.m. (310) 548-7590

Northridge Rec. Ctr.
2 – 4 p.m. (818) 893-7341

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

Sylmar Park & Rec. Ctr.
Noon – 2 p.m. (818) 367-5656

Vineyard Rec. Ctr., L.A.
10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (323) 732-2469

Winnetka Rec. Ctr.
8 a.m. – noon, (818) 756-7876
* \$3 fee per pancake breakfast

March 21

Woodland Hills Rec. Ctr.
Time TBA, (818) 883-9370

March 22

Harbor City Rec. Ctr.
2 – 5 p.m. (310) 548-7729

March 24

Mar Vista Rec. Ctr., L.A.
10 a.m. – 1 p.m. (310) 398-5982
* \$3 fee

March 25:

Chatsworth Rec. Ctr.
3 – 4 p.m. (818) 341-6595

Cheviot Hills Rec. Ctr., L.A.
2 – 4 p.m. (310) 837-5186

North Weddington Rec. Ctr., N. Hollywood
2 – 5 p.m. (818) 506-1467

Reseda Rec. Ctr.
10:30 – 11 a.m. (818) 881-3882

Robertson Child Care Ctr., L.A.
Begins 3:30 p.m., (310) 202-4565

Rustic Canyon Rec. Ctr., Santa Monica
Begins 4 p.m. (310) 454-5734

March 26

Balboa Sports Complex, Encino
10 a.m. – noon (818) 756-9642

Barrington Rec. Ctr. – L.A.
Time TBA (310) 476-4866

Delano Rec. Ctr., Van Nuys
2:30 – 4 p.m. (818) 756-8529

109th St. Rec. Ctr., L.A.
Begins 11 a.m. (323) 566-4561

Fernangeles Rec. Ctr., Sun Valley
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (818) 767-4171

Fred Roberts Rec. Ctr., L.A.
Begins 11 a.m. (323) 234-8650

Granada Hills Rec. Ctr.
Begins 10 a.m. (818) 363-3556
*Fee TBA

Palms Rec. Ctr., L.A.
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. (310) 838-3838
*\$15 fee, includes dinner

Pan Pacific Rec. Ctr., L.A.
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. (323) 939-8874

Panorama Rec. Ctr.
11 a.m. – 1 p.m. (818) 893-3401

Shadow Ranch Rec. Ctr., West Hills
10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 818-883-3637
\$1 and up fee

Stonehurst Rec. Ctr., Sun Valley
10 a.m. – noon (818) 767-0314

Stoner Rec. Ctr., L.A.
10 a.m. – noon (310) 479-7200

Sunland Rec. Ctr.
Time TBD (818) 352-5282

Valley Plaza Rec. Ctr., N. Hollywood
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. (818) 765-5885

Westchester Rec. Ctr., L.A.
Begins 9 a.m. (310) 673-3610

Westwood Rec. Ctr., L.A.
9 a.m. – 1 p.m. (310) 473-3610

Wilmington Rec. Ctr.
6 – 10 p.m. (310) 548-7644

*For teens

March 27

Palisades Rec. Ctr.
1 – 4 p.m. (310) 454-1412

Free Concerts in Public Areas: Freedom Jazz Movement (Jazz)

Come and enjoy a free concert sponsored by the Los Angeles County Arts Commission and the Recording Industries' Music Performance Fund.

Date: March 24
Time: Noon – 2 p.m.
Site: Veterans Village Diner
11303 Wilshire Blvd., Campus Building #306, Los Angeles
Cost: Free
More info: (310) 914-4045 or <http://lacountyarts.co.la.ca.us>

Radio Disney Easter Eggs-plosion

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

Date(s): March 26
Time: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Site: Johnny Carson Park
400 S. Bob Hope Drive, Burbank
Cost: Free
More info: (818) 238-5300 or <http://radio.disney.go.com/mystation/losangeles>

Big Bunny's Spring Fling

Bring the kids for a day of fun: "Pet a fuzzy bunny, plant your own carrot, have your face painted, make a be-a-bunny craft, have your photo taken with Big Bunny and enjoy children's musical entertainment." (from the official Website)

Date(s): March 25 - 27
Time: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Site: Los Angeles Zoo
5333 Zoo Dr., Los Angeles
Cost: \$7/adult, \$4/child (discount prices at Club Headquarters)
\$10/adult, \$7/senior, \$5/child (ages 2 to 12), free/children (under 2)
More info: (323) 644-4200 or www.lazoo.org
City Sponsor: Los Angeles Zoo

Blessing of the Animals at Olvera Street

For all of you who have and/or love animals, this event is for you. According to Olvera St. website, this event "is a celebration of all that the animal world provides to humanity with entertainment and a parade of house pets and exotic animals, displays and exhibits." Feel free to bring your pets/animals to take part in the procession and blessing.

Date(s): March 26
Time: Begins at 2 p.m.
Site: Olvera Street, Los Angeles
Cost: Free
More info: (213) 625-5045 or www.olvera-street.com

Meet the Grunion (Open Season)

See March 12
Date: March 27
Time: 8 p.m. (Aquarium opens)
9 p.m. (Auditorium program begins)
9:55 - 11:55 p.m. (Grunion Run)
Site/cost/more info: See March 12

Cesar E. Chavez Day at Olvera Street

Come and honor the memory of Cesar E. Chavez, "a Mexican American Labor Leader who founded and led the first successful farm workers' union in U.S. history and was the recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom & the Aguila Azteca."

Date(s): March 31
Time: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Site: Olvera Street, Los Angeles
Cost: Free
More info: (213) 485-6855 or www.olvera-street.com



April

12th Annual Carnaval Primavera – Downtown Festival

If you couldn't make it to New Orleans for Mardi Gras – this event is for you! Come and enjoy four blocks filled with food, live entertainment, games, crafts, demonstration, rides and much more.

Date: April 1 - 3
Fri: 5 – 11 p.m.
Time: Sat: 11 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Sun: 11 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Site: Pacific Boulevard, from Gage to Slauson
Huntington Park
Cost: Free
More info: (323) 585-1155 or www.hpcha.m.ber1.com

Fourth Annual Pasadena Cherry Blossom Festival

Come and celebrate Japanese culture with a day filled with many great activities. There will be a parade, lots of food, exhibits, live entertainment, awards, a film festival and much, much more. This event has previously won a Best Social Event award, so it shouldn't be missed.

Date: April 2-3
Time: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Site: Rose Bowl, Pasadena
Cost: Free
More info: (626) 683-8243 or www.pasadenacherryblossom.org

Meet the Grunion (Closed Season)

See March 12. Please note that grunion may not be taken by hand – only observation is allowed.

Date: April 10
Time: 8 p.m. (Aquarium opens)
9 p.m. (Auditorium program begins)
10:50 p.m. – 12:50 a.m. (Grunion Run)
Site/cost/more info: See March 12

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Annual Feria de los Niños

Bring the kids and "celebrate the wonder of youth. This event offers families a festive atmosphere with exciting activities featuring boat rides, tortilla making contests, an inflatable obstacle course, plenty of food and a nighttime display of 2,000 candles floating on the lake." (L.A. 2005 Festival Guide)

Date(s): April 9 - 10
 Time: Sat 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
 Sun: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Site: Hollenbeck Park, 415 S. St. Louis St., East Los Angeles
 Cost: Free
 More info: (888) 527-2757 or www.laparks.org

World City Music Festival - Daughters of the Purple Sage & Kanata Native Dance Theatre

Enjoy the music of the Old West as well as Plains and Woodland tribal dances. There will also be a Hoop Dance of the Hopi and myths of many Native American tribes. 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): April 30
 Time: 12:30 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

Earth Day Fair at Cabrillo Beach

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

Date: April 23
 Time: 8 - 10 a.m. (coastal cleanup)
 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (Fair)
 Site: Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, 3720 Stephen White Drive, San Pedro
 Cost: Free, \$7/beach parking
 More info: (310) 548-7562 or www.cabrilloaq.org/spevents.html
 Sponsor: Rec and Parks

10th Annual Los Angeles Times Festival of Books

If you are a fan of literature, come to the L.A. Times Festival of Books. There will be lectures, workshops, storytelling, demonstrations, book signings from well-known authors, and much more. There will also be a great section for kids. Please note that tickets are required for indoor panel and speaker sessions. Tickets will be available Sunday, April 17, at noon at all Ticketmaster locations throughout Southern California, free of charge.

Date(s): April 23-24
 Time: April 23: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 April 24: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Site: UCLA Campus, Westwood
 Cost: Free
 More info: (213) 237-7335 or www.latimes.com/extras/festivalofbooks

Santa Clarita Cowboy Festival

Howdy partners! If you want to take a trip back in time to the Old West, come and enjoy the Cowboy Festival. There will be food, music, poetry, cowboy gear and much, much, more. Call or check out the website for the daily schedule. Daily admission tickets are only available for April 30 and May 1.

Date(s): April 28 - May 1
 Time: April 28 - 29: Specific show times for events are available online.
 April 30 - May 1: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Site: Melody Ranch Motion Picture Studio
 24715 Oakcreek Ave, Newhall
 Cost: \$15/adults, \$10/child (12 and under), free/child (under 3)
 Two-day pass: \$25/adults, \$15/child
 More info: (800) 305-0755 or www.cowboymfestival.org



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Newest Club Benefit

Enterprise

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through the Club's exclusive deal with Enterprise.

And not only does Enterprise have several downtown locations for all the Club members who work downtown, but they pick you up! (The discount program is good system-wide: You don't to be downtown to take advantage.)

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Biltmore Hotel
 506 Grand Ave
 (213) 683-8499

Wilshire Grand Hotel
 930 Wilshire Blvd.
 (213) 627-1487

Pershing Square
 530 South Olive St.
 (213) 627-5432

Bonaventure Hotel
 404 s. Figueroa St.
 (213) 312-0070

Downtown LA
 Washington/Figueroa
 1944 South Figueroa St.
 (213) 746-6654

Take advantage of the Club's newest member benefit: Enterprise Rent-a-Car. Start saving today!



The downtown team of Enterprise service reps can help you take advantage of your newest Club Member benefit. The Enterprise downtown team is, from left: Tiffany Thompson, Marcy Gomez, Jada Turek, Luis Munoz, Anna Ratnathicam, Eric Wilberg and Marco Hernandez. Not pictured: Carrie Bowers and Kelly Letourneau.

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Life's Important Moments

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Retirements

NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	#YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	#YEARS
Reynaldo Abenoja	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	16	Bernadette Kirkwood	Ex Asst to GM	DWP	30
Lloyd Alexander	Sr. Traf. Supv.	Transportation	40	Constantino Labora	Water Service Worker	DWP	Not disclosed
Frank Atwood	Reinf. Steel Worker	DWP	20	Dennis LaFrance	Tree Surgeon Spv	DWP	29
Steven Ball	Pr. Grounds Mt. Supv.	Rec and Parks	35	Mardi LaHive	Mgmt Analyst	Housing	24
Armida Bannon	Senior Clerk Typist	DWP	Not disclosed	Edward Lewis	Sr Comm Etl	DWP	22
David Bannon	Cvl Engg Drftg Tchn	DWP	Not disclosed	Wadie Lotfalla	Industrial Waste Insp.	Public Works	25
Lawrence Barney	Custodian	DWP	24	Sandra Madden	Clerk Typist	Library	16
John Beems	Cons. Eq. Srvc Wkr	DWP	18	Hunter Marcience	Utity Adm	DWP	40
Deborah Berg	Prin Clerk	DWP	31	Anthony Marufo	Coml Fld Rptv	DWP	30
Donald Berg	Tree Surgeon Supv	DWP	35	Thomas Matheis	Civil Engr. Draft Tech.	Public Works	36
Michael Berru	Warehouse & Trlm Wkr	DWP	30yrs 3mo	Kenneth Maya	Mgmt. Analyst	Rec and Parks	30
Bruce Bowhay	Sign Painter	Rec and Parks	25	Donald McKay	Street Mt. Supt.	Public Works	32
Jimmy Boyd	Special Ofcr	Airports	33	Joyce Ann McKinney	Senior Clerk Typist	DWP	Not disclosed
Mercia Boyd	Customer Service	DWP	Not disclosed	Milan Medalf	Sr Ld Dispatcher	DWP	40
Jerry Brown	Comm. Electrician	ITA	36	Myrna Mendoza	Library Asst.	Library	5
Elizabeth Burnett	Sr. Police Serv. Rep.	LAPD	30	Patrick Morse	Elel Dstrbn Mhc	DWP	36
Ronald Butcher	Legislative Analyst	City Council	29	Phillip Mudd	Sr. Etl Tester	DWP	25
Thomas Capicotto	Sr. Personnel Analyst	Harbor	31	Samuel Namath	Tax Complaine Offcr.	Finance	31
Pauline Carter	Fingerprint Iden. Exp.	LAPD	35	Jamshid Nikniai	Architectural Assoc.	Public Works	18
Fazal Choudhry	Sr. Gardener	Rec and Parks	16	Masanobu Oshiro	Architect	Harbor	35
Judy Christian	Sr. Management Analyst	Airports	39	Johnnie Pace	Sr. Cust. Services Attn.	Gen. Services	20
Ella Cloward	Clerk Typist	LAPD	30	David Paez	Carpenter	Rec and Parks	37
Anthony Comundoiwill	Build Repairer	Rec and Parks	28	Real Paradise	Sr. Building Inspector	Building and Safety	34
Carolyn Cooley	Senior Clerk Typist	DWP	Not disclosed	Jeffrey Parker	Sr. Ld Dispatcher	DWP	41
Bennio Cortez	Electrician	Rec and Parks	40	David Patyuk	Crossing Guard	Transportation	5
Lenore Cutler	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	Housing	31	James Payne	Background Investigator	Personnel	2
Robert DeVelbiss	Equipment Operator	DWP	27	Jack Pearson	Aq & Rrvr Keeper	DWP	34
Ron Dishman	Equip. Operator	Public Works	30	Philip Peterson	Load Dispatcher	DWP	34
Glenn Donofrio	Sr. Building Inspector	Bldg. and Safety	30	Fred Powell	Sr Etl Mchc Supv	DWP	Not disclosed
Dale Ellison	Street Mt. Supv.	Public Works	37	Richard Proctor	Elec. Tech. Adviser	Public Works	35
Toshio Endo	Electrical Engineer	DWP	Not disclosed	Bob Quan	Structural Engineer Assoc.	Building and Safety	34
Ronald Estrella	Materials Mgmt & Logistics	DWP	Not disclosed	Louise Ray	Custodial Services Attn.	Gen. Services	27
James Fahey	Etl Mechanic	DWP	18	Philip Reed	Dir. Bureau of St. Lighting	Public Works	34
Joseph Feinblatt	Sr Utlty Cons Rep	DWP	30	Catalina Reyes	Warehouse/Tool Room Worker	DWP	Not disclosed
Conalds Fisher	Power Supply Operations Bureau	DWP	Not disclosed	Benjamin Rico	Welder	Harbor	18
Darrell Fullingim	Maint & Cons Hlpr	DWP	31	Robert Rigney	Maintenance Supt.	Airports	35
Lionel Garibaldi	Ref. Col. Truck Operator	Public Works	31	Boyd Rodgers	Gardener Caretaker	Airports	16
Gerald Gewe	Asst GM	DWP	37	Jeanne Rogers	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	Transportation	39
Albert Gonzales	Equipment Mechanic	DWP	Not disclosed	Herman Romo	Security Officer	Airports	20
Margaret Gonzalez	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	Housing	30	Victor Rosario	Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	28
Inderjit Gore	Build. Mech. Engr.	Public Works	30	Pablo Sanchez	Civil Engr. Assoc.	Harbor	32
Allen Guidry	Ref. Coll. Truck Operator	Public Works	31	William Schultz	Electric Distribution Mechanic	DWP	Not disclosed
Katherine Hamilton	Asst. City Atty.	City Attorney	27	Patti Shaw	Secretary	LAPD	30
Dennis Harding	Street Mt. Gen. Supt.	Public Works	36	Curtiss Simpson	Rec. Director	Rec and Parks	30
Margaret Harmon	Clerk	DWP	30	Susan Sola	Deputy City Atty.	City Attorney	7
Glenn Haynie	Sr. Load Dispatcher	DWP	43	Michael Stewart	Mgmt. Analyst	Gen. Services	29
John Harris	Water Utility Wkr.	DWP	36	Joann Strawn	Senior Clerk Typist	DWP	Not disclosed
Michael Hembree	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	Housing	35	Daniel Strehl	Sr. Librarian	Library	30
Clarence Henderson	Garage Addendant	Gen. Services	23	Raymond Subiate	Traf. Officer	Transportation	23
Clifford Higa	PI C.E. Drftg Tchn	DWP	40	Agustin Tan	Wtr Utilty Opr Supv	DWP	Not disclosed
Joseph Hoffman	Etl	DWP	30	Judith Tetove	Sr. Librarian	Library	36
Margaret Hoffman	Librarian	Library	29	Mike Upton	Equip. Operator	Public Works	33
Robert Hoffman	Sr. Real Estate Officer	Harbor	10	Victoria Urenia	Airport Guide	Airports	8
John Horling	Etl Dstrbn Mhc	DWP	24	William Violante	Deputy Mayor	Mayor's Office	11
Robert Hunter	Labor Surpervisor	DWP	Not disclosed	Jerry Waggoner	Electrical Craft Helper	DWP	Not disclosed
Octavio Hurdato	Gardener Caretaker	DWP	16	Sie Wan	Information Systems Mgr.	Airports	14
Masaaki Iwaoka	Build. Mech. Insp.	Building and Safety	34	Donna Watridge	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	Controller's Office	30
Laurel Jeffreys	Mgmt Analyst	DWP	36	Richard Webster	Building Mech. Inspector	Bldg. and Safety	35
Cheryl Jenkins	Water Srvc Rptv	DWP	30	Gail Weingart	Asst. City Atty.	City Attorney	26
Kenneth Jewell	Instrument Mechanic	DWP	Not disclosed	Lewis Withers	Utility Administrator	DWP	Not disclosed
Marsha Kawamoto	Secretary	Public Works	32	Richard Yost	Sr. Systems Analyst	LAPD	17
Avis Kekina	Sr. Clerk Typist	Airports	30				
Denis Keyes	Opr. & Stats Analyst	Public Works	9				

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!



Births

Abigail Marie Sanchez, born Oct. 23 to **Mario and Shawna Sanchez**. Mario is a Carpenter, General Services. Abigail is their fourth child.



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



Weddings

Paul Harvey and Seila Meas Sip, Dec. 23, 2004. Paul is a DOT Officer assigned to the Valley Division of Parking Enforcement.



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.



In Memoriam

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

NAME	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE
Active		
Diane Dennis	LAPD	2
Lloyd Morrison	Public Works	6
John Wells	Public Works	29
Tommy Wong	Airports	24
Connie Velez	Fire and Police Pensions	30
Leslie Howard-Cooper	Public Works	3
Retired		
James Atkinson	Transportation	13
Abel Ballastero	Building and Safety	24
Cross Bedrosian	Supplies	7
Josephine DeBrulier	Library	26
Ira Ervin	Public Works	21
Sallye Fontaine	Gen. Services	17
Antonio Gonzalez	Gen. Services	21
June Grose	City Clerk	31
Arthur Guilfoil	Library	14
Eustace Gunasekara	Public Works	31
Marshall Jackson	Public Works	31
Ledell Jenkins	Rec and Parks	31
Eldridge Jones	Transportation	28
Howard Martin	Planning	32
Amado Medina	Rec and Parks	17
Calvin Miller	Public Works	20
Joe Miranda	Rec and Parks	23
Edith Odien	Harbor	12
Benito Pahed	Gen. Services	11
Leonard Payton	Airports	12
Henry Pogroszewski	Building and Safety	27
James Pringle	Public Works	25
Lucille Reynolds	LAPD	37
Carrol Richards	Public Works	20
Kathleen Rush	Library	30
Lorraine Schaeffer	Library	21
James Smith	Public Works	14
Catherine Smythe	Library	35
Larry Spiva	Public Works	11
William Thomas	Public Works	21
Edward Thompson	Airports	23
Barbara Tisdale	LAPD	25
A.C. Wallace	Public Works	8
James White	Public Works	40
Albert Wood	Public Works	25
Evelyn Woodbury	Building and Safety	10

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.

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



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!

Joyce Bergmann	Anthony Vann	Daniel De La Cruz
Nicholas Buckroff	Deborah Winger	Rudolph De Leon
Robert Cutler	William Zoller	Caroline Dinu
Sherman Dickinson	Pauline Aguet	James Esparza
Donald Frank	April Broussard	Clarita Flores
Margaret Gonzalez	Kimberly Calloway	Gusberto Garay
Ralph Haack	Howard Copeland	Eden Garcia
Clarence Henderson	Elaine De Leon	Ned Gonzales
Diane Jordan	Marisol Espinoza	Lucia Hernandez
Patricia Langlois	Robert Ferreira	William Jenkins
Eutiq Luminarias	Thomas Fisher	Miguel Jeronimo
Joseph Mattingly	Charles Garcia	Harold Johnson
David Monette	Altimond Garnett	Lailo Khamidova
Kaj Mortensen	John Hadley	Huma Khan
Michael Nelson	Maisha Hunter	Edward Kinney
Justina Palicte	Claudette Jackson	Michael Koire
Joseph Simpson	Elana Jackson-Redman	Michael Loaiza
Carol Takafuji	Kimberly Kittrell	Alfreda Masters
Paul Thomas	Andrew Lyell	DeAnne Moody
Zona Lisa Tugonon	Mary Ann Manosa	Renee Moon
Deseree Williams	Luis Manrique	Donald Moreno
David Alexander	Shuhong Ni	Joenador Nepomuceno
Erika Ascencio	Benny Patterson	Jesse Palacios
Bob Brymer	Adriel Peterson	Win Pham
Philip Castro	Janine Prado	Melissa Potter
Eunjoo Chung	Ricardo Rosales	Inocencia Quirante
Wanda Dawson	Zaw Tun	Moises Ramirez
Joseph De Mase	Sullivan Young	Juan Reyes
Terri Echterling	Bruce Adam	David Robinson
Keith Fellows	Robert Adatao	Erica Sahagan
Edward Fik	Terra Anderson	Natalie Sanchez
Edward Fletcher	Jenny Arzate	Hugh Sasaki
John Fox	Kimberly Aviles	Bobby Savannah Sr.
Gregory Goltz	Dionicio Banuelos	Larry Scott
Adrine Issay	Jimmie Barlow	Daniel Sparks
Dwight King	Lamar Bell	James Strachan
Eugene Lamoureux	William Bennyworth	Ron Terrazas
Leo Manigas	Hart Brauer	Otto Valencia
Patricia Nunez	Valerie Brown-McCain	Michael Vasquez
Andre Reyes	Martin Castille	Carlos Venegas Jr.
Elizabeth Rudd	Refugio Cecena	Marc Vidican
Marcus Sulistio	Shannon Cherry	Helen Vondrus
William Swint	Chumphat Chudabula	Allison Yoshinaga
Karyn Taga	April Davenport-Price	Joel Zuniga

Life's Important Moments



Promotions

Personnel

Linda Rorex, Workers Compensation Claims Assistant

Transportation

Vivien Lee, Departmental Chief Accountant IV, Office of the Treasurer

Rodolfo "Rudy" Pira, Senior Management Analyst

Eric Maya, Transportation Engineering Associate I

Contract Administration

Rebecca Balbuena, Sr. Clerk Typist

Sydney Hunter, Management Analyst I

Femi Oyewole, Management Analyst I

Engineering

Nasser Aarabifard, CE Associate III, Valley

Ken Alson, Civil Eng Assoc III

Carlos Amaya, Civil Engineer

Matthew Bequette, Sanitary Engineering Associate II

Khaled Borsaly, Engineering Designer I

Daniel Boublesin, Engineering Designer I

Michael Brown, Pr Civil Engineer

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Richard Chang, CE Associate III, EED

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Lost Moments



Births



DaShaun Omari Harris, born May 9th, 2004, Mother's Day, to **Bobby and L'keva Harris**. L'keva is a Crime Scene Photographer for LAPD, and Bobby is a Communications Cable Worker, DWP.



Aumoria Ny'elle Mitchell, born Sept. 11, 2004, to **Abdual and Kimberly Mitchell**, Clerk, Office of Contract Compliance. Grandparents are **Steve King**, T.E. Aide II, and **Audrey King**, retired Council Deputy for Ruth Galanter and Club Member.



Brian Anthony Burog, born May 9th, 2004, Mother's Day, to **Lis and Fred Burog**. Also in the picture is big sister Katherine, 3 years old. Lis (aka Lourdes) works for the Bureau of Street Lighting, Department of Public Works. This is their second child.



Alexander Guder, born March 1, 2004, to **Rosalind and Karl Guder**, Principal Storekeeper, General Services.



Allison Rose Hoerricks, born April 28, 2004, to **Teresa and Jim Hoerricks**, KT, MPS, LAPD, Scientific Investigation Division, Electronics Unit.



Derrick Stocker II, born Nov. 20, 2004, to **Derrick Stocker Sr. and Sheka M. Wilson-Stocker**, Clerk Typist, Airports - Human Resources Division, 16 years.



Dylan Akira Diaz, born April 21, 2004, to **Paul Jiro and Jessica Diaz** of Baldwin Park. Grandmother is Club Member Jeannette Diaz, Clerk Typist, Cultural Affairs.



Ellis Lloyd McDonald, born July 5, 2004 to **David & Sharon McDonald**, Senior Clerk Typist, Public Works Bureau of Engineering.



Annemarie Grace Stuart, born March 15, 2004. Grandfather is Club Member **John Dermo**, Street Sweeper, Sunland Yard.



Ryann Tristen Roybal-Valdez, born May 21, 2004, to **Brandy Roybal-Valdez and Ralph Valdez**. Ralph is a Senior Park Maintenance Supervisor and Brandy is a Senior Clerk Typist. Both are DWP employees.



Liam Lewis Cox, born July 5, 2004, to **Sherry and Lewis Cox**. Sherry is a Senior Clerk Typist for Sanitation, and Lewis is a Refuse Collection Truck Operator, Sanitation.



Jason Alan Gonzalez, born March 26, 2004, to **Sal Gonzalez and Minerva Gutierrez**, Management Aide, Airports.



Uriel Ramirez, born June 7, 2004, to **Maria and Jaime Ramirez**, Clerk Typist, Animal Services.



Ethan Wyatt Moore, born Nov. 26, 2003, to **Rhonda and Brandon Moore**, Electrical Craft Helper, DWP.



Alani Martinez, born August 17, 2004, to **Loretta and Brian Martinez**, Clerk/Typist, Bureau of Sanitation.

■ You've been sending. But the Club hasn't always been receiving. So we're making up for it.

Due to some quirky technology, one of the many e-mail addresses that we've given you to correspond with *Alive!* wasn't working for a time. Unfortunately, we didn't realize it until just recently, when the Club was upgrading some of its technical systems.

We pressed the right button, and whoa! Tons of your submissions came flooding through!

So first, we apologize. And second, we reprint here everything we found in the collection bin. So keep sending, and we'll keep publishing. We're here to celebrate your stories and your accomplishments. We're glad that you believe in us, even when we have a minor technical glitch.

So here you are. Keep having these great moments ... and keep sending them in.



Weddings

Juline Hebert married **Nic Chutuk** June 12, 2004, in Thousand Oaks. Juline is the daughter of Club Member **Robert Hebert**, Senior Construction Inspector, Con Ad.



Club Member **Sonia Lajas** married **Hugo Leites** Aug. 21, 2004. Sonia is a Retirement Counselor, DWP, and Hugo is a Carpenter, Housing Authority.



Club Member **Omar Jara** married **Vania Ialamova** May 7, 2004, in Manhattan Beach. Omar is a Financial Aid Assistant.

Club Member **Gregory E. Williams** married **Anita Frazier** Nov. 26, 2004, at the Hilton Long Beach. Both Gregory and Anita work for the DWP. Anita is a Principal Clerk Utility (Office Manager) in the Human Resources section, and Gregory is a Water Utility Supervisor in the Water Services Organization.

Yolanda Lujan-Aguirre married **Anthony Sanchez** Nov. 28, 2003, at Tamayo Restaurant in East Los Angeles. Yolanda is a Customer Service Representative, DWP, and Anthony is a Property Officer, LAPD.



Promotions



Ramon Hernandez, from Real Estate Officer, DWP, to Property Manager, Airports, April 31, 2004.

Ron J. Davis, from Real Estate Associate, DWP, to Real Estate Officer, Airports, May 17, 2004.



Rick Thorstensen, Housing, to Management Analyst II.



3 Years Advising The Port

■ Harbor's Advisory Committee celebrates its third year of successful leadership.

Demonstrating that the Port of Los Angeles and its neighbors can work together productively, the Port Community Advisory Committee (PCAC) recently celebrated its third-year anniversary.

A standing advisory committee of the Board of Harbor Commissioners, the PCAC was established in 2001 by Harbor Commission approval in support of Mayor James Hahn's vision for the Port to work more closely, in a consensus-building fashion, with community members and other Port stakeholders. Comprised of more than 35 members, the Port Community Advisory Committee panel has representatives from local neighborhood councils, homeowner groups, local chambers of commerce, labor, industry and elected officials.

"When I came into office, the relationship between the Port and the community had reached a breaking point, and I knew that we needed to establish a formal channel through which the community could voice their opinions and concerns about Port growth and operations," said Los Angeles Mayor Jim Hahn. "Three years later, I'm glad to see that the Port Community Advisory Committee is thriving and playing a central role in the relationship and interaction between our Port and its various stakeholders."

"Through this collaborative process, the port now has a vehicle for obtaining input on community issues which are researched, studied and put into formal recommendations for consideration by the Harbor Board of Commissioners," added Camilla Townsend, Harbor Commissioner and PCAC Co-Chair. "This is an invaluable process that takes time and commitment. I am grateful to the PCAC members who give so much time to this endeavor."

"It has been a challenging three years, but a great learning experience. The community, Port and maritime industry have benefited greatly from the process," said Jayme Wilson, PCAC Co-Chair and local business owner.

PCAC member Joe Gatlin adds, "The Port of Los Angeles has become an environmental and economic leader in our community. The new era of trust and transparency from the Port is something our community has always wanted and needed."

The Port Community Advisory Committee meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Sheraton Los Angeles Harbor Hotel, 601 S. Palos Verdes Street, San Pedro, starting at 5:30 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend the meetings of the PCAC and its subcommittees. For PCAC subcommittee meeting dates and times, call (310) 732-3444, or visit www.portoflosangeles.org.

On this third anniversary, the Club congratulates both the Port of L.A. and the Advisory Committee for their progress and cooperation.

Answering The Calls

■ Which are the busiest LAFD stations, in terms of number of responses? For better or worse, here they are.



Ever wondered which LAFD stations were the busiest? Well, the LAFD did. They distributed the following list via their daily news listserv.

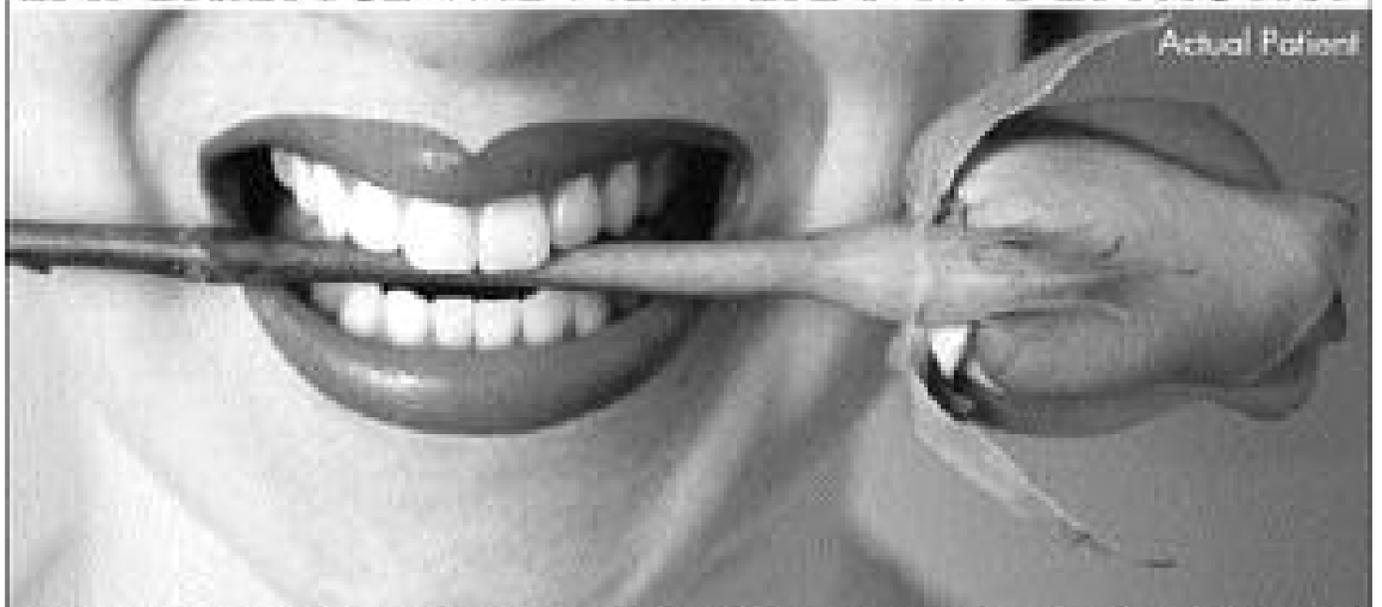
The department is not particularly proud of having so many calls, but it is proud of its service record. "In many cases, Los Angeles Fire Department responses could have been prevented by safe behavior and a healthy lifestyle," wrote Brian Humphrey, LAFD spokesman. "In each and every response however, no matter the reason, we are proud of the quality care and service we are able to provide."

The LAFD averages 1,958 responses per day!

Here's the list of the top 20, in terms of number of responses, during August and September 2004:

1. Fire Station 9 (Central City) 58 responses per day	11. Fire Station 98 (Pacoima) 34 responses per day
2. Fire Station 57 (South Los Angeles) 51 responses per day	12. Fire Station 94 (Crenshaw/Baldwin Hills) 34 responses per day
3. Fire Station 64 (South Los Angeles) 50 responses per day	13. Fire Station 61 (Fairfax) 34 responses per day
4. Fire Station 33 (South Los Angeles) 48 responses per day	14. Fire Station 81 (Arleta) 33 responses per day
5. Fire Station 39 (Van Nuys) 44 responses per day	15. Fire Station 60 (North Hollywood) 33 responses per day
6. Fire Station 66 (South Los Angeles/Hyde Park) 44 responses per day	16. Fire Station 65 (Watts) 32 responses per day
7. Fire Station 11 (MacArthur Park/Westlake) 43 responses per day	17. Fire Station 26 (West Adams) 32 responses per day
8. Fire Station 46 (Coliseum Area) 42 responses per day	18. Fire Station 68 (Mid-City) 32 responses per day
9. Fire Station 27 (Hollywood) 37 responses per day	19. Fire Station 4 (Chinatown/Union Station) 31 responses per day
10. Fire Station 89 (North Hollywood) 36 responses per day	20. Fire Station 3 (Civic Center/Bunker Hill) 31 responses per day

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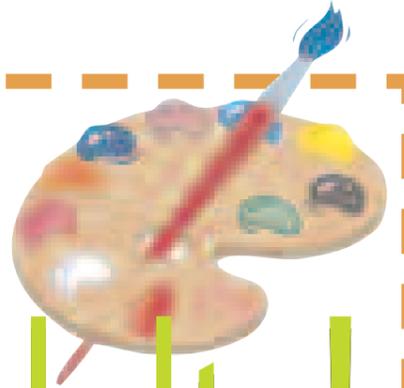
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Rules of the Club's Adult Coloring Contest:

- Winning contestants must be Club members in good standing. Everyone is welcome to submit responses, however. (Responses without Club membership numbers will be accepted but not eligible for the winning prize.)
- Responses can be delivered by mail or in person at the Club World Headquarters. Address: City Employees Club, 350 S. Figueroa, Suite 700, Los Angeles 90071.
- The Club will do everything it can to gather all the submissions, but it cannot be responsible for lost or misdirected mail.
- Winning responses will be determined by official Club personnel. All decisions will be final.
- Deadline is May 10.
- 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.
- All responses must be completed by the person indicated: no ringers (including your children!)

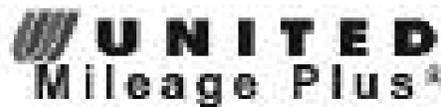
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Cooking with the Club

by our own
Robert Larios



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The Wearin' o' the Green and the Eatin' o' the Stew



When I think of holidays in March, I can think only of St. Patrick's Day. But St. Patrick's Day is not a day I get as a holiday from work, if only I were so lucky. However, as a consolation, the month is filled with great events including Easter, the St. Patrick's Day Parade, the St. Baldrick's fundraiser, and others. Check out Michelle on the Move for all other great activities and events.

March is filled with glasses of green beverages, green-colored foods, and flying St. Patrick's Day confetti. But the true spirit of

St. Patrick's Day is through the making and tasting of the incredible foods of Ireland.

Burnes' Irish Beef Stew is a traditional favorite. It's one that will keep you warm during those cool and damp March evenings. Soups and stews are among my favorite to make. In most cases, all you do is dice vegetable and meats, throw them in a big stew pot, and add water. Plain and simple! Maybe not that simple, but Burnes' Irish Beef Stew is a straightforward recipe that would be hard to ruin.

No one can make an Irish recipe without potatoes, so I have included the recipe to O'Mally's Potatoes Cakes. It's very painless to make and can fit into any meal of the day.

My friend Kevin McFarley, who just turned 101 years old in January, gave me a great recipe that he has known since he was "a lad," as he would say it. So as a tribute to Kevin, I have his McFarley Chicken and Dumplings recipe to share with the Club community.

To help wash down these tasty and filling dishes, the Dublin Party Punch should provide you with the refreshing satisfaction.

After all these recipes, reward yourself with the Galway Shake. It's another simple concoction, but a treat only a dieting leprechaun would deny.



O'Mally's Potato Cakes

INGREDIENTS

- 1/4 cup butter
- 6 to 8 ounces all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 3 cups freshly mashed potatoes (with milk)
- 1/2 teaspoon dill weed (optional)

DIRECTIONS

Cut butter into flour until it forms large granules. Add sea salt and baking powder, mix well. Mix in potatoes. Knead for a few minutes. Roll out onto lightly floured board with floured rolling pin. Cut into 2 rounds. Cook on a dry griddle or skillet until brown on both sides.

Makes 2 cakes.



Burnes' Irish Beef Stew

INGREDIENTS

- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 1/4 pounds stew beef, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 6 large garlic cloves, minced
- 8 cups beef stock or canned beef broth
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon dried thyme
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 tablespoons (1/4 stick) butter
- 3 pounds russet potatoes, peeled, cut into 1/2-inch pieces (about 7 cups)
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 cups (1/2-inch pieces) peeled carrots
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

DIRECTIONS

Heat oil in heavy large pot over medium-high heat. Add beef and sauté until brown on all sides, about 5 minutes. Add garlic and sauté 1 minute. Add beef stock, tomato paste, sugar, thyme, Worcestershire sauce and bay leaves. Stir to combine. Bring mixture to boil. Reduce heat to medium-low, then cover and simmer 1 hour, stirring occasionally.

Meanwhile, melt butter in another large pot over medium heat. Add potatoes, onion

and carrots. Sauté vegetables until golden, about 20 minutes. Add vegetables to beef stew. Simmer uncovered until vegetables and beef are very tender, about 40 minutes. Discard bay leaves. Tilt pan and spoon off fat. (Can be prepared up to 2 days ahead. Cool slightly. Refrigerate uncovered until cold, then cover and refrigerate. Bring to simmer before serving.) Transfer stew to serving bowl. Sprinkle with parsley and serve.

Makes 4 to 6 servings.



McFarley's Chicken and Dumplings

INGREDIENTS

- 2 (10.75 ounce) cans condensed cream of chicken soup
- 3 cups water
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 2 onions, quartered
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 4 boneless chicken breast halves
- 5 carrots, sliced
- 1 (10 ounce) package frozen green peas
- 4 potatoes, quartered
- 3 cups baking mix
- 1 1/3 cups milk

DIRECTIONS

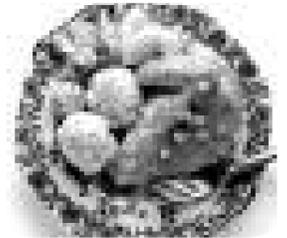
In large, heavy pot, combine soup, water, chicken, celery, onion, salt, poultry seasoning, and pepper. Cover and cook over low heat about 1 1/2 hours.

Add potatoes and carrots and cook another 30 minutes.

Remove chicken from pot, shred it, and return to pot. Add peas and cook only 5 minutes longer. Add dumplings.

To make dumplings: Mix baking mix and milk until a soft dough forms. Drop segments of dough (about one tablespoon each) onto boiling stew. Simmer covered for 10 minutes, then uncover and simmer an additional 10 minutes.

Makes 4 to 6 servings.



Dublin Party Punch

INGREDIENTS

- 2 liters ginger ale
- 1 large container frozen lemonade
- 1 large can pineapple juice (chilled)
- 1 quart lime sherbet

DIRECTIONS

Stir together. The lime sherbet melts and makes a milky green punch with foam on top.



The Galway Shake

INGREDIENTS

- 2 scoops vanilla ice cream
- 1 cup milk
- 3 or 4 drops green food coloring
- Chocolate syrup

DIRECTIONS

Put ice cream milk and food coloring into blender. Blend until smooth and green. Pour into glass. Drizzle with chocolate syrup and give one quick stir.



Critic's Corner What I Read

Read a great book lately? Tell your fellow Club members about it! Send in a paragraph or two about the book, plus the title, author, genre, number of pages and the publisher. Send your reviews to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Speaking the Truth: Ecumenism, Liberation and Black Theology

James H. Cone
Orbis Books
154 pages

Non-fiction

James Cone poses some very interesting thoughts on the topic of Black Theology. This book is full of interesting and refreshing ideas about the role of the Gospel in our time.

Cone poses the idea that black theology, as opposed to what we consider Western theology, is about liberation. He

equates the Gospel to liberation theology and insists that failure to see the message of liberation at the center of Christian thought risks humans falling into what Karl Marx called "the opium of the masses."

With this thought in mind, it is easy to see how sometimes religion has been used to commit some of the greatest crimes against humanity in history. For example the bible was used to justify slavery.

Cone points out that the core message of the Old and New Testaments is one of liberation. In the Old Testament, the main story is the exodus of the enslaved Hebrews out of Egypt and secondly from Babylon. In the New Testament, God is born as a poor man who gives a message of freedom. Jesus lives as a poor Jew under the oppression of officials and

the Roman Empire. Jesus is captured and killed as a prisoner. In the end his resurrection proves him victorious over oppression. Jesus gives a voice to the poor, the sick, and the oppressed.

Cone also points out the social impact that the black church has had on the black community, because it was only on the day of worship, that people had a chance to experience themselves as something entirely different and perhaps opposite to what they experienced the rest of the time, either during the slavery period or during the years of oppression that followed. It was during their worship time that as cone puts it: "Janitor became Deacon, maid became Stewardess."

These experiences gave people the hope that carried them through difficult times. It was

something to look forward to, a time to talk about suffering without having to live it at that particular moment, or feel limited by it, a time to feel liberated from the oppressors and to experience and acknowledge each individuals own divinity.

Cone says that the "culture of the oppressed should be the primary source for explaining the meaning of the Gospel for our time." When we fail to do that, we risk falling into the old domination model rather than a model of partnership. We risk repeating the same mistakes. It's a good book to read; it may be a little difficult to find, but it can be ordered online. It's certainly one that will spark ideas and fuel dialogue.

— Giovanna Rebagliati, DWP

Critic's Corner What I Saw

Write a brief review of a current movie — give us the general plot line, whether you liked it, and whether it's appropriate for family audiences. If we print it, we'll send you two free movie tickets! So let's hear it! Send them to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

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Sideways

This is a quirky film about the misadventures of two old friends who have set off on a wine-tasting road trip. Miles (Paul Giamatti) is a would-be novelist and divorcé with a fixation for wine and his ex-wife.

Jack (Thomas Haden Church) is a womanizing, washed-up actor a week away from getting married. In fact this is Jack's last taste of freedom before the nuptials. The two friends could not make an odder couple — Miles is depressed, neurotic and an intellectual; Jack is carefree and oversexed. These differences are what make the film funny. As they make their way up the California coast, Jack falls for a feisty wine pourer (Sandra Oh), and Miles begins to come alive again in a romantic encounter with a wine-savvy waitress (Virginia Madsen). It only takes a week for this trip to go awry as both men career comically through deception and mid-life crisis. Whether you have a taste for Pinot or Merlot, this could be the movie for you to sample.

—Dan Basiglio, LAPD Comm. Division

I know this movie had been nominated for one of the best movies of the year. I think I am still trying to figure out why. The movie is about two guys, Paul Giamatti and Thomas Haden Church, who are college buddies. Church is going to get married. He and Giamatti take a trip to the wine county around Solvang for his bachelor fling. The movie had funny moments, and great scenery. If you like wine, they talked about and drank wine at different wineries near Solvang. I thought the movie was just okay and would not recommend for young children: too much sex.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD



Hotel Rwanda

This film explores the genocide of the Tutsi people by the Hutu clan in the African country of Rwanda. It's seen through the eyes of a Paul Rusesabagina, a Hutu hotel manager played solidly by Don Cheadle. As rumors of the approaching massacre begin to surface, Paul continues to disbelieve that this could actually happen since he is too busy focusing on his job at the five-star hotel and taking care of his family. Although his hotel position has given him privilege, his wife (Sophie Okonedo) who happens to be Tutsi and his children are not spared from being targeted by the Hutu clan. Once the government-sponsored massacre begins, friends and neighbors run to Paul's house for protection. Eventually they are rounded up and brought to the five-star Kigali Hotel where they are barely being protected by the UN troops. Cheadle's portrayal is convincing as the man who does everything he can to save lives in the midst of chaos. Although the depictions of the massacre are not graphic, you feel the horror of their scope and the frustration of knowing the whole world stood by silently as millions of people were murdered. This movie might seem a downer, but there are elements of heroism, hope and goodness in the midst of

evil. Because of Paul Rusesabagina, more than a thousand lives were saved. Movies like this are important to remind us that history often tragically does repeat itself if we allow it. Joaquin Phoenix as a reporter and Nick Nolte as a disenchanted UN Officer round out the cast.

— Dan Basiglio, LAPD Comm. Division



Vera Drake

Imelda Staunton stars in the title role in this controversial film on abortion. It is the 1950s in London, where abortion was illegal. The film begins by showing Vera

Drake as a selfless housekeeper who takes care of her family, ailing mother, crippled neighbors and young women who find themselves "in trouble." The second half of the film deals with the arrest and trial of Vera Drake after a young woman nearly dies from infection due to Drake's treatment. This film never attempts to take sides on the abortion issue and that is its success. No matter what position you might take, it will raise questions as you watch Vera Drake.

—Dan Basiglio, LAPD Comm. Division



Finding Neverland

Okay, it's time to get out the hankies. This movie has got to be the tearjerker of the year. It is the story of J.M. Barrie (Johnny Depp) and how he became inspired to write the children's fairy

tale "Peter Pan." Barrie comes to meet a widow (Kate Winslet) and her four children while on an excursion to the park. Blessed with an active imagination, Barrie begins to bring hope and love back to this grieving family, especially to one of the widow's children, Peter (Freddie Highmore), who has taken his father's death very hard. The family inspires Barrie to write the famous play "Peter Pan," and the rest is history. Johnny Depp once again demonstrates his wide range as an actor, with Kate Winslet in strong support. Dustin Hoffman is amusing as a theater producer and Julie Christie as the controlling haughty grandmother, is the inspiration for Peter Pan's Captain Hook. This movie will unlock your imagination and pull at your heartstrings. So, don't forget to bring your hanky or a box of tissue!

— Dan Basiglio, LAPD Comm. Division



Million Dollar Baby

Clint Eastwood does it again as he stars, directs and even composes the music for one of the best films of 2004. Eastwood plays Frankie Dunn, a crusty boxing manager. When his boxer decides

to leave him for a big-time promoter, enter Maggie Fitzgerald (Hilary Swank), a novice female boxer with no formal training but big dreams. Frankie believes that boxing is not for girls but eventually agrees to manage and

train Maggie. You might think this to be a female "Rocky" story, but boxing is only the background. It is a story of lost souls who find one another with a dramatic turn at the end of the movie. Eastwood, Swank and Morgan Freeman are a top-notch ensemble. Don't miss this bittersweet gritty tale that pulls no punches.

— Dan Basiglio, LAPD Comm. Division



Spanglish

Adam Sandler plays a chef who has become famous. His wife (Tea Leoni) is a neurotic, spoiled and self-centered woman. Cloris Leachman plays Sandler's mother-in-law

and is very funny. They live in a well-to-do neighborhood and need to hire a housekeeper. Paz Vega plays a woman who comes from Mexico with her daughter for a better life. Vega becomes the maid for Sandler and his family. Vega does not speak English (and really did not prior to this film) but learns as the movie goes on. Vega and Sandler end up falling in love, but know it won't work because of their socio-economic status. I was surprised by how funny the movie was and yet had a deeper meaning. I would recommend the movie and it is okay for the family

—Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

I did not know what to expect with this movie and I was pleasantly surprised. This is a very good movie about a woman who only speaks Spanish who becomes a housekeeper for an English-speaking-only family. Adam Sandler turns in an excellent performance. I thoroughly recommend this film for all ages.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP



The Wedding Date

A perfect movie for Valentine's Day would be The Wedding Date. Although you will not get any surprises with this movie's ending, it is well worth the money paid to sit and watch the humor.

Debra Messing is delightful as Kat, a single woman who must return to her judgmental family for her sister's wedding in London, where her ex will be the best man. Dermot Mulroney portrays Nick, a male escort whom Kat hires as her "wedding date." With the chemistry between Kat and Nick, you will find yourself rooting for them.

— Anna Ruiz, LAPD



Ong-Bak: Muay Thai Warrior

If you are not familiar with the ancient martial art of Muay Thai, then this is a film not to miss! Without the use of stunt doubles, strings or special effects, the story begins with a group of young

men fighting to be the first to reach the top of a tree in their small village outside Bangkok. A

young Muay Thai warrior named Ting is the first to reach the top and retrieve an orange flag. The crowd looking onward begins to shout and clap with joy. Thus begins the festival of Ong-Bak: the village's celebration of Buddha.

Pure and raw Muay Thai boxing was the theme throughout this film. There was very little plot, but that is not the intention of this film. The audience appeal is the demand for continuous action, and that is what it delivers. Ong-Bak: Muay Thai Warrior is not a family-friendly film, but it is very friendly to anyone who loves martial arts and non-stop action.

— Jenny Arzate (Rec and Parks)



The Aviator

I really wanted to wait until the buzz died down about this movie. I opted for seeing this movie a couple months after the release date. Upon entrance into the theatre, I noticed seats filled with senior citizens and was

rather skeptical about seeing the movie. To my dismay, I found myself agreeing with the critics and found this was a very good film. I really feel sorry for those who have to decide which movies win for Best picture of the year, etc. For those who were born during the times Howard Hughes (Leonard DiCaprio) paved the way for aeronautics, this will definitely bring you back. For those like me, where Hughes was before their time, it is so extraordinary how an individual will give there all to accomplish the goals, think out the box, and continue to strive when others doubted him. I do not know how far advanced the world would have been without his influence. This film will always be a favorite for me because it shows that regardless of the economic class, a person can still give their all (money if need be), and go for what they know. In the end, I wanted to see more. This film is PG-13 and I believe it is for preteens and older.

— Marviana Jones, Sanitation



The Phantom of the Opera

I enjoyed it, almost as much as I did with the live production. And this is a lot less expensive! If you like musicals, you will enjoy this. The music is great! This is the story of a disfigured musical

genius who lives under the Opera House and who falls in love with a young and upcoming singer. The movie is a little dark, but very good story. For teens and up.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP



The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou

I think this is one of the worst movies I have ever seen. I would not even recommend you to wait and rent this when it comes to video.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

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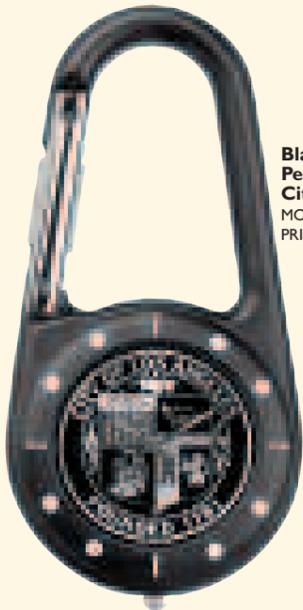
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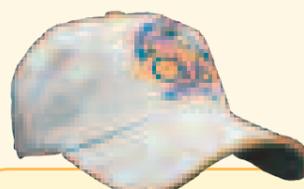
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