

Bands Are A Treat for Club Ears

■ ClubFest to feature bands with a City connection.

Essential to the festival atmosphere of ClubFest 2005 is music — almost continuous music by three consecutive live bands, each one featuring at least one City employee in its lineup.

It's something the Club hopes its members can really appreciate.

"It was important that we found bands that have a City connection," said Michelle Moreno, Club Events Guru, who is part of the ClubFest committee. "These guys, like most of you, have other interests outside their normal working day. And they're really good."



Music!
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Music Makes It a... Club Festival!

Music makes ClubFest great fun for both adults and kids. Order your tickets early for best prices! Use the form on page 13.

THE CLUB — Tickets are on sale now for the best ClubFest ever. Don't wait!

ClubFest was already one of the best City events of the year. But now the Club has added an afternoon of almost continuous live music to the mix, provided by great bands with fellow City employees as members. Now everyone — including those who might not be as interested in the games or the activities — have a great reason to come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon in a terrific location.

But tickets are limited, so don't miss out.

ClubFest 2005 is set for Sunday, Oct. 2, at Calamigos Ranch in the hills overlooking Malibu. ClubFest is co-sponsored by AIG and Office Depot.

Tickets for Club Members (before Aug. 30) are just \$10 each; that's a savings of more than \$35 off the actual cost of the ticket.

"ClubFest is going to have a great festival atmosphere," said John Hawkins, Club CEO. "A different feel, really. We've added to what it was, and made it better."

"ClubFest, with plenty of good food, games, booths, raffles, bingo and terrific people, is already a winner. Our members already know that ... it's why ClubFest has sold out the past three years."

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Sunday October 2, 2005
10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Calamigos Ranch (Above Malibu)

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News Analysis

Challenges Face Mayor Villaraigosa

■ After the hoopla dies down, new mayor faces challenges that relate to City employees.

MAYOR'S OFFICE — Budget Cuts. LAPD. Harbor. Ethics. Transportation.

These are likely to be among the main challenges that will soon face the new mayor, not long after his memorable inauguration event, which took on national prominence.

Antonio Villaraigosa was sworn in on the south steps of City Hall Friday, July 1. Joining him and his family on the platform were national and civic leaders, including former Vice President Al



Antonio Villaraigosa, Mayor

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by **John Hawkins**
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ClubFest Is About Music, Food, Fun

Do not miss the ultimate City Employee Party ... ClubFest 2005. It's about Food and Fun ... and everything is all you can eat! That includes deliciously prepared shredded barbeque beef, succulently tender barbeque chicken, delicious vegetarian chili, old-fashioned corn on the cob, warm dinner rolls, fresh salad, hot dogs with all the fixings, and ice cream bars (the vanilla coated with chocolate ice cream bars are my favorite; my kids, Isaiah and Noah, go for the big stick popsicle).

The best part about ClubFest this year will be the music. Three handpicked bands will be featured: the Latin Gents, County Line and The Kahunas. The Latin Gents play a variety of Latin, swing, oldies but goodies, rock and roll and country. County Line is your all-around rock and roll classic kind of band, and the Kahunas play the sounds of Dick Dale, the Ventures and the Beach Boys. Every one of the bands is geared for fun, fun, fun. The ClubFest Committee searched high and low for the best bands to play this event, and we're happy to bring them to ClubFest.

You have to act now to get the tickets at the lowest prices — this is the last month to buy ClubFest tickets before the price goes up. On Sept. 1, all tickets increase to \$15 each. Through Aug. 30 they are \$7 for kids (children 3 and under are free), \$10 for Club members and \$15 for adult guests. Those are incredible prices, considering the retail price for tickets to Calamigos is \$45 each!

I will see you there, and be prepared to have fun. (And here's a **trivia question**: Who can tell me where the first ClubFest was held three years ago? The first one to e-mail me with the correct answer wins two free movie tickets!)

A couple of other things for August: If you haven't attended one of the LACERS Long Term Care seminars, now is the time. The last one is Aug. 17 from 9:30 am to noon. If you're interested in attending, please contact LACERS at (800) 779-8328 or (213) 473-7200 to reserve your seat.

And finally, a big shout-out to Sgt. Ray Ingal of the Gen. Services Security Division for putting his heart and soul into this month's Department of the Month feature. It's a privilege to work with City employees like you.

— John
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 (and yes, I really do read my e-mail)



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Shoutout

... to **Anthony Reyes**, son of **Angel Reyes**, DWP, on his recently held concert April 17 at the William Bristol Civic Auditorium. At the opera recital, Anthony sang with the Robert Duquesnel Classical Quartet. Angel Reyes invited **Bev Haro** and **Summy Lam** of the Club to attend, and they did ... and had a great time. Thanks for the invite, and **congratulations to Anthony!**



Anthony Reyes performs in concert.



Anthony Reyes with Robert Duquesnel's Classical Quartet.



From left: Angel and Anthony Reyes.

QUESTION ? of the Month

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

Question: What's the most fun place you've been this summer?



"I went to family barbecues and took my children, Diana and Cindy, to the beach."
— **Howard Wysinger, Library Officer, Library, 3 years**



"I went on a romantic candlelight dinner with my husband."
— **Jessica Garcia, Clerk Typist, Library, 3.5 years**



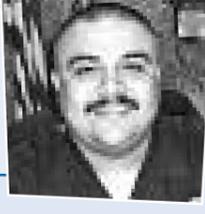
"There is nothing like being in New Orleans for the Essence Festival."
— **Oscar Smith, Investigator, Port Police**



"Soak City is the place to be!"
— **Denise Martinez, Cadet, Port Police, Club Member**



"I went to the park with my family on the Fourth of July to see the fireworks. The park was so crowded with people that we had to park our car in a nearby restaurant parking lot and watch the fireworks from our car."
— **Kellie Tran, Payroll Supervisor, City Attorney, 7 years, Club Member**



"I went to Big Bear Lake with my family, and my three-year-old pushed me off the boat. The water was freezing!"
— **Walter Diaz, Officer of Public Safety, General Services, 1 year, Club Member**



"I've been to Baja, California, camping and off-road riding."
— **Martha L. Ocon, Housing**



"It was the Jamaican cruise."
— **Davore Gilford, Housing**

LETTERS To the Editor



Ticket Guy's Screening Benefit Gets Club Member's Thumbs Up

Thanks, Navin. My family and I really appreciate these movie screenings. Keep up the good work! You are doing a fine job.
— **John Mireles, Gen. Services**

Alive! Is 'Best Periodical' for City; He Especially Likes Retired Section

I am so glad that *Alive!* continues to show why it is the best periodical for employees and retired employees in the City of Los Angeles. I can't think of any other newsletter or newspaper that active and retired employees can rely on every month. You have built trust with me as a reader, knowing that I can get my copy every month. You even thought of placing a copy on your Website.

I was really happy to see coverage of the DWP Retired Employees Association Picnic as well as for the RLACEI golf tournament in the July issue. I like Phil Skarin's Thought for the Day, but I was sorry that Ed Harding's article was missing. I can't wait to see it in the next issue!
— **R. Jacobs, Airports**

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New Zoo Sea Lion Exhibit Really Enchants Grandma

Last Saturday I took my husband, two kids and Grandma to the new Sea Lion exhibit at our zoo. It definitely lives up to the hype. Grandma summed it up by exclaiming that she was "tickled pink to be so close to those cute and cuddly sea lions" and that she "felt like she was back home at Bodega Bay."

We were all amazed at how friendly everyone was. She said that if she could be an animal she would be a seal lion in the exhibit. Grandmas are the greatest!
— **Monica Princheck, Club Member**

He's Positive Alive! Spreads Good News of City Employees

Thank you, the Club, for caring so much about us City employees. In all my 34 years of employment, there has never been such an effort put towards spreading the good news of what's happening in all the different departments. Keep up the excellent work - I'll be a member for life!
— **Tom Cabner, Club Member**

Golf Tourney Looks Like Such Fun, He Wants to Join

I was looking at your coverage of the retiree golf tournament and, although I don't play golf, it sure looks like fun.

But please do tell me, how do I join the retiree's association? I've been retired now for eight years and would love to connect with other retirees from the City. Thanks!
— **Tony Rodriguez, Retired, Housing**

The retiree golf tournaments are always fun! Tony, feel free to contact RLACEI: Helen Salgado at (323) 728-4930 or Phil Skarin at (818) 784-0130. — Ed.

Corrections:

■ In the July issue of *Alive!*, in a story on page 6 of two men at the North Central Sanitation Yard who had received letters of commendation, we misidentified the two men, Tony Middleton and Russell Harris, in the photos. We've reprinted the photos with the correct identifications, and we apologize to both Tony and Russell for this error. (And congratulations on your letters of commendation.)



Tony Middleton, Truck Operator, 8 years. Russell Harris, Truck Operator.

■ Also, in the July issue, our cutline of a graduate contained two errors, one that related to the title of Red Medina, father of the graduate. We sincerely apologize to Red, a valued friend of the Club. And we reprint the entire photo caption here. We regret the errors and apologize for any misgivings they caused.



Kerry Lynn Franco graduated from USC in May with a Bachelor of science in public policy, management and planning. She was awarded the Dan Smith and the Order of the Laurel and the

Palm, which is the highest honor bestowed on graduating seniors for their distinguished leadership and excellent scholarship. She will begin her career at USC as Assistant Director of the Norman Topping Student Aid Fund, where she will also pursue a Master's degree in student affairs. Her most important job, however, remains wife and mother as Kerry, along with her husband, Oscar, continue to raise two beautiful girls, Hannah, four, and Emma, 9 months.

Kerry is the daughter of Red Medina, Construction Inspector, Public Works, and Lupe Medina, Club Staff member.

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A Second Career: An LAPD Reserve

If you have a little extra time on your hands and would like to become involved in or give back to your community, you might consider a second career as an LAPD Reserve Officer. Volunteer work as a Reserve Officer is a wonderful opportunity for you to truly make a difference in your community. It's a great chance for you to shine and, as the Reserve Corps' motto goes, "...be twice a citizen."

There are several levels of involvement offered by the Los Angeles Police Reserve Corps and, if you are qualified, you can pick the level of involvement that best suits you as you work side-by-side with full time police officers – from administrative duties to riding in police vehicles. Whatever the case, you would receive the same training as fulltime officers as you serve to fill the many roles they play in your community.

Level III Police Reserve Officers perform various administrative functions. They wear an LAPD uniform and carry a badge. However, Level III Reserve Officers do not carry a gun and do not perform enforcement duties. The administrative functions of Level III Reserve Officers range anywhere from assisting with front desk duties to working with detectives to providing community relations services.

Level I and II Police Reserve Officers, on the other hand, are more directly involved in that they chiefly perform enforcement duties – just like regular, full time police officers. They wear a uniform, carry a badge and are armed. They work in police vehicles alongside full time police officers.

The requirements to become an LAPD Reserve Officer are as follows:

- n You must be at least 18 years of age at the time of application for membership if you want to be a Reserve Officer III.
- n You must be at least 21 years of age at the time of application for membership if you want to become a Reserve Officer I or II.
- n You must be in good physical and mental health with no disabling physical conditions.
- n You must possess a valid California Class C driver's license.
- n You must not have a history of criminal or improper personal conduct that may affect your suitability for police work.
- n You must possess a United States High School diploma or G.E.D. equivalent.
- n You must be a United States citizen or must have applied for citizenship.

All Reserve Officers are subject to the same testing process required of regular full time police officers:

- n Written and essay test
- n Oral interview
- n Physical Abilities Test
- n Background interview and investigation
- n Polygraph
- n Medical exam
- n Psychological written exam
- n Psychological interview

Just so you know, the Los Angeles Police Reserve Corps is the largest Police Department Reserve Unit in California, and the Department's Reserve Officers are considered the finest in the nation. LAPD's



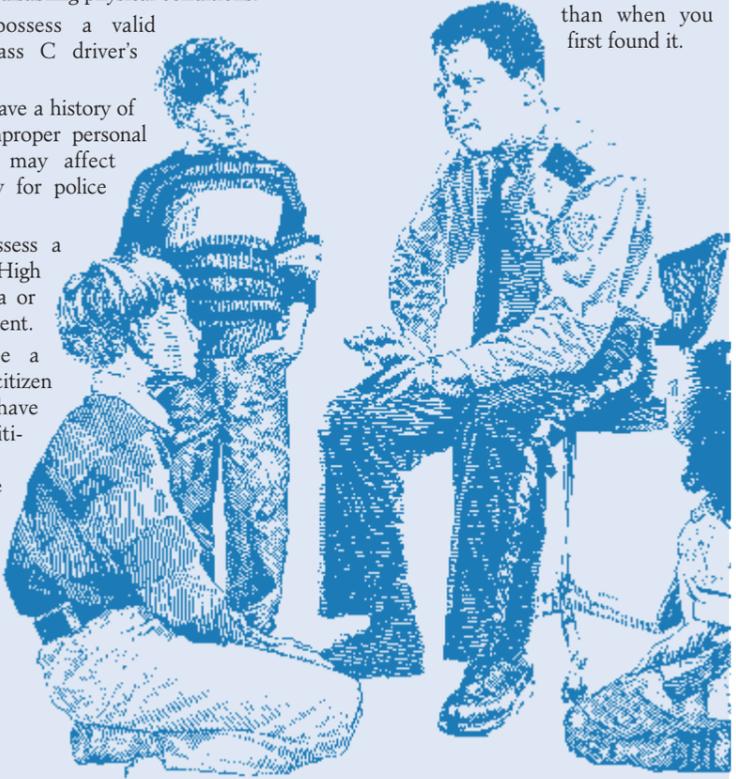
Reserve Officers are selected under the highest standards and they donate thousands of hours of quality service each year. Like I said earlier, becoming a Reserve Officer provides you with a great opportunity to shine. Many Los Angeles Police Reserve Officers have received numerous commendations for their work and dedication.

Have I piqued your interest or curiosity? If so, then do attend a Reserve Officer

Orientation Meeting. That's the first step. Orientation meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Personnel Building, 700 East Temple St. You can also contact Officer Patricia Guessferd or any of the Reserve Recruitment Team Members, Recruitment and Employment Division, at (213) 485-3800.

Also, much of the information I've written about here is taken from LAPD's Website: www.lapdonline.org. It's a good site to browse through for all sorts of Reserve Officer information.

If you feel you are qualified, then think about joining the ranks of Los Angeles' Reserve Officer Corps. It's a worthwhile endeavor and a great way to leave your community and the world a little better than when you first found it.



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For the Kids

■ Ontario Airport safety officers hold barbecue to help youths in need.

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Communications and Marketing

AIRPORTS DEPT. — On June 16, Ontario Airport's safety officers hosted a barbecue for the Hero Club, a shelter in Ontario for homeless children. The barbecue entertained approximately 100 children and featured food, entertainment, a distribution of small airport gifts, and a display of Ontario Airport fire trucks and police cars.

Their first barbecue event for children in need took place at Christmas 2003. At that event, presents were given out. Last year's event included a Christmas dinner at the Fire Station, presents, and a helicopter ride.

The Club congratulates the firefighters at Ontario Airport on this terrific event.



Event creators, from left: Dave Duncan, Safety Officer, 9 years; and Patrick McPherson, Safety Officer, 15 years.



These kids are about to have fun.



Anthony Martinez, Airport Ambassador, 2 months.



Ontario firefighters provided a huge red barbecue grill to cook the delicious hot dogs and hamburgers.



From left: Lori Teague, Ontario Airport Representative, 9 years; Barbara Leming, Ontario Airport Representative, 7 years; Les Au, Retired Safety Officer, 25 years; Randy Horstineyer, Safety Officer, 8 years, with his son Colby; Daniel Dixon, Safety Officer, 4 years; Mark Moody, Safety Officer, 2 years; Bryan Ortiz, Safety Officer, 3 years; Marie Jreijie, Public Affairs, 7 years; and Judy Menard, Airport Ambassador.



The smiles were priceless.



City employees working their magic on the grill.



Ontario Police Officer Michael Garzon, 15 years.



Ontario Police Officer David Mills, 15 years.

HEY, Graduates!

Congratulations!

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

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Two for the Road

■ **Veterans Jim Heflin, John D'Amico retire from LAPD.**

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Communications and Marketing

POLICE DEPT. — Two veterans with 31 years of service each, Jim Heflin and John D'Amico celebrated their retirement with a joint party June 16 at the LAPD Police Academy.

Here are the City Council resolutions presented to them:

Jim Heflin:

Whereas, Senior Systems Analyst II James Heflin is retiring from the Los Angeles Police Department June 1, 2005, following a career of over 31 years of dedicated service to the people of Los Angeles; and

Whereas, Mr. Heflin joined the City workforce in September 1970 as a Junior Administrative Assistant assigned to Traffic Services Division of Los Angeles Police Department; and

Whereas, soon thereafter Mr. Heflin was promoted to Administrative Assistant and transferred to the LAPD Advanced Systems Development Section (ASDS) to begin a long and distinguished career in technical support of mission-critical systems for LAPD; and

Whereas, Mr. Heflin was recognized early in his ASDS tour for possessing an unusually versatile range of analytical and technical skills, he was recruited in 1977 by the Department's chief engineer (Charles Holt) to lead a task-force to "rescue" a failed federal-grant project to develop a firearms training simulator for the Los Angeles police academy. With a tiny budget and minimal assistance Mr. Heflin developed key software and hardware components necessary for the shooting simulator to train police officers and thereby satisfy a federal audit of the project outcome. In 1979 Mr. Heflin was honored with a Career-Service Award from the City for this work. The simulator was subsequently used for a decade to provide "core training" for police officers in the most difficult areas of LAPD shooting policy; and

Whereas, Mr. Heflin worked for 10 years supporting "first generation ECCCS" as a Programmer Analyst, advancing steadily through all 5 grade levels of the series before being promoted in 1990 to Senior Systems Analyst and returning to the Police Department to assist with a "second-generation upgrade" of ECCCS; and

Whereas, upon successful completion in 1995 of the "second-generation upgrade" of ECCCS, Mr. Heflin continued as a technical lead for the Police Department on project plans and procurement for a large-scale "third-generation enhancement" of ECCCS in fulfillment of the \$235 million Proposition-M ballot measure;

Now, therefore be it resolved, Senior System Analyst II James Heflin's performance during his 31-plus years of City service places him honorably in the first rank of civil servants supporting public safety programs in the City of Los Angeles. His efforts have contributed notably to betterment of the City's 911 public safety program with resulting benefit to all the citizens of Los Angeles, and he will be missed. We wish him success and happiness in retirement."

John D'Amico:

Whereas, Sergeant I John D'Amico has retired from the Los Angeles Police Department January 8, 2005, following a career of over 32 years of dedicated services to the people of Los Angeles; and

Whereas, Sergeant D'Amico served as a Radioman in the U.S. Navy Submarine Service from 1966 to 1970. He attained the rank of Petty Officer Second Class; and

Whereas, Sergeant D'Amico was a reserve Los Angeles Police Officer from 1972 to 1973. After one year as a reserve officer, he re-attended the Police Academy and became a full time Police Officer from 1973 to 1985. He worked at various police areas and his assignments included uniformed patrol, communications, accident investigation, and gang intelligence/suppression/homicide; and

Whereas, Sergeant D'Amico's telecommunications experience and education, coupled with his professional skills, resulted in his being selected as the Officer-in-Charge of the Special Projects Section of the Emergency Command Control Communications System (ECCCS) Division from 1985 to 2001. He was responsible for the development, maintenance, on-going operation, and replacement and upgrade of many extensively computer controlled communications systems, including the Enhanced 9-1-1 emergency tele-

phone system, the Police Department's Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system, the Police Department's Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) system, the Police Department's many voice radio field communications systems; and

Whereas, Sergeant D'Amico was the manager of a \$26 million project for the upgrade and replacement of the Department's entire Mobile Data Terminal System. As the Project Manager, he was responsible for every phase of the project, ranging from the initial needs analysis to project completion. The project involved the development and issuance of two Request For Proposals (RFPs), writing and negotiation of a major contract, administration of the contract, and total management of the project. The project was successfully completed within the original authorized budget, and all contractual requirements were met; and

Whereas, Sergeant D'Amico replaced the Department's CAD system. He conducted extensive analysis of the existing CAD system for its load handling capacity, functionality vs. user needs, maintenance and upgrade potential, and present and future trends. He was the primary author of an extensive Request For Proposal to industry for the replacement and upgrade of the CAD system. This project resulted in a successful \$8.5 million contract and the complete rebuilding of the CAD system; and

Whereas, Sergeant D'Amico managed the Mobile Data Terminal system at the Ahmanson Recruit Training Center; participated in the Southern California Regional Communications Planning Committee for the acquisition of 39 new radio channels for the Police Department. As a result, the Department acquired 39 additional radio channels for police dispatching and field operations. Sergeant D'Amico also handled the purchase and FCC licensing of the ten (10) 800 MHz radio channels for the new Mobile Data Terminal system; liaison to the Department of Justice and Department of Motor Vehicles including major systems involved were the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS), the Stolen Vehicle Recovery Network (SVRN), and the National Crime Information Center (NCIC); served as a member of two Department of Justice Technical Standards and Protocol committees: CAL-PHOTO and CAL-INFO; involved in the analysis, maintenance, and operation of the geographic information database utilized in the dispatching algorithms of the Computer Aided Dispatch system. In that effort, he successfully implemented a small computer system for reading maps on a digitizing table and providing maintenance functions for the geographic database; and implemented an Alarm Permits Verification database for verifying Police Commission Alarm Permits, providing information prior to dispatching of a police unit to alarm calls. This system incorporated into the CAD system, and provided the basis for billing of over \$2 million per year to businesses having excessive false alarms; and

Whereas, Sergeant D'Amico worked as a team member on major projects such as the Proposition 65 Task Force (for the reduction and reorganization of the Police Department), and the development of Propositions J, 1, and M (the \$235 million 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Bond Issues); implemented systems such as a Hazardous Materials Incident Reporting System, Firearms Ballistics Database and Comparison system, Firearms Collection database, Sick-time Tracking, Police Radio Inventory databases, and Geographic Information Database maintenance systems; and

Whereas, Sergeant D'Amico was assigned to Information Technology Division from March 2001 to January 8, 2005. He was assigned to manage a citywide fiber-optic system implementation. The project was completed by mid-2002, and it has provided major LAPD LAN sites with reliable high-speed data communications.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, Sergeant D'Amico's performance during his 32 years of City service places him among the elite of those who have served before him. Sergeant D'Amico's efforts directly contributed to the advancement of public safety operations and technology and his skills and initiative increased the safety of the people of Los Angeles. Sergeant D'Amico truly approaches the irreplaceable. He will definitely be missed. We wish him success and happiness in retirement.

Congratulations to both Jim and John on their excellent service. Enjoy your retirements!



Jim Heflin.



John D'Amico



Jim Heflin over the years.



John D'Amico over the years.



From left: Jim Heflin, Retiring, 31 years; Chris Beatty, LAPD, ECCCS Division, 18 years; John D'Amico, Retiring, 31 years; and Rhonda Jordan, 25 years.



Linda Bunker, Retired LAPD, presents plaques from the City and LAPD as well as a letter from the President George W. Bush and the First Lady Laura Bush.



Troy Hart presents commendations from the County of Los Angeles as well as a plaque from the Los Angeles Protective League and the Peace Officers Safe Driving Program.



From left: Michael Barela, Sgt. II, LAPD-ICSB, 32.5 years; Peter J. Benjamins, Sr, Communications Electrician Supervisor, ITA, 24 years; Raoul Broussard, Communications Engineering Associate, 8 years; and Glen Cabrera, Senior Management Analyst, 20 years.



From left: Anita McKeown, Lt., LAPD, 16 years; and Gilda Franklin, Management Analyst II, 8.5 years.



From left: Esther Odegaard, ITA, Systems Programmer, 16 years; Ingvar Odegaard, Sr. Communications Electrician, ITA, 24 years; Peter J. Benjamins, Sr, Communications Electrician Supervisor, ITA, 24 years; Raoul Broussard, Communications Engineering Associate, 8 years; and Glen Cabrera, Senior Management Analyst, 20 years.



From left: Duncan Angami, Communications Engineer Associate, 5 years; Beth Camarco, Sr. Management Analyst, 20 years; and Theresa Lee, Personnel Analyst II, 10 years.



Jeff Jantz presents certificates from Chief Bratton certificates.



Peter DiCarlo reading the Council Resolution for Jim Heflin, which all City Council members signed.



From left: Richard Davis, Sr. Systems Analyst II, 30 years; and Wanda Owens, Sr. Systems Analyst II, 13 years.

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Employees get information from Tuition Reimbursement Coordinator Mary Ann Torres.

Matter of Degree

■ DWP hosts annual education fair for employees.

Story and photos by Michelle Moreno, Club Events Guru

DWP — Helping its employees research and investigate educational opportunities was at the heart of the DWP Employee Education Fair June 22 – 23 at the John Ferraro Building. The event helped provide employees with options toward obtaining a certificate or a Bachelor's or Master's degree.

Several educational institutions were in attendance to provide information to employees and answer any questions. Among them were: USC, UCLA, Pepperdine University, Mount St. Mary's, Long Beach State University, and others.

The event was sponsored by the DWP's Training and Development Business Group and the CSCCU (Consortium of Southern California Colleges and Universities).

Congratulations to Mary Ann Torres for coordinating a successful event and inviting the Club.



Employees get information from schools.



Employees get information from schools.



From left: Mary Ann Torres, Education Fair Coordinator; and David Papajohn, Hope International University and representative of the Consortium of Southern California Colleges and Universities (CSCCU). CSCCU put together the lineup of the educational institutions represented at the event.



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A banner announcing the event.

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Send us your thoughts on politics, the City, life in general ... see page three for the Letters to the Editor.

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Pinned for Service

■ Building Maintenance Division hands out pins for great service.

Story by *Summy Lam, Club IT Business Analyst, and Kiri Denman, Club Intern*
Photos by *Summy Lam*

GEN. SERVICES DEPT. — On June 16 at the Piper Tech Cafetorium, the Gen. Services Building Maintenance Division presented service pin awards to some of the City's finest craft personnel. The division provides maintenance and repair of all City-owned buildings and surplus properties under Council control.

Building Maintenance is responsible for the repair and maintenance of plumbing, heating, electrical and air conditioning systems, elevators, automotive hoists, carpentry, painting, roofing, overhead cranes, limited concrete work, welding, upholstery, emergency generators, furniture, smoke detectors, locksmith (including changing combinations on safes), carpet installation, other related equipment, and the sweeping of specific parking lots.

Service Pin recipients were:

- Alex Acosta, Civic Center, Electrical Supervisor 10 years
- Sal Alcantara, PTC, Upholsterer, 15 years
- Victor Alvarado, PTC, Roofer, 15 years
- Sal Alvarado, Civic Center, Plumber, 30 years
- Virgil Aranda, Civic Center, Chief Building Operation Engineer 25 years
- George Becker, Civic Center, Building Maintenance District Supervisor, 15 years

- Mario Danganan, Civic Center, 10 years
- Sal Delacruz, Civic Center, Senior Building Operation Engineer, 20 years
- Lloyd Fountain, South District, South District, Air Conditioning Mechanic, 20 years
- Oliver Lopez, South District, South District, Air Conditioning Mechanic, 15 years
- Raul Macias, PTC, Building Construction and Maintenance Superintendent, 30 years
- Richard Maya, South District, Electrician, 20 years
- Enrique Ortiz, South District, Electrician, 30 years
- Al Perez, Civic Center, Painter Supervisor, 10 years
- Tony Perez, HQ, Senior Roofer, 25 years
- Mike Rangel, Civic Center, Senior Roofer, 20 years
- Carlos Rodriguez, PTC, Roofer, 15 years
- Mario Rodriguez, Civic Center, Elevator Mechanic, 30 years
- Charlie Rushing, PTC, Roofer, 20 years
- Jeff Secor, PTC, Carpenter Supervisor, 15 years
- Porter Swayne, PTC 35 years
- Greg Sysak, North District, Air Conditioning Supervisor, 20 years
- Jeffrey Thorsell, PTC, Sheet Metal Worker, 15 years
- Greg Zuniga, North District, Sheet Metal Worker, 15 years.

Congratulations to all the service pin recipients!

The Club thanks Raul Macias for assisting us with this story.



From left: Wavie Alloway, Civic Center Superintendent, with Virgil Aranda, Chief Building Operation Engineer, 25 years.



From left: Wavie Alloway, Civic Center Superintendent, with Alex Acosta, Civic Center Electrical Supervisor, 10 years.



From left: Wavie Alloway, Civic Center Superintendent; Raul Macias, PTC Supervisor; Dan Eason, Superintendent; Carlos Portillo, N. District; and B.J. Fulkerson, S. District.



From left: Raul Macias, PTC Superintendent, with Dan Eason, Superintendent.



From left: Raul Macias, PTC Superintendent, with Carlos Rodriguez, Roofer, 15 years.



From left: Wavie Alloway, Civic Center Superintendent, with Mike Rangel, Senior Roofer, 15 years.



From left: Lloyd Fountain, Air Conditioning Mechanic, 20 years; Carlos Portillo, North District Superintendent; and B.J. Fulkerson, South District Superintendent.



From left: Jeffrey Thorsell, Sheet Metal Worker, 15 years, with Raul Macias, PTC Superintendent.



From left: Sal Alcantara, Upholsterer, 15 years, with Raul Macias, PTC Superintendent.



From left: Richard Maya, Electrician, 20 years, and B.J. Fulkerson, South District Superintendent.



The Gen. Services Award Recipients attend the ceremony.



From left: Wavie Alloway, Civic Center Superintendent, with Mario Rodriguez, Elevator Mechanic, 30 years.



From left: Oliver Lopez, Air Conditioning Mechanic, 15 years; Carlos Portillo, North District Superintendent; and B.J. Fulkerson, South District Superintendent.



From left: Charlie Rushing, Roofer, 15 years, and Raul Macias, PTC Superintendent.



From left: Victor Alvarado, Roofer, 15 years; and Raul Macias, PTC Superintendent.



From left: Sal Alvarado, Plumber, 30 years, with Wavie Alloway, Civic Center Superintendent.

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Newsbrief

NATURAL GAS LEADERSHIP



To secure long-term, stabilized supplies of natural gas to fuel power generating plants, the DWP has spearheaded a \$300 million purchase agreement with Anschutz Pinedale Corporation in Denver to buy a portion of the company's natural gas reserves in Sublette County, Wyoming.

The acquisition is believed to be the largest natural gas field owned by public power utilities. DWP is the lead agency in a partnership with the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA), which represents Anaheim, Colton, Glendale, Burbank and Pasadena, and the Turlock Irrigation District.

Approved by the City Council, the natural gas reserves will provide Los Angeles with a firm supply of natural gas at a stable price. The natural gas will be transported to Los Angeles using the DWP's existing long-term capacity contract with the Kern River Gas Transmission Company.

DWP General Manager Ronald F. Deaton said, "The acquisition of this natural gas field serves to further stabilize the single most volatile component of the DWP's operating expenses, thereby helping the DWP achieve its goal of maintaining stable retail electric rates for our customers." Deaton also said that, depending on future market conditions, the DWP could realize substantial savings as well, noting that the DWP has already saved quite a bit of money through financial hedging of natural gas prices.

The agreement gives the DWP 74.5 percent ownership in the natural gas acquisition, which is expected to yield approximately 112 billion cubic feet of proven reserves. The DWP's share of the \$300 million investment is \$223.4 million.

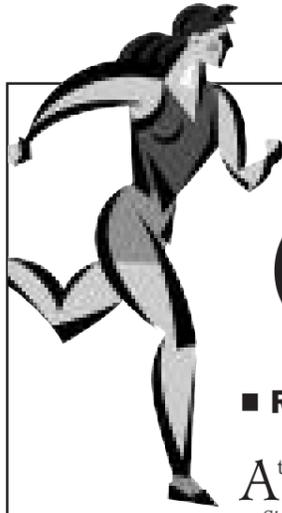
The DWP said the reserves initially will represent approximately 12 percent of the Department's daily average use of natural gas, and will replace an existing 15-year contract with Duke Energy Trading and Marketing that expires in February 2007. Located in the Pinedale Anticline region of Wyoming, the reserves have a field production expectancy of more than 30 years.

The DWP relies on natural gas as the fuel source for its Los Angeles Basin generating stations, including Harbor, Haynes, Scattergood and Valley. Natural gas represents about 26 percent of the DWP's energy resources.

The DWP Board of Commissioners had approved the agreement June 21. The assets include Anschutz Pinedale's interest in 38 operating oil and gas wells, and any associated lateral pipelines, equipment, permits, rights-of-way, and easements used in the production. The agreement calls for a smooth transition to a new field operator, Ultra Resources Inc.

The SCPPA southern California cities are expected to use the majority of the natural gas for the new 300 Megawatt SCPPA Magnolia Power Project in Burbank as well as other local generating plants within their cities. Bill D. Carnahan, SCPPA executive director, echoed Deaton's remarks: "The significance of this purchase as a stable long-term supply, as well as the ability of the cities and the irrigation district to come together to plan for the future, demonstrates true leadership and foresight by all those involved."

The other utilities with roughly 26 percent of the reserves are Turlock Irrigation District (10.6 percent) and Anaheim (5.3 percent), Glendale (4.3 percent), Burbank (2.1 percent), Pasadena (2.1 percent) and Colton (1.1 percent).



Win \$200!

The Amazing Club Race



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

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

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

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Entry Form

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

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 Second Team Member: _____
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I understand that I will be required to sign a physical activity liability waiver. (check box)



Music Added for Those Who Enjoy Festival Feel

ClubFest

Continued from Page 1

"But when we sat down and thought about how to make it even better for all Club members, we realized that there are a lot of members who would love to come, but might not be as interested in the games or the physical activities. We wanted to make ClubFest as exciting for adults as it is for kids.

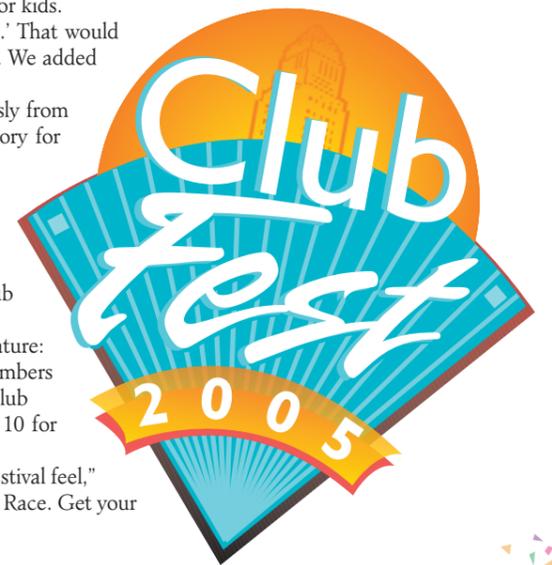
"So our Club team got together and thought, 'music.' That would create a really fun and festive atmosphere for everybody. We added lots of fun music. We have something for them, too."

Three bands are scheduled to play almost continuously from start to finish, one at a time. Check out the related story for information on the bands.

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

In addition to the music, there is another cool new feature: the first Amazing Club Race. You and your team members could win \$200! There is still room for your Amazing Club Race team. See the separate registration form on page 10 for more information about the Amazing Club Race.

"We have something for everyone this year, with the festival feel," Hawkins said. "Bands, food, fun, and the Amazing Club Race. Get your ClubFest tickets now, and see you there!"



ClubFest 2005:

Schedule of Bands

10:30 a.m. – noon: The Latin Gents

The Latin Gents play a variety of Latin, swing, oldies but goodies, rock and roll and country. They have something for everybody. They have been playing in the Los Angeles area for about seven years. They originally started out as a trio and over the years added an additional three musicians. All together, there is a pianist, trombonist,



saxophonist, guitarist, bassist and a drummer. They all are able to beautifully sing and harmonize together, making the group very versatile.

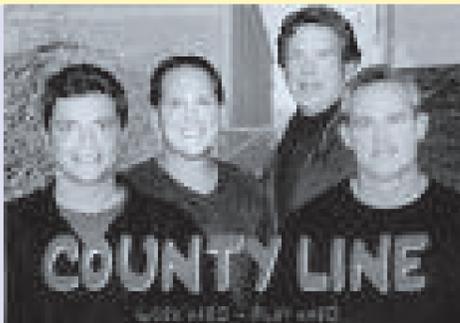
Leading the Latin Gents is Ralph Ronda, an elevator mechanic for the DWP, and Carlos Montejano. Ralph plays the drums and Carlos plays bass. The other members are Billy Ahlswede on keyboards, Rudy Roman on sax, Hirth Martinez on guitar and

Paul Costellanos on trombone.

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

12:30 – 2 p.m.: County Line

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



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

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

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

2:30 – 4 p.m.: The Kahunas



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

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

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

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

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

Sunday
October 2, 2005

10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Calamigos Ranch (Above Malibu)

Club Festival!

The new features and the new feel of ClubFest 2005 are in addition to the usual great ClubFest features:

- great food, including shredded beef, beans, corn, salad, potato salad, and all the trimmings
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- fun booths, including a dunk tank, a moon bounce, a water slide, etc.
- raffles
- bingo
- pony rides and hayrides
- face painting

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

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

On Sept. 1, prices rise to \$15 for everyone. So save money and get your tickets now! Remember that the actual retail cost of these tickets is \$48 each, so that's huge savings for you, courtesy of the Club!



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THE CLUB — It all started with a trip to Costco.

A couple months ago, Kurt Garcia of the LAPD's Valley Division was at Costco stocking up on groceries. He saw that they were hosting a special book-signing road show. The featured book caught his attention: *Los Angeles: Views of the Past & Present*.

Kurt began flipping through the pages and was amazed to see more than 100 high-quality photos showing before and after images of key landmarks in Los Angeles, from Avalon Harbor in Catalina to City Hall.

Kurt got to talking to the author and publisher, George Jezek, and they both agreed that City employees would love to have this book. Kurt immediately thought of the Club, and the next chance he got he called his Club Counselor, Arlene Herrero. Now those of you who have had the privilege of knowing Arlene, you now that she is one of those people who "gets things done." She presented the idea to John Hawkins, the Club's President, and the next thing you know the author, George Jezek, was at the Club's office talking with the Club's staff packing a first supply of 20 books. George is quite a dynamic character and his enthusiasm for historical photography shows. The Club instantly embraced him.

So, we are now offering this fantastic example of L.A. history for only \$25; that's a 25 percent savings off the retail price of \$32.95. To order, go to the inside back cover; the first five orders will be signed by George himself. Enjoy!

About the Authors

George Ross Jezek was born in San Diego. He graduated from Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1989. After receiving his degree, he worked in commercial photography in Los Angeles with various clients.

He has traveled to 34 countries including Greece, Turkey, Italy and Austria. The idea for his first book, *San Diego: Views of the Past and Present* (2000), grew out of a lecture he attended on Western ghost towns at the San Diego Museum of Photographic Arts. His second book, *Hollywood: Views of the Past and Present* (2002), explores the exciting and compelling past of Hollywood. His third book, *Orange County: Views of the Past and Present* (2003), explores the coastal cliffs to the foothills of Orange County.

George plans to develop more past and present books in the future and hopes you will enjoy *Los Angeles: Views of the Past and Present* (2004), as much as he enjoyed photographing the City Of Angels with its amazing growth.

Marc Wanamaker has been researching and writing about the history of the Los Angeles area and its motion picture industry heritage since 1970. He is an internationally respected expert and consultant in the field of film history, and is a graduate in theater arts and music from Cal State, Northridge. A professional lecturer, having taught film history at the UCLA Extension, his expertise in research has resulted in the execution of several historic research projects over the years. He created Bison Archives in 1971 as an informational and photographic collection on the history of the motion picture industry, as well as the history of Los Angeles and Southern California. A native of Los Angeles, Marc has seen the City change before his eyes, resulting in his involvement with preservation of the culture, architecture and historic identity of the area. Bringing the history of the Los Angeles area to light is his prime motivation and interest in a field that yields a wealth of "hidden" history.



Author George Ross Jezek signing copies of his book, *Los Angeles, Views of the Past & Present*, at the Club Headquarters.

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Retirements

NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	#YEARS
Thomas Aguilar	Water Utility Worker	DWP	N/D
Domingo Algorrie Jr.	N/D	DWP	N/D
Gregory Anderson	U.G. Distribution Construction Mech.	DWP	N/D
Jimmie Austin	Wastewater Collection Worker	Public Works	17
Jose Baldonado	Park Maintenance Supervisor	DWP	N/D
Henry Birkinbine	Programmer Analyst	DWP	N/D
Rodolfo Biscocho	Civil Engineering Draft Tech.	DWP	N/D
Michael Bloch	Water Utility Operator	DWP	N/D
Jerry Carter	N/D	DWP	N/D
Jean Daugherty	Cust. Service Rep.	DWP	N/D
Harvey Davis	Customer Supervisor	Airports	25
James Duffy	N/D	DWP	N/D
Bismarck Estrada	N/D	DWP	N/D
Melanie Fallon	Dep. Dir. of Planning	Planning	6
Mania Gevorgian	Legal Clerk	City Attorney	25
Billy Gonzales	N/D	DWP	N/D
Frank Gonzales	Tree Surgeon	DWP	N/D
Elizabeth Gooden	Librarian	Library	32
Donald Harris	N/D	DWP	N/D
Thomas Harris	Librarian	Library	11
Richard Herrera	Senior Electrical Mechanic	DWP	N/D
Michael Holmes	Water Utility Supervisor	DWP	N/D
Wilma Jackson	N/D	DWP	N/D
Arthur Jaramillo	Pr. Inspector	Building and Safety	33
Louis Jimenez	N/D	DWP	N/D
Manuel Jimenez	N/D	DWP	N/D
Teresa Kachmarsky	Sr. Clerk Typist	Personnel	12
James Kapel	Asst. City Atty.	City Attorney	30
Gary King	Truck and Equip. Dispatcher	DWP	N/D
Joseph Knight	Chief Construction Inspector	Harbor	31
Ronald Kozovich	Electrical Engineer	DWP	N/D
Clifford Longmore	N/D	DWP	N/D
Gary Lockwood	Power Shovel Operator	DWP	N/D
Rodney Luedke	Electrical Mechanic Supervisor	DWP	N/D
Gerald McDonald	Systems Analyst	Fire and Police Pensions	19
Barbara Merrick	N/D	DWP	N/D
Anthony Minnillo	Printing Press Operator	Gen. Services	30
Ronald Morgan	Truck Operator	DWP	N/D
Carlos Najera	Senior Electrical Mechanic	DWP	N/D
Pablo Ninofranco	Electrical Engr. Associate	Harbor	31
Bernard Nottingham	Instrument Tech.	Public Works	16
Donald Okura	Utility Administrator	DWP	N/D
Lorraine Osuna	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	Fire and Police Pensions	25
Beverly Pannell	Sr. Clerk Typist	Animal Services	25
Carole Press	Police Service Rep.	LAPD	21
Gerald Ransom	Equipment Operator	DWP	N/D
Terry Rappleye	N/D	DWP	N/D
Michael Regan	N/D	DWP	N/D
Charles Reuben	Materials Testing Eng. Assoc.	DWP	N/D
Harold Reynard	N/D	DWP	N/D
Ezell Roberts	Electric Dist. Mechanic	DWP	N/D
Shahla Rowhani-Kalagari	Librarian	Library	8
Michael Salazar	Senior Equip. Mechanic	DWP	N/D
John Schumann	Power Engineering Manager	DWP	N/D
Henry Scott	Line Maintenance Assistant	DWP	N/D
Lonnie Sliger	N/D	DWP	N/D
John Smith	Housing Inspector	Housing	21
Charles Sondergaard	Building Mech. Inspector	Building and Safety	33
Mary St. Clair	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	30
Steven Thompson	Power Shovel Operator	DWP	N/D
Dennis Thun	N/D	DWP	N/D
Bruce Tidwell	Equipment Operator	DWP	N/D
Ralph Tomsco	N/D	DWP	N/D
Sergio Torres	Water Service Worker	DWP	N/D
Timl Tourtillott	Equipment Operator	DWP	N/D
Rochelle Trop	N/D	DWP	N/D
Lorin Wickliff	Elec. Dist. Mech. Superisor	DWP	N/D
Maxine Williams	Senior Clerk Typist	DWP	N/D
Patricia Witherspoon	N/D	DWP	N/D
Vernon Zenon	Auto Body Builder and Repairer	DWP	N/D

Promotions

Senior Clerk Typist **Annette Lewis**, promoted to Risk and Insurance Assistant, a newly created position in the Office of the City Administrative Officer, Risk Management Division. Lewis served for the past 11 years in the Board of Public Works Administrative Office. Previously with the DWP, she has 21 years of City service. In this photo, she proudly displays her Board of Public Works Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding service as Insurance Coordinator for the City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works. Photo: Richard E. Lee, Public Works Public Affairs Office.



In Memoriam

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

NAME	DEPT.	# YEARS
Active		
Fernando Burciaga	Airports	2
Audrey Dunbar	ITA	25
William Dallaire	Gen. Services	24
Nathan Thomas	DWP	9
Retired		
James Anthony	DWP	22
Regina Beringhele	Treasurer	41
Paul Blomgren	Fire & Police Pensions	18
Hetonkus Briggs	DWP	32
Charles Campbell	Public Works	27
Harry Collins	Airports	31
Harold Compton	Rec and Parks	16
Alex Costa Jr.	DWP	27
Michael DeFalco	Public Works	25
Dorothy DeSpain	Library	22
Charles Egerton	Airports	21
Roy Fought	Building and Safety	30
Eugene Furman	Building and Safety	12
Acension Garcia	Public Works	32
Alfonso Garcia	DWP	24
Frederick Gatzke	DWP	31
Joseph Gregoire	Public Works	29
Billy Higdon	DWP	33
William Holcomb	Building and Safety	12
William Jackson	DWP	40
Caldwell Johnson	DWP	42
Henry Kaczmarek	Building and Safety	12
Kazumi Kaita	DWP	41
Jack Klein	DWP	31
Albert LaMonte Jr.	DWP	32
Eddie Lowery	Rec and Parks	22
Terance McCarthy	DWP	22
Angelo Monteleone	DWP	31
J.W. Osborne	Public Works	22
Robert Palmer	DWP	31
Roxie Pendleton	DWP	20
Anita Pepe	DWP	23
Samuel Plevin	DWP	31
David Ramirez	DWP	31
David Rosenthal	LAFD	31
Paul Seymour	DWP	25
Donald Shannon	DWP	37
Judd Skans	Transportation	26
Willie Turner	Public Works	11
Edward Wade	DWP	31
Frank Wallace	Public Works	35
Gladys Wilkinson	LAPD	49
Thomas Wiley	Transportation	30
Cubbie Woods	Rec and Parks	27

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!



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.



Crystal Melody Acuña graduated this summer from UC Irvine within three years as a psychology and social behavior major. She has been accepted and will be attending Loma Linda University this fall for a Master's degree in public health, concentrating in International Health with a two-year internship in the Peace Corps. She is the daughter of Miguel Alfredo Acuña, Contracts Manager, Community Development Dept., Industrial and Commercial Development Division.

Tamia Frierson, daughter of Belinda Hill, Public Works, wrote to say: "I am a proud graduate of Palisades Charter High School, Class of 2005. My future plans, if it's the Lord's will, is to attend Tennessee State University in the fall. I will be majoring in early childhood development, with hopes of achieving my Master's degree. My plan is to work in a childcare facility for a few years to receive adequate experience and ultimately open my own facility in the near future." Good luck, Tamia, on your great plans.



JaTerria Brooks, daughter of Trina Clark, Personnel, graduated from George Washington Preparatory High School with honors. She will be attending Texas Southern University, majoring in broadcasting journalism/music. Her future plan is to experience other cultures by traveling abroad, to provide information needed to help others, and to be a mentor to other students. Go for it, JaTerria!

Saad A. Khan, son of Javed. A. Khan, LAX, graduated from Castle Heights Elementary School in Los Angeles. His future plans: "He wants to be a kid's doctor. He is also a good basketball player, and hopes to be in the NBA one day." Sounds great!



Weddings

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

Tim and Teresa Richards, July 2 in San Jose. Teresa works for the Library Dept., and Tim worked for Rec and Parks for about a year.



Births



Keon Pons Rongavilla Sayoto, born March 25 to **Ray Sayoto and Maria Rongavilla Sayoto** of Torrance. Maria is a Senior Clerk Typist, Harbor. Keon's grandfather, Ponciano R. Rongavilla, is a Mechanical Engineer Associate, Harbor, Engineering Division.



Victoria Madison Guevara, born June 10 to **Hugo and Christina Guevara**. Hugo is a Mechanical Helper for Public Works at the Hyperion Treatment Plant.

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



New Members

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

Welcome New Members!

Christopher Abeyta	Stanley Hall	Katherine
Julian Aguirre	Thomas Hammond	O Connell
Shirley Alexander	Alicia Hardy	Maria Ortega
Irma Allen	Russell Harris	Obdulia Ortega
Cristian Altamirano	Carmen Hernandez	Calvin Palmer
Magno Alvarino	Richard Herrera	Beverly Pannell
Valencia Andrews	Alicia Hollenback	Quyem Phan
Willie Andrews	Timothy Houston	Timothy Pleasant
Raul Arana	Kenneth Huang	Jermaine Purify
Nancy Ayala-	Mae Huey	Gabriela Quintana
Santana	Daysi Ibanez	Glendi Quintana
Barry Barksdale	Vern Ibarra	Fernando Ramirez
Stanley Barr	Emilio Isidoro	Delia Resurreccion
Mirna Barrios	Phil Jackson	Charles Reuben
Eren Barron	Cheryl Jenkins	Larry Reynosa
Mike Baukholt	Paul Jimenez	David Richardson
Sondra Bell	Jackeline Jimenez	James Rickena
Carmencita	Ralph Johnson	Alicia Rivas
Bernardo	Sam Joyner	Bobby Rivera
Michael Bona	David Keliher	Carmen Robles
Xochitt Bonilla	Abdel Khineche	Eugenio Rodriguez
David Bozanich	Sang Kim	Lourdes Romero
Dorothy Brooks	Josefina Lara	Richard Roudebush
Leonard Brown	Daniel Largaespada	Gail Rucker
Rose Ann Budesca	Robert LeCours	Charles Ruiz
George Campos	Corinne Leinen	Daisy Sacro
Virgilia Canales	Yvonne Liu	Fernando Sanchez
Franklin Carrera	Juan Lopez-Salvador	Christine Saunders
Ronald Chamberlain	Leonisa Luistro	Gerald Schafer
Richard Chang	Maurilio Madrigal	Henry Scott
Carmen Clayborn	Gloria Magana	Connie Silber
John Coombs	Merlo Manaois	Shannon Smith
Martha Cortez	Joseph Manlove	Kenneth Smuland
Jaime Cruz	Berlinda Martinez	Amy So
Samuel Davis Jr.	Rosalind Matthews	Edward Solis
Ruben Delgado	Felicia Maxwell	Mirna Sosa
April Douglas-	Manolito Mendavia	Ilan Soussan
Lawson	Alex Mendez	Michael Stewart
Albert Duenas	Sylvia Miller	Luis Tapia
John Echevarria	Yolanda Miranda	Rosemary Tavera
Herminio Espana	Todd Mitchell	LaTasha Thompson
Guadalupe Estrada	Carlos Montoya	Paula Tran
Kenneth Fox	Jeffery Moore	Nancy Uyemura
Maria Galvez	Luis Moreno	Maricruz Vazquez
Mary Ann Gamez	Harold Motley	Marta Velasquez-
Ambrosia Garcia	Joseph Mueller	Paz
Abelina Garcia	Ricardo Munoz	Norberto Villa
Renne Gardner	Juan Munoz	Richard Villalobos
Romeo Gerolaga	Julia Navarro	Tatia Wade
Gene Giddings	Mai Nguyen	Bruce Wheeler
Alberto Gomez	Norma Nichols	Jeremida Williams
Felix Gonzalez	Pablo Ninofranco	Patricia Wilmington
Lettie Gregory		Norman Wong

Abbie Completes Her Public Works

■ **Abbie Garcia-Hidalgo retires after 27 years of City service.**

Story and photos by Liz Montes, Club Counselor

PUBLIC WORKS — Abbie Garcia-Hidalgo retired with a grand luncheon June 23 at the Kyoto restaurant at the Wilshire Grand Hotel downtown.

Abbie started her career with the County and soon she realized the pasture was greener on the City side. In March 1987, she joined the City as a Clerk Typist through the CETA pilot program. She worked with Public Works' Bureau of Accounting between 1978 to 1987, and she was promoted to Senior Clerk Typist during this period.

Abbie continued her City career with Bureau of Engineering from 1987 to 1996. She worked for the Wastewater Program Management Division. The division oversaw the compliance of the Consent Decree for the Wastewater Program. She was one of the original team members.

In 1996, the responsibility of financial management of the Wastewater Program was transferred to Bureau of Sanitation, and so was Abbie. She retired from Sanitation.

Abbie was a loyal employee of Public Works for 27 years.

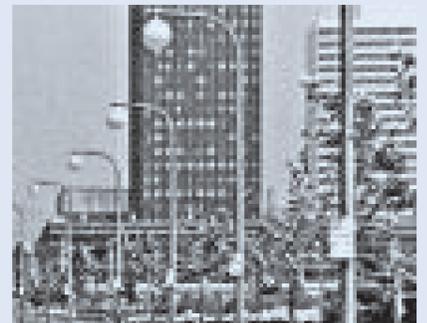
Congratulations, Abbie, and enjoy your retirement!



From left: Frank Hidalgo and Abbie Garcia-Hidalgo receive a farewell gift.

Newsbriefs

LIGHTING THE CITY



Public Works has embarked upon an aggressive project to convert roughly 40,000 high-voltage streetlights throughout the City to low voltage circuits. "The units are being systematically converted through our Bureau of Street Lighting's five-year program," Board of Public Works President Valerie Lynn Shaw said. About 10,000 of these streetlights, installed in the early 1900s, are in a state of deterioration and have been deemed "high maintenance circuits."

"They require more maintenance, have parts difficult to attain, cost more in energy, and effectively decrease our service to the public because of multiple light outages," said Ed Ebrahimian, Bureau of Street Lighting Interim Director. "When converted, these units will provide better service in affected areas and relieve crews to increase our service in other parts of the City."

For more information about Public Works, call the Public Affairs Office at (213) 978-0333, or send an email message to the following address: pao@bpw.lacity.org.

Public Works is responsible for the construction, renovation and operation of public facilities and infrastructures, ranging from refuse collection and graffiti removal to maintenance of sidewalks, bridges, sewers and streetlights; and management of wastewater treatment plants and building design.

PORT SECURITY



July 14, City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo proposed phasing out private contract security personnel at the City's vital water and power facilities, replacing them with highly trained officers of the LAPD.

"Over the past months, my office has been researching various options for strengthening the security of our City's water and power supply," Delgadillo said. "In the course of our research, we identified what we believe are flaws in the hiring and training of many of the security officers charged with protecting this City's most valuable resources."

The initial phase of Delgadillo's proposal would have the LAPD train the more than 200 full-time DWP security personnel, bringing their skills in line with the latest in security preparation. At the same time, Delgadillo proposed that the DWP terminate the contracts it has with private security firms and replace those security officers, many of whom have only the most basic training and often leave after a brief time on the job, with LAPD officers.

The Los Angeles water supply system provides approximately 200 billion gallons of water to more than 3.9 million residents and millions of visitors each year, and the DWP is charged with protecting and operating a system of reservoirs, 8,000 miles of aqueducts and pipes and more than 120 water and power processing facilities. Delgadillo, the chief law enforcement official in the City, called for the stepped-up measures to assure the continued security of this vital infrastructure.



From left: Phil Tran, Civil Engineer, 19 years; Rod Davis, Civil Engineer, 15 years; Maryan Azareayjann, Civil Engineer, 3.5 years; Joan Huang, ACHU, 14 years; and Rose Karagezyan, MA, 2 years.



From left: Ted Allen, Civil Engineer, 12 years; Natalia Kaminski, Civil Engineer, 25 years; and Alfred Lopez, MA II, 6 years.



From left: Ligia Baylon, Abbie Garcia-Hidalgo, Christy Hernandez, Chuck Brogau and Frank Teate.



From left: Abbie Garcia-Hidalgo and Rene Teate.



From left: Natalia Kaminski, Abbie Garcia-Hidalgo and Alfred Lopez.



From left: Arnel Aguilar, Sr. MA I, 15 years; Sharon Redditt, Executive Administrative Assistant, 33 years; Diane Medina, Executive Administrative Assistant, 32 years; and Ninfa Malabuyoz, Assistant Director, 27 years.



From left: Rhonda Smith-Gardner, FMD; Yolanda Hill, Sanitation; Chuck Brogau; and Kim Huynh, Sanitation.



From left: Frank Hidalgo, Abbie's husband; Abbie Garcia-Hidalgo; Margaret Hidalgo; and Fran Shapiro, Abbie's sister-in-law.



From left: Terrence McGrath; Benjamin Noviea, Engineer, 12 years; Nady Maechling, Engineer Associate, 15 years; Rene Spencer, Environmentalist Specialist, 3 months; and standing in back row, Tommy Hom, Sr. Drafting Technician, 39 years.



Front row, from left: Didar Khandker, Augustine Nnuo, Jeannie Kepler and Steve Fortune. Back row: Maurilia Aviles, Rosemary Caraveo, Alex Vazquez, Abbie Garcia-Hidalgo, David Cheung and Robert Tamowitz.



Knights prepare for the competition.

Good Knight!

■ **Club Events Guru Michelle Moreno checks out the Medieval Times park. Club discounts are available.**

Story and photos by Michelle Moreno, Club Events Guru

MEDIEVAL TIMES — “Go Green Knight! Go Green Knight!”

That was the chant of the evening for my friends and I at the always-exciting Medieval Times. Well, that and “Boo, Red Knight! Die!”

Throughout the event, which we experienced June 25, screams were heard throughout the different colored sections of the stadium in support of their knight: Green, Blue, Red, Black and White, Red and Yellow! We watched as our knights battled each other for the winning title through various grueling contests. In the end, my knight managed to find his way to victory; that is until he battled and lost to the evil black and



Events Guru Michelle Moreno (right) and her friend, April Tharachai, pose with their fearless Green Knight.

white knight. However, despite the loss, the night continued with even more excitement and more importantly, really delicious and really filling food: roasted chicken, a spare rib, soup, garlic bread, a potato and dessert. Yum!

So if you have yet to go to Medieval Times, I highly suggest that you do. Make sure that when you purchase your discount tickets at the Club, you make reservations before attending – they are required. Also, you must get to the park at least an hour before your showtime. The hour goes by quickly, especially if you manage to purchase the \$24 goblet!

Lastly, the last showing of the evening (8:15 p.m.) usually ends with a “Knight Club,” where you can get your boogie on and hang out with characters of the show.

So, go and have fun! (And thanks to Jim Lennartson at Medieval Times for his assistance.)

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Pablo Honored

■ **Harbor Commission honors the work of Pablo Ninofranco, who has retired.**

Story and photos by Michelle Moreno, Club Events Guru

HARBOR — At the Harbor Commission Meeting June 22 in San Pedro, longtime Harbor employee Pablo Ninofranco, who retired recently, received a resolution from the Harbor Commission.

Here is the text of the resolution:

Whereas Pablo P. Ninofranco is retiring after 31 years of dedicated service to the City and Port of Los Angeles; and

Whereas Mr. Ninofranco earned his Bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering at Feati University in Manila, Philippines, in 1967; and

Whereas Mr. Ninofranco began his City career in 1974 as a Steam Plant Assistant at the DWP, where he demonstrated his ability to handle projects efficiently; and

Whereas Mr. Ninofranco left the DWP in 1978 for a promotion as Electrical Engineering Assistant with Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, where he performed his duties for one year prior to transferring to the Port of Los Angeles; and

Whereas during his tenure with the Port of Los

Angeles he worked as an Electrical Engineering Associate involved in the preparation of electrical designs, plans, formulation of specifications, and contract administration and was respected for his keen ability to coordinate and review electrical designs submitted by the Port's hired consultants and to make necessary recommendations to City staff; and

Whereas he received a commendation in 1986 from the Port for his outstanding work performance, spending many tireless hours beyond the call of duty in order to meet critical deadlines on several high-profile projects such as the Korea Shipping Terminal at Berth 89, the West Channel Cabrillo Beach Recreational Complex, and the design of the World Cruise Center building at Berth 91; and

Whereas he has been applauded for his expertise and knowledge in electrical design, thorough preparation of construction documents, ability to work well with other City agencies and his tenacity in taking on new projects:

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners extends its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Pablo P. Ninofranco for his service to the City and Port of Los Angeles, and extends to him and his family its best wishes for health and happiness in the years to come.

The Club wishes Pablo its deepest congratulations.



Engineering Department wishes Pablo farewell. From left: Du Tran, Demetrios Zaferes, Pablo Ninofranco, Ray Aliviado, Richard Joe, and Emil Zordilla.



Pablo Ninofranco with his wife, Josefina, and son, John.



Thomas Warren, Harbor Commissioner, and Pablo and Josefina Ninofranco.

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Renew L.A.

■ Councilman Greig Smith thinks green as he introduces long-term plan to end landfilling.

CITY COUNCIL —

At a press conference June 23, Councilman Greig Smith unveiled his R.E.N.E.W. LA plan to end landfilling in Los Angeles, while maximizing resource recovery, reuse and recycling. "My plan is a 'resource management blueprint' for the City, and proposes a paradigm shift in which trash is no longer viewed as waste to be managed, but as a source of valuable, reusable commodities," Smith said.

R.E.N.E.W. LA stands for Recovering Energy, Natural Resources and Economic Benefit from Waste for LA. This monumental plan creates the roadmap for Los Angeles to become the country's leading innovator in dealing with its trash. R.E.N.E.W. LA is a 400-plus page document that contains a policy package including 14 legislative motions to accelerate its goals of maximum resource recovery, an end to landfilling and the creation of clean, renewable energy. The plan has been two years in the making.

R.E.N.E.W. LA is a 20-year action plan, created with the input of environmental, business and community leaders. It raises the bar from compliance with 50-percent AB 939-mandated landfill diversion levels, to a goal of "zero waste" that emphasizes sustainability and environmental protection while creating economic benefits, including job creation. Gary Petersen, a 32-year recycling expert and advocate said: "This is the next step in recycling, that needs to be taken, since we wrote California's Recycling Policy in 1976 - which later became the baseline document for AB 939. We're at a plateau where the state-of-the-art needs to be pushed."

The plan expands recycling programs, particularly in the business and multi-family sectors. There are proposals to offer tax incentives to businesses that locate in Los Angeles and use City-collected trash as a feedstock for a manufacturing process. Businesses could also benefit financially if they significantly reduce or eliminate waste, entirely. R.E.N.E.W. LA also proposes a revised City procurement policy in which highest and best use, reduced toxicity and conservation of resources will be prioritized.

Conversion technologies figure prominently in the plan because they convert waste into clean, renewable energy. The City has set a 20 percent goal for renewable energy by the year 2017, and R.E.N.E.W. LA proposes partnerships between

the Bureau of Sanitation, the DWP and private industry to help meet these goals. Conversion technologies can also be used to create valuable chemicals, alternative fuels, soil amendments and other feedstocks for manufacturing, reducing the need for virgin resources. Use of alternative fuels reduces green house gasses and harmful emissions while decreasing our reliance on fossil fuels and foreign oil sources.

California Integrated Waste Management Board Member Rosalie Mulé said: "I applaud the leadership role you've taken with alternative technologies as part of a 'resource management' strategy. These technologies have the very real potential to create clean, renewable energy from resources formerly thought of as waste. Thus, addressing two issues that are particularly



Greig Smith, Councilman 12th District



Greig Smith, Councilman 12th District



Rita Robinson, General Manager, Bureau of Sanitation and Club Board Member



At the event.

vexing in Southern California."

Councilman Smith became involved in the fight against landfills nearly 20 years ago, helping to close Lopez, Mission and Toyon Canyon Landfills. He is a fierce opponent of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill, which is located in his district and takes the total of LA's residential waste, some 3500 tons per day. Councilman Smith is a founding member of "Dump the Dump," now known as The North Valley Coalition. He served as a member of Mayor James Hahn's Landfills Oversight Committee, where he chaired the Future Alternative Technologies subcommittee. It was during this service that he became aware of conversion technologies and their potential to create useful products, including clean, renewable energy, from waste. He has since traveled to Europe and locally to study and tour operational facilities. The Councilman makes frequent trips to Sacramento to lobby the Waste Board and State Legislature on the benefits of conversion technologies and resource recovery.

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Hispanics in the Civil War



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Holmes Marks 35



■ Michael Holmes celebrates 35 years with the City.

PUBLIC WORKS — Michael Holmes, Public Works proudly displays his 35-year service award in the photo above. Board of Public Works Commissioners recognized Holmes for his outstanding service in a recent Board meeting at Los Angeles City Hall.

A Lot Cleaning Superintendent in the Bureau of Street Services, Holmes says he does not plan to retire from City service anytime soon. The Lot Cleaning Division is responsible for cleaning and removing illegally dumped materials, weeds, dirt and waste on privately and publicly owned parcels. Work is performed on unimproved vacant properties, unimproved streets, unimproved median islands, alleys, and grade separations using power equipment and/or hand labor. The Division also manages issues associated with the Citywide Weed Abatement Ordinance.

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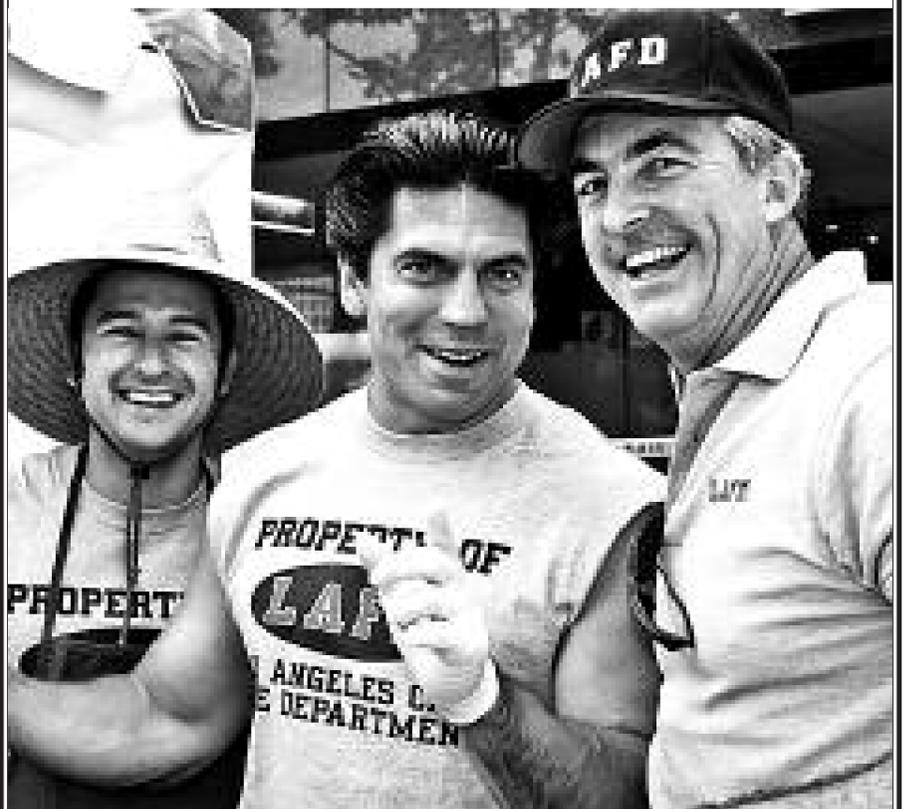


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Hope for Firefighters



Here's another photo from the fantastic Hope for Firefighters event that took place June 2 downtown. The event included food, games and skill challenges. *Alive!* covered the story in last month's issue. In this photo are, from left: Fernando Pattison, OCD, 911 Dispatch Center; Julio Maldonado and Captain Marino.

Fellow Angelenos, members of the City Council, City Controller Chick, City Attorney Delgadillo, Mayor Riordan, Mayor Hahn, Superintendent Romer, Vice President Gore, Governor Schwarzenegger, representatives of the Congress and the California Legislature, fellow mayors, county leaders, members of the consular corps, distinguished guests:

Today is a day for thanks. I want to thank all of you.

What a great country this is!

And what a great City this is!

Los Angeles has always led the way. You've always focused on what really matters. You've always disproved the doubters. When others said it couldn't be done, you elected the first African-American mayor of a leading American City. And, believe me, early in our campaign, there were those who said it wasn't time yet for a Latino mayor. The faith you have placed in me makes me so proud to be an Angeleno today.

Thank you, Los Angeles.

I want to thank my wife, Corina, and my four children, Marisela, Prisila, Antonio and Natalia Fe. With these five, public service is a family affair, and I can't adequately express how much I appreciate their support and their sacrifices – and they have all made sacrifices. I love you each. I love you all.

I want to thank Mayor James Hahn for his decades of service to Los Angeles and for the graciousness and professionalism that both he and his staff have exhibited throughout these transition weeks. Thank you, Mayor Hahn. We wish you well.

Today, before God, family and community, I placed my hand on the Bible and took an oath to faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of Mayor. Fellow Angelenos, I am humbled by the support and trust that you have placed in me, and I will do my utmost each and every day to affirm that trust. Honoring this covenant with the people of Los Angeles will be the heartbeat of my administration. It will guide every decision we make and every action we take. I want you to know that I will be a mayor who takes responsibility and leads by example. I will work as hard as you do every single day.

But the ceremony that we mark here today is far bigger than any single person. And it's about much more than the oath of one man. It is about an oath we all must swear:

Today, we come together. One City. Angelenos all.

We come together not just to conduct an orderly transfer of power. We come here to transcend our differences, to meet our collective challenges, and to define our mutual dreams, to take stock of who we are and what we stand for, to remember where we came from, and to decide where we need to go.

¡Que lindo es este pais!

Yo soy prueba de que los estados unidos es un pais de oportunidades y libertad.

¿En que otro pais del mundo podria yo estar frente a ustedes como el alcalde de una gran ciudad?

Los invito que sueñen conmigo.

I will never forget where I came from. It may be a short way from City Terrace to City Hall, but fellow Angelenos, we all know what a vast distance it truly is. It's a distance that can't be measured in miles or calculated in terms of the achievements of any one person.

I want to pay tribute today to all those who began that journey before us, and on whose shoulders we stand. I want to thank those who walked with us, side by side, along the road. And I want to remember, with deep gratitude and love, the one person who set me on my way.

I am here today because of the indomitable spirit and the boundless faith of my mother, Natalia Delgado. A woman who struggled as a single mom, who sometimes worked two jobs to put her kids through college. A woman who went through unspeakable circumstances as a victim of domestic violence in a home plagued by alcoholism. A woman who suffered more than her share of life's indignities, but who never surrendered her dignity.

I owe everything I am to her.

My mother's story is a classic L.A. story. Not the stuff of scripts or movie fantasy. A true story, like those of countless Angelenos, past and present. A story of working hard, of loving your kids, of having a clear picture of a better future in your mind's eye and driving for it with a ferocious sense of purpose.

Stories like my mother's are all around us, every day. We see them in the faces of people who clean homes and offices. Who work the night shifts and who empty bedpans. We see them in the faces of people who sweep the floors and load the freight. We see them in South Los Angeles and East L.A. and in the Valley and at the beaches. And even though we live in the entertainment capital of the world, it's not hard to see who the real stars are.

I said on election night that if my mother had been there beside me, she'd have said, with that vision of a better future still gleaming in her mind's eye, "Antonio, don't declare victory tonight, declare your purpose."

Fellow Angelenos, it's time to remember the values that got us here.

Let's swear a common oath today.

Let's make Los Angeles a City of purpose.

And, to do that, I'm asking you to dream with me.

For more than a century, Los Angeles has been synonymous with big dreams. The Australian writer and critic Clive James said it this way. "Call Los Angeles any dirty name you like... The fact remains that you are already living in it before you get there."

Los Angeles is not only the one City that best embodies bold dreams. It is the destination of people's imaginations, all around the world, whether or not they ever set foot here.

Fellow Angelenos, I'm asking you to dream with me, because our City not only represents America's greatest hopes. We also face many of its most daunting challenges.

Seen from the Hollywood Hills at night, L.A. spreads out like a field of diamonds. And it truly is. But we also know that this shimmering vision obscures a darker truth. We know that there is a whole world of frustration lurking in the shadows between the lights, where too many parents fear for their children's safety, where too many people are denied the opportunity to fully develop their God-given talents, and where too many families

Crime affects every Angeleno and every community. But it is nothing less than a plague on our society's most vulnerable. A plague on children drawn to the streets by the lure of gangs and drugs. A plague on the poor whose neighborhoods bear a disproportionate share of the burden.

I want you to join me in the battle against crime and gun and gang violence. Join me in working with Chief Bratton and the brave men and women of the LAPD. Together we'll finally give them the tools they need to get the job done. It is time once and for all to put the police on our streets that will keep our City safe.

Surely, in this City of boundless creative genius and incalculable wealth, we can find the resources and the political will to hire more police officers!

But we also have to recognize that we will never address the problems of gangs and crime unless we reach out and expand opportunity for more of our people.

I can't say it more clearly: Reforming our public schools is the central challenge facing Los Angeles. And it will be a central priority of my administration.

I'm a proud progressive. But it's time for those of us who call ourselves "progressive" to do more

question for the ritual of Passover. "Where," he asked, "do we find civil, political, and religious liberty united today?" He offered this answer: "To us, the United States of America stands as the foremost among nations granting the greatest liberty to all who dwell here. Therefore, we grace our table with the national flag. That flag stands for equal liberty to all men. It means equal rights for all. It means free hands, free lips, self-government. It means universal education, light for every mind, knowledge for every child. It means that the schoolhouse is the bulwark of liberty."

Fellow Angelenos, we still need light for every mind, and while the Rabbi's words are a century old, their meaning has never rung truer. The schoolhouse remains the bulwark of liberty.

I'd like to now turn to another matter that may not sound like the stuff of dreams, but is critical if we are to improve the quality of life of our City's residents. And that's traffic.

The time we spend stuck in traffic is time we do not spend helping our kids with their homework or being productive at work.

So, Los Angeles, join me in fighting for the investment in public transportation that is the hallmark of any great city. Join me in implementing the common sense traffic plans that have been bottlenecked for too long. Join me in transforming Los Angeles into a city that connects our communities and brings us all closer together.

And, because improving our quality of life means protecting the quality of the water we drink and the air we breathe, join me in making L.A. the greenest big city in America. Let's provide the national leadership that's lacking on conservation and recycling. Let's show the nation that we can light a city with green power. Let's fight together for tougher air and water quality standards.

Fighting crime and fixing schools and improving our quality of life are huge challenges. And there are many more.

We need to come together as a City to meet those challenges.

And we can't do it without the effort and contributions of every neighborhood and every community of interest. We won't succeed if people north of the Hollywood Hills feel like they are not equal partners in our civic life. And we can't truly prosper if those living south of the Santa Monica freeway don't feel fully invested in our economic success.

Join me, Los Angeles.

Dream with me, Los Angeles.

And work with me to fulfill our dreams.

I've lived here all my life, and there are many places I love around the City. But whenever I go through South Los Angeles, I always try to catch a glimpse of Nuestro Pueblo, which is Spanish for "Our Town." It describes a series of towers that rise over Watts like some improbable dream.

The Watts Towers were a 33-year labor of love, built by the Italian artist and immigrant Simon Rodia. He used simple tools and cast-off materials. He worked without the aid of scaffolding or the benefit of architectural designs. And he raised his towers from the ground up.

For over half a century, the Watts Towers have stood. They've withstood natural and man-made catastrophes. They've survived despite the efforts of critics and the ravages of earthquakes and the proximity of civil unrest. And they've stood. They've stood as both a tribute to individual imagination and as a monument to the power of difference.

Seen from afar, the Watts Towers rise like the spires of a great cathedral. But close up, you are immediately drawn in by their amazing complexity. Embedded in those walls are thousands of cast-off objects, representing every imaginable color and shape and texture and form. They're made from bed frames and bottles and broken glass, from scrap metal, pot shards and ceramic tiles. When I see those towers soaring over Watts, my thoughts always return to the pieces that make up that beautiful whole. To the value in those things that people, in their haste, are so apt to cast away. To the awesome power of disparate elements working together to achieve such dazzling harmony.

Fellow Angelenos, I will never forget where I came from. And I will always believe in the value of every Angeleno. This is truly our town. And we all have a contribution to make.

Simon Rodia was asked late in his life to explain the meaning of his work, and he offered this simple reply: "I had in mind to do something big, and I did it."

Let's heed Mr. Rodia's words today.

Let's do something big for Los Angeles. Let's raise our eyes skyward. Let's imagine the pinnacles that we can reach together. Together, all of us, without regard to race or geography or language, without regard to age or religion or gender or sexual orientation.

Fellow Angelenos, let's make Los Angeles a City of Purpose!

Let's dare to dream!

Let's dare to dream together!

Let's dare to work together!

May God bless Los Angeles, and may God bless the United States of America.

"A City of Purpose"

Inaugural Address of Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa

July 1, 2005



Newly inaugurated Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa (center) stands next to his wife, Corina, and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, during the inauguration ceremony. At far left is former Mayor Jim Hahn.

are swimming against the tide of a declining quality of life.

Here in Los Angeles we have more museums and theaters than any other American City, but too many of our young people can't imagine life beyond the nearest street corner. Today, over one third of our students drop out before reaching graduation.

We are the undisputed commercial and cultural capital of the richest state, in the wealthiest nation in the world, but we're also home to the largest homeless population of any metropolitan area in the United States.

We stand at the global economic crossroads of Latin America and the Pacific Rim and the great consumer markets of North America, but we also face the incredible task of educating the most ethnically and economically diverse population in America – and maybe the world.

In short, we stand poised between the promise of immense possibility, and if we fail to act, a future of profound uncertainty.

I am asking you to dream with me.

Dream with me of a Los Angeles where our kids can walk to school in safety and where they receive an education that gives them a genuine opportunity to pursue their own dreams.

Dream with me of a Los Angeles that is the leading economic and cultural center in the world. As Venice was in the 15th century, as London was in the 19th century, Los Angeles can be the great global City of our century.

Dream with me of a Los Angeles where it doesn't matter whether you're African American, Latino, Caucasian, or Asian. Whether you're Jewish or Muslim, Protestant or Catholic. Whether you're from Watts or Westwood. Where every Angeleno is an equal stakeholder in our City's future.

Angelenos, we need to start thinking big again, and facing up to our biggest challenges. I intend to be a mayor who confronts those challenges. And I'll begin by leading the fight to make our neighborhoods safer.

than just defend existing government programs. We need to be passionate advocates for change.

I will immediately create a Council of Education Advisers made up of our brightest education leaders, whose charge it will be to draft a comprehensive proposal to make long-needed improvements to the L.A. Unified School District.

We will be sending that Council to summer school, and we'll expect to hear some of their recommendations before school starts in the fall. Their work will be guided by these bedrock principles: That dramatically improving student achievement and graduation rates is the goal. That eliminating achievement gaps is the urgent necessity. That students should be free of any threat of violence. That parents should be encouraged and empowered to get more involved in their children's schools. That teachers should be respected and well paid. That money should be spent in the classroom, not on bureaucracy. That schools should be neighborhood centers. And that no reform effort can succeed unless it's the product of earnest and honest collaboration and consensus among parents, teachers, principals and the community.

I have no illusions that there is a quick fix or a single path. But the stakes are too great, the needs are too urgent not to start now. Public education is not just the best investment we can make as a society. It can literally change a person's destiny. You see, I know, because I'm married to a great public school teacher who makes a difference in the lives of her students, every day. And because a great public school teacher named Herman Katz made just such a difference in my life—and in the lives of hundreds of other students, just like me.

You know, the people coming here in search of a better life today aren't any different from our grandparents and great grandparents. It doesn't matter if your family passed through Ellis Island or San Ysidro or whether they came from Malaysia yesterday or from Moscow a century ago.

The dream and the obstacles to that dream are the same.

In 1903, Rabbi J. Leonard Levy penned a fifth



John's Picture Perfect Contest



Grand Prize Winner: (\$50 Target gift card)
CARLOS ARANDA, DWP

This picture was taken this year in June on an early morning hike from Vernal Falls down the Mist Trail in Yosemite National Park.



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Start snapping today, and send us your best results! Three winners will receive a gift certificate to Target.

NEXT DEADLINE: August 12
 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.



First Runner Up: (\$25 Target gift card)
Larklyn Watts, LAPD

"This is my co-worker's (Denise Williams) son, Tyler. He is learning how to compare fingerprints. [She's] starting him off early!"



Second Runner Up: (\$25 Target gift card)
Dalan Dutson, DWP

My wife took this picture while visiting family in Delta, Utah. The picture is of our daughter, who is to the far left, with her cousins. All three are the granddaughters of Jerry Spong, a patrolman in Delta, Utah. The girls were awaiting the start of the Fourth of July parade when my wife took the picture. Amazingly enough, they all posed perfectly.



Honorable Mention: John Burnes, Editor, Alive!
 "I took this picture at the hula show at the Marriott family timeshare hotel on Maui, Hawaii. We were entranced!"

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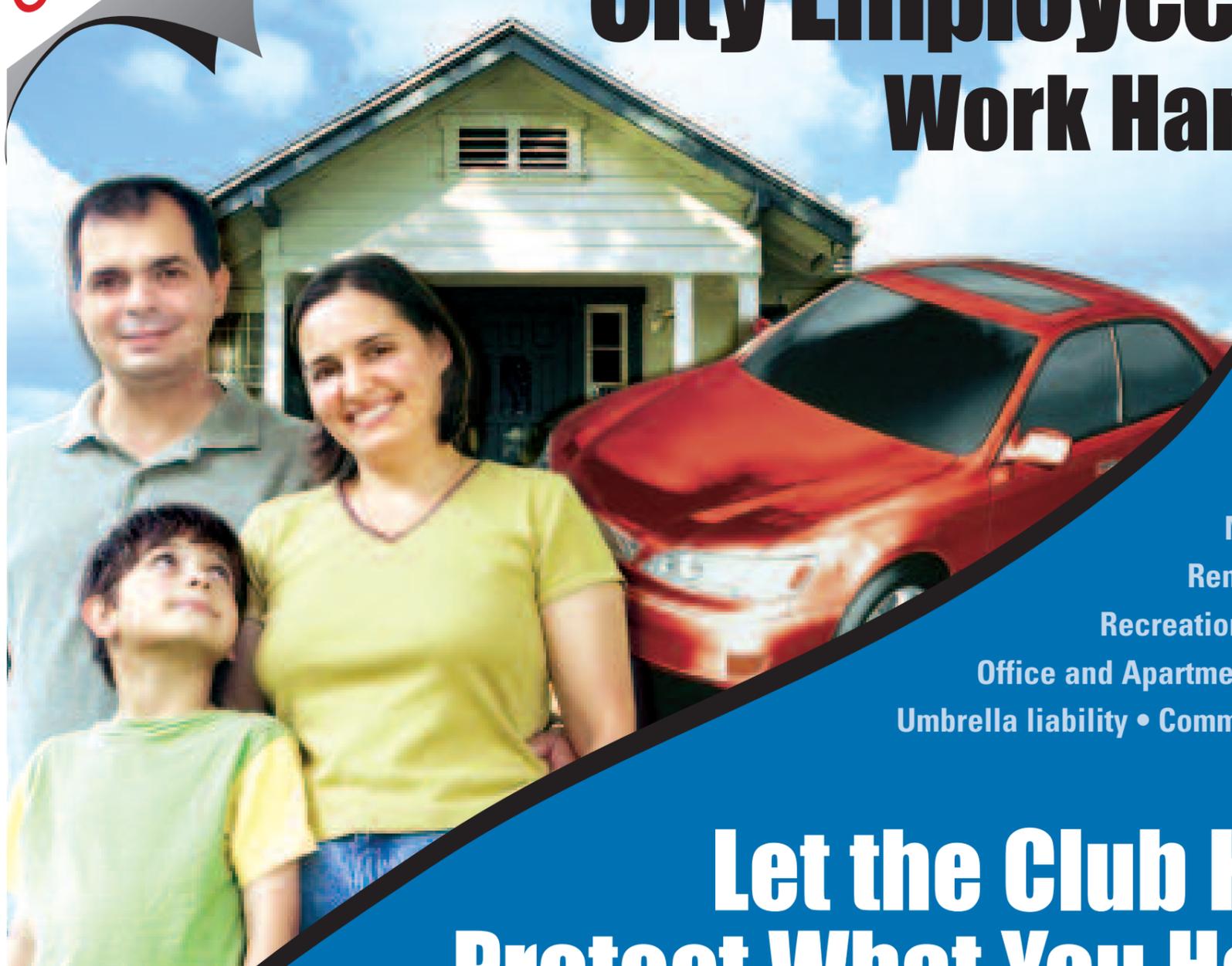
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Poker Run!

■ LAFD Firehogs holds annual fundraiser.

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

FIRE DEPT — The Firehogs motorcycle group held its annual Poker Run fundraiser June 12. The event honors the firefighters who died on duty and raises money for the Widows, Orphans and Disabled Firemen's Fund.

The Poker Run began at the LAFD Historical

Society and Fire Museum on North Cahuenga Boulevard in Hollywood and continued through Gladstone's Restaurant in Pacific Palisades/Malibu. The final destination was the Canyon Club in Agoura.

The Poker Run ended with a luncheon and live entertainment.

Firehogs President John O'Connor said that he would like other City employees to know that they are welcome to participate in Firehogs Rides and other events. They can find out more information about upcoming rides at www.firehogs.org



Jim Anseth, Honorary Firehog Member, and Firehogs President John O'Connor pose with other Firehogs.



From left: Firefighters Cadena and Gaeta; Engineer Zabala; and Captain Finn.



From left: Dale and Doreen King; Eric and Debbie Lau; and Bob and Tracy Eurtan.



Jim Anseth and Lisa.



New and existing Firehogs stand together.



Eddie Rincon (FS 46A) and Lorraine.



Club Member Adam Van Gerpen lets Club Counselor Bev Haro borrow his bike for a quick photo.



Captain Akahoshi's daughter sings the national anthem.



Jeff Taylor remembers his brother, who passed away.



A family of a fallen firefighter rings 10 bells, which is traditional when a firefighter passes.



John O'Connor, Firehog President.



Brand-new Firehogs receive their jackets.



Firehogs who helped organize the event.



Mike Kammerer.



Captain Akahoshi hosts the event.



Barry Hedberg, President of the Relief Association.



LAFD Chief Bill Bammatre.



Bikes in position before the ride.



From left: Darryl Bolden, Inspector I, 17 years; Fire Marshal Chief Jimmy Hill; and Richard Erquiaga, Fire Inspector I.

Call Them Inspectors

■ Two are promoted to Inspectors.

Story and photos by Bev Haro, Club Counselor

FIRE DEPT. — Two members of the LAFD were promoted at a badge ceremony June 13 in the Julie Bennett Conference Room, City Hall East.

The two individuals who are promoting to Inspector I are Darryll K. Bolden and Richard J. Erquiaga.

Darryll began his career in the LAFD 17 years ago. He worked at several different stations, but his last position was Firefighter III in the Fire

Prevention Bureau, Fire and Safety Education Unit. His new assignment will be in the Fire Prevention Bureau, High-Rise Unit as an Inspector I.

Richard J. Erquiaga was a Firefighter III in the Bureau of Emergency Services, Fire Station 107, "A" Platoon. He spent seven years at Fire Station 107 and has worked in two out of the three divisions in the City. His new assignment will be in the Fire Prevention Bureau, Underground Storage & Hazardous Materials Enforcement Unit S, as an Inspector I.

Congratulations to both Darryll and Richard. The Club thanks Martha Lucero from Fire Marshal Chief Hill's office for assisting in this article.



Richard J. Erquiaga, Fire Inspector I, with his wife and father.



From left: Richard J. Erquiaga, Fire Inspector I; Fire Marshal Chief Jimmy Hill; and Darryll K. Bolden, Fire Inspector I.

The Pet Club

When Bad Things Happen to Good Pets



Shadow the mini-donkey was saved due to the generosity of the citizens of Los Angeles, and Animal Services.

Shadow, a mini donkey, proved that bad things, and then good things, can happen to pets.

On June 7, the East Valley Animal Services Center received a call that two stray small donkeys were running loose on the 210 Freeway, eastbound at La Tuna Canyon. The donkeys ran side by side into oncoming traffic, where a passenger car struck both of them. The female donkey was hit first and was so severely injured, she could not move her hindquarters or stand up. The second male donkey was also injured and suffered from a large laceration to his hindquarters.

Animal Control Officer Brown arrived on the scene, and he immediately assessed the situation and found that the female donkey was so severely injured that immediate euthanasia was performed. A few hundred yards down was Shadow, frightened, in shock and badly injured. The officer and a Good Samaritan stood by trying to keep Shadow calm while awaiting the arrival of a veterinarian whom Animal Services had contacted. When Dr. Susan Bauer, a Los Angeles equine veterinarian, arrived, she immediately examined Shadow and determined that the wound was severe and would be costly and time-consuming to treat. Dr. Bauer spoke with the donkey's owner, who had now arrived, and advised him of the little donkey's prognosis. The owner was overwhelmed by the night's events and decided he could not afford the care of Shadow, and so custody was relinquished to Animal Services.

Despite what would have been expensive veterinary care, Shadow deserved a chance. The little donkey was sedated and loaded onto the Animal Services trailer, where he was immediately taken to the East Valley Animal Services Center in North Hollywood. Dr. Bauer followed Shadow to the Center and

upon arrival began caring for his injuries. It took three hours of surgery to repair his damaged body, but he was brave throughout the entire ordeal.

East Valley asked for and received 53 donations from various people and organizations totaling \$1,405.56 to help with the cost of the veterinarian and other items. We would like to thank you, and please know that it was greatly appreciated by the staff of Animal Services. This shows the unity between this agency and the citizens of Los Angeles.

Shadow spent a month of healing from his wounds that he suffered has found a new home. Shadow was placed with many other mini mules at the Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue Organization. The rescue is in Tehachapi and can be seen on their Website at www.donkeyrescue.org.

Mini-Donkey Facts

Miniature donkeys are thought to be originally from Africa. They were brought to the Mediterranean islands of Sardinia and Sicily to be beasts of burden. They pulled and carried heavy loads, and did light farm work. They are extinct in their native homeland, but are about ten thousand strong in the United States.

Mini donkeys are about 26 to 36 inches tall. Their weight ranges from 200 to 300 pounds.

Male donkeys are called "jacks" and female donkeys are called "jennets." Baby donkeys are called foals, just like horses.

A mini donkey's coat (fur) color is mainly gray-dun, but some also range in darker shades of brown, gray, black, sorrel, white and spotted. They usually have light tan markings around their muzzle and eyes, and some may have dark points instead of light.

Mini donkeys are considered a "herd" animal, and this means they can suffer from stress and loneliness if left by themselves. They should be raised with another donkey.

They need the following care: annual vaccinations, farrier (hoof care) visits and to be wormed. They should also be provided shelter and adequate food and water supply.

Send Questions

Karen Knipscheer,
Public Information Officer,
Animal Services

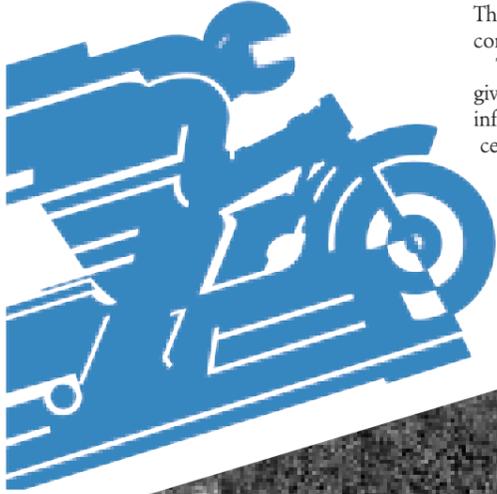
Karen Knipscheer has worked for Animal Services for 16 years; she worked in the field as an officer, then lieutenant, then captain. She was a district manager and a hearing examiner before recently becoming the public information officer. Feel free to welcome her; write to her at: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



These Bikes Were Cookin'

■ Central City Police Boosters hosts third Charity Motorcycle Ride and Chili Cook-Off.

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



POLICE DEPT. — The LAPD's Central City Police Boosters sponsored a motorcycle ride to benefit the Department's Central Area youth and crime prevention programs.

The event took place June 26 at the LAPD Academy.

This tax-deductible event included a scenic ride with stops at the Glendale Harley Davidson dealership and various Los Angeles locations. The first 500 registered riders were to receive a commemorative event pin.

The event included a barbecue lunch, prize giveaways, a silent auction, motorcycle vendors, information booths and LAPD displays. The celebrity masters of ceremony for the event were Mickey Jones and KLOS radio celebrity Al Ramirez.

Something new this year was the chili cook-off. The Club has been a participant from the very beginning. Club also donated



From left: Johnny Torres, second-year participant from Riverside; and Chip Baldoni, first-year participant from Downey.

prizes for the raffles. This event continues to grow year after year.

The Club thanks Officer Marie Kardiban, Sgt.

Campbell and Capt. Andrew J. Smith (all are Club Members) for their assistance in producing this story



At the 911 booth were, from left: Marisol Vielma, PSR, LAPD Communication, Club Member; and Natrese Thomas, PSR, LAPD Communications, Club Member.



Winner of the custom motorcycle went to Barry J. Brown, United States Navy, Retired.



First-place winner Carolyn Sawyer, LAPD, Club Member, with Carolyn's Chili. She is also a member of the Red Hat Society.



The second-place winner was Martha Manriquez, who work for the DWP. When asked how she heard about the Chili Cook-Off, she said she read it in her *Alive!* newspaper!

From left: Maria Manriquez; Martha Manriquez, DWP, 16 years, Club Member.



Frank Crescenzo, third-place Chili Cook-Off winner.



Seated from left: Dennis Zine, Councilman, District 3, and Veronica Becerra, guest.



From left: Pat Steet, Chili Cook-Off Judge, with Tom Hyde, President Central Booster, Chili Cook-Off Judge.



Officer Eric Fukute, Chili Cook-Off Judge, samples one of the three entries.



Celebrity guest Mickey Jones pictured with his Motorcycle Escorts, from left: Kevin Ree, Motor Officer, 6 years; Raul Rodriguez, Motor Officer, 17 years; Mickey Jones, Celebrity Guest, 16 years, LAPD Reserve; Paul Menchaca, Motor Officer, 9 years; and Barry Bottai, Motor Officer, 6 years.



Other Chili Cook-Off judges, from left: Capt. Jodi Wakefield and Capt. Andrew Smith, Club Member.



From left: Officer Eric Fukute, 9 years; and Officer Melissa Hornby, 10 years.



From left: Rick York; Tom Koskey; Lance Holmen, Mickey Jones' son-in-law; Skip Coleman, Retired Las Vegas Sheriff; Mark Del Mar; and Retired Los Angeles Sheriff Representing Choir Boys from the Nevada and Southern California Chapter.



From left: Tim Nambu, Sr. Lead Officer, 15 years; and Kenny Lew, Sr. Lead Officer, 15 years.



From left: Joe Lopez, Sr. Lead Officer, 32 years, Central Station; and Kris Werner, Sr. Lead Officer, 12 years, Central Station.



From left: Albert Candelaria, dad and second time event participant; and Officer Candace Candelaria.



From left: Capt. Andrew Smith, Commanding Officer, Central Community Police Station, Club Member; Sgt. Don Tudor, 29 years; Capt. Jodi Wakefield, Commanding Officer Central Patrol Division; and Officer Danielle Lee, Office of Operations, 7 years.



From left: Robert Ayala, spouse; Sarah Ayala, DWP, Club Member participated in the ride.



From left: Capt. Andrew Smith, Commanding Officer, Central Community Police Station, Club Member; and Mickey Jones, celebrity guest.



From left: Kathy Lewis, Midnight Mission; Sgt. Campbell; and Jessyka Quintero-Mora, Midnight Mission.



From left: Sgt. Greg McManus, 10 years; Lenny Davis, Sr. Lead Officer, 19 years; and Officer Robert Young, 21 years.



Mickey Jones, celebrity guest, and Councilman Dennis Zine thank everyone for participating and challenge them to return next year.



From left: Val and Lee Masters, LAPD Communications, 16 years, participated in the ride.



From left: Daisy Barajas, Central Booster Volunteer, 5 years; and Lorraine Camacho, Central Volunteer.



"Elvis" (a.k.a. Chris Jarvis), Police Officer, 4 years, Central Station.



Posing in front of the "Goldwing" were, left: Curt Passow, Orange County Fire; John Escobedo, CHP; Lance Flambures, Retired CHP; and Dave Navarro, CHP.



From left: Peter and Irene Ramirez.



This group of volunteers, consisting of Police Officers, helped set up and clean up the event.



From left: Mary and Albert Antunez.



From left: Skip; Officer Donnie Anderson, LAPD Mounted Unit, 11 years; and Paul Menchaca, Motor Officer, 9 years.



From left: Tom Hyde, Central Booster President; Officer Marie Kardiban, Event Organizer, Club Member; and Mickey Jones, celebrity host, 16 years, LAPD Reserve.



From left: Frank Bolio, DOT, 4 years; Bailey Dave, guest; and Jesse Brisco, DOT, 24 years. Seated: Kevin Neustadter, DOT, 10 years, Club Member.



Lance Holman, son-in-law of Mickey Jones.



From left: Martha Dela Bretoniere, Sr. Inspector, LADBS, 22 years; and Martha Dela Bretoniere, Sr. Clerk Typist, DWP, 21 years, Club Member.



From left: Debbie Kersthold and Denise Munoz. Both are first-time participants.



Mike Dizacamo, first-year participant with "Elyn," his motorcycle.



Jack Mar, first-year participant.



From left: Officer Vincent, LAPD Mounted Unit, with his horse, Bo, and motorcycle riders Ronni and Todd Adair.

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Gilbert Campos, LAPD, 24 years.

Air Show!

■ Hansen Dam hosts show of civil and military service air power.

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

REC AND PARKS, POLICE, FIRE, COUNCIL — The American Heroes Air Show took place June 25 at Hansen Dam Recreation Complex. Since 1993, the event has profiled aviation's unique role in law enforcement, fire service, homeland security and national defense, search and rescue and emergency response with helicopters from local, county, state and federal / military units.

This special event was made possible due to the support of Rec and Parks and Councilmembers Alex Padilla and Wendy Greuel. The event was free to the public, allowing the opportunity to explore the various helicopters on display.



Dave Peters, LAFD, 25 years.



A UH-60L Firehawk.



Angel Gomez Jr. poses with Brian Scogin, LAFD, 3 years.



An LAFD helicopter refuel truck on display.



From left: Angel Gomez Jr. and Barry Sears, LAFD, 25 years.



From left: Jerome Evans, Airport Police, 18 years, Club Member; and Mike Manahan, Airport Police, 6 years.



A police helicopter on display.



Spectators ask the pilots about the features of the helicopter.



Air show attendees examine the inside and outside of a military helicopter.

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Pico Union Turns 1

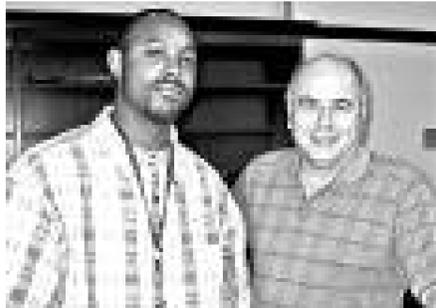
■ Happy first birthday to the Pico-Union Branch Library.

Story by Bev Haro, Club Counselor
Photos by Bev Haro and Bob Valdez (Club Member), Pico Union Library

LIBRARY DEPT. — On May 17, the Pico Union Branch Library threw its own birthday party, and it was a lot of fun. The library branch was one of many that have opened (or been renovated) in the last few years, thanks to taxpayer support. The staff members put together a celebration of their first year at the Pico Union Library, located on South Alvarado Street. The Friends of the Pico Union Library supplied the refreshments. The event featured music and dancing with Fiesta Flamenco Dancers and was open to the public. Many children from the community participated in the activities.



The anniversary cake.



Club Member Bob Valdez with a library staff member.



A flamenco dancer.



From left: Shirley Grijalva, Messenger Clerk, 2 years; Gloria Grover, Sr. Librarian, 11 years, Club Member; and Grace Kim, Children's Librarian, 2 years, Club Member.



A flamenco dancer dances with a library patron.



From left: Shirley Grijalva, Messenger Clerk, 2 years; Marcie Jones, Adult Librarian, 2 years, Club Member; Gloria Grover, Sr. Librarian, 11 years, Club Member; and Grace Kim, Children's Librarian, 2 years, Club Member.



Sr. Librarian Gloria Grover and Sergio Moran, Friends of the Library Member.



The Pico Union Library staff.



Flamenco dancers dance with children.

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Leaders in the Making

■ Prestigious LAPD West Point leadership program graduates its latest class.

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

POLICE DEPT. — Twenty-two police officers that made up the LAPD's most recent West Point Leadership Program class graduated in a ceremony June 30 at the LAPD Academy. Ten of the graduates were from the LAPD.

Gordon Graham, attorney, consultant, lecturer and author on operational risk management was the guest speaker. Assistant Chief Sharon Papa introduced him.

History of the program: In 1992, Police Commissioner Jesse A. Brewer, a Colonel in the US Army Reserve, identified the most effective leadership training institution, the United States Military Academy at West Point. He coordinated with the Academy's Department of Behavioral Science and Leadership to develop quality leadership training for the Los Angeles Police Department.

In 1994, five members of the LAPD participated in a program hosted by West Point faculty, officially known as the West Point Leadership and Command Program.

In January 1996, LAPD trained 30 employees assigned to various supervisory and executive positions to be West Point Leadership Program (WPLP) Instructors. The program is a 136-hour, four-week course, approved by the Commission of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST). The program is also accredited with California State University Los Angeles for Bachelor and Masters degree credits.

The principal aim of the West Point Leadership Program is to teach individuals how to think more systematically about leadership, challenges and situations. The course teaches 27 behavioral science and adult education theories compiled from top universities in the nation. The course requires students to solve realistic law enforcement leadership problems using the WPLP theories, during three different exam settings.

The Club thanks Officer Sherri Egan (West Point Leadership Program staff) and Sgt. Mike Sayre (West Point Leadership Program Staff, Club Member) for their assistance, and Sgt. Sayre for inviting us to this impressive event.



Welcome to the graduation.



Sgt. Mike Sayre welcomes guest and graduates.



From left: Captain Tim Little, Marine County Sheriff Dept.; Jennifer Navarro, spouse; Amanda, 8; Anthony; and Lt. Rick Navarro, Marine County Sheriff Dept., Graduate.



Standing, from left: Rosette Noubarian, spouse; Oshin Noubarian, Senior Photographer II, LAPD, Graduate. Seated: daughters Mannan and Neenar.



Detective Alma Andrade singing the National Anthem.



From left: Captain Denis Cremins, LAPD, Rampart Station; Sgt. Julias Stewart, PSB, LAPD, Graduate; Lt. Lance Smith, PSB, LAPD, Graduate; and Marlene Smith, spouse.



From left: Lt. David McGill, PSB, LAPD; Eric Romanelli, Programmer Analyst, LAPD; Irma Romanelli, PCP II, LAPD, Graduate, Club Member; Cindy Romero, Sr. Clerk Typist, Internal Affairs, LAPD; and Linda Adams, Chief Clerk, Internal Affairs, LAPD.



From left: Bailey, 7; Jennifer, spouse; Reece; and Lt. James Lewis, Sacramento Sheriff Dept., Graduate.



Standing, from left: Lt. Mark Boyer, Riverside PD; and Michael Crow, Police Psychology, LAPD. Seated: Norman Collopy; Lt. Jeff Collopy, Riverside PD, Graduate; Lt. Bob Meier, Riverside PD; Deputy Chief Andy Pytlak; and Lt. John De la Rosa, Riverside PD.



Entertainment was provided by Sterling Smith.



From left: Lt. Tony Lomedico, PRD, LAPD; Captain Jim Cansler, PRD, LAPD; Sgt. Dino Duran, PRD, LAPD, Graduate; and Councilman Mark Kelly, City of Glendora.



From left: Ryan Sibbald, son; Sgt. April Chapman, Office of Sonoma County District Attorney, Graduate; and Capt. Scott Sibbald, Nevada PD.



From left: Corey Farell, Police Officer, LAPD, Southwest Station; Ashley Ashcraft, LAUSD; Deena Farell, spouse; and Lt. Loren Farell, LAPD, Rampart Station, Graduate.



From left: Edith Zelaya, Sr. Clerk Typist, LAPD; Assistant Chief Sharon Papa, LAPD, Club Member; Sgt. Cynthia Robertson, LAPD, Graduate; Sgt. Darryl Grayson, Southwest Station, LAPD; and Edwina Hunter, Secretary.



From left: Sgt. Ed Lynn, Visalia PD; Assistant Chief Dennis Swaney, Visalia PD; Lt. Rick Haskill, Visalia PD, Graduate; and Kathy Haskill, spouse.



Standing, from left: Dr. Luanne Pannell, LAPD; Kathy Moreland, Training Division, LAPD; and Lt. Anne-Marie Fuller, Training Division, LAPD. Seated: Sgt. Jerry Hallanger, Training Division, LAPD; Angeles Reynoso, Secretary, Training Division, LAPD; and Commander Terry Hara, LAPD, Club Member.



Captain Kevin Raffaelli, San Mateo PD, Graduate; Lt. Dan Inderbitzen, Modesto PD, Graduate; and Captain Les Liggins, Seattle PD, Graduate.



Sgt. Mike Sayre, West Point Leadership Program Staff, Club Member; and Dr. Luanne Pannell, LAPD. Dr. Pannell, one of the instructors of the program, was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation.



From left: Sgt. Steve Williams, LAPD; Anne Sayre, guest; Rob Denton, LAPD Pastor; and Rabbi Chaim S. Kolodny.



From left: Chief of Police Rick Emerson, Chula Vista PD; and Captain Gary Wedge, Chula Vista PD, Graduate.



Presentation of graduation gift, from left: Sgt. Mike Sayre, West Point Leadership Program Instructor, LAPD, Club Member; and Sgt. Julius Stewart, LAPD, Graduate.



From left: Kristine Peterson, spouse; Kortney, 11; Cody, 12; and Sgt. Robert Peterson, Orange County Sheriff Dept., Graduate.



Stella Nunó, spouse; Alex Nunó, Sr. Management Analyst II, LAPD, Graduate, Club Member; and Lt. William Barry, Lodi PD.



Class Speaker Sgt. Julius Stewart, LAPD.



From left: Captain Scott Kroeber, CRI, LAPD; Armida Omeli, Secretary, CRI, LAPD; and Lt. Len Hundshamer, CRI, LAPD.



Sterling Smith, who has always taken part at the luncheon by providing great entertainment, was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by Sgt. Mike Sayre, West Point Leadership Program Staff, Club Member.



From left: Deputy Chief Keith Bushy, San Bernardino Sheriff Dept.; Kathy Bushy, Sr. PSR, LAPD, Club Member; and Dr. David Jenks, Assistant Professor Cal State Los Angeles.



From left: Officer Alma Andrade, Hollywood Station, LAPD; Captain Bill Murphy, 77th Station, LAPD; Sgt. Moe Batts, 77th Station, LAPD, Graduate; Detective Patty Batts, South East Gangs Unit, LAPD; Retired Sgt. Mo Landrum, LAPD; and Doreen Hudson, Supervising Criminalist, LAPD, West Point Leadership Program Instructor.



Gordon Graham with his appreciation plaque, from left: Assistant Chief Sharon Papa, LAPD, Club Member; Gordon Graham, Guest Speaker; and Sgt. Mike Sayre, West Point Leadership Program Instructor, LAPD, Club Member.



Dr. David Jenks, Assistant Professor at Cal State LA, was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from Sgt. Mike Sayre, West Point Leadership Program Staff, Club Member.



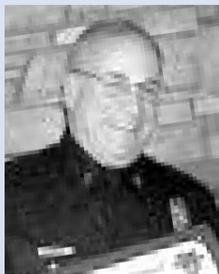
Standing, from left: Lt. Linda Solorza, Orange County Sheriff Dept.; and Chief Rick Hicks, Cypress PD. Seated: Assistant Chief Pete Gannon, Orange County Sheriff Dept.; Captain Bob Blackburn, Orange County Sheriff Dept.; Lt. David Birozy, Cypress PD, Graduate; and Gordon Graham, special guest speaker.



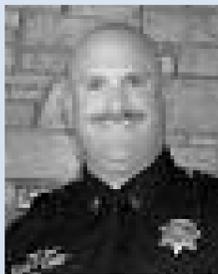
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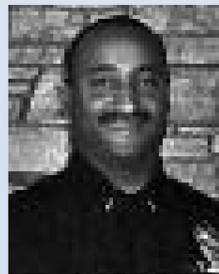
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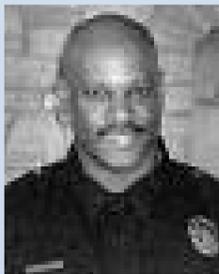
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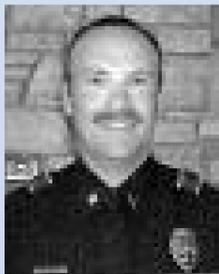
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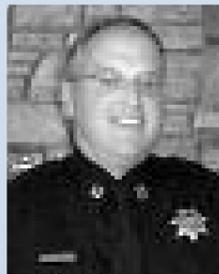
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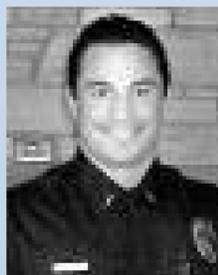
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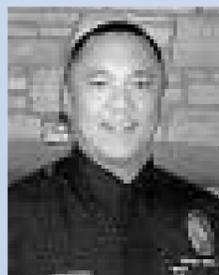
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Sgt. Cynthia L. Robertson, LAPD.



Lt. David Birozy, Cypress Police Dept.



Sgt. Dino J. Duran, LAPD.



Lt. Daniel T. Inderbitzen, Modesto Police Dept.



Sr. Management Analyst II Alex Nunó, LAPD.



PCP II Irma Romanelli, LAPD.



Capt. Gary Wedge, Chula Vista Police Dept.

Not Pictured: Sgt. Mitchell G. Lambdin, LAPD.

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Esther Goree, Sr. Management Analyst I, Public Works, was catastrophically injured June 6 and has been hospitalized at Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena. At press time, she is on life support. **There is a great need for financial contributions for immediate and ongoing critical care. This very costly care is not covered by her insurance. Please give as much and as often as you can.** She can no longer receive flowers, as they interfere with her respirator, and inhibit breathing, but she truly enjoys all the cards and letters! Please keep sending them.

Her family has set up an account for contributions:

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- **Personnel Department** – Patrick Delahanty
- **Office of Management/Employee Services** – Cynthia White, Debra Maldonado, Tonja Bellard

Please direct all calls to Debra Maldonado, Public Works, at (213) 359-0359.

Your ongoing help, generosity and prayers are truly appreciated by her family.

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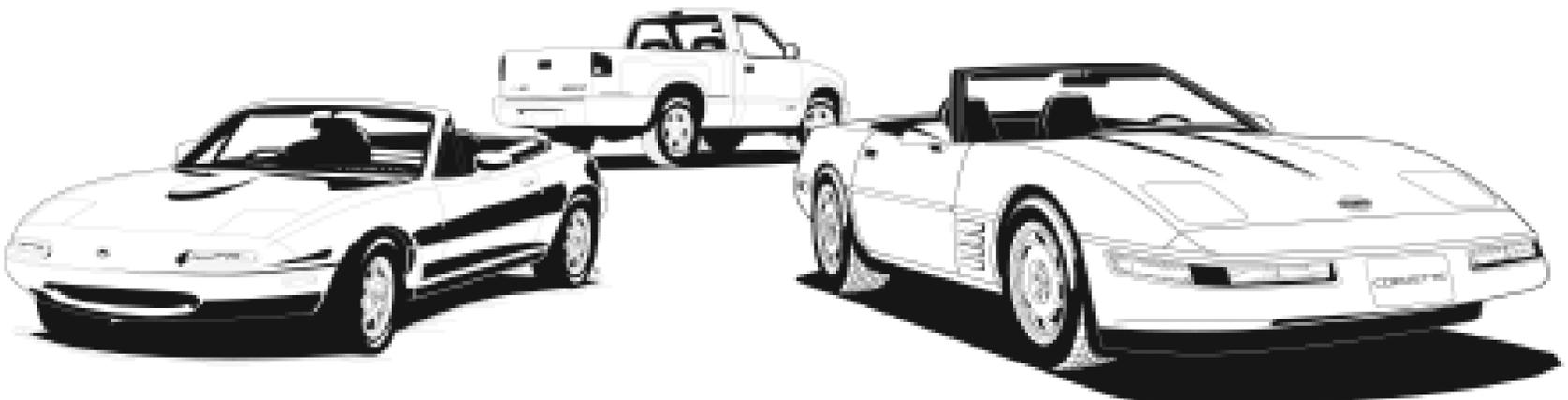
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Feel Great!

■ Ontario Airport hosts health, safety expo.

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

AIRPORTS DEPT. — The Ontario International Health and Safety Expo took place June 9 at the Ontario Airport Administration building. Airport employees received information from the hundreds of vendors and received free screenings including blood sugar, bone density, skin sun damage, blood pressure and free massages.

The Club participated by providing Club and insurance information to all airport employees who attended.



From left: Luz Kalfell, Club Member, and Yanina Diaz.



From left: Lori Teague and Robbie Reyes.



From left: Deanna Cablayan, Club Member, Melissa Molina, and Sandy Calderon, Club Member.



From left: Bryan Jackson, Club Member; Gady's Chinyanga, and Linda Sievers.



Ivan Torres, Club Member, talking to a Ditech representative.



Brenda Boyd.



From left: Leatrice Pickens, Club Member, and Annie Chau.



From left: Debbie Clemens, Barbara Rowe and Marie Treije.



From left: Kim Ellis, Club Member, and Bob Lecours.



From left: Ed Medina, Club Member; Jeff Mararac; and Jeff Jr.



From left: Ester Garrett and Tona McGruder.



From left: Victor Acedo, with Anthony and Denise.



From left: Howard Horning Jr., Rick Miles and Paul Panagiotidis.



Fred Gallegos, Club Member, gets a free massage.



From left: Ann Castillo and Lynne Wright, Club Member.



From left: Barbara Leming, Marie Jreije and Debbie Clemens.



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From left: Diane Gilmartin, Club Member, and Sylvia Loera, Club Member.

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—Jenna Luu, Rec and Parks

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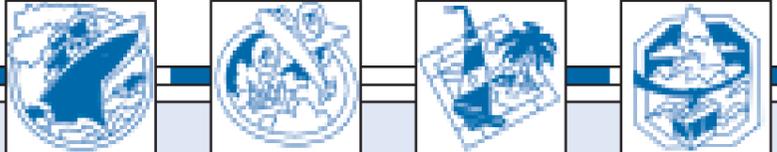
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TravelTalk

by Tony Adler, President,
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No Time? Think Short Getaways



Tony Adler

In the past, I've featured exotic destinations like Africa, Hawaii and Tahiti in this monthly column.

Sometimes I forget to talk about the short little vacations that are often close to home in distance, but far away in state of mind. These short getaways can be just what we need to become rejuvenated and fulfilled. At the very least, they can be relaxing or just plain fun!

We can book your member reservations at any hotel or resort that you choose. Your Club membership means you never pay extra for this service. Most of the time, you will enjoy the additional Club benefits offered by the various properties and cruise lines. Of course, my wife and I have our own personal preferences, which I am happy to share with you here.

The Desert

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Our other top choices in the area: Hyatt Grand Champions Resort and the La Quinta Resort & Spa. Both have spas that will dazzle you, and treatments that will soothe away your stress and tension.

Las Vegas

Las Vegas is much fun and has excitement that can go on 24 hours a day. We can have you well taken care of with regard to your hotel room, but the gambling is all your responsibility! Please win some of the money I've dropped there over the years! Still, while I am not the luckiest when it comes to blackjack and craps, there is something magnetic that keeps me coming back again and again.

Our preferred hotels in Las Vegas vary by what we are looking for during our stay. Honestly, sometimes we check all the hotels I've listed below and choose by which one is offering the best deal at the time we want to go. We like them all.

San Diego

Go no further than the Four Seasons Aviara in North San Diego for luxury and beautifully manicured grounds. It is also very close to Legoland if you are bringing the little kids. The Four Seasons will even provide children with their own terry robes and several sweet surprises.

For golf, choose the newly refurbished La Costa Resort. They have restored and improved the hotel and spa to its original grandeur. We have a very close relationship with this property and our guests are treated like the VIPs we think they are!

For nostalgia, Hotel del Coronado is still the one. Steeped in history and romance, and originally built in 1888, the Hotel del Coronado boasts miles of white sand beaches and elegant Victorian charm.

We will cover Santa Barbara and Monterey in future columns. Of course, if you have any questions about any cruise or resort anywhere in the world, please be sure to give us a call. Our prices are almost always going to be competitive or better than the best Internet rates, and we give you superior service and more amenities.

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Retirees NEWS

Retiree Hotlines

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

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• Edward Harding	(805) 584-9417	• Jack Mathews	(310) 762-1942
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For Retirees

By Phil Skarin, RLACEI Publicity Chair

Some Helpful Advice On Medicare Part D



Ed Harding,
RLACEI President

By Phil Skarin, Publicity Chair, RLACEI

Ed Harding, RLACEI President, reports: "The term 'movers and shakers' has taken on a new meaning, as I am shaking from all the packing involved in moving to a new house in Simi

Valley. I'm downsizing from a three-story, 5,000-square-foot house, to a smaller house of 3,100 square feet. My wife, Martha, has a bad knee, so this move will be better for her. My new address is 2890 Waterfall Lane, Simi Valley, CA 93065. If you are out visiting Reagan's Library, drop in for a drink and listen to my collection of 78-rpm records.

"By the time you read this, our annual picnic Aug. 11 may be history, but circle the date of Thursday, Oct. 6, for our annual Corporation Meeting and Elections. We will elect six directors. Subsequently, the elected directors will elect the officers. If you want to be considered for a director nomination, send a statement of your qualifications to Nominating Chair Dave Wilkins at 1000 Fairview Ave., Apt. 5, Arcadia, CA 91007. The

meeting is at 1 p.m., but if you come at noon you will be treated to a free lunch, only if you have called one of the officers on the retirees help lines for a reservation a week ahead. The meeting is at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center, 5056 Van Nuys Blvd."

Legislative Update: Ken Spiker,

our elected Commissioner to the LACERS Board of Directors, reports that the 2006 health benefits programs and premium rates are going to the Board later than usual. Premium negotiations are being held due to the uncertainty of the Medicare Part D prescription program. The federal program will be effective Jan. 1, 2006, and as of now Federal compliance regulations have not been finalized.

Ken urges retirees not to sign up for the Part D until they have received and reviewed LAC-

ERS analysis and recommendation. Quite likely, LACERS will sign up as the employer contractor and provide the program to the retirees.

Medicare's prescription drug benefit - Medicare Part D - will be implemented through your LACERS health plan effective Jan. 1, 2006. LACERS will receive certain credits or reimbursements for providing drug coverage to you. These savings will be passed on to you in the form of lower premiums. Because Medicare does not allow you to be covered in more than one Part D plan at the same time, your LACERS medical plan will be canceled if you enroll in Part D as an individual or through another group plan.

Through your LACERS health plan, you can fill your prescriptions for very modest co-pays. This will not change. If you enroll in Part D as an individual, there will be significant costs to you in the form of deductibles and other payments.

Although it is a personal decision, I urge you not to enroll in Medicare Part D.

Ken wants to thank all the retirees who recently supported his election as Commissioner of the LACERS Board of Directors. Ken received 78.5 percent of the vote and is honored to serve as your commissioner for another five years.

**Don't miss the upcoming
Retirees Picnic,
Aug. 11 at
Grace E. Simons Lodge!
Sign up today!"**

Upcoming events:

- **Oct. 6** - Annual Corp. Meeting & Elections at Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center, 5056 Van Nuys Blvd., Sherman Oaks; 1 p.m. (lunch at noon)
- **Dec. 8** - Christmas Party and Installation of Officers at Grace E. Simons Lodge; 3 p.m.
- **June 6, 2006** - the 28th annual Retirees Golf Tournament

Retiree Notes:

If you change your address, notify Helen Salgado at (323) 728-4930 or write her at 5423 Dewar St., Los Angeles, CA 90022. If you need a new green membership card, send her a s.a.s.e. Also notify LACERS and Alive!

Visit our Website at www.rlacei.com to find out the latest news.

Neil Ricci represented us at the June 27 swearing-in ceremony of Eric Garcetti, Councilmember, 13th District, at Barnsdale Park. The many testimonials made it clear that he was well-liked during his first term. Mayor-elect Antonio Villaraigosa and half of the Councilmembers were present as Eric's father, Gil Garcetti, swore him in for his second term of office.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Keep the Door Open

People sometimes say or do things that offend or hurt you, and you are tempted to figuratively "close the doors" on the relationship.

But their actions may not be consistent with their long-term feelings for you. Their actions may reflect some problems in their personal life that influenced them, and thereby conveyed a mixed message to you.

Try to be aware of what a person's true character is, and what their long-term feelings for you are, and overlook occasional aberrations, and always keep the door open.

- Phil Skarin

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

Phil Skarin

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

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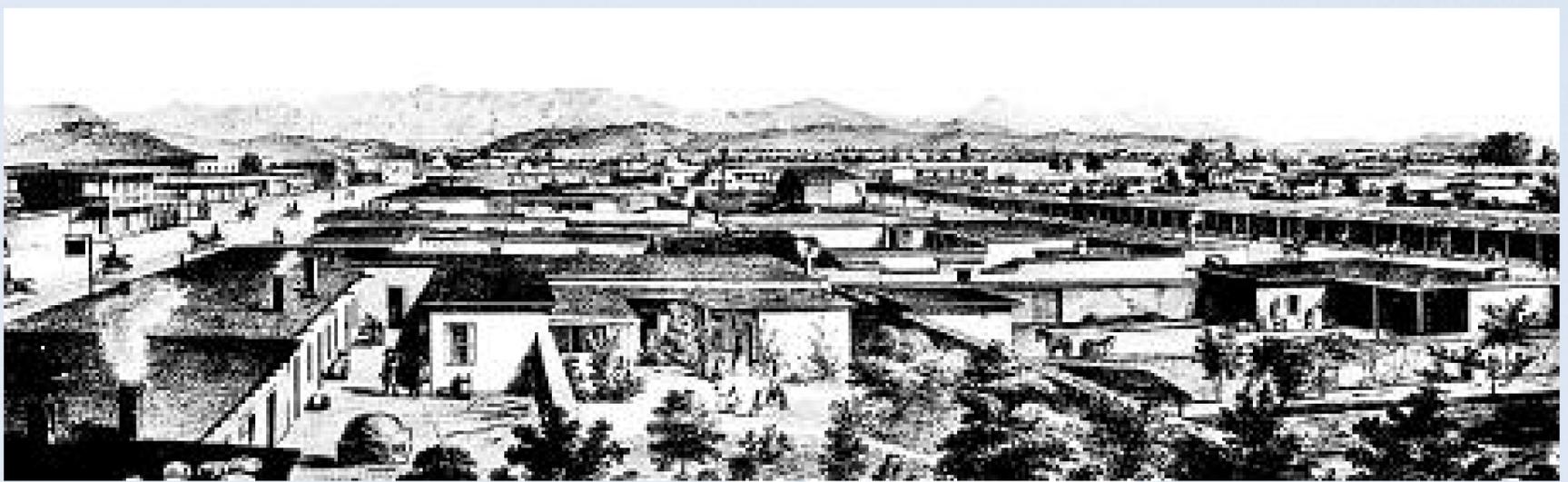
Tales From the City Archives



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

First L.A. Neighborhood Was a Council Decision

Photos are from the Security Pacific Collection, Los Angeles Public Library Photo Archive, courtesy Carolyn Cole, Director.



A view of adobe buildings in the early Los Angeles.

El Pueblo, the "Plaza," was the first neighborhood in the City of Los Angeles. This neighborhood had three sites in its history dating back to 1781, when Felipe de Neve, New Spain's governor of California, selected a site and named it El Pueblo de la Reina de Los Angeles Sobre el Rio de la Porciuncula. That year, 44 settlers came Sept. 4 to the site that became home, not far from the Native American settlement of Yangna.

Around 1815, when the population was between 300 and 400, the Plaza suffered from an earthquake and flooding and moved northwest to a site closer to the present location. Between 1825-30, when the population grew to 770, the Plaza moved to its present site.

Los Angeles officially became a City in 1835. Between 1781-1850, the governing body for Los Angeles was Spanish, then Mexican. During 1847, the Mexican Council, known as the Ayuntamiento, made decisions based on government needs to change the design of the first official neighborhood in the City. The following historical records of the governing body come from a translation of the original Mexican records. Both are found in the Los Angeles City Archives. It should be noted that many of the names in these records, and their descendants, have become influential, many times over, in the history of Los Angeles.

At a special meeting Aug. 25, 1847, Councilman Gallardo stated that he had asked for a special meeting of Council to lay before it the following facts:

"Gentlemen: The Committee of which I am Chairman is unable to arrive at a final decision because of the opinion of the experts, Messrs. Esteban Munoz and Nicolas Feliz, it is necessary to square the 'Plaza,' wherefore I beg the Honorable Council to duly weigh this necessity and authorize the Committee accordingly to make that square more true, the Committees on Police and Streets co-operating for the protection of their respective dispositions ..."

Thereupon the Syndic (city attorney) said that as a member of the Police Committee he was ready to serve, but in no case would he allow himself to get mixed up in the affairs of Augustin Olvera and Juan Sepulveda. Mr. Gallardo replied that this was an independent matter and asked that his proposition be approved; which was done.

The same Mr. Gallardo continued remarking that he had noticed that new buildings in process of construction had builders disregarding the lines laid down by the Police Committee, thereby causing damage to the streets. He then begged the Council to delib-

erate the following proposition:

"That it be made known by means of public notices, that whosoever intends to build a house and lay down new foundations shall notify the Police Committee so that they can satisfy themselves that the construction will proceed on correct lines, and should this notice be neglected, on work be done infringing upon such lines, a penalty consisting in forfeiture of the lot, to which additional punishment may be added in aggravating cases, shall be meted out ..."

After discussion, that proposition was approved, whereupon the Council adjourned. It was signed by Jose Salazar, Rafael Gallardo, Jose Antonio Yorba, Jose Vincente Guerrero, and Ygnacio Coronel, Secretary.

The next day, Aug. 26, 1847, another special meeting was held by the Ayuntamiento. This meeting was once again headed by Mr. Rafael Gallardo as follows:

"Your Committee appointed to report on the protests of Juan Sepulveda, Augustin Olvera and Mr. Cabrera, relating to the street alignment recently marked off for their houses by the Street Committee, has judged proper, that to enable it to submit a well digested report, steps should be taken to first measure the four sides of the 'Plaza' for the purpose of making it square...In this manner we [will] succeed in giving the 'Plaza' a better shape than that it now has, besides leaving undisturbed the houses of Messrs. Sepulveda and Olvera.

"Futhermore, if you see fit to carry out this project and leave a street open between the 'zanja' and the hill, then the house which Mr. Cabrera proposes to build will stand in the way ... Should you therefore decide to adopt the proposed plan we would suggest as a matter of justice that Mr. Cabrera be given another lot and that he be indemnified for whatever expense that change may cost him. Above all your Honorable Body will resolve upon what may seem equitable with due regard to the beauty of the Town and the convenience of the public."

After the matter was discussed and adopted by the Council, the Syndic made a motion that the plan by the Special Committee be made part of the proceedings and that the following proposition be carried out:

"In view of the fact that in making additions to the 'Plaza' in order to square it

the lines demarked by the Committee fell into the lot of Pedro Cabrera, I propose that a Committee composed of Councilmen be appointed with instructions to tender Mr. Cabrera the lot next to his own, which it is believed to be an improvement on the latter, and to give him as an offset of the damages that he may suffer the use of the prison labor on such days as the Honorable Council may select ..."

After discussion, that proposition was approved, with the Alcalde (Mayor) Salazar and the Syndic Guerreo being placed on that Committee.

The Syndic next called attention to the filthy condition of the "zanja" and submitted the following proposition:

"The undersigned member of your Honorable Body respectfully submits that the principal canal of the City needs cleaning out in certain portions where there is an accumulation of dirt and rotten stuff, wherefore he prays that tomorrow you address an official communication to the Water Overseer directing him to take such prisoners as are under arrest for light offenses and make them remove all the filth, which is doing so much injury to the Town. And they can also make use of my yoke of oxen, which I hereby make known ..."

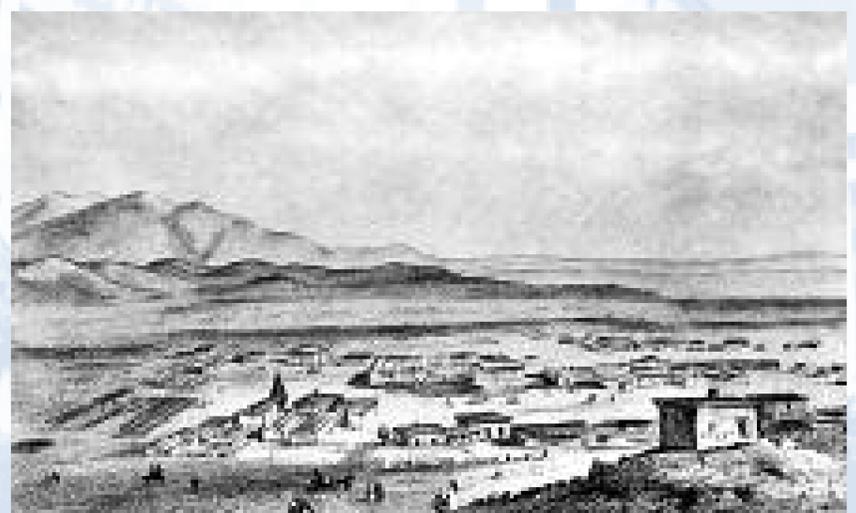
The Council then adjourned, and the proposition was signed by the above Councilmen from the previous meeting.

At the Council meeting Aug. 28, 1847, the following discussion on the "Plaza" plan was presented by Mr. Salazar and Mr. Guerreo, the new members of the Special Committee. The report and proposition follows:

"[Our] purpose of inducing Pedro Cabrera to give up his lot, which they regretted, to have to take to carry into effect the project of squaring off the 'Plaza' on the lines measured off by the Special Committee encharged with that duty, and which cam be seen in the plan* now before Council, has made a proposition to the said Cabrera offering to give him another lot in exchange and to indemnify him for his expenses, but Cabrera refused, saying that when he took the lot which now falls into the street, he did it because its principal front faced the 'Plaza' and that no other lot would be of benefit to his interests, wherefore, the Committee, seeing the impossibility of coming to any understanding. Has come to the following conclusion. That since that lot extends away from the view of the 'Plaza,' particular attention should be paid to the buildings which shall form the Square, and that Cabrera and Ylario (Hilario) Varela be allowed to remain where the preceding Committee located them. Your Honorable Body, however, will determine what ever may be just, and will notify Cabrera without loss of time."

After sufficient discussion, the foregoing report was approved.

After further research, I believe that this is the last formal document in these minutes on the subject of redesigning the 'Plaza' at that time. *The plan for the reconstructed "Plaza" can be found in the City Archives, Box B-1367, Vol. 4 (1835-1852), folder 2, page 548, written in red ink.



Early Los Angeles.

Port Appointees

■ Three have been promoted to key positions.

HARBOR DEPT. —Port of Los Angeles employees Kurt Arend and James A. Davis have been promoted to assistant chief harbor engineers, and John Kostrencich has been promoted to chief inspector.

Long Beach resident Kurt Arend, head of the Engineering Division's Rights-of-Way and Permits Section, was promoted from harbor engineer to assistant chief harbor engineer. Arend, a 17-year City employee, started his career with the DWP as a civil engineering assistant in 1988 and transferred to the Port the following year. As part of his new responsibilities, he has been appointed general manager of the Port's Waterfront Red Car Line, a vintage trolley line that has been in operation at the Port since July 2003. Throughout his career in the Port's Engineering Division, he has managed major construction projects, including the APL, NYK and Evergreen Container Terminals.

Arend holds a Bachelor's degree in civil engineering from New Mexico State University at Las Cruces, and is a licensed professional engineer in the State of California. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineering, Construction Specification Institute, American Public Works Association and Port of Los Angeles Speakers Bureau.

Harbor City resident James A. Davis, head of the Construction Division's Contract Administration Section, also was promoted from harbor engineer to assistant chief harbor engineer.

Davis, a 19-year Port employee, started his career at the Port as a student engineer and worked his way up the ranks to harbor engineer. He spent 14 years of his career in the Port's Engineering Division, overseeing the construction of major capital improvement projects, including the development of the 484-acre Pier 400 container terminal and Berth 100 China Shipping container terminal. In his new role, he will assist the chief harbor engineer in overseeing the contract administration, inspection, survey and testing functions of the Construction Division.

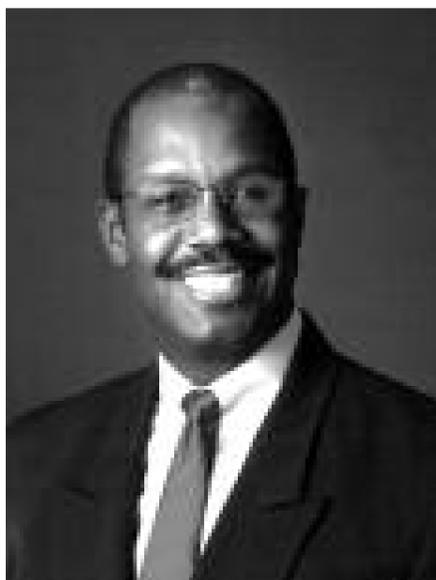
Davis holds a Bachelor's degree in civil engineering from California State University, Long Beach, and Master's degree in business administration from California State University, Dominguez Hills. He also holds certificates in management from the UCLA Executive Program and in construction project management from California State University, Dominguez Hills. He is a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, American Society of Civil Engineers, Construction Management Association of America, American Public Works Association and Port of Los Angeles Speakers Bureau.

Rancho Palos Verdes resident John Kostrencich was promoted from principal inspector to chief inspector. Kostrencich, who has more than 25 years of Port experience, began his career as a student engineer in 1972. He also worked as an assistant inspector for Public Works and Building and Safety.

During his tenure with the Port, Kostrencich has overseen the construction and development of major facilities, from Pier 400 to the San Pedro waterfront, including the Harbor Boulevard Parkway project currently under construction. He was instrumental in keeping the construction of the Los Angeles Cruise Ship Promenade on schedule, which took less than one year to complete, from groundbreaking in February 2004 to grand opening in December 2004. He also played key inspection roles in the APL container terminal and YTI terminal wharf/backland improvement projects.



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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: August 12. 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 (213-620-0398) or by surface mail (350 S. Figueroa, Suite 700, Los Angeles 90071).

The winner of last month's contest is:

Timothy Cruz, ITA



Here is his response: The photo in the July issue of *Alive!* depicts two bridges. In the foreground is the bridge that mariners and most people nowadays refer to as the Henry Ford Bridge, and railroaders affectionately refer to as the Badger Avenue Bridge. The bridge in the background depicts the Commodore Schuyler Heim Bridge, also known as Highway 47/Highway 103. Both bridges cross over the Cerritos Channel, Los Angeles. The bridges are bordered to the east by the City of Long Beach and to the West by the City of Los Angeles. The actual address beneath the railroad bridge is 801 Henry Ford Ave.

On a historical note, the Henry Ford Bridge was originally named the Badger Avenue Bridge after the street that ran parallel to it, Badger Avenue. When the Ford Motor Company built its plant near the bridge, it was renamed the Henry Ford Bridge. The original bridge comprised of a two-lane road with a railroad track parallel to it. It currently feeds the Alameda Corridor.

The current Henry Ford Bridge has towers that rise approximately 200 feet, a draw span in the center, approximately 110 feet long, with a vertical clearance between 35 feet and 148 feet (depending on the height of the passing vessel). The lift operates by use of a precision counter weight system with steel cables attached to a worm drive operated by two electric motors for redundancy. These are located in the gear house at the center of the bridge.

This month's runner up was submitted by Shirley Gatlin, Club Member and widow of James A. Gatlin, Building and Safety Inspector.

Second runner up was Ken Moody, ITA.

Thanks Shirley and Ken!

Contest Rules:

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

Alive! Around the World

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



ClubFest veterans Joseph and Joshua, nephews of Martín Chavez, Harbor, enjoy a day of picking cherries at Mile High Ranch in Beaumont, Calif. They tell *Alive!* that they read that ClubFest is set for Oct. 2, and they are ready to be there. Sounds great, Joseph and Joshua; we'll see you there!



Lorean Soo Hoo, LAPD, sent us this photo holding her copy of *Alive!* with the U.S. Capitol in the distance. She was in Washington, D.C., Feb. 7.



Alive! friend Marviana Jones, Public Works, writes: "This is a recent photo of me in Orlando, Florida, holding *Alive!* My husband, Bruce Jones, South LA Sanitation Refuse Collection Truck Operator, and I took a trip to the Wild Kingdom Animal Park." Thanks for sharing your trip with us, Marviana.

Congratulations, Martin, Lorean and Marviana!

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On Your Mark...

■ LAPD Communication Div. takes part in annual Memorial Relay Race.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor, with additional information by Dan Basiglio, Club Member
Photos by Arlene Herrero, Member Services Counselor

POLICE DEPT. — On June 18, LAPD Communications workers and supervisors participated in the 27th annual LAPD Memorial Run at the Police Academy in Elysian Park. The event enjoyed a good representation of PSRs and Senior PSRs to form two teams, one women's team and one in the Open Category.

The women's team took first place in their category, while the Open team completed the relay run with perseverance and character. (In other words, the team finished, but not in first place.)

The relay race was a benefit for the LAPD Support Group.

The event featured raffle giveaways, with four members of the Communications Division as winners. The prizes included a Disney watch, AMC/Cineplex movie tickets, and Knot's Berry

Farm tickets. The food was plentiful and free for those who participated.

Everyone is welcome to join the team for future events, and you don't have to run. There are always activities in these events for kids and adults alike without involving on running. For future events, contact Anita Whited for details.

The Club thanks Irma Perez, LAPRAAC General Manager, and of course Dan Basiglio, for their assistance in producing this article.

Here was the lineup that represented the Communications Division:

Women's Team

- Anita Whited (Team Capt.)
- Cathy Bushy
- Gricelda Aceves
- Angelina Ortega
- Maria Coronado



Open Team

- Dan Basiglio (Team Capt.)
- Capt. Andrew Smith
- Elise Rodriguez
- Carlos Mejia
- John Horowicz



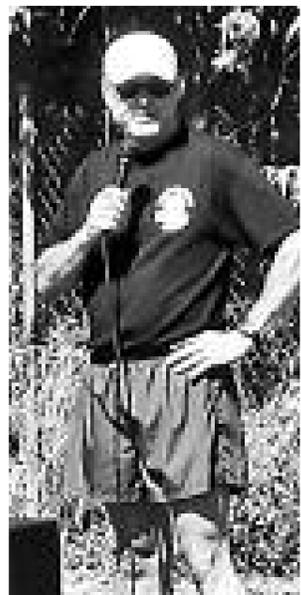
A race official is ready with his starter pistol.



Some women's team runners, from left: Gricelda Aceves, LAPD Communications, Club Member; and Anita Whited, LAPD Communications, Club Member.



The one-mile fun run/walk was for those 12 and under.



Deputy Chief Gary Brennan thanks everyone who participated.



The Los Angeles Police Emerald Society.



Off they go.



This event was a family affair for the Stiger family – you can never be too young or old to participate! Back, from left: Venessa Stiger, wife and mom; Officer Jody Stiger, LAPD Training Division; and Jody Stiger II. Middle: Amani, 7. Front: Nigel, 2.



Presentation of National Colors.



Some women's team runners, from left: Cathy Bushey, LAPD Communications, Club Member; Maria Coronado, LAPD Communications; and Angelina Ortega, LAPD Communications, Club Member.



Deputy Chief Mike Hillmann welcomes everyone on behalf of LAPD Chief William Bratton.



From left: Lita Payne, Fire and Police Pensions; and Irma Perez, LAPRAAC General Manager.



From left: Ryan, 11, with his mom, Officer Melanie Senneff, Foothill Division. Ryan trained for his event.



In the Los Angeles Police Federal Credit Union booth, from left: Hector Villalta, Nader Khalil, Rick Noubteau and Jorge Regalado.



From left: Capt. Andrew Smith, Commanding Officer, Central Community Police Station, Club Member; Carlos Mejia, LAPD Communications, Club Member; Elise Rodriguez, LAPD Communications; John Harowicz, LAPD Communications, Club Member; and Dan Basiglio, LAPD Communications, Club Member.

West LA Yard Open House

Sanitation's West L.A. District Yard holds open house.

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

PUBLIC WORKS — The West L.A. District Sanitation Yard held its open house June 25. It was the last of the sanitation yards to hold its open house.

The Club thanks Marviana Jones, Sal Miranda, Adriana Nunez and Lloyd Gaines for their assistance in helping us cover the story.



RCTO and Club Member Richard Humphrey stands next to his chalk artwork of a sanitation vehicle.



Isaiah L. Lewis, RCTO, 19 years, Club Member.



A Club Member serves food to the hungry guests, from left: Rafael Ramos, RCTO, 4 years, Club Member; and Willie Hunt, RCTO, 21 years.



From left: Jerome Johnson, RCTO 1.5 years, and Melford Oslon, RCTO, 24 years.



RCTO and Club Member Wortham Briscoe at the grilling station.



From left: Angel Gomez Jr. and Aden Gomez, sons of Angel Gomez Sr., the Club's Member Service Counselor.



RCTO Trainee Angel Gomez Jr. observes on how to use the hand radio from his RCTO Instructor Ben Jones.



From left: Adriana Nunez, Clerk Typist, Club Member, and Anthony D. Hatten, who provided music for entertainment.



Jacque Lorraine, GSD Fleet Services Supervisor, 24 years, Club Member, stands in front of one of the many vehicles his crew services.



Tony Cain, GSD Mechanic, 5 years.



Chris Reibsamen, GSD Mechanic, 21 years, puts his *Alive!* newspaper aside to explain the split blade packer.



From left: Valorie Keys and Club Member Marviana Jones staffing the popcorn machine.



In the vehicle is RCTO Trainee Angel Gomez Jr. (son of Club Member Services Manager Angel Gomez Sr.) with his RCTO Instructor Ben Jones, 2 years.



Standing in front of 2000 Peterbilt truck engine are, from left: Mike Margin, GSD, 33 years; Allan Moody, GSD Fleet, 24 years, Club Member; and Jacque Lorraine, GSD Fleet Supervisor, 24 years, Club Member.



From left: Scott Stanton, RCTO, 2 years, Club Member; April Broussard, Clerk, 18.5 years, Club Member; and Toni Chagolla, Clerk, 8 years, Club Member. Seated: Iveryanna Bufford, niece of Marviana Jones.



From left: Carlos Rodriguez, Container Services Repair & Replace, 6 years, and Desmond Gardner, Container Services Repair & Replace, 5 years.



A 2000 Peterbilt truck engine, made by Cummins. The engine is a 280-horsepower turbocharged diesel with an Allison transmission.



Acting Superintendent Lloyd Gaines with his son (holding red balloon) enjoy a group tour.



Donald L. Brown, RCTO, 19.5 years.



A fuel-cell-powered vehicle was displayed for the public.



Willie Hunt, RCTO, 21 years, Club Member.



RCTO and Club Member Richard Humphrey shows off his chalk artwork of how a refuse vehicle looked like before automation.



From left: Willie Toney, Bureau of Sanitation, 35 years; Ernesto Libunao, Bureau of Sanitation, 17 years; and Willie's wife, Claudette.



Adam Ulbrich, Waste Water Worker I, 1.5 years, stands next to a storm truck.

When It's Too Darn Hot

■ The LAFD offers suggestions about how to beat the summer heat.

FIRE DEPT. — The men and women of the Los Angeles Fire Department remind you to protect yourself in a heat wave: <http://www.lafd.org/heat.htm>

The best ways to be protected from the ill effects of excessive heat are to dress appropriately, stay indoors, refrain from strenuous work or exercise during the hottest part of the day, and stay hydrated.

Heat can kill by pushing the human body beyond its limits. Under normal conditions, the body's internal thermostat produces perspiration that evaporates and cools the body. However, in excessive heat and high humidity, evaporation is slowed and the body must work extra hard to maintain a normal temperature.

The effects of heat can quickly overcome the healthiest people, especially if they perform strenuous work during the warmest parts of the day. Symptoms of dehydration and heat illness may not be easily recognized.

Elderly people, young children, those who are sick, live alone or are overweight are more likely to become victims of excessive heat. Because men sweat more than women do, they become more quickly dehydrated and are more susceptible to heat illness.

Those under a doctor's care or taking medication should speak with their physician about their vulnerability to heat illness.

Pets, horses and livestock are also susceptible to difficulties from excessive heat. Animals do not perspire and rely on panting, wetting down, shade, cool earth, and drinking water for cooling. Animals cannot explain their needs, so it is up to people to take extra care that during heat waves, their needs are met.

During periods of excessive heat, the LAFD recommends that you assess your daily activities and discuss heat safety precautions with family, neighbors and co-workers.

If your home does not have air conditioning, choose other places you could go to get relief from the heat during the warmest part of the day. Schools, libraries, theaters,

and other community facilities often provide air-conditioned refuge on the hottest days.

Local officials have designated many cooling centers in the Greater Los Angeles area, especially for seniors and those at greatest risk to heat illness:

<http://www.lacity.org/updates/epddoc/4642758806282005.pdf>

- Los Angeles Firefighters remind everyone to:
- Learn the risks.
 - Prepare members of your household, pets and your workplace.
 - Plan to get relief from and avoid the effects of heat.

You should plan in advance to wear lightweight, light-colored clothing, that covers as much of your skin as possible as well as a well-ventilated hat with a wide brim. Light colors will reflect away the sun's rays more than dark colors, which absorb the sun's rays. Stay in the shade as much as possible and remain well hydrated.

When at work or on the road:

Never leave children or pets alone in a vehicle for even a brief moment. Temperatures inside a closed vehicle can reach more than 140 degrees within minutes. Exposure to such high temperatures can kill in minutes. Even on days that feel pleasantly warm outside, temperatures in a parked vehicle can raise high

enough to kill children and pets. Leaving a window open will not necessarily abate the danger.

Slow down. Avoid strenuous activity. Reduce, eliminate, or reschedule strenuous activities for a cooler part of the day. High-risk individuals should stay in cool places. Get plenty of rest to allow your natural "cooling system" to work. If you must do strenuous activity, do it during the coolest part of the day, which is usually in the early morning. Many heat emergencies are experienced by people exercising or working alone during the hottest part of the day. Use a buddy system.

Eat small meals and eat more often, and drink plenty of fluids even if you do not feel thirsty. Drink regularly and often. Your body needs water to keep cool. Water is the safest liquid to drink during heat emergencies. Avoid drinks with alcohol or caffeine. They make the heat's effects on your body worse.

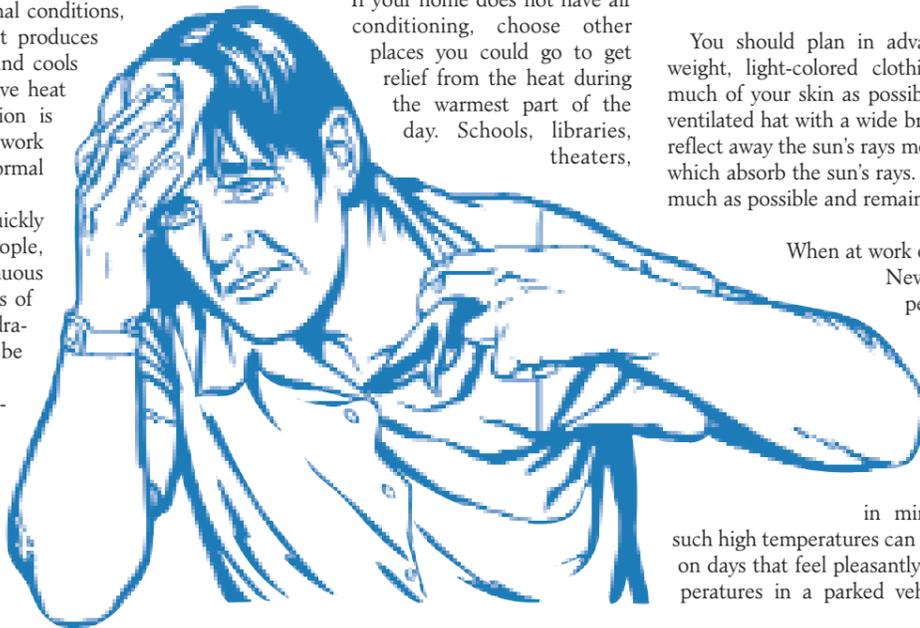
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Including our local fire weather: <http://www.lafd.org/firewx.htm>

You can help them by remaining cognizant of the dangers associated with hot weather, and keeping your home, family, neighborhood and workplace safe until cooler weather prevails.

If you have any questions or concerns about hot weather safety, please feel free to visit your Neighborhood Fire Station: <http://www.lafd.org/visit.htm>

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Bewitched
PG-13
Adults and Teens
My Score: 5 (out of 10)

A disappointing movie. There are lot of big stars in this movie; Will Ferrell (Jack Wyatt/Darren), Nicole Kidman (Isable Bigelow/Samantha), Shirley MacLaine (Iris Smythson/Endora) and Michael Canine (Nigel Bigelow). The premise behind this Bewitched is that Jack Wyatt is a floundering actor and his agent gets him the job as Darren on the remake of Bewitched. The casting crew has to find someone to play Samantha. Wyatt discovers Kidman in a store wiggling her nose. Kidman is hired, and no one knows she really is a witch. Kidman wants to live a normal life and not have to use her witch powers to get what she wants. The movie has scenes of Kidman using her powers (much like the TV show Bewitched) to get what she wants or to get someone.

This movie had its funny moments, but I would have thought it would have been funnier. Again you may want to wait for that DVD to come out; maybe the really funny scenes are in the outtakes.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD



The Honeyymooners
PG-13
Adults and Teens
My Score: 8 (out of 10)

Ralph Kramden is a bus driver, driving down a street in New York City. He passes a beautiful woman trying to hail a cab. Ralph slams down the breaks on the bus, almost causing several accidents, but that doesn't phase him. He backs up the bus to the woman and offers her a ride.

Ralph shares his dreams of making money and Alice shares her dream of having a home some day.

Six years later, we find them now married and living in an apartment. Ralph is still a bus driver and Alice is a waitress at a dumpy coffee shop. Both are still keeping their dreams alive.

The movie stars Cedric the Entertainer, Mike Epps, Regina Hall, Gabrielle Union, John Leguizamo and Eric Stoltz. Cedric deserves the moniker "The Entertainer." He really nails the Jackie Gleason role perfectly. Mike Epps is very good as the best friend Ed Norton, but filling the shoes of Art Carney is a little bit harder. Art had the moves with his tall, lanky body. Regina also nailed the role of Alice. John Leguizamo is nutty as ever. The movie was entertaining and amusing. A good remake. I would not mind a Honeyymooners 2.

— Deborah Bunt, DWP

The Honeyymooners
My Score: 4 (out of 10)

I was really disappointed in this movie. This obviously was an attempt to remake the TV show The Honeyymooners. Cedric the Entertainer plays Ralph Kramden, and Gabrielle Union plays his soon-to-be wife. Mike Epps plays Ed Norton and his wife is played by Regina Hall.

The movie starts off with Kramden, who works as a bus driver during the day and a wannabe inventor during the night. Kramden thinks he is going to get rich with his inventions and schemes, but only spends all of his and his wife's savings. One of his ideas is to buy a train in the subway and turn it into a sightseeing bus. The problem is after winning a train during an auction, he does not have enough money to get the train out of the subway. So he decides to contact a man who was also interested in the train at the auction and sells the train to this man. The story ends with the train having a very valuable bell worth \$1 million. But of course Kramden already sold the train. I love Cedric the Entertainer and thought this movie would be really funny, but it was not. It was very slow and I think I would recommend it as a DVD if you had nothing else to watch.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD



Mr. & Mrs. Smith
PG-13
Adults and Teens
My Score: 9 (out of 10)

This is one sexy, action-packed movie. Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie's chemistry heats up the big screen. Throughout the movie the couple is going through marriage counseling. The plot

thickens when they each discover they are working for rival "assassin squads," and their respective employers order them to kill the other or get killed if they fail. However, their skills are equally matched, and it's just hilarious to see what they have planned for each other. I especially liked the dinner scene on the first night they are suspicious of each other. Turns out their therapy to marital bliss was taking affect as they tried killing each other. This is one enjoyable movie.

— Chuck Beas, Public Works



Batman Begins
PG-13
Adults and Teens
My Score: 9 (out of 10)

Batman Begins is one of the movies to see this summer. The movie details the beginning of the Dark Knight's career as a crime fighter starting from when Bruce was a child and suffered

become engulfed with flames and fly; and, my favorite, Ben Grimm (Michael Chiklis from The Shield), who becomes monster-looking with super strength, but still has a heart of gold.

I thought the movie was very entertaining. It had a little renewed romance with Reed and Susan. It also had a lot of good action and special effects. Michael Chiklis as The Thing was funny and sensitive; you really could forget about his monster looks. He really pulled that off and that's something I don't think just anyone could do. I really enjoyed these four characters and hope they will be back on the big screen in a sequel. I do recommend the movie.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP



Cinderella Man
PG-13
Adults and Teens
My Score: 10 (out of 10)

Wow, what a great movie, based on a true story about James Braddock, a.k.a. the Cinderella Man (played by Russell Crowe). Braddock is a boxer during the Great Depression. Renee Zellweger plays Crowe's wife. Prior to the Great Depression, Braddock was an accomplished boxer. During the Great Depression, he is down on his luck and can barely feed his family. He has to go on public assistance. Braddock works on the docks to try to support his family. Braddock then starts boxing again so he can earn money to support his family. Braddock becomes an inspirational sports legend during a time when Americans were down on their luck.

There is so much to this movie besides boxing. It's a love story between Braddock and his wife. It's a story of a man doing everything to hold his family together. It's a story about never giving up on a dream. Ron Howard is the director and does a great job reenacting the time period. I think some Academy Awards will come out of this movie. This is a definite must-see movie.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

— THEATRE —



Hamlet
Independent Shakespeare Co.
Barnsdell Park
My Score: 9 (out of 10)

Looking for something unique, fun and free to do this summer? The Independent Shakespeare

Company is producing three of Shakespeare's plays at the Barnsdell Park in the Hollywood/Los Feliz area.

One of the plays is Hamlet, considered to be one of Shakespeare's finest works. This tragedy concerns Hamlet, the prince of Denmark, whose kingly father has suspiciously died. And his mother quickly marries the king's brother, Claudius. The play opens with several guards who witness the ghost of Hamlet's father and rush to tell the news to Hamlet, whereupon the father's ghost reveals himself to the prince and let it be known that he was poisoned. Thus the tale of treachery and revenge begins.

Even if you know very little of Shakespeare, this is a great production! It is presented so that everyone can understand. You will be engrossed in this story of ghosts, murder, revenge, madness and sword fights. There are great performances, especially by British actor David Melville as Hamlet. For a tragedy, there is also a lot of humor. The ensemble also stars Danny Campbell, Melissa Chalsma, Darrel Guilbeau, Matt Hurley, Jennifer Mefford, Michael Keith Morgan, Sean Pritchett, David Nathan Schwartz, Ben Simonetti, Bernadette Sullivan and Taka Yamamoto.

You can bring a picnic meal while enjoying the play. There are risers with chairs to sit on, or you can chose to bring a blanket or folding chairs to sit on the grassy area. You will also have a great view of the Hollywood Hills and the L.A. basin. When the sun goes down, the moon shines over the play, creating a magical effect. It's free, but make reservations at (818) 710-6306. Shows start at 7:30 p.m. and play on Sunday nights through August.

— Dan Basiglio, LAPD

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Mr. & Mrs. Smith
My Score: 9 (out of 10)

Two of the hottest actors in Hollywood, Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, pair up to star as John and Jane Smith. They appear to be just an ordinary suburban couple, but in reality they are both paid assassins for different firms. Both have kept their job a secret from one another. But the secrets are exposed and they try to kill each other. This ignites their passion, which had faded after six years of marriage and they reunite as a couple. But now they have to go on the run because their firms both put out contracts on them and every assassin available are after them.

I really enjoyed the action and suspense. Not to mention, watching these two beautiful actors together as a couple. I sure hope they are paired up again or even make a sequel to this movie. They sizzle! The story itself was very good, a new type of love story.

— Deborah Bunt, DWP



The Perfect Man
PG
Adults and Teens
My Score: 8 (out of 10)

Hard to believe that Heather Locklear would be hired to play a woman who could use help to find a good man, but her character in this movie sure needed help. And the help came from an unusual person, her daughter, played by the very popular Hilary Duff.

Hilary plays Holly, who hooks up with a girl at her new high school and they come up with the idea of a mystery boyfriend. Under the pretense of writing a paper for school, Holly asks the girl's charming and very handsome Uncle Ben, played by Chris Noth, on what makes a good male/female relationship work.

Holly then uses this information and sends her mother flowers, love letters, e-mails and a photo of her friend's Uncle (without his knowledge). But as Holly gets to know the uncle, she realizes that he is the perfect man for her mother. The problem now is to get Uncle Ben to realize that.

This was a very cute romantic comedy. Heather pulled off her character perfectly. And Hilary easily pulls off playing a teenager. She has a brightness about her that makes her very enjoyable to watch. Her legion of fans will surely enjoy this movie. It is like two love stories for the price of one. Holly too finds love. Chris Noth is very believable as the perfect man. What a hunk!

— Deborah Bunt, DWP



Fantastic Four
PG-13
Adults and Teens
My Score: 8 (out of 10)

Another Marvel Comic Book comes to the big screen. Five people go into space and, due to a freak storm, they all come back with super powers. Four of them use their powers for good and are labeled by the public "The Fantastic Four," and the other one uses his powers for evil.

The Fantastic Four consists of Reed Richards, who can elongate his body; Susan Storm (Jessica Alba), who can become invisible; her brother Johnny Storm, who has a great sense of humor and fun and can

Critic's Corner What I Read



Winter Woman
Jenna Kernan
Harlequin Historical
296 pages
Romantic Adventure
Adult
My Score: 8 (out of 10)

It's 1835, and Cordelia Channing is still alive, barely, after surviving a winter alone in the mountains. Two flathead Indians find her camp: "They were the first human beings she'd seen in seven months. Her food was nearly gone. Yet, she feared capture. In the end she recognized them as her last chance. Without immediate help, she'd die beside her roofless hut and mired wagon, so she'd crossed the meadow to meet her fate. And they'd rescued her."

The Indians take her to the only white man they know of: Thomas Nash, telling him she has great powers because she'd survived, and they name her Winter Woman. Being a Harlequin you know this is a romance, but the story is interesting. The descriptions of the different people, the land, survival skills, trapping, warring and the interplay of all are woven together like a warm quilt. I liked it.

— Barbara Johnson, Personnel



Gunman's Dawn
Gary Wayne
Xlibris Corp.
240 pages
Western
Teens and adult
My Score: 8 (out of 10)

It is 1876 in the Black Hills of the Dakota Territory, and "John Howard checked his guns ... though he bristled at the approach of the soldiers, he had no intention of running from them; he was confident he was not on any

wanted posters."

So begins a cleverly crafted western set in 1876 when the Civil War is 10 years past, the Indians are fighting for their land, and life is harsh in America.

John Howard is an excellent gunslinger who happens upon an honest lieutenant in the Union Army (something he didn't think existed), a violent sergeant in the same army, and the Reverend Hightower with his two beautiful daughters. Howard is drifting when these men and women inadvertently change his life in the Gold Valley of the Dakota Territory.

I won't tell you all of the twists and turns (there are many), but suffice it to say the tale is interesting and keeps you involved. Violence is fierce in the book (though not gory or seemingly gratuitous), but the story is just as strong. This is a book I think both men and women will like, certainly any fan of Westerns should enjoy it. It is an easy read with strong characters and some history of the people and the land during this time.

— Barbara Johnson, Personnel



Deadly Intent
Christine Heggan
Mira Books
394 pages
Mystery
Adult
My Score: 7 (out of 10)

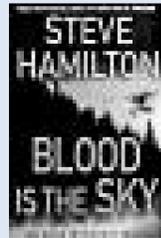
"On his forty-third birthday, which nobody gave a crap about, Ian MacGregor decided he'd had it with prison life..."

Abbie DiAngelo is a successful chef with her own restaurant. Her nine-year-old son, Ben, is doing well after the divorce, her mother is in the early stages of Alzheimer's, and she's got two good friends to keep her content. Everything is about to change though, now that her stepbrother is out of prison and on his way to see her after a 25-year absence. Ian tells Abbie that he has proof that her mother set

the fire that killed his father and tore apart their blended family.

Someone dies, and homicide detective John Ryan enters the scene to put the pieces together. Included in the puzzle are Ian's long-suffering girlfriend, Rose, his scarred sister Liz, a pedophile, and a crazy ex-employee of Abbie's. The book is pretty good. I wouldn't say it is a super-thriller, but it has some good emotional relationships between the characters.

— Barbara Johnson, Personnel



Blood Is the Sky
Steve Hamilton
St. Martin's Press
330 pages
Mystery
Adults
My Score: 8 (out of 10)

This is an Alex McKnight novel, the ex-Detroit cop who always helps his friends out. This particular friend is Vinnie "Red Sky" LeBlac, an Ojibwa Indian who needs help to find his brother, Tom. Tom is missing after signing on to be a guide for a group of businessmen on a hunting trip into Canada.

The book starts with Alex beginning to rebuild the cabin his father had built by hand years before. "This gentleman and I, we had a little disagreement," Alex says about the arson and need for rebuilding. It is October in Michigan, and Vinnie shows up unannounced, and proceeds to help by "[grabbing] a log and toss[ing] it into the brush ... that'll be your waste pile."

Vinnie and Alex are trying to get past a past falling out during the cabin building. It is then that Tom doesn't return and things get challenging. Tom had been pretending to be Vinnie who wasn't there because he was helping Alex... and so it goes.

During the hunt for Tom they find clues about the men who signed Tom on as a guide and the lodge owners and workers where the

party departed from... it is a twisted tale that is much deeper and insidious than either of them could have believed at its inception. A good read.

— Barbara Johnson, Personnel



Traitor's Knot
Janny Wurts
Meisba Merlin Publishing Inc.
592 pages
Fantasy
Teens and adults
My Score: 10 (out of 10)

If you have not read any of this author's books, do not start with this one.

This is a fabulous book, but it is book seven in a series. You cannot read this book as a stand-alone. You need to read the series (and if you are a sci-fi/fantasy fan, you will want to hop on the Janny Wurts band wagon as this author is going far). This is a fantasy series that has everything.

The characters are deep and "real;" you can't help but feel for what they are going through because the writing is so well done. Also roles are reversed. The person you think should be the good guy is actually the bad guy and the guy who should be bad (really with everything that Arithon has been through at the hands of his brother and others he really should be an evil monster) is anything but. There is action, comedy, pain, loss, hope and despair, and the series is guaranteed to keep you on the edge of your seat at least once during every book. I find myself holding my breath quite often when reading Janny's books.

Start this series from the first book, The Curse of the Mistwraith, to avoid confusion. Be warned, though: the words are large and there are many of them.

— Annette Van Koevering, Library

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Jackie Zarate, President

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the organization. LACECA is dedicated to promoting equal employment opportunities in our workplace, City government and community. It sponsors and supports a variety of training events and seminars to assist employees in their career development. Meetings are usually held the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Personnel Department Building, 700 E. Temple Street. Contact Carlos Portillo, (310) 547-4610, email portillo2339@sbcglobal.net or write to LACECA, P.O. Box 53590, Los Angeles, CA 90053.

Note: On Saturday, Sept. 17, in recognition of Latino Heritage Month, LACECA will co-sponsor the dedication of an exhibit at the Drum Barracks Civil War Museum that will illuminate the role that Hispanics played in the Civil War. Look for more information on this excellent event in this month's *Alive!*

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Los Angeles Municipal Accountants and Auditors Association

LAMAAA is a professional organization of municipal and local government accounting, fiscal and auditing practitioners with a membership of more than 300. The conference was a City-sponsored event. All those who participated were either City or DWP employees.

THE GROUP'S MISSION IS:

- To develop members and assist them acquire the necessary skills to promote themselves towards better positions and responsibilities.
- To promote and perpetuate the prestige and professional status of municipal accountants and auditors.
- To assist each other and develop professional camaraderie, team spirit and cooperation among its members.
- To develop and improve educational techniques in management, commercial, proprietary, governmental accounting and auditing.

IT ACCOMPLISHES ITS MISSION BY:

- Present experts as guest speakers at monthly meetings.
- Host trainings, seminars and other educational programs.
- Publish online newsletters and other informational materials.
- Provide opportunities for members to know and network with their colleagues in other agencies and departments.

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LAMAAA membership is open to all current employees of the City who are either performing accounting, auditing or fiscal functions or have the required educational background or degree in accounting but are in a different job classification. Applicants must fill out a membership application form and submit it with a \$10 donation to the LAMAAA representative in his/her department.

Cooking with the Club

by our own
Robert Larios



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These Ideas Say 'Summer'

Nick's Burgers – Nick Richardson, Rec and Parks

INGREDIENTS

- 2 beef patties
- 2 slices red onion, 1/2-inch thick
- Barbecue sauce
- 6 ounces bleu cheese
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 6 drops Tabasco sauce
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 2 hamburger buns
- Salt and pepper to taste



DIRECTIONS:

Grill the onion slices and brush barbecue sauce on each side. Loosely wrap in foil and set aside. Grill burger to your taste: rare, medium, well done, etc. Toast the buns. Combine the remaining ingredients. Place onion slice on bottom bun, followed by beef patty. Top patty with generous dollop of bleu cheese mixture. Top with bun. Serves 2.

August Roast Marinade – Roger Stanley, Airports

INGREDIENTS

- 1 standing rib roast
- Worcestershire sauce or A1 sauce
- Horseradish
- Steak seasoning



DIRECTIONS:

Slather on sauce, then apply horseradish and finally sprinkle with seasoning. Let sit overnight.

California Chicken – Tim Thompson, DWP

INGREDIENTS

- 4 boneless chicken breasts
- 1/4 cup honey
- 2 tablespoons frozen orange juice concentrate
- 1 teaspoon orange zest
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper, crushed



DIRECTIONS:

Combine honey, orange juice, zest, garlic, salt and pepper flakes. Grill breasts so the meat temperature is 160 degrees F. It doesn't take long! Near the end, apply a generous coating to both sides, sear so the sugars start to caramelize. Serve with remaining sauce spooned over meat.

If you want to do this on the stove: In skillet, heat 1 teaspoon oil and 1 tablespoon margarine. Add breasts and cook 4 minutes, turn and cook another 4 minutes. Pour honey mixture over chicken and cook until thickened. Coat both sides of chicken with honey mixture. Serve with sauce spooned over breasts.

The summer is sizzling now, and we are all in the middle of it. But that's okay because, while we bake in the summer sun, our barbecue sets can grill great food for us.

Nick Richardson has the right idea when it comes to barbecuing. When you have a recipe to share that calls for burgers, barbecue sauce, bleu cheese and Tabasco sauce, you have the makings of a world-class meal. That is exactly what Nick is sharing with his recipe Nick's Burgers. I have to say that if Nick ever decides to open a hamburger stand, I will be his first customer.

I love a roast in the winter for its warming effects, but how many people make a roast in the summer? Roger Stanley of Airports does! And after I tried his recipe, I will be making his August Roast recipe all year! He makes it clear that the flavor is brought out to its full strength only after it sits in the refrigerator overnight.

Maria's recipe for Chicken Thighs requires a similar overnight process. Marinating chicken thighs is the call of the day when making this very delicious dish. I think Maria has the right idea when using Italian dressing as marinade because Italian dressing has a unique blend and contains a perfect ingredient of flavor.

I asked Tim Thompson why he called his recipe the California Chicken. He says it is because he uses honey and oranges, food products made here in California! It makes sense, Tim. He also says that he had a tough time get-



ting his children to eat chicken until he put together this sweet but flavorful recipe. He recommends trying this one for anyone with finicky children.

How fitting that Julie Stubbs of the Fire Department is sharing a heat-quenching drink called Julie's Boston Iced Tea? This will certainly wash down your thirst and is a perfect complement to any of the other dishes mentioned.

Take care during these hot summer days and remember to keep it simple but tasty in the kitchen!

Oh, and Happy Birthday Mom!

Maria's Chicken Thighs – Maria Tanner, Gen. Services

INGREDIENTS

- 20 ounces catsup
- 1/3 cup oil
- 1/3 cup cider vinegar
- 1 1/2 cups onions, chopped
- 3 garlic cloves
- 2 tablespoons dark brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons jalapeño peppers, diced
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 12 chicken thighs



This is a technique for making chicken thighs. You can use your favorite barbecue sauce. Two secrets: marinate overnight in Italian dressing and, after partially cooking, soak and simmer in sauce. This uses a huge amount of sauce!

DIRECTIONS:

Make the sauce the day before. In saucepan, heat oil. Sauté onions and garlic. Add remaining ingredients and cook for 10 to 15 minutes. Marinate thighs overnight in Italian salad dressing. Cook using indirect heat until temp reaches 170 degrees F (one to three hours). Soak in sauce for one hour with a loose covering of foil. Just before serving, crisp up over direct heat.

Julie's Boston Iced Tea – Julie Stubbs, LAFD

INGREDIENTS

- 1 gallon water
- 1 cup white sugar
- 15 tea bags
- 1 (12-ounce) can frozen cranberry juice concentrate



DIRECTIONS:

Put water in large pot, and heat on high until boiling. Add sugar and stir until dissolved. Add teabags and let steep until desired strength is acquired. Stir in cranberry juice concentrate, and allow to cool.

Time: approx. 20 minutes. Cook time: approx. 15 minutes. Ready in approx. 35 minutes. Makes 14 servings.

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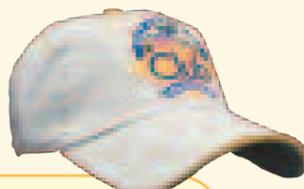
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