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## First Meeting Shows Public Safety on Rise

■ **Oversight Committee for new Office of Public Safety meets for first time and is told that consolidation went smoothly, calls for service are up.**

**GENERAL SERVICES** — The historic consolidation of the City's (non-police) security services into one office in General Services took place in February. The Oversight Committee for the new office met July 26 for the first time, an important step in the continued strengthening of the City's public safety services.

The Oversight Committee's first meeting took place at City Hall's Public Works Board Room.

The new Office of Public Safety consolidates officers from the following departments:

- Library
- Rec and Parks
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76 M	Retirement System	Cancer	\$5,058.76
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# ClubFest Time Is Fun for All

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



As you can see by the front cover, ClubFest is rapidly approaching!

In fact, it's just a couple weeks away.

What's ClubFest, you ask? Well, it's an all-day, all-you-can-eat outdoor festival with picnic games, swimming, paddle boat rides, bingo, raffles, pony rides, bouncers, water slides, hay rides and much more.

Best of all, the food and activities are blanketed with the energetic and eclectic sounds of live music. There are many talented City employees out there – we know that for sure. Some of you are musicians, and we are happy to have three bands at ClubFest that feature City employees. You can be proud of the talent of these fellow City employees while you are singing and grooving to the beats.

If you haven't been to ClubFest, you really should go. Come by yourself, with a friend, or bring your family. It's great for everyone. Other than Christmas, it's my family's second favorite event of the year. Give it a try, extend your summer fun into October. Buy your tickets today, before they're sold out.

Are you a City Girl? Then show it! Buy one (or more) of these great new City shirts, brought to you by the Club. They're high quality and affordable, too. Check out the back page for all the details.

Make sure you check out the other good things in this issue. And remember it's back to school time, so be careful driving in school zones. Those are a parent's dreams, walking across the street.

See you at ClubFest!

**JOHN**

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# Great Open House!



From left: Wortham Briscoe, RCTO, Club Member; Richard Humphrey, RCTO, Club Member; Bill Rosendahl, Councilman; Cynthia Ruiz, Board of Public Works; Lloyd Gaines, WLA Superintendent; Melford Oshon; Bonaventure Butts, RCTO, Club Member; and Robert Parra, Club Member.

## ■ Councilmember congratulates West L.A. Yard for its successful open house.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor  
Photos courtesy Bonaventure Butts, Public Works

**PUBLIC WORKS** — The City bestowed upon the crew at the West L.A. District Refuse Collection Yard a Certificate of Commendation for another successful open house. The City citation was presented to the yard by Councilman Bill Rosendahl at the open house, June 24. He presented it to Lloyd Gaines, West L.A.



From left: Lloyd Gaines, WLA Superintendent, accepts a Certificate of Commendation on behalf of the West L.A. Yard. He is pictured with Councilman Bill Rosendahl and Cynthia Ruiz, Board of Public Works.

*Congratulations, West L.A. Yard, and thanks to Lloyd Gaines for his assistance.*

## The Word on the Street



**Cecilia Talbot,**  
Club Claims Administrator

*You probably won't get to meet Club Claims Administrator Cecilia Talbot very often ... until you really need her. That's when her service shines. So, to assure you that you are in good hands, from time to time Alive! will reprint letters commending the service given by Cecilia and her excellent staff. —Ed.*

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

*Trust the Club's insurance and claims services when you need them the most.*

I was treated with the utmost respect. Every staff member I contacted was helpful and courteous. Cecilia played an instrumental role by ensuring the claim was processed in a timely fashion. She was very, very nice to me :) The [entire] staff needs to be commended on their professional attitude and pleasant smiles. Jackie went beyond the call of duty and mailed me a book, so that I would be able to explain to my little one where Granny went. Henry was wonderful. Thank you all!

— Wynemia Taylor, July 2006

The service was "excellent. All the employees are very helpful, especially Cecilia Talbot. It's a nice and touching book.

— Ethelinda Q. Llanera, June 2006

I was treated with respect, compassion and helpfulness. Cecilia was great! [She was] knowledgeable and professional.

— Dianne Hepburn, June 2006



## CLUB Department Representatives

- Catalina Alvarado** LAPD - Jail
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- Carmen Steward** Fire & Police Pensions
- Myra Vines** Planning
- Deborah Winger** DWP-Valley - Customer Svc



These are the faces behind the Club. Our staff is dedicated to helping our members receive the maximum benefit from their membership. If you have questions, concerns or suggestions about your Club, our counselors are ready to help.

**Need help? Find your Counselor**  
When contacting the Club, ask for the counselor that handles your department.



**2003 President's Award Recipient**  
**Arlene Herrero**  
Member Services Counselor

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## Meet the Club Team



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### 2004 President's Award Recipient



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Member Services Counselor



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Member Services Manager



**Jessica Segura**  
Merchandise and Ticket Sales Coordinator

# LETTERS

## To the Editor

### Mexican Lasagna: Quality Is Not the Issue ... Quantity Is

I'm intrigued by Chef Robert's Mexican lasagna recipe, but I did not find anywhere in the article the number of servings it makes. Can you tell me?

– **Richard Welch, Retired City Employee, Club Member**

*Good catch, Richard! I too realized that the number of servings of the recipe was missing in the recipe. But here's the answer. With the quantity I used, I was able to get 8 to 10 servings. You may reduce or increase the quantities for each ingredient to fit the serving size you seek. – Chef Larios*

### Country Drive in Roadster Is Now Minus the Country

First thing I do the moment I get all cozy and comfy in my '27 Model T is turn on my favorite radio station, KZLA 93.9. It's the only country music station in Los Angeles and, I might add, fine as cream gravy ... well, at least it was. So, last Sunday I did just that, I settled down and turned on the radio, anticipating the sweet melodic tunes of Kenny Chesney, Dierks Bentley or Sara Evans.

But as soon as I turned on my radio, all I heard was a bunch of musical garbage coming out of the speakers. I was full as a tick! I checked the station nine ways to Sunday to make sure I was on 93.9...which I was, but I just kept hearing that dagnam newfangled music: some guy they call Prince and then some lady they call the Madonna. Maybe the Prince and the Madonna ought to get together and hightail it out of my radio! Well, come to find out, KZLA, after 25 years, is no longer. It has been replaced by some funky new station headed up by that four-flusher Rick Dees. Guess it's time to buy one of those satellite radios.

– **John Beacheau, Retired City Employee**

*We presume you've customized your 1927 Model T (the last year for the Model T, actually) and added a radio with FM. If it would surprise Henry Ford that you have added an FM radio to his historic buggy, how much more would it shock him if you added a satellite radio! Still, we mourn for the loss of your country station, John. We'll take Sara Evans over Madonna any day and a month of Sundays. — Ed*

### Recent City Hall Fire Adds To List of the Unexplained

I heard that City Hall had a fire emergency on its ninth floor. What was interesting to me is that there was no one on the floor when it happened.

Considering the last few previous letters to the editor about the City Hall ghosts, could this be another one of those unexplained phenomena? If my memory serves me right, the automatic fire sprinklers were initiated late in the evening and this is when the spirits come out. If no one can explain it, then this would make a stronger case for it, I think.

– **Henry Thames, General Services**

### Why Yes, Mike, It's Oct. 1; Get Your ClubFest Tix Now

Does anyone know when ClubFest is coming again? The kids keep bugging me about it, it's all they've been talking about since we went last year – obviously they had a blast. Please let me know, I'd appreciate it.

– **Mike Simpson, Public Works**

### 'Brick' Story Lays It Out: City Has Great Employees

I really liked the James Feagin story, "Brick by Brick." I am surprised with the kind of people we have in the City like Mr. Feagin. I still can't believe that he has 12 licenses and registrations; is that possible? I'm very impressed. Not only that but he has great taste in music in Miles Davis. It was a well-made article and I give great kudos to everyone associated with *Alive!* that put this column together, having the foresight to recognize and place Mr. Feagin in the limelight and to share his amazing life. It's an honor to call him a fellow City employee.

– **Roger Teller, Rec and Parks Retired City Employee and loyal Club member**

### Fireworks Fiasco, Unfixed Holes Are Really Chapping His Hide

There are a few things that rub me the wrong way, the last few weeks especially.

To start, I bought some fireworks for my family to enjoy a few days before the Fourth of July (it's legal in Alhambra, by the way). I was happily surprised to find out that the fireworks vendor was able to accept credit card! Any chance I get to swipe my card, I use it to get airline rewards. Well, I still had to pay by cash because the cashier said that the transaction didn't go through. I knew it was too good to be true, but I was prepared to pay with cash anyway. Three days later, I checked my credit card statement and there was a debit from this fireworks vendor for the same amount that I paid cash with. To make this long story short – the fireworks vendor avoided all contact with me, and I expect that their headquarters won't do anything to correct their wrongdoing. What a rip-off.

And since I'm on the topic of wrongdoings and rip-offs, another thing that chaps my hide is the lack of maintenance of the street pavement where my Dad lives. It hasn't been maintained since the mid 1980s, and it's about time that City Hall got off their rear-ends and did something about it instead of having press conferences that they have filled thousands of potholes already, when the five potholes on my Dad's street still look like war trenches.

– **Matt Lawler, Rec and Parks**

### Corrections



In our recycling story in the August issue, a photo from Ontario Airport had an incorrect cutline. Here is the correct cutline; we apologize for the error:

Ontario Airport, back row from left: Clemon Shelton, Arturo Saenz, Ken O'Brien and Lodis Woodmore. Front row: Fernando Alday, Arturo Galvan, Robert Garcia and Carmen DeJonge.



We also misspelled a last name in our births section. Here is the correct spelling; we apologize for the error:

Rachel P. Lowry, born to Randy and Michelle Lowry. Randy is a Senior Plumber, Rec and Parks. Michelle works at North District Building Maintenance, General Services.

## QUESTION ? of the Month

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

### What will you remember most about this summer?



"I spent my summer working at the Evergreen Recreation Center, making sure all the kids went home safely with their parents."

– **Irene Gomez, Recreation Assistant II, Rec and Parks, 10 years.**



"Having fun with my family and being really busy at work."

– **Elizabeth Nunez, Detention Officer, LAPD, 2 years.**



"This has been one of the all-time hottest summers for me."

– **Judy Martin, Principal Detention Officer, LAPD, 17 years.**



"Preparing for my daughter's senior year in high school."

– **Yvette Vasquez, Principal Detention Officer and Assistant Officer in Charge, LAPD, 19 years.**



"I got engaged!"

– **Suzanne Meuser, Sr. Clerk Typist, LAPD, 20 years.**



"My family and I were involved in power outages during the incredible heat waves."

– **James Lemos, Principal Detention Officer, LAPD 18 years.**



"Just like most people who experienced it, the heat wave!"

– **Willie Owens, Senior Detention Officer, 15.5 years.**



"The crazy lines at the airport when I got back from vacation overseas due to the terrorist activity in England."

– **Dorothy Keller, Management Analyst, Rec and Parks, 14 years.**



"Moving to a new house!"

– **Sarita Williams, Detention Officer, LAPD, 2 years.**



"I got to see three separate car chases this summer."

– **Tina Tsai, Management Analyst, General Services, 2 years.**

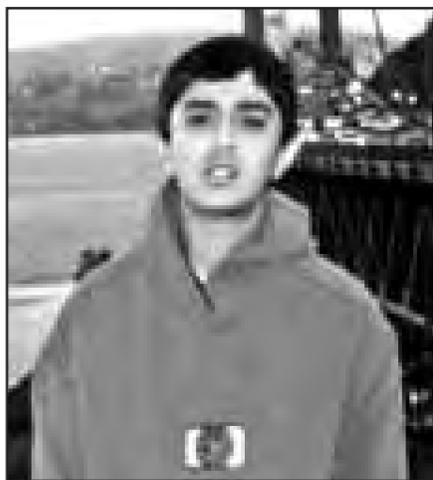
# Life's Important Moments

## 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.



Melissa Kramer graduated from Cal State LA with a Master's degree in Criminalistics. Melissa works for LAPD as a criminalist. Melissa's photo was submitted by her father, Andrew Kramer, who retired from Rec and Parks after 30 years of service.



Ashhad A. Khan graduated from Palm Middle School. He wants to be a doctor and a basketball player. He graduated from the Cheviot Hills Swimming Club and wants to be on the Hamilton High Basketball Team next year. His father is Javed A. Khan, Airport Police.

## Births



Samuel Bruno Franco, born July 13 to Kerry and Oscar Franco. Granddad is Red Medina, Construction Inspector, Public Works. Grandmom is Lupe Medina, Club staff member.



Nicholas C. Ganier Jr., born June 20 to Kimberly and Nicholas Ganier. Kimberly is PSR II, LAPD.

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**Mercedes Medellin**, Secretary, LAPD, 20

**Rebecca Nadon**, Police Service Rep., LAPD, 20

**Florence Nielsen**, DWP

**Thomas Owsley**, Wastewater Collection Worker, Public Works, 42

**Michael Parrish**, DWP

**Romeo Pascual**, DWP

**Thomas Petrique**, Management Analyst, Rec and Parks, 34

**Edward Pina**, Sheet Metal Worker, General Services, 31

**Arthur Ramirez**, Maintenance Laborer, Public Works, 25

**Arthur Rudnick**, Lumber Supervisor, General Services, 17

**Seferino Salazar**, Gardener Caretaker, Rec and Parks, 20

**Patricia Saucier\***, DWP

**Bernhard Schoentag**, DWP

**Bobken Simonians**, Director of Housing, Housing, 10

**Carmen Steffey**, Sr. Gardener, Rec and Parks, 22

**Gloria Thomas**, Tax Compliance Officer, Finance, 41

**Walter Tillman**, Street Maint. Supervisor, Public Works, 39

**Dina Torres**, Clerk Typist, Public Works, 25

**Flora Trostler**, Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney, 26

**Charlene Valdez**, DWP

**Don Wade**, Signal Systems Electrician, Transportation, 30

**Lawrence Wade**, Airports Mtce. Supv., Airports, 30

**John Wang\***, DWP

**William Wood\***, DWP

**Victor Yashuhara**, DWP

**Douglas Yeretizian**, Helicopter Mech. Sup., General Services, 28

**Patrick Zahn**, DWP

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## In Memoriam

*Our thoughts and condolences are with the family and friends of the following current and retired City employees who have passed away. The number after the name indicates years of service.*

### Active

**John Blansfield**, DWP, 25

**Philip Buza**, DWP, 29

### Retired

**Arthur Alexander**, Controller, 25

**Robert Anderson**, Transportation, 30

**William Askew**, DWP, 33

**Harold Baird**, Public Works, 28

**Henry Baldwin**, DWP, 37

**Patricia Bales**, Library, 16

**William Baron**, Public Works, 30

**Kenneth Becker**, LAPD, 10

**David Bendickson\***, DWP, 25

**Robert Bobo**, General Services, 28

**Lloyd Bradach**, DWP, 30

**Albert Brethour Sr.**, Building and Safety, 21

**Walter Burns**, DWP, 40

**Claude Carter**, DWP, 37

**Jesse Carter**, General Services, 38

**Robert Chamberlin**, DWP, 39

**Dean Colbert**, DWP, 29

**Howard Crist**, DWP, 33

**David Dizon**, ITA, 19

**Glenn Donofrio**, Building and Safety, 31

**Martin Dubowsky**, Public Works, 38

**Albert Franklin**, Rec and Parks, 15

**Margaret Gianelli**, DWP, 21

**Roma Goesman**, LAPD, 20

**Maria Gomez**, Library, 9

**Verna Groark**, DWP, 20

**Beatrice Haney**, DWP, 35

**Jacoba Haws**, DWP, 23

**Paul Holderness**, DWP, 30

**Luther Hooks**, Transportation, 25

**Jeston James**, Building and Safety, 6

**Charles Jones**, DWP, 24

**Albert Kent**, General Services, 15

**Joel Landsaw**, DWP, 26

**James Leiker**, ISD, 10

**Helen Lewis**, City Clerk, 12

**John Lytton**, General Services, 23

**Doris Marquez**, City Clerk, 35

**Claude Martin**, Harbor, 21

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**Gloria Martinez**, DWP, 27

**Charlie Matthew**, DWP, 23

**George Miasnikov**, DWP, 35

**George Mount**, Transportation, 29

**Jose Munoz**, Parks, 18

**Donald Newswanger**, Building and Safety, 35

**Anthony Okolski**, Public Works, 18

**James Parham**, Airports, 6

**Abraham Pearlstein**, Airports, 17

**Henry Pigford**, DWP, 26

**Miguel Puig**, Rec and Parks, 31

**Della Rizzo**, General Services, 16

**William Savannah**, DWP, 30

**Edwin Schweitzer**, DWP, 38

**Johnietta Thomas**, DWP, 42

**Euripides Toro**, DWP, 30

**Agnes Ulin**, Library, 15

**Wendell Venerable**, Public Works, 23

**Edna Zeimet**, General Services, 15

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Send paper notices and print photos to: *Alive!* 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071

## New Members

### Welcome New Members!

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

#### Airports

Craig Abrahams  
Henry Aiguokhian  
Tramel Akins  
Lin Aragon  
Luis Arellano  
Marie Avila  
Dora Barrientos  
Denard Booker  
Lilia Cervantes  
Steven Crosby  
Amanda Cuellar  
Patricia Dahma  
Jose Del Rio  
Rosario Diaz  
Christopher Dillon  
Charles Dirden III  
William Dominguez  
Linda Enriquez  
Nedra Fallon  
Tyree Glibert  
Martha Gonzalez  
Norene Hastings  
Marvin Hernandez  
Toni Jackson  
Jose Jimenez Jr.  
LaShunde Lambert  
Janet LeGras  
Mark Logan  
Juan Lopez  
Sharlene Martinez  
Roderick Merrick  
Matt Patrick  
Ana Perez  
Vincent Price  
Rosa Ramurez  
Rogelio Rios  
Michael Rodriguez  
Marta Rosales  
Andres Ruiz  
Roberto Saravia  
Sigma Scot  
Victor Sosa  
Radford Spencer  
Kevin St. Cyr  
Geovanny Suarez

Sa Lina Tasker  
Deordis Taylor  
Tasha L Tennell  
Chel Tinsley  
Damir Tomas  
Stefanie Van Reyn  
Ernesto Wicab  
Dashonda Woods

#### Animal Services

Wendy Brown  
Sylvia Flores  
Tomika Johnson  
Yuliya Kalashnikova  
Jaqueline Mora

#### Building and Safety

Cimone Daniels  
Pat Novak

#### City Attorney's Office

Geraldo Jimenez  
Alma Martinez

#### Community Development

Maria Castillo  
Lisa Ivy  
Michelle Rose

#### Personnel

Lee Turner

#### Information Technology Agency

Tawanna Monroe

#### Fire

Aaron Campbell  
Chance Kenney

#### Harbor

Chris Bautista  
Timothy Buxton  
Rodrigo Cayax  
Janet Fernan  
Norah Garcia  
Adrian Ornelas

Jose Ortega  
Tawfik Razkalla  
Martin Renteria  
Rebecca Rojas  
Ian Schunke  
Gina Svicarovich  
Tawana Tyler  
William Yocham

#### General Services

Pedro Arreola  
Christine Campos  
Mike De Leon  
Alvin Goya  
Sean Hall  
Joseph Juarez Jr.  
Lartrice Lockett  
Anthony Lozze  
Sandra Melara  
Carlos Ramirez

#### Library

Asucena Betancourt  
Jose Bravo  
Patricia Gonzalez  
Iris Rojas-Bertrand  
Patricia Rostomian

#### Housing

Crystal Armstrong  
Ramiro Lopez  
Oribel Rositas

#### Convention Center

Reynaldo Ramirez

#### Planning

James Williams

#### Police

Val Balaton  
Alberto Baqueiro  
Jerry Delgado  
Marie Fimbres  
Michael Fisher  
John Grogan

Linda Lai Ly  
Judith Martin  
Jose Melendez  
Cynthia Morales  
JoAnn Pinzon  
Magdalene Provencio  
Marisol Rodriguez  
Jorge Swayne  
Yvette Vasquez  
Wanda Williams  
Stephen Wilson

#### Public Works - Accounting

Wilken Quon  
Veronica West

#### Public Works - Engineering

Shelly Stallworth  
Roxana Villa  
Amber Wimberley

#### Public Works - Sanitation

Josh Alvarez  
Lonnell Bishop  
Michael Derby  
Derrick Hall  
Heather Holmes  
Michael Montoya  
Jeffrey Richard  
Vincente Ruiz  
Stefan Sadeli  
Joseph Tucker  
Michael Walker

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Daniel Alvarez  
Malcolm Campbell  
Alfred Jenkins  
Dante Jones  
Leo Rodriguez  
James Dotson

#### Rec and Parks

Robert Contreras  
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Kevin Patton  
Jimmie Pocklington  
Leilani Reed  
Cynthia Terada  
Robert Whitaker

#### Transportation

Julie Adams  
Gabriel Aguilar  
Lisa Farrell  
Rosemary Gaylor  
Dawn Gentle  
Luis Hernandez  
Leon Raggett  
Rodney Smith  
Cordia Williams

#### Finance

Glynnis Cash  
Olga Jacquez

#### Zoo

Nicole Balonick  
Selvyn Giron  
Roxana Perla  
Mercedes Rodriguez

#### DWP

Mariam Schahmoradi  
Aureliano Garcia Jr.  
Martha Vaca  
Patrick Ayers  
David Prosur  
Marc French  
Marco Del Toro  
Joe Beas  
Sabrina Knight  
Alicia Marquez  
Patricia Barragan  
Robert Harvey  
Rudy Martinez  
Anna Campuzano

Teresa Duenas

Eric Strawn  
Pamela South-Mayfield

#### Retired

Narciso Alonzo  
Linda Barrio  
Hubert Bryant  
Steven Cheney  
Lonnie Claiborne  
John Cremins Jr.  
Almus Edmonds  
Ben Fontenot  
Robert Henderson  
Neville Hendy  
Dorothy Jackson  
Geraldo Jimenez  
Ed Karnes  
Lee Kebler  
Robert Keiser  
Samuel Krowe  
Frank Mageno  
Irene Mendoza  
Steve Morris  
Clifford Okamoto  
Ernest Ortiz  
Sharon Perry  
Lee Peugh  
Elna Pierce  
JoAnn Pinzon  
Anthony Planick Jr.  
Courtney Porter  
Ronnie Riffel  
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Irma Vega  
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Robert Wilson  
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## Protect Your Family With Club Insurance. Today!

### Insurance Products

#### From the Club

The Club offers these strong insurance products to its Members. Don't wait... make a positive step for your peace of mind today. Contact your Club Counselor for all the details of these plans.



#### Term Life (from \$10K to \$300K)

Safeguard your loved ones! Life insurance is a great way to protect them. Purchasing term life insurance also makes you eligible for the Club's famous refund check...whatever we don't spend in claims and overhead, we return to the policyholders. Smart...well managed...and service-oriented.

#### Spouse Life Insurance

Include your spouse with Club Term Life Insurance.

#### Long Term Disability Insurance

Protect yourself from career-ending traumas.



#### Short Term Disability Insurance

Ensure an income stream until you can get back on your feet.

#### Long Term Care Insurance

Manage your future health-care costs with this Club package.

#### Cancer Insurance

Purchase a Cancer Insurance policy from the Club, and put this affliction out of your mind.

#### Group Rated Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance

Use the power of the Club to protect yourself against the financial downfall of accidental death or dismemberment.

#### Group Rated Auto and Homeowners Insurance

Take advantage of the Club's purchasing power (strength in numbers!) to get great rates for your auto and homeowners insurance.

### Your Counselor

#### Can Help

Your Club Counselor will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the Club's insurance packages. Look on the back page to find out which Counselor represents your department ...or call (800) 464-0452.



Beverly Haro



Arlene Herrero



Liz Montes

## WORKING MATTERS

by JACKIE DAVID, Public Information, Public Works



# Suffering Job Burnout?

You've just returned from a wonderful vacation. You feel refreshed. You return to work with one of two scenarios:

- You really don't feel like working after such a great vacation and it does take a couple of days to settle back into work but you do and now find yourself looking forward to completing your projects. You are back in the groove. You feel energized. All is well.
- It was a great vacation and now you must return to work. What you feel is pure, utter dread. You are returning to a job that you regard as any or a combination of: boring, stressful, unfulfilling, uninteresting and downright depressing. You get a knot in your stomach just thinking about it. Your head begins to throb. In fact, while you're thinking about it, your back isn't feeling too good either. You return to work. All is not well.

If you are returning to work only to confront the second scenario, then you're obviously in trouble and it most likely spells burnout. Some signs of burnout include:

- Difficulty focusing on the job;
- Detachment. Apathy;
- Negativity, irritability and/or cynicism;
- Anger at those you report to and at yourself for putting up with their demands;
- Feelings of helplessness, being overwhelmed and/or besieged;
- Suspiciousness;
- Feeling like you're in a rut;
- Healthwise: Sleeplessness, depression, weight loss or gain, shortness of breath, extreme anxiety and feeling exhausted, tired or physically run down.

Job burnout makes for a very unhappy existence and should be addressed at the earliest onset. As someone put it, job burnout can sneak up on you or hit like a ton of bricks. Here are a few suggestions to fight job burnout:

- Take a hard look at your work-related activities. What do you enjoy about your work? Assess those aspects of your job and expand on those activities you do enjoy.
- Learn something new to expand your current position or that you may be able to use in a different position.
- Identify a new responsibility or element of your work with which to refresh your focus.
- Seek visibility. Call attention to yourself. Volunteer your talents at the office. Connect with former colleagues, executives and recruiters. Let people know what you do and how well you do your job. Make a list if necessary.
- Revisit your career goals. Ask for feedback from friends and managers. It could be a great way to redirect and again refresh your focus.
- Look at your options. Can you reposition yourself somewhere in your section, bureau or department? Sometimes, just a change of scenery helps. Maybe it is time to apply for a lateral transfer and start going on interviews.
- Stay away from negativity and negative discussions. Train yourself to be positive.
- Focus on your social life and cultivate friendships. Chat with co-workers and friends, find activities to share, do something to help you feel connected to others.

Here are a few others: Add fun to your day and week both at work and outside work. Schedule activities you enjoy. Take daily walks, perhaps a stroll during your lunch hour or break or maybe take in some window-shopping.

Meet friends after work for a cup of coffee or a movie during the weekend. Enroll in a gym. Go to the spa.

Whatever the case, give yourself something positive to look forward to.



Capt. Andrew Smith encourages a group of DAP (Deputy Auxiliary Police) youths who attended the Night Out event.

## Night Out at Central

■ LAPD's Central Station hosts Night Out for public safety and awareness.

Photos by Club staff

POLICE DEPT. — On Tuesday, Aug. 1, the Club was invited to attend the Police Dept. Central Station's participation in National Night Out: America's Night Out Against Crime event. This was just one of the many National Night Out events occurring throughout various LAPD stations in the City as well as police stations across the country.

Many business leaders, residents, vendors and City representatives attended the event. The always-professional Capt. Andrew Smith led the event with his infectious, upbeat and optimistic attitude. The presentation also included brief words of encouragement from Dena Carreyn, the City Attorney's Neighborhood Prosecutor for Central Division; Stella Lopez from the Central City East Business Improvement District, and others. The event was concluded with a community walk through the Central area.

In 1984, the National Association of Town Watch introduced the idea of National Night



Out to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention and neighborhood camaraderie.

Traditionally, "lights on" and front porch vigils have been ways to participate in the annual event. Activities have expanded to include block parties, cookouts, parades, police station open houses, festivals, neighborhood walks, safety fairs, contests, rallies and meetings.

The Club congratulates the Central Station for its successful and positive Night Out, and thanks Officer Marie Kardiban for her invitation and assistance in producing this story.



From left: Catherine Soto, a volunteer from Cal State Fullerton performing her internship at Central Division; Officer Marie Kardiban, Central City Police Boosters Events Coordinator; and Joel Bloom of Bloom's General Store.



Officer James Baker introduced the LAPD's new "Smart Car," which was on display.



Laura Cruz, PSR III, 11 years, staffed the table representing the 911 operators.

# Public Safety Office: Well Begun

## Oversight Committee

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At the meeting, the committee was given general information about the new office, and was updated with current statistics about its services.

### Status Update

- The committee was told:
- General Services is a service provider to client departments.
- The Office of Public Safety staff meets monthly with client department staff to resolve concerns and improve service.
- Overall deployment, training and background standards have been enhanced by efficiencies realized by implementation of the consolidation plan.
- A Memorandum of Agreement has been negotiated with the LAPD, defining both LAPD and General Service's scope of responsibility at City facilities including more than 400 parks, 72 libraries, the Convention Center, Zoo and a variety of municipal buildings.
- A Senior Lead Officer (SLO) is assigned to each of Public Safety's seven patrol districts to meet and resolve concerns with community groups, City staff and elected officials with a primary focus on "quality of life" issues affecting facilities and the community.
- Public Safety staff works closely with the LAPD and the Mayor's Office on security improvements recommended as part of the "Archangel" program.

"The Office of Public Safety is a customer-based organization," General Services General Manager Alvin Blain said. "This philosophy is not new to General Services. We have always been customer-based, so the Office of Public Safety services are merely an extension of an existing philosophy."

The committee was told that it took more than two years to implement the Office of Public Safety, striving to anticipate every detail and scenario. On Feb. 19, the new Office of Public Safety began in a smooth and methodical fashion.

This process continues to this day, refining small logistical details that continue to expand efficiencies.

An overview of staffing levels and calls for service was then given:

As of June 30, authorized staffing was 439 positions, with 383 filled positions. The Office is working closely with General Services' Personnel Division and the City's Personnel Department to fill vacancies. Forty-five Security Officers are in the background investigation process, and the Office has been quite successful in its goal of placing two Special Officer candidates in each LAPD police academy every 28 days.

### Calls for Service

Since the consolidation, calls for service have increased. Here are the numbers presented to the committee:

- March: 1604
- April: 2031
- May: 2209
- June: 2338

This represents a 35 percent increase in calls for service since implementation. The Office attributes this to its educational campaign, where District SLOs distributed Public Safety contact

literature to every park, library and key locations within the Convention Center and Zoo. This provided communities and staffs an additional resource at a level that they did not have prior to the consolidation. Another contributing factor is that calls for service traditionally rise during summer months when public facilities experience peak usage.

Of note, calls for service at Library facilities have increased 44 percent.

### Policies and Procedures

The 2006 Division manual is being distributed at this time. Two new policies post-printing have been established. One is a revised pursuit policy and the other is a backup firearm policy.

### Complaints of Misconduct

Regarding complaints of misconduct, the Office has standardized investigation and tracking of misconduct complaints against officers. All complaints received are reviewed by management staff and either assigned to a supervisor or

an investigator of the Professional Standards Section for investigation and adjudication.

### Arrests

From March through June, officers of the Office of Public Safety have made 24 felony arrests and 181 misdemeanor arrests, which include on-site releases from custody. Total arrests are 205.

### Annual Disciplinary Summaries

The Professional Standards Section continues to track personnel investigations and related discipline. An annual disciplinary summary will be presented to the Committee at the first meeting following the first year of operation.

### Officer Training Programs

Since creation of the Office, all new Public Safety sworn staff have attended the Los Angeles Police Academy. This academy course lasts eight months and has significantly increased the level of training and inter-agency cooperation between the LAPD and General Services. Officers also attend in-service training offered by the LAPD, including supervisory and watch commander school, specialized training including juvenile procedures and bicycle training, and the West Point Leadership Program.

Public Safety has developed and implemented an ongoing in-service training program for security officers. A class is held each week, and topics including policy, procedure and defensive tactics are discussed as well as practiced in a "hands-on" capacity. In addition, Public Safety has begun to send its security staff to an 80-hour training course at Rio Hondo College that Public Safety designed in coordination with Airports to train the security staff of both departments.

The Club congratulates General Services on the successful consolidation and implementation of this important office, and thanks Rick Thorstensen, Management Analyst II, Office of Public Safety, General Services, for his assistance.



Present at the first meeting of the Oversight Committee for the new Office of Public Safety were, front row, from left: Tony Royster, Assistant General Manager, General Services; Rita Walters, Library Commissioner; Shelby Jean Kaplan-Sloan, Zoo Commissioner; Sontue Beacham, Management Assistant, Public Safety; Janet Jackson, Deputy City Attorney; and John Czerwinski, Sr. Clerk Typist, Public Safety. Back: Gary Newton, Chief, Public Safety; Peklar Pilavjian, Convention Center Commissioner; Alan Skobin, Police Commissioner; Alvin Blain, General Manager, General Services; Rick Thorstensen, Management Analyst II, Public Safety; and Brittany Cotto, Clerk Typist, Public Safety.

# Tom LaBonge Says Thanks

## ■ Fourth District has annual thank-you barbecue.

Story and photos by Liz Montes, Club Counselor



COUNCIL — Councilmember Tom LaBonge and the staff of the Fourth District invited City Employees to a barbecue Aug. 3 at the Griffith Park Ranger Station. Hundreds of City Employees from the Los Angeles Zoo, Rec and Parks, General Services, LAPD, LAFD, Animal Services and various other departments enjoyed the complimentary barbecue. The event allowed Councilmember LaBonge to say thanks to all City employees who work in his district.



From left: Maria Escobedo, Fire, 30 years; Tim Kelly, Fire, 19 years; Dacia Gonzalez, Fire, 19 years; Leonard Thompson, Fire, 31 years; Gigi Galias, Council District 4, 5 years; and Ronnie Villanueva, 23 years.



From left: Josie Herrera, City Planning, 25 years; Haydee Urita, City Planning, 6 months, Club Member; Joni Quinn, City Planning, 6 years; and Mariana Salazar, City Planning, 5 years.



From left: Raul Landeros, Rec and Parks, 32 years; Alonso Guerrero, GSD, 14 years; and Henry Mazin, GSD, 16 years.



From left: Sgt. Iral Turner, 16 years, Club Member; Terri Utley, 13 years; Pete Paramo, 9 years; and Caroline Walton-Joseph, 19 years, Club Member.



Herman Landry, Sr. Lead, 38 years; and Hector Diaz, 16 years.



From left: Gerald Hill, Animal Services, 11 years, Club Member; Rene Jones, Animal Services, 7 years, Club Member; Shawn Colon, Animal Services, 8 years; Torrie, Strawn, Animal Services, Club Member; Cpt. Wendell Bowers; David Diliberto, Animal Services, 17 years, Club Member; and Karen Stepp, Animal Services, 18 years, Club Member.



From left: Barry Bottai, P2+2; Robert Golden, P2+2; Mickey Jones, Celebrity Host; Paul Floge, P2+2; and Richard Joaquin, P2+2.



From left: Irma Foster, P2; Stephanie Sanchez, Volunteer, Juvenile Impact Program; Pernell Taylor, P2; and Arlette Meza, Juvenile Impact Program.



From left: Julie Nony, SLO; Capt. Andrew Smith, Commanding Officer Central Community Police Station, Club Member; Randle McCain, SLO; and Capt. Jodi Wakefield, Commanding Officer Central Patrol Division.



From left: Ken Lew, SLO; Sgt. Campbell, Club Member; and Steve Morris, SLO.



From left: Diane and James Coburn, LAFD, Station 3.



Carolyn Sawyer, Retired Electrical Craft Helper, Club Member and first-year chili cook-off winner.



Capt. Smith tested the Harley Davidson that was raffled off at the event.

# Riding for Charity



■ Police Boosters hosted the fourth annual motorcycle ride and chili cook-off for a good cause.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

**POLICE DEPT.** — The Los Angeles Police Department's Central City Police Boosters sponsored a motorcycle ride to benefit the Department's Central Area crime prevention programs for youths. The event was held June 25 at the Police Academy.

This tax-deductible event included a scenic ride with stops at the Glendale Harley Davidson dealership and the Hollywood Bowl. The first 500 registered riders received a commemorative event pin.

The event included a barbecue lunch, prize giveaways, motorcycle vendors, information booths and LAPD displays. Live entertainment was provided by blues recording artist Lightnin' Willie and the Poorboys along with rock artists Phil 'n the Blanks.

The celebrity master of ceremony for the event was Mickey Jones, a 17-year LAPD Reserve Officer. Various KLOS radio celebrity came to honor the late KLOS radio celebrity Al Ramirez, who was a LAPD Volunteer and Booster Board Director. This year's ride was dedicated in his honor.

The chili cook-off took place upon the return of the riders.

The Club has been a participant from the very beginning and donated prizes for the raffles. This event continues to grow year after year.

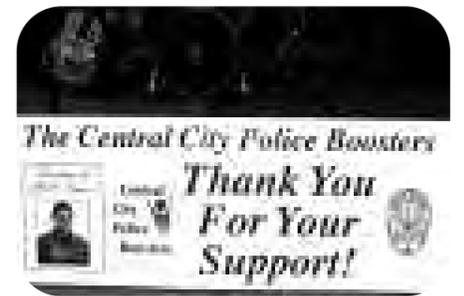
Congratulations on a great event, and thanks to Officer Marie Kardiban, Sgt. Campbell and Capt. Andrew J. Smith, all Club Members, for their assistance.



Holding a framed photo of Al Ramirez were, from left: Tim Northup, KLOS Cool Patrol; Susan Peters, KLOS Cool Patrol; Cameron Ward, KLOS Cool Patrol; and Cynthia Fox, KLOS radio celebrity.



The good food made possible by, from left: Dave McCain, Volunteer; Kris Werner, SLO; Jo Lopez, SLO; Sgt. Campbell, Club Member; Capt. Miranda; Travis Jones, P2; Rex Gadia, Volunteer; and Mike Fernandez, SLO.



Welcome to the event.



Celebrity Host Mickey Jones asked for a moment of silence in memory of KLOS radio celebrity Al Ramirez.



Back, from left: Alex Leiva, Volunteer; RJ Kardiban, son of Officer Marie Kardiban; Gretchen Schultz, P2; Daisy Barajas, Secretary, Central City Police Booster; and Marie Kardiban, P2, Event Organizer, Club Member. Seated: Stephen Nichols, P2; and Aixa Burguan, Secretary



Marisol Vielma, PSR II, Club Member.



Back, from left: Wendy Baker, P2; and Sgt. Baker, Club Member. Front: Kimi Baker, 3; and Kaylee Baker, 5.



From left: Craig Rensch, P2; Bob Taylor, Security Director; Pernell Taylor, P2; and John Rice, P3.



From left: Diana Ugalde, Volunteer DAPS; Roshon Gonzalez, P2; and Queta De La Mancha, PSR.

# ClubFest 2006 Almost Here!

■ **ClubFest could sell out any minute. Don't wait any longer to get your tickets!**

**THE CLUB** — Music, food, raffles, fun ... the best ClubFest ever is right around the corner. Don't be shut out ... get your tickets now!

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

ClubFest 2006 once again includes party bands with a City employee connection: one band from last year, and two new ones for your enjoyment.

Attendance is limited to just 1,500, assuring attendees a relaxed and comfortable day. But that means tickets are limited, so don't miss out.

ClubFest is co-sponsored by AIG and Office Depot. Prizes co-sponsored by Universal Studios.

Tickets are \$20 for all adults, free for children four and younger, and \$10 for children four through twelve. For adults, that's a savings of more than \$25 off the actual cost of the ticket.

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. 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.

And don't forget the first Amazing Club Race. You and your team members could win \$200! Signups at ClubFest.

**The new features and the new feel of ClubFest 2006 are in addition to the usual great ClubFest features:**

- great food, including shredded beef, beans, corn, salad, potato salad, and all the trimmings
- hot dog carts and unlimited ice cream treats and soft drinks
- fun booths, including a dunk tank, a moon bounce, a water slide, etc.
- Tons of raffle prizes
- bingo
- pony rides and hayrides
- face painting

**Ticket prices for ClubFest 2006:**

- All tickets will be \$20 for adults; free for children under four; \$10 for children four through twelve.

**Tickets are now on sale. Get them:**

- by using the ticket form on page 31
- at Club headquarters, or
- through your Club Counselor.

**Don't wait! Buy today!**

## Music!

**ClubFest 2006:**

### Schedule of Bands

**10:30 a.m. – noon:**  
**Jamnesia**

Jamnesia, an established rock, blues, funk and R&B band, was formed in the early 1990s by bass player Rick Williams, Warehouse and Tool Worker, at the Harbor Department.

Jamnesia also includes: Teri Williams, vocals; Titus Smith, Lieutenant, Port Police, percussion; Lee Tyiska, vocals and percussion; "Big" Walt Fletcher, guitar; Doug Lloyd, keyboards; Hugh Laxenetta, guitar and vocals; and Rick Williams Jr., drums, who wants to grow up and work for the City, just like his dad, Rick Sr.



**12:30 – 2 p.m.:**  
**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 and were a big hit at last year's ClubFest.

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.

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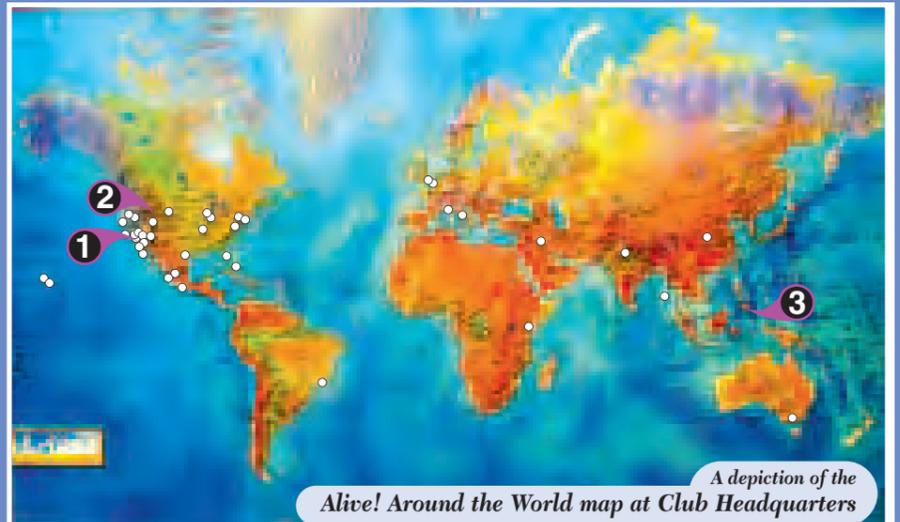
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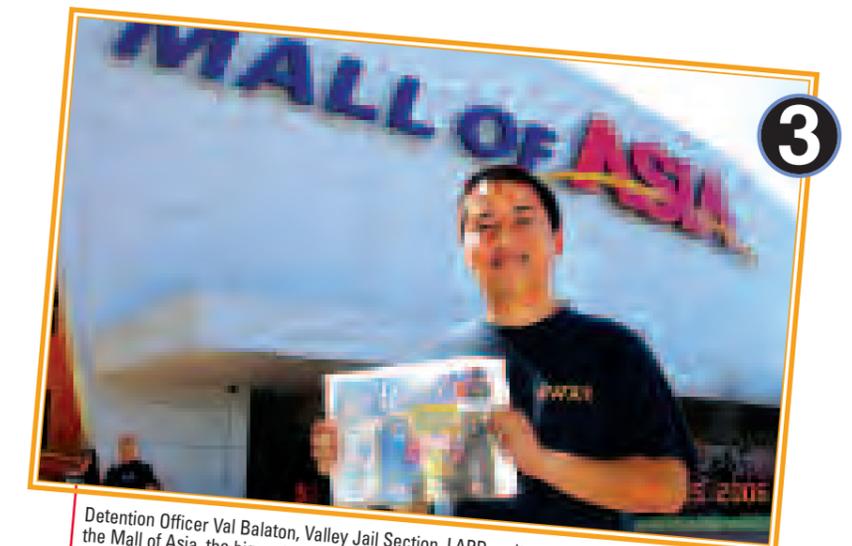
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Monti Ramorino with his son and daughter in Santa Barbara. Monti is the Club's very important person at Universal Studios.



Club Member James Dixon in Boise, Idaho. He holds his copy of the June issue of *Alive!* It so happens that the employees featured in the front cover worked with James prior to his retirement in 2003 from Public Works.



Detention Officer Val Balaton, Valley Jail Section, LAPD, writes: "Mabuhay! from the Mall of Asia, the biggest mall in Asia. Sweating it out here in the Philippines with a copy of my *Alive!*"

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This golf tournament is one of the major fund-raising events of the year to provide the money necessary to fund these important programs.

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# Yea, Team!

## Street Services' Slurry Seal Crew 177 gets nod from Public Works quality task force.

**PUBLIC WORKS** — On July 26, the Public Works Task force for Employee Achievement and Morale (PW TEAM) honored the Bureau of Street Services (BSS) Slurry Seal Crew #177 by presenting its nine members with the "Outstanding Team Award." The team proudly accepted their commendation during the Board of Public Works meeting in City Hall.

BSS Director William Robertson commended the crew for its diligence and hard work on the City's pavement preservation program. The team, comprised of Antonio R. Acosta, Robert Galan, Damita J. Golston, Jose Munoz, Edward G. Holmes, Joseph A. Navarro, Nicholas G. Suquett, Robert Hernandez and Richard L. Wilson, was honored for prolonging the lives of Los Angeles streets despite weather challenges.

The PW TEAM, the City department's task force that recognizes effective and outstanding

members of the Public Works family, presented the "Outstanding Team Award" to the crew after receiving a nomination and investigating its qualifications. An outstanding team should accomplish a clear-cut goal that benefits the City of Los Angeles, its employees or the public at large by demonstrating harmony and teamwork in pursuit of the goal.

The BSS Slurry Seal Crew #177 was considered a worthy recipient of the award, having achieved its objective of effectively maintaining City streets and benefiting the residents — drivers in particular, by working together as a team.

For questions about the Public Works or the PW TEAM, please call the Public Affairs Office at (213) 978-0333.

Public Works, the third-largest municipal division in the City of Los Angeles, is managed by a five-commissioner Board of Public Works. The department oversees the construction, renovation and operation of public projects such as municipal buildings, streets, bridges, street lights, water treatment plants, sewers and sidewalks, and provides essential public services like recycling and solid waste management.



Public Works officials join members of the Bureau of Street Services (BSS) Slurry Seal Crew #177—recipients of the PW TEAM "Outstanding Team Award." From left: BSS Director Bill Robertson, Board of Public Works (BPW) Commissioner Paula Daniels, Crew Supervisor George Gopau, Damita J. Golston, BPW Vice President David Sickler, Jose Muñoz, Nicholas G. Suquett, Antonio R. Acosta, BPW Commissioner Valerie Shaw, Robert Galan, Robert Hernandez, and BPW Commissioner Yolanda Fuentes.

# 77th Celebrates Success



## 77th Street Jail Station throws itself an appreciation barbecue.

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

The event served more than 150 sworn and civilian personnel, ranging from jail, garage, General Services, detectives, patrol, administration, property and clerical personnel. The menu consisted of hot links, hot dogs, Philly cheese steak sandwiches, sodas, chips, dessert and entertainment. Entertainment was provided by Detention Officer Robert Thurston.

**POLICE DEPT.** — The 77th Community Police Station hosted a fun barbecue July 21 to thank each other for their hard work.

The barbecue took place at the 77th Community Police Station.

As Detention Officer (and Club Rep) Catalina Alvarado tells it, "The personnel here at the 77th Street Jail Facility decided to show our recognition of all the hard work we accomplish here. We believe in teamwork, and we thought that nothing would better than to have an appreciation barbecue for all personnel. On a day-to-day basis, we process over 150 arrestees into our division, and after all that hard work we need a break."



Detention Officers Garcia and Fowler slow-danced for the crowd.



Back, from left: Ernestine Love, CSA, Club Member; Dwayne Thompson, CSA, Club Member; and Victor Ladd, SDO. Front: Ruby Anderson, Sr. Detention Officer, Club Member; Catalina Alvarado, Detention Officer, Club Member; Frankie Fowler, Detention Officer; and Kenyatta Harmon, CSA.



From left: Lamont Marshall, Detention Officer, Club Member; and Nora Duenas, Detention Officer, Club Member.



Detention Officer Robert Thurston entertained the crowd.



With arms full of food were, from left: Police Officer III Ibarra and Sgt. Eun.



Detention Officer Frankie Fowler sings along with Detention Officer Robert Thurston on the keyboard.



From left: Lorenzo Jimenez, Detention Officer, Club Member; Frankie Fowler, Detention Officer; Catalina Alvarado, Detention Officer, Club Member; and Detention Officer Garcia.



From left: Andre Linnear, Garage Attendant; Mas Nagaoka, Mechanic; Mike Mimms, Storekeeper; Jose Lopez, Mechanic, Club Member; and Leon Barnes, Equipment Mechanic.



## John's Picture Perfect Contest

**WIN \$50**  
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### For September, we have four winners!

Start snapping today, and send us your best results! Three winners will receive a \$50 Walmart gift card.

**Four PRIZES**

NEXT DEADLINE:  
**September 15**

Happy Snapping!



"After 40 minutes and 30 pictures with my new digital camera (Canon PowerShot SD700 IS), I finally got this unbelievable picture of a hummingbird in my front yard before a car drove by and scared it away. The camera was barely two feet away in this shot. Patience and luck certainly pay off big this time."

**- Cuong Nguyen, Systems Programmer, ITA.**

**John's comments:** "Did you know that the hummingbird is the only bird that can fly backwards or vertical? And not only that, they are the smallest birds on the planet! Which makes it just that more difficult to take a picture of. This is a great shot, Cuong! I really liked the low angle you took used, and it's rather nice to see a hummingbird be still for once."

"I was at a friends' house that had this hummingbird nest with two new babies. What's amazing is the nest was made right there on a hanging on the back porch. These hummers are about two weeks old."

**- Gwendolyn Lew, Bishop Power Office, DWP.**

**John's comments:** "Hummingbirds seem to be real popular this month! I've seen many nests in my life, but never a hummingbird nest. Great shot, Gwendolyn!"



"Sunset in Oceanside, Calif."

**- Ronald Angst, DWP.**

**John's comments:** "My favorite part of this photo is the birds. They seem very content, so peaceful ... just standing there, enjoying the cool ocean breeze while looking for crabs or whatever. Ahh, the life of a seabird."

"This photo was taken using a Olympus C-8080 from the entryway into the Pantheon in Rome at approximately 12:30 p.m. June 26 by myself," Debbie writes. "The Pantheon is a building in Rome that was begun in 27 BC by the statesman Marcus Vipsanius Agrippa, probably as a building of the ordinary classical temple type - rectangular with a gabled roof supported by a colonnade on all sides. It was completely rebuilt by the emperor Hadrian sometime between AD 118 and 128, with some alterations made in the early third century by the emperors Lucius Septimius Severus and Caracalla. It is a circular building of concrete faced with brick, with a great concrete dome rising from the walls and with a front porch of Corinthian columns supporting a gabled roof with triangular pediment."

**- Debbie DiPrimio.**

**John's comments:** "Many moons ago, I too paid a visit to the Pantheon in Rome; however, the pictures I took pale in comparison to yours, Debbie. In your shot, the lighting is simply 'perfitto,' and the location and angle give you the perspective needed to fully appreciate the architecture. This is truly a picture for framing! Buonoi!"



#### Runners Up:

Angie delos Santo, DWP, Anna Burton, Karl Guder

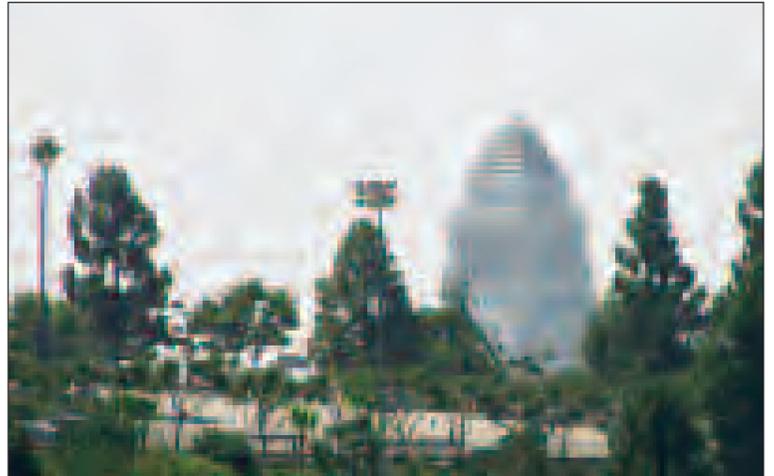
#### Rules:

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

# Where Was This Photo Taken?

Take a guess, and have fun answering:

## Where Was This Photo Taken?



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

- In detail, describe the location where this photo was taken.
- On which street is this?
- If the camera looked in the exact opposite direction, what would it see?

Whoever answers these questions with the most detail and accuracy wins:



**Second Prize:**  
a \$25 Trader Joe's gift card.  
**Third Prize:**  
a \$25 Trader Joe's gift card.

#### BONUS QUESTION:

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

DEADLINE **Sept. 15**

#### Here are the rules:

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

### The winner of last month's *Where Was This Photo Taken?* contest is: Ken Moody, ITA

#### Here's his response:

"This month's photo was taken on Main Street between Second and Third Streets next to parking meter #1281. The parking meter is located next to Pit Fire Pizza, 108 W. 2nd St.

"On July 29, 2003, the Los Angeles City Council designated the area as Gallery Row. The official unveiling ceremony was on May 15, 2004. If you were to look in almost the opposite direction from where this photo was taken, you would be looking at the old St. Vibiana's Cathedral. It is now a community arts center with the name Vibiana Place."



**Bonus Question Winner:** Ken Moody, ITA, Club Member  
The G.P.S. coordinates of the "Gallery Row" sign are: 34°03'055"N, 118°14'643"W

# Longtimer Newborn Retires

■ Arthur Newborn retires from Public Works after 42 years of City service.

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

**PUBLIC WORKS** — Arthur Newborn, Field Operations Division Manager, retired from the Bureau of Street Lighting after 42 years of service.

A special retirement breakfast was held Aug. 10 at the Field Operations Division Office in Los Angeles. Friends and co-workers attended the breakfast to say their goodbyes to Arthur.

He received many farewell gifts, including a City of Los Angeles jacket specially made with his name and years of service.

Congratulations, Arthur, on your many years of great service. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement.



Ed Ebrahiamian, Director, Club Member, with Arthur Newborn.



Field Operations Division Management Team, from left: Richard Johnson, Club Member; John Haile, Club Member; James Masud; Felipe Rodriguez, Club Member; Jeff Ziliotto, Club Member; Arthur Newborn; Ed Ebrahiamian, Club Member; Palani Segee, Club Member; Chris Mosman; Baltazar Mora; and Elliott Kowitz.



From left: Greg Lee, Club Member; Chuck Miller; Jeremy Orth; Jimmy Colleran; Ramiro Munoz, Club Member; and Craig Chinn, Club Member.



Robert Williams, Club Member, and Anthony Farfan.



Arthur Newborn and Flor Esguerra.



From left: Evelyn Jones; Virginia Bacierto, Club Member; Arthur Newborn; Kristina Briones; Sandra Ramos, Club Member; and Nancy Cervantes. Back: James Holzinger, Club Member.



Arthur Newborn receives a City of Los Angeles jacket for his years of service.



From left: Greg Lee; Dave Dobens, Club Member; and Dave Campbell, Club Member.



From left: Carleen Marquez, Club Member; Janet Iwaki-Horsting, Club Member; Rolando Gacias, Club Member; and Steve Khormeyer. Back: Arthur Newborn.

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# History Comes Alive!

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



Tales From the City Archives

## Boyle Heights Grows Diverse



Edward R. Roybal with City Councilman Arthur Snyder, 1970.

### ■ Part two of Hynda's history of Boyle Heights focuses on the area's cultural and religious transition.

By the 1920s, Boyle Heights had changed from an aristocratic environment of exclusive Anglo residences of the 19th century into an area of land predominately subdivided. This phenomenon helped the area evolve into one of the most ethnically distinct communities in the City of Los Angeles, where composite neighborhoods had distinctive physical characteristics and a variety of densities and housing styles.

Boyle Heights served as a springboard for many future diverse communities in the Los Angeles area. Many of the new inhabitants after the turn of the century came from other sections of the United States and immigrants from other countries including Armenians, Italians, Molokan Russians and Eastern European Jews. Later, the community's diversity grew to include black, Japanese and Mexican citizenry.



Zev Yaroslavsky swearing in as L.A. County Board of Supervisor, 1994.

### The Early Arrivals

Why did this occur in Boyle Heights? Other areas in Los Angeles suffered from what was known as "restrictive covenants." Restrictive covenants were clauses found in deeds that stated that only whites could purchase certain property. Many builders were known to create these covenants into new subdivisions. Existing areas would protect its neighborhoods by property owners working together to create the restrictions against non-Caucasians. For reasons unknown to the author, Boyle Heights was free from these restrictions.

Over the years, this community became home to working-class residents. Community organizations evolved as the disparate groups took hold in the neighborhoods. But as surrounding ethnicity changed, the organizations would adapt to its new environment. Boyle Heights was definitely a microcosm of what larger metropolitan cities throughout the world would strive for. This does not mean that there wasn't strife between ethnic and religious groups. Of course there was. But the end result was considerable cooperation.

It is difficult to give exact dates when groups migrated into Boyle Heights. It is also safe to say that migration was also a sporadic event. So let us begin with early arrivals. The Latino community was dissipating by the early years of the 20th century. Communities of Armenians and Italians migrated to the area; exact dates and population are unknown. A group known as the Molokans from the northern Caucasus of Russia arrived in Boyle Heights sometime after 1905. They chose to come to America to avoid military conscription during the Russo-Japanese War in 1904-05; they were pacifists. They also suffered from religious persecution because of their narrower version of the Russian Orthodox Church.

### The Jewish Community

Possibly the largest migration into Boyle Heights was the Jewish people. According to some historians, the Jewish population in Boyle Heights during the 1940s was 35,000. While the Mexican population was 15,000, the Japanese 4,300, with the remaining population being made up of smaller groups of Armenians, blacks, Italians and Russian Molokans. Boyle Heights became known as the "Lower Eastside" or "Jewish Los Angeles."

They began arriving into the Boyle Heights community in the early 1920s. The Jews of the area participated in all forms of community activity. One of their intents was to stabilize the area where all ethnic, religious and political groups could become energized and participate. This attitude derived because of certain restraints placed on Jews over their past history. Many community organizations arose including classes to teach English, cooking, music, etc. With the entrance of new ethnic groups in the community, so adapted the populations.

The Jews of Boyle Heights were working-class Jews, as opposed to their prestigious, elite Westside Jewish brethren. The "Eastern Jews" opened many businesses, i.e. Canter Brothers Delicatessen, Zellman's Men's Wear,

Phillips Music Company, Leaders Barbershop, Golds Gym and Karz Plumbing. Many, if not most of these businesses, were found on Brooklyn Avenue (now Cesar Chavez). A few of these establishments remained in Boyle Heights until the 1990s.

Many of these Jewish workers brought with them the traditions of radical politics and trade unionism. Politically in the late 1940s, the Jewish community threw their support behind Boyle Heights Mexican-American Edward R. Roybal for the City Council seat, as opposed to one of their own. Roybal went on to win the seat until 1962. Later that year, he was elected to the United States House of Representatives. Incidentally, Zev Yaroslavsky, who grew up in Jewish Boyle Heights, also became a City Councilman from 1975-94, then was elected to Los Angeles County's Board of Supervisors in 1994, where he remains to this day.

The Jewish religion of the Eastern European Jew has been the mainstay of Jewish life. Supposedly, there were about 25 synagogues in the Boyle Heights area. The most famous, which still stands, is the Breed Street Shul (synagogue), also known as Congregation Talmud Torah, at 247 North Breed St. This shul includes two separate synagogues, one behind the other. The first was built in 1915; the second and larger was built in 1923. Believe it or not, it was used for the 1927 movie *The Jazz Singer*, with Al Jolson, the first talking movie. The story of the Breed Street Shul will continue into the third chapter of Boyle Heights history.

There were a number of reasons the Jews of Boyle Heights left the area. One major issue was due to the Supreme Court's decision in the 1948 *Shelley v. Kraemer* case that ended racial and religious restrictions in home sales. This enabled Jews to move to areas of Los Angeles that, in the past, had been restricted to them. Prior to the 1948 court case, Jews were often considered non-white Caucasians. By the 1960s only elderly Jews lived in Boyle Heights.

### The Japanese Community

By 1910, the Japanese consisted of two percent of the entire California population. The state was chosen by many of that community because California had a vibrant agricultural economy. But many moved to the Los Angeles area, especially small communities like Boyle Heights, because of their social and economic standard of living. This group of individuals faced many harrowing experiences in Boyle Heights as well as other places throughout the country.

In Boyle Heights, the Japanese community lived from Sixth Street to Indiana Avenue and from Brooklyn Avenue (now Cesar Chavez) to State Street. Many Japanese high school students attended Roosevelt High School. During the 1940s the Japanese students accounted for one-third of the student body. In 1940, the Japanese population in Boyle Heights was 4,300. This Asian community was second in size to Little Tokyo's inhabitants.

On Dec. 7, 1941, when Pearl Harbor was bombed by Japan, and the next day, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt made his famous "a day that will live in infamy." This event caused America's entry into World War II.

Local Japanese were no longer trusted. They were denied working in the business world and to participate in any American activities.

On Feb. 13, 1942, President Roosevelt issued a decree, Executive Order 9066, that all Asians and Japanese aliens from the West Coast, including Boyle Heights, were to be relocated to remote internment camps.

The last camp finally closed in March 1946. The experiences from the camps made an impact on all American Japanese communities for years to come. One of the most obvious stresses came from the isolation they endured. When returning to a multi-ethnic environment, the Japanese found themselves as unwelcome foreigners. Many returned to Boyle Heights, where they continued raising their families. Work-wise, some made their living as grocers at Grand Central Market in Los Angeles, while others worked as farmers and fishermen.

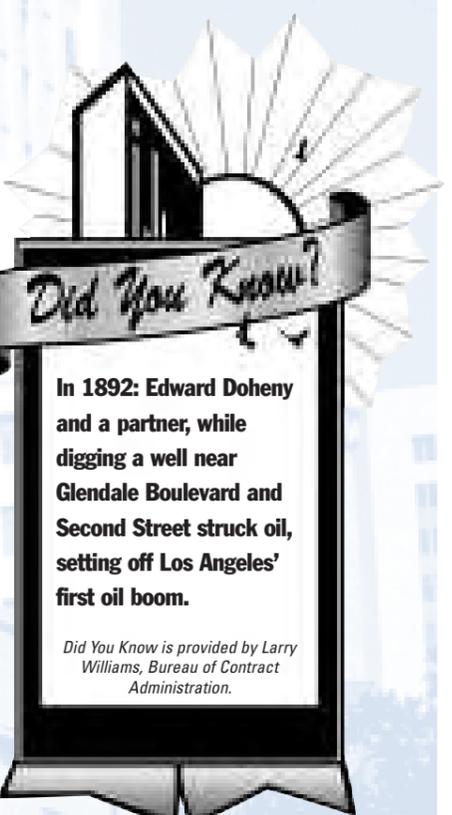
In time, after 1948, those who returned from internment camps moved out of the area to the more prestigious Westside. The Boyle Heights Japanese community left cultural contributions including a rebuilt Japanese Garden, a Japanese



A Japanese-American internment camp, 1943.

Retirement Home and a Buddhist Temple to what had become an interrupted homeland.

After World War II, Boyle Heights became a predominately Mexican community. The next article will concentrate on this community to the modern era.



**In 1892: Edward Doheny and a partner, while digging a well near Glendale Boulevard and Second Street struck oil, setting off Los Angeles' first oil boom.**

*Did You Know is provided by Larry Williams, Bureau of Contract Administration.*

# Prestonia Presses On



## ■ Prestonia Dotch retires from ITA after 31 years of City service.

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

ITA — More than 200 friends, family and colleagues came out to celebrate the retirement of Prestonia Dotch Aug. 3 at the Otani Hotel in Los Angeles.

Here's some information on Prestonia from her retirement resolution:

She joined the City in 1975 as part of the Data Service Bureau, which became ITA. "She has worked under and befriended so many that she calls her City family. She has watched so many young people grow and mature. She has seen children grow into adults, loved the people she has met and learned and taught, and hope that she has taught some who have worked alongside of her."

She is expected to spend her retirement reading, which is a passion of hers, traveling, and spending time with her grandchildren. She will also volunteer her time.

She is a member of the First African Methodist Episcopal Church and of the Sarah Allen Women's Missionary Society.

Master of ceremonies was Robert Fukunaga. The invocation was given by Sylvia Smith, with presentations and remarks from Mary Barnett, Danita Phillips and Sharon Stenen. The event was coordinated by the committee, which included Charlotte Bullock, Gail Brown, Erma Dozier, Maria Hernandez, Theresa Magabilin, Jenny Martinez, Yvette Mc Frazier, Georgianna Mitchell, Gladys Monroe, Christine Reed, Vera Sheppherd and Nancy Wilson.

The Club wishes Prestonia a wonderful retirement and thanks Gail Brown for her assistance.



Prestonia Dotch, ITA, Retiree, Club Member.



Prestonia Dotch was joined by her family, who came to celebrate her retirement with her.



Standing Gladys Monroe, ITA, Club Member. Seated: Maria Hernandez, ITA, Club Member.



Standing: Nestor Acio, ITA, Club Member. Seated, from left: Lisa Santos, ITA; Sophie Gebre, ITA; Sandra Valdes, ITA, Club Member; and Lalaine Soliman, ITA.



Standing, from left: Arcadia Caballero, ITA, Club Member; and Nick Rosas. Seated: Marc Gonzales, ITA; James Crimy, ITA; and Gloria Osbourne, ITA, Club Member



Standing, from left: Rod Villanueva, ITA, Club Member; Joe Gardner, ITA; and Sam Chen, ITA. Seated: Sheila Hurrell, LAX, Local 3090; Carmen Hayes, LADBS, Club Member, Local 3090; and Myra Bines, Planning Dept, Local 3090.



Standing, from left: Eddie McKnight, Retired Engineering; Henrietta Anderson, Retired ITA, Club Member; and David Anderson, Retired DWP. Seated: Irene Key, St. Services; Cathi Bureson, Retired ITA, Club Member; Beverly Pleasant, GSD, Club Member; and Robin Cannon, ITA, Club Member.



From left: Bob Fukunaga, ITA; Jennifer Fukunaga, ITA; Sandy Eng, ITA; Cliff Eng; and Ken Simmons, Interim General Manager, ITA.



Standing, from left: Francisco Castro, ITA, Club Member; and John Hawkins, ITA. Seated: Darrell Williams, GSD, Club Member; Pat Dorsey, ITA, Club Member; and Evelyn Martinez, ITA, Club Member.



From left: Mark Wolf, Assistant General Manager, ITA, Club Member; Mike Galvin, Retired ITA; Neil Ricci, Retired ITA; and Mary Kay Kotzman, Retiree ITA, Club Member.



From left: Jina Payba, ITA, Club Member; Sandra Rangel, ITA, Club Member; Amy Lava, ITA, Club Member; and Caroline Lorenzo, Retired ITA.



From left: David Rhodes, ITA, Club Member; Anna Der, ITA; Cuong Nguyen, ITA, Club Member; and Robert Saenz, ITA, Club Member.

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BY Michelle Moreno, City Events Guru

# Michelle on the Move

# EVENTS 411

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## ClubFest Is Best of Many Cool Festivals

### Welcome back to Events 411!

I hope you had a great Labor Day weekend. Have you bought your tickets for ClubFest yet? If not, what the heck are you waiting for? Tickets are selling out quickly. If you don't remember the date - it's Sunday, Oct. 1, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It will be a great day filled with tons of food and fun, so make sure you get your tickets soon! Don't forget that we're going to have cool live music from bands containing some City employees. These bands represent the City, so come on out and support them. Also, we have several great prizes for our raffle as well as the second annual Amazing Race!

Well, enough of ClubFest for a moment. Let's discuss other cool events. There are several festivals going on, including the L.A. Port Lobster Festival. If you love lobster, lots and lots of lobster, then you must attend this event. I couldn't make it last year, but I'll be sure to be there this year, camera in hand, ready to take pictures of you cool Club Members.

Also making its way back to town is the Los Angeles County Fair. Ticket Guy was able to grab some great discount tickets for Club Members, so if you plan on going, make sure you buy them from us.

If you're looking for free events, check out several free street festivals occurring throughout Los Angeles, from the Abbot Kinney Festival in Venice to the Thai Festival in Barnsdall Park. There's something for everyone.

Lastly, don't forget to keep your eye out for next month's issue, because it is my favorite one: our Halloween issue! I'll have plenty of cool Halloween events for you to partake in. Thanks for taking the time to read Events 411 and I wish you a wonderful month full of fun times and great memories. See ya around the City!

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

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

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

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

I'll be happy to include your event in my monthly column. Make sure to include dates, times, locations, costs (if any) and contact information. Email me at: MichelleOnTheMove@cityemployeesclub.com or call me at (800) 464-0452.

## September

### Doubt at the Ahmanson Theatre

"Set against the backdrop of a Bronx Catholic school in 1964, Doubt is the story of a strong-minded woman faced with a difficult decision. Should she voice concerns about one of her male colleagues...even if she's not entirely certain of the truth?"

Dates: Sept. 22 - Oct. 29  
Times/cost/site: See website  
More info: (213) 972-7231 or www.taperahmanson.com

### Los Angeles County Fair

Bring your family and friends and enjoy a day at the famous L.A. County Fair.

Date(s): Sept. 8 - Oct. 1  
Time: Wed-Thurs: 11 a.m.-10 p.m.  
Fri: 11 a.m.-midnight  
Sat: 10 a.m.-midnight  
Sun: 10 a.m.-10 p.m.  
Site: Pomona Fairplex, 1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona  
Cost: Club prices: \$9/adults, \$5/kids  
\$1/opening day  
More info: (909) 623-3111 or www.lacountyfair.com



### Grand Performances

Enjoy some really cool award-winning music, dance and film performances free during lunch or under the beautiful Downtown L.A. night sky. Call for visit the Website for a schedule.

Date(s): Thru Oct. 15  
Time: Fridays: Noon and 8 p.m.  
Saturdays: 8 p.m.  
Site: California Plaza, 350 S. Grand Ave., Downtown L.A.  
Cost: Free  
More info: (213) 687-2159 or www.grandperformances.org

### Family Activities at the Autry National Center

Want a fun and educational experience for the kids? The Autry National Center has several family activities that are not only fun but educational. Check the Website for more information.

Date(s) /time: Vary  
Site: Southwest Museum of the American Indian Museum Drive, Los Angeles  
Cost: \$7.50/adults, \$5/students, seniors, \$3/children (2-12) AAA discount available  
More info: (323) 667-2000 or www.autrynationalcenter.org click on About us > Arts and Culture

### Pershing Square Summer Concert Series

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

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

### Fourth Annual Santa Monica Drive-In at the Pier

Are you in the mood to watch a film by the beach? "Located on the decks of the historic Santa Monica Pier, these events have an unmistakable nostalgic feel, with the sea air and bustling boardwalk creating the perfect atmosphere for these events." (Website)

Date(s): Tuesdays thru Sept. 26  
Time: 7 p.m.  
Site: Santa Monica Pier  
Cost: Free, but tickets are required for seating. Tickets must be picked up  
More info: www.smiff.com/smdi

### 10th Annual Los Angeles International Short Film Festival

If you have a love for film, then this event is for you. Come and see some films at the largest short film festival of the world.

Date(s): Sept. 5-14  
Time: Vary; see Website  
Site: ArcLight Cinemas 6360 W. Sunset Blvd, Hollywood  
Cost: \$10/general per film program  
More info: (323) 461-4400 or www.lashortsfest.com

### Mexican Independence Celebration

Bueno! Come and celebrate Mexican Independence with food, entertainment, exhibits, historical displays and more.

Date(s): Sept. 15 - 17  
Time: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
Site: El Pueblo Historical Monument, Olvera St., Los Angeles  
Cost: Free

### Port of Los Angeles Lobster Festival

Lobster, lobster and more lobster! Enjoy the world's largest lobster festival (according to event organizers) right here in Los Angeles with lobster, a pet parade, crafts, rides, dancing, other food, and great live entertainment.

Date(s): Sept. 15 - 17  
Time: Fri: 5 - 11 p.m.  
Sat: 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.  
Sun: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Site: Ports O' Call Village, San Pedro CA  
Free parking at 22nd and Miner Streets - free shuttles to festival.  
Cost: \$8/adult, free/kids (12 and under)  
Go to Website for \$2 off coupon  
Cash only  
More info: (310) 798-7478 or www.lobsterfest.com  
City Sponsor: Harbor

### Adopt-a-Beach Day

Come and make a difference in the environment at one of the largest volunteer events in the world! This event takes place throughout several beaches, so if you can't make it to San Pedro, there are several other options available.

Date(s): Sept. 16  
Time: Cleanup: 9 a.m. - noon  
Open house/refreshments: Noon - 2 p.m.  
Site: Cabrillo Beach  
3720 Stephen White Drive, San Pedro  
Groups: Call to reserve and arrange for parking (ext. 5007)  
Cost: Free  
More info: (310) 548-7562 or www.cabrilloaq.org

### Asian Heritage Festival at the Queen Mary

"...performances by the Taiko Center of Los Angeles, Kung Fu Sword Dancers, the Korean Dance Academy, Hawaiian Hula Dancers, the Immortals Lion Dance Team, pop singer Lara Andrea, Lineage Legacy Filipino Hip Hop Dance Troupe, comedians and various musical acts...more than 70 cultural exhibits, 160 craft and merchandise vendors and approximately 30 food vendors offering a wide variety of ethnic Asian dishes..." (Website)

Date(s): Sept. 16  
Time: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Site: Queen Mary, Long Beach  
Cost: \$21/general, free/kids 12 and under  
More info: (310) 619-4820 or www.asianheritagefest.bravehost.com

### 2006 Brazilian Street Carnival

Want to celebrate Brazilian Independence Day? Do you like to Samba or ever wanted to learn? If so, come and enjoy a day filled with tons of great dancing, live music provided by the biggest Brazilian bands in the country, food, fun, parades and lots more.

Date(s): Sept. 17  
Time: Noon - 9 p.m.  
Site: Downtown Long Beach Promenade North, 210 Promenade N, Long Beach  
Cost: \$15/m advance for adults, \$20/at the gate, Free/kids 12 and under  
Buy tickets online and save \$5  
More info: (562) 508-4504 or www.carnaval.org

### 33rd Annual Los Angeles Korean Festival

Come and celebrate the Korean culture. The day will be filled with plenty of great food as well as a parade, exhibits, dance performances, live entertainment and more.

Date(s): Sept. 21 - 24 (parade on Saturday)  
Time: 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.  
Site: Seoul International Park in Koreatown 3250 San Marino St., Los Angeles  
Cost: Free  
More info: (213) 487-9696 or www.lakoreanfestival.com

### 2006 Precious Cheese Feast of San Gennaro

Bonjour! Come celebrate the Italian culture with local celebrities, carnival games, street performers, strolling musicians, food and wine provided by some of the best Italian restaurants in L.A., and much more!

Date(s): Sept. 21 - 24  
Time: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
Site: The Grove/Farmer's Market 189 The Grove Drive, Los Angeles  
Cost: Free  
More info: (818) 508-0082 or www.feastofla.org

### Taste of Downtown Burbank

Enjoy an afternoon of delicious food from 30 restaurants and eateries, a wine and beer garden, live entertainment, and more.

Date(s): Sept. 21  
Time: 5:30 - 10 p.m.  
Site: San Fernando Boulevard between Magnolia and Orange Grove  
Cost: \$10 - \$40  
More info: (818) 845-8551 or www.tasteofdowntownburbank.com



### Third Annual Korean International Film Festival

"LAKIFF showcases the best in fiction, documentaries and short films made by and about people of Korean heritage, highlighting honored artists and new, emerging talent as well. LAKIFF encourages the most diverse exhibition of media arts including animation, experimental, documentary, as well as fiction work." (Website)

Date(s): Sept. 22-28  
Time/Cost: TBA; see Website  
Site: Laemmle Sunset 5 8000 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood  
More info: (323) 848-3500 or www.lakiff.org



### 12th Annual Heart of the West Pow Wow

Want to learn more about the Native American culture? If so, come and enjoy a weekend of exhibits, dancing, drummers, arts and crafts, and more.

Date(s): Sept. 23 - 24  
Time: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Sat)  
10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Sun.)  
Site: Hart Park and Museum 24151 San Fernando Road, Newhall  
Cost: Free  
More info: (661) 255-9295 or www.hartmuseum.org  
Sponsor: Rec. and Parks

### 14th Annual Thai Cultural Day at Barnsdall Park

"Celebrate the unique aspects of the Thai culture...At the festival, various members of the Thai community demonstrate their particular area of expertise such as painting, vegetable and fruit carving, arts and craft, traditional Thai costumes and headresses, classical and folk dances, music, authentic Thai cuisine, Thai boxing, and more." (website)

Date(s): Sept. 24  
Time/Cost: TBA  
Site: 4800 Hollywood Blvd.  
More info: (310) 827-2910 or http://thaiculturalcenter.org

### 21st Annual Abbot Kinney Festival in Venice

"Venice will take to the streets to celebrate its 101 years of community at the 22nd annual Abbot Kinney Festival. Running through the heart of Venice, Abbot Kinney Blvd. ...accommodate two stages of live music, dancers and performance artists, a spectacular children's court, three food areas, a Spirit Garden, Art Pavilion and over 300 vendors featuring original, handcrafted goods." (Website)

Date(s): Sept. 24  
Time: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Site: Abbot Kinney Blvd., between Main St. and Venice Blvd.  
Cost: Free  
More info: (310) 396-3772 or http://abbotkinney.org

### ConejoFest 2006 in Thousand Oaks

"ConejoFest 2006 will feature sampling from many of the finest local restaurants and over 40 of California's best wineries, premier jazz and blues artists on stage, an art exhibition, Scotch tasting seminar, wine auction, quality vendors and much more."

Date(s): Sept. 24  
Time: Noon - 6 p.m.  
Site: Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza  
Cost: \$25 - \$40  
More info: (805) 376-0219 or http://conejofest.com

## October

\* See September for dates for ongoing events

### ClubFest 2006

Come and enjoy a day of all-you-can-eat foods, tons of games and awesome great prizes. Also, enjoy live music from City employee bands: Jamnesia (Harbor), Latin Gents (DWP) and Bad Boyz & Company (DOT).

Date(s): Oct. 1  
Time: 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Site: Calamigos Ranch, Malibu  
Cost: \$20/adults, free (kids under 4)  
More info: (888) 777-1744 or www.cityemployeesclub.com

### Ape Awareness Day at the L.A. Zoo

"Dr. Jane Goodall, naturalist, renowned primatologist and United Nations Messenger of Peace, will make a special appearance at this year's Ape Awareness Day at the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens. The daylong festival will include educational displays, hands-on activities, animal talks and art activities. Dr. Goodall shares experiences from her 40-year field study of chimpanzees in Tanzania, and answers questions from those in attendance." (Website)

Date(s): Oct. 1  
Time: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Site: Los Angeles Zoo 5333 Zoo Drive, Los Angeles  
Cost: \$7/adult, \$4/child (discount prices at Club Headquarters) \$10/adult, \$7/senior, \$5/child (ages 2 to 12), free/children (under 2)  
More info: (323) 644-4200 or www.lazoo.org  
City Sponsor: Zoo

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**California Kidsfaire 2006**  
 "An amazing weekend full of nonstop entertainment, interactive pavilions and unbelievable attractions. Enjoy trapeze acts and high-flying stunt shows. More than 25 of your children's most beloved television and storybook characters come to life before your eyes...Ride a camel, plan your next vacation at Vacation Village, discover the ultimate in home improvement, and find great resources for your home and your family." (Website)  
 Date(s): Oct. 7 - 8  
 Time: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Site: Orange County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa  
 Cost: \$8/adults, \$4/kids (ages 2-12)  
 More info: (866) 283-8600 or www.thekidsfaire.com

**Grand Avenue Festival and Taste of Downtown L.A.**  
 "Downtown Los Angeles' highly acclaimed restaurants, theatres, concert halls, museums and other organizations along Grand Avenue present a premier day in entertainment at the third annual Grand Avenue Festival and Taste of Downtown L.A." (Website) There will be several events, free admission to the MOCA, entertainment and more.  
 Date(s): Oct. 7  
 Time: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Site: Grand Ave., Between Temple and Second Streets, Los Angeles  
 Cost: Free  
 More info: (213) 624-2146 or www.downtownla.com



**Nightingale at the Mark Taper Forum, Downtown L.A.**  
 Written by actress Lynn Redgrave. Nightingale is inspired by memories of her maternal grandmother, Beatrice Kempson. "For no one dies who is remembered."  
 Date: Oct. 4 - Nov. 19  
 Time/site/cost: See Website  
 More info: (213) 972-7231 or www.taperahmanson.com

**Tarfest at the L.A. Miracle Mile**  
 "Tarfest continues its explosive growth, bringing together an ever-widening range of music, art and film, with additional venue support, increased program participation, and higher quality production. This year's programming will take place in Hancock Park, as well as at Subud House and the Craft and Folk Art Museum... with little or no admission charges." (Website)  
 Date: Oct. 5 - 8  
 Time/cost: Vary: see Website  
 Site: Vary along Miracle Mile, Los Angeles (Wilshire Boulevard)  
 More info: www.tarfest.com  
 City Sponsor: Cultural Affairs

**Second Annual Firefighter Festival of Hollywood**  
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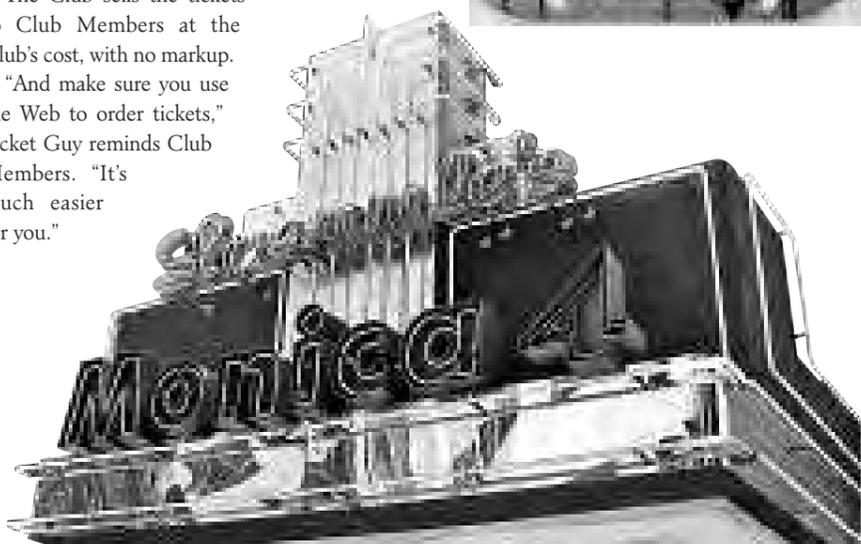
The Ticket Guy has added the Laemmle Theatre chain to the Club's discount ticket program. The tickets are available immediately.

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# A Healthy Ontario

■ Ontario Airport hosts Health, Safety Expo.

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

AIRPORTS — The Ontario International Airport Health and Safety Expo took place July 20 at the Airport Administration building.

Airport employees received various information from hundreds of vendors and received free screenings for issues including blood sugar, bone density, skin sun damage, blood pressure and free massages.

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



Teresa Braden and Lori Teague, Public Relations.



Barbara Rowe, Ambassador.



John Bush, Club Member, and Laura Enriquez, Club Member.



From left: Yanina Diaz, Club Member; Julie Williams; Luz Kaffell, Club Member; and Arturo Saenz.



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# Airport Police Thanks 3



Back row, from left: Heriberto Gonzalez, Mark Corral, Marshall McClain, Det. Joe Dean and Sgt. George Holt III. Front: Capt. LaPonda Fitchpatrick, Edward Corrington, Belinda Nettles, Sophia Gallegos, Councilwoman Janice Hahn, Larry Hatfield and Lt. Curtis Thompson.

## ■ Hahn, Kennard and Zifkin get nods for their support.

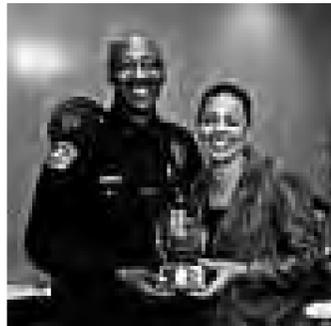
Story by Officer Belinda Nettles, Airport Police Photos courtesy Airport Police

**AIRPORTS** — The Los Angeles Airport Police presented plaques of appreciation to Councilwoman and Club Member Janice Hahn, Airports Executive Director Lydia Kennard and Airport Commissioner Walter Zifkin to recognize their support during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Event held in Washington, D.C. in May.

Airport Police represented California law enforcement agencies at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in honor of all officers who lost their lives in the line of duty in 2005.

The plaque ceremony was held Aug. 7.

Joseph Dean, National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Ambassador and a Burbank Police detective, presented commendations at the Board of Airport Commissioners meeting to Brian A. Walker, acting chief of Los Angeles Airport Police, Airport Police Capt. La Ponda Fitchpatrick and Airport Police Honor Guard members Officers Shawna Smith, Caj Scott, Brian Davis, Sofia Gallegos, Mark Corral, Rupert Staine, Marshall McClain and Sergeant George Holt III.



Lt. Curtis Thompson and Lydia Kennard, Airports Executive Director.



Capt. LaPonda Fitchpatrick and Joe Dean, Burbank PD Detective.

# Transportation Service Awards



## ■ Transportation honors those with 30 years of service, and above.

Photos by Club Staff

**TRANSPORTATION** — In July, Transportation honored its most dedicated employees with certificates of appreciation for their service.

The certificates went to those with 30 years or more of service, in increments of five. The certificates were signed by Interim General Manager Frances Banerjee.

Five Transportation employees were present to accept the certificates of recognition. The citations serve as official recognition and appreciation for long and faithful service to the people of the City of Los Angeles. The certificates were presented after the Transportation Commissioners meeting.

Those present to receive their certificates:

- Dorothy Diskin, Club Member, 30 years;
- Elma Walker, Club Member, 35 years;
- Fawnda Sparks, Club Member, 30 years;
- Linda Browne, Club Member, 35 years; and
- Jeannete Johnson, 30 years.

Congratulations to everyone for their great service!

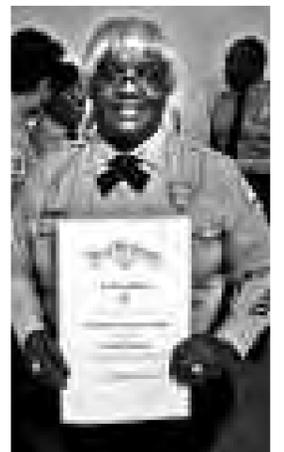
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Fawnda Sparks



Elma Walker

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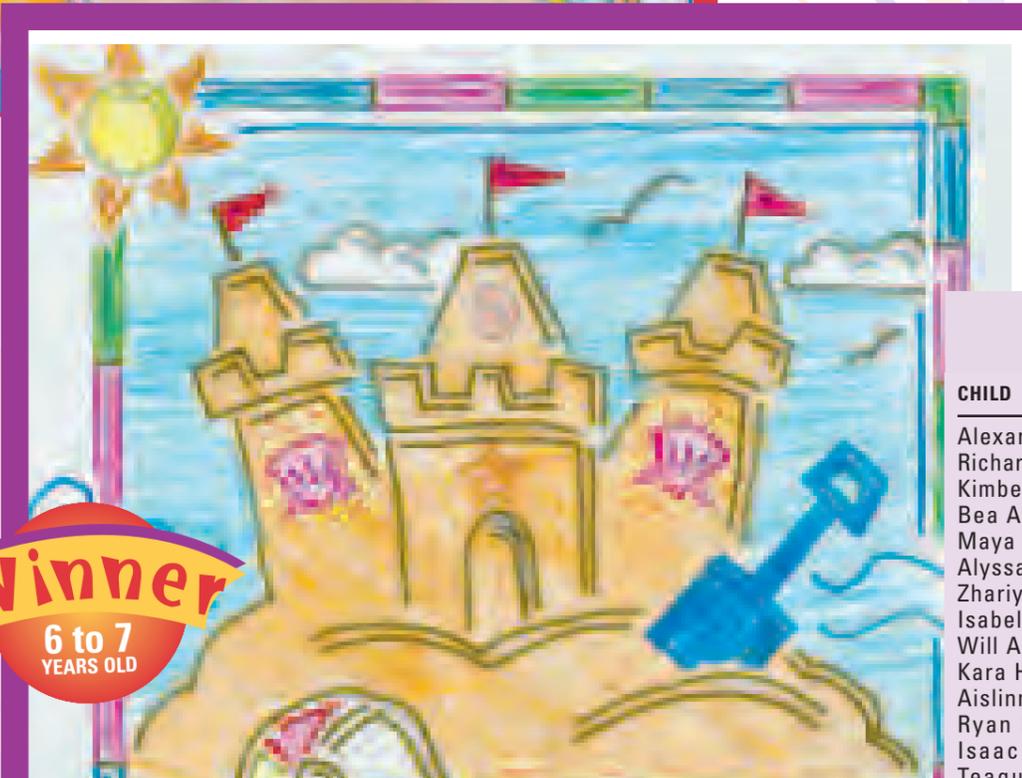
**Karen Yip, 5**

- FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Malcom in the Middle"
- FAVORITE SNACK: Chocolate Chip cookies
- BEST FRIEND: Ashley
- WHY I WANT TO GO TO UNIVERSAL STUDIOS HOLLYWOOD: I never been there.
- PARENT: Daisy Cheung, Sr. Clerk Typist, Department of Water and Power

# Congratulations to the WINNERS! of our Club Coloring Contest!

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

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

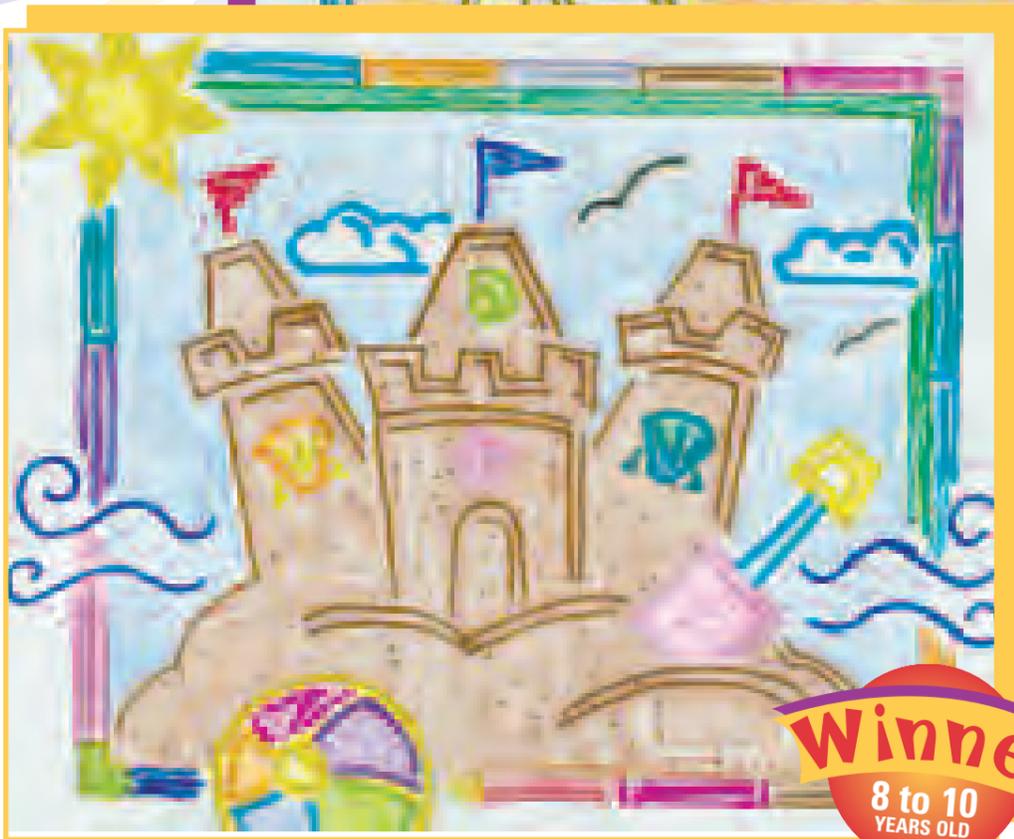


**Abegail Diaz, 7**

- FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Sabrina The Teenage Witch"
- FAVORITE SNACK: Watermelon
- BEST FRIEND: Lauren
- WHY I WANT TO GO TO UNIVERSAL STUDIOS HOLLYWOOD: I have lots of fun whenever I go there.
- PARENT: Myrna Diaz, Principal Accountant - Harbor Department

## Honorable Mention

CHILD	AGE	PARENT/GUARDIAN
Alexander Silva,	age 3,	Maria Silva
Richard Nunez Jr.,	age 4,	Richard Nunez
Kimberly Ochoa,	age 4,	Mario Ochoa
Bea Almocera,	age 4,	Marta Almocera
Maya Brown,	age 5,	Robert Brown
Alyssa Buchanan,	age 5,	Gary D. Buchanan
Zhariya Ennis,	age5,	Lujeena Ennis
Isabelle Garcia,	age 5,	Julie Garcia
Will A. Henriquez	age 5,	Tania Henriquez
Kara Hillman,	age 5,	Steve Hillman
Aislinn Hoerricks	age 5,	Kenneth Hoerricks
Ryan Rinehart,	age 5,	Rick Rinehart
Isaac Truong,	age 5,	Richard Truong
Teague Berk,	age 6,	Terry Rockstad
Adam Chacon,	age 6,	Hugo Chacon
Reilly Hew,	age 6,	Tracy Scott
Marc Gamboa,	age 6,	Maribel Gamboa
Julianne Jimenez,	age 6,	Tito Valente
Hannah Johnson,	age 6,	Barbara Johnson
Andres Maldonado,	age 6,	Noe Maldonado
Miranda Nunez,	age 6,	Richard Nunez
Ashley Orantes,	age 6,	Sonia Galvan
Brandon Rodriguez	age 6,	Kenneth Rodriguez
Daniela Tapia,	age 6,	Daniel Tapia
Valerie Truong,	age 6,	Richard Truong
Joshua Nguyen,	age 6,	Joe Sanez
Miranda Aguirre,	age 7,	Mike Aguirre
Cami Hillman,	age 7,	Steve Hillman
Roger Juarez,	age 7,	Juan C. Juarez
Nathan Moen,	age 7,	Brian W. Moen
Alfredo Reyes,	age 7,	Alfredo Reyes
Jacklyn Espinoza,	age 7,	Debra Espinoza
Melissa Lava,	age 8,	Melissa Lava
Andy Villasana,	age 9,	Elidio Villasana
Jocelyn Galvez,	age 9,	Noe Galvez
Daniela Juarez,	age 9,	Hector D. Juarez
Alyssa Reyes,	age 9,	Robert Reyes
Sara Paredes,	age 9,	Marco Paredes
Priscilla Barrios,	age 8,	Maricela Barrios
Michael Briones,	age 8,	Henry Briones
Carolina Gonzales,	age 8,	Marcela Casio
Aaron Loriso,	age 8,	Richard Loriso
Danielle Espinoza,	age 9,	Debra Espinoza
Samantha Ashley,	age 10,	Tim Ashley
Jeremy Dean,	age 10,	Robert Dean
Jackie Files,	age 10,	James Files
Brianna Filosa,	age 10,	Tami Filosa
Adriana Henriquez,	age 10,	Tania Henriquez
Jessica Ho,	age 10,	Jung Ho
Sharon Kotas,	age 10,	Gary Kotas
Nancy Raudales,	age 10,	Fernando Raudales
Sabrina Rinehart,	age 10,	Rick Rinehart
Ashley Rizo,	age 13,	Aracely Galicia
Norma Ruvalcaba,	age 10,	Norma Cibrian
Patricia Siping,	age 10,	Patrick Siping
Ashley Hernandez,	age 10,	Pete Hernandez



**Suzette Reyes, 10**

- FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Suite Life of Zack and Cody" • FAVORITE SNACK: Chips and Dip • BEST FRIEND: Alma • WHY I WANT TO GO TO UNIVERSAL STUDIOS HOLLYWOOD: I have never been there and I want to go and treat my family. Thank you very much.
- PARENT: Alfredo Reyes, Wastewater Treatment Mech. 2 - PublicWorks

Compiled by Lupe Medina



# Adieu to Debra

■ **Debra Mercer-Watson, Club Member, retires from the LAPD after 25 years of service.**

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

**POLICE DEPT.** — More than 90 friends, family members and colleagues came out to celebrate the retirement of Debra Mercer-Watson June 24 at Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel in Buena Park.

"At work, Debra was the kind supervisor that most wanted to work for," according to the retirement program. "She required you to do your job assignment accurately and in a timely manner. If you were out of compliance, she would not hesitate to pull you aside and counsel you. Yet, Debra was also the type of supervisor to whom it was not beneath her to know how to do a subordinate's job. She would also not hesitate to do that job if it needed to be done.

"More importantly, however, Debra was fair and understanding. When any of us had a problem, Debra sought out ways to help us work through it.

"Debra was a counselor to her family, friends and co-workers. No, she did not have a degree in this field, but many came to her desk to talk about their personal lives and situations. I believe she helped many because they always come back to her for more advice. So many that some of us teased her about her extra job assignment.

"Debra loved people and didn't mind taking time to hear the various details of their lives if that would help them. So it is with great pleasure that we honor Debra Mercer-Watson."

The Club wishes Debra a great retirement and thanks Karla Sanders and Royna Williams for their assistance.

*Congratulations*



Debra Mercer-Watson, Retiree, Club Member.



The family of Debra Mercer-Watson, standing, from left: James Watson, husband; and Anthony Sherman, brother. Seated: Debra Mercer-Watson, Retiree, Club Member; and Luebertha Harrison, mother.



Cake!



Royna Williams, Management Aid, Harbor Dept., Club Member, served as Master of Ceremonies.



Detra Kelley, PCPIII, WLA holds up the resolution she presented to Debra Mercer-Watson.



From left: Nina Valenzuela, Sr. Clerk Typist, LAPD Hollywood, and her daughter, Raisa.



From left: Royna Williams, Management Aid, Harbor Dept., Club Member; Tammy Watson, Personnel Analyst, Public Works, Club Member; and Tammi Gray, cousin of Debra Mercer-Watson.



The family of Debra Mercer-Watson, standing, from left: Tramiela Thomas, goddaughter; Carl Watson, son; Akeia Harris, daughter, Clerk Typist, WLA LAPD Records, Club Member; and Keondra Sherman, niece. Seated: James Watson, husband; Debra Mercer-Watson, Retiree, Club Member; Derrion Harris, grandson; and Luebertha Harrison, Debra's mother.



From left: Jene Williams, Sr. Clerk Typist, LAPD R & I; and Florence Scott, Retired LAPD.



From left: Tammy Watson, Personnel Analyst, Public Works, Club Member; and Deborah Humphrey, Sr. Detention Officer.



From left: Carol Harris, Clerk Typist, LAPD Wilshire; and Kyla Evans Sr. Clerk Typist, LAPD WLA.



Standing, from left: Karla Sanders, Sr. Clerk Typist, LAPD Internal Affairs; and Detra Kelley, PCP III, WLA. Seated: James Watson, husband; Debra Mercer-Watson, Retiree, Club Member; and Luebertha Harrison, mother.

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- Assistance with getting welfare
- Legal assistance (TRO's etc.)
- Medical Services



# Bobken Retires

■ **Bobken Simonians retires from Housing after 10 years of City service.**

Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor  
Photos courtesy Housing Dept.

**HOUSING** — Bobken Simonians, Director of the Homeownership and Preservation Division, Housing, retired July 11.

Bobken worked with the City for 10 years. A special luncheon was held in his honor at the Monterey Hill Restaurant July 11. More than 70 guests attended the luncheon to wish Bobken farewell and wish him best of luck on his retirement.



Bobken Simonians, Director of Homeownership and Preservation Division, Housing Dept., 10 years.

## Newsbrief



### HARBORING COFFEE

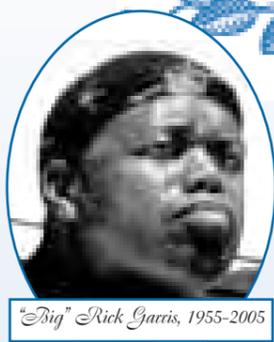
"Where can I get a cup of coffee around here?" No matter where you go, this question is bound to come up. At the Port of Los Angeles, the answer is Breakfast at Tiffany's, a new coffee cart serving not only premium coffee, but also delectable sweets and treats. The coffee cart is located at the northern tip of the Harbor Parkway promenade in San Pedro, just behind Waterfront Red Car Station #1 at Harbor Boulevard and Swinford Street. A limited number of free parking spaces are available for quick stops.

"Most of my business comes from cruise ship crewmembers," said Tiffany Becker, Owner and President of Breakfast at Tiffany's. "I hope to see more cruise ship passengers and people walking along the Promenade as the word gets out, though."

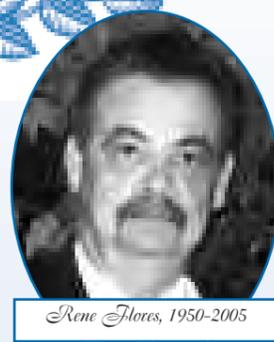
In addition to gourmet coffee and an espresso bar for specialty hot and ice-blended coffees, Breakfast at Tiffany's offers decaf coffee and coffee alternatives, such as fruit smoothies and teas. Breakfast at Tiffany's also offers a variety of assorted snacks to nosh, from danish and pound cake to cookies and fresh fruit, and other to-go goodies.

Breakfast at Tiffany's hours of operation coincide with cruise ship schedules: Mondays and Fridays, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Breakfast at Tiffany's offers a frequent buyer program and weekly specials.

For more information, call (323) 309-8848.



"Big" Rick Garris, 1955-2005



Rene Flores, 1950-2005

# A Memorial ~ to ~ Rick and Rene

■ **Hundreds gather to raise funds for a memorial to the late Rick Garris and Rene Flores.**

Photos by Summy Lam, Club Tech Guru

**POLICE DEPT.** — More than 200 friends and City employees came with their families, braving hundred-degree heat to enjoy a Remembered Picnic fundraiser July 15 at the Disabled American Veterans Facility in Woodland Hills.

The "Big" Rick and Rene Memorial Monument, when built, will honor two fallen City comrades, Ricardo "Big Rick" Garris and Rene Flores, who were killed while on duty Feb. 24, 2005.

The Remembered Picnic Fundraiser was a tremendous success, with Bureau of Street Services Director William Robertson and Assistant Director Ron Olive kicking off the event. Bennie Williams, President of Remembered, and Dennis Weber, Senior

Vice President of Remembered, welcomed everyone.

Big Rick and Rene's families were present. The Picnic was "first class" with fun and activity for everyone. Fine food and refreshments were served throughout the day, including tasty barbecued tri-tip, chicken and hot dogs. Soda, beer and mixed drinks were also available all day at the Courtesy Bar.

Activities included a hot rod/car contest, a bike/cycle contest and a few other surprises. The Blues Shifters provided live entertainment. Raffle drawings kept everyone involved and excitement levels up. Kids were treated to face painting, a swimming pool and their own contests, in between which they jumped, frolicked and bounced out some kid-energy on a super Bouncer House. Every child at the picnic took home a prize for his/her boundless energy despite the 105-degree heat.

Winner of the People's Choice Contest for Best Rod went to Bureau of Street Services Superintendent John Sapone. His entry was called "The Pothole Express." The Miller Lite Girls presented contest winners with trophies.

At 2 p.m. a T-50 military plane did a fly-over in tribute to both Big Rick and Rene Flores.

Bennie Williams summed up the event: "It was a tremendous success, and I really appreciate everyone who showed up and stayed in spite of the heat. The families of both Big Rick and Rene were touched by what we did and are continuing to do to honor their loved ones."

Remembered is a private enterprise, an association of City employees and family members working to raise \$45,000 in funding to build a Big Rick and Rene Memorial Monument that will be placed inside the new Public Works Building on Broadway.

Ricardo Garris, or "Big Rick," worked for the Bridge Crew of Street Services as timekeeper. Rene Flores was his supervisor.

For information on how you can help, please call Bennie Williams at (213) 473-4639.

The Club thanks Bennie Williams for his assistance.



The family of Rick Garris.



The family of Rene Flores.



The Blues Shifters provided live entertainment.



From left: William Nicholson, St. Services, Special Projects; Sylvia Rodriguez, Senior Clerk Typist; James Duncan, Supervisor II/ Coordinator; and Ronald Fleming (OB), Sr. Cement Finisher Worker, Street Services, Special Projects.



Participants in the hot rod and bike contests with the Miller Lite Girls.



From left: Marcus McNeal, Special Projects; Lloyd Matzkin, Acting Supervisor; Bill Roberston, Director of Bureau of Street Services; and Tony Chapetta, Equipment Operator.



Members of Remembered, an association for the Big Rick and Rene Memorial Monument, back row, from left: Glenn Reichert; Lou Gysin; Bob Garcia; Glenn Hoke; Dennis Weber; Laura Roberts; and Ron Fleming. Front: Rick Croymans; Juan DeLa O; Karren Garris; Bennie Williams; Deanna Flores; and John Serrato.



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# Disneyland 50

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# Hyperion Employees Of the Month



## ■ Hyperion honors its employees of the month for May and June.

**PUBLIC WORKS** — The Hyperion Treatment Plant in Playa del Rey named its employees of the month for May and June.

For May, the employees of the month are brothers Noe and Isabel Torres, Painters. They were recognized for multiple projects including coating seven treatment tank super structures, repainting the multi-level parking structure and 31 transformer substations.

For June, the maintenance employee of the month is Jose Viray, Wastewater Treatment Electrician. Jose was recognized for restarting plant equipment after DWP encountered a 52 percent power loss to the plant. His quick and competent response to this emergency enabled the plant process to continue uninterrupted while avoiding any permit violations that would have resulted in monetary fines to the City.

Congratulations to Noe and Isabel Torres, and Jose Viray.

### May Employees of the Month



Noe and Isabel Torres.

### June Employees of the Month



Jose Viray with (left) Efrain Gonzalez, Sanitation Manager I, and Mihran Sarkisian, Sanitation Manager III.

# New Website for Urban Forestry

## ■ Urban Forestry saves trees by launching new Website.

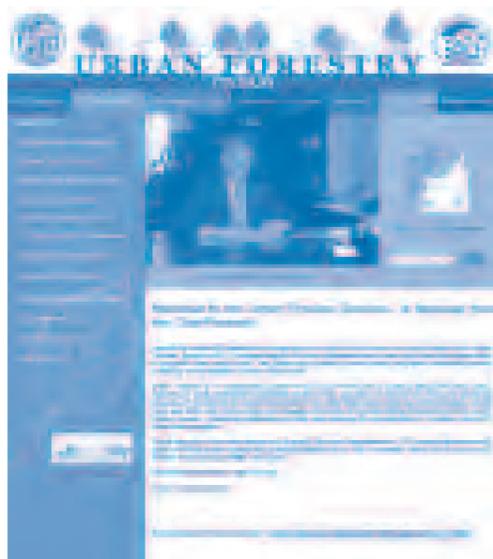
Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

**PUBLIC WORKS** — On Aug. 2, Urban Forestry, a division of the Bureau of Street Services, launched its new Website: [www.lacity.org/BOSS/UrbanForestryDivision](http://www.lacity.org/BOSS/UrbanForestryDivision)

The new Urban Forestry Website provides a wealth of information on how to sustain one of the largest and most diverse urban forests in the nation. Topics range from how to select, obtain, plant, care for and prune a street tree, to what to do when a street tree causes damage, to how to recycle green waste. Flyers, brochures and other similar informational material are also available on the Website.

"We invite homeowners and anyone interested in planting trees or helping sustain the Los Angeles Urban Forest to visit the Website," said Board of Public Works Commissioner Paula Daniels, who also serves as Initiative Chair for the Mayor's Million Tree Program. "This is especially significant in light of the goal set by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's One Million Tree Initiative to plant one million trees in the next several years."

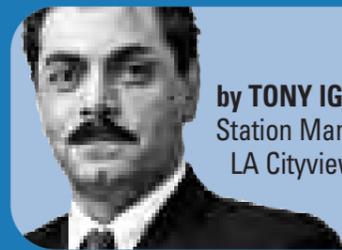
"We are pleased to be able to provide this additional resource for City residents and businesses," said Bureau of Street Services Director



William A. Robertson. "This new website is our way of encouraging everyone in the City to become involved and support Mayor Villaraigosa's Million Tree Initiative."

Urban Forestry is a division of Public Work's Bureau of Street Services. Urban Forestry is responsible for the creation, development and enforcement of street tree policies, standards and guidelines for one of the largest urban forests in the nation. It is also responsible for maintaining more than 680,000 street trees in Los Angeles and more than 1,000 different species growing along the 6,500 miles of public rights-of-way within the City.

# Tuned In



by TONY IGHANI  
Station Manager,  
LA Cityview 35



## 2 Emmys for the City!

It was another exciting award year for LA Cityview 35. At its 58th annual LA-area Emmy Awards, the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences handed out the Emmys to local broadcasters and cable programmers Aug. 12. LA Cityview 35 was nominated with four Emmys, which included staff members for best non-news director, best non-news editor, best public services announcement and best program in the category of public, municipal and cable-produced. LA Cityview 35 walked away with two Emmys: best non-news director, and best public service announcement campaign. The campaign was produced in partnership with Transportation to promote safe driving habits and conditions. And, for the second consecutive year, our very own talented Robert Manciero also was honored for the best non-news director.

This brings the station's total Emmy count to 11, which not only makes us extremely proud of our programming, but also proves that, when in the company of big-budget broadcast stations, LA Cityview 35 outshines many formidable competitors.

My congratulations to all the winners and nominees for their outstanding work, and here's to another year of important and quality programming that helps our communities stay in touch with their government. You can catch all the nominating and winning programs on LA Cityview 35 and on the Internet by visiting the City's home page at [www.lacity.org](http://www.lacity.org).

## September Highlights:

### L.A. Roundtable

Dave Bryan, political reporter for KCAL/9, returns to LA Cityview this month with fascinating new programs in the L.A. Roundtable series. These new one-hour, in-depth discussions will cover issues that delve into the pressures news media operate under, the question of term limits for members of the Los Angeles City Council, and the effect on L.A. if it were to acquire a NFL football team.

### Your Council District Close-Up

Your Council District Close-Up, L.A. Cityview's long-running series that focuses on one City Council district at a time, returns this month with a new format. In the past, each City Council member was interviewed one-on-one for a full half-hour. But this time around, Council members have invited community leaders from their districts to join them in the studio for a free-wheeling, unscripted discussion of issues, problems, concerns and successes in their particular Council Districts.

### Your Neighborhood

A new series for Channel 35, Your Neighborhood, premieres this September. Focused on Council District 12, Councilman Greig Smith will tour the diverse communities that make up his district. From landmarks and popular eateries to historic and cultural monuments, we will be treated to a firsthand look at the bounty of interesting sights that make this community unique.

**For airing schedule of the above programs, and for more program listings and information, visit [www.lacityview.org](http://www.lacityview.org).**



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**Contact Tony with your questions:  
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*See you on LA Cityview 35!*

# DWP Customer Service Graduation

■ **DWP's Customer Service program has a graduation ceremony, celebration.**

*Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Communications and Marketing*

DWP — The DWP's Customer Services reps go through a rigorous training program to prepare them to deal with customer needs efficiently. The most recent class of trainees had a graduation ceremony Aug. 20 at the DWP's Customer Contact Center in the John Ferraro Office Building.

Many of the DWP's top management congratulated the graduates, who will work in the Customer Contact Center. The ceremony included the presentation of certificates for completion of basic customer service procedures. Words of wisdom came from trainers, leads and supervisors.



**The trainers and graduates were:**

- Jackie Griffin, Trainer, Club Member;
- Claudette Wickerp, Trainer, Club Member;
- Alicia Marquez, Graduate, Club Member, Club Rep;
- Karen Orellanes, Graduate, Club Member;
- Imelda Vega Perez, Graduate, Club Member;
- Yvonne Morales, Graduate, Club Member;
- Cristina Reyes, Graduate, Club Member;
- Daniel Jacot, Graduate;
- Rene Anderson, Graduate, Club Member;
- Damon Gangi, Graduate, Club Member;
- Kathy Fuller, Graduate, Club Member;
- Denis Jefferson, Trainer;
- Corliss Love, Trainer;
- Robert Covertson, Graduate;
- Estela Garcia, Graduate;
- Greg Lachelli, Graduate;
- James Ocello, Graduate, Club Member;
- Gabrielle Robinson, Graduate; and
- Pamela South Mayfield, Graduate, Club Member.

Congratulations to the graduates, and thanks to Kevin Shost, Norma Castillo, Sharon Keys, Betty Carlton and Alicia Marquez for their assistance.



Kevin Shost, DWP Executive, Customer Contact Center Manager, Club Member.



Sharon Keys, DWP Executive, Club Member, welcomes new graduates.



Estela Garcia, Graduate, proudly holds her certificate.



Karen Orellanes, Graduate, Club Member.



Damon Gangi, Graduate, Club Member, receives his certificate.



From left: Kevin Shost, DWP Executive, Customer Contact Center Manager, Club Member; Rene Anderson, Graduate, Club Member; Jackie Griffin, Trainer, Club Member; and Sharon Keys, DWP Executive, Club Member.



Kathryn Fuller, Graduate, Club Member, holds her certificate of achievement for completing basic customer service procedures.



James Ocello, Graduate, Club Member.



Greg Lachelli, Graduate.



Daniel Jacot, Graduate.



Gabrielle Robinson, Graduate.



Yvonne Morales, Graduate, Club Member.



Alicia Marquez, Graduate, Club Member, Club Rep, receives her certificate of achievement.



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### Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association



**James Chastain, President**  
Phone: (323) 283-4441  
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9521 Las Tunas Dr. #4,  
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### Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



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

### Change of Address?

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

### Have News About Yourself?

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

## Record Number Attends Annual RLACEI Picnic



### Ed Harding, RLACEI President, reports:

"I wish to thank all those who called and made reservations for our Annual Picnic Aug. 10. A record 150 called, which made it a lot easier to order the food, although I knew that there would be many who would not call even though they planned to attend. We had a record crowd of 210.

"I know that everyone who attended enjoyed the meal and the camaraderie. I wish to thank John Hawkins of the City Employees Club, who donated some of the door prizes. It was nice seeing friends and people whom I worked with and probably won't see again until next year. The retiree who came the farthest was Dan Osborne from Nevada City.



"Special thanks go to Americo Garza, Picnic Chairman; Thomas Redditt, Simons Lodge Manager; and Ron Black, who provided the musical entertainment. Ron is available for parties (square dance). Call him at (818) 752-6810.

"Our next event will be our Annual Corporation Meeting and Election of officers at 1 p.m. Oct. 12 at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Citizens Center. There will be a free lunch at noon. If you have called one of the officers a week ahead, you may bring one adult guest.

LACERS is having an Open Enrollment Retirement Fair at the L.A. Convention Center on October 25, details later in this article. Hal Danowitz, Neil Ricci and I will be there to hand out materials to those that plan to retire. If you are thinking of changing your health plan, be sure to attend the fair, they can help you. The open enrollment period is from Oct. 15 to Nov. 15.

### Legislative Update:

Ken Spiker, our elected Representative to the LACERS Board of Directors, reports the LACERS retirement fund has reached a new all time high of \$9.67 billion.

Ken gives special credit to the LACERS investment staff, headed by Dan Gallagher.

Ken also reports that his committee is finalizing negotiations with our health care providers, and programs will be ready for the October/November signups.

Here are details of the upcoming LACERS Open Enrollment Fair, "Your Passport to Health."

**Date:** Wed., Oct. 25

**Time:** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Location:** Los Angeles Convention Center West Hall Meeting Rooms, Room 515 AB

1201 South Figueroa St., Los Angeles, CAA 90015

**Guest speaker:** Dr. Gary Small, UCLA Center for Aging

**Food:** Breakfast and lunch will be provided

**Parking:** Parking vouchers will be provided in RSVP packets

**Purpose:** To provide LACERS retired members with information about their health plans and benefits for 2007. Additionally, LACERS is inviting organizations to exhibit and provide information regarding programs offered to senior citizens. Free travel bag/backpack while supplies last. Grand prize drawing for a Hawaiian cruise for two.

**Questions:** Contact LACERS at (800)779-8328

This event is not open to the public; it is by invitation only.

**Poetry contest:** The Annual Retirees Poetry contest deadline is Oct. 1. Send typed copies to Phil Skarin at 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411. Separate categories for members & spouses. Any style or subject; everyone wins.

Visit [www.rlacei.com](http://www.rlacei.com) to find out the latest retirement news.



## Upcoming Events:

**Oct. 2:** 2nd annual LAFD Historical Society Charity Golf Tournament. Look in the June and July issue of the Grapevine for the application. (LAFD)

**Oct. 12:** Annual Meeting and Elections - Van Nuys/ Sherman Oaks Senior Citizen Center - Lunch at noon, meeting at 1 p.m. (RLACEI)

**Dec. 7:** Christmas Party, Grace E. Simons Lodge (RLACEI)



# The Best Years



China Town



By Hal Danowitz,  
Secretary, RLACEI

## Retiree Hotlines

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

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

**RLACEI Retirement Counselors:**

- Edward Harding (805) 584-9417
- Phil Skarin (818) 784-0130
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- (membership)
- Americo Garza (562) 928-2051
- Neil Ricci (310) 394-1971

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

## RLACEI:

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- Kenneth Spiker, Second Vice President
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- Helen Salgado, Membership
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- Americo Garza, Holiday Party and Installation
- Jack Mathews, Senior Citizens
- Neil Ricci, Health
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- Neil Ricci, Special Needs for Retirees
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- Thomas Stemnock
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- Dave Wilkins
- Jack Mathews
- Neil Ricci



## Visiting Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)

■ Part six of Hal's epic cruise to Asia.

Last evening, the Diamond Princess set sail south from Nha Trang, Vietnam, toward Vung Tau at the mouth of the Mekong River. Here the Diamond Princess berthed, and we took a two-hour ride to Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon. Smaller cruise ships can navigate the Mekong and dock in the City, but the size of the Diamond did not allow this.

The distance from where we docked to the city made us decide on taking a tour instead of seeing the sites on our own. We picked the city tour, which included a stop for shopping at Dong Hoi Street.

The ride from the ship was very interesting as it gave us a chance to see some of the countryside. While there were more cars and trucks than we saw in Nha Trang, the majority of the travelers were on motorbikes. We saw evidence of Western products on the street and evidence of new factories. It has been about 10 years since the United States removed the embargo and new businesses are coming to Vietnam. Our guide, born after the war, had a much different view of war, and the people in general welcomed us as friends.

Our first stop was the National History Museum, which displays crafts and historical items. The stop also include a perform-



From left: Effie and Evelyn in front of a statue of Ho Chi Minh.

ance of the Water Puppets, a 30-minute show that is hard to explain, but was very good.

Before our lunch stop we visited a lacquer factory, where we had a chance to see the manufacturing process and of course buy lacquer products, which a number of people did. We stopped at the New World Hotel for a buffet lunch, which included both Vietnamese and Western dishes.

While we were eating, a local dance group performed for us.

After lunch, we drove past the former Presidential Palace, now Reunification Hall, the former U.S. Embassy where the last Americans were evacuated by helicopter from the rooftop in 1975; and the Rex Hotel, where the press briefings known as the "Friday Night Follies" were held during the Vietnam War. We then got about two hours of shopping.

All the prices were in dollars and the prices were pretty good, compared to what we had seen in other ports. Evelyn and I walked around for a while, and then I left her with Effie. Pierre and I found a hotel and rode the elevator to the roof bar for a beer. Our guide had given us a time to meet the bus, and we enjoyed ourselves a little too long. When we got to the street, Evelyn was very upset with me because she thought we would miss the bus.

After the two-hour ride back to the boat, we had a chance to do some final shopping as there were a number of vendors who had set up shop along the pier. Very entrepreneurial! The vendors' products were priced higher than in the city, but everyone knew it was the last chance to shop.

Our last port of call before Bangkok was Singapore, just 85 miles north of the equator at the tip of the Malay Peninsula.



The Water Puppets.



A fountain in the Garden.

# Retiree Question of the Month

Alive! asked retirees...

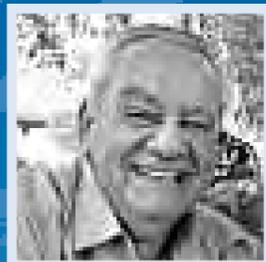
## What is your most favorite movie of all time?



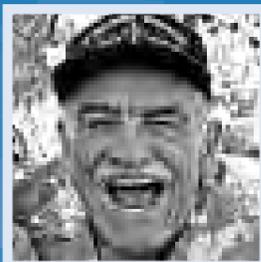
Snow White.  
- Clyde Reed



Cars.  
- Dessi Tyson



Casablanca.  
- Tony Alvarez



Gone With the Wind.  
- Miguel Alvarez



Singapore is a trading cross of East and West. It all started when Sir Stamford

Raffles, a British East India Company official, claimed Singapore as a regional base in 1819. From that time Singapore flourished as an East-West trading center as well as an important military base. Its rise was momentarily halted by the Japanese occupation during World War II. Postwar Singapore progressed from a British Crown colony to self-government in 1955. After years in the Federation of Malaysia, it emerged in 1965 as an independent republic. It is a very cosmopolitan city and one of the cleanest places I have been to.

The Princess docked about 45 minutes from the downtown area, and we took one of the ships tours. It included a stop in China Town, where we were able to buy some stuff for the grandkids. We then drove to Mount Faber, the second-highest point in Singapore, which offers a panoramic view of the harbor and the downtown district; and then to the Botanical Gardens, boasting a great collection of tropical orchids and exotic vegetation. The orchids were amazing; even I enjoyed the walk through the gardens. The tour finished up about 1 p.m., and we were able to leave the tour in the downtown area.

We lunch wondrous and round

the various shops before getting a taxi back to the dock. Our taxi driver had a general understanding as to where the ship was docked but didn't know exactly how to get to the dock. We wandered around for a while until we found the entrance. The taxi was not allowed to drive us to the ship, about a mile from the entrance, but luckily for us the ship had provided a shuttle bus to take us the rest of the way.

We had one more day at sea before we docked in Thailand and we spent most of the day relaxing and then packing for our three-day stay in Bangkok.

Next month I'll finish up our cruise with our stay in Bangkok.



The National History Museum.



Hal and Evelyn on Mt. Faber.

## RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

Member News: Col. Rick Garza, son of Americo and Ella Garza, had a retirement dinner on July 8 in Cypress, after 36 years in the Army. He was awarded the Legion of Merit by the President.

Megan Vrael, daughter of Cleone and Mike Vrael, Arleta, graduated from West Point Academy May 27. She was on the women's basketball team that made it to the NCAA tournament. Outstanding!

Ed Hernandez lives in his motor home. His wife, Amenda, is a traveling nurse who arranges short work assignments in different cities.

Fred Hoepfner is writing a book about the history of Crescenta Valley.

A grandson of John Bogdanoff went to Florida for the Pop Warner Super Bowl Championships and won third place. John, 86, is active at Leisure World, Seal Beach.

Irving Leemon frequently writes letters to the editor to both The L.A. Daily News and the L.A. Times to share his knowledge of government.

Helen L. Wright, Palmdale, has had a book published of her inspirational Christian poetry titled The Voice in My Head. She sent me, Phil Skarin, a copy for review. It's great! Order online: Trafford.com/05-2601

Encouraging comments from: Virginia Garcia: "Thank you, good work;" Neil Denering: "I appreciate your writings;" Jerry Hamm: "Good job;" and Jane Hanson: "Your Thought for the Day is always inspiring."

**If you have any news about a retiree that you would like to share, or constructive comments about this column, send them to:**  
**Phil Skarin**  
**5301 Norwich Ave.**  
**Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910**  
**or phone (818) 784-0130.**



## Poetry Contest

The 11th Annual Retirees Poetry

Contest deadline is Oct. 1.

Send your typed entry to Phil

Skarin. Separate categories for

members and spouses. Everyone

will win a prize.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

*Friendship is a gift.*

*We give it by understanding others and respecting their points of view, even if different from ours. We give it by trusting and by never betraying the confidence of others.*

- Phil Skarin, RLACEI

The Best Years



Retirees, from left: John Lane, General Services, and Charles Wilson, General Services.



Retirees, from left: Edison Goodrich, Street Maintenance, and David Rejino, General Services.

# RLACEI Picnic

■ Retirees Assn. hosts annual summer picnic.

Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Communications and Marketing, and Michelle Moreno, Club Events Guru

RLACEI — The Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) held its annual summer picnic Aug. 10 at the Grace E. Simons Lodge near Dodger Stadium.

Food, fun and fellowship was shared among the many who came to renew old acquaintances.

Thanks to Phil Skarin and Ed Harding of the RLACEI for inviting the Club.



Retirees, from left: Helen Zbydniwski, Engineering; Icle J. Davis, Public Works; and Helen Salgado, Housing.



Retirees, from left: Sylvia Morgia, City Attorney; Amy Okaba, Council; and Donna Zahner, Sanitation.



Retirees, from left: John Morea, Fire and Police Pensions, 32 years; Arlene Tom, Planning, 12 years; with Michael Vrabel, husband of Cleone Vrabel.



Retirees, from left: Tony Alvarez, General Services, 28 years, and Miguel Alvarez, Engineering, 30 years.



Retirees, from left: Rebecca Salinas, ITA; Frances Owaki, ITA; and Carol Takafuji, ITA.



Retiree Clyde Reed, Engineering, 37 years.



Retiree Cleone Vrabel, LAPD, 26 years.



Guest Dessi Tyson. Dad was Ed Garner of Rec and Parks.



Retiree Sam Hochberg, Convention Center, 32 years.



From left: RLACEI Picnic Coordinator Americo Garza, RLACEI President Ed Harding, and RLACEI Secretary Hal Danowitz.



Retirees, from left: John Powell, Rec and Parks, 30 years, and Phil Skarin, Engineering, 40 years. They have been friends for 69 years.



Retirees, from left: Greg Perkins, Rec and Parks, 30 years; and Glen Davidson, Rec and Parks, 6 years.

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# West LA Yard Picnic



Standing, fom left: Cynthia Polk and son, Jonathan Jr. Seated: her husband, Jonathan Polk, Sr., WLA Supervisor; son, Joel; and Rabbiah, guest.



Back, from left: Russell Frazier; Chelsi Reed, 10, daughter of Jon Reed, RCTO, Club Member; wife, Ava; and son, Cameron, 8.

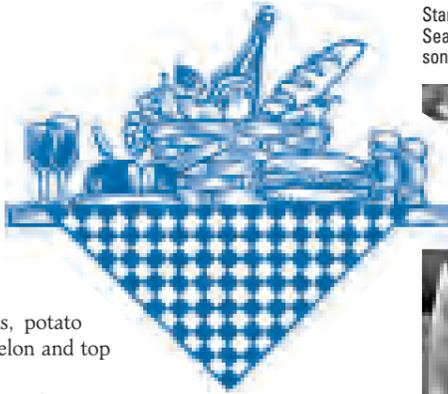
## ■ West LA Yard hosted annual picnic.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

**PUBLIC WORKS** — The West LA Sanitation District held its annual picnic Aug. 5 at Cheviot Hills Park to bring family and co-workers together and celebrate summer.

Attendees enjoyed chicken links, Boston baked beans, potato salad, chicken and beef tacos, string beans, salad, watermelon and top sirloin roast.

Special thanks to Toni Chagolla, Lloyd Gaines and Bonaventure Butts for their assistance and invitation.



From left: Lloyd Gaines, WLA Superintendent, with his wife, Dorita.



Standing: Angel Lara, RCTO, Club Member. Seated, from left: Bonaventure Butts, RCTO, Club Member; and Lloyd Gaines, WLA Superintendent.



Standing: Darrell Bose, RCTO, with son, Darrell Ryan.



Standing, from left: Angel Lara, RCTO, Club Member, with son, Angel Jr., 5. Seated: daughter, Miranda, 7; wife, Ruby Lara, Rec and Parks; and Maggie and Alex Antillon, TSA, Street Trees Bureau.



From left: Paul Porter, RCTO, Club Member; and Toni Chagolla, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member.



From left: Steven Thompson, RCTO, Club Member, with his wife, Judy Thompson, DWP Comm. Operator III.

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# A Job Well Done



From left: Officer George Jarvis, 23 years, Club Member; Carlos Gonzalez, who wrote the thank-you letter; and Officer Douglas Watson, 7 years.

## Two Van Nuys Airport Police Officers are thanked for capturing suspects.

Story by Officer Belinda Nettles, Airport Police; Photo by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

**AIRPORTS** — Two Van Nuys Airport Police Officers, who captured two suspects after they were flagged down by an armed robbery victim, received a letter of thanks for their help in the June 28 incident.

The victim, a Northridge man, wrote his letter to thank Officers Doug Watson and George Jarvis for their immediate response, which resulted in the quick apprehension of both suspects.

"Right away they followed the suspects, who were running, and arrested them without any

incident, even though one of them was carrying a steak knife," the victim said in his letter to the officers. "Officers controlled the situation within a couple of minutes."

Van Nuys Airport Police Officer Doug Watson was flagged down by the victim at the intersection of Parthenia and Forbes in Van Nuys. The victim described the two male suspects and Watson observed the suspects running a short distance away from the location. Watson, with the assistance of Van Nuys Airport Police Officer George Jarvis, a Club Member, took the two suspects into custody. The suspects were arrested and taken to LAPD Devonshire Division.

The victim recovered all of his personal property and money. "I don't know how to thank Officer Watson for his valor," he said.

The Club congratulates Officers Watson and Jarvis for their excellent service.



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# CITY OF LOS ANGELES 2006 Future Focused Leadership Graduates

Story by Rosetta Davenport Landou; Photos by Jeanie Molinar

## Future Leadership Graduates

■ Leadership program for City managers hosts a luncheon for 19 recent graduates.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR** — The graduation luncheon of the spring 2006 class of the Future Focused Leadership (FFL) management development program for City managers was held at the Convention Center July 27. The FFL program is a joint venture of the Personnel Department, the Los Angeles Professional Managers Association (LAPMA), and the County of Los Angeles.

The Future Focus Leadership Program was initiated two years ago to educate City managers represented by the Los Angeles Professional Managers' Association (LAMA) on issues including organizations in transition, interpersonal skills, understanding teams and team building, strategic planning, and conflict management strategies. Since its inception, 68 City managers have participated in this program, a result of a joint effort with the City, County of Los Angeles, LAMA and California State University Northridge.

### The graduates included:

- ✦ **Crista Binder**, Director, Cash Management Services, Treasurer;
- ✦ **Hector Buitrago**, Assistant Deputy Superintendent of Building, Building and Safety
- ✦ **Marion Chapman**, Street Services Superintendent, Public Works
- ✦ **Kelly Cooper**, Building and Construction Maintenance Superintendent, General Services
- ✦ **Ronald Domash**, Property Manager II, Airports
- ✦ **James Hickey**, Chief, Tax and Permit Division II, Finance
- ✦ **Kabew Kassew**, Wastewater Treatment Laboratory Manager II, General Services
- ✦ **Michael Mullin**, Lab Manager II, Public Works
- ✦ **Karen Penner**, Chief Management Analyst, Building and Safety
- ✦ **Antonio Pulido Jr.**, Sanitation Wastewater Manager I, Public Works
- ✦ **Irene Saltzman**, Property Manager I, General Services
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- ✦ **Edward Schaak**, Supply Services Manager I, General Services
- ✦ **Henry Stern**, Chief Investment Officer, Treasurer
- ✦ **Lawrence Williams**, Chief Management Analyst, Public Works; and
- ✦ **Anne Wu**, Information Systems Manager I, Airports.

The fall 2006 program, 15 four-hour sessions over three months, begins Sept. 5 and is at the Personnel Department. If you are represented by LAMA, you are encouraged to apply. Please contact Rosetta Davenport Landou (213) 473-4555 or rosetta.landou@lacity.org for an application or for more information on the program.

## CITY MANAGERS GRADUATES LUNCHEON

The Future Focus Leadership Program was initiated two years ago to educate City managers



From left: Marion Chapman, St Svcs Supt 1, PW Street Services (Graduate)



From left: Michael Edward Mullin, Wastewater Treatment Lab Manager II, PW Sanitation (graduate); Antonio Pulido, Sanitation Wastewater Manager; and Steve Fan, Sanitation Wastewater Manager.



From left: Marion Chapman, Street Services Superintendent; Ron Olive, Assistant Director, Bureau of Street Services; William Robertson, Director of Bureau of Services, Public Works Street Services; James Hickey, Chief Tax and Permit Division II, Finance Department (graduate); Domingo Saucedo, Director of Enforcement Operations, Housing (graduate); and Charley Mims, President, LAPMA.



From left: Maggie Whelan, General Manager, Personnel; Gloria Sosa, Assistant General Manager, Personnel; Basquez Alejandrina, Chief Personnel Analyst, Personnel; and Linda Lanier, Sr. Personnel Analyst II, Personnel.



From left: Lance Kaneshiro, Information Systems Manager II, Los Angeles World Airports; Anne Wu, Information Systems Manager I, Los Angeles World Airports (graduate); Patricia Tubert, Deputy GM, LAWA Los Angeles World Airports; Ronald Domash, Property Manager II, LAWA (Graduate)



Alvin Blain, General Manager, General Services



From left: Alvin Blain, General Manager, General Services; and Irene Saltzman, Property Manager I, General Services (graduate)



Andrew Adelman, General Manager, Building and Safety



Maggie Whelan, General Manager, Personnel Department



From left: Kelly Cooper, Building and Construction Maintenance Supt., General Services (graduate); Deborah Ramos, Assistant General Manager, General Services; Tony Royster, Assistant GM, General Services; and Kabew Kassew, Wastewater Treatment Laboratory Manager II, General Services (graduate).



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## CITY MANAGERS

— GRADUATES LUNCHEON —

The Future Focus Leadership Program was initiated two years ago to educate City managers



Ronald Domash, Property Manager II, Airports (graduate) and Patricia Tubert, Deputy GM, Airports.



From left: Dr. Glassman, Professor of Management and Director of the Center for Management and Organization Development, California State University Northridge, with Charley Mims, President, LAPMA.



From left: Henry Stern, Chief Investment Officer, Office of the Treasurer; Crista Binder, Director of Cash Management Services, Office of the Treasurer; and Joya De Foor, Treasurer, Office of the Treasurer.



From left: Traci Goldberg, Sr. Recreation Director II, Rec and Parks; and Ann Vollmer, Pr. Rec Supervisor I, Rec and Parks.



Hector Buitrago, Assistant Deputy Superintendent of Buildings II, Building and Safety (graduate), with Karen Pendera, Chief Management Analyst, Building and Safety (graduate).



From left: William Robertson, Director of Bureau of Services, Public Works Street Services; James Hickey, Chief Tax and Permit Division II, Finance Department (graduate); and Domingo Saucedo, Director of Enforcement Operations, Housing (graduate).



Edward B. Schaak, Supply Services Manager I, General Services, graduate.



Henry W. Stern, Chief Investment Officer, Treasurer, graduate.



Lawrence C. Williams, Chief Management Analyst, Public Works, graduate.



Patricia Tubert, Deputy GM, Airports, with Andrew Adelman, General Manager, Building and Safety.



The graduates.



The graduates.



The rare white alligator in an exhibit was surrounded by photographers.

# Swamp Thing

■ Rare white alligator highlights swamp creature display at Zoo.

Story and photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

ZOO — A rare white alligator, on loan from Florida, highlighted a display in the entrance plaza of the LA Zoo that focused on swamp creatures.

The creatures were on special display in August through early September.

The white alligator was a true albino and was on special loan from an accredited institution in Florida. It was the first time a white alligator



The rare white alligator was next to waterfall in the main entrance plaza.

The White Alligator banner at the Los Angeles Zoo.



gator has been displayed at the Los Angeles Zoo. The animal was featured in the main entrance plaza. Zoo guests were able to compare and contrast the visiting white alligator with the Zoo's other alligators. The Aquatics section of the L.A. Zoo is home to two exhibits of normally colored American alligators as well as the critically endangered Chinese alligator.

In addition to the alligators, the Zoo's "Out of the Swamp" promotion highlighted other swamp species including river otters, spoonbills, ibis, cottonmouths as well as plants. Education stations taught children young and old about the importance of swamps. A special swamp scene with a realistic looking alligator provided a photo opportunity for zoo guests.

## Newsbrief



### NEW PORT PR

The Public Relations and Legislative Affairs division at the Port of Los Angeles has hired three new team members to help extend Port-related community interaction and legislative activity in support of a roster of current and upcoming Port initiatives.

Coming to the Port from the Los Angeles City Commission on the Status of Women, Veronica Hendrix has been hired as the Port's new community-focused Public Information Director. Jenny Chavez, former Legislative Director for 15th District Councilwoman Janice Hahn, assumes the Port's Los Angeles-focus Legislative

Representative post. Wilmington resident and community representative Cecilia Moreno also has joined the Port in the newly created position of Community Affairs Advocate.

"Veronica, Jenny and Cecilia come to the Port with strong credentials as visible and civically active professionals who know how to connect with City leaders and community members alike," said Arley Baker, the Port's director of public relations and legislative affairs. "As representatives of the Port, they will enhance our public agency's interaction with constituents in each City district and residents throughout the Southern California region."

# Van Nuys Jail Breaks Out the Fun

## ■ Jail Division has picnic for employees.

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

**POLICE DEPT.** — The LAPD's Van Nuys Jail Division held a picnic Aug. 11 at the LAPD Academy.

Tons of food was prepared for the picnic at the

Police Academy, which enjoys a fantastic view of Dodger Stadium and the City Hall Tower in the distance. About 160 pounds of chicken was marinated with many types of marinades. Boxes and boxes of hot dogs, sausage links, macaroni and cheese, and other barbecued foods were prepared for the event.

There were also games and a dunk tank in which the crowd gathered, especially to get a chance to dunk Capt. Findley.

The Club thanks LaDonna Moore for her assistance.



David Muraoka, Principal Detention Officer and Club Board Member (far right), spends time with family, friends and coworkers at the picnic.



From left: David Montana, Police Officer, 11 years; daughter, Taylor; and Linda Montana, 6 years, Detention Officer.



Yvette Vasquez, Principal Detention Officer and Assistant Officer in Charge, 19 years.



Patrick Findley, Captain, 30 years; and Ramona Findley, Detective at Newton Division, 26 years.



LaDonna Moore, Accounting Clerk, 21 years.



George Coe, Sr. Detention Officer, 9 years, helps with 160 pounds of marinated chicken.



Suzanne Meuser, Sr. Clerk Typist, 20 years, LAPD; with her fiancé, Jeff Stevenson.



Capt. Findley get dunked in the tank and loved every cold minute of it.



From left: Steve McClean, Police Officer, 5 years; Katrina Arreola, Detention Officer, 5 years; and Rene Cuevas, Sr. Detention Officer, 5 years.



From left: Erin Williams, daughter of Sarita Williams, Detention Officer, 2 years and new Club Member; and second daughter, Elyse.



George Cabarres, Principal Detention Officer, 17 years, does some grilling.



From left: Rey Tenort, Principal Detention Officer, 20 years, with Elvira McNeal.



From left: Lisa Lemos, husband of James; Savannah Bancroft; daughter, Mary Lemos; and James Lemos, Principal Detention Officer, 18 years.



From left: Judy Martin, Principal Detention Officer, 17 years, with her husband, John.

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90015, Sixth floor, Room 6024

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

### LAFD Boxing on TV

Club Members are invited to follow the journey of two of the Fire Dept.'s finest, as they hope to box their way to success ... on TV.

Firefighter Carlos Vargas and Capt. Jack Reiss are participating on *The Contender 2*, a boxing competition series scheduled to begin airing July 18 on ESPN2. Check local listings!

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# Cooking with the Club

by our own  
**Robert Larios**



## Send Us Your Recipes!

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

## The Marvel of Mustard

### DIRECTIONS:



Place sauté pan over medium high heat and add olive oil. Place chicken in pan.



Once chicken has developed a golden brown surface on both sides, place on aluminum foil and wrap. Place in the oven at 350 F. Allow it to cook for 3 to 5 minutes.



Add diced potatoes, salt and pepper to the pan, then allow potatoes to turn golden brown.

Place nonstick pan over medium heat and add butter.

When potatoes are golden brown, place them on a plate that has a paper towel to soak up the excess butter.



Prepare your ingredients for honey mustard dressing by placing them all on your counter.



Prepare your ingredients for honey mustard dressing by placing them all on your counter.

Add ingredients for the honey mustard dressing (except for salad greens) into mixer and mix.



Pour honey mustard dressing into cup or straight onto salad greens.

### For August, it's all about mustard!

Although I'll be putting three recipes on one dish, the theme ingredient is mustard. Mustard is not only my favorite condiment for hot dogs, it is also an ingredient used in my favorite salad dressing – honey mustard. There seem to be dozens of recipes out there for honey mustard dressing, but I have one that is quick and tasty to make with your favorite greens for a masterful salad. I also have a quick and chicken breast recipe that leaves your chicken moist and full of flavor, much like at a good restaurant. You can do that by pan-sautéing chicken, then baking it in the oven to complete the cooking process. Steakhouses do this cooking method for their steaks frequently. Lastly, a nice red potato recipe with simple ingredients will complement it all to make a great lunch or dinner.



### Butter Sautéed Red Potatoes

#### INGREDIENTS (serves one):

- 2 red potatoes, diced
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- Dash of sea salt
- Dash of pepper



### Chicken a la Restaurant

#### INGREDIENTS (serves one):

- 1 chicken breast
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Sea salt
- Pepper



### Tangy Honey Mustard Dressing

#### INGREDIENTS (serves two):

- 4 cups of your favorite greens (I'm using mixed greens; don't be worried, the 4 cups of salad greens are a lot less than you realize)
- 1/4 cup white wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 to 3 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon onion powder or granulated onion
- 1 clove garlic
- 1 teaspoon rosemary – dried or fresh chopped
- Sea salt and pepper to taste



Take a plate and place the chicken breast, red potatoes and your salad with honey mustard dressing and serve!



# ENTERTAINMENT

## Reviews by Fellow Club Members

# MOVIE REVIEWS

**A Scanner Darkly** *Rated R*  
My Score: 3 (out of 5)



This movie is set in Orange County in the not-so-distant future. Substance D is the new drug epidemic, and Bob Arctor (Keanu Reeves) is undercover to bust top drug suppliers by infiltrating a small group of dealers and users. The interesting thing about this movie is the use of

animation. The story is filmed with the live actors and then animated over. I found that it really added to the story and put you into the surreal world of drug addiction. Having said that, the style of animation at times bothered my eyes, especially when the undercover cops wore "scramble suits" to protect their identity. The actors are all good, Keanu as the agent who is becoming addicted to the drug, and Robert Downey Jr., Woody Harrelson and Winona Ryder as drugged-out "tweakers." Rory Cochrane as Freck is also hilarious, especially in the opening scene, as he imagines (in a drug-induced state) aphids crawling all over him. Gross! The ending has an interesting twist.

— Dan Basiglio, LAPD

**My Super Ex-Girlfriend** *PG-13*  
My Score: 4 (out of 5)



Luke Wilson and Uma Thurman are both great in this movie. Matt (Wilson) meets Jenny (Thurman), thinking she is a great girl, not knowing that she is G-Girl. When she starts to become needy, controlling and jealous he decides to break up with her. This is when things start to

happen in the movie. What can one jealous person do to another? (Go see it to find out and laugh out loud.) This movie is somewhat silly but not too ridiculous for having a superhero in it; it had some good special effects. It's a very funny romantic comedy movie to go see to escape from life and the heat.

— Gwen Lew, DWP

**An Inconvenient Truth** *Rated PG*  
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Go see this movie!

I watched Al Gore's documentary, An Inconvenient Truth, twice. One of the reasons I did so was that it was hot outside, and I wanted to be in a cool movie theatre... go figure. The

main reason I saw it twice is that it is a documentary that everyone needs to see.

My favorite line (paraphrased) from the movie begins: "People often go straight from denial to despair without stopping in the middle without stopping, where changes can be made." I love that the movie really emphasizes that we currently have the technology, knowledge and ability to make a difference.

Support this movie, see it, go to the Websites for the movie, and change the planet!

— Barbara Johnson, LAFD

**Who Killed the Electric Car?** *Rated PG*  
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Who Killed the Electric Car is about General Motors' electric car and what happened to it – to all of them. It is a sad story that I wish never happened. It has to do with a California Commission that told the automakers that a percentage of their vehicles had to be zero-emissions. There was a loophole, though; it has to do with "public demand."

Sadly, according to the movie, GM lied and said it did not have enough demand to justify keeping the vehicles on the road. Therefore, GM destroyed every one of the cars.

Go see this movie. Educate and entertain yourselves at the same time. It is a simple story set up as an old-time whodunit, and you might walk away with a new attitude about why we are all paying so dearly at the gas pumps.

— Barbara Johnson, LAFD

**Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest**  
*Rated PG-13*

My Score: 4 (out of 5)



Remember when you were a little kid and used to watch cartoons? How episodes would end, "and tune in next week for the exciting conclusion" or something similar? Well, that is P-2 to a "t." It sets you up to take you nowhere really. There is no resolution in this sequel, only

a setup for the next installment. I resented this and felt very let down.

That said, aside from a very long sequence with the water wheel, it was okay. Well, a little long. Nothing seemed fresh or exciting. It felt like Capt. Jack Sparrow was a little tired of it all – but catch next week's show and he will perk right back up!

— Barbara Johnson, LAFD

My Score: 2.5 (out of 5)

I thought the first Pirates of the Caribbean was much better. Dead Man's Chest was 2.5 hours long and I could not wait for it to end. The special affects and the scenery were great. There was no flow to the story, almost like they just put scenes together. Johnny Deep is good as always and his makeup is scary. I am sure your children will love this movie if they can sit still for that long.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

My Score: 3.5 (out of 5)

Capt. Jack Sparrow is back, bungling his way through the high seas. In fact, all the characters from the first film are back, too, with many new ones. There are so many plots and subplots going on I found it hard at times to follow. Watching this movie is like eating a fudge brownie with chocolate chips, chocolate ice cream and whipped cream on top. It is really good with each bite but leaves you bloated in the end! Johnny Depp continues to be great as the devil-may-care Sparrow. Two new characters I really liked were Stellan Skarsgard as the slimy Bootstrap Bill and Naomie Harris as a voodoo Madame. The technical aspects in this movie are superb. The special effects, especially the leviathan from the deep, and the set decoration are so incredibly detailed, they add authenticity to the story. The main problem with this film is that it seems to be merely a bridge between Part I and the upcoming Part III. The ending is such to manipulate you into having

to see the next Pirates flick. All in all it is still a fun and exciting movie.

— Dan Basiglio, LAPD

**The Devil Wears Prada** *Rated PG-13*  
My Score 3



I didn't expect to like this movie. I had started the book awhile back and just wasn't interested. The movie is cute, simplistic and predictable, but okay. It's an easy movie to watch that doesn't demand anything of us. Meryl Streep is good as the bad boss, but the movie is almost cliché,

except that it is set in the fashion industry, you've seen it before. The new girl is an outcast and out of her league but manages to make it in her own way, then excels, and finally leaves in a strong and determined way that looks like she is better than the situation and everyone else left behind.

Take a girlfriend and look at all the clothes and accessories and Anne Hathaway's cute boyfriend (Grenier)!

— Barbara Johnson, LAFD

**Monster House** *Rated PG*  
My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Cute, but not magical, is how I would describe this movie. I'd heard some parents say it was too scary for young children, but it didn't seem so bad. I liked it. Really, my only disappointment was that it wasn't more original in how it ends.

The parents go away overnight and leave a rude babysitter and their young son home alone. The boy is afraid of the house across the street and routinely spies on the owner and the house itself. Bring in his best buddy, an overly smart girl selling candy, and you have a mighty trio to investigate. Everyone is a little obnoxious, but alas, all ends well. Stay tuned during the credits to see a few finishing touches: closure to the youngest of kids that might wonder what happened otherwise.

— Barbara Johnson, LAFD

**Talladega Nights The Ballad of Ricky Bobby**  
*Rated PG-13*

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This movie was written by Will Farrell, and of course he is the main star. Will's character, Ricky Bobby, was born in a car that was driven by his race-car-driving father. His destiny was to be a racecar driver. The movie is very funny and because I was laughing so much I often missed other funny lines. I would not take your children to this movie because there was too much foul language and sexual content. If you like slapstick-type humor, go see this movie.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

**You, Me and Dupree** *Rated PG-13*  
My Score: 4.5 (out of 5)

I really enjoyed this movie, because it made you laugh during entire movie. In the movie Kate Hudson is going to marry Matt Dillon. Dillon's best friend played by Owen Wilson has no where to live and comes to stay for a few days with Hudson and Dillon. Well the few days turns into weeks. The problems that develop because of this living situation, I thought were gut busting. If you want to laugh and forget your troubles go see this movie.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

**Lady in the Water** *Rated PG-13*  
My Score: 2 (out of 5)

The movie was a bit better than what the other critics were saying. The movie started out actually funny. Some of the characters really made you laugh. I do not know if this was M. Knight Shyamalan's intent, since the movie was supposed to be more suspenseful. M. Knight does have an interesting imagination. The movie was about an old bedtime story and scary monsters. The lady lives in the swimming pool in an apartment complex (I guess she has chlorine tolerance) and the scary monsters are after her. You can definitely wait for the DVD.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

## DVD Reviews

**Gosford Park** *Rated R*  
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This otherwise typical whodunit is lead by Clive Owens in an interplay between British aristocrats and their accompanying servants on a hunting party. The cast of interesting faces and voices includes Emily Watson, Michael Gambon and Kristin Scott Thomas. I liked the movie for showing some people working while others have leisure or feast. The relationships between the characters are also not as simple as they seemed at first. If you are looking for a break from the hot weather, this is a movie where you enjoy the sounds of a storm.

—Yvonne Liu, Finance

**Matador** *Rated R*  
My Score: 4.5 (out of 5)

This colorful movie broke Pierce Brosnan out of his boring 007 shell. The casting of Greg Kinnear opposite him really made the story very funny. Brosnan plays Julian, a competent but sleazy assassin who meets a straight-laced, downtrodden

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business man, Danny Wright (Kinnear). They keep each other company while stuck in Mexico City on business and learn more about each others' lives than they thought they would. This is a movie with few characters, attractive views of Mexico City, and very well paced. It is certainly worth renting.

— Yvonne Liu, Finance

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## Theater Review

**As You Like It**  
*Independent Shakespeare Company*  
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This was a breezy fun production of one of Shakespeare's comedies. In the play, Rosalind is banished by her uncle, and Orlando is banished by his unscrupulous brother. Both run to the woods of Arden, albeit separately. Rosalind disguises herself as a boy; let the comic mixups begin. There is also a hilarious wrestling match with a lucha libre twist. Other fun characters in this large cast include a highly funny, irreverent Fool, and Jacques, a moody wanderer who sees a dark cloud over every silver lining. This is fun for the family and is free (donations accepted) with ample free parking. It played through August 13 at Barnsdall Park in L. A. For info check out www.independentshakespeare.com

— Dan Basiglio, LAPD

## 100 Words or Fewer!

To all our movie, book and theater reviews, here are the rules: Keep it short and fun!

- Keep all reviews to 100 words or less (but try to come close; try to write more than a sentence or two)

- Your own comments are more important than a long plot summary.

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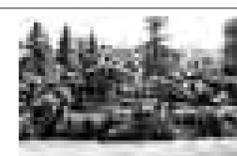
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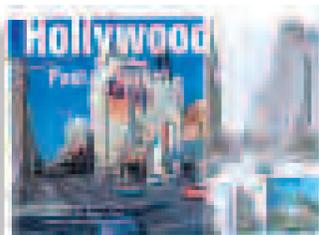
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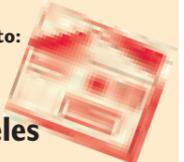


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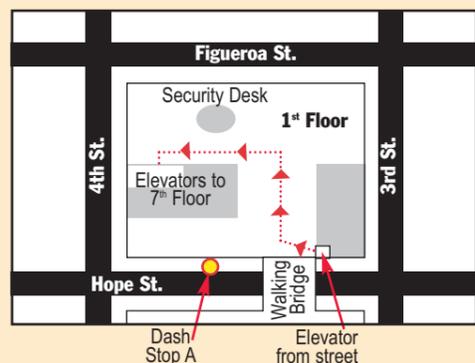


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