

No Layoffs Expected in Proposed City Budget

■ Plan in front of Councilmembers would help LAPD, housing, libraries, but many departments could feel the pinch.



Mayor James K. Hahn

There appear to be no layoffs of City employees forthcoming, at least for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

That's according to the \$5.1 billion budget proposed by Mayor Hahn and sent to the City

Council Friday, April 18, one day after his annual State of the City address.

But the proposed budget, subtitled "Protecting Our Neighborhoods" by the mayor, won't be finalized until Councilmembers vote on it, which is expected to occur by the end of May. At press time, early reaction appeared mixed.

Also, the City budget could be threatened by the budget of the State of California. If the State, which is in a large financial pinch of its own, takes away some City funding, the "no layoffs" position at the City level could change.

For the past several months, *Alive!* has been reporting on the possibility of layoffs and service slowdowns, as ways to offset reduced budgets due to the fiscal crisis at the state level. No layoffs is good news, but the budget does call for some service slowdowns (in street paving and tree trimming, for example) and increased fees for many services provided by City employees (including residential trash pickup, municipal golf courses, zoo admissions, and sewer services). Many departments might see funding decreases.

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Loading the truck for the KZLA Hugs From Home program in Huntington Beach were (from left) Steve Summers, Senior Water Utility Supervisor, and Randy Leedom, who spearheaded the effort.

DWP West Sends Hugs From Home

■ Western District supports our troops with almost \$1,500 in supplies for Hugs From Home.

It started as a challenge from Water Utility Worker Randy Leeder at the DWP's Water Distribution Business Unit Western District. As he sat in a regular safety meeting Wednesday, March 26, he told his co-workers about a promotion he had heard on the radio: Hugs From Home, promoted locally by radio station KZLA. The program was collecting supplies and letters, to send to our troops fighting in Iraq.

"I'm putting in \$100. Who's with me?"

And they responded. Before the meeting was over, the 80 colleagues in the room collected almost \$1,000.



Some of the goods purchased with the money raised by the DWP Western District's Hugs From Home effort.

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Big Club Discounts Are Just the Ticket

■ Ticket discounts are some of the best Club benefits. Don't pay full price this summer: Take advantage!

You know when people start calling you the service you provide, you're a big hit. That's what has happened to Navin Cotton, the Club's Ticket Guy.

"People are calling me that now," the Ticket Guy says. "I walk into rooms, and people say, 'Hey, Ticket Guy!'"

"I don't mind at all. In fact, I was the one who started calling me that."

That was to remind himself of his dual role at the Club: claims coordinator for four years, and, since the launch of the Club last October, the Ticket Guy.

He's the one who responds to Club members when they request tickets at unbelievable Club prices. Whether you request them by mail, fax, phone or the Club Website, he's on top of it.

And boy, are Club members taking advantage.

"When we started offering this great benefit last October, I was filling about 10 orders a month. Now, half a year later, it's about 100 orders a month. And still climbing fast.



Navin Cotton, "The Ticket Guy"

"I'm glad so many people are aware of the ticket service," he went on. "It's really one of the strongest benefits of the Club. We pass along the ticket discount right to our members. We don't add a charge or profit from the ticket sales at all," he said. "That's what you

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by Robyn Barnes
Chair, Club Board



New Club Chair, Robyn Barnes, Says a Big Hello

It is an honor to be the chairperson of the Board of the City Employees Club of Los Angeles. I was elected at the February annual meeting along with my fellow officers, vice-chair, Michael Biagi and treasurer, Regner Globus.

I have been a member of LACEA for 14 years, since I began my City employment in 1989. I was asked to serve on a committee in 1998, was elected to the board in 1999, and elected vice-chair in 2001. I became involved with the Club because of its never-faltering mission to act in the best interest of all City employees. It is a rewarding and enriching experience working with the dedicated and selfless board and staff of the Club.

I am looking forward to an exciting year. Two of the goals the board wants to accomplish this year are continued growth and success of the Club, and the recruitment of dedicated,

enthusiastic employees who want to serve. The staff and the board are working diligently to ensure that the second annual ClubFest will be even more fun than the first! Remember, this year's ClubFest on October 5, 2003, will be for "members only." If you're not already a member, you can become one by returning the enclosed application. You can also download an application from our Website at www.cityemployeesclub.com.

Currently the City Employees Club has openings available to serve on a variety of committees. If you would like to add your name to the long list of generous employees who enjoy helping one another, please contact me at (213) 978-4526 or e-mail at rbarnes@fppen.lacity.org.

I am confident by working together, we can make the City Employees Club of Los Angeles better than ever!

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		Whistleblower/Complaint Program	(800) 824-4825
		Have a number you'd like us to include? Send it in: alive@cityemployeesclub.com	

Omission: *Alive!* regrets that we omitted a photo from last month's Department of the Month feature. Here it is: He's Lester Christian, equipment supervisor. He been with the Dept. of Sanitation for 22 years. Sorry about that, Lester, and here you go!



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- Movie reviews
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Look for new services and products to be added soon!



Members Speak Out

■ Fellow DWP Employees Came Through at Tough Time

I want to thank the whole Accounting and Financial services section [of the DWP]. In my time of need they fully supported me. My house that I was renting burned down January 16, and all my family had was the clothes on our back.

My supervisor, LaSandra Akesson, got a call from me and soon coordinated a department-wide memo for financial assistance. I was so touched by the love demonstrated by DWP employees. Not only did FSO contribute, but Bridget Young coordinated Human Resources and Customer Services here and at the AOB, and with some of the ITS and Stationery Stores personnel, too.

I want to say that the DWP is a great place to work, and it has wonderful, precious people with great big hearts. 🏠

— Darlene Mack
DWP

■ Why Can't Retirement System Tell Us Earlier of its Plans to Extend Window?

For the benefit of City employees, I wish the City of Los Angeles Retirement System would notify the employees (well in advance) as to whether or not they plan to extend the 50/30 window and not wait until the last possible moment. In other words, let us know by mid summer and not September 30, 2003.

I believe the City waited until the last possible moment in 2002 to see how many employees would or would not take advantage of the 50/30 window. However, in fairness to all employees who dedicated years of loyal service to the City, the City should give ample notice so employees can make retirement plans. The City should recognize the adjustments employees must make after retirement, including monetary adjustments, and therefore, have the professional decency to make a decision on this matter long before the deadline of September 30, 2003. 🏠

— Cathy Lozano
Port of Los Angeles

■ Vanpool Fares Should Be Either Subsidized or Tax-Deductible

I have been a "volunteer" vanpool coordinator and primary driver for the past five years. The City of Los Angeles Vanpool Van is leased from the City vendor VPSI. The monthly fares collected from City passengers are made from automatic payroll deductions, which means that the funds are first taxed and then deducted from the earned wages of City of Los Angeles personnel.

The monthly fares are then paid to the City of Los Angeles to cover the monthly lease on the van. Fuel is provided by the City of Los Angeles at various City of Los Angeles designated fuel sites. Non-city passengers pay fares using personal funds; for Federal employees, the use of



vouchers issued from the Department of Transportation to cover 100 percent (\$100 toward the \$99.87 monthly fare, as vouchers are issued in \$30 and \$35 denominations from the DOT) of the monthly fare based upon daily round trip mileage.

Furthermore, our van is subsidized by the City of Los Angeles and the County of San Diego (SANDAG Rideline) to lower the monthly fares to approximately \$100 per month or \$5 round trip (220 miles round trip) per day. This provides a tremendous incentive to vanpool rather than drive one's personal vehicle to and from work.

An additional incentive would be to completely subsidize the vanpool van passengers or allow the fares to be a tax deduction. The City of Los Angeles and the County of San Diego provide subsidies and qualify for increased Federal Aid from the Department of Transportation for taking action in reducing traffic across roads, streets, highways, etc. This makes sense when you consider that traffic reduction extends the usable life of a road surface and the infrastructure (gas, water, sewer, telecommunications lines etc.) that lie directly beneath. This results in a reduction in traffic accidents, and fewer vehicles are on the roads each day, which in turn reduces demands upon emergency responders including paramedics, firemen, police, life flights and emergency rooms.

The additional Federal funds can be used for road improvements, resurfacing and maintenance. For every dollar spent by the City of Los Angeles for vanpool subsidies, thousands of dollars of Federal funds are made available that would otherwise not be possible. So vanpooling becomes a successful "win win" outcome for the City of Los Angeles, County of San Diego, and all of the "volunteer" coordinators, drivers and passengers alike.

Since the vanpool van is a City of Los Angeles leased vehicle and the City of Los Angeles provides refueling at City of Los Angeles fuel sites, the collected monthly fares are used to make the lease payments. However, the monthly fares are not an allowable tax deduction. It seems that businesses lease vehicles as opposed to purchasing them to qualify for the tax deduction. The City of Los Angeles leases vehicles for this reason as well, I am assuming. It seems only logical that the monthly vanpool fares collected from each vanpool passenger be tax deductible as well.

Maybe additional Federal vouchers should be made available for City passengers from the Department of Transportation. 🏠

— Robert James Lavelle
Hyperion Treatment Plant

P.S. The entire Lavelle family wishes to express its sincerest thanks and deepest appreciation for printing the eulogy for Rita Adelle Lavelle Miller, who passed away November 15. She was 87. I will always miss her and pray that I can be half the person she was.

Buy Tickets Cheap With the Club

Discount Tickets

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pay your membership dues for."

Hey, Ticket Guy. Summer's coming up. What do you recommend?

"Well, Club members should really check out our discounts on Raging Waters and Wild River. They're water parks, and they're better than going to the beach.

"And Six Flags Magic Mountain – our tickets are almost half off. Have you seen the prices at the gate? You don't have to pay those prices when you buy through the Club.

"But if you're after something that you might not have heard of, I recommend taking your family to the Wild Bill Show, near Knott's Berry Farm in Orange County. It's a country and western show for the family, with good food and a comedian who's hilarious. I really recommend it."

You might as well take advantage. He certainly is.

"Last weekend was just great," he said. "I went to the movies, and saved \$10 there. Then we walked down the street and ate at Acapulco, and saved another \$10 using the Club card. That's \$20 I can spend next weekend!"

But whatever ticket you want to buy, get in touch with the Ticket Guy.

"People usually know what they want when they contact me," he said. "But not always.

"Whether they know or they're looking for a recommendation, I'm here. I'm ready for them."

Turn to the inside back cover, page 19, for a full list of ticket discounts, the rules, and the ways to contact the Ticket Guy. 🏠

Wanna be heard?

Have you bought tickets through the Ticket Guy? Tell us what your experience was like: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



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Political Forum

Each month, *Alive!* invites political leaders to speak directly to City and DWP employees and retirees. *Alive!* brings you these views as a public service. The opinions of those on this monthly column are independent of *Alive!* and the City Employees Club of Los Angeles.



Proposed City Budget Aims to Make LA Safer

by Mayor James K. Hahn

City employees, thank you for your continued commitment to the City of Los Angeles.

Last month, I gave my State of the City address at the Police Academy. Los Angeles today is a strong and vibrant city, united by our faith in our country and in each other, and ready to meet the challenges of this new century.

The budget cuts throughout the state of California led me to make tough decisions this year regarding the budget for the City of Los Angeles. Last month, I unveiled a \$5.1 billion budget for Los Angeles that includes funding to put over 500 additional police officers in Los Angeles neighborhoods and funding to create a Counterterrorism Bureau at the Los Angeles Police Department.

My budget also supports giving more chil-

dren positive alternatives to gangs and crime by opening three new libraries, providing funding to renovate seven libraries, and opening 40 new or expanded recreation park facilities. In addition, my proposed budget allocates nearly \$1 million for new playground equipment and \$1 million for the LA's BEST afterschool program.

I have also been working with business leaders and other local mayors to lobby the state to reform its workers' compensation system to reduce the city's long-term costs. The city's hiring freeze will continue and I have eliminated over 400 positions that are currently vacant because of the freeze.

Working together, I am confident we can improve service delivery to our neighborhoods and make Los Angeles the safest big city in America. 🏠



Parks Outlines His Agendas In Returning to City Service

by Bernard Parks, Councilmember, Eighth District

After 37-years in the L.A.P.D., I am honored to serve as the City Councilmember for the Eighth District! I am very grateful to my family and my supporters for helping me through my campaign.

I believe the same know-how that brought a 35-year low in crime to Los Angeles will help me assist other Councilmembers in cutting the current growing threat to public safety in our communities.

Public Safety is Number One

My experience as an LAPD officer and an FBI graduate makes me well suited to handle the most important issue facing our city today. Public safety doesn't just involve crime. It also involves other aspects of city life. When there's a drop-off in public safety, we aren't comfortable walking the streets and businesspeople aren't comfortable bringing their stores into the community. A poor public safety agenda not only leads to a loss of countless lives, it also leads to a loss of economic opportunities.

I have a plan for increasing public safety. I call it *Prevention, Intervention, Education*. I'll tell you more about it in the future, as space permits.

Economic Development

For far too long, the Eighth District has been content to have fast-food chains throw the community "a bone" by opening a few restaurants in the area. But, why stop there? I want their warehouses, bakeries, distribution centers and administrative offices as well! Why should the Eighth District be happy with the small number of low-paying jobs that a restaurant provides, while fast food businesses continue to offer more jobs and higher-paying jobs outside of the city? I plan to require more businesses to include warehouses and other facilities, when they move into the Eighth District. I will also keep an eye on exactly what kinds of businesses are coming to the area. With one of the highest child obesity rates in the state, the Eighth District can no longer afford the ongoing expansion of fast-food restaurants.

Council District 8 includes these communities:

- Baldwin Hills,
- Crenshaw,
- Leimert Park,
- West Adams,
- Jefferson Park,
- Chesterfield Square, and
- Other areas of South Los Angeles.

Here's a quick guide to other agendas I want to focus on:

Stop Playing the Waiting Game! To flourish economically, the Eighth District can't depend primarily on the city or state to fund its developments and job creation projects. It simply takes too long. I want to influence private industry to build now.

Building Community, Building Families ... Jobs from new developments in the district can make it possible for working families to earn a livable wage.

Housing. I want to help my constituents buy homes!

Senior Citizens. I plan to work on district-wide programs that display the skills and expertise of senior citizens.

Transportation. The Eighth District is the only part of the city not linked to major transportation vehicles, like the Red Line and Blue Line. We need to expand these systems to our communities to ease traffic congestion and bring in even more jobs!

Public Service. People demand very simple things from their public servants. When they need the services they pay for, they want them performed correctly and in a timely manner. I'm determined to make my administration the most pro-active and responsive administration the city has ever seen! There are simply too many people who don't know who to contact to get their sidewalks fixed, their trees trimmed or their garbage picked up. I pledge to make every service readily available, and I pledge to make sure people know how to get access to them. 🏠

Sanitation Dept. West District To Host Open House May 24

The Western District of the Department of Sanitation will host an open house Saturday, May 24 to educate and reach out to the public.

The open house will be held at the Western District yard, 2027 Stoner Ave.

The City of Los Angeles Public Affairs Department will distribute fliers, inviting the surrounding neighborhood to the event.

There will be booth displays set up by the Recycle Commodity, Safety and Training, and other units within the Sanitation Department.

West L.A. District Superintendent Salvador Miranda, Public Works commissioners, Union representatives and several council district offices are expected to be on hand to share in the open house.

Refreshments and yard tours will be available. Interested parties will be able to climb aboard a satellite truck and enjoy a demonstration of the operation of sanitation equipment. 🏠

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César Chávez Day: A Time to Pay Tribute to the Hero

■ Family members, schoolchildren and politicians are among those who celebrate the late leader's birthday.



Julie Chávez Rodriguez, granddaughter, spoke to the crowd.

César Chávez was a man of dignity, power and truth, who worked hard for the civil rights of the country's Mexican Americans ... and everyone whose voice went unheard.

Those were the ideas, spoken in Spanish and English by host Hilda Cevallos, at the third annual celebration of César Chávez Day, held March 30 at Placita Olvera, next to Olvera Street in downtown Los Angeles.

A formal program scheduled for the actual Chávez Day—Monday, April 1, was postponed due to war concerns. Instead, many local leaders held a lower-profile march through downtown Los Angeles April 1.

But the day before, a number of elements came together for the celebra-



Children from two schools named for Chávez marched in his honor.



Councilman-elect Antonio Villaraigosa spoke of Hispanic pride.

tion, sponsored by the Instituto Cultural Mexicano del Los Angeles.

The festivities began with mariachi music provided by the group Los Arrieros, and a parade of children from two elementary schools named after Chávez: one in Bell Gardens, and the other in Norwalk. The students marched around the plaza, ending in front of the bandstand.

Susana Bautista, director of the Mexican Cultural Institute, then introduced special guests: Councilman-elect Antonio Villaraigosa; Ed Novarro, director of the El Pueblo historical site; Liberty Mesa, representing the office of Councilman Nick Pacheco, District 14; and Bernard C. Parks, newly elected councilman, District 8.

Julie Chávez Rodriguez, granddaughter of César Chávez, spoke a few words of her grandfather's legacy.

Then, keynote speaker David Hayes Bautista, director of the Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture at UCLA, spoke about the strength of the Hispanic community.

The celebration ended with more entertainment and educational workshops for children in the plaza, and with art presentations at the offices of the Mexican Cultural Institute.



César Chávez

Wanna be heard?

What would you like to say about the legacy of César Chávez? Write to us: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

DWP West Supports Our Troops With Donation of Supplies, Funds Hugs

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Vendors threw in some supplies, too, creating a truckful of "hugs" that Mark Lucero, Water Utility Supervisor, drove to the radio station's drop-off point in Huntington Beach Friday, March 28.

The collection was especially poignant for Lozano, whose daughter, Nicole Lozano, is a sergeant in the Marine Corps, a communication specialist stationed at Central Command in Qatar. Others at the DWP's Western District have children serving (or about to serve) in the conflict. They brought photos of their children to the collection March 28.

They are:

- Garcia Genaro, Mechanical Repairman. His son is Marine Sgt. Andres Garcia, presently in Kuwait;
- Robert Lopez, Sr. Water Utility Worker. His son is Navy Seabee Raymond Alaya, presently in Kuwait;
- Darren Schamber, Maintenance Construction Helper. His son Army Pvt. Brandon Mason, due to ship out in mid-April;
- Scot Spoon, Welder. His son is Army Cptn. Michael Spoon, presently in Iraq;
- Lauren Malinoski, Sr. Clerk. Her son is Marine Cpl. Arnold Lara, presently serving in covert operations in Iraq;
- Keith Snyder, Water Utility Worker. His son-in-law, Scott Kulisch, is a midshipman aboard the USS Carl Vinson;



Randy Leedom, who spearheaded the DWP's participation in Hugs From Home to support our troops, is interviewed on KZLA, which sponsored the effort.



Some of the employees of DWP Western District who have relatives serving in the Armed Forces' war in Iraq. Pictured are (from left) Garcia Genaro, Darren Schamber, Robert Lopez, Scot Spoon, Lauren Malinoski and Mark Lozano. At right is Randy Leedom, who spearheaded the effort.

- Frank Millan, Water Utility Superintendent. His son, Anthony Millan, is an Army medic with the Field Artillery Unit, 1st Cavalry Division. His cousin Art Millan is a medic with the 101st Airborne in Iraq.

James Rivera, Equipment Operator, is on leave, a sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserve, serving in Fort Lewis, Wash.

"We are all deeply proud of all the men and women serving in the armed forces, but especially of our family members who are serving this nation on our behalf," said Tom Bilich, DWP District Superintendent. "I was deeply touched and honored by the enthusiastic support, positive energies and commitment that was directed by Western District in making this 48-hour effort a total success."

Participating vendors included:

- Mike Parker, D'Angelo Co.;
- Ron Soyka, WCT Products;
- Guy Forrest, Snap-On Tools;
- Tom Sommerville, Hoseman, Inc.
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- Brian Stark, American Industrial Supply;
- Jennifer Koeplin, Superco Co.;
- Carol Christopher, United Rentals; and
- Debbie Gould, Nexgen Corp.

Wanna be heard?

Tell us what you think of the DWP Western District's efforts for our troops: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Department of the Month

Emergency Preparedness Department

**A Message From Ellis M. Stanley,
Sr. General Manager, Emergency Preparedness Dept.**

‘Ensuring that L.A. Has the Best Emergency Management Anywhere’

One of the foremost responsibilities of leaders, at all levels, is to establish a vision for their organization—to paint a picture of what success looks like. This is vitally important in times of great change. Just like now.

As the general manager of the Emergency Preparedness Department, I felt it was imperative that we start with a strong vision statement to focus our direction and equally important that it was a full team effort to implement it. (That’s our vision statement in the headline, above.) Visions don’t mean anything without a burning commitment from the entire organization to make it happen.

As the leader, I am committed to ensuring that the Emergency Preparedness Department for the City of Los Angeles is poised and ready to perform the missions that the 21st century has provided us.

Our initial strategy was to revolutionize effectiveness, achieved through best business practices, bold process reengineering and innovative use of technology.

We continue to seek growth opportunities by meeting emerging emergency management needs, sustaining and enhancing core competencies, as well as maintaining full-spectrum capabilities critical to the City of Los Angeles.

Also, it is important that we invest in people: Enlightened leadership and a talented, productive, and diverse work force enable the Emergency Preparedness Department to enhance its value to the City of Los Angeles.



Ellis M. Stanley Sr.
General Manager,
Emergency Preparedness Dept.

In my mind’s eye, I see a bold, vibrant organization, one that has a worldwide reputation for excellence and mission accomplishment. A department that is embraced by the City as critical to its success; has people striving to join us; routinely receives prestigious awards for customer satisfaction, quality and excellence; is always strategically planning for the future; and operates as a team; these are our goals!

We will only have one vision in emergency preparedness—this vision. We cannot—must not—become fragmented in our execution. This is imperative for unity of effort.

Finally, we must remember that at the heart of all our efforts are employees, volunteers, their families and the citizens of this great city. Whatever we do must make a positive impact on their lives. That’s why we are here.



Faye Cousin, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator 15 yrs.



Pamela Cummings, Management Analyst II, 15 yrs.



LaCheryl Bell, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, 19 yrs., inside the City’s Emergency Operations Center.



Cecilia Law, Secretary, 8 years.



Carmen Steward,
Executive Secretary II



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The Emergency Preparedness Department will provide citywide emergency management program leadership, continuity and direction to enable the City of Los Angeles and its partners to respond to, recover from, and mitigate the impact of natural, manmade or technological disasters upon its people or property.

Management Staff

NAME	TITLE
Ellis M. Stanley Sr.	General Manager
Bob Canfield	Assistant General Manager
Anna Burton	Emergency Preparedness Coordinator II
Carol Parks	Emergency Preparedness Coordinator II
Mark Davis	Emergency Preparedness Coordinator II
Larry Meyerhofer	Emergency Preparedness Coordinator II
Rob Freeman	Senior Management Analyst II

Total Budget \$1.3 million

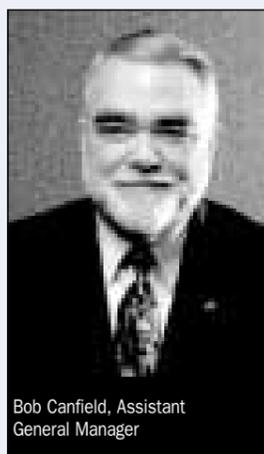
Number of Employees 16



Anna Burton, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator II, 17 yrs.



LEFT TO RIGHT Richard Deppisch, Management Analyst II, 3 yrs.; Vicky Vallarta, Sr. Clerk Typist, 16 yrs.



Bob Canfield, Assistant General Manager



H. Chris Ipsen, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, 14 yrs.



Owen Lin, Management Analyst II, 4 yrs.

Emergency Preparedness ... it's an LA Thing!

The first operational priority of the City of Los Angeles Emergency Operations Organization is to save lives and protect property. Since September 11, 2001, this priority has been challenged for those who live in Los Angeles and throughout the world. Although some solutions are still evolving, the responsibility does not remain solely with the government, but includes every individual and family. In fact, it is each individual's responsibility to make emergency preparedness a priority in his or her everyday life.

More than two decades ago, the City of Los Angeles recognized the importance of individual and family preparedness and has not failed to promote the necessary programs and projects. One such example is the City's largest public education effort, the annual Emergency Preparedness Fair. This event is held during April at public venues around the City. The Fair gives children, families and businesses an opportunity to obtain valuable preparedness information and learn about City services and programs.

The Emergency Preparedness Department develops or co-develops many programs designed to educate individuals, families and businesses on the value of preparedness and mitigation. Some of its ongoing projects include:

- coordinating the Emergency Operations Organization community education and outreach programs for residents and businesses located in Los Angeles;
- chairing the Community Preparedness Subcommittee, which provides a forum for City departments, other governmental and community-based nonprofit organizations, private sector and neighborhood groups to develop viable preparedness programs;
- publishing subject-specific flyers and brochures, in bilingual format, for the residents and businesses;
- hosting a toll-free emergency preparedness information help-line and Internet site on general preparedness

issues and topics of interest;

- fostering the development of neighborhood networks by participating in the programs and activities of neighborhood associations, faith-based and community-based organizations, day care centers, schools, businesses, etc.;
- working closely with private sector businesses to promote emergency preparedness through professional organizations including the Business and Industry Council for Emergency Planning and Preparedness, and the City's organized business improvement districts;
- promoting a global partnership in preparedness program with Sister Cities around the world and local consulate offices to build alliances and exchange emergency preparedness information.

For more information about the activities of the Community Preparedness and Training Division, contact (213) 978-2222.

Are you a Prepared City Employee?

Every day there are little reminders that emergencies can strike at anytime, anywhere and to anyone. No home, business, neighborhood, city or country is exempt. However, knowing what to do before, during and after disasters is your best protection. It is the responsibility of every individual and family to spend time learning what hazards or threats could occur in their community and how to prepare for them.

Preparing today may save your life or the



A recent Emergency Preparedness Fair, held in Baldwin Hills.

life of a loved one, tomorrow! Have you considered what your family would do if basic services, such as water, gas, electricity or telephones were cut off? You may have to evacuate your neighborhood or be confined to your home, school or work for an extended period of time. Families can better cope with disasters by preparing in advance and working together as a team. This includes preparing for children, pets and other individuals who depend on you for care and special attention.

Before the Disaster

To start, it is important to know that there are some basic steps to follow that are useful in any disaster. Some safety tips include, but are not limited to: creating, practicing and maintaining a family disaster plan; conducting disaster drills in your home with consideration for the special needs of all family members; doing a home hazard hunt by checking for anything that can move, fall, break or cause fire; enrolling family members in basic First Aid/CPR courses available from your local chapter of the American Red Cross, etc.

Every family should have a plan for getting back together if separated from one another during a disaster. Everyone should carry a wallet card containing telephone numbers of family members and other emergency contacts. All family members should agree to call the same out-of-area relative or friend and leave a message about their well-being. Additionally, it is important to become familiar with emergency plans and procedures at places beyond the home (e.g., babysitter, day care center, work, school, place of worship, etc.).

Assemble a family emergency supply kit that will last several days to a week. Include items including: non-perishable food, water, first aid kit, medication, sturdy shoes, waterproof flashlight, battery-operated radio, extra batteries, entertainment items (e.g., games and books), etc. Add other specialty items for those who depend on you, including children, elderly people, those with disabilities and pets. Rotate supplies at least annually or as needed and keep extra money (small bills

and quarters) on hand. All disasters do not occur while you are at home; therefore, it is a good idea to have a mobile kit.

To reduce the danger of serious injury or loss of life, fasten freestanding shelves securely to walls so they will not suddenly topple over. Store weed killers, pesticides, acids and flammable products on the bottom shelves of closed cabinets with latches. Be sure to secure your water heater by strapping it to the wall studs and bolting it to the floor.

During the Disaster

During an unexpected event, it is natural to become upset and be concerned about personal safety. Remain calm and try to be patient as emergency responders work to get things back to normal. Check those around you for injuries (e.g., family members, neighbors, co-workers, persons with disabilities and pets). Call 9-1-1 only if there is an immediate life-threatening situation. Encourage family members to limit telephone use to emergency situations to avoid overloading the network. Emergency responders need the telephone system to coordinate relief efforts. Listen to a battery-powered radio or television for news and instructions.

After the Disaster

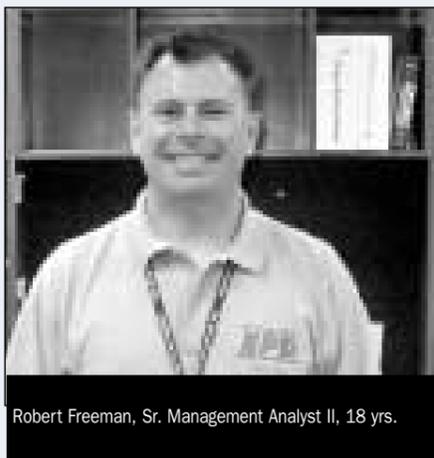
The moments and days following a disaster can appear endless and very stressful. However, use this time to reassess your family's level of readiness. Gather family members together and discuss how everyone responded, whether there were enough and the right kind of supplies in your emergency kit, and how you can better prepare for the next disaster.

Emergency preparedness is a life-long commitment. Making it a part of your lifestyle is one of the best things you can do for your family. For additional information visit www.lacity.org/epd or call (213) 978-2222. 🏠

— This article was written for *Alive!* by Carol Parks, Community Preparedness and Training Division, City of Los Angeles Emergency Preparedness Department.



Carol Parks, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator II, 5 yrs.



Robert Freeman, Sr. Management Analyst II, 18 yrs.



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Public Works to Celebrate National Public Works Week

■ Week-long event recognizes the importance of “commitment to communities.” Public is invited to participate.

The City’s Department of Public Works (DPW) will celebrate National Public Works Week (NPWW), May 18 to 24, with recognition ceremonies, exhibits and displays of public works equipment, information fairs, and open houses throughout the city.

NPWW is a celebration of the tens of thousands of men and women in North America, which includes nearly 6,000 DPW employees, who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works. “Committed to Our Communities” is the national theme.

“Our goal is to reach the four million residents of Los Angeles through our school partnerships,” said Public Works Board President Valerie Lynne Shaw. Tuesday, May 21, through Friday, May 23, the DPW will staff exhibits and displays at selected Los Angeles Unified School District schools throughout the city. Exhibits will feature Public Works educational and outreach materials for students and residents. Public Works equipment and vehicles will be on display. The Public is invited to attend.

The kick off ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, May 23, at the Board of Public Works meeting, City Hall, Room 350. At that time Public Works Commissioners will recog-

nize citizens and community groups who have contributed to community enhancement, beautification, and public health and safety in Los Angeles neighborhoods.

Also on May 23, representatives of five Bureaus that make up the DPW will staff exhibits, displays and information tables in the City Hall Rotunda. Bureaus are Sanitation, Street Services, Street Lighting, Engineering and Contract Administration. “The Board of Public Works Operation Clean Sweep and the Public Works Task Force for Employee Achievement and Morale will staff displays as well,” Shaw said.



Street Services Supervisor Ned Woods (left), North Central District, and Luis Santana, Coordinating Section, at a Public Works Week event last year.

Instituted as a public education campaign by the American Public Works Association (APWA) in 1960, NPWW calls attention to the importance of public works in community life. The Week seeks to enhance the prestige of the often—unsung heroes of our society—the professional engineers and administrators who serve the public good every day with



People in line, waiting to board a service vehicle, at a Public Works Week event last year.



At a Public Works Week event last year, Edward Campbell, a Refuse Collections Truck Operator in the Bureau of Sanitation, explains to a young visitor how a refuse collections service vehicle operates.

quiet dedication.

National Public Works Week is observed each year during the third full week of May. Through NPWW and other efforts, APWA seeks to raise the public’s awareness of public works issues and to increase confidence in public works employees who are dedicated to improving the quality of life for present and future generations.

From the beginning, the selection of a Top Ten list of exceptional public works professionals has been a cornerstone of NPWW. The program has identified more than 400 men and women who reflect the highest standards of professional conduct for public works officials. These honorees have been recognized for discharging critical responsibilities in connection

to the design, construction, maintenance and/or operation of major public works projects or activities in large and small municipalities throughout North America. Often their accomplishments are particularly noteworthy in relation to the limited manpower and financial resources available to them.

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

INFORMATION: Richard E. Lee, (213) 978-0324 or rlee@bpw.lacity.org

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Calling All LAFD Chefs: Get Cooking at Benefit Block Party

■ Los Angeles firefighters: Show off your cooking skills!

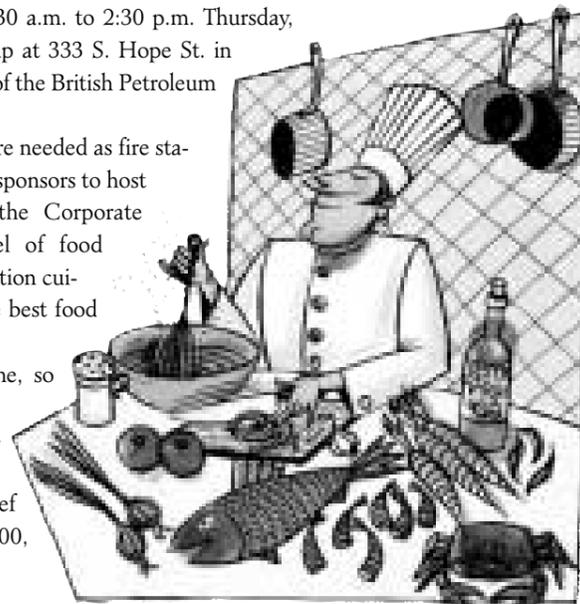
When the LAFD holds its annual Block Party, “Hope for Firefighters Day,” LAFD firefighters will team up with corporate sponsors to win the “best food booth” – and help raise money for the Widows, Orphans and Disabled Firefighters Fund.

The block party is set for 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, June 5. The booths will be set up at 333 S. Hope St. in downtown Los Angeles, in front of the British Petroleum building.

Cooks, crews and volunteers are needed as fire stations will partner with corporate sponsors to host a variety of food booths in the Corporate Firefighter Challenge. A panel of food tasters will judge the local fire station cuisine, awarding top honors to the best food booth.

Firefighter pride is on the line, so don't miss out!

Support the fund by volunteering your time and expertise. Contact Karena Lee at the Relief Association: (213) 380-2900, ext. 215. ■



For more information, go to: www.hopeforfirefighters.org



Retirees NEWS

Retiree Hotlines

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

City Employees Retirement System: (213) 473-7200

City Retirement Counselors:

• Phil Skarin	(818) 784-0130	• Jack Mathews	(310) 762-1942
• Robert Wilkinson	(818) 886-1000	• Helen Salgado	(323) 728-4930
• Jerry Bardwell	(818) 782-5568	• Americo Garza	(562) 928-2051
• Edward Harding	(805) 584-9417	• Neil Ricci	(310) 394-1971
• Harold Danowitz	(310) 453-0506		

DWP Retirement Plan Office: (213) 367-1722

For Retirees

By Phil Skarin, RLACEI Publicity Chair

April Membership Meeting Brought Retirees Together



Ed Harding,
RLACEI President

Ed Harding, RLACEI president, welcomed a large group of retirees plus many spouses to the group's membership meeting and luncheon at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center April 18. Those who had called and made reservations were

2.8 percent for each month served during that period.

Ken also reports that he was successful in getting unanimous approval of the LACERS board of commissioners to appropriate funds to pay for an actuary to determine the cost of providing a dental subsidy to surviving spouses who presently are not receiving this benefit. Once the cost is determined, Spiker plans to attempt to convince the Mayor and City Council that the surviving spouses who are living on a reduced pension allowance are most deserving of the benefit.

QUALITY CARE: There is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization called California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform (CANHR) that fights for quality care and fair treatment of the elderly and disabled. If you are investigating nursing homes for yourself or a loved one, go to the CANHR Website at www.nursinghomeguide.org. It has information on every long-term care, assisted living and other form of group home in California.

We are fortunate to have several of the RLACEI board members who are active in the L.A. Federal Credit Union. Jack Mathews was elected chairman of the LAFUCU board of directors and Neil Ricci serves as director. We are confident that they will not drop our nest eggs.

GOLF CLASSIC: Plans for our June 3 Golf Classic at the Alhambra Municipal Golf

treated to a free lunch, courtesy of the RLACEI. The newly appointed general manager of the Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System, Robert Aguillo Jr., attended with members of his staff and spoke and answered many questions about the retirement system. We are looking to a new era of leadership from Mr. Aguillo and his staff.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Ken Spiker, our legislative chairman, reports that the Consumer Price Index for this year is a plus 2.8 percent. Retiree's annual pension adjustment cannot exceed 3 percent. Last year's CPI was 3.3 percent, allowing all retiree's at that time to bank .3 percent. Thus, all retirees who retired on or before July 1, 2001, will receive the full allowable 3 percent, effective July 1, 2003. Those retirees who retired after July 2, 2002, and before July 1, 2003, will receive one twelfth of



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

The hero's journey begins with the moment he stands for something he believes in.

There's Nothing Cheesy as Club Member Sells Burgers to Raise Money for Charity

■ Club member's In-n-Out Burger Day nets \$1,000 for March of Dimes.

Kandace Baptiste, who works for the Bureau of Engineering, is also a March of Dimes organizer. When she set her organizational skills to raise funds for the charity, it was, well, great shakes.

She put together an In-n-Out Burger Day at the Bureau, between the buildings at 634 and 650 S. Spring St., downtown.

More than 350 Engineering employees bought meal tickets for the day, which also included live music, a DJ., attendance prizes and dessert goodies.

The end result: The Bureau raised \$1,000 for the charity, which focuses on birth defects in children.

"I just want to thank everyone who participated," Baptiste said. ■



In-n-Out burgers spelled a good day for a good cause.

Membership NEWS

■ **Ivan and Elke Forbes celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 25. Phil Skarin just won his 7th gold medal at the National Masters Weightlifting Championships.**

SHARE YOUR NEWS: If you have news of a retiree that you would like to share, send it to Phil Skarin at 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910, or call him at (818) 784-0130.

Course are progressing. Prize sponsors include: LAFUCU, ACEBSA, Bob Okuda, John Powell, Phil Skarin and the City Employees Club of Los Angeles (the Club). We could use some more sponsors. Call Phil Skarin at (818) 784-0130.

CREDIT UNION: If a retiree and spouse have a joint account with the LAFUCU, and the retiree passes away, the surviving spouse should not cancel the account. If they cancel it, the surviving spouse cannot join again. ■

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 3 – 25th Annual Golf Tournament at the Alhambra Golf Course

Aug. 15 – Picnic and BBQ at Grace E. Simons Lodge, Elysian Park

Oct. 17 – Annual Corporation Meeting and Elections at the UN/SO Senior Center

Dec. 11 – Holiday Party and Installation of Officers, at Grace E. Simons Lodge, Elysian Park

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

If you change your address, please notify Membership Chair Helen Salgado at 5423 Dewar St., Los Angeles, CA 90022. Phone: (323) 728-4930.

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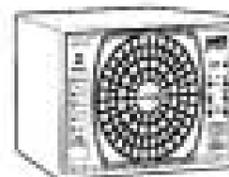
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Retirements

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



NAME	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE
Raynaldo Arevalo	Truck Operator (DWP)	31
Taik Aw	City Planning Associate (Airports)	14
Charlie Benson	Maintenance Supervisor (Airports)	34
Linda Bickford	Clerk Typist (Planning)	11
Richard Blanken	Building Mechanical Inspector (Building and Safety)	17
Joe Brownlow	Traffic Officer (Transportation)	30
Julianne Burgess	Library Assistant (Library)	34
Josefina Ceballos	Crossing Guard (Transportation)	3
Steven Chandler	Light Equipment Operator (Rec and Parks)	33
Xunxun Cheng	Lab Technician (DPW)	14
Brenda Corbin	Analyst (Gen. Services)	35
Miriam Crowder	Accounting Clerk (Building and Safety)	17
Robert Curry	Management Analyst (LAPD)	29
Pastor Dalaria	Reprographics Supervisor (DWP)	25
Rickey Deaver	Street Maintenance Supervisor (DWP)	34
Robert Dierks	Wastewater Treatment Mechanic (Hyperion)	20
Yvonne Dinse	Secretary (LAPD)	30
James Dixon	Wastewater Treatment Mechanic Supervisor (Hyperion)	33
Nancy Duncan	Survey Party Chief (Harbor)	18
Ruth Ebner	Deputy City Attorney (City Attorney)	22
Cecelia Edwards	Clerk Typist (LAPD)	14
Theodore Farkas	Pharmacist (Personnel)	28
Tomas Gamez	Crossing Guard (Transportation)	2
Joyce Gibbs	Secretary (DWP)	35
Jordan Good	Financial Development Officer (Housing)	22
Peter Grana	Sr. Personnel Analyst (Rec and Parks)	35
Angel Guerrero	Gardener Caretaker (Rec and Parks)	30
Leslie Halstead	Wastewater Treatment Manager (Hyperion)	33
Gloria Hardaway	Sr. Clerk Typist (Finance)	40
Diane Jackson	Clerk Typist (LAPD)	27
Bebe Jacobsen	Police Psychologist (LAPD)	18
Maurice Laham	Environmental Manager (Airports)	45
Eloy Lovato	Detention Officer (LAPD)	25
Paul Lucero	Storekeeper (Gen. Services)	21
Vicente Marcelino	Sr. Accountant (Rec and Parks)	28

NAME	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE
Roy Marquez	Security Officer (Zoo)	8
Leroy Mealey	Mechanic Helper (Rec and Parks)	32
Gary Miller	Wastewater Treatment Electric Supervisor (Hyperion)	16
Jess Miller	Sr. Management Analyst (Rec and Parks)	31
Roy Moritsugu	Civil Engineering Associate (DWP)	36
Michael Munoz	Equipment Mechanic (Gen. Serices)	15
Masashi Naito	Sr. Accountant (LACERS)	31
Lorenzo Navarro	Detention Officer (LAPD)	28
Paul Okumoto	Sr. Gardener (Rec and Parks)	20
Howard Payne	Sr. Detention Officer (LAPD)	30
Oscar Peters	Retirement Plan Manager (LACERS)	34
Garry Pinney	Executive Management (Housing)	35
Xavier Pitassi	Sr. Electrical Inspector (DWP)	22
Thomas Prutz	Survey Party Chief (DWP)	33
Ronnie Reed	Garage Attendant (LAPD)	36
Louise Roby	Maintenance Supervisor (Airports)	21
Donna Skinner	Sr. Clerk Typist (Tillman)	19
Janeth Smith	Personnel Analyst (Personnel)	30
Dana Springer	Personnel Records Supervisor (Personnel)	32
Henry Stemmann	Equipment Mechanic (LAPD)	27
William Sterling	Assistant City Attorney (City Attorney)	24
Richard Stinebiser	Communications Electrician (ITA)	30
Bryant Torregano	Special Officer (Harbor)	32
Jesus Trejo	Solid Resources Collection (DWP)	31
Peter Valverde	Forensic Specialist (LAPD)	33
Joy Ventura	Executive Secretary (Transportation)	31
Robert Vilmer	Sr. Management Analyst (CDD)	38
J.W. Weaver	Street Lighting Electrician (DPW)	15
Helen Wright	Sr. Gardener (Rec and Parks)	18
Rena Yamauchi	Secretary (LAPD)	35

Retirements: *Alive!* receives retirement information from both the City and DWP. If you've just recently retired, we'd love to hear your story. Send us your picture along with a few sentences about your career and what you're planning and include your phone number. Send to moments@cityemployeesclub.com.

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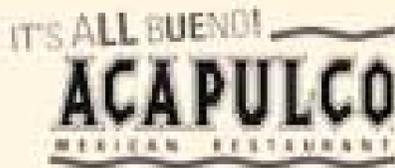
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Willie Anthony	Joseph Dietrich	Taro Kawakami	William Priest
Daniel Arata	Julian Dix	Clara Koropshinsky	Manuel Rangel
June Arcenaux	Herbert Dunn	Sam Lang	Albert Rinati
Mario Arguijo	Theodore Edmond	Gertie Lenhart	Anna Russo
Samuel Asnin	Gumesindo Enriquez	Alice Leon	Mary Rodriguez
Lillian Bailey	Webster Evans	Anthony Levine	Frank Rosseau
Charles Balding	Meg Fabelina	Joseph Lewis	Floyd Sands
Roxie Barnes	Mary Fife	Mae Lieberman	Taft Sanford
Nadene Bliss	Dolores Fisher	Timothy Lipp	William Schoenfeld
Alvin Boudreaux	Mable Fletcher	Mary Maison	Edna Scott
Sarah Braun	James Fullman	Alberto Mamaril	Brenda Simpson
Joseph Brewer III	Richard Gallardo	Lucinda Manning	Eleanor Smith
Lena Britt	James Gatlin	Anita Martinez	Edward Thompson
Theodore Brooks	Cecilia Grace	Jeannie McCormick	Dorothy Titus
Coy Brown	Katherine Grant	Robert McCrary	Elias Torres
Ilse Brown	Vivian Gregory	James Merriett	Harriett Tunstall
James Cameron	William Guldner	Anthony Mihalovich	Donald Van Riesen
Annie Campbell	Arthur Gunningham	William Miburn	Susan Vetter
Virginia Campos	Percy Hawthorne	Mary Moore	Juan Villareal
Luella Carson	Acy Haynesworth	Mary Mowers	Alex Villasenor
Isabel Cervantes	Gordon Hiatt	John Mumaw	Mary Wagner
Eddie Fu	Oscar Hightower	Ernest Noya	Shigeru Wakamiya
Keung Chan	Ara Hill	Bernard Oxhorn	Marian Warner
Janet Checkman	Naida Hensley	Kenneth Parsons	Elizabeth Watkins
Lee Coffin	Okarena Hughes	Ann Payne	Stella Weber
Ralph Coleman	Jerry Hurt	Javier Perez	Ray Wedeen
Lee Collen	Saundra Hurwitz	Regina Perez	Atoy Wilson
Walter Couchman	Nicholas Imp	Bobbie Phippen	
Rhoderick Courtney	Henry Jones	Dorothy Pigott	

In Memoriam:

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Weddings:

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Births

Births:

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Budget Forestalls Layoffs, for Now

Budget

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At the same time, the budget encourages the growth of the LAPD, and proposes that housing, libraries and neighborhood councils will receive funding increases. At least parts of those three initiatives — housing, libraries and neighborhood councils — are meant to help the LAPD bolster its anti-gang measures.

The LAFD can expect to see more firefighters and paramedics if the budget passes as-is.

The hiring freeze currently in place will remain, according to the proposed budget. If that happens, approximately 400 unfilled positions currently on the books will be erased, in effect asking current employees to fill the gap by producing what those unfilled positions would have been expected to produce.

The budget also calls for more aggressive collection of a number of fines.

One of the reasons for the mood of austerity was a report issued at the beginning of the

year by City Administrator William J. Fujioka, which warned of a projected loss of income for the City. The State of California was saying that it might have to take funds from the vehicle licensing fees, costing the City of Los Angeles an estimated \$175 million. Mayor Hahn's proposed budget does not account for that possible shortfall. Were the State of California to make good on that warning, the City budget would have to be rethought, according to Hahn.

Read more about the proposed budget at <http://www.ci.la.ca.us/>

Wanna be heard?

What do you think of next year's proposed budget? Too lean? Too generous? Let us know, and we'll print your reply: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

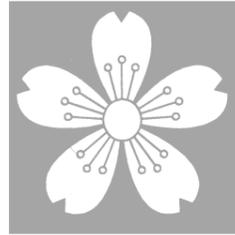
Newsbriefs

Around the City

ASIAN PACIFIC HERITAGE MONTH

Mayor Jim Hahn today kicked off the city-wide celebration of Asian Pacific Heritage Month throughout the City of Los Angeles and designated the month of May as Asian Pacific Heritage Month (APHM).

The Asian Pacific Heritage Month celebrations were co-ordinated with the help of retired Cultural Affairs Department Deputy Director and APHM chairperson Roella Louie and South Valley Area Planning Commissioner and APHM co-chairperson David Iwata.



Asian Pacific Heritage Month highlights the significant accomplishments of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. During the

kickoff celebration, Mayor Hahn honored 13 Asian Pacific Americans for being role models in the areas of government, leadership, business, sports, entertainment, and media. Recipients include Assemblywoman Wilma Chan, Assemblywoman Judy Chu, Assemblywoman Shirley Horton, Assemblywoman Carol Liu, Assemblyman Alan Nakanishi, Assemblyman George Nakano, Assemblyman Leland Yee, Taryn Rose Shoes President Taryn Rose, Native Software President Roland Tseng, Los Angeles Galaxy player Hong Myung Bo, Los Angeles Dodgers Assistant General Manager Kim Ng, University of Southern California Football Offensive Coordinator Norm Chow, and KABC-TV news anchor David Ono.

For a calendar of events, go to: www.apahm.org

PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION

Mayor Hahn has proclaimed May as Public Service Month. It's intended to educate the public about governmental services, and to recognize outstanding public service and notable achievements. Two major activities are scheduled for the Civic Center: a Career Service Awards Presentation Ceremony, at 10 a.m. Friday, May 9; and City Departments Showcase, exhibits of various department activities and services, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, May 14 and 15. Information: (213) 847-9800.



WINTER HOMELESS SHELTERS

City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo and Councilwoman Jan Perry urged state legislators to obtain additional funding from the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2002 to keep the Winter Shelter

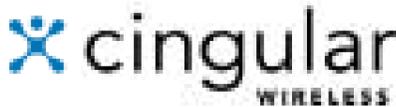


Program in Los Angeles open all year. The Winter Shelter program provides emergency shelter to the homeless during the coldest months of the year. The program, which provides approximately 2,000 beds a night during a 15-week period, was initiated in the 1980s as the "Cold/Wet Weather program" to address the serious public health and safety issues related to homelessness.

Delgadillo and Perry have been working with the Mayor's Office, the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, the Los Angeles Police Department, the Shelter Partnership and several services agencies to expand the emergency shelter system currently operating in Los Angeles County.

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Quiet Amid the Urban Sprawl: A Nature Preserve in the City Is Born

■ City employees, support groups and volunteers band together to turn a former missile launch site into a nature preserve.

The transition might have taken 25 years, but it was worth it: a former U.S. military anti-aircraft missile site in Palos Verdes, overlooking the blue Pacific and Catalina Island in the distance, is now just about ready to reopen as a nature preserve. People aren't waiting for the official opening later this spring to enjoy the charms of the 102-acre White Point Nature Preserve, next to the County's Royal Palms Beach Park. They're already enjoying it, even though it's not even officially open yet.

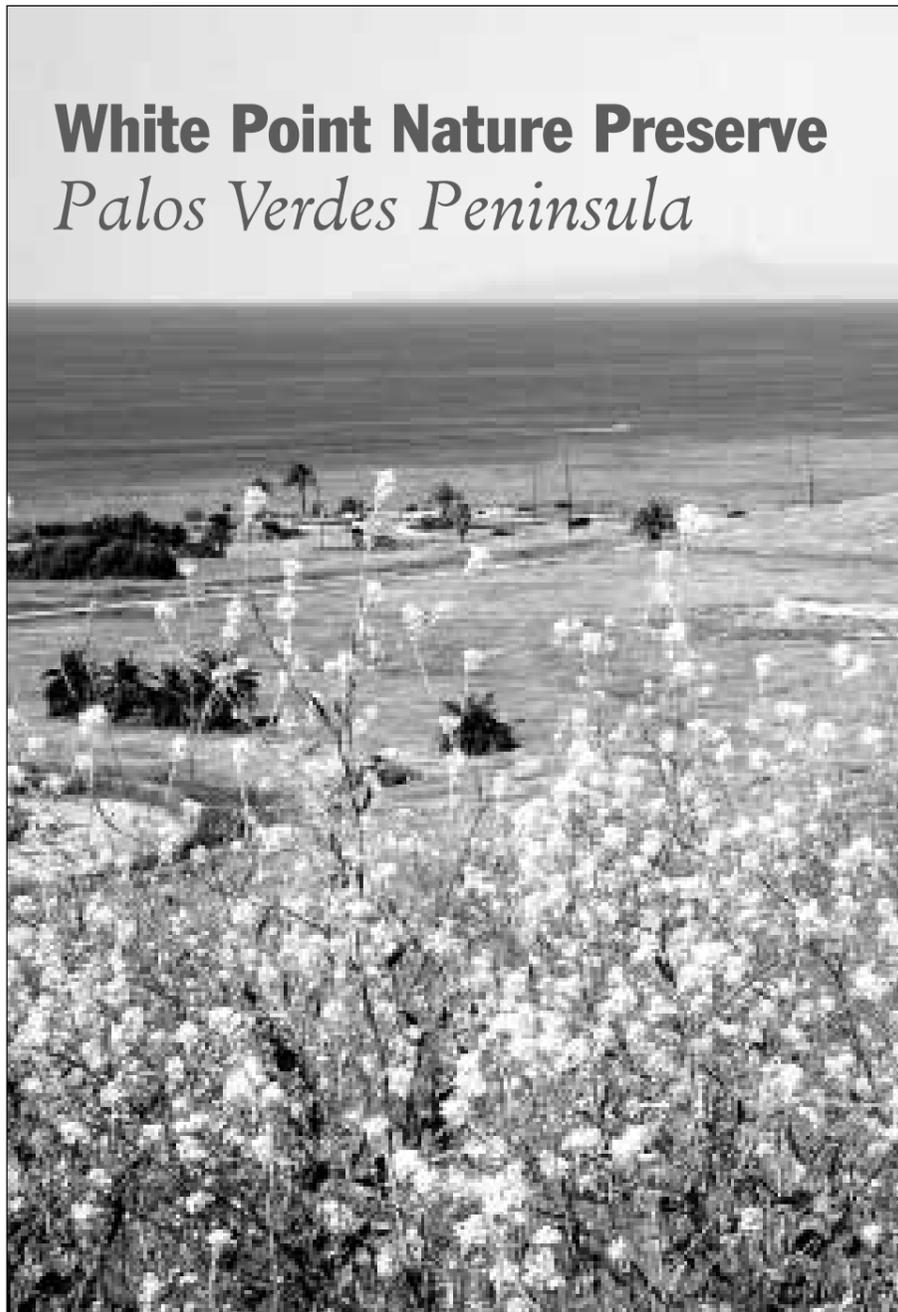
A wide-ranging master plan, with significant contributions from restoration botanist Angelika Brinkmann-Busi, was finalized and approved last year. Miles of improved walking trails, including some for the physically challenged, will be installed over the next two years. Signs, water fountains, improved parking and a restroom facility/visitor center are in the planning stages. Total cost of building the nature preserve are estimated at just under \$2 million.

While still closed to the public, the White Point Nature Preserve's popularity to the neighborhood was readily apparent on a day earlier this spring when volunteers were busy planting new growth: people, often with their pets, streamed by continuously.

A public grand opening is planned for late spring or early summer; call the number at the end of this article for event information.

The City might own it and might have contributed to its flowering, literally and figuratively, but the change from swords to plowshares has many parents:

- the Defense Department, which turned the land over to the City in 1978;
- the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy, a nonprofit organization with which the City has contracted to manage the preserve and oversee the transition;
- the City departments of Rec and Parks, Public Works, and Water and Power;
- a volunteer steering committee;
- a Getty grant;
- a major grant from the State of California's Wildlife Conservation Board;
- taxpayers, who voted for Proposition 12 to fund a majority of it;
- the local Council district; which kept things moving;
- neighborhood groups;
- local high schools and other institutions;
- service groups like Habitat for Humanity and the Audubon Society; and
- individuals who love the idea of open space, where people and plants can enjoy the land as it was intended to be.



The vegetation overlooks the Pacific Ocean at the White Point Nature Preserve.



A family helps plant native growth on a hillside at the preserve.



Andrea Vona, Associate Director, Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy, oversees the nature preserve's development.

"Oh, and I have to thank Manuel A. Mollinedo [the General Manager of Rec and Parks]. He's been really enthusiastic for what we've been doing," said Andrea Vona, White Point project manager and associate director, Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy. "Janice Hahn has given us great support."

"At Rec and Parks, Ron Berkowitz, Juan Benitez and Steve Barklow have been great to work with..."

Vona continued the conversation as she rambled up the hillside, eager to help the morning's volunteers fill the hundreds of pre-dug holes with native vegetation. Every Saturday is volunteer day; on this day and recent Saturdays, the volunteers come from the San Pedro High School Earth and Key Clubs; El Camino College; the Girl Scouts; and from the community at large.

Remnants of the site's military history remain. Paved roadways provide access to several abandoned military structures and foundations that remain above and below ground on the site. A Nike missile silo, while empty and unusable, remains. The site was never "online" as a military facility. Fences have been constructed around older decrepit military structures until their fate can be determined by the military.

Close to Paseo del Mar on the western portion of the property is the former location of the Ramon Sepulveda homestead or guesthouse. Although an overgrown mound is all that indicates the location of these buildings, there are some plantings, dominated by a grove of Phoenix palms that frame this local historic site.

It's a great coming-together for the neighborhood. For the native vegetation. For the City.

"People have waited a long time for this and have worked a long time for it," Vona says as she checks in another group of volunteers. "It's finally going to happen." ■

Call the Palos Verdes Land Conservancy for more information: (310) 541-7613.

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While the missile silo exterior remains surrounded by a fence at the preserve, its interior mechanisms have been removed. The Nike missile site was never active.



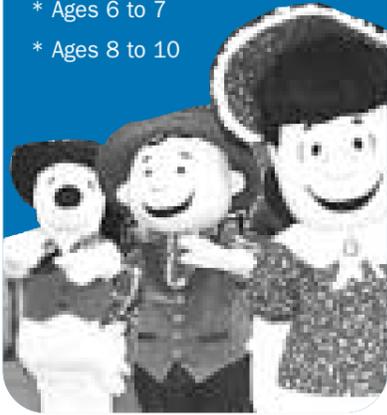
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Good luck, and have fun!



Maureen Layton Wins Accolades as Employee of the Year, Winter Term

Maureen Layton, Senior Clerk Typist in the Recruitment and Selection Division of the Public Safety Bureau, is the Employee of the Year for the Winter/Spring term, it was announced by Maggie Whelan, General Manager of the Personnel Dept.

Maureen started her career with the City in 1986 as a Police Service Representative. She left the City in 1987 and worked in the private sector for a number of years. In 2000, she returned to the City as a Clerk Typist for the Dept. of Transportation. Maureen was promoted quickly to Senior Clerk Typist in 2001 and has worked for the Recruitment and Selection Division ever since.

According to Whelan, Maureen continually demonstrates her dedication to her duties. "She is very detail-oriented and always completes her assignments in a conscientious manner. Maureen's duties have continually expanded over the past year and a half, yet Maureen welcomes the new challenges and adapts quickly to the situations.

"Maureen has a positive attitude that is contagious to the people around her. She is an excellent example of an outstanding employee."



Maureen Layton (right), Senior Clerk Typist, Recruitment and Selection Division, Public Safety Bureau being presented with a congratulatory gift by Maggie Whelan, General Manager of the Personnel Department.

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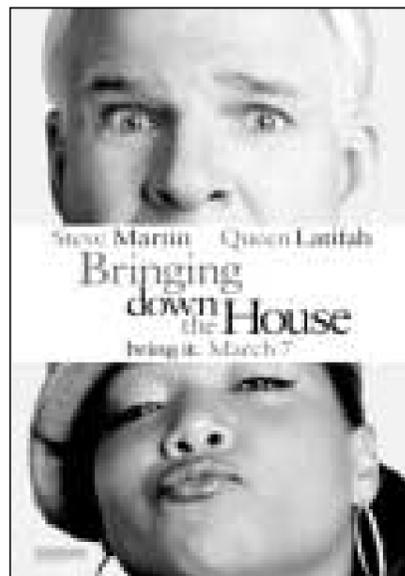
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— Gail Seltzer, DWP



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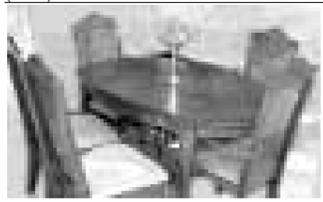
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7th Inning Dip: A Home Run As Baseball Season Heats Up

■ Let these great recipes take you out to the ballgame.

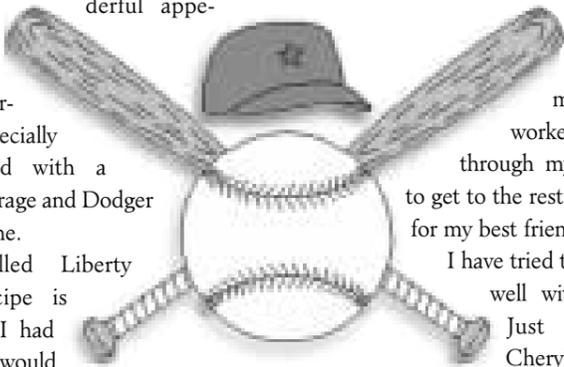
This is really something. May is upon on us at a blink of an eye. The weather is getting warmer and snow skiing on most mountains is now a memory, except for some isolated areas of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. One thing to do now is to take out that old baseball glove and stow your skis in the garage, for next since the baseball season is on its second month. If you are like me when you go to a ballgame, I can never do without my glove, hotdogs and beer at a baseball game.

I have two recipes that fit rather nicely for this baseball season. Even if you care little for baseball, I bet that you will enjoy the 7th Inning Dip and the Grilled Liberty Burgers. The 7th Inning Dip has a combination of Mexican and American flavors and is a wonderful appe-

tizer for the family before a barbecue or especially when paired with a favorite beverage and Dodger or Angel game.

The Grilled Liberty Burgers recipe is one that if I had the money, I would cook for all of the military troops that are overseas. I find the flavor to be unique, especially with the addition of the brandy. Although I added about an ounce, you may add a little more brandy. You may even want to experiment with other alcoholic additions including tequila or red wine.

The Almond Toffee is a recipe submitted by



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Cheryl Powers from the Department of Water and Power. Here is what she had to say about this delightful treat.

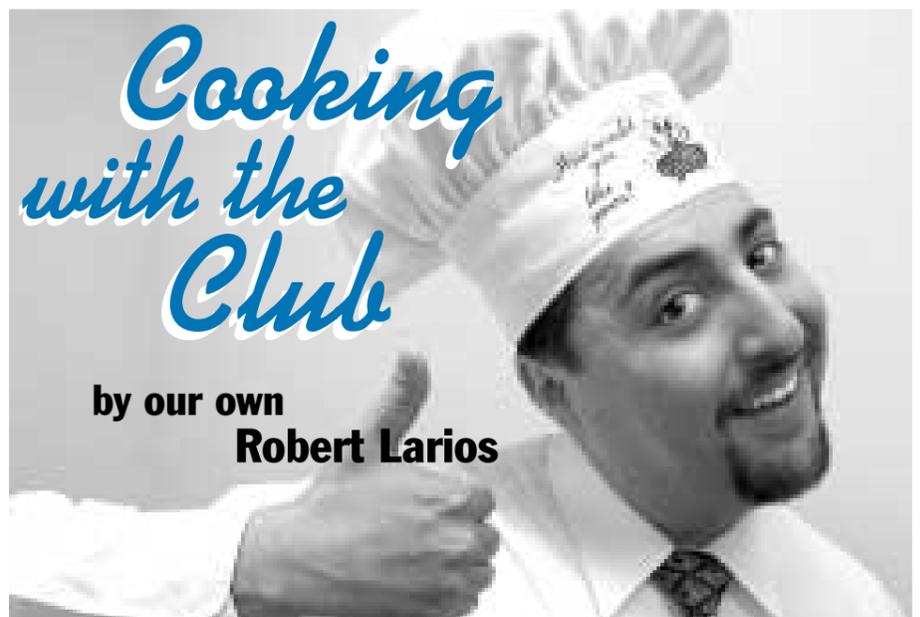
"This is such a great recipe. It looks hard, but it is so easy to make. One of my co-workers was actually digging through my personal belongings to get to the rest of the jar I was saving for my best friend."

I have tried this recipe. It goes very well with vanilla ice cream.

Just sprinkle some of Cheryl's Almond Toffee with

chocolate syrup and whip cream and you will have the whole neighborhood trying to get spoonfuls.

Cheryl, make sure you lock your belongings in a safe place to keep other from getting to your Almond Toffee and thank you for your recipe. I have taken some to a few ball games, too. 🍌



Cooking with the Club

by our own Robert Larios

Almond Toffee

Submitted by Cheryl Powers, LA Department of Water and Power

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 cup water
- 2 cubes butter
- 1 lb almonds, roasted and chopped
- 2 bags of chocolate chips (12 ounce each)



DIRECTIONS

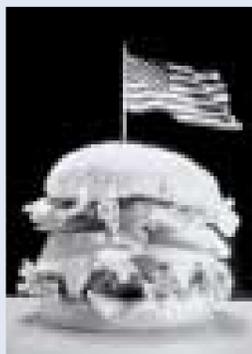
- To roast almonds place on cookie sheet, bake 325 degrees for 20 - 25 minutes
- Place sugar, salt, water and butter in a pan.
- Cook until it reaches 300 degrees Fahrenheit. You need a candy thermometer.
- Pour in 1 cup roasted chopped almonds, stir.
- On a buttered cookie sheet pour mixture, you will have to spread the almonds around. They will seem to want to stay in the middle. Let harden for about an hour.
- In a double boiler, melt 1 bag 12 oz chocolate chips on medium heat. Spread on toffee. Pat in some almonds, cool for a couple of hours.
- Pick up toffee and turn over and repeat.
- When cooled, break into pieces.

Grilled Liberty Burgers

This recipe can be prepared in 45 minutes or less.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tbsp sour cream
- 1 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1 tbsp dill
- 1 tbsp garlic powder
- Up to 1 tbsp salt and pepper
- 10 ounces lean ground beef
- 1 shot of brandy (I am not joking!)
- 2 hamburger buns, split
- 2 tomato slices
- 2 bibb lettuce leaves



DIRECTIONS

- Prepare barbecue (medium-high heat). Mix first 3 ingredients in medium bowl. Transfer 3 tablespoons sauce to small bowl and reserve. Add meat to remaining sauce in medium bowl and mix gently. Then add the ounce of brandy to meat. Divide meat mixture into 2 equal portions. Flatten each to 1/2-inch-thick patty; sprinkle with salt and pepper.
- Grill cut side of buns until toasted, about 1 minute. Grill patties to desired doneness, about 4 minutes per side for medium. Spread bottom half of buns with reserved sauce. Top each with burger, tomato slice, lettuce and bun top.

Serves 2; can be doubled

The 7th Inning Dip

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tsp. chopped garlic (or 1 tbsp of garlic powder)
- 1/2 cup chopped green onions
- 2 cups softened cream cheese
- 1/2 cup diced tomatoes
- 1 tbsp. sour cream
- 1 each grilled chicken breast (diced)
- 1 cup cooked black beans (from the can is just fine)
- 1 tbsp. fresh chopped cilantro
- 1 cup mixed grated cheese (cheddar works well)
- To taste: Tabasco (you can use any other favorite hot sauce)
- To taste: seasoned salt and pepper
- 1 bag chips (blue corn and flour tortillas)



DIRECTIONS

- Soften the cream cheese by beating until smooth in a mixer. Add all the other ingredients except the cheese and mix by hand until combined, add the seasonings as needed or desired. Top with the grated cheese. This dip may be served hot or cold.
- For the hot dip, pour the mix into an oven safe bowl and bake at 350 degrees until the cheese is brown and bubbly. Approximately 13 minutes. Serve with chips.

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