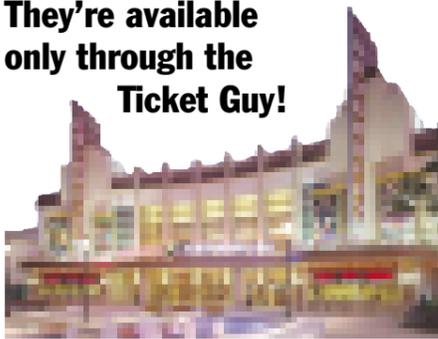


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For a complete list of locations, movies and showtimes, go to [www.krikoriantheatres.com](http://www.krikoriantheatres.com)

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## Making the Club Family Strong: Scholarship Builds For the Future

■ Jennifer Moncayo, daughter of Club member Cynthia Beltran, wins first Club Scholarship.

Celebrating the excellence of the Club family and building for the future of the City of Los Angeles, the Club proudly awarded its first Club Scholarship last month at Club headquarters in downtown Los Angeles.

Winner of the first Club Scholarship was Jennifer Moncayo, daughter of Cynthia Beltran, an employee in Housing, and a 27-year veteran of the City.

Jennifer is a junior and an excellent student at Loyola Marymount University in Westchester.

The scholarship awarded Jennifer \$3,000. The deadline for applications to the Club Scholarship was in July.

"She comes recommended—highly," said Art Johnson in introducing Jennifer. Johnson, a former Club board member, was the chairman of the scholarship search committee.

"She has clearly achieved so much. And we can't wait to congratulate her again when she graduates. We know she will!



Scholarship winner Jennifer Moncayo (center, in light blouse) stands in front of her mother, Club Member Cynthia Beltran, Club Board Member Robyn Barnes, Club Scholarship Committee Chairman Art Johnson, and the rest of the Club team.



"This scholarship is a blessing for her, but she is a blessing for us, too. She is going to succeed. I just know it."

"Thank you all so much," Jennifer said humbly in accepting the scholarship. Nervously, she added, "I've never seen my

name next to this much money."

"We think it's very important to give back to the community," said John Hawkins, Club Chief Operating Officer, in beginning the

*See Scholarship, Page 3*

## There's One Final Month for Your Comments on LAX Expansion Plan



Artist's rendering of the proposed Central Terminal Area.

■ Proposed plan to guide LAX well into the future is open to comments, but only until Nov. 7. Make your voice heard.

City employees—and everyone with an opinion to share on the proposed master plan to expand LAX—now have until Nov. 7 to make their comments known, so don't wait if you have something to say.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approved a 75-day extension of the public

review and comment period for the Supplement to the Draft Environmental

Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for the LAX Master Plan for a total of 120 days and the scheduling of three additional public hearings. The comment period will now end on November 7, 2003.

See the end of this article for the locations of the three final public hearings, and the

*See LAX Expansion, Page 24*

### Inside:

- Details of the Master Plan
- Where to send your comments
- Info on final public hearings



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by **John Hawkins**  
**Chief Operating Officer**  
**City Employees Club of Los Angeles**

## The Club: One Year and Counting For Community of City Employees

### ■ One year. And growing stronger every day.

One year ago this month, LACEA created the City Employees Club of Los Angeles. And the family of City employees has never been the same.

The LACEA has been a partner in the lives of City employees for more than 75 years, providing insurances services and check refunds. But starting early in 2002, we began to think that we were being called to do even more for City employees. We thought that this great city of Los Angeles deserved to have a true community of its employees. A community that celebrates its good times. That keeps up to date on news and information. That comes together and enjoys group discounts. And that looks out for each other with the best insurance plans available.

So we created the City Employees Club of Los Angeles, the Club. We were right; the need was there for a true community of City employees. You've responded enthusiastically. Our membership is growing by leaps and

bounds. This newspaper, *Alive!*, continues to grow each month. We offer you more and more Club benefits. We have coloring contests for the kids, and a scholarship contest for those in their late teens. The Club is not just about City employees. It's about their families, too. What's important to you is important to us.

As I write this, we're getting ready for our second annual ClubFest in early October. We'll give you plenty of pictures of the event next month. But it's a great feeling to know that together we've created a really great thing with our Club, and our coming together makes all our lives just a little bit better.

Keep sending in those recipes. Keep writing about what you like and don't like about *Alive!* (we really want to know what you think). Drop a line to your counselor with suggestions for the Club and requests for information about our insurance programs. Keep requesting those tickets from the Ticket Guy.

**Your city, your Club.** May it live for a long, long time. 🏠

### Numbers YOU CAN USE

Here's a list of helpful telephone numbers for you:

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<b>City Employees Club of Los Angeles FAX</b>	(213) 620-0398	<b>DWP Information</b>	(213) 367-4211
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<b>City Employees Benefit Office</b>	(213) 978-1655	<b>DWP Personnel</b>	(213) 367-1934
<b>City Employees Retirement System</b>	(213) 473-7200 or (800) 779-8328	<b>DWP Retirement Plan Office</b>	(213) 367-1712
<b>City Paymaster</b>	(213) 978-7480	<b>Fire and Police Pension System</b>	(213) 978-4545
<b>City Personnel Office</b>	(213) 847-9240	<b>Local 347</b>	(213) 482-6660
<b>City of L.A. Clerical and Support Services Union, Local 3090</b>	(213) 487-9887 EXT. 340	<b>Los Angeles Federal Credit Union</b>	(213) 485-5000
<b>DWP Credit Union</b>	(213) 580-1690	<b>Los Angeles Firemen's Credit Union</b>	(323) 254-1700 or (800) 231-1626
		<b>Retired L.A. City Employees, Inc.</b>	(213) 255-9082
		<b>Whistleblower/Complaint Program</b>	(800) 824-4825

Have a number you'd like us to include? Send it in: alive@cityemployeesclub.com

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- Department of the Month
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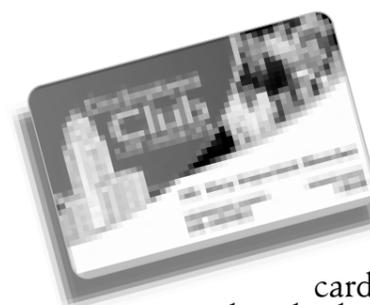
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# Jennifer Moncayo Awarded First Club Scholarship

## Scholarship

*Continued from Page 1*

reception. "We started the Club one year ago, but we've been giving back for more than 75 years."

Jennifer, who graduated from Bishop Alemany High School in 2001, wants to be a professional writer, perhaps in music journalism, when she graduates. She has already seen two of her works published, and she is involved in the school's newspaper, the Los Angeles Loyolan.

She volunteers her time generously in multiple activities, and she lives on campus.

"Congratulations again," said Club Board Member Robyn Barnes, in closing the reception. "We wish you all the best of success."



Club Scholarship winner Jennifer Moncayo (center), with her mother, Club Member Cynthia Beltran (left) and John Hawkins, Club Chief Operating Officer.



From left: Art Johnson, Club Scholarship Committee Chairman, hands the scholarship check to scholarship winner Jennifer Moncayo, Jennifer's mother and Club member Cynthia Beltran, and Club Board Member Robyn Barnes.

# Members Speak Out



## Content of *Alive!* Helps Her To Sit, Relax and Cook, Too

I thought I'd drop you a note to let you know just how much I enjoy reading *Alive!* It's sheer reading enjoyment!

I love sitting and relaxing with the articles—they're so uplifting, touching and informative.

And so helpful in the kitchen, too!

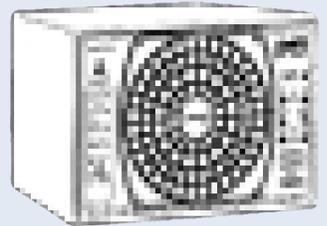
All in all, it's really a great newspaper. I look forward to it month after month.

Keep up the good work! (I'll be sending you a recipe for a delicious dessert, carrot gelatin, made with real carrots!)

— Carmen Marquez  
Club member

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We would highly recommend these products.

— Clint and Linda Deacon  
Club members

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# Newsbriefs

## HYDROGEN CARS

General Service's Fleet Services division has taken delivery of 5 hydrogen-powered cars from Honda. Mayor Jim Hahn has announced an agreement between the City of Los Angeles



and American Honda Motor Co., Inc., to make Los Angeles the first U.S. retail customer for a fuel cell car. Mayor Hahn took delivery of the nation's first fuel cell car certified for commercial use, the Honda FCX.

The vehicle is one of five put into service by the City for every day use and represents a big step forward in vehicle technologies utilized by the City of Los Angeles. The hydrogen fuel cell represents one of the most promising "clean" alternatives for fueling vehicles, as water vapor is the only exhaust. The 2003 Honda FCX is powered by a hydrogen fuel cell that produces electricity onboard the vehicle. A fuel cell functions by combining hydrogen (stored in a tank) with oxygen in the air to make electricity (and water as a by product). The electricity is used to power the electric motor, which in turn propels the vehicle. Both the California Air Resources Board and the United States Environmental Protection Agency have certified the Honda FCX as a Zero Emission Vehicle and for every day commercial use.

## LABONGE IN TRAFFIC

Councilmember Tom LaBonge has put forth several key initiatives to ease traffic congestion in Los Angeles and has made traffic mobility a key priority of his administration. They are:

### 101 Corridor Improvements

- Created a 101 Corridor Task Force that favors re-engineering and/or improving the freeway to increase mobility at on-ramps and off-ramps (acceleration and deceleration lanes) and at interchanges without expanding the roadway or taking property.

- Working with Caltrans and LADOT to make sure process includes input from affected communities, homeowner groups and neighborhoods and certified area Neighborhood Councils.

### MTA

- Working to pass SB314, a half-cent local sales tax increase to fund a number of transportation projects in Los Angeles, including extending the Red Line west along Wilshire Boulevard to Fairfax Avenue.
- Supports developing San Fernando Valley North-South Rapidways, building a light rail line to



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the West Valley and creating a viable transportation network throughout the Valley that provides connectivity within the Valley to other modes of transportation such as MetroLink.

- Expand hours of Red Line and DASH.

### Traffic Mobility Initiatives Submitted in Council

- Ban construction and repair work on primary surface streets during peak traffic hours. *Status- Approved by Public Works Committee, ordinance being drafted by Public Works Committee.*
- Place Department of Transportation officers at top 25 intersections in City to help control traffic flow. Reassign hours of DOT traffic officers. *Status- Implemented successfully at Hollywood and Highland and several intersections along Ventura Boulevard in Valley. Report pending on having DOT traffic control officers work a 6-2 schedule, meaning 6 hours writing tickets and 2 directing traffic.*
- Create high-level LAPD officer to oversee traffic issues. *Status- Working with department to include Commander-level position in Special Operations Bureau to supervise traffic divisions in 2004-05 budget request.*
- Create 24-hour local traffic radio station. *Status- Information Technology Agency developing proposal to establish network of mini radio transmitters to share traffic information concerning major city arteries.*

## Political Forum



### Imagine Walking Along the Waterfront in Los Angeles

by **Janice Hahn, Councilmember, 15<sup>th</sup> District**

There is nothing like strolling along the waterfront, smelling the ocean air and enjoying the view. Whether it is San Diego, Baltimore, San Francisco or Seattle, we have all visited other cities with exquisite seaport villages, wharves or waterfront development—something that has been lacking in the City of Los Angeles.

That is about to change.

When the Mayor and I took office in 2001, we decided to return a large portion of the waterfront at the Port to the people of this City. All the way from the Vincent Thomas Bridge to the Harbor breakwater was designated for recreational use. And right now, we are in the process of creating a world-class waterfront promenade for all of Los Angeles to enjoy. I envision visitors from all of the city, and beyond, walking along our waterfront, visiting shops, dining at restaurants and enjoying the incredible entertainment provided by the Port of Los Angeles. Our promenade will draw visitors not only from around the world and increased tourism will help us to attract and retain new businesses and generate new jobs benefiting every Angeleno.

To make our waterfront development a reality, it will be up to the residents of L.A. to approve a ballot measure in March. This ballot measure will amend our City Charter by just one line—but what a difference a line can make. Voting yes on the “Tidelands Trust” charter amendment will give Los Angeles the ability to use port-

#### Council District 15 includes these communities:

- Watts
- Wilmington
- San Pedro
- Harbor City
- Harbor Gateway
- Athens on the Hill

related funds for uses including education, recreation, culture and tourism—an ability that every other port in California already has and what we need to build the waterfront we deserve.

Many people may wonder if is possible to combine entertainment and recreation with a working harbor. But, our harbor is our entertainment. With cruise ships, cargo ships, barges, tugs and our new fireboat—which is the most powerful in the world—visitors will be constantly amazed.

Waterfront development is crucial to the economic prosperity of coastal California cities. We plan to break ground on our promenade as early as February 2004, and I invite every Los Angeles resident to stroll along the waterfront when we open our grand promenade. Keep your eyes open for that March ballot measure. We will be looking to you for support. 



Could you soon be walking along a waterfront in Los Angeles? Councilmember Janice Hahn hopes so.

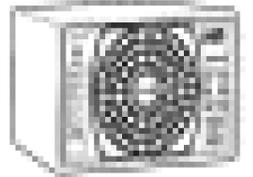
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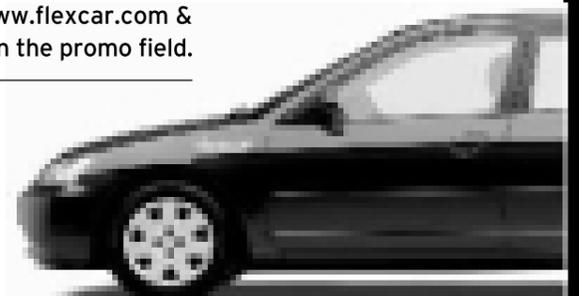
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# The Club Turns One Year Old

October 2002

## ClubFest 2002 Kicks Off New Era for City Workers



Just one of many happy families at ClubFest 2002.

December 2002

## Festival of Lights: City's Holiday Tradition Shines



Last December, the Club helped celebrate the City's beloved Festival of Lights in Griffith Park while officially ringing in the Christmas season.

May 2003

## DWP West Sends Hugs From Home



In May, the Club was only too proud to be able to recognize the DWP's West yard, which raised money to purchase a truckload of items which the yard then sent to the troops overseas. Here (from left), Steve Summers and Randy Leedom spearheaded the effort. Good going, West yard!

### Happy Birthday, Club!

The Club—technically the City Employees Club of Los Angeles—was created one year ago with the idea of building a true community of City employees. And it has been a great success: Many thousands (and growing) of Club members are part of one of the most exciting things to happen to being a City employee in years.

Below are just a few highlights of the Club's first year—a year filled with fun events, saying hello to new employees, bidding farewell to retiring ones, and on and on.

Here's to all of us, and many more great years of the Club. The best is yet to come!

January 2003

## Bigger and Better: The Club Celebrates 75 Years of Serving You



In January, we celebrated the fact that the LACEA, the parent of the Club, has been serving City employees like you for 75 years. In this photo from 1990, Medina Leticia Torres helps "prepare" the refund checks, a prominent activity of the LACEA.

## The Life She Saved Ultimately Changed Hers



DOT Traffic Officer, Barbara Hartsfield

Photo courtesy Kenneth Heinsius/DOT

June 2003

## City Says Thanks to Dozens Who Demonstrated Exemplary Service



Last June, the Club helped the City celebrate the dedication and service of some of its veteran employees. Here, City Employee Lynn McCord receives her recognition.

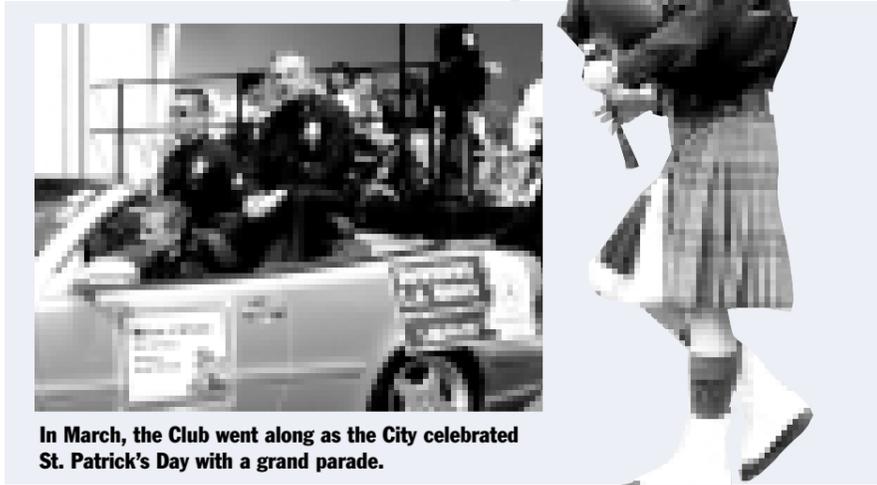
## Fire Dept. Hosts Their Children With Annual 'Bring Kids' Day



Event organizer Capt. Alicia Mathis with some of the department's offspring.

March 2003

### 4th Annual Los Angeles St. Patrick's Day Parade



In March, the Club went along as the City celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a grand parade.

July 2003

### DWP Choraliers Recall the 1960s At 'Cuckoo Laugh-In World' Show



In July, we sang the praises of the DWP Choraliers show. From left: Jack Janzen as a clown, Charlotte Magee as the bearded lady, Mark Lieberman as the muscle man, and Armida Bannon as a clown.

### Firemen Got Cooking for Charity at Department Cook-off Event

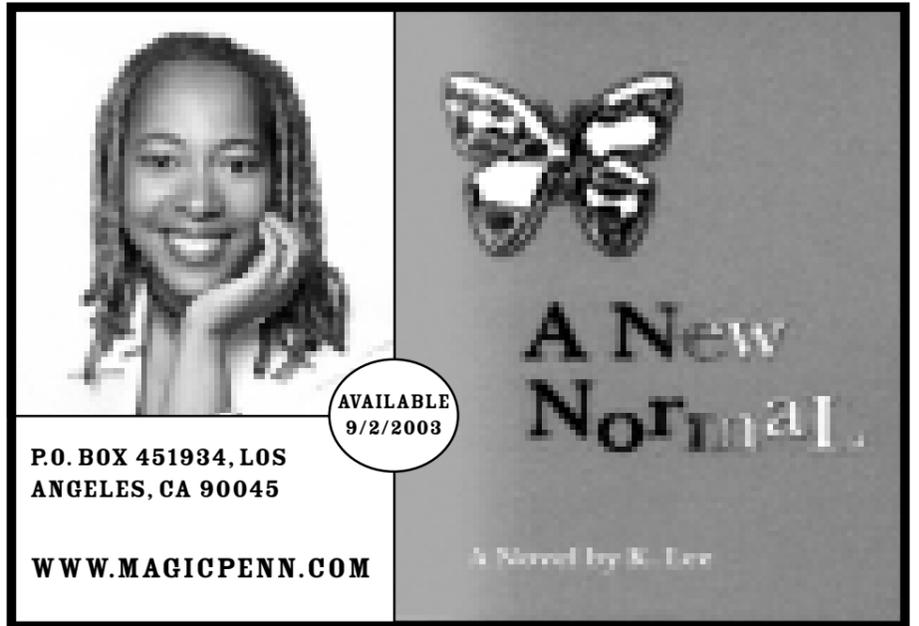


The Club was happy to join with the firefighters from Station 11 as they participate in the Fireman's Cookoff. Proceeds went to charity.

August 2003

### All Aboard as Port Brings Back Red Cars

The proud employees of the Port of Los Angeles brought back a little of the area's history as the department reintroduced the famed Red Cars.

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## Department of the Month

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Operations Terminal, from left: Denise Anderson, Superintendent of Operations II, 8 years; Mary Medellian, Clerk Typist, 18 years; Richard Lloyd, Superintendent of Operations II, 17 years; Roy Jacobs, Operations Coordinator, 2.5 years; Floyd Patterson, Superintendent of Operations II, 18 years; and Anita McKinney, Superintendent of Operations II, 23 years.



Safety Base: Mike Allomong, Fire Captain, 21 years.



Safety base: Wendell Callaway, Fire Captain, 14.5 years.

## Ontario's City Employees Helped Airport Navigate, Move Past 9/11

By Jens Rivera, Airport Manager, Ontario International Airport

There are two main reasons I like working at Ontario International Airport, or OIA, as we in the airport world call it.

The first reason is the people I work with here at the airport. Although there are about 6,000 people total who work at OIA, about 360 are LA City employees and we all work for the Los Angeles World Airports which, as you know, also operates LAX, Van Nuys and Palmdale. The employees at OIA are dedicated, professional, and exceptional team players.

I have 10 outstanding section managers reporting to me, helping me solve the daily problems that are part of any active airport operation. For example, with the help of these managers and their staff, OIA was able to effectively respond to the crisis of September 11, a very difficult time for airports. The 9/11 tragedy resulted in a major reduction of airport operating revenues and we were faced with having to significantly cut back our 2002-03 budget. Thanks to the hard work by the OIA staff, we were

able cut the budget with no layoffs and no serious loss of resources. This could not have been accomplished without the good people working here at OIA.

And that leads me to the second reason I like working at OIA, and that's because the airport is large enough to handle 120 commercial flights and yet small enough that I can have a hand in all of the operations, from ground transportation, to cargo development, to police and fire functions, maintenance, airfield operations, property management, and all the rest. It's something different every day, and that makes the job enjoyable.

A unique aspect of my job is that OIA, while owned by the City of Los Angeles, is not only located in a different city, Ontario, but also located in a different county, San Bernardino. So while I report to my bosses in the City of Los Angeles, I also have much interaction with my other "bosses," the community and civic leaders of the Inland Empire. These people are as proud of OIA as are the LA City Employees who make it successful. 🇺🇸



Jens Rivera, Airport Manager, Ontario International Airport



Electric and Elevator Shop, from left: Robert Buford, Electrical Craft Helper, 4 years; Alejandro Artolachipe, Electrical Craft Helper, 1 Month; Rick Miles, Electrical Craft Helper, 3.5 years; Edward Medina, Mechanic Helper, 5 years; and Venceslado Trujillo, Electrical Craft Helper, 14 years.



Landscaping, from left: Vicente Aguilar, Gardener Caretaker, 4 years; Vici Adams, Gardener Caretaker, 7.5 years; and David Pro, Gardener Caretaker, 15 years.



Construction and Maintenance, from left: Bob Gluck, Airports Maintenance Supervisor, 26 years; Victor Rocha, Airports Maintenance Supervisor, 15 years; and Bob Haines, Airport Maintenance Supervisor, 19 years.



Landscaping, from left: Doria Bastista, Gardener Caretaker, 24 years; and Myrta Tesso, Gardener Caretaker, 16 years.



Police Services, from left: Brenda Boyd, Security Officer, 1 month; and Jerome Smith, Special Officer III, 15 years.



From left: Antonio Gloriani, Construction Inspector Airports, 18 years; and Yolanda Mancilla, Project Engineer, 9 years.



Terminals: Robert Edwards, Special Officer, 22 years.



Kim Ellis, Chief of Operations, 16 years.



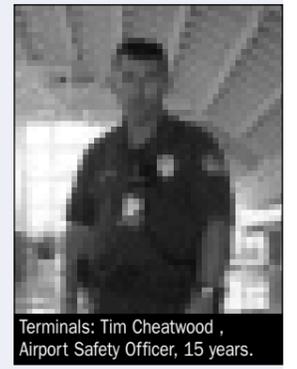
Public Affairs, back row, from left: Debbie Clemens, Airport Guide, 17 years; Penny Riccardi, Chief Airport Guide, 17 years; Robbie Reyes, Airport Guide, 8 years; and Marie Jreije, Airport Guide, 5 years. Front row: Ann Castillo, Senior Clerk Typist, 20 years; Joanna Lopez, Airport Guide, 5 years; Bea Martinez, Senior Clerk Typist, 30 years; and Lori Teague, Senior Clerk Typist, 7 years. Seated: Dennis Watson, Director of Public Affairs, 30 years.



Landscaping: Salvador Angeles, Gardener Caretaker, 7 years.



Purchasing: Annie Chau, Procurement Analyst, 4 years.



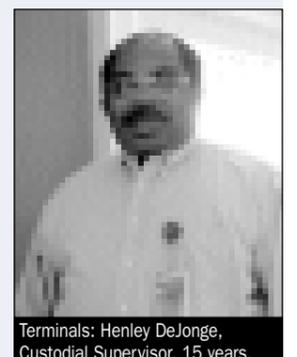
Terminals: Tim Cheatwood, Airport Safety Officer, 15 years.



Safety Base: Eren Barron, Fire Fighter, 8 years.



Information Technology Services: Michael Cummings, Alquest Tech, 5 years.



Terminals: Henley DeJonge, Custodial Supervisor, 15 years.

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Member Services Counselor



Landscaping, back row, from left: Lynem Fowler, Motor Sweeper Operator, 17 years; Mike Morgan, Equipment Operator, 16 years; and David Ramirez, Heavy Duty Truck Driver, 6 months. Front row, from left: Fernando Alday, 3.5 years, Utility; and Albert Ascencio, Maintenance Construction Helper, 2 years.



Information Technology Services: Alex Lemos, System Analyst II, 17 years.



Equipment Repair, from left: Daniel Gonzalez, Construction Equipment Service Worker, 18 years; Greg Schreiner, Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, 18 years; Genevieve Jackson, Clerk Typist, 3 years; Tim Sublett, Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, 17 years; and Dante Chinte, Garage Attendant, 5 years.



Accounting: Janene Levario, Accounting Clerk II, 14 years.



Terminals, from left: Claudine Gomez (seated), Custodial Service Attendant, 5 years; Lydia Mijares, Custodial Service Attendant, 15.5 years; Elaine Hachter, Custodial Service Attendant, 21 years; and Sergio Morales, Senior Custodial Service Attendant.



Chris Magana, Custodian, 5 years.



Safety Base: Dan Meier, Airport Safety Officer, 8 years.



Construction and Maintenance: Ralph Morones, Director of Maintenance, 30 years.



Information Technology Services, back row, from left: Steven Hillman, M.A. II, 2 years; Tom Hoffman, Communication Electrician, 6 Months; Kang Leung, CEA II, 14 years; Roberto Reyes, System Aide, 7 years; and Shawn Murphy, CE, 6 Months. Front row: Diane Gilmartin, Senior Clerk Typist, 24 years; Jim Garner, System Analyst II, 4 years; and Sylvia Loera, Clerk Typist, 1 month.



Special thanks to our guide, Fred Norwood, Mow Operator, 14 years.



Landscaping, from left: Angel Segarra, Heavy Equipment Operator, 18 years; Fred Norwood, Mow Operator, 14 years; Lodi Woodmore, Street Service Worker, 6 years; Paul Aguilar, CSA, 3 years; Douglas Danovan, Laborer, 6 years; Roy Clayborne, Light Equipment Operator, 25 years; and Richard Gabaldon, Motor Sweeper Operator, 35 years.



Fred Gallegos, Maintenance Laborer, 5.5 years.



Construction and Maintenance : Solomon Hays, Maintenance Supervisor, 26 years.



Safety Base: Carlos Hernandez, Fire Fighter, 7 years.

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PROFILE

**Airport Manager:** Jens Rivera

**Acres:** Approximately 1,700

**Terminals:** Terminal 2 (265,000 sq. ft.), Terminal 4 (265,000 sq. ft.), International Arrivals Terminal (40,500 sq. ft.)

**Elevation:** 925 ft.

**Runways:** Lengths: 26R-8L (12,200 ft.), 26L-8R (10,200 ft.)

**Gates:** 26

**Hangars:** More than 350,000 sq. ft. of hangar space

**Airlines:** AeroMexico, Alaska, American, America West, Continental, Delta, Frontier, Hawaiian, jetBlue, Northwest, Southwest, United. Commuter: United Express

**Freight:** Airborne Express, Ameriflight, DHL, Empire Airways, Federal Express, Pacific Valley Airfreight, Union Flights, United Parcel Service

**Operations:** 425 daily commercial operations

**Capacity:** 10 million annual passengers (6.5 million in 2002)

**Parking:** Parking: 13,400 spaces (total)

**Rental Cars:** Six on-airport and four off-airport car rental companies

**Tons of Freight:** 547,461 tons in 2002

**Number of Operations:** 149,292 landings/take-offs (all aircraft) in 2002

**Number of Airport Jobs:** 6,000

**Number of Jobs Created:** 60,000 direct and indirect

**Regional Economic Impact:** \$6 billion

**Location:** 35 miles east of downtown Los Angeles

**Owner:** Los Angeles World Airports, which also owns and operates Los Angeles International, Van Nuys and Palmdale Regional Airports

**Restaurants:** 14

**Retail Stores:** 18

**Permanent Art Installations:** 12 works by 9 world-class artists

**Art Program Cost:** \$1.6 million



## Ontario International Airport

### Ontario International Airport: A Hub in a Fast-Growing Region

Ontario International Airport (ONT) is a medium-hub, full-service airport with commercial jet service to major U.S. cities and through service to many international destinations. ONT is located in the Inland Empire, approximately 35 miles east of downtown Los Angeles in the center of Southern California. The airport is the centerpiece of one of the fastest-growing transportation regions in the United States.

ONT's service area includes a population of six million people living in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties and portions of north Orange County and east Los Angeles County. Passenger traffic at ONT has been increasing steadily for the past 10 years. In 2002, 6.5 million passengers used the airport, and 547,461 tons of air freight were shipped.

ONT's 214 daily flights provide service to every major city in the U.S. ONT's airlines include AeroMexico, Alaska, America West, American, Continental, Delta, Frontier, Hawaiian, jetBlue, Linesas Aereas Azteca, Northwest, Southwest, United and United Express.

The "new" Ontario International Airport opened September 27, 1998. The \$270 million project includes two new terminals at 265,000 square feet each for a total of 530,000 square feet; a new ground transportation center; an additional parking lot and new roadway system; airfield improvements; landscaping; and a site storm-drain system. The new terminals are eight times larger than the former terminal and can accommodate up to 10 million passengers a year. When passenger traffic at ONT reaches 10 million in two consecutive years, a third terminal will be constructed.

ONT is also the center of a rapidly developing freight movement system that includes the airport, two railroads, four major freeways, and an expanding network of freight forwarders. ONT is served by 11 major U.S. air freight carriers including Airborne Express, Ameriflight, DHL, Empire Airways, Evergreen, Express Net, Federal Express, Kalitta Air, West Air, Union Flights, and United Parcel Service.

ONT is a member of the Los Angeles World Airports system and is ideally situated as an air-freight center for Pacific Rim and European cargo. The airport is less than 50 miles from Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors. 🏢

#### NEW INTERNATIONAL CARGO FACILITY OK'D FOR ONTARIO

The Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners has approved the selection of Aero Ontario LLC (Aeroterms) and author-



ized the executive director to negotiate a long-term land lease and agreement with Aeroterms to develop an international air cargo center at Ontario International Airport (ONT).

"Cargo to the southern California region is expected to triple over the next 25 years," according to Richard Janisse, Deputy Executive Director of Properties and Concessions for LAWA. "As the primary capacity at LAX for air cargo is limited, it is only a matter of time before freighter operators have to move inland. Ontario is the perfect choice for us due to its location and potential for development."

ONT handles more than 500,000 tons of air freight each year (547,461 tons in 2002), and is showing a 6.85 percent increase in 2003 over the previous year. The proposed cargo

center site would be located on underutilized land in the northwest quadrant of ONT and includes the former Lockheed Martin site, vacated in 1998, as well as a LAWA controlled aircraft parking area.

"The entire property measures 105 acres," Janisse said. "Most improvements on the site are well beyond their economic and functional lives and would be demolished as part of an overall development plan."

The impetus for the air cargo project continues to be increasing concern over the readiness of Southern California to accommodate anticipated growth of air cargo operations in the region. The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Transportation Plan projects 9.5 million tons of air cargo for the year 2025, with more than 2 million tons at ONT.

The City of Ontario supports the proposed air cargo development plan, and the ONT Master Plan has determined that cargo operations at the site would be a compatible land use.

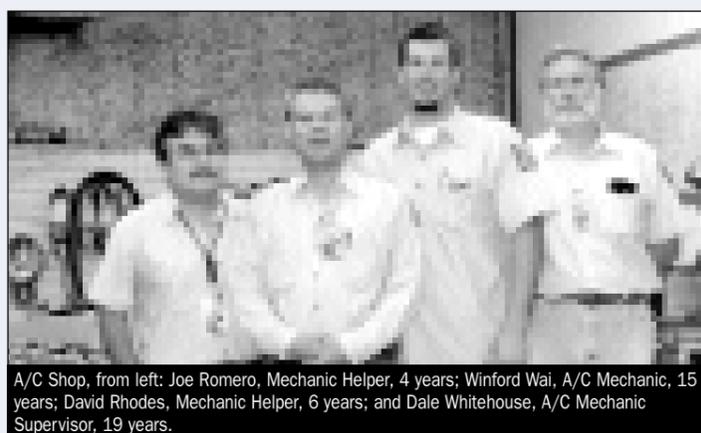
#### ONTARIO, LAX SECURITY COSTS PARTIALLY REIMBURSED BY FED

Los Angeles Mayor Jim Hahn and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) have signed a Letter of Intent to reimburse Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) \$256,467,000 to defray the cost of installing permanent explosive detection systems integrated in-line with the checked baggage conveyor systems at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and Ontario International Airport (ONT).

The federal reimbursement represents 75



Terminals: Raul Torres, Security Officer (Traffic), 3 years.



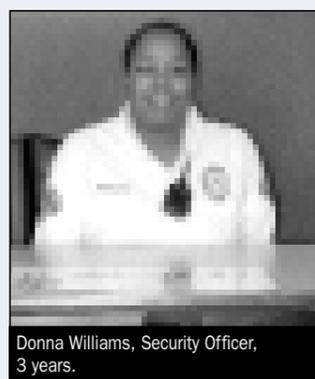
A/C Shop, from left: Joe Romero, Mechanic Helper, 4 years; Winford Wai, A/C Mechanic, 15 years; David Rhodes, Mechanic Helper, 6 years; and Dale Whitehouse, A/C Mechanic Supervisor, 19 years.



Police Services: Cedric Sampson (standing), Traffic Officer, 15 years; and Donna Montgomery, Admin Clerk, 20 years.



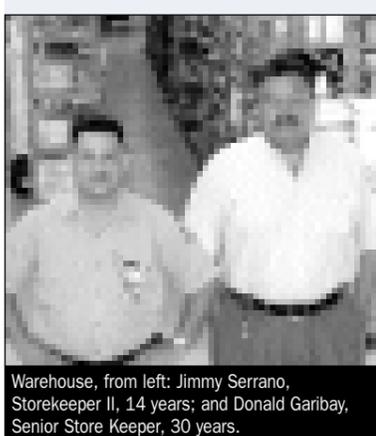
Safety Base: Bertha Vega, Clerk Typist, 18.5 years.



Donna Williams, Security Officer, 3 years.



Landside, from left: Michael Strouse, MA, 12 years; Selwin Hollins, Senior Management Analyst II, 12 years; Jackie Calvin, Senior Clerk Typist, 22 years; Keith McClure, Management Analyst I; and Sharon Dickinson, Senior Clerk Typist, 16 years.



Warehouse, from left: Jimmy Serrano, Storekeeper II, 14 years; and Donald Garibay, Senior Store Keeper, 30 years.



From left: Sam Wong, Real Estate Officer, 8 years; Robert Unite, MA, 5 years; Stephanie Martinez, Clerk Typist, 6 Months; and Leigh Mazzio, MA II, 18 years.



Terminals, back row, from left: Clemon Shelton Jr., Custodian, 5 years; Antonio Garcia, Custodian, 5 years; Jesus Galvez, Custodian, 5 years; Jose Zavala, Custodian, 5 years; and Arturo Galvan, Custodian, 17 years. Front row: Nora Vasquez, Senior Custodian, 13 years; Laura Enriquez, Custodial Service Attendant, 5 years; and Christina Ross, Custodial Service Attendant.

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percent of the total costs at both airports estimated at \$313,408,000 and \$28,548,000 for LAX and ONT, respectively. The LAX portion of the reimbursement (\$235,056,000) is the largest federal grant received for a single project at LAX in the airport's 75-year history.



LAX and ONT serve more than a combined 63 million passengers annually, generating more than \$65 billion in economic activity, and providing nearly 470,000 jobs.

The Letter of Intent is the result of an agreement negotiated between LAWA and the TSA outlining the federal agency's intent to reimburse LAWA, from TSA's future appropriations over the next four years, 75 percent of LAWA's cost of capital improvements to install the in-line explosive detection systems, while LAWA agrees to cover the remaining 25 percent. LAWA agrees to initially fund the projects at both airports. The TSA will reimburse LAWA \$55 million for federal Fiscal Year 2004, and \$67,155,666.67 for each of the three subsequent years. These figures do not include the

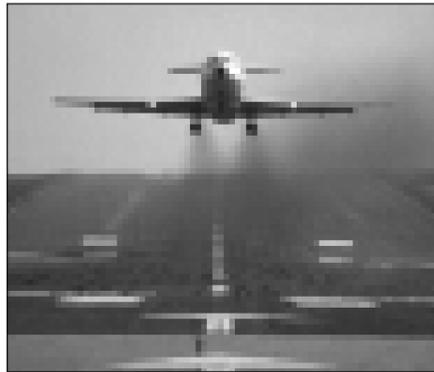
cost of the explosive detection equipment, which TSA will purchase, install and test, according to a schedule agreed upon with LAWA.

Permitted capital improvement costs include: preliminary site preparations, structural reinforcement to support new equipment, electrical work, heating and air conditioning and other environmental improvements, as well as conveyor belts and tables, and physical enhancements necessary to operate an in-line system.

## NEW ONTARIO TAXIWAY ON TIME, UNDER BUDGET

Ontario International Airport's (ONT) \$20.2 million Taxiway N Westerly Extension Project was completed two weeks ahead of schedule and \$1 million under budget. The new taxiway was scheduled to open Sept. 22.

"The extended taxiway will facilitate movement of aircraft on the ground at ONT and allow for more efficient use of the airport's two parallel runways," said Airport Manager Jens



Rivera. "The new taxiway is also the primary access to the proposed international cargo site located at the northwest corner of the airport."

The project included construction of a new 75-foot-wide concrete taxiway with asphalt shoulder, taxiway edge and centerline lighting, lighting vault modifications, and the relocation of a Federal Aviation Administration's glide slope facility and a security airfield vehicle checkpoint. In addition, the new concrete taxiways and runway intersections were designed and constructed to be compatible with the future Runway 26R Reconstruction project that is under design and scheduled to begin construction next year.

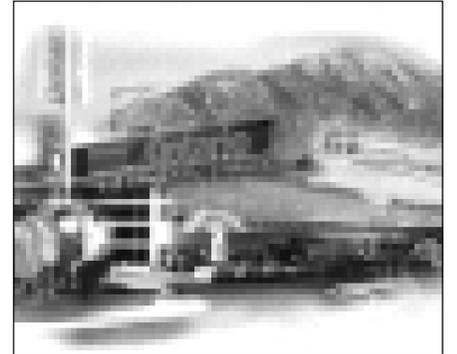
Los Angeles World Airport's (LAWA) Project Management Division managed the design, construction and inspection of the Taxiway N project. CH2MHill, Inc. was LAWA's design consultant for the new taxiway and Griffith Company from Riverside performed the construction work. Paragon Project Resources, Inc. provided on-site construction management services during the construction phase. Construction began in November 2002.

## UNITED PICKS ONTARIO INTL. FOR LOW-COST ALTERNATIVE

Ontario International Airport (ONT) will serve as one of the first destinations for United Airlines' new Low Cost Operation, the airline announced in September. Viewed as an essential element of its air service program, United plans to market its new Low Cost Operation to serve predominantly leisure markets, featur-

ing a simplified fare structure with low-cost business and leisure fare options. The new air service is scheduled to launch from Denver International Airport in February.

United's Low Cost Operation plans to operate 156-seat Airbus 320 aircraft at ONT's Terminal 2. Flight schedules are expected to



be announced in the near future with ticket sales to begin next month through all existing sales channels. All seats will be pre-assigned, including Economy Plus seating, with food and beverage service available on board. The airline also plans to unveil its new marketing branding program for the Low Cost Operation in mid-November.

According to United officials, its Low Cost Operation will complement the airlines' mainline and United Express service from Denver, the company's second-largest hub. United plans to begin its Low Cost Operation with four aircraft in Denver, and expand to 40 by the end of 2004. ✈



Purchasing: Leatrice Pickens, Senior Clerk Typist, 32 years. (Leatrice is also president of the Association of Airport Employees.)



Landscaping, from left: Guillermo Reza, Gardener Caretaker, 5 years; Julio Navarro, Gardener Caretaker, 13 years; Rosa Velez, Gardener Caretaker, 10 years; and Juan Reza Jr., Gardener Caretaker, 7 years.



Landscaping, from left: Jose Rodriguez, Senior Gardener Caretaker, 12 years; and Carlos Cadena, Senior Gardener Caretaker, 19 years.



Seated: Erica Sahagun, Clerk Typist, 11 years. Top row, from left: Ana Gonzales, Senior Clerk Typist, 15 years; Naomi Chavez, Senior Clerk Typist, 14 years; and Beatrice Stephens-Ford, MA II, 7 years.



Purchasing: Maggie Rodriguez, Custodian, 5 years.



Communication Services, from left: Sharon Williams, Communication Operator III, 16 years; Aprilie Benjamin, Senior Communication Operator, 21 years; and Tracy Richard, Senior Communication Operator, 15 years.



Landscaping: Rogealo Salvador, Gardener Caretaker, 4 years.



Electric and Elevator Shop, from left: Ed Ridderbusch, Electric Supervisor, 13 years; Tim Armenta, Electrician, 4 years; Paul Panagiotidis, Electrician, 12 years; James Rudy, Elevator Mechanic, 33 years; Howard Horning Jr., Electrician, 5 years; and Michael Nikcevic, Electrician, 14 years.



Building Repair Unit, back row, from left: Jae Park, Sign Painter, 16 years; Jesse Martinez, Painter, 12 years; and Lisa Yancey, Carpenter, 3 months. Front row: Brian Heath, Painter, 18 years; Santiago Vera, Traffic Painter II, 15 years; Richard Jimenez, Building Repair, 7 years; and Dan Kane, Locksmith, 7 years.

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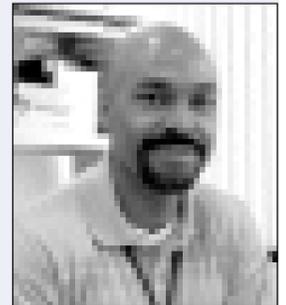
Seated: Wendy Kamayats, MA II, 12 years. Back row, from left: Renita Young, Senior Clerk Typist, 22 years; Diana Valencia, Senior Clerk Typist, 13 years; Nedra Fallon, MA I, 20 years, and Mary Lou Newborn, Senior Clerk Typist, 19 years.



From left: Efrain Navarro, Gardener Caretaker, 5 years; Alicia Garcia, Gardener Caretaker, 5 years; and Ray Guzman, Gardener Caretaker, 5 years.



Leslie Normandy, Instrument Mechanic, 23 years.



Keith Owens, Civil Engineering Associate II, 20 years.



Administration, top row, from left: Bennett Monge, Senior Management Analyst II, 16 years; Sue Vonlechtenstein, Senior Clerk Typist, 15 years; Melinda Adams, Senior Clerk Typist, 9 years; and Lori Coleman, Senior Clerk Typist, 13 years. Seated: Jens Rivera, Airport Manager, 23 years.



Plumbing Shop, from left: Edward Pastran, Senior Plumber, 18 years; Ivan Torres (seated), Mechanic Helper, 2.5 years; and David Saldivar, Plumber, 4 years.



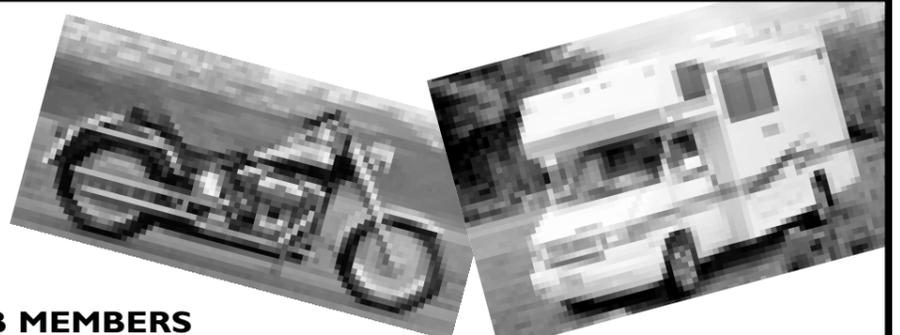
Construction and Maintenance: LaCresha Menfee, Accounting Clerk, 5 years; Charlene Haley, Principal Clerk, 14 years; Eleanor Borunda, Clerk Typist, 15 years; La Tanya Hypolite, Senior Clerk Typist, 13 years; Sharon Lind, Senior Clerk Typist, 25 years; and Bridgette Barnes, Accounting Clerk, 14.5 years.



Equipment Repair, from left: John Hoss, Equipment Repair Supervisor, 32 years; Richard Colfer, Clerk, 11 years; Fernando Madrigal, Construction Equipment Service Worker, 2.5 years; and Joe Mendoza, Equipment Mechanic, 6 years.



From left: Melissa Molina, Clerk Typist, 1 year; Sandra Garibay, MA, 27 years; Sandy Calderon, Principal Clerk, 18 years; and Patricia Martin, Senior Clerk Typist, 19 years.



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## Baby Rock Wallaby Makes L.A. Zoo Debut

■ One of the L.A. Zoo's newest animals is a baby yellow-footed rock wallaby, born to mom Marrinya and dad Goolang.

The birth is significant because this joey was born to parents whose genetic bloodlines are new to North America. They came to the L.A. Zoo a year ago.

Yellow-footed rock wallabies are from the same family as the kangaroo. The difference is that an adult kangaroo can weigh more than 44 pounds while wallabies are smaller, and wallabies have hind feet shorter than 10 inches.



They are found in rocky ranges and stony hills of eastern South Australia, northwestern New South Wales and southwestern Queensland.

Wallabies are nocturnal, spending their days in rock crevices and caves. They feed in the late afternoon and evening.

Wallabies are very agile and can leap very far.

The Zoo has seven adult wallabies and three youngsters. After birth, the young climbs unaided into the mother's pouch, where they stay until they have hair and are developed.

They can be found in the Australian section of the Zoo during normal Zoo hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission is \$9 for adults and \$4 for children ages 2 to 12. 🐾

Information, [www.lazoo.org](http://www.lazoo.org)

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

## The Pet Club

### A Big Hello... Along With Some Halloween Safety Tips

#### Welcome to the Club's Pet column!

I'm sure many of my fellow City employees have pets. And pet owners always have questions. That's why I'm here, to help you enjoy your pets.

Like you, I'm also a Club member. Just like the Club, pets can really enhance our lives. So I'm really glad to be able to write to you each month in *Alive!* and enhance your love of animals.

As we begin, I see that Halloween is a tricky time for pets. So let's get started!

#### Halloween: Beware of Pet Fright

So you're having a Halloween Party. You're the Grim Reaper. Everything's going great except that you forgot about big lovable Fluffy-the-Dog. You hear a loud shriek from Dracula as Fluffy (who never bites) has his teeth in Dracula's ankle.



Here's something even scarier: There's a knock on the door, you open it and are confronted by pint-sized ghosts, princesses and superheroes. Suddenly, strong and quick Fido bolts out the door and goes for Cinderella's throat. It is a horrifying thought.

Halloween can be a frightening time for many animals. The noise, costumes and activity can be a threatening and bewildering experience —with unexpected results. Constant intrusions by trick-or-treaters, for instance, can make a normally friendly dog frightened or aggressive and cause a complacent house cat to dart out an open door.

#### Take these safety tips to ensure Halloween remains a safe and enjoyable time for everyone:

- Do not take pets trick-or-treating.
- Keep all pets indoors, including those that normally live outside, in a secure, quiet room away from Halloween activity.
- Keep children away from animals. Otherwise-friendly animals may be frightened and behave unexpectedly.
- Keep pets away from jack-o-lanterns and candles.
- Keep traceable identification on pets at all times. Scared animals tend to run and may run away from home.
- Do not give trick-or-treat candy to pets. Candy, including chocolate, can make your animal very sick.
- If you must (I mean really!) dress your pet in a Halloween costume:
- Do not use rubber bands or anything constricting, annoying or unsafe.
- Be careful with ties, snaps or zippers that can restrict breathing or movement.
- Do not place hats, hoods or other material over an animal's face. This can agitate an animal.
- Stay away from bats. You can get rabies from them. If you suspect that you or your pet has been exposed in any way to a bat, immediately seek medical attention and request that you and/or your pet be tested for rabies. 🐾

#### Have a fun-filled and safe Halloween from L.A. Animal Services!

#### Send Questions

Feel free to send questions and concerns to me, and I'll be happy to respond to them in my column. I'm excited about this, so don't hesitate!

Write to me at: [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

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## LAFD Remembers NYC Brethren With Two Events in Los Angeles

The Los Angeles Fire Department honored the memory of their Fire Department of New York brethren at two events on the two-year anniversary of 9/11. The two events, the first of which was held in Hollywood, and the second of which in Elysian Park, took place Sept. 11, 2003.

### Elysian Park

The long-anticipated unveiling of the Los Angeles Memorial to September 11 took place at the Fire Department's Frank Hotchkin Memorial Training Center in Elysian Park at 2 p.m.

A volunteer team of countless people delivered, prepared and erected a monument to the courage, commitment and sacrifice of those who died in the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center in New York City. The monument consisted of a 23-ton steel column from the base of the World Trade Center and a plaque attached to its base.

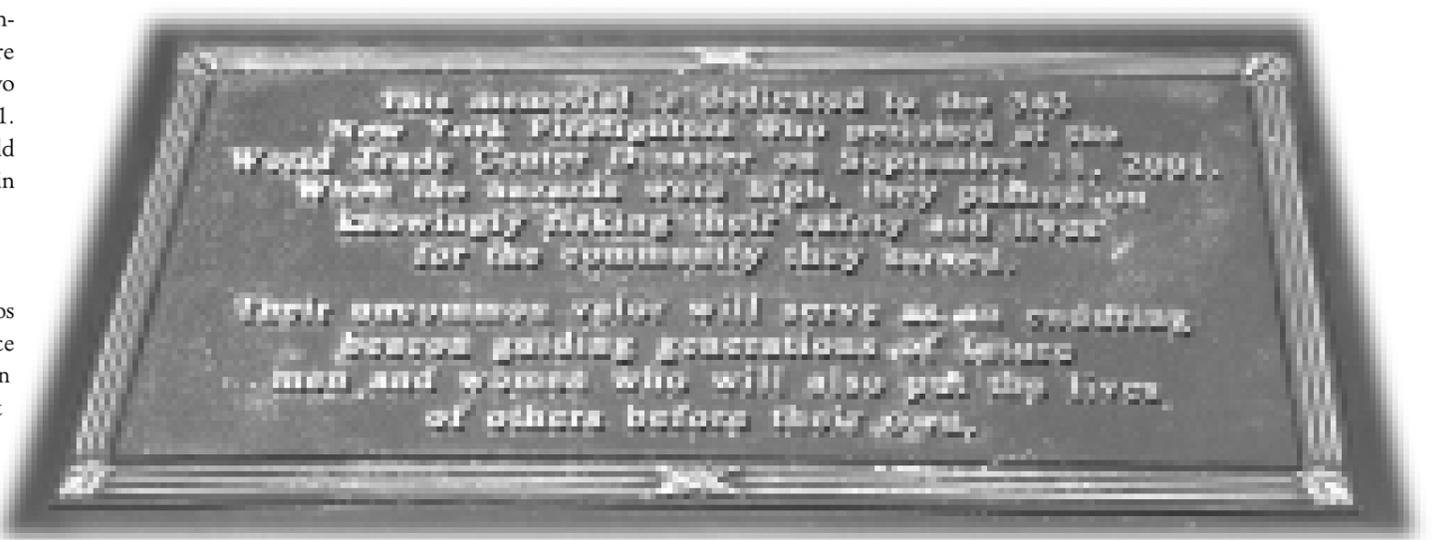
The nearly 20-foot tall column was originally part of the lobby structure of the World Trade Center. The largest remnant of the attacks outside of New York City, it now rests safely on reinforced concrete piles that sunk nearly 30 feet below ground at the LAFD's Training Center.

Mayor James Hahn and local Councilmember Ed Reyes were joined by Los Angeles Fire Chief William Bamattre and other dignitaries at the event.

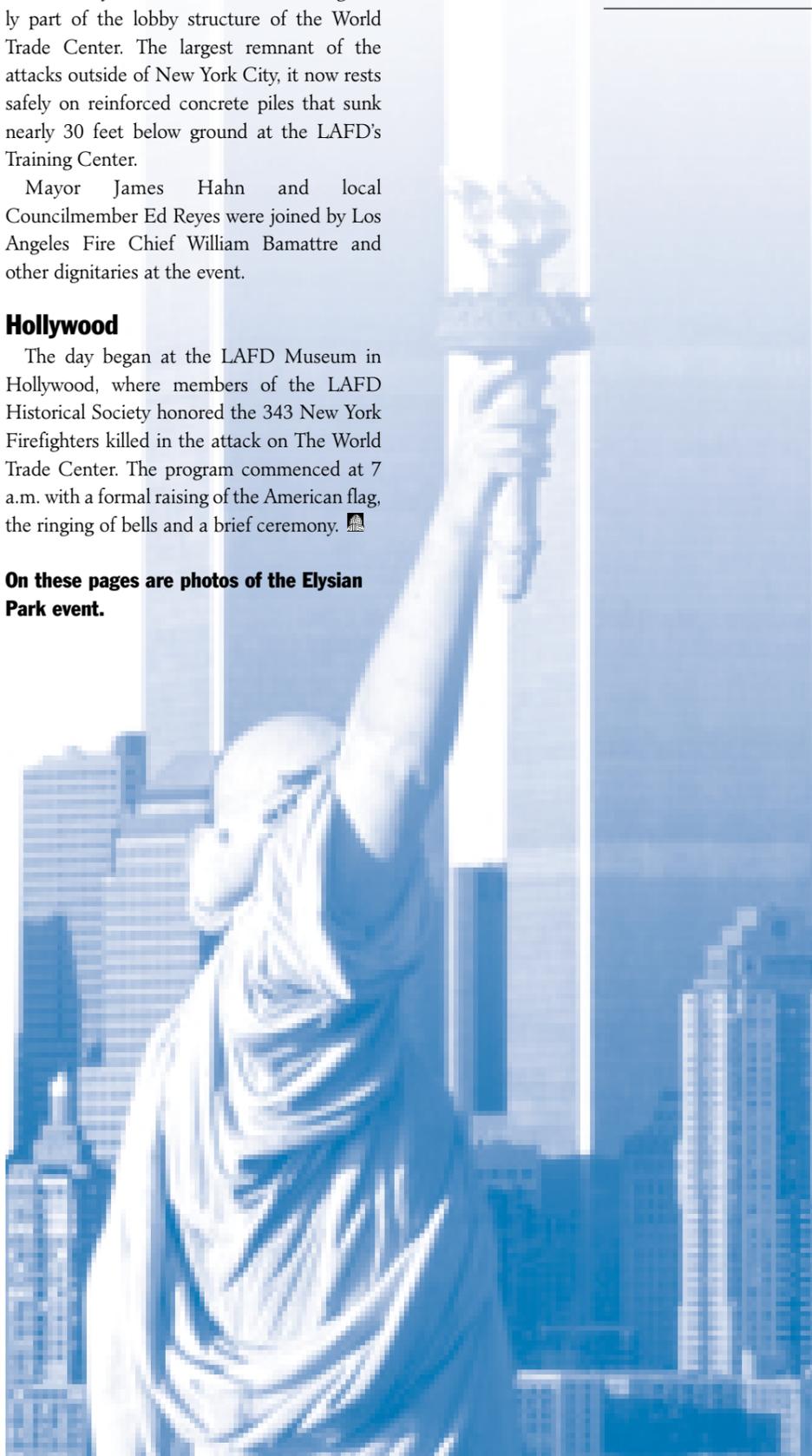
### Hollywood

The day began at the LAFD Museum in Hollywood, where members of the LAFD Historical Society honored the 343 New York Firefighters killed in the attack on The World Trade Center. The program commenced at 7 a.m. with a formal raising of the American flag, the ringing of bells and a brief ceremony. 🏛️

**On these pages are photos of the Elysian Park event.**



*Always remember...*



LAFD Chief, William R. Bamattre



Mayor James Hahn



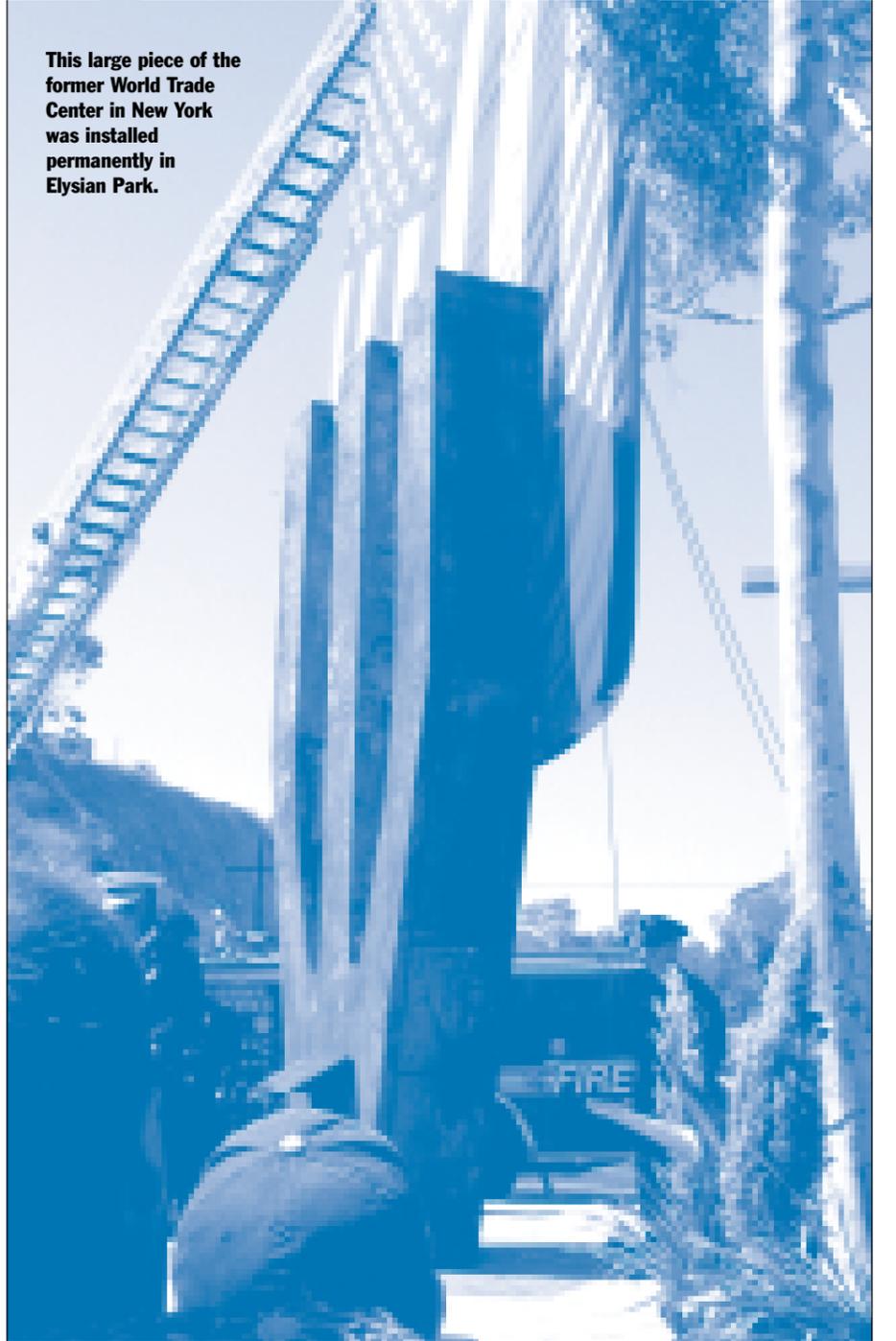
Representative from the Fire Commission



U.S. Congressman Xavier Becerra



Councilmember Ed Reyes



This large piece of the former World Trade Center in New York was installed permanently in Elysian Park.

*The LAFD paid tribute to their fallen FDNY brethren on Sept. 11, 2003, two years after the terrorist attacks. A plaque (page 14) was installed in Elysian Park on an actual piece of the World Trade Center. A succession of dignitaries (page 14, bottom) paid official tribute.*

## LAX Dedicates 9/11 Art Piece Emphasizing Return to Peace

To memorialize September 11, 2001, Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) and Cultural Affairs Department officials unveiled and dedicated a permanent art piece at LAX on Sept. 10. The artwork is in LAX's historical Theme Building, 201 World Way.

"Our airport was tragically linked to the terrorists attacks on our nation, as three of the four hijacked flights were bound for LAX,"

said Kim Day, LAWA Interim Executive Director. "It is fitting and meaningful to memorialize the day and its tremendous impacts with this artwork here at LAX."

Following a nationwide call for entries, the art and design team of BJ Krivanek and Joel Breaux was selected. The firm created a piece called "Recovering Equilibrium," which, shaped like a compass, features words and phrases that reflect national perceptions, rights and ideals. At night, the words are illuminated and will be projected onto the surrounding areas.

"The text in this art piece came from thoughts and ideas from community members in our surrounding airport areas and I thank those who participated and provided their valued input," Day added.



Recovering Equilibrium, at LAX.



At the art dedication ceremony, from left: Kim Day, LAWA Interim Executive Director; Rick Wells, Chief of Airport Planning; and Cheryl Petersen, Vice President of the Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners.

Margie J. Reese, Cultural Affairs Department general manager, said, "The design of the artwork symbolically depicts our personal journey since the tragedy. We hope that each person will walk away with a unique experience. It has been a wonderful experience working with LAWA in promoting the arts at LAX."

Speakers at the event were Day; Cheryl Petersen, Vice President of the Los Angeles

Board of Airport Commissioners; and Leslie Thomas, Assistant General Manager of the Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Dept.

Artist and designer Krivanek and Breaux have also created public art works in Los Angeles for the Police Dispatch Center and Palms Rancho Park Branch Library. Project consultation work was provided by Gruen and Associates.



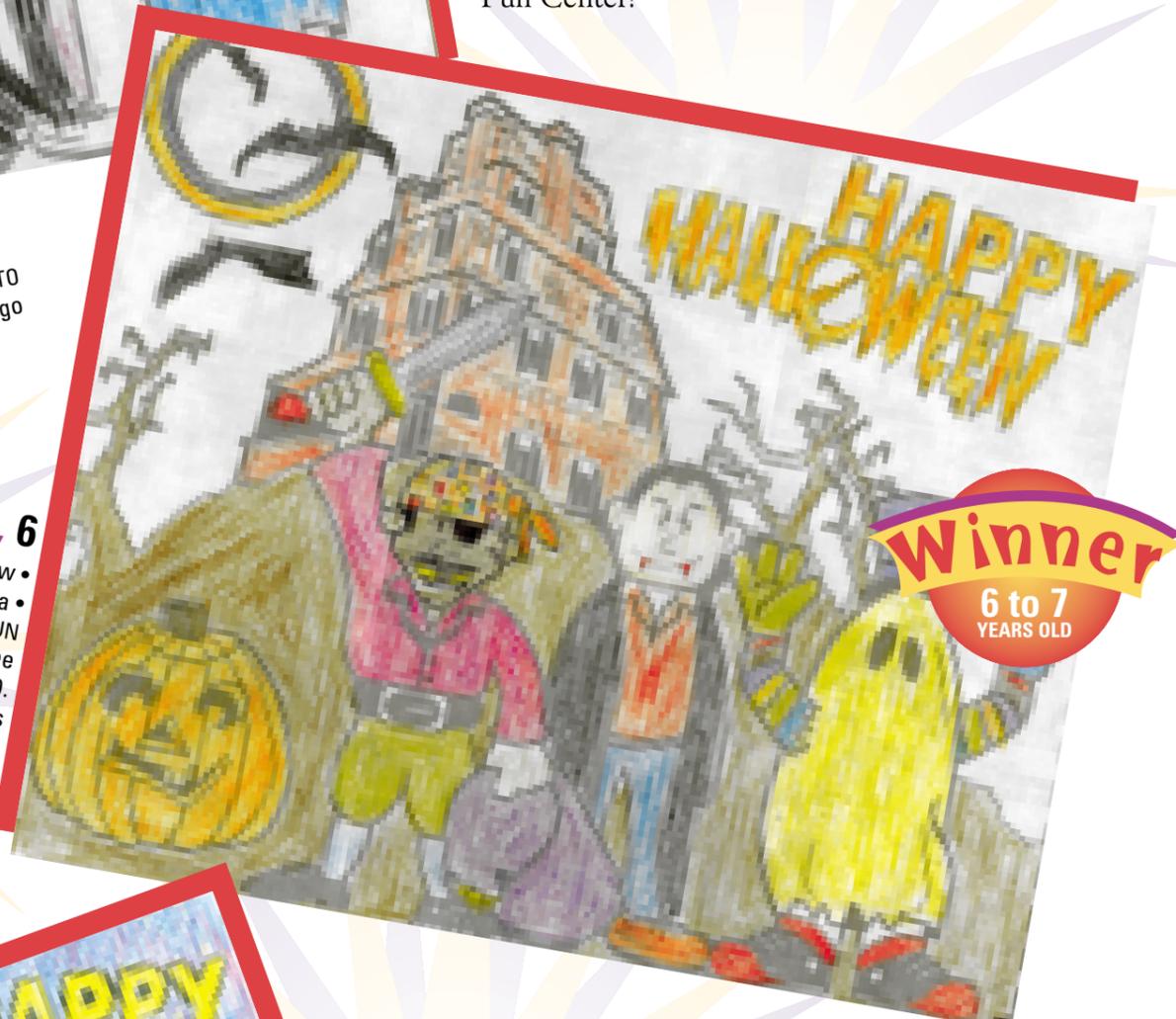
# Congratulations to the **WINNERS!** of our Club Coloring Contest!

In August, we ran our third Club Coloring Contest with Mulligan Family Fun Center tickets as the prizes. Again, everyone did a great job coloring the Halloween picture and the judges had a really tough time picking winners. Thanks to all the kids who participated. And to the winners: Have a great time at Mulligan Family Fun Center!



**Winner**  
5 & under  
YEARS OLD

**Natalie Woo, 4**  
FAVORITE TV SHOW: Cyber Chase & Sesame Street •  
FAVORITE SNACK: Funyan Rings • BEST FRIEND: Mom • WHY I WANT TO  
GO TO MULLIGAN FAMILY FUN CENTER: I always have fun there when I go  
with my mommy • PARENT: Jill Woo, Sr. Police Service Rep./LAPD



**Winner**  
6 to 7  
YEARS OLD

**Alyssa Reyes, 6**  
FAVORITE TV SHOW: Amanda Show •  
FAVORITE SNACK: Apples • BEST FRIEND: Cynthia •  
WHY I WANT TO GO TO MULLIGAN FAMILY FUN  
CENTER: I've never been there and I want to see  
it and make new friends. • PARENT: Roberto D.  
Reyes, Systems Aide - Los Angeles  
Public Library

**Xavier Valenzuela, 8**  
FAVORITE TV SHOW: Yu-gi-oh • FAVORITE SNACK: Fruit  
Roll-up • BEST FRIEND: Diego • WHY I WANT TO GO TO  
MULLIGAN FAMILY FUN CENTER: It's boring at home and  
I like to play miniature golf. • PARENT: Kathleen Bautista,  
Sr. Clerk-typist, Harbor Dept.



**Winner**  
8 to 10  
YEARS OLD

## Honorable Mention

- Candace Alvarado** - age 10 daughter of Catalina Alvarado
- Daniel S. De La Cruz** - age 5 son of Lupe De La Cruz
- Melissa Diaz** - age 8 daughter of Myrna Diaz
- Roshonda Dooley** - age 11 daughter of Roosevelt Dooley
- Danielle Espinoza** - age 6 daughter of Debra Espinoza
- Jacklyn Espinosa** - age 4 daughter of Debra Espinoza
- Theresa Francis** - age 10 daughter of James Francis
- Kimberly Hara** - age 8 daughter of Gayle Hara
- Timothy Jones Jr.** - age 9 son of Sharon McDonald
- Melissa Lava** - age 5 daughter of Amy Lava
- Pamela G. Lim** - age 10 daughter of Maria V. Lim
- Aimee Lopez** - age 6 daughter of Alma Lopez
- Danielle Montano** - age 10 daughter of Daniel Montano
- Scott Margiotta** - age 10 son of Angelo Margiotta
- Sabrina Soto** - age 6 daughter of Michael Soto
- Wei Tram** - age 8 Niece of Ling Kaufman
- Michelle Tomasian** - age 9 daughter of Arass Tomasian
- Kassandra Ortiz** - age 9 daughter of Guillermo Ortiz
- Stephanie C Ramirez** - age 9 daughter of Daniel Ramirez
- Isaiah C. Everett** - age 7 son of Susan Everett
- Regina Mendes** - age 7 daughter of Jorge Mendez



# West L.A. Sanitation Has Retirement Party for Two

■ On Sept. 10, the West L.A. Sanitation Yard threw a retirement party for two departing Refuse Collection Truck Operators: James Pryor and Marion "Spike" Ross.



A banner notes Marion "Spike" Ross's 19 years of service as a Refuse Collection Truck Operator.

Pryor has been with the City for 34 years. Ross has been with the City for 19 years.

Of the two, only Spike Ross was able to attend.

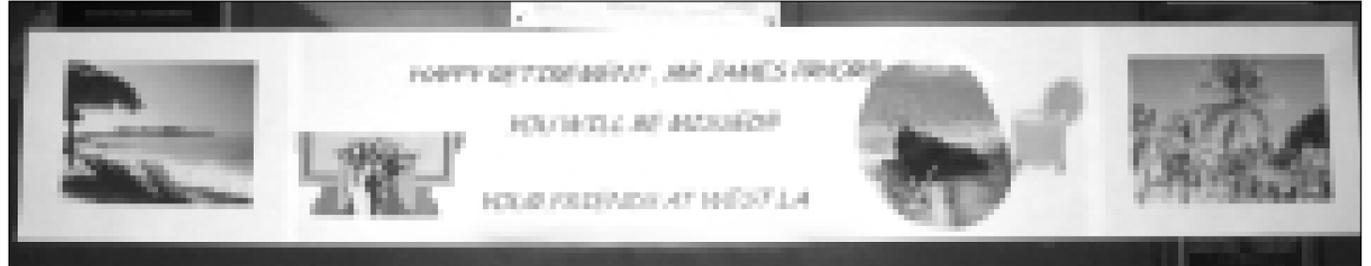
Below are photos of the reception.



Mr. and Mrs. Ross enjoying the reception.



Superintendent Sal Miranda awards Marion "Spike" Ross (left), pictured with his wife, a certificate commemorating 19 years of service as a Refuse Collection Truck Operator.



A banner notes James Pryor's 34 years of service as a Refuse Collection Truck Operator.



Superintendent Sal Miranda concludes his closing remarks with congratulations and thank you.



Wortham Briscoe, Committee Chairperson, presents gifts on behalf of the West LA Sanitation Facility.

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**Employers,  
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 'Accessible  
 City' Expo  
 Employment  
 Fair Oct. 23**

The fourth annual community resources and employment fair called the Accessible City Expo — the only conference of its kind in Southern California that brings together potential employers and resource organizations from the disability community and the underemployed, according to the event producers — is set from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, at the L.A. Convention Center downtown.

It is "for those people determined to rise from substandard living to self-sufficiency and workforce productivity."

Free parking and admission is available. Please call (213) 485-6334. Regular admission is \$10.



More than 60 exhibits by nonprofit, government agencies and private sector companies focused on the daily needs of the disability community will provide you with information on the latest in assistive technologies, and public and community services.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet face-to-face with potential employers about career options, the process of getting a job, what's available and what qualifications are needed. Attendees are requested to bring their résumés.

Two special workshops are scheduled: one sponsored by the American Red Cross about disaster planning; and a second one by Goodwill Industries and AIDS Project L.A. on benefits planning and outreach projects. ♿

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 Los Angeles, CA 90071

## Treating Beneficiaries With Dignity Is Part of 'Being Human' for Cecilia Camacho

■ **The Club distributes, among other benefits, a soothing, gentle book to help those during difficult times.**

It's easy to do the right thing during the good times. But it's how you handle the difficult times that can sometimes make all the difference.

Cecilia Camacho, the Club's benefits administrator, faces that challenge every day. And turns a difficult challenge into a positive experience.

Cecilia often deals with the beneficiary and/or family after a Club policyholder has died.



**Cecilia Camacho, the Club's claims administrator.**

In addition to her strong managerial skills — making sure paperwork is completed and processed efficiently, and communications with those affected, Cecilia adds other critical skills:

"I always listen and sometimes cry," she explains. "It's part of being human."

She keeps those affected apprised of the status of the death payment all along the way in the gentlest, but most efficient, manner possible.

And at the end, with the check, comes one of her nicest touches of all: the delivery of a simple, but beautiful book: Leo Buscaglia's *The Fall of Freddie the Leaf*.

"It's a warm, wonderfully wise and strikingly simple story about a leaf named Freddie," she explains. "How Freddie and his companion leaves change with the passing seasons, finally falling to the ground with winter's snow, is an inspiring allegory illustrating the delicate balance between life and death.

"Both children and adults have been deeply touched by this inspiring, thought-provoking treatment of so sensitive a facet of true life."

She has been sending the book to those affected by death at least since 1993. The Club distributes more than 80 copies of the book each year.

"Saying goodbye to one of our Club members might be the hardest thing we do at the Club," Cecilia says, "but it's also the most important.

"Our Club members and their families and friends deserve nothing less." 📖

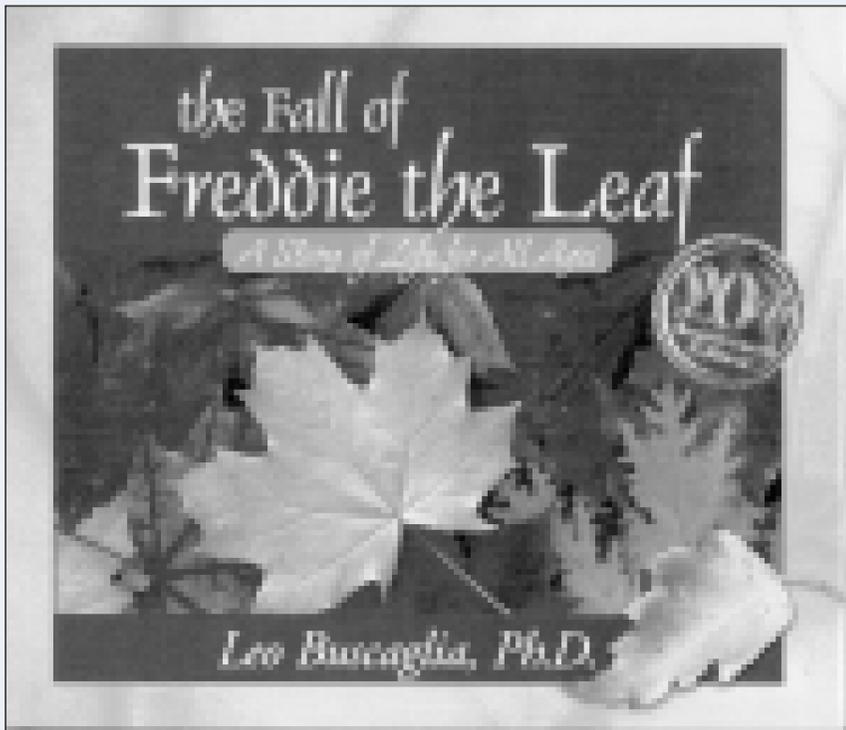
**Here are just a few thank-you's she has received for her generosity:**

"[You have been] very efficient and helpful. I always received a call back, and you sent your sincere condolences on my dear mother's death. I also received a book about *Freddie the Leaf* and the changing seasons, which somehow soothed me."

—Deborah J. Carbone, April 2003

"You made things so easy. There were no delays. You made me very comfortable. I really enjoyed the book you sent me. It was so helpful. I would recommend you to anyone. Thank you again for your kindness. Everyone I came in contact with was just wonderful. Praise to you and your staff."

—Maggie L. Taylor, April 2003



**Leo Buscaglia's *The Fall of Freddie the Leaf*, which the Club distributes to those surviving the death of a loved one.**

## Trick or Treating at L.A. Zoo Makes It Special to Say 'Boo'

City Employees and their families are invited to have some seriously ghoulish fun with ghostly adventures and safe treats at the L.A. Zoo's annual "Boo at the Zoo" event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 25 and 26.

There will also be airbrush face-painting, creepy crafts, a "Creepy Creature Encounter" with hissing cockroaches and tarantulas, scarecrow alley, mask-making and free trick-or-treating. Anyone wearing a Halloween costume will receive \$1 off admission. Of course, the Zoo's 1,200 exotic animals will be there to add to the fun. 📖

— Information, (323) 644-6400, or [www.lazoo.org](http://www.lazoo.org)



**You can take your kids trick-or-treating at the L.A. Zoo the weekend before Halloween. The details are listed above.**



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# Life's Important Moments

# Share your moments!

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



## Promotions

**Jim Garner,**  
to System Analyst II,  
Information Technology,  
Ontario Airport (LAWA).

*Congratulations, Jim!*



**Promotions:**

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## Births

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



## In Memoriam

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

- |                      |                        |                   |
|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Raymond Acosta       | Kathryn Fouchard       | Miriam Matthews   |
| Ralph Adams          | Glenn Foss             | Henircka Mullen   |
| Mary Armstrong       | Earnest Hailey         | Charles Robertson |
| Shirley Bader        | Leonard James Hatfield | Harold Rogers     |
| C. Allen Ballister   | Jean Hillyard          | Andrew Rosas      |
| Joseph Bamonte       | Julius Holder          | William Russell   |
| Vincent Bongiorno    | Clarence Jackson       | Owen Rutz         |
| Anna Brasacchio      | Veda James             | Henry Stancel     |
| Gussie Brown         | John Jamieson          | Mary Stroup       |
| Harry Bunton         | Hazel Jappe            | Virginia Sturdy   |
| Herman Caldwell      | R.E. Johnson           | Imelda Sturgis    |
| Daniel Cluck         | Mary Jones             | George Styer      |
| Addie Curry          | Edward Kakos           | Frank Summerville |
| Roger Dickman        | Philip King            | Dorothy Thompson  |
| Donald Doll          | Antonia Knoffloch      | Matthew Torres    |
| Herman Estrada       | Clarence Manuel        | James Utterback   |
| Andrew Fernandez Jr. | Christina Martinez     | William Walker    |
| Pauline Flint        | Estelle Mastro         | Olive Weir        |
| Richard Flynn        | Clifford Masui         |                   |

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



## Weddings

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

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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
Faustino Abat	Sr. Detention Officer (LAPD)	21
Bettye Bailey	Sr. Special Officer (LAPD)	21
Brenda Banks	Management Aide (Airports)	31
Huibart Benjamins	Management Analyst (Rec. and Parks)	30
Michael Berta	Bus Operator (Airports)	17
Emilia Blanco	Accountant (Gen. Services)	20
Beverly Brownell	Management Analyst (Public Works)	31
Terry Burgin	PR Inspector (Bldg. and Safety)	24
Lucy Chu	Clerk Typist (Library)	30
Charles Coffey	Crossing Guard (Transportation)	1
Cynthia Cohen	Sr. Personnel Analyst (Public Works)	33
Ronald Cressey	Water Biologist (Public Works)	30
Mercedita De Leon	Clerk Typist (LAPD)	19
Linda Dempsey	Secretary (LAPD)	21
Paul Denkins	Maintenance Laborer (Public Works)	30
Phillip Dominguez	Maintenance Laborer (Public Works)	21
John Donstead	Light Equipment Operator (Airports)	20
Dale Dumas	Special Officer (Airports)	37
Lloyd Duvernay	Special Officer (Airports)	30
Clarence Edwards	Wastewater Treatment Operator (Public Works)	21
Karen Fox	Sr. Recreation Director (Rec. and Parks)	34
John Franco	Management Analyst (Public Works)	40
Clarence Franklin	Sr. Special Officer (Airports)	34
Alex Garcia	Maintenance Laborer (Public Works)	7
Pablo Gelvorla	Civil Engineering Associate (Public Works)	23
Henry Gonzales	Mech. Repairer (Rec. and Parks)	27
Joseph Gras	PR Inspector (Building and Safety)	35
Floyd Grieve	Helicopter Mechanic (Gen. Services)	26
Debra Grugal	Management Analyst (LAPD)	30
Richard Hanson	Sr. Construction Inspector (Public Works)	33
Brenda Hood	Accountant (ITA)	30
Donald Hubka	PR Inspector (Building and Safety)	26
Gillyn Johnson	Sr. Property Officer (LAPD)	31
Bertha Jones	Custodial Services (Airports)	16
Thomas Jones	Equipment Operator (Public Works)	33
Jonathan Kagimoto	Machinist Supervisor (Public Works)	25
Joseph Kennedy	Sr. Transport Engineer (Transportation)	35
Andrew Kramer	PR Accountant (Rec. and Parks)	30
Merinio Labio	Special Officer (Airports)	13

NAME	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE
Susan Lefebvre	Deputy City Attorney (City Attorney)	25
Jose Lizarazo	Security Officer (Airports)	32
Bretton Lobner	Sr Asst. City Attorney (City Attorney)	32
Richard Lowry	Sr. Carpenter (Rec. and Parks)	36
Agnes Madison	Sr. Clerk Typist (Public Works)	26
Maria Magno	Accounting Clerk (Controller)	18
Eugene Mandelcorn	Librarian (Library)	23
David Manzo	Management Analyst (LAPD)	37
Antoinette Martinez	Exec. Secretary (LAPD)	33
Betsy Mogul	Assistant City Attorney (City Attorney)	16
Homer Morimoto	Pr. Civil Engineer (Public Works)	36
Glynis Morrow	Administrative Coordinator (City Attorney)	36
William Neblett	Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic (Gen. Services)	15
Anna Pedrosa	Exec. Secretary (LAPD)	31
Rudolph Persaud	Wastewater Treatment Operator (Public Works)	18
Mary Peterson	Custodial Services (Rec. and Parks)	30
David Pollard	Wastewater Coll. Worker (Public Works)	23
Pauline Richards	Clerk (LAPD)	30
Emma Ruiz	Facility Director (Rec. and Parks)	30
Celia Sabater	Accounting Clerk (Rec. and Parks)	18
Edward Sanchez	Asst. Dep. Sup. Of Buildings (Building and Safety)	30
Chester Sanders	Motor Sweeper Operator (Public Works)	37
Janice Schiring	Payroll Supervisor (Harbor)	37
Sirlester Seamster	Custodial Supervisor (Gen. Services)	36
Judith Sliter	Management Analyst (LAPD)	25
Harry Stein	Director of Port Administration (Harbor)	35
Mary Stokes	Program Aide (Aging)	4
Stanley Sysak	Inspector of Public Works (Public Works)	34
Wilfredo Tagle	Fiscal Systems Specialist (Airports)	30
Donald Teich	Sr. Management Analyst (LAPD)	32
Eugene Terao	Heavy Duty Equip. Mechanic (Gen. Services)	27
Elverssa Tippins	Sr. Clerk Typist (Building and Safety)	32
Thomas Torres	Street Lighting Engineer Assoc. (Public Works)	37
Vitaly Troyan	City Engineer (Public Works)	4
Federico Viado	Civil Engineering Associate (29)	29
Wallace Walker	Sr. Spr. Officer (Airports)	31
Lawrence Ward	Sr. Boat Operator (Harbor)	22
Martin Wyckoff	Sr. Detention Officer (LAPD)	38
Harry Yamatsuka	Sr. Survey Supervisor (Harbor)	40



Club Rep., Marie Dantic, LAFD.



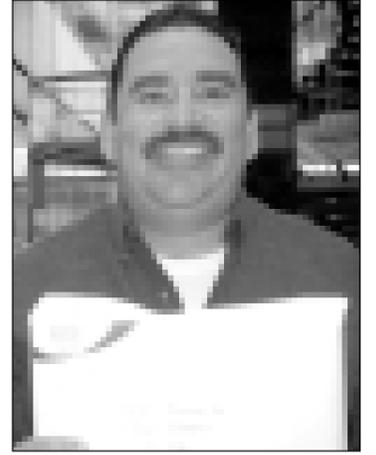
Club Rep., Joanie Mukai, Director of Port Construction and Maintenance, Harbor. She's been a Club member since 1991, and she's a Club board member.



Club Rep., Brandy Roybal-Valdez, Sr. Clerk Typist, DWP, 13 years. She's been a Club member since 1995.



Club Rep., Jaime Medina, Electrical Service Rep, DWP, 21 years. He's been a Club member since 1987.



Club Rep., John Palestino, Sr. Clerk Typist, DWP, 18 years. He's been a Club member since 1991.



Club Rep., Leticia Yapana, Sr. Clerk Typist, DWP, 23 years. She's been a Club member since 1998.



Club Rep., Pam Tiller, Utility Marketing Rep, DWP, 29 years. She's been a Club member since 1986.



## Club Reps Deliver Refund Checks To More Than 8,000 Members

■ The Club has delivered refunds in 73 of 75 years.

Last month, the Club distributed life insurance refund checks to more than 8,000 members. It's always one of the best days of the Club's year.

Pictured below are just some of the Club members receiving their refund checks.

The Board of Directors for the Los Angeles City Employees Association, Inc./City Employees Club declared a 14 percent member life experience dividend August 21.

In total, the Club will be returned \$594,070.42 back to its members.

- Some 8,246 Club members received a refund check.
- The largest check issued to a Club member was for \$1,094.77.
- The newest Club member to receive a check was enriched by 17 cents.

City employees who sign up now for Term Life Insurance will share in next year's anticipated refund, along with current members in good standing. The refund becomes available if there are any monies remaining after claims and operating expenses have been paid.

If you have life insurance with with Club but have not received your check, call the Club at (800) 464-0452.

While a refund is not guaranteed, it has been given out in all but two years of the Club's existence. The Club was founded in 1928.



Club Rep., Andrew J. Virzi Jr., Manager of Disbursements, DWP. He's been a Club member since 1994.



Club Rep., Divina Solomon, Sanitation.



Club Rep., Gail Rucker, Building and Safety. She's been a Club member since 1993.



Club Rep., Elreta Jones, Commission for Children and Youth. She's been a Club member since 1994.



Cashing her refund check: Christine Men, Principal Accountant, 16 years. She's been a Club member since 1997.



Club Rep., Olivia Martin, City Administrative Officer, Club Member Since 1993



Club Rep., Laura R. Filatoff, Commanding Officer, Fiscal Operations Division, LAPD, 16 years.



Club Rep., Martha Hernandez, Utility Marketing Rep, DWP, 24 years. She's been a Club member since 2000.



Club Rep., Irene Key, Bureau of Street Services.



Club Rep., Nestor Acio, Payroll Supervisor, ITA. He's been a Club member since 1988.



Club Rep., Daren Perlstein, Fire and Police Pensions.



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• Free notary services

**Questions?**

A Club counselor would be more than happy to answer your questions about the Club: **(800) 464-0452** (toll-free)

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Simply complete the form below and complete and sign the payroll deduction authorization. Cut out the application on the dotted line and mail in an envelope. We'll process your application and send your membership card in about two weeks.

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World Trade Center  
350 South Figueroa Street, Suite 700  
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E-mail		Social Security No.		
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY)		<input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female		<input type="radio"/> Married <input type="radio"/> Single

**I was referred by:**

Last Name		First Name		MI
Address				
City		State		Zip
Work Phone ( )		Club Member Number		

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This law requires you be informed, when asked for your Social Security Number, that it must be provided for use in employment, personnel and payroll processes: Authority for requiring this information is based upon provision of the City's payroll and personnel candidate processing system operational prior to January 1, 1975 and applicable Federal Law.

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City/DWP Employee

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# Two L.A. Departments Save The Day ... and a Kitten

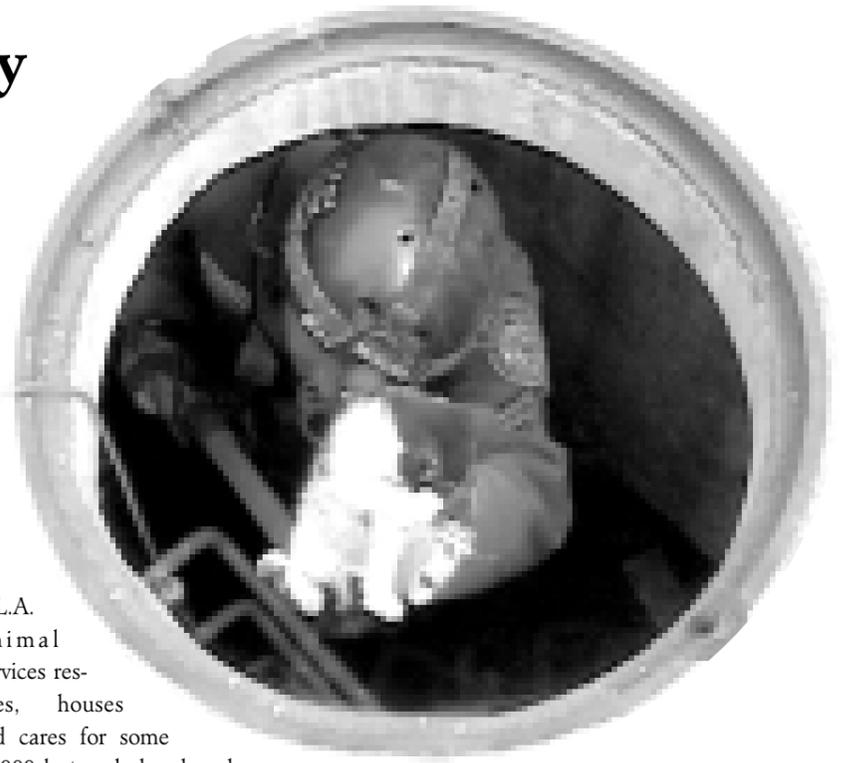
■ **Two L.A. City Departments — Animal Services and Public Works — came together Sept. 9 to rescue a kitten. The Club congratulations and gives a big Shout Out to all who were involved in the rescue operation!**

A furry black and white kitten was trapped in a storm drain on the corner of Killian Street and Cedros in North Hollywood. Officials are not sure how the kitten got there, as it was too small to likely have gotten there on its own.

Public Works was on scene when the East Valley Shelter was alerted of the situation at around 10:20 in the morning. Animal Control Officer Armando Navarette rushed to the location where he was met by Santiago Vazquez of Public Works. They began to plan out the rescue: The Animal Control Officer would have to use emergency respirator equipment to avoid breathing in toxic fumes. He

had never used this equipment before. Vazquez patiently showed Navarette how to use the equipment. He also made sure the Animal Control Officer understood rescue procedures in a storm drain.

After donning the equipment, Officer Navarette slowly descended into the manhole and made his way into the storm drain. The Public Works crew kept watch right outside the manhole, monitoring him as best they could. Finally, Officer Navarette emerged from the manhole. The Animal Control Officer had captured the kitten, which he carefully handed over to the Public Works crew as they helped him out of the storm drain.

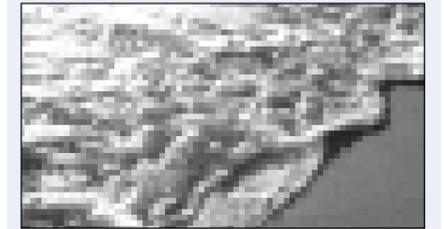


L.A. Animal Services rescues, houses and cares for some 70,000 lost and abandoned animals annually, enforces animal-related laws and acts to prevent cruelty to animals. 🐾

**Animal Control Officer Armando Navarette emerges from the storm drain with the rescued kitten.**

## Newsbrief

**CLEAN WATER**  
In a move that signals a significant change in environmental protection policy for the City of Los Angeles,



Councilmembers Eric Garcetti and Jack Weiss announced that the City of Los Angeles has dismissed its lawsuit against the Regional Water Quality Control Board over its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Stormwater Permit, and will begin to abide by strict standards for controlling runoff into Santa Monica and San Pedro Bays.

"For too long, the City has fought against environmental regulations in the courtroom instead of fighting for the improvement of water quality on our beaches," said Weiss, who is also Chair of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission. "The decision to dismiss this lawsuit shows that the current Council has made a critical policy shift to commit to protect our waterways and clean up the bay."

"It's time to stop suing and start taking care of our environment," said Garcetti, Vice-Chair of the Council's Committee on Environmental Quality. "Just like individuals, cities have to clean up for themselves. I'm proud that my colleagues have joined Councilmember Weiss and me in taking responsibility for our impact on our coastal waters."

The stormwater system, composed of gutters, drains, catchbasins and pipes, collects rainwater runoff and channels it through a complicated drainage system that ultimately deposits everything it gathers in the ocean. Trash, animal waste, chemicals, and other pollutants are transported untreated through the stormwater system and harm the beach environment. 🌊

# FIGHT FOR LIFE

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# LAX Modernization: What Do You Think? ... So Tell 'Em

## LAX Master Plan

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addresses of the people and locations to send your comments.

This plan—or whatever plan is finally approved—will have a lot to say about the way thousands of City employees spend their working days for many years to come, so don't be shy about speaking up.

The FAA decision came in response to a request from the Board of Airport Commissioners, which voted unanimously Aug. 11 to request the extension after receiving a letter from Los Angeles Mayor Jim Hahn expressing support of a City Council resolution calling for a total public comment period of 120 days.

### The Proposed Modernization Plan

July 9, Mayor Jim Hahn released the environmental analysis and further details of his plan to modernize LAX as an integral part of a Southern California regional air transportation system.

"The goal of creating this Enhanced Safety and Security Master Plan is to modernize LAX to protect one of Los Angeles' key economic engines," he said. "At the same time, the plan addresses community interests and concerns by designing the facility to serve only LAX's fair share of the total regional air service market."

The LAX Master Plan was placed on a federal streamlining list earlier this year to help facilitate the environmental review process at the federal level.

Mayor Hahn, who serves as the Chair of the U.S. Conference of Mayors Airport Safety and Security Task Force, announced his intention to prepare an alternative to the LAX Master Plan on October 8, 2001. Since then, planners,

engineers and environmental consultants have been working with airport officials to further develop the plan and analyze its environmental impact.

The plan designs the future airport to accommodate approximately 78.9 million annual passengers and 3.1 million annual tons of cargo. These traffic volumes are consistent with the goals established in the Southern California Association of Governments 2001 Regional Transportation Plan to promote growth of underutilized airports in outlying areas and to achieve a more decentralized distribution of future air traffic around the region.

Mayor Hahn said the approximately \$9 billion plan would be designed and constructed in phases over an 11-year period beginning in late 2004. The program would be financed through a combination of airport funding mechanisms, including revenue bonds, grants, concession revenues, Passenger Facility Charges, leases and landing fees. Mayor Hahn pledged that no taxpayer dollars would be expended from the City's General Fund.

The construction of airport improvements suggested in the plan would create nearly 49,000 direct construction-related jobs, pumping millions of dollars into the local economy. Mayor Hahn said it would be the largest public works project in America to require Project Labor Agreements (PLA).

The plan addresses four crucial areas:

- (1) airfield, including runway and taxiway safety improvements;
- (2) ground access (roadways, transit), automobile parking and rental cars;
- (3) terminal facilities; and
- (4) security concerns.

### Airfield Improvements

The North and South dual runway complexes would be modified to improve safety through the addition of center parallel taxiways between the runways. The FAA's latest airport design criteria would be applied to all new facilities developed as part of the plan. The North and South airfield usage would be balanced by lengthening the North runways. These airfield modifications would improve aircraft maneuvering, reduce taxi delay, and increase airfield safety.

### Redeveloped Central Terminal Area (CTA)

Today, LAX serves its passengers through a combination of less than 4 million square feet of terminal landside and airside buildings. This well-used space is inadequate by today's standards and prevents the flexibility to respond to changing security needs.

The LAX Master Plan proposes to bring LAX's terminal facilities into the 21st century by creating a new central landside terminal in the space now occupied by the CTA parking structures. Passenger and baggage screening conducted by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) would take place in this facility and in close proximity to the aircraft gate areas. This new passenger terminal would be connected to a new North Linear Concourse replacing Terminals 1, 2, 3 and the north side of the Tom Bradley International Terminal (TBIT). The Bradley Terminal would be redesigned to add a new passenger concourse and aircraft gate area on its existing west face. A new Satellite Concourse would be constructed west of TBIT and would be connected to the main terminal by a secure underground people mover. Existing Terminals 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 would be refur-

bished, as necessary, and connected to the new main terminal building.

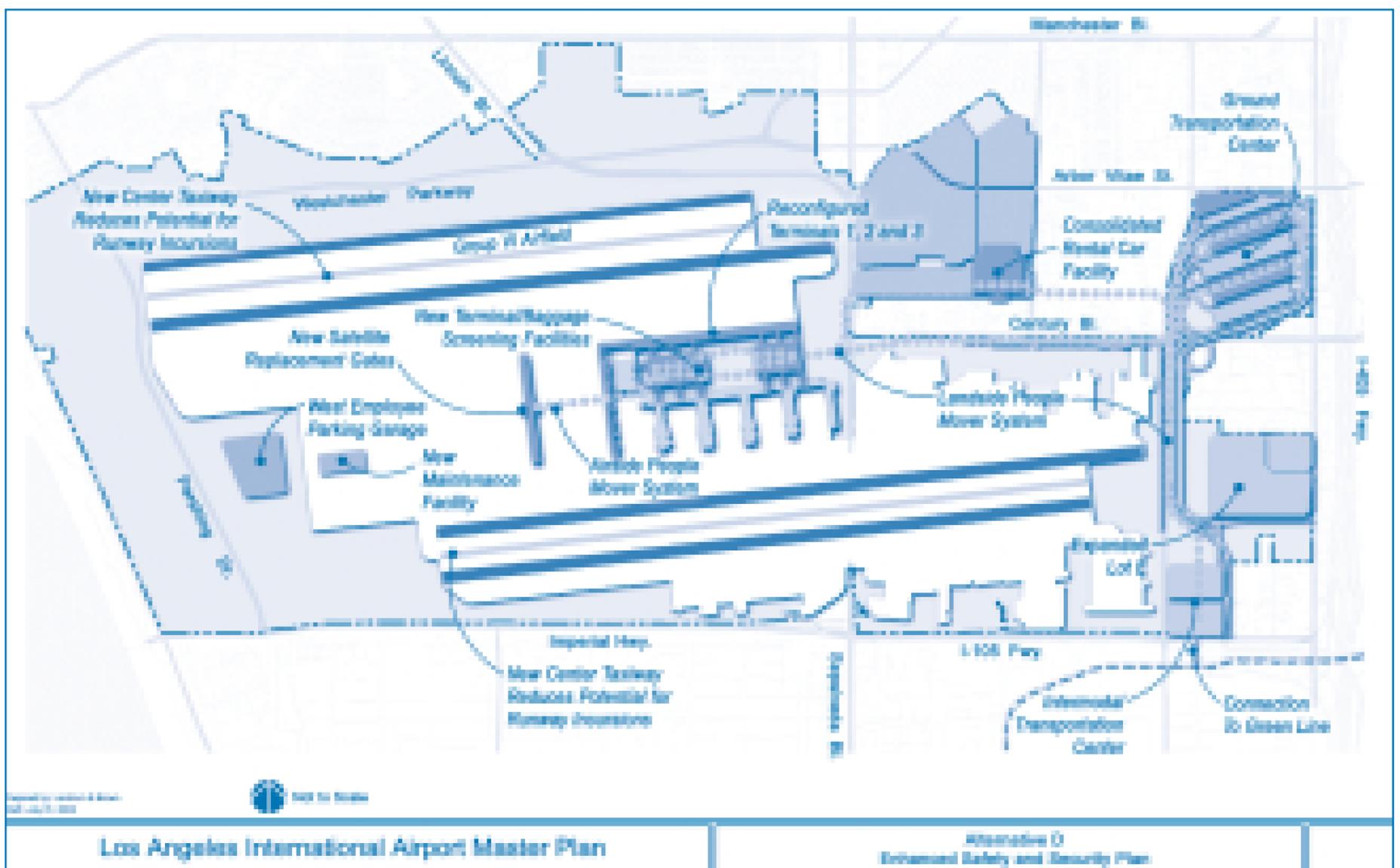
The new terminal and passenger concourses would occupy more than 6.5 million square feet of space and bring LAX's passenger facilities up to today's international and domestic standards for all functional spaces.

### Normalized Operations Under Heightened Security

The focus of Mayor Hahn's plan for LAX is to normalize passenger operations under any security circumstance. Meeting security requirements at LAX today are expensive and disruptive to the daily movement of people and goods through the airport and on local area streets. The Master Plan improvements would create the space and separation needed to balance the needs of airport users with the facilities, systems and tactics necessary to protect lives and airport infrastructure from those who aim to disrupt and destroy commerce in the United States. The plan provides the space and flexibility necessary to meet the evolving federal security requirements.

The plan would employ the latest evolving technologies to identify and intercept all threats through checked and carry-on baggage. It would also eliminate the possibility of major disruptions to airport operations by removing all non-essential vehicles from the Central Terminal Area/central processing area of the airport.

A security analysis of the Enhanced Safety and Security Alternative performed by Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) is included in the Draft Master Plan Addendum. It concludes that Alternative D is "overwhelmingly a better plan for LAX than the No Action/No Project Alternative. The ability of Alternative D to be flexible to meet future security needs is an optimal, forward thinking design." SAIC is the nation's largest



A diagram of the proposed expansion and modernization of LAX.

## LAX Master Plan

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employee-owned research and engineering company, providing information technology, systems integration and eSolutions to commercial and government customers.

The SDEIS/EIR and Draft Master Plan Addendum is available to the public for review in a variety of ways. Copies are available in 50 local and regional libraries, at the LAX Master Plan Public Reading Room located at the Imperial Terminal/Flight Path Learning Center at 6661 Imperial Highway and other locations across the region. The documents can also be viewed in their entirety on the Internet at [www.laxmasterplan.org](http://www.laxmasterplan.org) or purchased in various formats, including CD-ROM, by contacting Printco Graphics at (323) 727-6668.

Following the conclusion of the public comment period, the FAA, airport staff and its consultants will respond to comments and make any needed revisions based on the public input. The result will be a Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report that will be forwarded to the Board of Airport Commissioners, the Los Angeles City Planning Commission, and then the Los Angeles City Council for review and action. Following City approvals, the plan will be forwarded to the FAA for coordination of final review and issuance of a Record of Decision. ■

— *Los Angeles World Airports provided source information for this story*

# How to Respond

The LAX Master Plan process has been designed to be a careful and thoughtful analysis that reflects the concerns of the public and their representatives.

LAWA and the FAA invite and encourage you to thoroughly review these documents and provide us with any comments you may have. Comments may be provided on any of three ways:

- Written comments submitted at the Public Hearings
- Oral comments recorded by a court reporter at the Public Hearings
- Written comments submitted to either, or both, of the follow:

**David B. Kessler, AICP**  
**U.S. Department of Transportation**  
**Federal Aviation Administration**  
**P.O. Box 92007**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90009-2007**

**Jim Ritchie**  
**City of Los Angeles**  
**Los Angeles World Airports**  
**LAX Master Plan Office**  
**P.O. Box 92216**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90009-2216**

### Additional Information:

- All official comments must be received by 5 p.m., Pacific Standard Time, Friday, Nov. 7, 2003.
- The public review period for the Draft EIS/EIR was previously conducted from January 18, 2001 to November 9, 2001.
- In accordance with the requirements of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the FAA and the City of Los Angeles will prepare written responses to all comments submitted on the Draft EIS/EIR, including comments on both the Draft EIS/EIR and on the Supplement. Those comments and responses will be included in the Final EIS/EIR that will be considered by decision-makers prior to any action on the LAX Master Plan.

## Make your opinions known!

## Three more public hearings have been scheduled to gather public input on the proposed LAX expansion plan.

Let your voice be heard by attending one or more of the three. They are:

→ **Monday, October 20**  
 5 – 9 p.m.  
 Doubletree Hotel  
 International Ballroom  
 888 Montebello Blvd.  
 Rosemead

→ **Wednesday, October 22**  
 5 – 9 p.m.  
 Granada Hills Charter High School  
 Highlander Hall  
 10535 Zelzah Ave.  
 Granada Hills

→ **Saturday, October 25**  
 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
 EPIC Center/Olympic Swim Stadium  
 Community Hall  
 3980 South Menlo Ave.  
 Los Angeles

# Ground Access

Airport traffic congestion is significantly reduced through new internal airport roads capable of handling passenger volume and expanded direct transit access, as well as proposed mitigation measures calling for direct freeway access.

Alternative D uses the area bounded by Aviation Boulevard, Arbor Vitae Street, La Cienega Boulevard and Imperial Highway as a comprehensive on-airport access area. This area would provide access to the new Ground Transportation Center and Intermodal Transportation Center, and add 36 lane-miles of new airport access roads to improve the flow of traffic.

Proposed mitigation measures would provide direct connection from the I-405 and I-105 Freeways with grade-separated roadways into the new internal airport roadway system.

The development of a Consolidated Rental Car Facility further reduces airport area traffic congestion. Each of these new ground access facilities would be connected to the airport terminal area by an Automated People Mover System. The automated people mover trains would operate to the Central Terminal Area from stations at each of the nodal points with an average 2-minute frequency.

### Ground Transportation Center (GTC)

The GTC is proposed as the pick-up and drop-off place for LAX travelers. It would replace the curbside drop-off area in the Central Terminal Area (CTA). The GTC would have eight separate 1400-foot-long curbsides connecting arrival and departing passengers to two separate and redundant people mover train stations. The curbsides would be identified through electronic signage designating airline and function. Curbside check-in would be available at the departing curbs for those needing or desiring this service.

Hourly structural parking would be available adjacent to the train stations to encourage greeters and well-wishers to stay with or meet passengers in the CTA. The GTC would also provide 7,500 structural parking spaces for long- and short-term use.

Airport security screening of passengers and baggage would be conducted at the GTC. The facility would be designed to accommodate security mechanisms such as limitations on the size and type of vehicles allowed at the curbs and in the parking garages, uniformed and plainclothes officers, canine patrol units, advanced technology devices and behavioral observation. The GTC would have the space and flexibility to normalize airport operations even while responding to heightened security needs.

### Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC)

The ITC would be the LAX connecting point for the Metro Rail Green Line light rail, regional transit buses, and future Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) rapid buses. The ITC would have a direct connection by a power walkway to the Green Line light rail station at Aviation Boulevard and Imperial Highway.

The ITC would also provide 9,100 structural parking spaces. An adjacent lot would offer 5,500 surface parking spaces. Structural parking would be for daily (less than seven days) business travelers and surface parking would likely be used by long-term and weekly travelers. The ITC



Artist's rendering of the Intermodal Transportation Center.

would be conveniently connected to the CTA by the airport Automated People Mover System.

The same airport security screening used in the GTC would also be employed at the ITC.

### Consolidated Rental Car Facility (RAC)

All on-airport rental car companies would have their facilities in a single, consolidated location. Ready and return structural spaces would abut a people mover station to facilitate easy roll-on or roll-off, non-stop service to the CTA. Rental car quick turnaround service areas, personnel offices, maintenance facilities and car storage lots would radiate from the ready and return spaces for maximum rental car company efficiency. The consolidation into one rental car center would facilitate directional signage for RAC customers to and from adjacent interstate highways and local streets.

The same airport security screening used in the GTC and ITC would also be employed at the RAC prior to passengers boarding the Automated People Mover System.

### Automated People Mover System (APM)

The new facilities would be built with People Mover Stations that service the CTA. Service would be available every 2 minutes with an average wait of just one minute. The APM would provide non-stop service from the GTC to the CTA in approximately 5 minutes. Service from the ITC to the CTA, with just one stop at the RAC, would be less than 8 minutes.

Each APM station would have two tracks and be designed in a flow-through manner, where by entering and exiting passengers use opposite sides of the car. The People Mover trains would be designed to easily and efficiently accept both roll-on luggage and baggage carts.

The APM would operate on elevated structures so as not to interfere with existing roadways.



# 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:**

- |                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| • Edward Harding (805) 584-9417   | • Jack Mathews (310) 762-1942               |
| • Phil Skarin (818) 784-0130      | • Helen Salgado (323) 728-4930 (membership) |
| • Robert Wilkinson (818) 886-1000 | • Americo Garza (562) 928-2051              |
| • Jerry Bardwell (818) 782-5568   | • Neil Ricci (310) 394-1971                 |
| • Harold Danowitz (310) 472-0224  |   |

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

## For Retirees By Phil Skarin, RLACEI Publicity Chair

# Pension Fully Funded; Nominations Presented



**Ed Harding,**  
RLACEI President

Ed Harding, RLACEI President, reports that a record 201 people attended last month's picnic, and 181 were served a great lunch. Grace E. Simons Lodge, with its lake and waterfall, make it a great place for a picnic.

Councilmen Tom LaBonge and Dennis Zine arrived too late for lunch. Therefore, Ed told them that all our events will be scheduled on Thursdays so that they can attend on time.

Ed requested that those intending on attending the General Meeting and Installation of Officers Oct. 17 should please call one of us on the help line at least a week in advance to reserve a place at lunch. The meeting will be held at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Citizens Center, 5056 Van Nuys Blvd.

Councilman LaBonge has agreed to install the officers (elected at the October meeting) at our Christmas party Dec. 11 at Grace E. Simons Lodge. Special refreshments will be served along with Christmas music and 30 door prizes.

**Legislative Update:** Ken Spiker, our legislative chairman and elected member to the Board of Administration of our Pension Fund, reports "not to worry" about a recent story and headline in the Los Angeles Times that read: "Underfunding of Pensions Could Exceed \$80 Billion."

Ken reports that the all-time high of our fund reached \$8.2 billion in 1999. A sluggish economy, falling stock prices and low interest rates lowered the fund to \$6.1 billion. However, changes in investment policies and the improved economy have increased the fund to \$7.1 billion.

He reports that our pension fund is fully funded and will cover all retirement obligations.

**Nominations:** The Nominating Committee, with Dave Wilkins as chair, will present the following nominations for two-year terms beginning Jan. 1, 2004:

■ First Vice President: Robert Wilkinson

■ Directors: Hal Danowitz, Americo Garza, Neil Ricci, Phil Skarin and Thomas Stemnock.

The secretary and treasurer are appointed by the Executive Board from among its members.

**No More P.O. Box:** The RLACEI no longer has a post office box. Future mailings should be addressed to:

**RLACEI**

**c/o Ken Spiker and Associates**

**1100 S. Flower St., Suite 2100**

**Los Angeles, CA 90015-2115**

**Poetry Contest:** This is the last call for entries in our annual RLACEI Poetry Contest. The deadline for entries has been extended to Oct. 10. Any style or length. Send to Phil Skarin, 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411. There are separate categories for members and spouses. \$100 in prizes!

**Dental News:** The LACERS Board has recommended a dental subsidy for surviving spouses (and domestic partners). We're awaiting Council action! 📄

## Membership NEWS

■ **Bob Landrum**, recently retired as director of the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center, has ended one hitch by getting a new hitch: married again!

■ **Bob Cutler** has also become a newlywed. You're never too old to fall in love again. Especially if you're single ...

■ **Phil Skarin** modestly admits to having won his sixth Gold Medal in the World Masters Weightlifting Championships Sept. 3 in Savannah, Ga. But arthritis is creeping up, he says ...

**SHARE YOUR NEWS:** If you have any news about a retiree that you'd like to share, send it to Phil Skarin at 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, 91411.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Oct. 17, 1:00 P.M. – Annual Corporation Meeting and Election of Officers at :**

- Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center  
5056 Van Nuys Blvd., Sherman Oaks

**Come for a FREE LUNCH**

(reservations required for lunch).

**Dec. 11 – RLACEI annual Christmas Party 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. You should also notify LACERS**

## MEMBERSHIP CARD:

**If you need a new, green Membership Card,**

**send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Membership Chair Helen Salgado at 5423 Dewar St., Los Angeles, CA 90022.**

**Also, notify LACERS.**

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

*"Hide not your talents, they for use were made.  
What's a sundial in the shade?" — Benjamin Franklin*

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LAPD Federal Credit Union



New Club member "Sgt. Lara" signed up at the City Employees Club booth.



Deferred Compensation

# The Club Takes Part in LAPD Health Fair Sept. 9

■ Thursday, Sept. 4, the Club took part in the LAPD's annual Health Fair. The fair took place at Parker Center downtown.

More than 500 attendees explored the offerings of approximately 36 vendors. The Club raffled off two tickets to Disneyland. The winner was Rebecca Pereida from LAPD Communications.

On this page are photos of the event.



LAPD Central Station



Los Angeles Police Relief



Rebecca Pereida from LAPD Communications won the Club's raffle item—two tickets to Disneyland.



City employees stopped by to meet Navin Cotton, the Club's "Ticket Guy," at the City Employees Club booth.

# LACERS Names Board President, VP for 2003-04



Shelley I. Smith, President, LACERS



Thomas J. Mizo, Vice President, LACERS

The Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System Board of Administration (LACERS) has unanimously re-elected Shelley I. Smith as president and named Thomas J. Mizo as vice president. The seven-member board is responsible for establishing investment policy and the administration of retirement and health benefits for 24,000 active Los Angeles City employees and 13,800 retirees. Each member serves a five-year term. LACERS Fund assets are more than \$7 billion.

Ms. Smith has been an elected trustee of the system for more than nine years. She is assistant city attorney for the City of Los Angeles and is president of the Los Angeles City Attorneys Association. Ms. Smith also serves as chair of the Los Angeles Deferred Compensation Board, the City's voluntary defined contribution plan. Ms. Smith is a member of the Board of Directors of the Council of Institutional Investors and Treasurer of the Pacific Pension Institute. She also serves on the executive committee of the Labor & Employment Law Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

Mr. Mizo is one of the three founding partners of Chadwick, Saylor & Co., a real estate investment banking/investment management firm in Los Angeles. He has primary responsibility for real estate funds marketing to tax-exempt institutional investors. His prior professional career includes eight years in real estate investment advisory organizations and seven years of law practice in Boston and Los Angeles. He has served on the board since September 2001.

This month, committees will be chosen for Strategic Planning, Benefits and Administration, Audit and Risk Control,

and Investments. Other board members include Marvin Adams Jr., Business Representative SEIU Local 99; Eric L. Holoman, Sr. Vice President and Regional Sales Manager, Wells Fargo Bank, Private Client Services Division; Richard Rogers, Investment Officer, Los Angeles City Fire and Police Pension System; Vickey L. Schiff, Partner and Managing Director, Wetherly Capital Group; and Ken Spiker, Ken Spiker and Associates, Inc.

For additional information on LACERS, please visit the system's Website at [www.lacers.org](http://www.lacers.org).

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# Cooking with the Club

by our own  
**Robert Larios**



## Send Us Your Recipes!

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## Warm Up Your October With Dips, Chilis, Soups and a Bewitching Brew

When I think of October and the rest of autumn, this is what comes to mind—and stomach: apples, cider, squash, hot soups, turkey, the savory sweet taste of pumpkin pie, bread and all those Halloween treats. It's also the time of year when the kids start spending a little more time indoors and need some activities and snacks to occupy their minds and hands.

Try out these fall theme recipes. Let's start with a recipe from Janine from Rec and Parks: a wonderfully flavorful **Creamy Spinach Soup**. She says that this was her way to get her kids to have green vegetables in their diets without them really paying attention to what is in the soup.

If you make chili already, you would know that there are quite easily hundreds of ways to make chili. Of those, there are perhaps dozens that are easy to make. My idea of easy cooking is when you can toss all ingredients into a container, pot, or pan, heat it, stir it, and finally serve it. The **Oh So Easy Chili** recipe fits that type of cooking well.

(By the way, does anyone know the history of chili? Allow me to share. It is said that the first recipes appeared in West Texas sometime

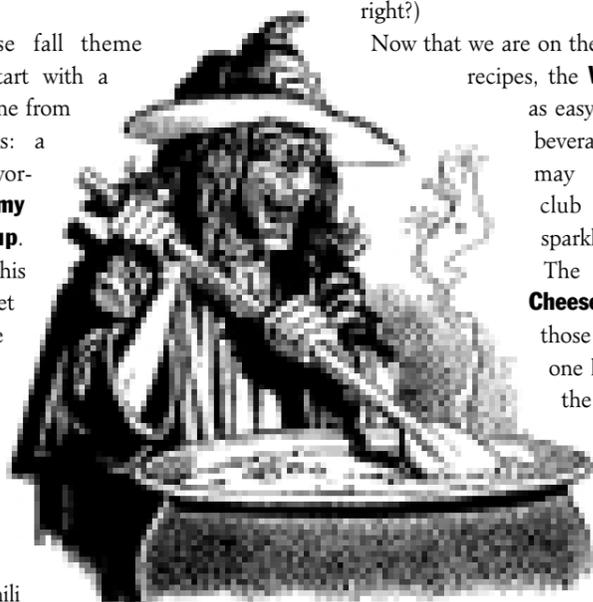
during the time Theodore Roosevelt was president of the United States. Most of the spices used in chili today were used then except for chili powder, which requires processing in a manufacturing plant, which had not been invented until decades later. Additionally, most of the chili then didn't have beans. Little did you know that you would be cooking and learning about the history of the food, right?)

Now that we are on the subject of easy recipes, the **Witch's Brew** is as easy to make as any beverage can be. You may substitute the club soda with sparkling water.

The **Spooky Hot Cheese Dip** is one of those dips that everyone loves anytime of the year. Why not as a Halloween appetizer? The **Spooky Hot Cheese Dip** is definitely an

appetizer most appropriate for a Halloween party. That's according to Maria, who works at the Department of Water and Power. She says that it will keep warm in a small crock pot if left on low heat. Maria knows what she is talking about: I have tried it and it makes high marks with me on the tasty scale. 🍲

**Enjoy October, everyone!  
And keep sending in those recipes.**



### Witch's Brew

#### INGREDIENTS

- 3 pints grape juice
- 1 1/2 pints club soda
- Grapes
- Apples

#### DIRECTIONS

- Mix the grape juice and soda in a pitcher.
- Halve the grapes and take out the seeds.
- Cut the apple into small chunks.
- Float the fruit in the brew just before serving.



### Spooky Hot Cheese Dip

An easy and quick appetizer for your next Halloween party.

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 cup medium or hot picante sauce.
- 8 ounces (2 cups) deli American cheese (you can substitute for another type of cheese), shredded.
- 1 (15 ounce) can black beans, rinsed, drained.
- 1 (4 ounce) can mild or hot chopped green chiles, drained.
- Tortilla chips.

#### DIRECTIONS

- Combine all ingredients except tortilla chips in 2-quart saucepan. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until cheese is melted (8 to 10 minutes).
- Serve warm with tortilla chips for dipping.

Makes 2 1/2 cups.

TIP: A small electric slow cooker makes a great serving container and keeps the dip warm. Keep it set on the low heat setting.



### Creamy Spinach Soup

A great way to sneak green vegetables into kids' diets is to purée them into a delicious, creamy soup. This one is light and thin. If you would like it thicker, add another potato and increase the salt to taste.

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 8-ounce russet potato, peeled and cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 quart organic vegetable broth
- 6 ounces baby spinach leaves
- 1/4 - 1/2 teaspoon salt, to taste
- Pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup half-and-half or milk

#### DIRECTIONS

- Place potato pieces in a medium-large saucepan and add 1-1/2 cups broth. Bring to a boil, lower heat to simmer, cover, and cook until pieces are tender, about 8 minutes. Add spinach and salt, stir, cover again, and cook about 3 minutes longer, or until spinach is wilted but still bright green.
- Transfer cooked mixture to a blender and purée until smooth. Add additional broth if necessary.
- Return mixture to pan, add remaining broth, and heat. When hot, remove from heat and stir in half-and-half or milk. Taste to adjust salt, and serve.

Serves 6 to 8



### Oh So Easy Chili

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound ground beef or turkey
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 2 1/2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 jalapeno pepper, chopped
- 1 can tomatoes, chopped, undrained (28 ounces)
- 1 can tomato sauce (14 ounces)
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon dried marjoram
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 can chili beans or kidney beans, undrained (15 ounces)
- Salt and pepper to taste

#### DIRECTIONS

- Cook first 3 ingredients in a large saucepan until meat is browned, stirring until it crumbles; drain.
- Add chili powder and next 8 ingredients, stirring well; bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer, stirring occasionally, 1 hour and 30 minutes to 2 hours.
- Add beans, stirring well, and cook until thoroughly heated.
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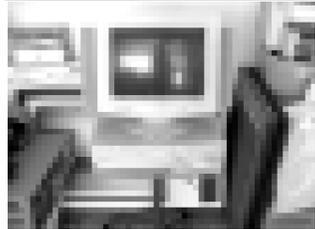
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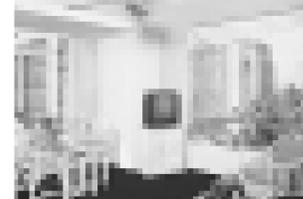
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#### S.W.A.T.

The movie begins with the Los Angeles Police Department and the S.W.A.T. (Special Weapons and Tactics) unit at the scene of a bank robbery with hostages in progress.

Colin Farrell stars as Jim Street, who follows his partner (Brian Gamble) inside the bank along with several other members of the S.W.A.T. unit. Orders are to stand down and wait. But Jim's hotshot partner ignores orders and takes aim at a suspect. He shoots. He misses. He hits a hostage.



The chief offers both officers a demotion. The hotshot partner refuses and quits. Colin accepts the offer and is then assigned to working at the gun cage.

About six months later, Hondo Harrelson (Samuel L. Jackson) accepts a position back at S.W.A.T. and is looking for a few good officers to join his new elite team. Along the way he finds Michelle Rodriguez (LL Cool J) and of course Colin Farrell.

We follow the new team through intense training and then to real life police adventures.

The main story revolves around Alex (Oliver Martinez), who has flown in to Los Angeles to announce to his family that he is taking over "the business," then kills his Uncle after he voices his complaint. On the way back to the airport, Alex is stopped by the police and is arrested for a minor/routine violation. Later it is discovered he is an international fugitive and the newest S.W.A.T. team is assigned to take him to the Federal prison.

Making the news, Alex takes the opportunity to announce he will pay anyone \$100 million to break him out. Although I did not think this was realistic, the news stations continued to show this footage, exciting many viewers.

So you can guess what comes next?

There are no major special effects or animation here, just a good old-fashioned police chase. It may not win any awards, but it is a very good movie.

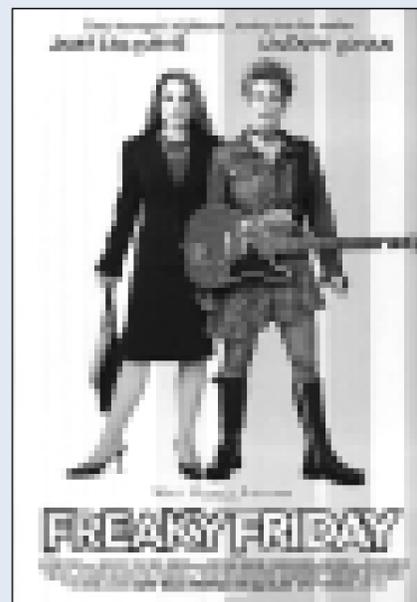
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#### Freaky Friday

Not one, not two, but three thumbs up for *Freaky Friday!*

Disney once again brings a movie that the entire family can go to and enjoy.

This movie is full of clean fun and laughs. It is a completely updated version/remake of the original *Freaky Friday* movie, from the 1970s starring a very young Jodie Foster. The basics are the same as the original, but everything else is new and fun.



In this version, Jamie Lee Curtis stars as a widowed mother of two, psychiatrist and author who is busying finalizing plans for her upcoming wedding. Lindsay Lohan (who played the starring twins role in the remake of *The Parent Trap* a few years ago) plays her teenage daughter, who is at constant odds with her mother and younger brother, a regular at school detention and in love.

A couple days before the wedding, the family and the groom (Mark Harmon) are having dinner at a Chinese restaurant. While mother and daughter are arguing about how easy the other one has it, a

Chinese spell is placed upon them, and the next morning they each wake to find that their minds have switched bodies.

Trying not to let anyone know, these two try to go on with each other's life, while trying to figure out how to get back to normal. Both discover it is not easy being the other one, and this will bring them close together in the end. Jamie Lee is absolutely brilliant playing the teenager inside her and Lindsay is excellent playing the adult in her. I am sure these ladies must have had a lot of fun playing these parts, cause it was a lot of fun to watch.

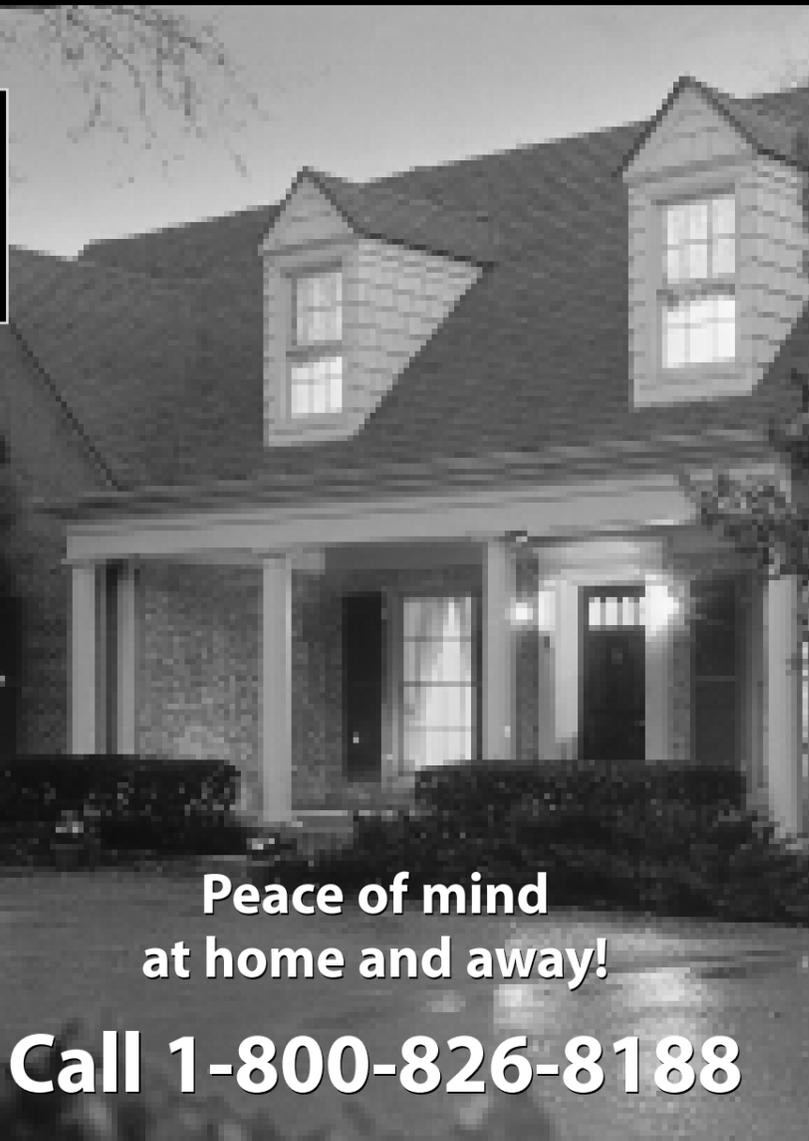
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