

# Alive!

## The Alive! Interview

### Keeping LA Moving: DOT GM's Top Job

■ After a year on the job, Detroit native Gloria J. Jeff works to keep L.A. moving.

TRANSPORTATION — When Detroit native and transportation expert Gloria J. Jeff took over the challenging top job as General Manager of Transportation, she had a lot to learn about the challenges that are particular to Los Angeles, like constant filming on the public streets.

But one thing she can happily put in her past is the Michigan city's snow.

"I don't think I'll ever have to worry about having snow plows moving snow at the beginning of a parade here in Los Angeles" like she did in Detroit, she laughed.

But she has her work cut out for her, and she's meeting her challenges head-on. Read the *Alive!* interview with Gloria J. Jeff, General Manager of Transportation, beginning on page 20.



Gloria J. Jeff, General Manager, Transportation

### Scholarship Applications Are Available

■ Applications are now available for Club Scholarship 2007 program. They are available online only.

THE CLUB — For its 2007 College Scholarship Program, the Club will continue its increased number of scholarships, five. That means, five people will be rewarded for their academic achievement and given stipends.

"We added two extra scholarships to our program last year, and we got a lot of positive feedback," said Club CEO John Hawkins. "We're happy to encourage Club Members and their families to continue their studies. Higher education can be so expensive now. We're glad to help out.

"We're always amazed at the quality of the applicants," he continued. "We expect this year to be even better."



Irvin Shannon, 2006 First Place Club Scholarship winner.

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Nine-year-old Daniel Senda, a first-year "shavee," raised more than \$400 while his mom, Victoria Rodriguez, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member, tries her hand at shaving. Standing behind them is volunteer haircutter Kristi Lynn Costin.



## The Bald and the Beautiful

Annual St. Baldrick's fundraiser kicked off St. Patrick's Day in the City. Turn to page 44 for coverage of all the St. Pat's fun, including the parade and concert downtown.

BEFORE

AFTER

PSR Kiyoko Clemons, Club Member, sports her Mohawk, thanks to St. Baldrick

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BEFORE

PSII Clayton Simmons, Club Member, gets a kick out of getting his head shaved, for a good cause.

Alive! photos by Angel Gomez



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|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 19 male                     | Dependent      | Multiple injuries         | \$10,055.89  | 78 male      | Retiree        | Cardiopulmonary Arrest | \$5,042.32          |
| 74 male                     | Retiree        | Alzheimer's Disease       | \$5,018.08   | 55 female    | Retiree        | Cardiac Arrest         | \$70,339.44         |
| 52 female                   | DWP            | Cardiac Arrest            | \$55,293.83  | 90 male      | Retiree        | Pulmonary Disease      | \$10,047.67         |
| 76 male                     | Retiree        | Acute Respiratory Failure | \$5,016.44   | 62 male      | Retiree        | Cardiopulmonary Arrest | \$30,300.00         |
| 52 female                   | Active         | Fungemia, Neutropenia     | \$110,370.68 |              |                |                        |                     |
| <b>Total Insurance Paid</b> |                |                           |              |              |                |                        | <b>\$301,484.35</b> |

**Disability Claims**

| Age | Condition                   | Monthly Payment | Age | Condition                 | Monthly Payment |
|-----|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 37  | Carpal Tunnel & Broken Toe  | \$2,490.80      | 48  | Fever                     | \$1,329.51      |
| 53  | Arthritis                   | \$1,148.88      | 58  | Heart: Emphysema OT       | \$1,311.78      |
| 41  | Lumbar, Radiculopathy       | \$1,694.40      | 48  | Heart: Congestive Failure | \$1,305.54      |
| 53  | Torn Ligament on right foot | \$2,724.95      | 58  | Osteoarthritis: Mult site | \$1,258.95      |
| 45  | Disease                     | \$1,197.17      | 49  | Knee Replacement          | \$1,440.98      |
| 53  | Multiple Sclerosis          | \$1,347.53      | 58  | Injury: Back              | \$4,728.28      |
| 45  | Carpal Tunnel               | \$1,963.52      | 49  | Back Injury               | \$2,186.63      |
| 54  | Injury: Back                | \$1,287.71      | 60  | Cancer - Lung             | \$1,274.92      |
| 46  | Vertigo                     | \$3,549.49      | 50  | Mental Condition - Stress | \$1,534.00      |
| 55  | Carpal Tunnel               | \$2,000.00      | 60  | Stress                    | \$4,233.04      |
| 46  | Major Depressive Disorder   | \$4,026.36      | 50  | Lower back pain           | \$1,813.76      |
| 55  | Osteoarthritis: Knees       | \$2,458.62      | 60  | Injury: Thumbs            | \$2,281.76      |
| 46  | Carpal Tunnel Syndrome      | \$1,417.45      | 51  | Hip & Knee replacement    | \$3,034.15      |
| 56  | Forehead and Spine injury   | \$3,187.67      | 61  | Stroke                    | \$2,256.43      |
| 46  | Back Injury                 | \$2,467.96      | 52  | Surgery: Knee Injury      | \$1,667.49      |
| 56  | Sever COBD, Hemoptysis      | \$1,285.45      | 62  | Loss of Hearing           | \$1,013.11      |
| 48  | Back Injury                 | \$3,000.40      | 53  | Knee Injury               | \$1,570.99      |
| 57  | Stroke                      | \$1,358.95      | 63  | Back Injury               | \$1,555.56      |
| 48  | Multiple Sclerosis          | \$1,639.25      |     |                           |                 |
| 57  | Leukemia                    | \$1,341.85      |     |                           |                 |

| TOTALS PAID          | Last Month   | Year to Date |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|
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*\* A Message From the CEO \**

# Much to Like In April *Alive!*

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



This month, we have a special treat for you! It's another in our series of *Alive!* interviews: Editor John Burnes and I had the privilege of personally interviewing Gloria Jeff, the General Manager of the Department of Transportation. She's witty, good natured, focused, determined and tough...yes, tough enough to deal with LA's traffic issues. But hey, she's from Detroit. I wouldn't expect anything less!



You'll also notice that we've extensively covered the St Patrick's Day Parade downtown as well as the St. Baldrick's fundraiser out in the Valley. Our photographers were out *en masse*, taking lots of pictures of your fellow City employees; we hope you enjoy them!

Also, make sure you take advantage of [www.cityemployeesclub.com](http://www.cityemployeesclub.com). It's the only Website in the City where you can actually buy discount tickets and merchandise online, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. And speaking of merchandise, we have two new watches for sale, one for men and the other for ladies. Check them out on page 55.

**In addition; check out:**

- Adventures With Hal*, where he takes *Alive!* readers Down Under.
- History Comes Alive!*, where Hynda Rudd takes us on a journey back in time to a sampling of LA's more obscure ordinances.
- Once again, we're taking applications for the Club scholarship. See the details of this wonderful opportunity on the front page.
- Angel's Be Alive!*, our new, streamlined monthly events feature.

Please don't forget about sending in those special messages of love to the woman who's most important to all of us – Mom! *Alive!*'s annual tribute to Moms is growing every year. So send in that photo and a few sentences of your dedication to her.

Well, that's about it for now. All of us here at the Club hope you enjoy this latest issue of *Alive!*

**Have an excellent April!**



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# Kenny Gets Kudos

■ **Sanitation Truck Operator Kenny Fox gets a shoutout.**

**PUBLIC WORKS** — Kenny Fox — a Refuse Collection Truck Operator with the Bureau of Sanitation and *Alive!* cover subject in May 2005, recently received a letter of gratitude from a customer. The letter was so nice, that we thought we'd reprint it here.

Kenny Fox on the cover of the May 2005 issue of *Alive!*

## Good going, Kenny!

"Valentine's Day provides a special opportunity to reflect not just on romantic love, but also on those who enrich our lives throughout the year with their kindness. I cannot let this day pass without sending you a special tribute and thanks to someone in your department who makes me feel special every week just by his thoughtfulness and consideration. Kenny Fox, Refuse Collector, is a physical giant of a man who comes by every Wednesday with a smile and a wave...and a heart far bigger than his physique. Two years ago I was hit by a forklift and there was doubt that I would ever walk again. Going from a life filled with more business and personal activities than I could ever fit into day's schedule to total confinement in a wheelchair for months, was an almost intolerable physical and psychological adjustment. Determined that this accident would not be the defining event of my life, I needed to establish some achievable goals each week. I started maneuvering around my property to clean long-neglected, reachable areas — both for exercise and mental stability. Every week the arrival of Kenny and his big green truck and my empty trashcan was a sign that somehow my efforts — no matter how painful and trivial by prior standards — were validated. Suddenly losing mobility changes one's entire life, and it was a long time before I could hobble to the curb to tell Kenny how much I appreciated him and his weekly wave and smile. Knowing that I am still plagued by medical appointments and another looming surgery, Kenny still takes the time to make sure my trash receptacle is set onto the edge of my driveway, rather than left in the street...an act unnoticeable to passersby, but I know it is his way of showing he cares and that he realizes how important his kindness was, and still is, to the recovery of a stranger who now considers him a valued friend."

— Phyllis Daugherty, Los Angeles

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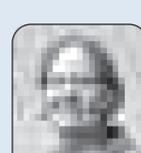
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# LETTERS To the Editor

## Color Her Very Happy for Winning the Coloring Contest

My daughter, Maya Boglarka Horvath, is so happy with the little red doggie [Big Red Dog] that Lupe Medina has sent her on behalf of the City Employees Club for Maya's coloring submission. She immediately fell in love with it and proudly carries it with her wherever she goes.

Thank you all at the Club. You guys are really rocking and rolling. You know how to make people (little and big) smile. My family — Adriana my wife; our son, Koppány; our daughter, Maya; and of course myself, Robbie Horvath — have been really appreciating what the Club (you wonderful people) have done for us. Please keep up the good work as always. May Gracious God richly reward you all.

Best wishes to your families.

—The Horvath Family from Azusa

## Great to Hear Regular City Employees in the Media, Too

I was driving on Pacific Coast Highway and listening to KNX News 1070 AM on the radio when I heard one of our own being interviewed on the subject of WiFi connectivity on Metro train lines around Los Angeles, proposed by the City of Los Angeles.

WiFi connectivity is certainly news and would offer a certain level of convenience, but what was even greater news is that finally we had an employee of the City, Curtis Gibbs, speaking on behalf of the City instead of a high ranking political City figure. He spoke intelligently, and one might say he has a radio voice. Good job on the radio waves, Curtis!

—George Griffin, Rec and Parks

## City's WiFi Plan Might Be Cool, But It Won't Fix Roads, Hire Cops

Well, I guess spending 20 million [dollars] on a WiFi project instead of hiring more cops, solving the homeless problem and repaving the streets makes sense ... that way, everyone can work from home, and they won't need to drive on the roads. Hey, maybe the cops can just WiFi to work.

C'mon people, where's your common sense?!

Mr. Mayor, just because WiFi is cool doesn't mean you have to give it away for free. Besides, six months after you roll it out, the transponders are going to be obsolete. What are you going to do, replace them all? Probably not. So, then all LA has is old technology, and egg on their face. Let private industry do what they do best and let the government take care of the roads, put more cops on the street, and solve the homeless problem.

—Maria Mendoza

Let's not be the first City in the country to have wireless Internet. Let's be the first to solve our homeless problem. Besides, when was the last time you saw a homeless person surfing the Web on a laptop?

—Timothy Tisdell

## There's a New Country Station in Town for Tim's '27 Ford to Receive

Well, I'll be! Looks like we have a new country music radio station in town! It's at 105.1 on the FM dial, and it has some of the old personalities from KZLA. Woo-hoo!

—Timothy McFarland

## Between Service, Discounts, Club More Than Pays for Itself

I am writing regarding two items. The first item is: I would like to thank Jessica Segura for all of her help. I recently ordered two shirts as a gift. I placed the order on a Tuesday, needing

them by that Saturday. I was worried because they were coming regular mail (and we know how slow they can be).

To my surprise, I received the shirts the next day.

The second item regards the membership fee increase. I have a part-time business that requires me to shop for office supplies at Office Depot. Thanks to the Club and the awesome benefit they negotiated with Office Depot, I have saved approximately \$60 in just two shopping trips. My membership fees are money well spent.

Thanks for everything.

—Brian Hollenbaugh, LAPD Jail Division

## Mayor Has New Newsletter, But Alive! Has More Good City News

Recently I received the Mayor's e-newsletter. It must be new as it's the first time I've ever seen it. It was nice —the usual political cookie cutter stuff.

But the more I looked at it the more I realized something was missing. Where was all the good news of us City Employees?

Now don't get me wrong. Antonio is a very capable man, but I'm sure he realizes that there are many hard working, smart, determined and eager City Employees that are out there helping him realize his dreams.

Hey, if you guys at *Alive!* can find the good news and accomplishments of City Employees, then I'm sure Antonio's staff can find it, too. (I mean, seriously. I know Antonio would only hire the cream of the crop.)

By the way, if you, too, want to get his e-newsletter, just go to [www.lacity.org](http://www.lacity.org) and click on the link. I hope we'll see some *Alive!* material in it soon. Keep up the good work, Club, and keep telling the stories that are never told!

—Jaime Orazcal, Retired, Bureau of Engineering, Public Works

## There Was a Parade, But No Sign Of the Mayor's Fancy Parade Car

Hey, I went to the St. Patty's parade again as usual. This was my third year. Just curious though and maybe you can find out for me. What ever happened to the Mayor's parade car?

From what I understand it is only one of three 1952 Chrysler Imperial Parade Phaetons. Apparently only three were built: One was for New York City; the second for Los Angeles; and the third was supposed to be a gift to the White House but went to Detroit instead. The one that we got was painted cream with a rose interior, and was first used in the 1953 Tournament of Roses Parade. Apparently it has since been restored and repainted white, retaining its off-white interior, and is still in the possession of the City of Los Angeles. Supposedly it still takes part in official parades and celebrations, but I sure didn't see it at the parade last week!

Maybe you *Alive!* sleuths can do some research and find out what its status is. Thanks!

—Paul White

*Paul, you think exactly like we do! We first approached Fleet Services, General Services, about doing a special photo feature on this rare and remarkable car last year. But there was so much good news going on the City that the story was put on our backburner. Then, about two months ago, we approached Fleet Services again, and this time we were serious! We were told that Fleet Services would love for Alive! to do a feature on this cool car, but unfortunately it is undergoing some fairly serious maintenance at the moment and is out of commission. But don't fret; you can expect to see a great feature on the mayor's parade car just as soon as it's back on its feet. — Ed*

## QUESTION

## of the Month

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

# If you could trade places with someone famous (past or present), who would it be?



"Oprah!"

— Tracy Ware, Police Officer III, Mission Station, LAPD



"Jennifer Lopez without Marc Anthony."

— Josie Davila, Clerk Typist, Club Member



"The President of the United States."

— Kerry Ray, Retired, LAPD VTD



"Jimmy Doolittle."

— Mike Ohearn, Retired



"George Patton."

— Jim Hoffman, Retired



"Edward James Olmos."

— Abel Parga, Detective III, Mission Station, LAPD



"Jackie Onassis."

— Anna-Marie Izzo, Sr. Lead Officer, Mission Station, LAPD



"Eight-time world champion bull rider Donny Gay."

— Spence Leafdale, Sr. PSR, Mission Gangs, LAPD, Club Member



"My dad, because he taught me everything I know about honesty, integrity and fairness."

— J.R. Rodriguez, Retired, LAPD, Major Crimes

# Alberto Retires

■ **Alberto Juarez retires from Housing after 28 years of City service.**

Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor; Photo courtesy Housing Dept.



Alberto Juarez

**HOUSING** — Alberto Juarez retired from Housing after 28 years of City service. A special luncheon was held in his honor at the Mayfair Hotel Feb. 15.

Several of Alberto's friends and co-workers attended the luncheon to wish him farewell and best of luck on his retirement.

The Club congratulates Alberto on his dedication to the City, and wishes him a wonderful retirement.



Alberto Juarez

# Scholarship Applications Are Available

## Scholarship

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Five scholarships will be awarded in amounts of \$3,500, \$2,000, \$1,000 and two for \$500 (each).

Applications must be in the Club office by noon June 29, 2007.

Applications are available for download only. They will not be available at the Club office, or from Club Counselors, or through the mail. You can download the application materials by going to: [www.cityemployeesclub.com/scholar.asp](http://www.cityemployeesclub.com/scholar.asp)

"We fully support the dedication of our Club families to taking care of the educational needs of themselves and their children," Hawkins continued. "We want to help them in every way possible."

"So go online, download the applications and turn them in. We look forward to giving back."

### Eligibility requirements:

- All Club Members and their spouses, and children of Club members under the age 25, are eligible to apply. Club members must be in good standing.
- The successful candidate must attend an accredited four-year college or university full time in the fall semester 2007. Current high school seniors matriculating to a four-year school in fall 2007 are eligible.
- Candidates will be judged for academic excellence, community service and financial need.
- Five (5) scholarships will be awarded, in amounts of \$3,500, \$2,000, \$1,000 and two for \$500 (each).
- Deadline for application: They must be in the Club office at noon June 29, 2007.

All applications must be physically in the Club office at that time to be eligible. Sorry, but the Club is not responsible for delays in delivery.

- Decisions will be made by Club personnel and will be considered final.
- Club office address: 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, 90071
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Send questions to: [scholarship@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:scholarship@cityemployeesclub.com)



Irvin Shannon won the top prize in last year's Club Scholarship program.



## APPLY NOW!

## Newsbrief

### LANDSCAPING SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD:

Public Works crews are landscaping ten acres of the Santa Monica Boulevard Transit Parkway Project (SMBTPP) for the start of summer. Board of Public Works President Cynthia Ruiz, announced.

"The Bureau of Street Services Urban Forestry Team expects to complete irrigation and landscape work by July," said Lance Oishi, project manager. "Landscaping will cover roughly 10 acres of the parkway surrounding the 2.5 mile project between I-405 and the and the Beverly Hills City limit."

Consistent with Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's Million-Tree initiative, landscaping will include the planting of various tree species, according to City of Los Angeles Chief Forester George Gonzales. "Already more than 800 trees have been planted in the parkway and surrounding areas to beautify and enhance the community," Gonzales notes.

Reconstruction and reconfiguration of the new Santa Monica Boulevard between I-405 and the Beverly Hills city limit includes three eastbound and three westbound travel lanes. SMBTPP has provided a new street lighting and traffic signal system, landscaped median islands, bicycle lanes and bus priority features. Additionally, the on-ramps to the northbound and southbound I-405 Freeway were improved with the addition of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) bypass lanes onto the freeway.

Urban Forestry Division (UFD) crews will conduct landscape work Monday through Friday with occasional work on Saturday and Sunday to ensure the project is completed by early summer. UFD controls the planting, care, inspection, permitting, and maintenance of the greenscape contained in the City of Los Angeles' public right-of-way (ROW), according to Gonzales. "The Division also is responsible for ensuring that egress and ingress of vehicles and pedestrians in the ROW is not impeded by vegetation, whether the vegetation is growing in the public ROW or on private property," Gonzales says.

"Additionally, UFD has control over ensuring that the native trees in the City of Los Angeles are protected."

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## 6 Costly Mistakes to Avoid Before Buying a Home

**SAN GABRIEL VALLEY** – A new report has just been released which identifies the 6 most common and costly mistakes that home buyers make before purchasing a home.

Mortgage regulations have changed significantly over the last year. Subtle changes in the way you approach mortgage shopping, and even small differences in the way you structure your mortgage can cost or save you literally thousands of dollars and years of expense.

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yourself about the factors involved before you purchase a home.

In order to answer this issue, industry insiders have prepared a free special report entitled "6 Things You Must Know Before You Buy."

Having the right information beforehand can undoubtedly make a major difference in this critical negotiation. You can get a free copy of this report by calling 1-800-611-5182 and entering ID # 1004. You can call anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Call NOW to find out what you need to know before you buy a home.

*This report is provided courtesy of Sam Alvarado, Service 1st Real Estate.*

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# Newsbrief

## SWIMMER STORY AT CABRILLO:

Legendary swimmer Lynne Cox, who has conquered the English and Catalina channels, the Bering Strait, and the Strait of Magellan, will share her inspiring story at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.

Cox, who lays claim to more than 40 landmark swims and holds a host of records, is the author of *Swimming to Antarctica: Tales of a Long-Distance Swimmer*, a chronicle of her death-defying 1.2-mile swim in 2002 through the coldest water on Earth. The Los Alamitos resident has been featured on *60 Minutes* and *The Discovery Channel*, and in *Vogue*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *The Economist*, and *Elle* magazines. She was honored as Woman of the Year by *Glamour* magazine and the *Los Angeles Times*. *Sports Illustrated* selected *Swimming to Antarctica* as one of its top 10 books for 2004.

Non-refundable tickets are \$7.50 for Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium members, \$10 for non-members, and \$5 for students. Group rates are available for parties of 10 or more.

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is Rec and Parks facility at 3720 Stephen M. White Dr. in San Pedro. For further information and reservations, contact the Friends membership department at (310) 548-7593, or go to [www.cabrilloaq.org](http://www.cabrilloaq.org).

# Film Award

## ■ Airports commends LA/Ontario Film Desk.

**AIRPORTS** — Airports executive management presented Chris Betherum, Roy Jacobs and Rodney Thompson with a certificate of commendation for outstanding efforts to support the commercial film industry's use of LA/Ontario International Airport (ONT). The Department recognized members of the ONT Film Desk for teamwork, professionalism and commitment to keeping film industry jobs in Southern California.

Congratulations to Chris, Roy and Rodney for their good work.



Chris Betherum (left) receives the commendation from Jess Romo, LA/Ontario International Airport Manager, on Chris' efforts at supporting the airport's efforts at assisting film producers. Chris accepted the commendation on behalf of himself, Roy Jacobs and Rodney Thompson.

## Harbor's New Marketing Director

■ **Michael DiBernardo** named new marketing director. He was the department's director of planning.



Michael DiBernardo

**HARBOR** — The Port of Los Angeles announced March 9 that Michael DiBernardo will assume duty as director of marketing.

A 24-year industry veteran, DiBernardo served as assistant director of marketing at the Port from 2003 to 2005, and spent the last 23 months as the Port's director of planning. As director of marketing, DiBernardo will be responsible for managing the Port's extensive sales, marketing and promotional programs.

"Mike has been a valued member of the Port staff for years, and we are happy to have him spearheading our marketing effort," said Deputy Executive Director Kathryn McDermott, who oversees business development at the Port of Los Angeles. "The Port is going through a very dynamic period, and relationships with our customers and the industry are key to our operations growing in the most sustainable and successful manner. We're excited to have the right people on-board to execute our broadened marketing approach."

DiBernardo began his career with the Port of Los Angeles in the late 1970s as a student worker and later as a draftsman in the engineering division. He left the Port to work at various other companies before working for APL for 19 years, where he served in a variety of management positions in marketing, operations, customer service, transportation and logistics. He ended his tenure at APL as director of logistics. DiBernardo returned to the Port in 2002 as a marketing manager, promoting to assistant director of marketing in 2003. He was named director of planning in February 2005.

A San Pedro native, DiBernardo holds a Bachelor's degree in business administration from California State University, Dominguez Hills, and received a certificate in the Executive Management Program at the University of California, Los Angeles. He resides in Rancho Palos Verdes with his wife and two children.

# Communications Division's First LAPD Golf Challenge and Awards Banquet

*Friday, April 13, 2007*  
*Shotgun Start: 11 a.m.*

Montebello Golf Course  
901 Via San Clemente, Montebello

**Format:** Four-person scramble  
**Cost:** \$125 per golfer (includes dinner banquet)  
           \$500 per team  
           \$30 banquet dinner only

Register at: <http://lapdcommdiv.golfreg.com/>  
**OR**  
 Mail this registration form.

**Communications Division's First LAPD Golf Challenge and Awards Banquet**

Friday, April 13, 2007  
 Montebello Golf Course  
 Shotgun Start: 1100 Hours

Individual Player or Team Capt Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone # or E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you representing an LAPD Division or other public safety agency? Y or N

Are you a registered sponsor of this event? Y or N

If yes, name of organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Team name: \_\_\_\_\_

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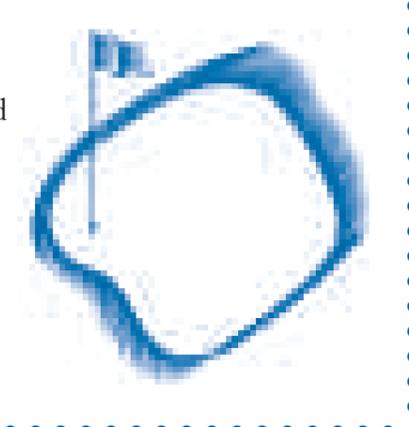
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**Please make checks payable to:** Communications Division Station Fund  
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# History Comes Alive!

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



Tales From the City Archives

## LA Law, 1855-Style

■ The Mayor's annual salary of \$500? A pastry fee? A speed limit of 5 mph – for horses? Los Angeles had some mighty curious ordinances on the books soon after its incorporation. Here are some of them.

The Pueblo de Los Angeles was granted cityhood and the name of the City of Los Angeles through the California State Act of Incorporation March 11, 1850, and signed by the Governor March 18, 1850. The City was mandated by this Act until 1878, when the first Charter for Los Angeles came into being, also mandated by the state. It was not until 1889, when Los Angeles gave birth to its first home-rule Charter. In 1850, when Los Angeles became a formalized city, a mayor,

seven Common (City) Councilman, a recorder, City attorney, City marshal, assessor and treasurer were elected for one-year terms. In 1851, the office of Recorder was abolished and became a mayoral duty, known as Council Secretary, precursor to the City Clerk.

I believe that there were no new formal Ordinances for this American form of government from 1850-1855, because of the rapidity of setting up the new government with the

Act signed in March and elections in May of 1850. Laws or Ordinances were therefore continued from the Mexican Ayuntamiento that ruled the area from 1828-47, and with a possibility of some law changes during the American period from 1847 through 1850, before statehood.

This article looks at the revised Ordinances, the laws that Los Angelenos lived by in that era. You must remember that in 1855, Los Angeles was only four square leagues or 2.63

miles per league or 28 miles, slimmed down from the 100-mile radius during the Mexican era, and the population was approximately 2,143. It should be noted that due to the length of the revisions, it will be impossible to relate the entire document word for word. But the important laws will be stated, with the terminology of that era maintained. This information comes from the City Archives.

I hope you enjoy reading them as much as I had researching them.



One of the earliest known drawings of the pueblo of Los Angeles, 1847. Drawing by William Rich Hutton.



This stone marker in Elysian Park stands near where it is believed the expedition of Gaspar de Portola first looked over the river and valley in 1769 in what is now Los Angeles.

### 1855 Revised Ordinances

#### Article I – Of the Common Council and the Publication of Its Ordinances:

**Sec.1.** The Common Council shall meet every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. at the City's Council Room. **Sec.2.** All Ordinances and By-Laws of the City shall: be published in a City newspaper and three written or printed copies will be posted in three public places, one being upon the door of the Mayor's Office.

#### Article II – Concerning Officers and Offices:

**Sec.1.** Elected officials plus the Overseer of the Water and the Inspector of Cattle, shall enter into bonds with two or more sufficient securities to be approved by the Mayor and made payable to the corporation by its corporate name, conditioned for the faithful performance of their duties.

**Sec.2.** It shall be the duty of the Marshal and Treasurer to make monthly reports to the Council at their regular meetings. The Mayor, who [is also the judge] collects fines, penalties, forfeitures or other funds belonging to the city, to pay those amounts to the Treasurer and make a report for the Council. All other elected officials handling money will turn it into the Treasurer and be given a receipt.

**Sec. 3.** The duty of the Mayor, upon trials in his court where the violation of any city

ordinance, when the defendant is found guilty.

**Sec.4.** The Mayor also assess fees from the City Attorney upon penalty and fees paid for fines or penalties relating to city business. Those fees will be collected by law, with the exception of Indian fees.

**Sec. 5.** The salary of City Officers for the fiscal year ending on the first Monday next, shall be as follows: the Mayor, \$500; the Marshal, \$200; the City Attorney, \$200; the Assessor, \$250, and the Clerk, \$600.

**Sec. 6.** The Treasurer shall receive five per cent on all monies received by him in his official capacity, as his compensation.

**Sec. 7.** The Marshal has many duties: (1) Attend the Mayor's Court and keep law and order in the Common Council Room; (2) Marshal of Common Schools and receives compensation from the County Board of Supervisors; (3) Chief of Police, with the Water Overseer and the Inspector of Cattle as his Police Deputies; and (4) Collector of City taxes.

#### Article III – Direct Taxation:

**Sec.1.** The fiscal year begins on the first day of May and ends on the last day of April of each year. The Assessor has the duty for assessing property for taxation purposes.

**Sec.2.** Between July and November of every year, the Assessor examines and assesses property to conform by law. He keeps rolls of information for County and State purposes.

**Sec.3.** The Assessor will then provide Council with all monies collected for inspection of all interested persons for ten days.

**Sec.4.** The Common Council then acts as the Board of Equalization where they will post public notices on the Mayor's door for any complaint against the evaluation of the Assessor. The Board then will evaluate the issue and re-affix the amount of the complained assessment. After the expiration of time, the rolls are then turned over to the Marshal.

**Sec.5.** The Marshal or his deputies is hereby authorized and empowered to act as collector of City taxes.

**Sec.6.** The Tax Collector then publishes for ten days in City newspaper that he will be available to collect taxes. After tenth of November to the end of the month set times were made available for tax payment. Monies are then given to the Treasurer and then reported to the Board.

**Sec.7.** The Tax Collector in accordance with the Assessor demand all unpaid taxes of personal property. The Tax Collector was given the same rights as the Sheriff under an Act entitled 'An Act to provide for Levying, Assessing and Collecting Public Revenue,' passed April 1855, for the enforcement of Poll Tax.

**Sec. 8.** For the remaining unpaid Real Estate and Personal Property on the first day of December of each year, after another notice is published in a City newspaper, Real

Estate and Personal Property may be sold to collect taxes.

**Sec.9.** By December fifth, all remaining unpaid taxes by the Collector will have an additional ten per-cent added to the taxes.

**Sec.10.** All remaining unpaid taxes shall be returned to the Common Council, setting forth reasons for non-payments by the Collector.

**Sec. 11.** By authorization of this Ordinance, on each one hundred dollars of both Real Estate and Personal Property, one fourth of one per cent taxation will be added.

#### Article IV – Concerning Licenses:

**Sec.1.** No person(s) shall pursue any calling or transact any business provided for in the next sections, without first procuring a license, under a penalty of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100, and imprisonment at the discretion of the Mayor; and it is hereby made the duty of the Marshal to see the same enforced;

**Sec. 2.** Houses where Billiard Tables and Ten Pin Alleys were kept paid \$3 a month; Shooting Galleries paid \$5 a month;

**Sec. 3.** Bars with hard liquor paid \$10 a month, and executed a bond every three months. Indians were not allowed to be given or purchase hard liquor;

**Sec. 4.** Bars with any beverage paid \$5 a month;

**Sec.5.** Circuses, Theatrical, Musical, Rope and Wire Dancing, Magic and Legerdemain

Companies paid the Marshal \$5 for each and every representation;

**Sec. 6.** Carts, Wagons and Drays engaged in trucking or hauling paid \$2 a month, and required to place the word License and its number in a conspicuous place;

**Sec. 7.** Hawkers and Peddlers paid \$10 a month. Their license must be carried at all times to show to anyone;

**Sec. 8.** Street Vendors, Pastry Peddlers and Confectioners paid \$2 a month. This did not apply to those selling wood, water, milk, fish or vegetables;

**Sec. 9.** Proprietors selling Soda Water and Beer to businesses paid \$5 a month;

**Sec. 10.** Public Eating Houses, Hotels, Fondas or Restaurants, including Bakeries paid \$5 a month;

**Sec. 11.** Commercial, Trading and Drug Establishments with invested capital paid any of the following monthly license fees: \$1-500, @\$2 a month; \$500-1,000, @ \$2.50; \$1,000-3,000, @ \$ 3; \$3,000-5,000 @ \$4; \$5,000-10,000@\$6. Every additional \$5,000 of capital, the proprietor(s) will pay an extra three dollars each and every month. All had to take an Oath before City government officials before being granted a license;

**Sec. 12.** Express Business for Carrying Mail, Parcels, Gold Dust and Bullion paid \$5 per month;

**Sec. 13.** Pawn Shops paid \$10 a month; and  
**Sec. 14.** Proprietors of Livery Stables and Hay Yards and Livery Keepers paid \$5 a month.

**Sec. 15.** All Licenses must be paid in advance.

#### Article V – Concerning Nuisances and Offences:

Mayor made all decisions for imprisonments. **Sec. 1.** No person(s) will be held guilty of a riotous or disorderly conduct in any house, street or place, where by the peace and quiet of the City or any person, may be disturbed, under a penalty of not less than \$5 nor more than \$100 and imprisonment at the discretion of the Mayor, not exceeding ten days.

**Sec. 2.** No firing of pistols, guns, rifles or other firearms including air guns within the fire limits of the City. Penalty – \$5 first offense, \$10 second offense, and not more than \$50 third offense, and imprisonment not more than ten days;

**Sec. 3.** No firing or discharging within the City's fire limits of any rockets, crackers, squibs, torpedoes or other fire works, containing combustible material. Penalty – \$10 for each and every offense. And imprisonment not more than ten days. Fireworks were only allowed by the Marshal for special occasions;

**Sec. 4.** No person(s) shall ride mules or horses within fire limits of the City at a greater speed than five miles per hour. Penalty – not less than \$3 nor more than \$20. And imprisonment not more than ten days;

**Sec. 5.** Any person(s) found drunk within the City shall be fined a sum not exceeding \$20. Or imprisonment not more than ten days;

**Sec. 6.** No persons who shall give or fur-

nish liquor to Indians, shall on conviction be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$200 for each offense. And imprisonment not more than ten days;

**Sec. 7.** Any person sinking any Wells or Pits within the City limits shall enclose the same in a good, secure and safe manner. If not, and the Marshal must fix, shall pay double the amount of costs, and a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$50, or imprisonment not more than ten days;

**Sec. 8.** Any person(s) throwing earth or filthy matter into any canal or *Acequias* within the City limits shall be fined \$50. Any person(s) bathing, washing clothes, horses or any animal in the canal or *Acequias* will be fined not less than \$5 nor more than \$10 for every offense, or imprisonment not more than ten days;

**Sec. 9.** Any person(s) throwing bottles, glass, crockery, nails on the street whereby horses, mules or cattle maybe injured, or any rubbish making the streets filthy will be fined \$5 for the first offence, and every subsequent will be fined \$10 or imprisonment of not more than ten days;

**Sec. 10.** All owners or occupants of property in City limits must sweep rubbish in their front property into the street by ten o'clock every Monday morning. Under a penalty of not less than \$3 nor more than \$10.;

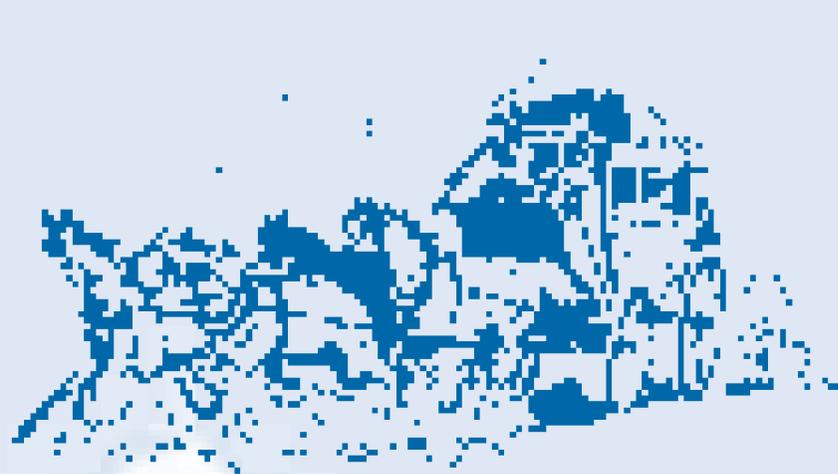
**Sec. 11.** All owners or occupants of property in City limits shall keep their backyards free from filth under a penalty of \$5 for first offence, \$10 for second offence and \$20 for subsequent offences;

**Sec. 12.** Every owner or occupant of every store, hotel, barroom or public house of any kind, as also each and every person occupying a house with two rooms or more facing the street, shall hang a light outside the door of his or their building, the first two and a half hours of every dark night, under a penalty of two dollars for the first offence, and five dollars for each and every subsequent offence;

**Sec. 13.** Any person(s) who shall draw any species of fire arms, or any knife or dirk upon the person of another, within the City limits (unless in defense of person or property) shall be fined a sum of not less than \$10 nor more than \$50 for the first offence and for each subsequent offence; and in either case he or they may be imprisoned not exceeding ten days. The weapon so drawn shall be forfeited to the City;

**Sec. 14.** Any person(s) who shall assault or resist any peace officer in this City, or refuse to assist him in the discharge of his duty, shall be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$100.;

**Sec. 15.** All persons who keep or sell Gunpowder after the first of August, shall procure a License under the penalty provided for under Article IV, for which they will pay the sum of \$10 monthly, and shall have placed in a conspicuous position on the store 'Licensed to sell Gunpowder' Plainly painted thereon; and it shall not be lawful to keep more than fifty pounds of Gunpowder in their store(s) at any one time. Under a penalty of not less than \$50 nor more that \$100 for each provision of this section;



**Sec. 16.** Whenever any dangerous or suspicious person(s) shall be seen about the City without visible means of support, shall be the duty of the Marshal to arrest such person(s) and take them before the Mayor, and cause them to show in what way and manner they obtain a livelihood; and if proper cause shall not be given for such vagrancy, such offender shall be fined not less than \$10 nor more than \$50.;

and in default of payment of the same, shall be imprisoned by the Mayor, not exceeding ten days;

**Sec. 17.** The game of *Peon* is expressly prohibited, as also all unions of Indians in the nighttime, within the corporate limits of the City;

**Sec. 18.** It is unlawful for any person(s) owning Hogs or Pigs to permit them to run at large within the City limits; and whenever the Marshal shall find Hogs or Pigs within the City limits, he shall cause them to be taken in charge; and after public notice for three days he shall expose them for sale at public auction to the highest bidder. The proceeds shall be first applied to the payment of a fine of \$1 per Hog or Pig and the costs of the sale and keeping, and the residue, if any, shall be deposited with the Treasurer, for the benefit of the owner(s). The purchaser(s) shall receive from the Marshal a certificate of such sale;

**Sec. 19.** It is unlawful for any person(s) owning any Dog or Slut, to permit them to run at large within the City limits, except as hereinafter provided. It shall be the duty of every owner of every Dog or Slut, to place upon the neck of the same, a metal or leather collar, having therein the name of the owner, and to which shall be attached a tag, which said owner of said Dog or Slut shall procure of the Marshal of the City, whose duty it shall be to provide himself with a sufficient number of tags of brass or other metal, and have stamped or engraved thereon the word 'Licensed.' The Marshal shall receive \$1 for each Dog and Slut licensed and 50 cents for each tag delivered. Every three months the owner(s) of Dogs and Sluts must renew their license with payment.

It shall be the duty of the Marshal to kill and destroy all Dogs and Sluts running at large without the collar and tag herein mentioned; and all such Dogs and Sluts whose owners have neglected or refused to renew their licenses as is herein provided; and for such killing and destroying the Marshal shall be entitled to recover from the owner of such Dog or Slut, in a suit before the Mayor, the sum of \$1 with costs;

**Sec. 20.** If any person(s) shall obstruct any Public Street, or Alley or Sidewalks within the City limits, either by riding or driving upon the said sidewalks, or permitting their horses to stand upon the same; or leaving carts or vehicles of any description in or upon the same; or permitting or suffering any article to remain in or upon the same, so as to render the same inconvenient or dangerous to pass; or shall pollute any of the Canals or *Acequias* of the City, by washing in or about the same, or shall do anything which is injurious to the health, or indecent or offensive to the senses, or any act which is an obstruction to the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property; such person(s) so offending, shall upon conviction before the Mayor of the City, be fined in any sum not less than \$3.00 nor more than \$100, or imprisonment not exceeding ten days, or

both; and every such nuisance may, by order of the Mayor, be removed and abated by the City Marshal, at the cost of party making or committing the same;

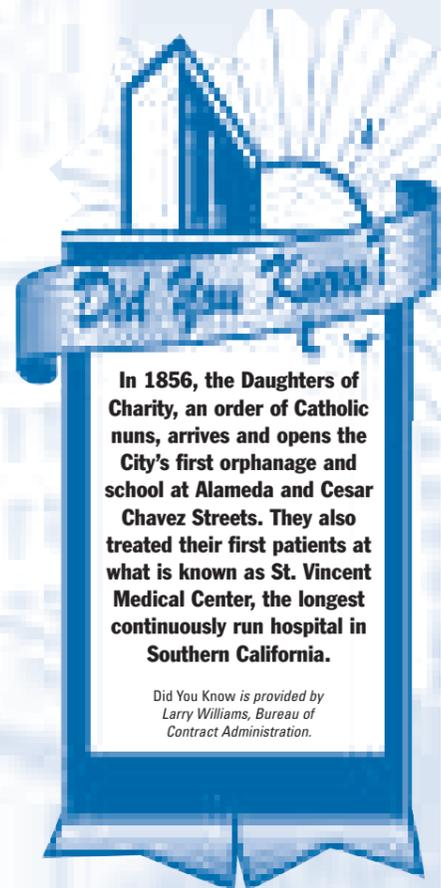
**Sec. 21.** The owners or lessees of all lots of ground within the City limits, before they proceed to erect buildings, or other improvements thereon, shall have the same accurately surveyed and determined by the County Surveyor, who is hereby created ex-officio City Surveyor.

All persons who may neglect or refuse to conform to the provisions of this section, and may encroach upon the line of any street, or upon the property of their neighbors, shall not only be liable to be fined in the sum of \$100, to be paid into the City Treasury. The Surveyor shall receive for his compensation the sum of \$8 for the survey of each lot;

**Sec. 22.** For the violation of any of the provisions of any section of the Article to which there is no penalty attached, the party found guilty shall be fined in a sum of not less than \$1 nor more than \$100, or imprisonment not exceeding ten days, or both.

#### The remaining seven Articles, will be continued next month:

- VI – Common Schools
- VII – Water Canals  
– Water Regulations
- VIII – Of the Alienation of the City Lands
- IX – Of Slaughtering Cattle: Regulations
- X – Of a Chain Gang, and the Government Thereof
- XI – City Limits – Fire Limits, plus the Rules of Government for the Council



**In 1856, the Daughters of Charity, an order of Catholic nuns, arrives and opens the City's first orphanage and school at Alameda and Cesar Chavez Streets. They also treated their first patients at what is known as St. Vincent Medical Center, the longest continuously run hospital in Southern California.**

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



Six-year-old Andrew Sprague, cancer survivor, shaves Station 27's Firefighter Kelly Taggart's hair as Kristi Lynn Costin stands by.



Nine-year-old Daniel Senda, son of Victoria Rodriguez, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member, shows off his shaved head, complete with his St. Baldrick's sunglasses.



From left: Robert Esparza, Nick Deming and Sgt. Don Deming, Harbor Station, collectively raised more than \$800.



From left: Jessica Simmons, wife of PSR II and Club Member Clayton Simmons, has his hair inspected for approval.



PSR Debbie Herdrich, Club Member, provides PSR Paul Russo, a first-year "shavee," his "Friar Tuck" look, complete with a four-leaf-clover sticker on his forehead.

# The Bald and the Beautiful

## ■ Annual St. Baldrick's event raises money for childhood cancer research.

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



Club Member and Sr. Lead Officer Jillian Almarez, Foothill, fourth year participant, raised \$200.



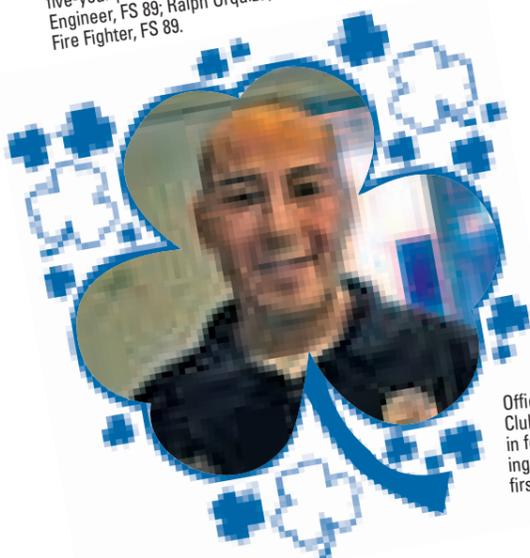
Back, from left: LAFD Capt. Waldie Brangham, Fire Station 89, with five-year participants. Front: Front, from left: Dave Randolph, Engineer, FS 89; Ralph Urquiza, Firefighter, FS 89; and Vince Fusillo, Fire Fighter, FS 89.



Detective III Jim Freund with what looks like his childhood haircut.



Back view of Detective III Jim Freund's haircut. Back view of Detective III Jim Freund's haircut.



Officer Marco Mendoza, Club Member, raised \$1,000 in four days. That's amazing, considering this is his first year participating.



Sgt. Christopher Crosby, Mission Station, was a first-year "shavee."





Looks like Station 75's Fire Fighter Paramedic David Brien is sporting a comber.

St. Baldrick's

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National Childhood Cancer Foundation

[officour.com](http://officour.com)

[Firehouse.com](http://Firehouse.com)

[IrishAbroad.com](http://IrishAbroad.com)



Mission Station Area Commanding Officer Jorge A. Villegas, a first-time "shavee," has the "parting of the Red Sea" look.

Villegas is still smiling. Someone should tell him that his haircut is done!



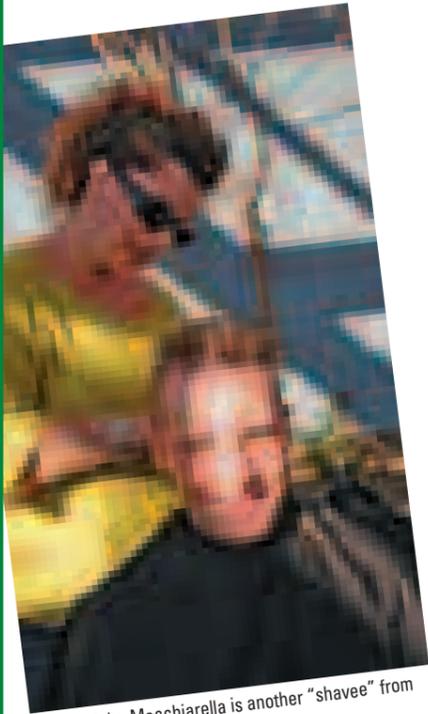
Nine-year-old Daniel Senda, a first-year "shavee," raised more than \$400 while his mom, Victoria Rodriguez, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member, tries her hand at shaving.



Clayton Simmons, PSII, Club Member, is all smiles.



From left: Debbie Willits, Sr. PSR, Club Member; Martha Ulloa, PSR, Club Member; and Antoinette Vasquez, Management Analyst II.



Officer John Macchiarella is another "shavee" from Mission Station.



Detective John Dunlop, Van Nuys Robbery, parts with his blond hair.



You would have to look twice after the shave to know whether this is Capt. John N. Incontro, Mission Station Patrol Captain, Club Member.



Station 75 Firefighter Bryan Nasser a first-time "shavee," requested that he keep his sideburns.

# The Bald and the



PSR Debbie Herdrich, Club Member and first-time volunteer, carefully shaves Derek Brangham a four-year participant and son of LAFD Captain Waldie Brangham, who co-organized the event.

## ■ Annual St. Baldrick's event raises money for childhood cancer research.

**POLICE DEPT.** — It was another "close shave" for brave members of the Police and Fire Departments, as they volunteered to have their heads shaved for a good cause.

This year's annual St. Baldrick's Day event took place March 16 at the LAPD Mission Police Station.

This was the fourth annual combined St. Baldrick's event. More than 60 participant "shavees" raised more than \$19,000.

Individual top fundraiser was Firefighter Danny Wu (\$2,807). Second place was Christine Perkins (\$1,630). Third Place was Firefighter Kitchens (\$1,380).

Top Team Fundraiser went to LAPD, which raising more than \$3,500. LAFD Fire Station 75 came in second with \$470; third place was the Bald Brothers, who raised more than \$330.

Others who participated and raised money:

- Sgt. Greg Doyle, \$1034
  - LAPD's Larry Gates, \$931
  - LAPD's Kiyoko Clemons, \$900
  - LAPD's Shawnie Livera, \$611
  - LAPD's Paul Russo, \$336
  - LAPD's Clayton Simmons, \$396
  - LAPD's Kelly Taggart, who was participating in honor of his son, John Kelly Taggart, \$225
  - Officer Larry Martinez \$880
  - The LAPD's Jillian Almarez, \$200, and
  - The LAPD's Marco Mendoza amazingly raised \$1,000 in four days.
- The Choir Boys So Cal Motorcycle Club Collectively raised more than \$7,000.  
Special thanks to Sgt. Greg Doyle and LAFD Capt. Waldie Brangham, for organizing the event.



Debbie gives Retired Officer Mickey Roman some sunblock to protect his head.



Kristi Lynn Costin gives P3 Marc Pooler, a first-year "shavee," his half-Mohawk.



Sgt. Don Deming, Harbor...

...and his 8-year old son Nick.

# Beautiful



From left: Kristi Lynn Costin, volunteer barber; LAFD Capt. Waldie Bringham, Event Coordinator; Sgt. Greg Doyle, Event Coordinator, Club Member; and Joey Leonard, "shavee."



Eleven-year-old Tom Doyle, son of Sgt. Greg Doyle, helps out at the Club's table. Tom was disappointed to not be able to participate this year since he will be starring in a play version of Charlotte's Web. "Just means that it will be all the better to shave next year."



Firefighter Aaron Girvan, Station 89A, halfway through his shave from Debbie.

Sgt. Michael Hammett, Van Nuys Station, may be having second thoughts after this.



Officer Munguia gives Sr. Lead Officer Larry Martinez, Foothill Station, a new look.



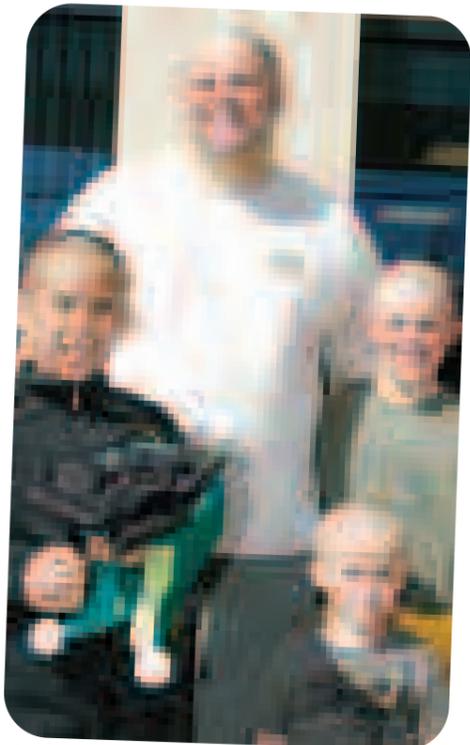
Firefighter Bob Motherla, Station 88A, looks mighty comfortable.



Clemons, sporting her Mohawk, still keeps the smile on her face.



Seated: LAFD Matt Spence, Station 98, gets his head shaved by Battalion Chief John Nowell.



Back: LAFD Curt Wasserman. Middle, from left: Andy Le, friend; Garrett Wasserman. Front: Gage Wasserman.



First year "shavee" PSR Kiyoko Clemons, Club Member, in shocked as Sr. PSR John Phillips has the honor of "cutting" her hair prior to being shaved.



# John's Picture Perfect Contest



**For April, we have four winners!**

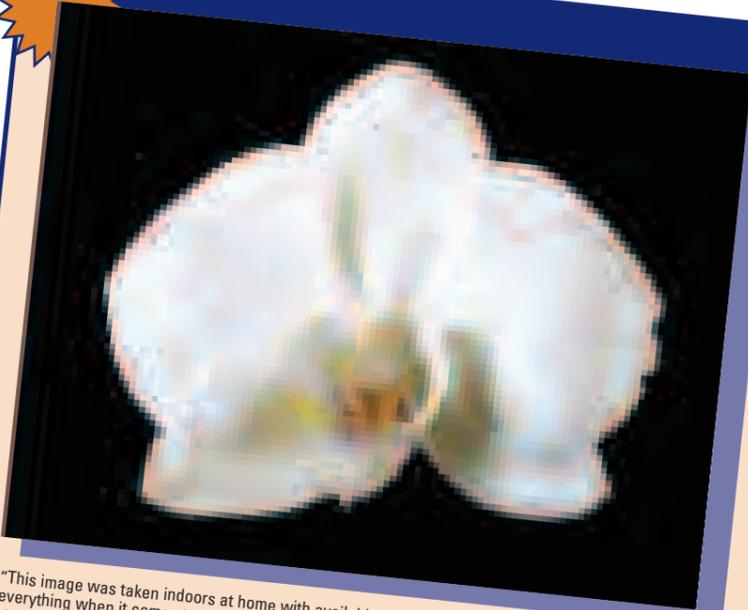
Start snapping today, and send us your best results!  
Four winners will receive a \$25 Shell Gas Card.

**WIN**

**FOUR PRIZES**

**\$25 Walmart Card**

**NEXT DEADLINE: May 15**  
Happy Snapping!



"This image was taken indoors at home with available window light and a reflector. Lighting is obviously everything when it comes to photography; the choice of lighting in this image was to create impact and a strong contrast between subject and background. Nature definitely has spectacular subjects!"

**- Gonzalo Guerrero, Convention Center, Parking Division**

**John's comments:** Yes, Gonzalo, lighting is just about everything when trying to take a captivating photo. And this is definitely captivating. When I first opened it on my computer it almost jumped off my screen! Nice work, Gonzalo!



"This is a hawksbill turtle; they live in Hawaii at the very south end of the Big Island. There are only 30 nesting turtles left, and I found a beach that had seven on the beach and five in the water."

**- Ron Angst, DWP**

**John's comments:** Ron, this brings back memories of when my son and I went to this same beach and saw the hawksbill turtles -- what a sight! Great shot, too; the details of the one turtle's head are so crisp and clear.



"Ezio and Genevieve Briasco (married 58 years), dipping our toes in the Arctic Ocean at Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories, Canada. We drove our Jeep 8,000 miles. While in Tuk, we joined a small group and had lunch in the home of one of the natives (Caribou soup, smoked fish and three parts of whale meat). From Dawson City, Yukon Territory, to Inuvik, Northwest Territories, in one stretch we drove for one hour and 40 minutes before we saw another car. However, we did see a couple of grizzly bears alongside the road (nice to know you are not completely alone). We flew the last 80 miles to Tuk because there is no summer road. We rented a satellite cell phone as a security blanket. This picture was taken with a Casio Exilim."

**- Ezio Briasco, Retired.**

**John's comments:** I love a good road trip! I think what makes this picture so amazing is how far north it was taken. I looked Tuktoyaktuk up on the internet and can't believe that the two of you drove so far (it's just about to the top of Canada). It's also nice to see you using my favorite camera, the Casio Exilim!



"This photo was taken at the Peak (Victoria Peak, Hong Kong) Jan. 26. I set up the camera and ran back to take this picture with my friends. I'm the second from the left."

**- Leticia Yapana, DWP.**

**John's comments:** Everyone looks so happy! Great shot, Leticia; you really captured the height of the Peak (it almost looks like you are on another skyscraper instead of a mountain). For those who don't know, the Peak is the highest mountain in Hong Kong, and understandably it's also their biggest tourist attraction.

**Runners Up:**

**Andrew Redfield, Animal Services; Maria Elias, LAPD Detention Officer; Victor Landry, DWP Public Affairs; Robbie Horvath**

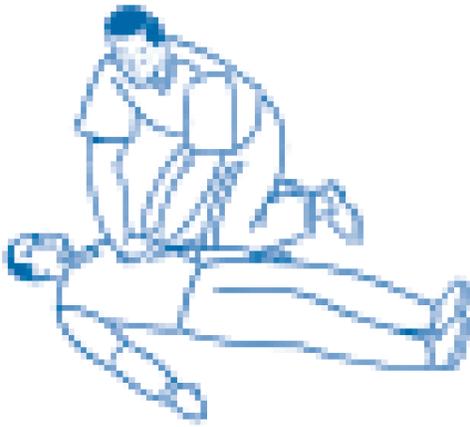
**RULES:**

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

# Life Savers

■ Airport Police Officers save a life.

Story by Officer Belinda Nettles, Public Information Officer, Airport Police; Photo courtesy Airport Police



AIRPORTS — Four Los Angeles Airport Police officers were recognized for saving the life of



Officer James Adrian performed CPR and used the AED to save the life of a traveler at LAX. Three other Airport Police Officers assisted in the effort.

a traveler at LAX Feb. 17.

At approximately 12:35 p.m., Airport Police Officers Baquar Syed, James Adrian, Sandra Kimber and Masis Sossikian responded to Terminal 7 near the Transportation Security Administration screening check point for an emergency radio call of an unconscious male traveler who reportedly suffered a heart attack. Officer Adrian responded with a department issued Automated External Defibrillator (AED) in tow while Officer Syed prepared to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). At that time Centinela First Aid arrived and assisted the officers.

The use of the AED and CPR administered by Adrian, with the assistance of Kimber, restored a pulse and the victim started breathing prior to the arrival of the LAFD Paramedics. LAFD continued life-sustaining measures while taking the victim to Centinela Hospital in Inglewood. All Los Angeles Airport Police officers have been fully trained in the use of the Automated External Defibrillator in conjunction with cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Adrian and Sossikian have served on the Airport Police force for nine years, Syed and Kimber for three years.

The traveler reportedly made a full recovery, was discharged one week later and continued his travel plans.

## March of Dimes Walk America 2007

Date: Saturday, April 28  
Registration: 7:00 a.m.  
Walk Begins: 8:00 a.m.  
Location: in Griffith Park  
near the Canyon on  
Crown Springs Drive



### Help

LAFD support the March of Dimes...  
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The Los Angeles City Employees Chicano Association Invites you to:

# A Day at the Races - Carnival Days

**Sunday, April 15, 2007**

**Gates Open at 12:00 noon**

285 W. Huntington Drive  
Arcadia, CA 91007

**Post Time 1:00 p.m.**

**\$20 per person  
\$3 Children under 18**

All proceeds to benefit LACECA Scholarships

Celebrate "A Day at the Races." Bring your family and friends. Prizes, games, moon bounce, and slide. See the exhibit featuring the horse from the movie "Seabiscuit." Price includes admission, parking, Hot Dogs, refreshments, and race program. Choice of a pony ride or face painting with child's ticket. Carnival rides are \$1 until 4:00 p.m.

For more information and tickets, contact Lupe Durazo (213) 874- 2229, Ext. 3  
**Tickets must be purchased by Friday, March 30, 2007**



# Look Who He Just Ran Into



You never know whom you're going to run into at the L.A. Marathon! Renne Gardner, Management Services Unit, Housing (as "Spiderman," on the right) was running in his 18th L.A. Marathon last month with his friends, Paul Rudman ("Robin," left) and Nils Mork (back), when they ran into Ken Davitian (center), at the mile three water station. Davitian costarred in the recent movie, *Borat*. Renne has run as Spiderman every year to raise funds for Special Olympics.

## Public Works Talent Show!

■ **Have a fun talent? Work for Public Works? Entry forms are due April 16.**

**PUBLIC WORKS** — All talented employees of the Department of Public Works are reminded to submit their entry forms for the first-ever department-wide talent show "Public Works *Live!* A Parade of Talents."

Whether you sing, dance, play a musical instrument, perform magic, juggle, ride a unicycle, or have a unique talent to share, you are invited to audition for this fun event that will highlight the celebrations of Public Works Week! Individuals and groups are welcome. For contest rules, please see your flyer and entry form.

The last day for talent form submittals is Monday, April 16, at 5 p.m. Fax, gray mail or e-mail your forms to:

**Public Affairs Office**  
200 N. Spring St. Room M165,  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
Fax: (213) 978-0332  
Mail Stop: 952  
E-mail: michelle.vargas@lacity.org

Auditions will be held April 25-26. Time and location to be determined.

The talent show will be held at 11:30 a.m. May 23. Location to be determined.

If you did not receive a copy of the flyer and entry form, or if you have other questions, please call (213) 978-0333.



# 29th Annual Retiree's Invitational Golf Tournament

The 29th Annual Retired Los Angeles City Employees Invitational Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, June 6, 2007 at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course with a "Shotgun Start" at 7:30 a.m. The course is located at 630 South Almansor Street, Alhambra, CA 91801. Check-in is at 7:00 a.m.

**SOFT SPIKES MANDATORY!**

The tournament is open to retired and active employees and friends. The cost is \$60 for R.L.A.C.E.I., City Club and All City Employee Benefits Service Association members (\$70 for all others) and includes green fees, carts, prizes and lunch at the Almansor Court restaurant. Lunch only is \$22.00.

Those interested in participating must complete the reservation form and mail it with their check payable to **"R.L.A.C.E.I."** by **May 18th** to: Tom Stemnock, co-Chairman, 4040 Vineland Avenue, Suite 108, Studio City, CA 91604. For more questions, call either Co-Chairman Tom Stemnock at (818) 487-6789 or Phil Skarkin at (818) 784-0130.

### 2007 Golf Tournament Reservation Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount Included \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$60.00 for R.L.A.C.E.I., City Club and A.C.E.B.S.A. Members (\$70.00 for all others)  
Luncheon: \$22.00

**Make checks payable to R.L.A.C.E.I.**

### NOTICE: SOFT SPIKES MANDATORY!

| FOURSOME Name | Member R.L.A.C.E.I.   | Member A.C.E.B.S.A. or City Club | Guest                 |
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**(check all that apply)**

Reservation deadline: Friday, May 18th. Mail completed reservation form and check to:  
Tom Stemnock, Co-Chairman  
4040 Vineland Avenue, Suite 108, Studio City, CA 91604, (818) 487-6789



# Coloring with Lupe!

The *Alive!*  
Children's Coloring  
Contest

**Color this fun picture, have an adult send it in, and you could win four free tickets to Universal Studios!**

Compiled by Lupe Medina,  
Administrative Services Representative

We want to know about you! Tell us a little about yourself:

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ How old are you? \_\_\_\_\_

When is your birthday? \_\_\_\_\_ What is your favorite television show? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your favorite snack? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the first name of your best friend? \_\_\_\_\_

For parents/guardian to complete:

Name of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Job title and department with the City: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's address/state/zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit to:**

Club Coloring Contest  
City Employees Club of Los Angeles  
World Trade Center  
350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700  
Los Angeles, CA 90071

Deadline for submission:

**May 12, 2007**

The Club will do everything it can to gather all the submissions, but it cannot be responsible for lost or misdirected mail.

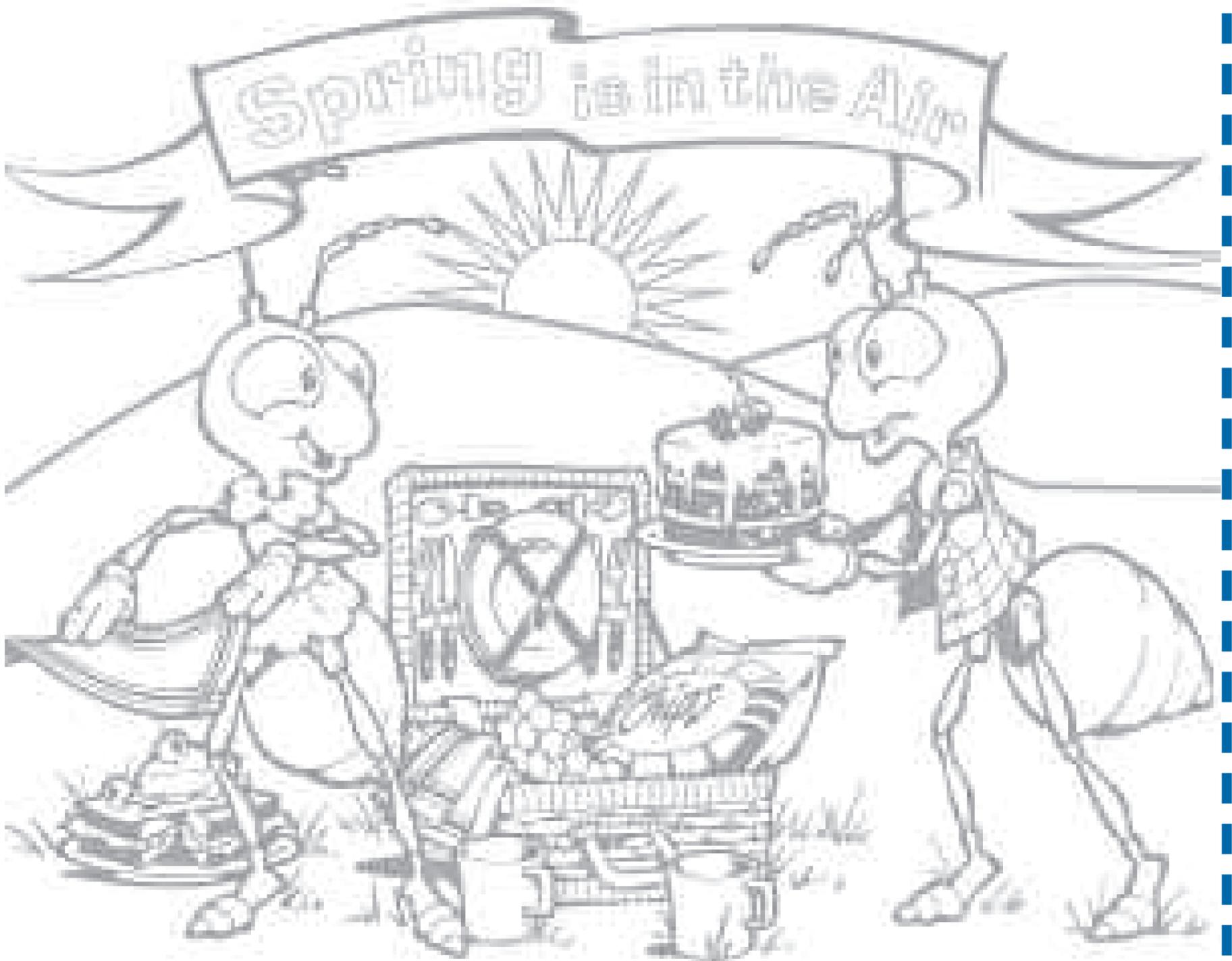
**Good luck, and have fun!**

**WIN**  
**4 free**  
**tickets to**

**UNIVERSAL**  
**STUDIOS**

An award package will be given for each age group:

- \* Ages 5 and under
- \* Ages 6 to 7
- \* Ages 8 to 10



# Recognition for Central Police



The five honorees at the Central City Police Boosters Recognition Day.

## ■ Central City Police Boosters hosts Recognition Day to honor VIPs of the year.

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

**POLICE DEPT.** — The Central City Police Boosters, a support organization, held its annual Recognition Day March 1 to honor downtown police employees and civilians who have helped keep downtown safe.

The luncheon was held at the Wilshire Grand Hotel.

Three Central Station employees were recognized along with a booster Citizen of the Year Volunteer. Welcome remarks came from Central City Police Booster President Tom Hyde.

ABC7 anchorman Philip Palmer was on hand to provide a history of the Central Boosters, and he introduced special guests Deputy Chief Lee Carter, Commander Louis Gray, Capt. Jodi

Wakefield and Capt. Andrew Smith.

Keynote speaker was Arif Alikhan, Deputy Mayor for Homeland Security from the Public Safety Office of Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa.

Award recipients were as follows:

- Civilian Employee of the Year: Celeste Garin, Management Analyst II;
- Supervisor of the Year: Sergeant I Richard Stabile;
- Police Officer of the Year: Sr. Lead Michael Fernandez;
- Detective of the Year: Dollie Swanson; and
- Citizen Volunteer of the Year: Joel Bloom

Congratulations to the awardees, and thanks to the Central City Police Boosters for their support of some very important people. Thanks also go to Capt. Andrew Smith, Central Boosters President Tom Hyde and Officer Marie Kardiban for their assistance.



Back, from left: Capt. Andrew Smith, Commanding Officer, Central Community Police Station, Club Member; and Art Creff, Brother in law to honoree Dollie Swanson; and Dollie's husband, Paul Swanson. Middle: Lt. Tom Brascia, Detective Commanding Officer; Central Station Patrol Captain Jodi Wakefield; Valorie Creef, Dollie Swanson's sister; Detective of the Year Dollie Swanson; Dora Ryan, Dollie's mom; and Deputy Chief Lee Carter, Club Member. Front: Dollie Swanson's daughter, Cassie, 8.

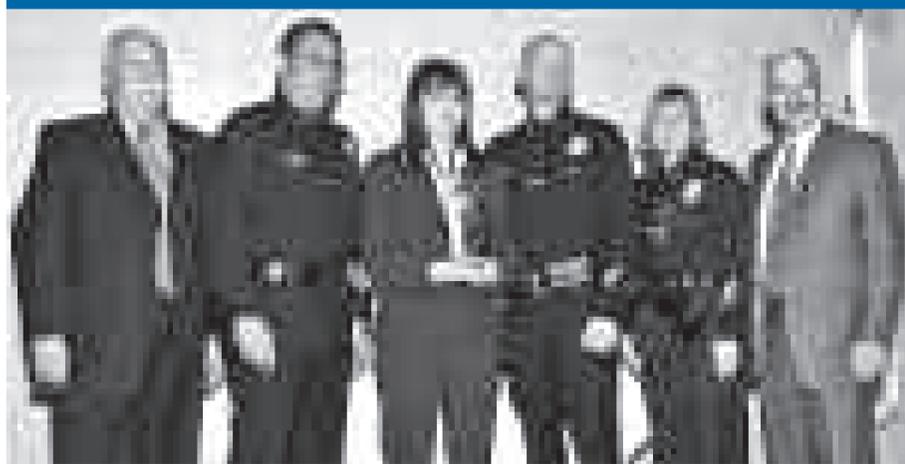


From left: Deputy Chief Lee Carter, Club Member, with Officer of the Year Sr. Lead Officer Michael Fernandez with his wife, Linda, and family.



Keynote Speaker Arif Alikhan, Deputy Mayor in the Homeland Security and Public Safety Office of the Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa.

## Detective of the Year: Dollie Swanson, Detective I



From left: Thomas Hyde, Central City Police Boosters President; Commander Louis Gray; Det. Dollie Swanson, Detective of the Year Recipient; Capt. Andrew Smith, Commanding Officer, Central Community Police Station, Club Member; Capt. Jodi Wakefield, Commanding Officer, Central Station Patrol; and Lt. Tom Brascia, Detectives Commanding Officer.



Dollie Swanson, Detective I

In 2004, Det. Swanson arrived at Central as a newly promoted detective, and was assigned to the Burglary table. From the onset, Detective Swanson proved herself as a standout individual with a fresh perspective and fervor to combat crime. Over the next two years, she sought out specialized courses, created a network both within and outside of the Department, and challenged herself with some of the most difficult and extensive cases.

From an investigative standpoint, Det. Swanson's dogmatic approach proved fruitful when she executed eight search warrants and led the Division with 26 detective initiated arrests, which significantly impacted Central Area's overall reduction of crime for 2006. While uncompromising in the pursuit for justice, Detective Swanson displayed tremendous compassion and empathy for victims, reflected by the frequent display of gratitude and praise for her good work.

Det. Swanson's most notable case involved a string

of commercial burglaries that plagued Downtown Los Angeles for nearly four months. The suspect in these burglaries targeted small independent eateries by using metal water main covers to smash out windows, often causing more damage to the location than the take itself. Working in concert with parole officers and Scientific Investigation Division's Latent Print Section, Detective Swanson identified the suspect in one case through print evidence, and in another case via surveillance video. A subsequent Wanted Bulletin was prepared and circulated to Patrol officers, who ultimately captured the suspect.

In spite of her outstanding effort, Det. Swanson is always seeking creative ways to improve upon her work product. Her innate ability to anticipate what needs to be done, coupled with her ability to multi-task has earned the respect of her peers and supervisors alike.

Det. Swanson's tenacity, commitment, and steadfast dedication has made her a valuable member to both Central Area, and the Community she serves. It is therefore, with pride and immense honor that Detective Dollie Swanson be recognized and honored as Central Area's Detective of the Year for 2006.

## Supervisor of the Year Richard Stabile, Sergeant I



Back, from left: Deputy Chief Lee Carter, Club Member; Supervisor of the Year Sgt. Richard Stabile and his wife, Michelle; and Central Station Patrol Captain Jodi Wakefield. Front: Richard Stabile's daughter, Stephanie, 8.



Richard Stabile, Sergeant I

Sgt. I Richard Stabile distinguished himself as Central Area's supervisor of the year during 2006 due to his hard work and dedicated job performance. Sgt. Stabile was selected as Central Area's Special Event Coordinator because of his tactical field expertise that

he gained through a variety of his previous assignments, such as Central Area's Gang Enforcement Detail (GED), Robbery Apprehension Team (R.A.T.), Gang Task Force and Patrol. Sgt. Stabile's assignment caused him to identify and plan for the police response to all planned and unplanned special events within the downtown Los Angeles Civic Center area.

Some of the more notable events included the Los Angeles Marathon, Los Angeles Triathlon, major immigrant marches that drew upwards of a million participants to a single event and all events at the Los Angeles Convention and Staples Centers. Sgt. Stabile also had to antici-

pate suspected Job Actions and other protests that took place almost daily downtown. In short, Sgt. Stabile was constantly on the move and under pressure to meet planning dates. He handled his duties in an exemplary manner. His leadership, planning skills and calm demeanor under pressure directly contributed to the successful and peaceful outcome of many of these events.

Stabile's great personality fostered a network of peers in other federal, state and local law enforcement and as well as other support organizations. When necessary, Stabile took a lead role in field situations to direct the activities of Mobile Field Force squads to handle crowd control situations. Sgt. Stabile's leadership has placed Central Area at the forefront in the management of Special Events. He is often sought out by other commands to provide advice on planning events. Sgt. Stabile is a law enforcement professional who is respected by his superiors, peers and subordinates alike.

Central Area is proud to bestow upon him the honor of being named Central Area's Supervisor of the Year for 2006.



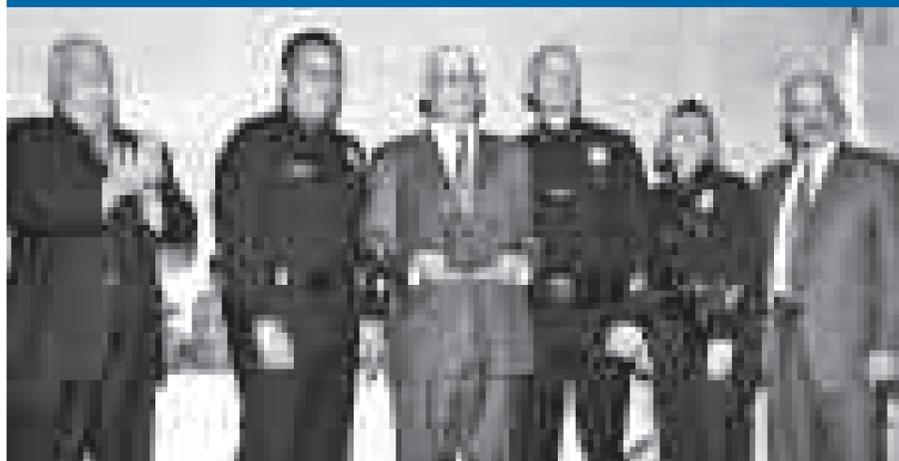
The President's Award went to Vons Companies. Timm Browne, Loss Prevention Investigator and Alan Todd, Loss Prevention Manager, accepted the award on behalf of Vons.

Back, from left: Timm Browne, Loss Prevention Investigator with Vons; Alan Todd, Loss Prevention Manager with Vons; Capt. Andrew Smith, Commanding Officer, Central Community Police Station, Club Member; and Capt. Jodi Wakefield, Commanding Officer Central Station Patrol. Front: Officer Marie Kardiban, Event Organizer, Club Member.



From left: Celda Alvarez, mother of honoree Celeste Garin; Capt. Andrew Smith, Commanding Officer, Central Community Police Station, Club Member; Civilian Employee of the Year Celeste Garin, Management Analyst, Club Member; and Celeste's husband, Diosdado Garin, Architectural Drafting Tech, Harbor.

## Citizen Volunteer of the Year: Joel Bloom



From left: Thomas Hyde, Central City Police Boosters President; Commander Louis Gray; Joel Bloom, Citizen of the Year Recipient; Capt. Andrew Smith, Commanding Officer Central Community Police Station, Club Member; Capt. Jodi Wakefield, Commanding Officer Central Station Patrol; and Lt. Tom Brascia, Detectives Commanding Officer.



Joel Bloom

Joel Bloom is a longtime resident of the Downtown Arts District and has called this community home since the early 1980s. Joel was involved in the inception of the Arts District and envisioned these collective neighborhoods as unique enclaves where people with creative talent and artistic expression could live and work.

Ever the steadfast community member, Joel quickly became an Arts District icon. Always the leader, Joel refused to sit idly by and accept the status quo when he saw crime and blight tearing at

the heart of his beloved Art's District. Joel immediately reached out to the Los Angeles Police Department and formed one of the strongest bonds of police-community cooperation.

Joel became an active member of Los Angeles Police Department's Central Area Community Police Advisory Board, organized Neighborhood Watch efforts, and Community anti-crime walks. Joel volunteered for numerous duties for the Los Angeles Police Department, which has freed up officers to get back out on the street. Joel is a leader and a true inspiration to the Community and to the Los Angeles Police Department.

It is with great honor that we name Joel Bloom as Central Area Volunteer of the Year for 2006.



From left: Citizen Volunteer of the Year Joel Bloom alongside Deputy Chief Lee Carter, Club Member.



ABC7 Anchorman Phillip Palmer.

## Civilian Employee of the Year: Celeste Garin, Management Analyst II



From left: Thomas Hyde, Central City Police Boosters President; Commander Louis Gray; Celeste Garin, Management Analyst II, Civilian of the Year Recipient, Club Member; Capt. Andrew Smith, Commanding Officer Central Community Police Station, Club Member; Capt. Jodi Wakefield, Commanding Officer Central Station Patrol; and Lt. Tom Brascia, Detectives Commanding Officer.



Celeste Garin, Management Analyst II

Civilian employee Celeste Garin came to the Department from the Community Development in July 1998 as a Management Analyst. Her first exposure to the Department was with Fiscal Support Bureau, tracking projects and dealing with claims against the

Department. She quickly gained a reputation as a hard, dedicated worker. It was noted that she handled her assignments with grace and poise. She brought with her a vast experience in accounting and an eye for detail.

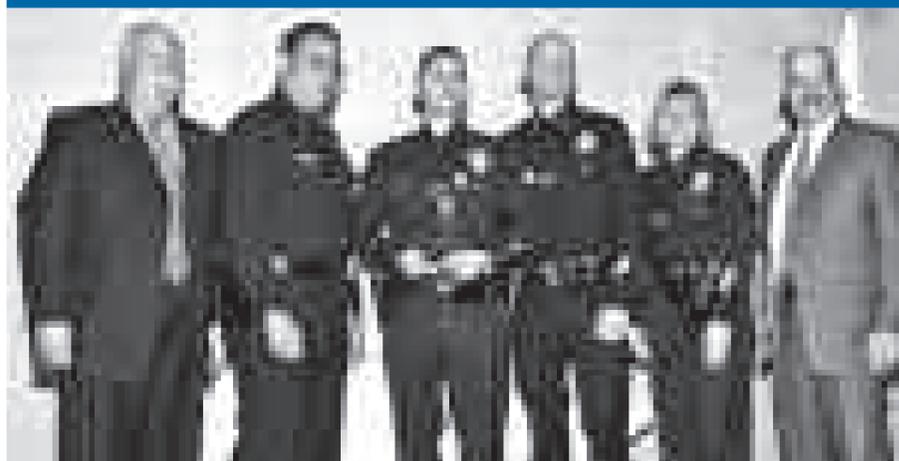
In May 2003, Ms. Garin was assigned to the Crime Analysis Unit at Central Detective Division, where she again gained a reputation as an outstanding crime analyst. Her training and background in accounting has provided her with a sharp eye for minute details found in her daily computer research. Ms. Garin has been

instrumental in assisting the Central Area command staff, supervisors and detectives in their quest of lowering the crime rates in Central Area. She routinely develops maps and charts, pinpointing crime problems as they develop. She untiringly gives to the Department, combining both art and science in her mapping, and is providing a service that the entire Central Division has come to rely upon. She is the go-to person for local crime analysts. She teaches others how to be self-reliant by teaching them where to look and how to obtain a vast variety of readily available statistical data.

When she is off-duty, Ms. Garin is happily assumes the role of mother and wife, spending quality time with her family. Ms. Garin has been happily married for 13 years and has three teenage and preteen children.

It is with great pleasure that we recognize Management Analyst II Celeste Garin for Central Area Employee of the Year for 2006.

## Police Officer of the Year: Michael B. Fernandez, Senior Lead Officer



From left: Thomas Hyde, Central City Police Boosters President; Commander Louis Gray; Sr. Lead Officer Michael Fernandez, Police Officer of the Year Recipient; Capt. Andrew Smith, Commanding Officer Central Community Police Station, Club Member; Capt. Jodi Wakefield, Commanding Officer Central Station Patrol; and Lt. Tom Brascia, Detectives Commanding Officer.



Michael Fernandez, Sr. Lead Officer

Sgt. I Richard Stabile distinguished himself as Central Area's supervisor of the year during 2006 due to his hard work and dedicated job performance. Sgt. Stabile was selected as Central Area's Special Event Coordinator because of his tactical field expertise that

he gained through a variety of his previous assignments, such as Central Area's Gang Enforcement Detail (GED), Robbery Apprehension Team (R.A.T.), Gang Task Force and Patrol. Sgt. Stabile's assignment caused him to identify and plan for the police response to all planned and unplanned special events within the downtown Los Angeles Civic Center area.

Some of the more notable events included the Los Angeles Marathon, Los Angeles Triathlon, major immigrant marches that drew upwards of a million participants to a single event and all events at the Los Angeles Convention and Staples Centers. Sgt. Stabile also had to antici-

pate suspected Job Actions and other protests that took place almost daily downtown. In short, Sgt. Stabile was constantly on the move and under pressure to meet planning dates. He handled his duties in an exemplary manner. His leadership, planning skills and calm demeanor under pressure directly contributed to the successful and peaceful outcome of many of these events.

Stabile's great personality fostered a network of peers in other federal, state and local law enforcement and as well as other support organizations. When necessary, Stabile took a lead role in field situations to direct the activities of Mobile Field Force squads to handle crowd control situations. Sgt. Stabile's leadership has placed Central Area at the forefront in the management of Special Events. He is often sought out by other commands to provide advice on planning events. Sgt. Stabile is a law enforcement professional who is respected by his superiors, peers and subordinates alike.

Central Area is proud to bestow upon him the honor of being named Central Area's Supervisor of the Year for 2006.

## The Alive! Interview

# Keeping L.A. Moving



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– Gloria J. Jeff

■ **Traffic, parking, technology, taxis, signal synchronization ... and the great sounds of Motown: they’re all in a day for Gloria J. Jeff, General Manager, Transportation.**

TRANSPORTATION — On March 19, Club CEO John Hawkins and Alive! editor John Burnes sat down with Transportation’s General Manager, Detroit native Gloria J. Jeff, to talk about one of the most significant aspects of life in Los Angeles: getting from Point A to Point B. — Ed.

**Alive!:** In your own words, can you give us a very general overview of the Department of Transportation?

**Gloria Jeff:** The LA Department of Transportation is responsible for moving Los Angeles. We do it in a host of ways. We operate three transit systems, which include the DASH system, the Commuter Express and a third subscription service called CityRide, which provides subscription service to school-age children and seniors in each of the Council Districts as directed by members of the City Council. We are responsible for franchising taxicabs. We are responsible for traffic operations, including making sure that all 4,300 signalized intersections in the City of Los Angeles are properly metered and in operating order. We’re responsible for red curbs, and all of the striping that goes on pavements in the City. We’re also responsible for traffic officers at the busiest intersections in the City to direct traffic. We handle all 3,000-plus special events that are held in Los Angeles every year, either

in terms of having traffic officers or engineering staff making sure that the traffic operations are in place. We are responsible for parking management and enforcement.

We have the most sophisticated traffic management system in all of the country – our ATSAC [Automated Traffic Surveillance and Control] center allows us to monitor and control some 3,200 signalized intersections in real time. We have the ability to see these intersections both electronically through detector loops in the pavement, and also by some 300 closed circuit TVs around the City.

We’re also responsible for pipeline operations, to ensure that pipelines that operate in this City are properly regulated.

We are also responsible for the establishment of preferential parking districts, for the removal of abandoned vehicles, as well as stolen vehicles. We run investigative operations to ensure that the taxicabs that are operating in Los Angeles are legal. We work with neighborhoods to make sure that neighborhood traffic management plans are put in place, including stop signs, speed humps, and traffic calming.

We keep LA moving forward. Without us, this City doesn’t move.

**Alive!:** So if it moves you’re in charge of it?

**Gloria Jeff:** Yes, unless it’s an airport, or the marine port.

**Alive!:** You’ve been here for just eleven months. Is it what you expected? Were there any pleasant surprises?

**Gloria Jeff:** Transportation is what I do; I am a transportation junkie of the highest order.

So, in one context it is everything that I expected, but you also have to remember that Los Angeles is the Super Bowl for transportation professionals. There is no place else, no other City in America, that has the opportunities that we have here in Los Angeles.

We have 3,000 special events, everything from a full-scale, 26-mile marathon, to things as small as neighborhood festivals, where major arterials are closed on the weekends. We have the busiest marine port in North America, and it is continuing to grow. We are the rail head for the West Coast. We have one of the busiest airports in America, not only in terms of business travelers but also in terms of tourists. We are home to the film industry and all that is implied with on-street filming that takes place all over the City. And so, in that context, it is all that I expected. The surprises had to do with the amount of on-street filming that takes place, and the needs to accommodate that, because my experience had been regional, state, federal and private sector.

Dealing with the challenges of parking in Los Angeles is one of the unexpected elements of the job. We operate some hundred-plus off-street parking facilities and some 40,000-plus parking meters for on-street parking in this City. So those were the two surprises.

**Alive!:** Speaking of those meters, can we expect a new type of meter soon, or will coin-operated meters be here for a while?

**Gloria Jeff:** With some 40,000-plus meters, we are not going to make a wholesale change; the technology is changing too quickly. We hope in the next two to three months to be providing a recommendation for new technologies for parking in the City of Los Angeles, and some of it will be new meters. Some of it’ll



## Gloria J. Jeff

General Manager, Transportation

**Hometown:** Detroit

**Education:** University of Michigan

**Family:** Helped raise two nephews, Harold and Michael.

**Favorite candy:** Three Musketeers

**Favorite movie:** Beverly Hills Cop

**What does she do on a Friday night:** “I’m a movie junkie. One of the pluses to being in Los Angeles is I get to feed my movie junkiness real often.”

**Favorite hobby:** “Reading, compulsively. Science fiction is my first favorite. African-American literature is my second. After that, almost anything.”

**Favorite music:** R&B. “Motown! Come on now, I grew up in Detroit! When I was 12, the day after Christmas, my brother and I caught the bus to the Fox Theater. About three o’clock we had [live concert of] Little Stevie Wonder, Martha and the Vandellas, Smokey Robinson and the Miracles, the Temptations, the Supremes, Marvin Gaye and Tammy Tyrrell. It was the Motown Review, and they were home for Christmas.”

## The *Alive!* Interview



Traffic officers take to the streets.



From left: Officers Jessie Dyar and Ernest Dunton with a small portion of the bogus handicapped placards confiscated by the DOT's handicapped parking detail.



Officer Mendoza, Hollywood Division.

be multi-space meters; some of it will be electronic single space meters that will allow you to pay by credit card, pay by phone, pay by ... well, pick your favorite form besides just showing coins into it. Although you still will be able to shove coins into it, we still will take cash.

### PARKING AND TIGER TEAMS

**Alive!** Which is the bigger problem, parking or traffic?

**Gloria Jeff:** You can't separate the two. Mayor Villaraigosa hired me as well as Gail Goldberg over at the Department of Planning. Transportation and land use can no longer be handled as separate entities; they are interwoven. In order to effectively deal with the issues of traffic, to deal with the issues of parking, we have to look at land use. We have to have a philosophy about how we operate the streets. It's not just what happens between the curb and the curb, but it's what happens along that street. It's the whole idea of, how do we accommodate land use? How do we make it possible for people to have choices, whether it's riding the bus, walking, riding a bicycle, or moving along on a skateboard. Hopefully someday we'll have Segways as a means of transportation. I would love to have a Segway, quite candidly, to get around downtown for my meetings.

**Alive!** Do they call that smart planning?

**Gloria Jeff:** It's one of the definitions of smart growth.

**Alive!** I live and work in LA, the City proper, and I have noticed that in the last six months there is a lot more attention being paid to parking during the rush hour. Don't you call it anti-gridlock?

**Gloria Jeff:** Anti-gridlock zones.

**Alive!** Right. Is that new?

**Gloria Jeff:** That's brand new, and it's part of our initiatives to manage traffic on City streets. We've put in place something called Tiger Teams. The Tiger Teams are a SWAT team approach that is right now only on Wilshire Boulevard. It looks at not only the issue of how do we ticket cars that are illegally parked during the peak period, but an immediate tow, too. We need to be able to get the throughput through those routes. So we've created a series of anti-gridlock zones along major arterials where there is no stopping, no standing, no parking between seven and nine in the morning and four and seven in the evening. Those have been established on all of the primary streets in Los Angeles, Wilshire, Vermont, Van Nuys ... those are the kinds of streets that have been included.

**Alive!** It works, by the way.

**Gloria Jeff:** On Wilshire it works. That's where we are right now. I hope by the first week in April the mayor will roll out a new announcement on the next phase of Tiger Teams.

**Alive!** Congratulations, because I love it. I have to drive through it every day.

**Gloria Jeff:** We've seen an improvement in traffic flow, bus times and passenger ridership on the buses along the Wilshire route.

### NOT IN MICHIGAN ANYMORE

**Alive!** You came from Michigan.

**Gloria Jeff:** Yes.

**Alive!** How are we different from Michigan?

**Gloria Jeff:** One of my fondest memories is, during 2005, the Michigan DOT [her previous employer] was celebrating its 100th anniversary as a department, and we kicked off the celebration in January. Well, on the day we picked, there was a blizzard, and we did the parade in the blizzard. We used snowplows at the front [of the parade]. Here we would've had the police and fire department on mounted, but there we used snowplows. That's one of the differences from an operational standpoint. I don't think I'll ever have to worry about having snowplows moving snow at the beginning of a celebration parade here in Los Angeles.

The other difference is that I was running a statewide department, and here I'm running a very large City's department. While the number of people are about the same -- I had 3,000 in Michigan, I've got 2,200 here -- the issues of parking, ownership and operation of off-street parking facilities was not a challenge at the state level.

### THE LITTLE DASH THAT COULD

**Alive!** What are the successes and limitations of the DASH system?

**Gloria Jeff:** Well, the successes of the DASH system are that we give choices to people who otherwise don't have a means of getting around their neighborhoods. And it gives people a choice beyond their automobile. You have a choice when you want to go to pick up milk and bread and eggs. If you've got to do the shopping for the week, you probably aren't going to jump on DASH. But if it's just for those quick trips, you have the ability to do that. So those are two of the successes. We give choices to everyone and particularly to those who don't have an automobile.

I think the limitations are as in the controllers' audit [see sidebar] that has just come out. We no longer have sufficient funds to operate the service we have in place, and no ability to financially afford an expansion of the service, though clearly there is a need.

**Alive!** Were there future plans to expand DASH to other areas of the City?

**Gloria Jeff:** Not only were there plans to expand other parts of the city, candidly there is a significant push being put on by the downtown business community to have us extend the hours of DASH operation to make downtown LA more accessible in the evening hours. Right now DASH basically operates on a 12-hour schedule from approximately six in the morning to six in the evening.

### SYNCHRONIZING LIGHTS, BUSES

**Alive!** Synchronizing the traffic lights is a big priority for Transportation, but some people wonder why it's so hard to do. Can you explain the complexity of it?

**Gloria Jeff:** Signal synchronization sounds very simple: you set the traffic signal, and if you drive at the speed limit you can go for great distances without stopping. But if you only traveled in one direction at the same time of day every day, it's a piece of cake. However, we have a City that not only goes north-south, but goes east-west, and it goes in different directions at different times of the day. And that's the complexity. While we want to progress traffic north-south, we also want to progress it east-west. We have to look at how

we can set that up so that we get the best traffic flow we can get going in each of the directions, which means it's a balancing act. It means that there is a balancing of folks trying to get to the Valley, folks trying to get to the north, and folks trying to get to the Westside, folks trying to get from their jobs back to the Eastside, where they can more easily afford to live. It is that combination, and that's why it's a complex process.

**Alive!** Is it safe to say that changing one signal exponentially increases the complexity throughout the City?

**Gloria Jeff:** One signal no; but doing a series of signals will have a significant impact. One of the advantages of our ATSAC system is the fact that when there is a problem, where because of a crash or an incident that has occurred, we have the ability to one, see it; and

## Department of Transportation

PROFILE

**General Manager: Gloria J. Jeff**

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Joseph Czyzyk, *President*  
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Sergio Siderman  
Teri Bialosky  
Bruce Iwasaki

**Employees:**  
2,200

**Headquarters:**  
Caltrans Building downtown, which contains four Offices and 14 Bureaus

**Field locations:**  
25

**Annual budget:**  
\$144 million (fiscal year 2006-07)

## The Alive! Interview



Sign painters play an invaluable role in helping us get where we're going.



Thermoplastic Operators stripping the street.

two, our loop detectors will tell us when we're not getting as much throughput through a particular lane, so we'll know where the location is. We can look at it and then adjust via the computer in real time what's happening in terms of cycle length, so we can progress traffic through. While it is difficult to change just one signal and see the difference, our ATSAC system gives us the ability to see that whole corridor and adjust that whole corridor to adapt to whatever incident has occurred.

**Alive!** The loop detectors are actually in the pavement?

**Gloria Jeff:** Yes they are.

**Alive!** And the buses are coordinated with that too, right?

**Gloria Jeff:** In addition, the buses have a detector on board.

**Alive!** Is this the Rapid?

**Gloria Jeff:** The Bus Rapid Transit is the correct technical term, and we have those on Wilshire, Vermont, Van Nuys, Crenshaw, every major [thoroughfare] –

**Alive!** The Valley.

**Gloria Jeff:** Everywhere, Soto Street we have those ... each of those particular buses is equipped with a detector. As they approach

their separate set of detectors, we will know in real time if that bus is on schedule. If it is behind schedule, the computer will automatically elongate that green cycle to let the bus go through to help it make up some of the time. As it progresses along that corridor, there are opportunities to get it back on schedule. And it's done in real time. The computer does it automatically; however, we do have humans observing the process, and they have the ability to make the adjustments even more rapidly if they need to.

### TRAFFIC SOFTWARE

**Alive!** Do you develop your own software, or is it a combination of purchased software and what your engineers develop?

**Gloria Jeff:** One of the most wonderful things is the ATSAC system, developed as part of LA's [anticipatory] response to the 1984 Olympics. The basic software was developed by engineering staff here at the LA Department of Traffic in those days, now the LA DOT. That engineering staff continues to modify and evolve the system to where it is today. Every major advancement we have made has been a result of the folks who work here at the LA DOT. You can't buy ATSAC off the store shelves.

### OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

**Alive!** Integration with federal, state and local and county ... how do you do it?

**Gloria Jeff:** The federal government is where policy gets established. The Fed's traditional relationship is usually with the state Departments of Transportation, or with the regional transit operators. Through that relationship they flow dollars to implement programs to that level, either by formula or by a discretionary program.

There are funds that are collected solely at the state level through the state fuel tax, and those funds in addition to the federal funds are then distributed in the state of California to the county Transportation Commissions. In the case of Los Angeles County, that's Metro. We then have the ability to provide projects that are either 100 percent federal, or 80-20 federally funded, or 100 percent state funded, or through a combination of county and City funds. That's sort of the progression.

**Alive!** The whole issue in Sacramento with the 405 widening ... were we involved with that at all?

**Gloria Jeff:** Our involvement is that, guess what happens when the freeways don't work? That traffic goes somewhere, and it goes on City streets. It was important for us in terms of City operations. We provided information to the mayor and the City Council delegation that went to Sacramento, on what the impacts were on the City.

**Alive!** It must be great that your office is in the Caltrans building. That's by design, isn't it?

**Gloria Jeff:** It absolutely is. When this Caltrans building was being constructed, someone had an incredible insight: They needed a good working relationship with their largest customer in their service area, and guess who that is, the City of Los Angeles. And so it works for both of us. If there is an issue that I need to get resolved, it's: get on the elevator and go up three floors and do a face to face conversation with the district engineer, as opposed to try and catch him on the phone or try and send him a letter or an email. It's, get on the elevator and say, "Doug [Failing], can we have a conversation?" The same thing is true with the technical staff. You see them going up and down in the elevators, up and down the stairs, talking to one another in the cafeteria. It makes for a very positive working relationship.

### TRAFFIC AND PARKING OFFICERS

**Alive!** Traffic officers: We know their jobs are tough. Are they getting tougher?

**Gloria Jeff:** Traffic officers are critical to the delivery of transportation services because they not only are out there directing traffic at some of the busiest intersections in Los Angeles, but they do it recognizing that they endanger their own lives. Our parking officers and traffic officers are the same people.

The folks who write tickets are not writing tickets because they've got nothing better to do. It

is part of our effort to make sure that the economic activity takes place, so that there's a turnover that needs to take place for the businesses, so that their customers are able to get in and out. These are the same folks who write tickets on abandoned vehicles and get them removed from neighborhoods where they're eyesores. They are also the folks who, by checking plates on vehicles, are able to identify that the vehicle is stolen and then work with the LAPD get that vehicle back to its rightful owner. We all want clean streets, which means our streets need to be cleaned once a week. For that to happen, guess what, you have to get the cars off the street.

We all want to live in a clean city. For that to happen, there must be an organized effort to do that. Those are the kinds of things that traffic officers do.

Parking is very personal for folks. No one says their vehicle was ticketed for not being in the right place. They say, "I got a ticket. I personally received a ticket." Because it is so personal for folks, as a busy society we tend to react immediately. [Officers] are not out to get you personally. They're doing their job. If you're unhappy, there's an appeals process in place. If you go out to our Website, www.lacity.org, you can find out what the appeal process is. If the ticket was given in error it will be forgiven. If it was given to the wrong vehicle, that also will be corrected. But at the end of the day, these officers are out there trying to encourage economic development for the City, protect the quality of life we as Angelenos all want. So if you're unhappy, come see me [she laughs]. I'm from Detroit!

**Alive!** And the fact that you even got a parking space was probably due to the fact that ...

**Gloria Jeff:** The officers were doing their jobs to encourage the turnover.

### UNSUNG HEROES

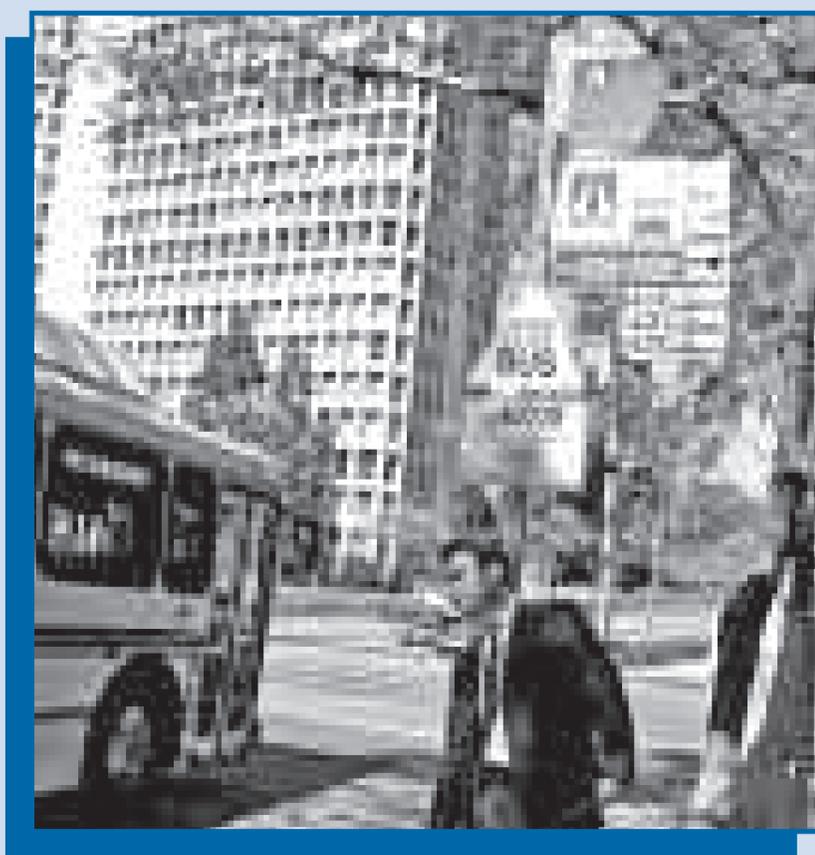
**Alive!** Are there any unsung heroes in the Department of Transportation?

**Gloria Jeff:** The entire department is an unsung hero. The quality of life in Los Angeles is a direct reflection of the efforts of this department. Transportation means moving things. We keep LA moving forward. The unsung heroes are LA DOT.

### PRIORITIES

**Alive!** What are your highest priorities?

**Gloria Jeff:** The mayor has established three essential priorities for the Department of Transportation. The first is that, through operational improvements, we do a better job of managing congestion on City streets. And we do that by an array of things: signal synchronization; an activity we have called "Operation Bottleneck," which allows us to look at all of the intersections in the City and identify those where by making short-term low-cost improvements we can increase the productivity of that intersection. We have Tiger Teams in place, also part of our effort. Reviewing our parking requirements, rate setting, to again support economic activity ... all of those then become part of how we are supporting congestion management. Not congestion elimination, but congestion management.



## Dashing to the DASH

It's just natural that John Hawkins, Club CEO, would use Transportation's DASH system when he went from Club Headquarters to interview Gloria J. Jeff for this article; she's the General Manager of Transportation and is in charge of the DASH system. But, the truth is, John – and all the Club staffers – use DASH every day to get around downtown. It's just the smart thing to do. And remember: If you work downtown, you should use DASH when you need to visit Club Headquarters.

## The Alive! Interview



Gloria J. Jeff and John Hawkins talking about Motown at the Transportation offices in the Caltrans building.

Our second priority is to increase transit ridership, and we're doing that by investigating bus lanes along Wilshire Avenue, by creating transit priority systems that allow us to interact with your PDA, whether it's your cell phone or your Blackberry or your Treo, that you will have the ability to know in real time when the next bus will arrive, in real time.

Also, quite candidly, we're going to put together a strategic transportation plan, and that strategic transportation plan is not only going to lay out policies, but guide our investment so that we are appropriately balancing transportation movement, whether it is goods movement, riding public transit, or automobiles. What we want to do is have what I call, for lack of a better term, front door choices. When you walk out your front door you have choices: You can walk to your destination, you can ride a bicycle to your destination, you can ride public transportation to your destination, you can get in your car and drive or you can turn around and walk back in the house and telecommute. But you have those sets of choices, so that people can enjoy the things that are important to them, whether it's in their work life or in their personal lives, but to have choices. We don't want them in the position that they are today, where the only choice they have is to get in their car and drive somewhere.

### LONG-TERM TRAFFIC ANSWERS?

**Alive!:** What do you think in the long run is LA's solution to our traffic?

**Gloria Jeff:** Our solution is management. We are going to manage and give folks choices. We need to have a living, breathing strategic transportation plan that says, "Here are our broad strategies, and here's how we're going to accomplish them." And a set of triggers should be embedded in that transportation plan that say that, when these set of events take place, it's time to come back and reevaluate. It is not a plan that looks pretty and sits on the shelves. It is one that guides our financial investments, our human resource investments, helps us to evaluate whether or not we're being successful and in defining what that success is. Then once we've achieved it or are off course from achieving it, what will trigger us to look at it and do something different.

At the end of the day I want you to cheat on your car. Of course no one in Los Angeles does it, but in other parts of the country people cheat on their cars. I want you to try another form of transportation, even for just one day. Cheating on your car is a good thing. It's the one time when cheating is good.

### THE AUDIT

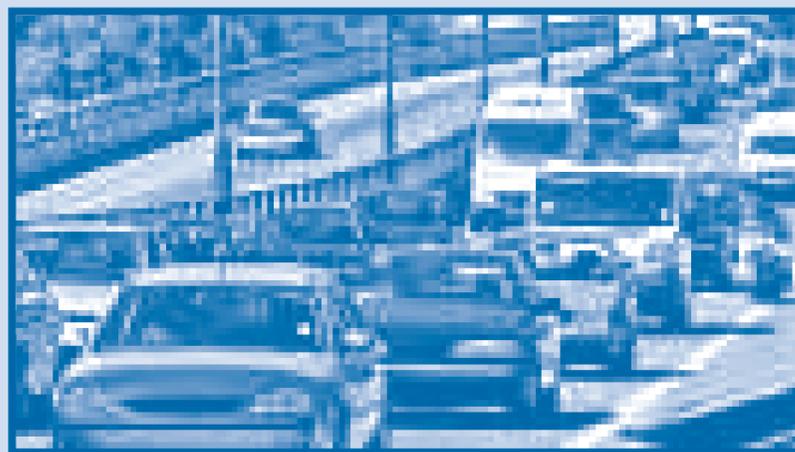
**Alive!:** I read Controller Laura Chicks' audit on the Department of Transportation that came out last Wednesday, and it mentioned that you requested the audit. Tell me more about this audit.

**Gloria Jeff:** It is accurate that I requested the audit. With the challenge of being a new individual to the City of Los Angeles, and with an organization that has challenges and expectations, it was necessary for me to be able to rapidly assess my organization. The auditor, the controller has an audit function, a performance management audit, and I asked them to come in and to do an audit of our transit and development area. That was their focus. They came in and helped identify the fact that we needed to do a better job of managing our capital projects, with a reporting process. They commented on the fact that we needed additional resources in the IT area. They strongly stated that we needed a planning and policy function. Those are areas that we can move to immediately. We were already moving toward those things when the audit came out. This provided supporting documentation for what we were already putting together.

We also had requested as part of our '07-'08 budget the opportunity to create a planning and policy function to provide additional personnel in the IT area. It also dovetails nicely with a consultant study that we just completed in the parking area that also talked about our needs. So, two of the four critical branches of the organization have now had an assessment. It gives me a building block, a blueprint, if you will, to build and establish a new foundation for this organization to move forward into becoming a 21st century organization, and one that will meet the 21st-century challenges of transportation that face us.

**Alive!:** Excellent. Thank you.

**Gloria Jeff:** Thank you!



## Transportation Responds to Audit

**TRANSPORTATION** — In March, City Controller Laura Chick publicly released an audit of the Department of Transportation, produced at the request of Transportation General Manager Gloria Jeff. Here is the Department's response. —Ed.

The City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation has received the results of the audit it requested last summer from the City Controller, Laura Chick. The audit calls for increased emphasis and resources to address Transportation programs that support Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and the City Council's goal to improve transportation options here in Los Angeles.

"I'm pleased that the audit has been completed and establishes a foundation our department can stand on to concentrate our people's knowledge and talents toward our goals of reducing congestion, improving traffic flow, increasing transit ridership, and goods movement flow throughout the City of Los Angeles," said Gloria J. Jeff, General Manager, Transportation.

The audit, requested by Jeff, will enable Transportation to evolve into a 21st century organization focusing on effective planning, designing and implementation of a balanced portfolio of investments and programs. Transportation has been developing a performance management tool entitled the Performance Dashboard and Reporting System. This system tracks capital improvement projects from inception through full maturity and activation. Additionally, Transportation has been in discussions with the City Council on a strategic transportation plan since early this year.

"Programs such as Automated Traffic Surveillance and Control System (ATSAC) technology; traffic signal synchronization upgrades; changeable message signs for motorists; and safe biking lanes have been and will continue to be 'priorities' here at Transportation," according to Jeff. "We want to help make Los Angeles more livable and safer for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists alike. The Mayor said it best last week: 'That's what the people of LA deserve'"

The Department of Transportation will examine the audit and provide responses to the City Controller by mid-April. Many of the programs examined and recommendations made will be integrated at Transportation and will enable additional concentration in the areas of increased IT support, potential staff to work emerging opportunities and the ability to remain focused on 'moving Los Angeles forward.'



Honoree and supervisor, from left: Abe Rasheed, Office of the Board of Public Works-Accounting; and Craig V. Bloomquist, Director, Office of the Board of Public Works-Accounting.

# An Award For Abe



## ■ Abe Rasheed receives award for 35 years of City service.

**PUBLIC WORKS** — Nasir "Abe" Rasheed was presented his 35 Years Service Award at the Board of Public Works meeting in the Edward R. Roybal Session Room Feb. 28.

Abe began his City career in 1972 when he joined the Department of Traffic, now the Department of Transportation as an Accountant.

In 1974, he was promoted to Administrative Assistant with the Fire Department and in 1977, he was promoted to Senior Accountant II with Rec and Parks. While there, he was a member of its Affirmative Action Advisory Committee and its "E" Team.

In 1989, he was promoted to Public Works, Bureau of Accounting, now the Office of Accounting, where he works today as a Principal Accountant II, serving as the General Accounting Division Manager.

In 1997, he was the recipient of a Productivity Award as a member of a team from Accounting, Sanitation, General Services and the Controller's Office, which implemented improved procedures for faster procurement and expedited payments to vendors at Hyperion.

During his service in the Bureau of Accounting, Abe served on the Affirmative Action Advisory Committee and various strategic

planning committees, both at the department and bureau level.

He received a certificate for membership in the Department's 800 Club, signifying the accumulation of at least 800 hours of unused sick time.

Frequently, Abe has volunteered to serve on interview panels for both the Personnel Department and other governmental agencies.

Abe has also participated in ongoing professional development and received a certificate from the UCLA Leadership for the 21st Century program.

He is affiliated with a number of professional and employee organizations: a Past President of LAMAAA, the Los Angeles Municipal Accountants and Auditors Association, a professional association of City Accountants and Auditors; and a member of the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers, the Institute of Internal Auditors and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.

He has also been actively involved with the Los Angeles Federal Credit Union for the last 15 years. Currently, Abe is Secretary of the Credit Union's Supervisory Committee.

Abe holds a teaching credential for the California Community colleges.

In his spare time, Abe enjoys photography. He is married and has two children and two grandchildren.



First row, from left: Paula A. Daniels, Commissioner, Board of Public Works; David Sickler, Vice President, Board of Public Works; Valerie Lynne Shaw, Commissioner, Board of Public Works; Abe Rasheed, Office of the Board of Public Works-Accounting; Cynthia M. Ruiz, President, Board of Public Works; and Yolanda Fuentes, Board of Public Works. Second row (standing): Craig V. Bloomquist, Director, Office of the Board of Public Works-Accounting.



Firefighter recruits pose as their families take their picture.

# Welcome to The Family

## ■ LAFD hosts orientation event for families of new recruits.

Story and photos by Liz Montes, Club Counselor

**FIRE DEPT.** — The LAFD hosted the Recruit Firefighter Family Orientation Monday March 5. Firefighter recruits attended the event along with their family to learn more about the 18-week training program they will endure to become a firefighter.

Family members were given a variety of materials to learn more about the program and how important it will be to support their recruit during training.

Training was to begin March 19 at the Harbor Academy.



From left: Percy Jones, Paul Pance and Jaime Brown.

# New Fire Inspectors



From left: George S. Suchand, 12 years, Inspector I; Fire Marshal and Deputy Chief Jimmy H. Hill; and Kristin Crowley, Inspector I.

## ■ LAFD promotes four to Fire Inspector I

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

**FIRE DEPT.** — The Bureau of Fire Prevention and Public Safety promoted four employees to Inspector I. An informal photo/badge presentation was held March 5 at City Hall East.

The new Fire Inspectors reported in dress uniforms to receive their new badges from Fire Marshal and Deputy Chief Jimmy Hill.

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Leadership in Engineering, Landfill Reclamation Program, City of LA, Bureau of Sanitation: Kelly Gharos, Rosilia Rojas, Steve Fortune, Enrique Zaldivar (Assistant Director/ Executive Officer) and Reina Pereira



Project Achievement Awards, Caltrans District 7 Headquarters Building, URS Corporation Efen Abratique (Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors of CA) and URS representative.



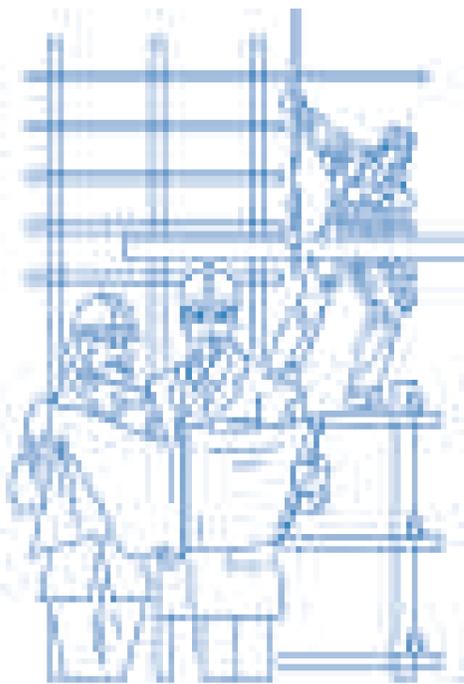
Media Award, Griffith Observatory Renovation and Expansion Community and Media Relations Team, City of LA Public Affairs Office; Bob Johnson, Orange County Engineering Society; and Tonya Durrell, Public Affairs Office.



Project Achievement Awards, Using Best Management Practices and Environmental Friendly Approaches to Control and Minimize Mercury, City of LA, Bureau of Sanitation: Efen Abratique (Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors of CA), Lonnie Ayers (Sanitary Engineer, Sanitation), and Michael Simpson (past LACES President, Assistant Division Manager, Sanitation).

# Engineers Awards

■ LA Council of Engineers and Scientists honors City engineers as part of National Engineers Week.



*Photos by Pamela Bond, Public Works*

**PUBLIC WORKS** — Representatives from Public Works, Bureaus of Engineering and Sanitation, and the Public Affairs Office received awards Feb. 22 from the Los Angeles Council of Engineers and Scientists (LACES). During an awards event at the Exposition Park Intergenerational Community Center, the honorees were recognized for their exemplary contributions to the field of engineering in the Los Angeles region. LACES award recipients are selected and recognized each year at an awards event to celebrate National Engineers' Week locally. At the event, the council recognizes outstanding engineering programs and individuals across Los Angeles.

Public Works recipients of the honored LACES Awards include the following:

**Project Achievement Awards:**

- Boyle Heights Youth Technology Center, Bureau of Engineering
- Sewer Management Automated Repair Tracking System, Bureau of Engineering
- Using Best Management Practices and Environment-Friendly Approaches to Control

and Minimize Mercury, Bureau of Sanitation Leadership in Engineering

- Landfill Reclamation Program, Bureau of Sanitation Harry Staubs Award
- City of Los Angeles High School Technical Competitions, Bureau of Engineering

**Media Award:**

- Griffith Observatory Renovation and Expansion Community and Media Relations Team, Public Affairs Office

**New Outstanding Engineer Awards:**

- Alina Constantinescu, Bureau of Sanitation
- Dale Williams, Bureau of Engineering
- Jensen Wu, Bureau of Engineering

**George Washington Engineer of the Year Award:**

- Alex Vidaurrazaga, Bureau of Engineering

Board of Public Works President Cynthia M. Ruiz said, "I am pleased to congratulate the Public Works employees and programs that have been selected to receive the distinguished LACES awards. With your hard work, dedication and quality of work, these honors are rightfully deserved."

She adds, "I am grateful that you are part of the Department of Public Works family. You contribute significantly to the department's success."

Through its annual celebration of National Engineers' Week, LACES aims to educate the public about the value of engineering, and to encourage the youth to consider careers in the field. Aside from hosting the awards event, LACES also provides youth mentoring programs and visits different schools to educate students about different engineering concepts.

This year, the Bureau of Sanitation will participate in the student outreach efforts by conducting "Sewer Science," an environmental stewardship program stresses the importance of pollution prevention. Sanitation staff will bring a mobile treatment laboratory to schools to allow for a more comprehensive educational opportunity for students.

The Club congratulates all the winners! Special thanks to Michelle Vargas Public Information Officer, Public Affairs Office, Dept. of Public Works; Michael Simpson, past LACES President, Assistant Division Manager/IWMD/BOS; and Pamela Bond, Bureau of Sanitation.



Leadership in Engineering, Landfill Reclamation Program, City of LA, Bureau of Sanitation: Steve Fortune, Sanitation.



New Outstanding Engineer Awards: Alina Constantinescu, Sanitary Engineer II, Bureau of Sanitation.



New Outstanding Engineer Awards: Meha Patel, Senior Engineer at Montgomery Watson Harza, Los Angeles Office.



New Outstanding Engineer Awards: Dale Williams, Civil Engineering Associate III, Bureau of Engineering.



New Outstanding Engineer Awards: Jensen Wu, Engineer, Bureau of Engineering, Architectural Division.



New Outstanding Engineer Awards: Kristina Miller, Lead Payroll Systems Engineer for Wideband Global Satcom, Boeing.



New Outstanding Engineer Awards: Latesha Young, Sub-Project Manager, space technology division, Northrop Grumman Space Systems.



George Washington Engineer of the Year Award: Serafin Fernandez, National Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers representative; Alex Vidaurrazaga, head of the Bureau of Engineering Structural Engineering Division and awardee; and Michael Simpson, Bureau of Sanitation Assistant Division Manager of Industrial Waste Management Division.



From left: David Marino, Vice President, LAFRS; David Ned Smith, Executive Director; and John Kitchens, President, LAFRA. David Ned Smith, Executive Director, LAFRA; Ted Aquaro, past Secretary/Treasurer, LAFRA; and Pat Steger, Kaiser Permanente Account Manager.



From left: Lyle Hall, past union President; Claudia, UFLAC benefits manager; Jerry Hall, past Union Vice President; Patrick and John Kitchens, President, LAFRA.



# A First For LAFRA

## ■ Fire Relief Assn. hosts reception for David Ned Smith, its first Executive Director.

**FIRE DEPT.** — The Los Angeles Firemen's Relief Association held a reception March 15 to introduce David Ned Smith. The reception was held at the Association's offices on Temple Street downtown.

Smith is the Association's first Executive Director in its history.

The Association provides programs and services

to firefighters and their families, especially in case of tragedy. One of the Association's main programs is the Widows, Orphans and Disabled Fireman's Fund. The Association presents the Hope for Firefighters event each June to raise funds for firefighter families in times of need.

Congratulations to the Association on the naming of its first Executive Director.



From left: Oly Beloro, Account Manager, Kaiser Permanente; Heather Petersen, Account Manager, Bradawn, Inc., insurance services; and David Marino, Vice President, LAFRA.



From left: David Ned Smith, Executive Director, LAFRA; Lyle Hall, Past UFLAC President, UFLAC; and Firefighter Patrick.



From left: John Keys, Firefighter and a bagpiper for funerals and events; Ralph Brownell, Retired Firefighter, past Trustee; and Jerry Brakeman, Retired Paramedic/Firefighter, and EAP director at UFLAC.



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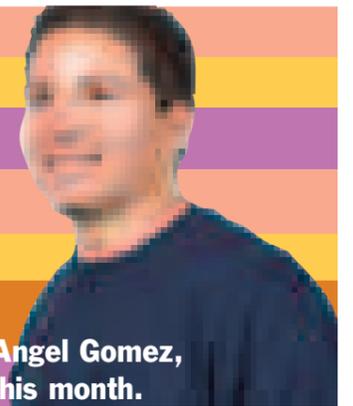
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April 2007

# Angel's Be Alive!



The Club's Member Services Manager, Angel Gomez, recommends some fun things to do this month.

Events This Month • Take a Walk • Visit History • Ticket Guy Recommends

## Events This Month



### 1) Grunion Run, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

Visit the City's Cabrillo Marine Aquarium and watch the silvery fish come up on the beach to spawn. Learn about the grunion and the interesting mating rituals of this curious fish. The aquarium opens at 8 p.m. and an auditorium program begins at 9. Warm clothing and a flashlight are recommended. Tickets are \$5/adults, \$1 seniors, students and children, sold at the door. In April, you are not allowed to take the fish, only watch them. To take the fish, you'll need to wait until May.

**When:** April 19: 11:05 pm - 1:05 am

**Where:** Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, 3720 Stephen M. White Dr., San Pedro

**Contact:** (310) 548-7562

### 2) Easter Egg Hunts

It's Easter, and that means Easter egg hunts for all the young ones. Rec and Parks is offering lots of them, so go on the Web and find one that's closest to you.

**Contact:** www.laparks.org, and at the bottom window, click on Spring Celebration 2007.

### 3) Olvera Street Olé!

Olvera Street celebrates its anniversary every year, and it's a good time. This is the 77th anniversary of the opening of the Mexican marketplace there. So go for the parade, the music and of course the great food.

**When:** April 14

**Where:** Olvera Street, El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument downtown

**Contact:** (213) 625-5045



### 4) Pershing Square Kids Program

There's a lot of fun in store for kids at Rec and Parks' Pershing Square Youth Program. Like what, you say? How about arts and crafts, music and magic, storytelling, and inflatables? It's a great way to show your kids what downtown, and Pershing Square, is all about. If they're never been down there, that is. Anyway, bond with your children. You'll never regret it.

**When:** April 3-12, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

**Where:** Pershing Square, Downtown

**Contact:** www.laparks.org, and click on the green box that says "Youth Program"

### 5) Zoo's Big Bunny Spring Fling

Celebrate Spring with three days of fun at Big Bunny's Spring Fling! Activities include a bunny ear craft, funny bunny face painting, petting rabbits, and musical entertainment by Dan Crow & Spring Fling Puppet Show. You can also visit with the Nesquik Bunny, Tony the Tiger, the Energizer Bunny, Angelina Ballerina, and more! Don't forget to meet and take a photo with Big Bunny (for a nominal fee)!

**When:** April 6, 7 and 8

**Where:** LA Zoo, Griffith Park

**Contact:** www.lazoo.org



## Take a Walk



Echo Park Lake

### Echo Park Lake at Lunchtime

Be Alive and get healthy! There's a walking path that goes around Echo Park Lake that's a real joy to walk. You can walk it in about 15 to 20 minutes and it's almost exactly one mile around (.91 of a mile to be exact). Getting there: Simply take Second Street out of downtown going west. Then take Glendale Blvd north (right) up to Echo Park, it will be on the right hand side of the road. You can also take Temple right of downtown; just go east until you get to Glendale Blvd. At Glendale Blvd take a right. It's just a mile and a half out of downtown. There's plenty of parking around the perimeter of the park.

**Difficulty:** Easy but great for a daily dose of cardio!

## Visit History

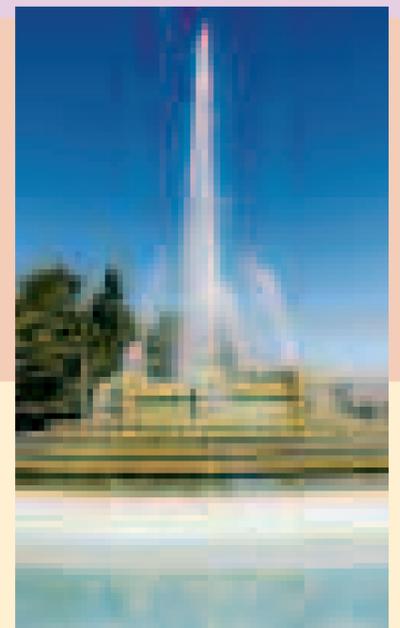
### William Mulholland Memorial Fountain

The William Mulholland Memorial Fountain serves as a not-quite-legal wading pool for children and a photogenic backdrop for wedding parties. Motorists see it as they whiz past the entrance to Griffith Park at Los Feliz Boulevard and Riverside Drive. But few stop and walk around its 90-foot-diameter reflection pool, or know much about the man it honors.

The site was chosen for several reasons. It was located at one of the City's busiest and prettiest intersections. Furthermore, Mulholland had once lived there in a one-room wooden shack. Mulholland, who later would build one of the world's great water projects when he ran the DWP, was first employed by the water department as a ditch tender. His job was to keep the "zanja madre" -- the City's main water ditch -- clear of weeds and debris.

Special thanks to Mike Eberts, Professor of Mass Communications at Glendale Community College and author of "A Centennial History of Griffith Park."

**Location:** Griffith Park



William Mulholland Memorial Fountain

## Ticket Guy Recommends

Use your Club Discount this month!

■ See the Club Ticket Store, page 53, or www.cityemployeesclub.com



This Month's Recommendations:

### The Renaissance Faire

You'll never have so much fun going back in time! If you're looking for something fun and unusual to do -- not in the mood for a movie or TV -- go to the Renaissance Faire. And don't forget to use your Club Discount.





Harold Johnson seems to fit right in at Ontario.

# Johnson to Ontario

■ LAX's popular Public Relations specialist moves to Ontario.

**AIRPORTS** — Harold Johnson, the former editor of the Airports newsletter, the *Aerogramme*, joins Ontario Airport as Principal Public Relations Representative in the ONT Community and Public Affairs office. Harold previously served as Public Relations Specialist at LAX Public Relations.

Harold's duties and responsibilities at ONT include public relations, community relations, media relations, educational outreach, crisis management, writing, design, advertising, special events, customer relations, airport spokesperson, information technology, and photography/videography.

Harold holds a Bachelor's

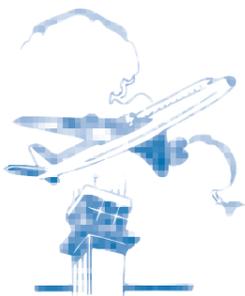
degree in journalism from California State University at Northridge and an Associate's degree in television and video communications from Rancho Santiago College.

His hobbies include astronomy, photography and videography.

Harold and his wife live in Phelan.

The Club congratulates Harold on his move.

*Note: A production error caused this article to not be printed properly when Alive! first ran it in our January 2007 issue. So we're re-running it now, and we thank Harold for his understanding. —Ed.*



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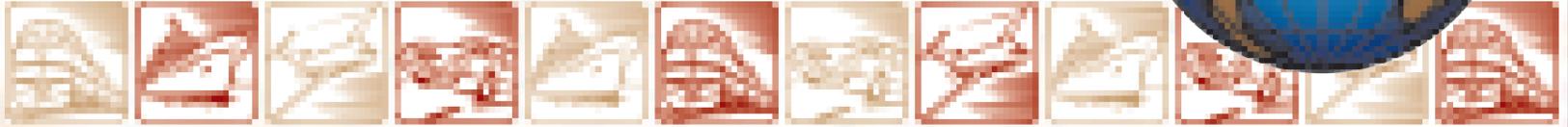
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# Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



## 1 George Town, Grand Cayman



"In February, my husband, Alfonso, and I celebrated our 33rd wedding anniversary with a Western Caribbean cruise aboard the Royal Caribbean International's *Freedom of the Seas*, the world's newest and largest cruise ship. This photo was taken at George Town, Grand Cayman."

- Diana Medina, Club Rep

**John's comments:** What an adventure it must have been to sail on the largest cruise vessel in the world! I understand that the *Freedom of the Seas* is the first ship to feature a surf park, boxing ring and a water park for kids. Thanks for sharing your wedding anniversary with *Alive!*

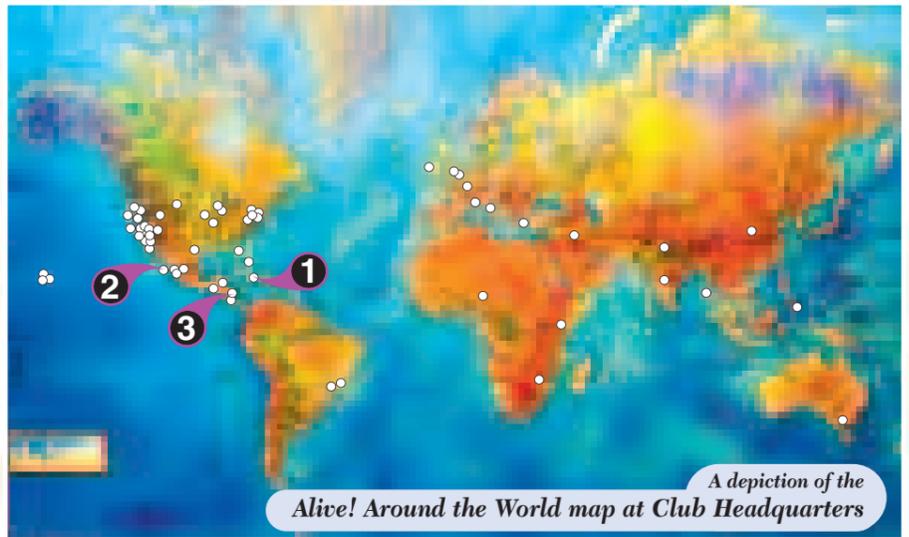
## 2 Cabo San Lucas



"Here's a picture of my husband, Mike Boyd [Public Works], in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico."

- Shawn Boyd

**John's comments:** By the look of this picture I'm going to guess you had an excellent time down there in Cabo - and it's nice to see *Alive!* joining in on the fun! Thanks, Mike, for thinking of us.



A depiction of the *Alive! Around the World* map at Club Headquarters

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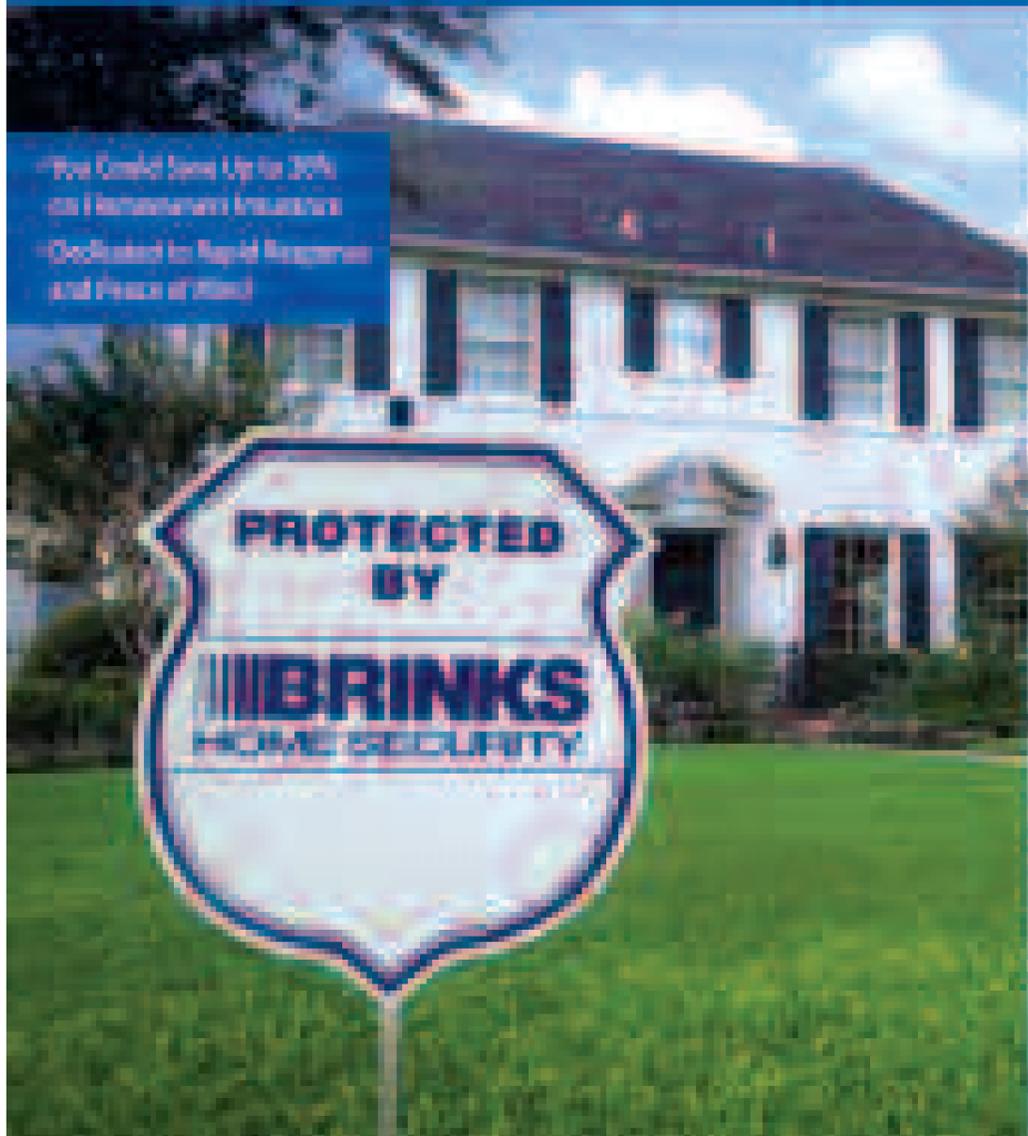
## 3 Managua, Nicaragua



**Alex Lopez, DWP Central Yard,** holds a copy of *Alive!* in Managua, Nicaragua, while taking a break from building an orphanage/bakery with fellow City Employees Joe Hernandez, Daniel Aeschlemean, Mario Moscolo, Mario Moscolo Jr., Preston Morales and friends Michael Duran, Guillermo Alvarado, Don Sakaida and Kevin Sakaida. It was "an awesome and rewarding experience!"

**John's comments:** Alex, thank you for sharing such an awesome experience with us; it's an honor to be able to show your fellow *Alive!* readers the good work you are doing. You make us proud!

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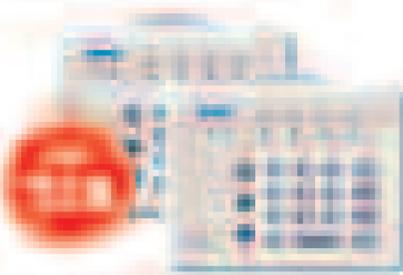
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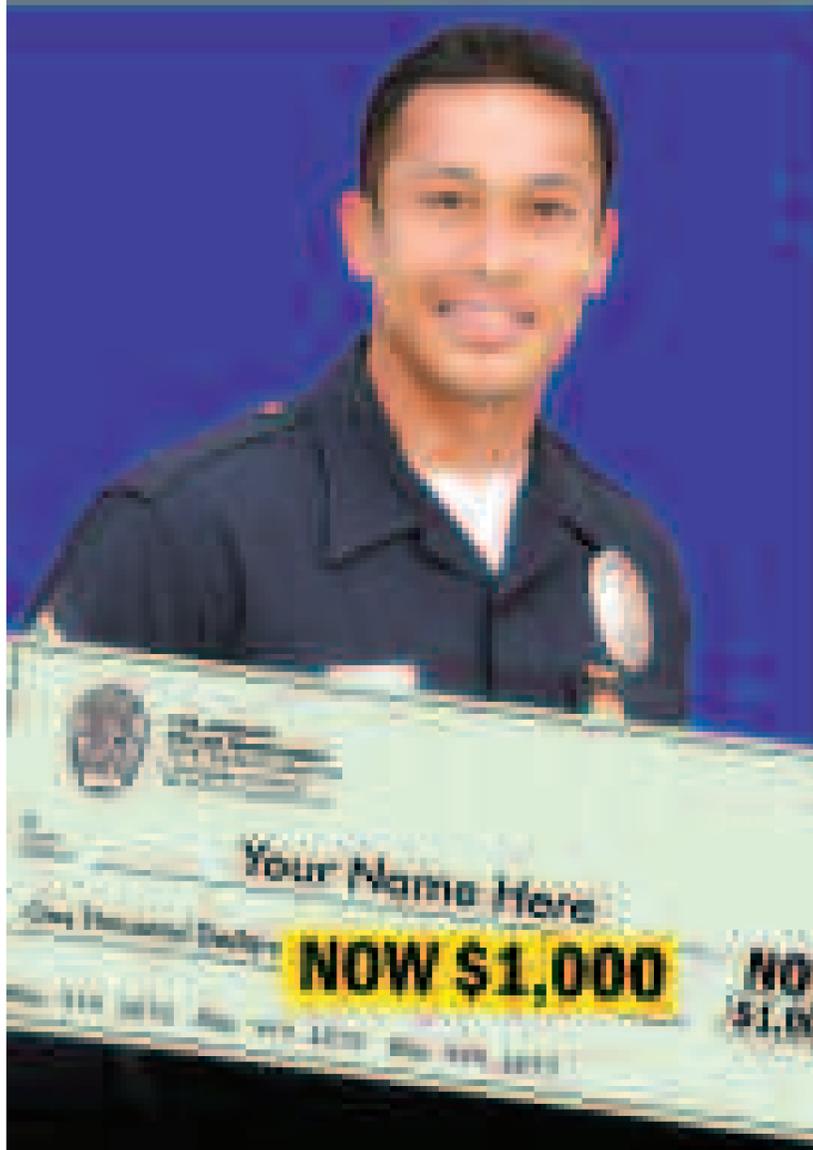
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## 2 New Airport Lieutenants

■ Two Airport Police sergeants are promoted to lieutenant.

Story by Officer Belinda Nettles, Public Information Officer, Airport Police; Photos courtesy Airport Police

**AIRPORTS** — Two Los Angeles Airport Police sergeants -- Edward Trahan and Robert Rios -- were sworn in as new lieutenants Feb. 15.

Los Angeles World Airports Deputy Executive Director of Law Enforcement and Protection Services James T. Butts Jr., with Acting Chief Brian A. Walker, administered the swearing-in ceremony for the new lieutenants before a group of family, friends and other police officers.

Trahan, most recently assigned as a sergeant overseeing the Airport Police Canine Unit, joins the Patrol Services Section assigned as the PM shift watch commander. Rios, who also served as a sergeant in the Patrol Services Section, remains



Lt. Robert Rios and Lt. Edward Trahan recite the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics with Acting Chief Brian A. Walker.

a part of that section assigned as the day shift watch commander.

Trahan began his career with the Airport Police in 1992. In 1993 he worked in patrol services as one of the original Bike Patrol officers. In 1999 he served as a field-training officer and was promoted to sergeant. In 2002 he was assigned to the Airport Police Canine Unit until his recent promotion to lieutenant.

Rios began his career with the Airport Police in 1987. After one year of service with the Airport Police, he transferred to the Port Police Department, where he remained for 13 years. In 1999 he returned to the Airport Police as a sergeant assigned to Patrol Services. From 2000 through 2005 he was the sergeant overseeing the Mobile Field Force Operations/Emergency Services Unit. In 2006, Rios was re-assigned to Patrol Services, where he worked until his recent promotion to lieutenant.



From left: Acting Chief Brain A. Walker, Lt. Edward Trahan, Lt. Robert Rios, and Deputy Executive Director of Law Enforcement and Protection Services James T. Butts Jr.

## New LAFCU Board, Officers

■ Credit Union names leadership for 2007.

**LAFCU** — The results of the Los Angeles Federal Credit Union (LAFCU) annual Board of Directors election were announced at the LAFCU annual meeting Feb. 27.

For 2007, Board of Directors' offices 1, 2 and 3 were up for election with terms of three years each. The incumbents were: Office 1: Jack Mathews; Office 2: Jerry Waggoner; and Office 3: Roslyn Carter-Phillips. Each position was automatically re-elected due to acclamation, since no challengers submitted a completed petition, statement, and list of qualifications by the Nov. 20, 2006 deadline. Because of this, no ballots were mailed for this election.

After the annual meeting, the board elected the following officials to serve as officers for the 2007-08 term:

Chairperson: Cliff Cannon. Retired since 1999 as the Manager of the LA City Fiscal Systems Division, Controller's Office, he has been a credit union official since 1987. He has held the board positions of Chairperson,

Treasurer and Secretary, and also served as Chairperson of the Supervisory Committee, and was a Credit Committee member.

Vice Chairperson: Denise McGee. Retired since 2000 as an Accounting Records Supervisor II in Rec and Parks, she has held the Board positions of Secretary and Treasurer, and has been a credit union official since 2000.

Treasurer: Chuck Rubin. He works as a Senior Management Analyst II in General Services. He has been a Board Secretary, was a member of the Credit Committee, and has been a credit union official since 2000.

Secretary: Gary Mattingly. Retired since 2005 as a General Manager in Fire and Police Pensions, he has held the position of Board Vice Chairperson, and has been a Board member since 2000.

Serving as Directors on the Board are: Stan Horwitz, Jack Mathews, Roslyn Carter-Phillips, Jerry Waggoner and Neil Ricci.

The Board of Directors is responsible for determining LAFCU's strategic direction and overall policies. Board officials and the officials who serve on the Credit and Supervisory Committees volunteer their time.



Officers for the LAFCU 2007-08 Board of Directors are, front row, from left: Chuck Rubin, Treasurer; Cliff Cannon, Chairperson; Denise McGee, Vice Chairperson; and Gary Mattingly, Secretary. Back: Stan Horwitz, Jack Mathews, Roslyn Carter-Phillips, Jerry Waggoner and Neil Ricci.

# REST INSURED

by JEFF GELINEAU

Vice President of United Agencies,  
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## Rental Car Insurance: Know What You Need

There you are, standing at the rental car counter. "Sign here. Initial here. Initial here. Sign here." And then it comes, "Do you want to buy the insurance with that?"

How do you make that decision? Most people ask how much it is, and decide based on the price. (I remember many years ago I rented in Orlando to visit DisneyWorld. My wife was a travel agent, and we got a particularly good rental rate on a subcompact of only \$14.99 a day. The insurance cost \$18 a day. More than the car! We were saving money for E-Tickets, so we didn't buy it.)

Making your decision based solely on the price is not necessarily the smartest way to go. There are several factors involved, and to make an intelligent decision, you should understand what is at stake.

First of all, let's talk about the big dollars: Liability. As long as you have an automobile policy, it will cover you for liability on any vehicle you are driving, including a rental car. The only people who would be concerned here would be people who don't own a car, and therefore don't have any auto insurance. You should definitely purchase this coverage from the rental car company if that is the case.

Now, let's talk about the rest of your exposures. Generally, the best way to protect yourself when using a rental car is to make sure your insurance policy explicitly extends collision and comprehensive coverage to rental cars in any state or country. If you don't own a car and you rent on a regular basis, you might want to purchase a "nonowner" policy that will give you the same type of coverage. If you don't know whether or not your policy extends coverage to rental cars, call your agent. If they don't know, then feel free to contact us.

But wait! There's more to the story. The Loss Damage Waiver (LDW) that the rental car company offers covers more than just the physical damage to the vehicle. The two most common things that are **not covered** by your auto insurance policy are "Loss of Rental Income" and "Diminution of Value."

"Loss of Rental Income" is exactly what it sounds like. If you get the rental car in an accident, even with your own insurance, it is going to take several weeks to get it repaired. The rental car company can hold you responsible for any loss of income that they suffer because they are unable to rent that car out while it's being repaired. Some rental cars are \$400 to \$500 a week, and if it takes a month to repair it, then those charges can really add up.

"Diminution of Value" is a little more confusing, but even more dangerous. Rental car companies don't keep their cars very long. After they have been rented for a while, they sell them off as used cars. You would have to agree that a car that has been repaired after being in an accident probably isn't worth as much as a car that has never been in an acci-

dent before. For example, if they are selling 2005 Chrysler Sebrings for \$12,500, but this one sells only for \$10,000 because it's been in an accident, then they have lost \$2,500 on that vehicle. Many companies will estimate that loss at the time of the accident, and charge you for that amount.

### To summarize:

- Check to see if your policy covers comp and collision for rental cars.
  - But, even if it does, remember that it probably doesn't cover everything, and you may want to buy the loss damage waiver, too.
- Many major credit card companies also claim to provide you with insurance coverage when you use their card to rent an automobile. However, you should read the fine print or get written verification from the company, because the coverage provided by your credit card is not always full coverage.

Some cards only offer coverage if you rent your car from a particular agency. Some limit the days for which coverage is available. Some will provide coverage only for certain types and/or classes of cars. With some cards, the coverage is not automatic and you must enroll in a program to get coverage. Some cards that advertise automatic rental insurance really only reimburse you for the deductible that you would have to pay under your regular insurance policy.

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### Have a question?

Is there something about Insurance that you've always wanted to know, but were too ashamed to ask? Maybe something that you've just always been curious about? Feel free to send me, Jeff Gelineau, an email at [jgelineau@unitedagencies.com](mailto:jgelineau@unitedagencies.com), and I will try to answer your question in one of our monthly columns.

### Be safe and have fun!

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# Big Bird

■ **Airbus shows off its new A380 with its first West Coast landing.**

*Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Director*

**AIRPORTS** — City employees have been working for more than a year to get LAX ready for the world's largest passenger airplane, the Airbus A380, scheduled to begin serving the City later this year.

March 19, they got to see just what they were preparing for, as Airbus, in the middle of a long list of bad news headlines about the plane's delays and uncertain financial future, brought its super-jumbo to the airport. The arrival drew approximately 1,000 spectators, the airport estimates. A similar A380 arrived at New York's JFK Airport approximately 15 minutes ahead of the Los Angeles-bound craft, making the New York arrival the A380's first appearance in North America.



The airport has been working on major revisions to be able to more fully accept the A380, including widening the south runway and adding a two-level gate so that the plane's two decks can be loaded or unloaded simultaneously.

The plane is expected to carry approximately 550 passengers, although it could be certified for more than 800. Its nearest rival, the 35-year-old Boeing 747, typically carries no more than 450.

Qantas Airlines, which will take ownership of the plane that arrived at LAX, is expected to add the A380 to its LAX-Sydney routes.

The inaugural arrival at LAX carried no VIP passengers, just crew, some executives and testing equipment.



# Councilmembers Re-elected

■ **Seven councilmembers retain their seats after March 6 election.**



Jose Huizar



Tony Cardenas



Wendy Greuel



Tom LaBonge

**COUNCIL** — Seven members of the City Council retained their seats after the Citywide election March 6. At press time, results remained unofficial on the City Clerk's Website.

And former City Councilman and former state Sen. Richard Alarcon won his race to return to the City Council representing the Northeast San Fernando Valley. The seat was vacated by Alex Padilla, who was elected to the State Senate last year.

Term limits being extended to three terms helped usher in so many incumbents being up for reelection.

Returning to the Council are:

- Jose Huizar
- Tony Cardenas
- Wendy Greuel
- Tom LaBonge
- Bernard Parks
- Greig Smith and
- Herb Wesson

Voter turnout was estimated to be about 15 percent.

Alarcon served on the City Council from 1993 to 1999. He was elected to the state Senate last November, but at press time he was expected to resign that post to take the seat he won in the City Council.



Bernard Parks



Greig Smith



Herb Wesson



Sen. Richard Alarcon

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- Assistance with finding employment
- Court and social services advocacy
- Assistance with getting welfare
- Legal assistance (TRO's etc.)
- Medical Services



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# Dodgers Deals

| VERSUS                                       | DATE                 | COST |
|--|----------------------|------|
| San Francisco Giants                         | Tue 4/24 at 7:10pm   | \$20 |
| St. Louis Cardinals                          | Wed 5/16 at 7:10pm   | \$20 |
| Toronto Blue Jays                            | Sun. 6/10 at 1:10 pm | \$20 |
| <i>(Alarm Clock Giveaway)</i>                |                      |      |
| Atlanta Braves                               | Tue 7/3 at 7:10pm    | \$20 |
| New York Mets                                | Thur 7/19 at 7:10pm  | \$20 |
| Arizona Diamondbacks                         | Sun 8/5 at 1:10pm    |      |
| <i>(Free Kids Universal Studios Tickets)</i> |                      |      |
| Houston Astros                               | Thur 8/16 at 7:10pm  | \$20 |
| Colorado Rockies                             | Wed 9/26 at 7:10pm   | \$20 |
| Giants                                       | Thur 8/2 at 7:10pm   | \$37 |
| <i>(Bobblehead Giveaway)</i>                 |                      |      |

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For Retired Club Members



# The Best Years

## City Retiree Associations:

### DWP Retirees Association



**Dolores Foley, President**  
Phone: (626) 445-7376  
E-mail: vinmar@altrionet.com

### Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association



**Robin J. Welborn, President**  
Phone: (323) 283-4441  
Fax: (626) 285-1461  
E-mail: larfpa@pacbell.net or  
9521 Las Tunas Dr. #4,  
Temple City, CA 91780

### Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



**Ed Harding, RLACEI President**  
www.rlacei.com  
Contact him: (800) 678-4145 Ext. 703  
or via E-mail:  
postmaster@rlacei.com

### Change of Address?

If you change your address, notify Helen Salgado, Membership Chair, at (800) 678-4145 Ext. 713, or write to her at 5423 Dewar St., Los Angeles, CA 90022. Also notify LACERS.

### Have News About Yourself?

Contact Phil Skarin, 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910, or call (800) 678-4145 Ext. 709.

## Upcoming Events:

- April 12: RLACEI General Membership Meeting, Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center.
- June 6: RLACEI Golf Tournament
- June 6: Fire and Police Pensions Annual Picnic and Barbecue
- Aug. 9: RLACEI Picnic
- Oct. 11: RLACEI Annual Corporation Meeting and Elections
- Dec. 6: RLACEI Christmas Party

## RLACEI Joins Fire, Police In Spouse Ballot Measure



By Phil Skarin,  
RLACEI Publicity Chair

### President Ed Harding reports:



Ed Harding

"I recently created a special committee to look into obtaining benefits for the survivor when a retiree dies and he had married after his retirement. Committee members are Hal Danowitz, Chairman, and Neil Ricci, Jack Mathews and myself.

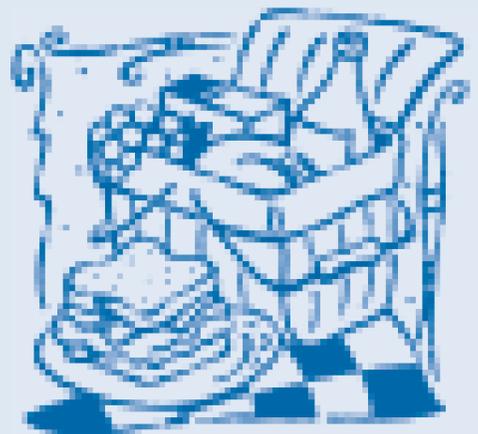
On March 8, this committee met with Lee Kebler, Director of the L.A. Retired Fire and Police Association. Kebler said that his association plans to have a charter amendment put on the ballot for the February 2008 State election. It will be titled Post Retirement Marriage Survivor Benefit Option.

Kebler said that they have no objection to our joining them on the ballot. Our special committee, with the help of Greg Spiker and Rick Tuttle, plans to go forward with this proposal.

Please call for reservations for lunch a week ahead of our April 12 membership meeting at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center. A free lunch will be served at noon, followed by a 1 p.m. meeting. Call one of the officers on our toll-free 800 number. Reservations are essential to help us order enough meals!

The L.A. Fire and Police Retirees will be having their annual picnic and barbeque June 6 at the Grace E. Simons Lodge. They charge \$5 per person and always fill the lodge.

Our picnic will be Aug. 9 at the lodge, and we serve a free meal to those who have made a reservation. We can fill the lodge, too.



### Legislative Update:

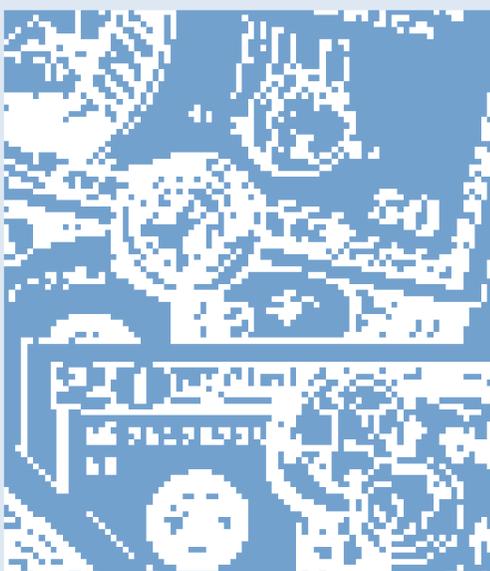
Ken Spiker reports the LACERS Board of Administration unanimously approved the annual cost of living (COLA) adjustment at their Feb. 27 Board of Directors meeting.

The 2006 CPI increased by 4.3 percent, thereby proving for the maximum allowable adjustment of 3 percent, as well as 1.3 percent to be banked for all retired members.

The 3 percent adjustment will be effective July 1, 2007.

Some examples of the adjusted bank benefits as of July 1 are:

| Date of retirement:  | Adjusted back benefit: |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Before July 1, 1978: | 28.1 percent           |
| May 1, 1980:         | 20.9 percent           |
| July 1, 1981         | 11.0 percent           |
| April 1, 1983        | 5.1percent             |
| June 1, 1985         | 4.5 percent            |
| July 1, 2001         | 3.1 percent            |



### RLACEI Website

Hal Danowitz asks you to visit the RLACEI Website at www.rlacei.com to find the latest retirement news. If you find it helpful, or have suggestions for improvement, call Hall at (800) 678-4145 Ext. 707.

### Contact LACERS

The Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System is at 360 E. Second Street, second floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Phone (213) 473-7200 or (800) 779-8328. Contact them to arrange direct deposit of your retirement checks, change your tax withholding or beneficiary, or for questions about your health plans.

# The Best Years



The gang with the Mayor of Burnie, Tasmania.



By Hal Danowitz,  
Secretary, RLACEI

## Retiree Hotlines

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

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

**RLACEI Retirement Counselors and Retiree Helplines: (800) 678-4145**

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| • Edward Harding             | Ext. 703 |
| • Phil Skarin                | Ext. 709 |
| • Robert Wilkinson           | Ext. 704 |
| • Jerry Bardwell             | Ext. 706 |
| • Harold Danowitz            | Ext. 707 |
| • Jack Mathews               | Ext. 712 |
| • Helen Salgado (membership) | Ext. 713 |
| • Americo Garza              | Ext. 710 |
| • Neil Ricci                 | Ext. 714 |

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

## RLACEI:

### Officers for 2007

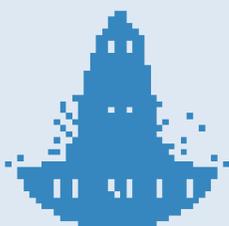
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Hal Danowitz, Bylaws  
Jerry Bardwell, Treasurer

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Jerry Bardwell, Budget  
David Wilkins, Bylaws  
Ken Spiker, Legal and Legislative  
Helen Salgado, Membership  
Phil Skarin, Publicity  
Tom Stemnock and Phil Skarin, Golf  
Americo Garza, Picnic  
Americo Garza, Holiday Party and Installation  
Jack Mathews, Senior Citizens  
Neil Ricci, Health  
David Wilkins, Nominating  
Neil Ricci, Nominating  
Phil Skarin, Parliamentarian

### Directors

Thomas Stemnock  
Americo Garza  
Helen Salgado  
Phil Skarin  
Dave Wilkins  
Jack Mathews  
Neil Ricci



# Down Under, the Cruise Begins

■ Hal and entourage begin their cruise over rough waters.

Our travel group -- Myrna, Don, Pierre, Effie and Evelyn and I -- completed our two-night stay in Sydney, Australia, and prepared to board Holland-America's *MS Statendam* for a 14-day cruise from Sydney to Auckland, New Zealand.

The ship was docked at Circular Quay (pronounced key), a short cab ride from our hotel. The check-in process proceeded smoothly as we had submitted all of our documentation on-line prior to leaving Los Angeles.

The *MS Statendam* is the sister ship of the *MS Rydam*, upon which we sailed around South America, so we were familiar with the layout of the ship. The ship weighs about 56,000 tons and is 720 feet long, carrying 1,258 passengers and a crew of 557, with a maximum speed of 22 knots. The ship was renovated in the spring of 2005, which updated its staterooms and public areas.

We boarded before noon and had lunch in the Lido Buffet while we waited for the crew to finish preparing the cabins. We booked a verandah suite, which had a queen-size bed, whirlpool bath and shower combo, a seating area, mini-bar, refrigerator, a flat-panel TV and lots of closets, which we needed. We found our cabin and met our room steward, who turned out to be excellent. He had found our luggage and we were able to unpack.

On this trip we brought a laptop, and I went to the Explorations Café to sign up for



Evelyn holding a wombat



Effie, Don, Myrna and Evelyn in the Gunns Plains Caves.

the wireless Internet service. The cost for 250 minutes was \$100 US, and because I booked the first day we got an extra 20 minutes free. I liked the fact that they had a number of hot spots around the ship, and Evelyn used the computer to keep in touch with her office. While we were docked in the harbor, I was able to use the free wireless network, compliments of a coffee house next to the ship.

After the mandatory 5 p.m. lifeboat drill, we all met in the Crow's Nest for cocktails and to watch the ship sail out of Sydney Harbor.

Holland-America has the traditional cruise food service, with the Rotterdam Dining room, Lido Buffet, a Lido Deck grill, and one specialty (\$30 per person) restaurant, the Pinnacle Grill. All dining is open seating, except for dinner in the Rotterdam Dining room and lunch and dinner in the Pinnacle Grill. There were four seatings in the Rotterdam, and ours was at 8 p.m.

In general, the food and the service in the dining room were very good; the Lido food was fair but the service was poor. I enjoyed the hamburgers at the Lido Grill, and the bar service was as good. I thought that supervision of the ship's food service was lacking everywhere except in the dining room.

After dinner we went to the Welcome Aboard show where the staff was introduced, and then there was a show. Overall I liked the ship's entertainment, which offered a variety of production shows, singers, comedians and

specialty acts.

Our first day at sea was spent sailing toward our next port, Geelong, Australia. When I booked the cruise, the port was to be Melbourne, but about six weeks before we were to leave I got a notice that we were stopping instead at Geelong, about an hour's drive from Melbourne. We had not booked any tours on the ship. I used the Internet to book some tours, and in other ports we used the local tour guides. So we had no way of getting into Melbourne. The ship offered a \$40 bus ride, but when we tried to book it we told it was sold-out. We were a little upset, but we decided to spend our day in Geelong.

Sailing towards Geelong, the sea was calm, with temperatures in the low 70s. We awoke early and used the gym and then met everyone for breakfast in the Lido. After breakfast, I checked the Internet and Evelyn attended a cooking demonstration. After lunch we played team trivia, where we were beaten badly. Evelyn went off to check her e-mail, and Pierre and I attended a lecture on World War II battles given by a former Australian General.

The ship spent a lot of time reminding us that shipboard illness is a concern, and they have Purell dispensers all over the ship for cleaning your hands. The new etiquette is that you don't shake hands.

Tonight is the first of three formal nights. I put on my tux, and we all meet in the Ocean Bar for a drink before having our picture



taken with the Captain. After dinner, we saw the show, which was very good.

We awoke to rough seas and temperatures in the mid-50s. We were anchored off Queenshead, and we found out that because of high winds we would not be docking at Geelong. This was somewhat of a problem as a number of passengers and luggage had missed the ship in Sydney and had been sent to Geelong for boarding. There were also a few sick passengers whom the officers wanted to take off the ship. In the end they were able to use a ship's tender to get passengers and luggage on and off the ship, but Geelong was canceled for us.



Evelyn with a snake.

The seas were very rough and the winds were now a force 9, which is a strong gale. That didn't stop us from having our first cocktail party in our cabin. I ordered a cheese plate and extra ice, and Don made his best martinis.

As we finished dinner, the ship lurched badly, and the free glasses of champagne that the Captain had provided (because we missed Geelong) tipped over, and Effie and Pierre got a bath. We decided to skip the evening show, which was a juggler; with the ship bouncing around, he must have been fun to watch.

The seas had calmed down during the night, and we awoke sailing into Burnie, the fourth largest and most westerly city in Tasmania. Burnie was famous for mass-producing high-quality paper, but now it is a busy container port and tourist area.

As we left the ship, we were greeted by the mayor; we had our picture taken with him. Cruise ships bring a lot of revenue to the local economy, and each port wants to make sure that the ship will continue to stop there. We took the free shuttle bus to the information center, where we were to meet our tour guide, Howard Smith. This is the first of the tours I had booked using the Internet.

The weather was sunny and 75 degrees; the ship's forecast was for rain and 64 degrees. You have to wonder how they get the ship from place to place if they can't even do a good forecast.

Our first stop was at Fernglade, about a five-minute drive from the information center. We were hoping to see the platypus. The area has a

temperate climate and looked very green even though the area was in the middle of a drought. We walked about a half-mile along the river, and we think we saw a platypus.

Before we reached our next stop we made a brief stop at a local cheese making shop to sample the local cheese.

Making paper was a large industry in Burnie, until it was driven out of the market by the Chinese. We stopped at one of local specialty stores that makes paper from Kangaroo dung. Very interesting business, but not one I would enjoy. While the paper products were very nice, they were also very expensive. I guess they learned how to turn dung into gold.

We drove along the coast and then turned inland for the 45-minute drive to Gunns Plains Caves. The caves were discovered about 100 years ago and developed into a tourist attraction. We walked down 54 steps and walked 300 yards into the cave. There were a lot of interesting rock formations (stalagmites and stalagmites), but the highlight was the glow worms. They turned out all the lights, and the ceiling of the cave lit up with glow worms (fly larva).

We drove to the Wing's Wildlife Park, where we had a quick lunch before walking into the park. We saw the Tasmanian Devil and wallabies (small kangaroos) and we got to hold a wombat and pet a koala. The park also had a large number of fish, reptiles and snakes. Evelyn was brave enough to have a snake draped around her neck.

Our last stop was the Fern Gorge, where some of us -- Evelyn, Effie, our guide and I -- walked about a half mile up a trail to a lookout with a wonderful view of the mountains and river below. It was a little like a smaller, greener



Effie, Evelyn and Hal at the Fern Gorge Lookout.

version of the Grand Canyon.

It was about a 50-minute ride back to the ship. We felt that our guide had done a very good job, and we had received good value for our money.

We were tired when we returned to the ship and decided to have dinner in the Lido Buffet. The food selections were same as in the dining room, but I enjoyed the dining room more. We watched most of the show and then hit the sack. The seas were becoming rough again, and we had a two-day sail to reach Milford Sound on the South Island of New Zealand. Which I'll tell you about next month.



Evelyn with a koala.

## RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

**Tony Mafrika**, past president of RLACEI, just turned 90. He works the daily crossword puzzle with a pen.

**Jane Hanson**, Hemet, writes, "I thank you, Phil, for all the uplifting thoughts you share with us."

**Joe Bondar**, Simi Valley, writes, "I have 15 grandkids. I do oil painting and wood carving."

**DiDi Chambers**, Cottonwood, Ariz., writes, "Thanks to you and all the board members for all you do for us. Your 'Thought for the Day' is such an inspiration. As a surviving spouse, I could really use the Medicare Part B reimbursement. Keep working for it." She sent me a beautiful book of photos of the Sedona area.

**Jess Baley and wife, Marie**, just returned from Mexico in their R.V. He did some windsurfing near La Paz.

**Charles Wray**, Whittier, is planning to take his children and grandkids on a seven-day cruise of the Caribbean.

**John Hill**, Reseda, often visits the One Generation Center on Victory Boulevard for lunch.

**Clayton Todd** does meals-on-wheels every Friday.

**Marty Rashoff** is a volunteer tutor at Monterey Vista Elementary School.

**If you have news** about yourself or other retirees that you would like to share, send it to Phil Skarin, 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411, or call the number on the Retirees Helpline.

**If you move**, notify Helen Salgado, Membership Chair, at 8372 Arnett Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92647. Also notify LACERS.

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

**Don't forget to call** one of the officers for luncheon reservations for our Membership Meeting on Thursday on Thursday, April 12 at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center. Lunch at noon, meeting at 1 p.m.



### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

*Are You a Wise Guy?*

*A wise guy is someone who brashly asserts his views, pretending to know more than he really does.*

*Wisdom is defined as "knowledge and good judgment based on experience."*

*But, being wise also means acknowledging that some of our views and opinions could be fallible; and that there could be*

*Some uncertainty and instability of the things we count on most.*

— Phil Skarin



## RLACEI's Toll-Free Number

RLACEI — The Retired Los Angeles City Employees Inc. group has established a new toll-free helpline number that can be accessed free of charge throughout the United States.

**The number is: (800) 678-4145**

Call the Helpline to reach the officers of RLACEI. For information on problems, activities, meetings or membership, call the helpline. Each officer's extension is listed.

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Department  
of the Month

Airports' Financial Services

# Airports' Financial Services



Administration Section: Members of the Accounting Division administration staff gather around Accounting Division Chief Corazon Salao, seated left, and Wayne Yocum. Standing are, from left, Joel Chairez, Kelly Dickinson, Donna Erie and Sylvia Garcia. (Photo by Jay Berkowitz)

Story by Harold Johnson, LA/Ontario, Club Member; Photos courtesy Airports

**AIRPORTS** — The Los Angeles World Airports Financial Management Systems (FMS) Division, based at LAX, has redefined its vision and mission, to meet the changing needs of its users, stakeholders and customers. They aim to partner with business process owners and service providers to deliver high value, proactive support services to all stakeholders and customers of Airports' financial management systems.

The Financial Division is responsible for managing, supporting and maintaining the financial systems for Airports, including the Financial, Accounting and Management Information System (FAMIS) and the Revenue Management System (RAMS). FAMIS utilizes systems, applications and processes (SAP) enterprise resources planning software. RAMS creates and manages revenue agreements, billings and reporting functions.

FMS has been supporting user needs since July 2001, when Airports selected and implemented SAP and RAMS, replacing its existing financial and human resources systems with an enterprise system. The division provides user support, training, ad hoc and standardized reporting, system maintenance functions, and ensures the integrity of its systems.

The division is developing partnerships with its business process owners to review and update existing business processes and to ensure its financial management systems are configured consistently. The division is also developing partnerships with its service

providers, both internal and external, to provide support services and functionalities to meet the needs of Airports at a department-wide level.

For example, in partnership with the Human Resources Division, the FMS team recently configured the training and events functionality in SAP to provide HR with the ability to plan, manage and evaluate both internal and external events ranging from training classes to conventions. The project is currently in its second phase of development, which includes an automatic correspondence configuration.

Through its partnership with Airport's Information Technology Division, the FMS team is in the process of updating its Website to include division-specific resources of relevant SAP data, user guides and other materials to assist its users.

With valuable input from the Purchasing and Procurement Divisions, revised training modules for five key materials management courses have been recently rolled out, including Requisitioner, Requisitioner Approver, Reservationist, Sub-Buyer, and Field Receiver. The courses now include improved lab exercises, an

emphasis on the business process, user "cheat sheets," and other resources to better assist the user.

Through its partnership with Ontario International Airport Operations, the FMS team has developed a monthly report combining airport revenues with passenger statistics, to provide its managers with performance measurement information. A similar expenditure report is also in development, for tracking purposes. Additional reports to assist



Senior Management Analysts Valerie Hunter manages the operation of Airports' Revenue Management System (RAMS). (Photo by Harold Johnson)



## Airports' Financial Services

Department  
of the Month

Two teams at World Airports redefine their roles in helping the department improve business processes.



Senior Clerk Typist Wanda Jones of the Airports Revenue Management System Support Group inputs data into the system for processing. (Photo by Harold Johnson)

managers, to monitor budget for example, are also in development.

"When I was first introduced to the FMS staff, I was immediately impressed with the dedication and passion that the team members possess for SAP and RAMS," says Division Lead Eileen Yoshimura, who recently joined Airports last July. "I continue to be impressed with our team members' commitment to expand and improve services to our users."

The Division is comprised of four sections: Administration, FAMIS Functional Support, FAMIS Technical Support, and RAMS Support. The division management team includes Yoshimura, senior management analysts Debra Grant and Valerie Hunter and Senior Systems Analyst Suzette Abille.

"The FAMIS team is filled with staff that understands business processes," said Grant, who manages the Functional Support operation of the FAMIS system. Her staff includes Management Analysts Ted Ross, Ron Hicks, Shelly Rodriguez; Management Assistant Ryan Legaspi; Senior Accountant Nancy Lee; Project Assistant Toccara Martin; Accounting Clerk Lieu Tran; and Student Intern Darnell Jimerson.

"I support accounting, finance and budget in those uses of SAP here at [Airports] by performing training classes, supporting end users by, for example, answering questions, or configuring the system to get the most out of the SAP software," Ross said.

The FAMIS Technical Support Section is managed by Abille. The support team includes Systems Programmer Fabe Motakef and Programmer Analyst Larry Low. Their job includes maintaining and securing the SAP software application and infrastructure for LAWA users; developing SAP custom application objects; performing gap analysis and providing technical solutions based on business processes, among others. This group also liaises with ITS, which provides services to support the SAP hardware and network interface.

"The FAMIS Technical Support Section is here to ensure the system reli-

ability and data integrity of [Airports'] Financial System," Abille said.

This FAMIS Technical Support Section also liaises with the Information Technology Services to support the SAP hardware and SAP network interface.

Hunter heads the Revenue RAMS Support Team. Assisted by Management Assistant Susana Frausto, Senior Accountant Ned Gonzales, and Senior Clerk Typist Wanda Jones, the group maintains the software and system processes.

RAMS creates and manages Airports' revenue generating agreements (airline operating agreements, lease agreements, concessions agreements, ground services agree-

ments, etc.); generates billings and accounts for revenue payments; provides reporting on Airports revenues, contract performance and other related information.

RAMS is used by Concessions Management, Property Management, Landside Operations, Financial Systems and Construction & Maintenance divisions; Airfield Permits and Terminal Operations

sections; and the Accounting Revenue Billing Unit and others.

"RAMS is used to manage all of [Airports'] revenue agreements, to generate about \$70 million in invoices covering the entire department and report on contract performance and other pertinent information," Hunter says. "We also enter and report on all of [Airports'] aviation statistics.

"Since the implementation of the RAMS and SAP systems, we have been able to reduce our accounts receivable outstanding balances by 50 percent, we've been able to improve our faithful compliance rate (a type of deposit) from 22 percent to more than 90 percent," Hunter adds.

One of the Division's goals is to improve FAMIS through an upgrade of the SAP software. The upgrade is slated to include additional functionalities to improve usability, management reporting tools, web-enabled applications and integration, expansion of existing modules, and further development of training programs and Help-Desk features.

"In the future, SAP can be configured to facilitate some efficiencies in LAWA's business practices," Grant adds. "SAP can be used to identify where the organization is experiencing increases in costs."

With RAMS, the future holds "the ability to provide automatic aviation tracking as opposed to the manually inputted system currently in place," Hunter adds. "We always look for ways to improve user service and support."



Cashier and Collections Units: Members of the Cashier and Collections Units gather around Accounting Division Chief Corazon Salao, seated left, and section leader Principal Accountant Silveria Silva. Standing, first row, from left, are Grayce Overman, Latisha Swader, Kenny Chiu, Constance Moore and Pai-Yu Chiu. Second row: Wayne Yocum, David Beasley, Janice Jones and Douglas Colson. (Photo by Jay Berkowitz)



## Department of the Month

## Airports' Financial Services

# Accounts Receivable

### ■ Accounts Receivable invoices more than \$620 million annually.

Accounts Receivable Section, led by Fiscal Systems Specialist Wayne Yocum and Principal Accountant Silveria Silva, performs the billing and collection of revenue generated by Los Angeles World Airports.

The Revenue Billing Unit consists of Senior Accountant Rosalinda Rufino, and accountants Terry Huang, Angus Kwan, Nancy Kane and Connie Zeng. They are responsible for invoicing aviation fees and concession fees, and tenant rentals amounting to more than \$620 million annually.

The Cashier Unit consists of Senior Accountant Kenny Chiu and Accounting Clerks Janice Jones, David Beasley, Grayce Overman and Douglas Colson. This unit is responsible for various cashing and collection activities, including monitoring and custody of security deposits or Faithful Performance Guarantees, general accounting of refunds and business tax payments, allocation of receipts (payments) to the proper tenant and invoice, and custody of the petty cash fund.

The Collections Unit consists of accountants Pai-Yu Chiu and accounting clerks Latisha Swader and Constance Moore. They are responsible for accounts receivable management, including reviewing accounts receivable reports and bankruptcy monitoring functions, supporting contract administrators in their efforts to collect delinquent accounts, and researching customer inquiries and monthly customer statements.



Accounts Receivable: Members of the Revenue Section are, first row, from left: Rosalinda Rufino, Silveria Silva, Accounting Division Chief Corazon Salao and Connie Zeng. Second row: Terry Huang, Wayne Yocum, Nancy Kane and Angus Kwan. (Photo by Jay Berkowitz)

# Accounts Payable

### ■ For Accounts Payable, paying bills is Job One.

The Accounts Payable Section, under the direction of Principal Accountant Nora Giron, is responsible for processing, analyzing and generating payments for Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) employees and vendors.

Management Analyst Jose De Leon provides relevant interpretation and implementation of accounting policies and procedures and guides staff in processing invoices. Senior Accountant Reinita Villamor manages the exceptions desk, the processing/printing of checks, and auditor inquiries.

Accounting Clerks Clarita Flores, Lydia Kim, Gordon Lo, Vicki Patton, and Nise Salima are responsible for processing invoices for payment by verifying invoice amounts, vendor addresses, terms of contracts and purchase orders, and ensuring that the purchase order, goods receipt, and invoice have a "three way match" to complete the payment process.

Accounting Clerks Angela Greene and Lillian Liu in addition to Clerk Typist Dennis Quijano serve as the document control team which is responsible for the preparation, scanning, and indexing of vendor invoices. Senior Accountant Luis Mercado administers the procurement card program for LAWA and performs cash reconciliation. Accountant Gerardo Rabulan assists in managing the vendor accounts to ensure that they are paid timely and assists in the analysis of accruals and general accounts variances.



Accounts Payable Section: Members of the Accounts Payable Section gather around section leader Principal Accountant Nora Giron, seated left, and Accounting Division Chief Corazon Salao. Standing, first row, from left, are Luis Mercado, Reinita Villamor, Clarita Flores, Lillian Liu and Lydia Kim. Second row: Gerardo Rabulan, Nise Salima, Angela Greene and Gordon Lo. (Photo by Jay Berkowitz)

# LA/Ontario Accounting

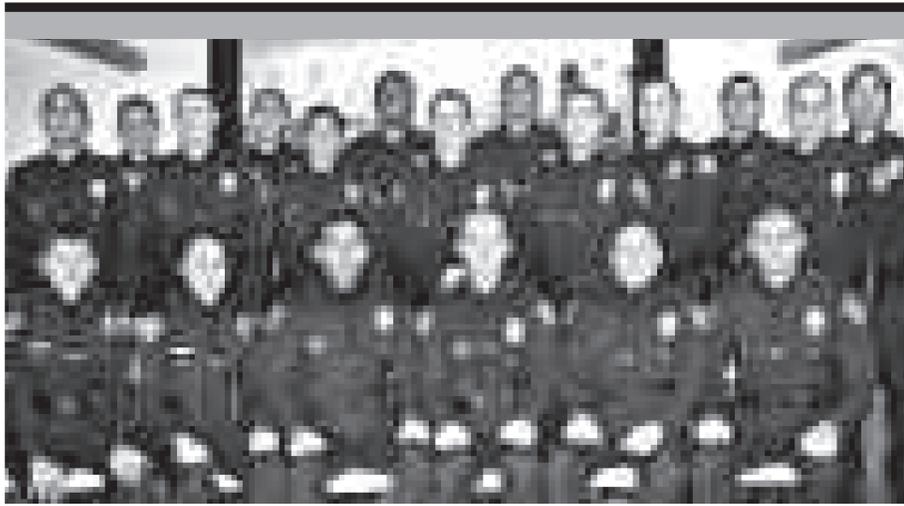
### ■ The Ontario accounting staff handles core accounting functions.

LA/Ontario International Airport (ONT) Accounting is more than a satellite section of Los Angeles World Airports Accounting Operations Division. Under the leadership of Senior Accountant Leonida Del Castillo, with a staff of accounting clerks Dora Alcocer and Janene Levario, ONT Accounting handles all core accounting functions for ONT. These duties include timekeeping, accounts receivable, accounts payable, cashing, and other miscellaneous accounting services.

They work with ONT airport staff to capture discounts and avoiding invoice payment penalties, expediting payments or recurring utility bills, processing miscellaneous revenue billings, and meet payroll deadlines by inputting time sheets, overtime and adjustments in a timely manner.



Ontario Accounting Section: Members of the ONT Accounting Section are Leonida Del Castillo, left, Dora Alcocer, seated, and Janene Levario. (Photo by George Raphael)



Back row, from left: Airport Police Officers Christian Alaniz, Lance Schoenbaum, Jason Smith, Sumit Pandya, Erika Holliday, Murray Rabon, Aaron Shamblin, Jonray Selby, Marcio Matsumoto, Casey Brummer, Dana Ramsey, James Lalicker and David Sun. Front row: Airport Police Officers Ellen Kuo, Cynthia Novelo, Steven Balandran, Jesse Farber, Roberto Salamanca and Jose Gonzalez.

# 19 New Airport Officers

■ Airport Police swears in 19 new officers.

Story by Officer Belinda Nettles, Public Information Officer, Airport Police; Photo courtesy Airport Police

**AIRPORTS** — Nineteen new recruits joined the ranks of the Los Angeles Airport Police following their graduation from Rio Hondo Police Academy Feb. 22 in Whittier.

Deputy Executive Director of Law Enforcement and Protection Services James T. Butts Jr. and Airport Police Acting Chief Brian A. Walker attended their graduation to perform the swearing-in ceremony.

The new officers are:

- Christian Alaniz
- Steven Balandran
- Casey Brummer
- Jesse Farber
- Jose Gonzalez

- Erika Holliday
- Ellen Kuo
- James Lalicker
- Marcio Matsumoto
- Cynthia Novelo
- Sumit Pandya
- Murray Rabon
- Dana Ramsey
- Roberto Salamanca
- Lance Schoenbaum
- Jonray Selby
- Aaron Chamblin
- Jason Smith and
- David Sun.

The next step for the officers is to complete a six month Field Training program. During the training program, new officers will be assigned to a Field Training Officer (FTO) before they are released and assigned to the Patrol Services Section.

# So Long, Gerald

■ Gerald Tuskes retires from Airports after 25 years of City service.

Story and photos by Liz Montes, Club Counselor

**AIRPORTS** — Gerald Tuskes, from Airports' Human Resources Division, retired from the City after 25 years of service. A luncheon was held in his honor Feb. 26 at the Flight Path Museum.

Several collages and friends attended the luncheon to wish Gerald farewell. Gerald plans to spend his retirement fishing in Seattle.

The Club wishes Gerald lots of great fishing, and a terrific retirement.



John Dunlop, Chief Personnel Analyst, and Gerald Tuskes.



Gerald Tuskes, Sr. Personnel Analyst, LAWA Human Resources Services, receives a Certificate of Appreciation from the City of Los Angeles.



Front row, from left: Shanda Fernandez; Suzette Robottony; Jimmy Sparks, Club Member; Dann McCoy-Sneal, Club Member; Linda Brown, Club Rep; and Cindy Harrell. Back row: Brenda Crawford, Club Member; and Carol Moody, Club Member.



From left: Gerald Tuskes; Linda Brown, Club Rep; and Jimmy Sparks, AAE President.



From left: Letty Ortiz, LAWA Human Resources Services; Marie O'Kelly-Green, Sr. Personnel Analyst II; and Gerald Tuskes.

# Tuned

by **TONY IGHANI**  
Station Manager,  
LA Cityview 35

## Your Input Sought on Community Access TV

The City is conducting a series of public meetings during March and April to solicit feedback from the community members regarding the future of public access television in Los Angeles. As reported last month, the State of California passed new legislation that will dramatically change the way public access television and services are provided. Currently, public access programs are produced by community members through studio facilities provided by the cable TV operators. This is a requirement of the cable TV franchise agreements. In 2009, those agreements will no longer be negotiated by the City, as the state will take over. At that time, the cable TV operators will not be required to provide public access studio facilities and instead will be required to provide 1 percent of their gross revenues to the City in support of public, educational and governmental access television operations. It is the intent of the City to gather as much community feedback as possible so that it can develop a plan to secure the future of community programming. If you are interested in these hearings, Channel 35 will be airing them throughout April and May. For more information about the hearing dates and locations visit: <http://www.lacity.org/ITA> and follow the link to PEG community meetings.

### Programming Highlights in April:

#### Big Sunday 2007: April 28-29

"Big Sunday" is an annual Citywide volunteer day, done in partnership with the Office of Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa. Volunteers from all over Los Angeles perform acts of benevolence throughout the City all weekend long. There are volunteer opportunities for every passion, every talent and every age. Last year's event drew more than 32,000 volunteers from hundreds of congregations, schools, clubs and other groups volunteered at nearly 250 different nonprofits. For more information, please visit [www.bigsunday.org](http://www.bigsunday.org) or call (213) 922-9737. Watch LA Cityview 35's coverage of Big Sunday 2006 throughout April and stay tuned for our coverage of Big Sunday 2007 in May. Check the program listings for airdates.

#### Disability Forum

"Disability Forum," LA Cityview 35's regular series of programs for people with disabilities, their families and friends, continues to bring relevant topics to the disability community residing in the City. In the next series of shows, special education, In-Home Support Services and transportation will take front-and-center stage.

Special education as practiced by the Los Angeles Unified School District will be addressed by an LAUSD special education administrator, a parent of a child with special needs who has been through the special ed system, and a member of the City Commission on Disability serving on Mayor Villaraigosa's education taskforce. It promises to be a lively and thought-provoking discussion.

The program by which tens of thousands of persons with disabilities are able to live satisfying, independent lives is known as In-Home Support Services (IHSS). It is administered by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS). To learn how this valuable program functions, "Disability

Forum" will host a representative from DPSS, an individual who benefits from IHSS, and a representative of the agency that provides personal care workers for this valuable program.

Airs: Sundays at 4 p.m. and Thursdays at 9:30 p.m.

#### DWP Science Bowl 2007

LA Cityview Channel 35 will air a special broadcast of the DWP Science Bowl 2007, one of the City's most noteworthy high school academic competitions. The winner of this event will represent the City at the U.S. Department of Energy's National Science Bowl in Washington, D.C., at the end of April. The competition features a game-show style format. In addition, there is an exciting hands-on side competition.

You will be enthralled as these high school academic superstars match wits, teamwork and lightning reflexes. The program also will show how several teams prepared for the big regional event through school practice sessions and scrimmages with other schools. This month, the DWP Science Bowl will air four times on Channel 35 as follows: Monday, April 9 at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and Monday, April 23, at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

#### May Election Coverage

On Tuesday, May 15, Angelenos will be going back to the polls to elect officials for LAUSD Districts 3 and 7, and Los Angeles Community College District 5 in the General Municipal Election. As a public service, LA Cityview 35 has offered each candidate an opportunity to appear and share his or her qualifications and platform on relevant issues. Channel 35 will broadcast these candidates' statements throughout the month of April so that viewers will have familiarized themselves with each candidate when they go to the polls.

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

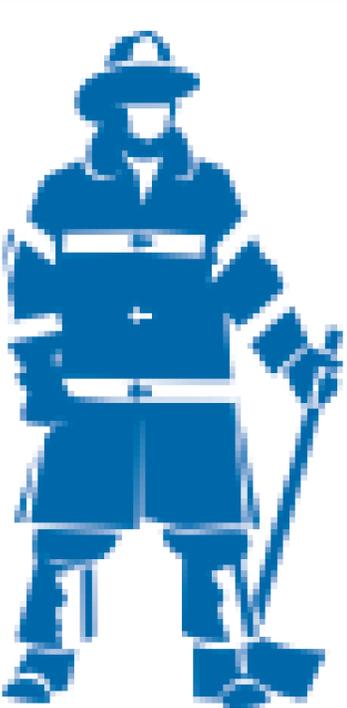


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See you on LA Cityview 35!



LAFD Chief Douglas L. Barry addresses the graduating class.

# Fire Graduates

■ Fire Dept. graduates its latest training recruits.

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

**FIRE DEPT.** — Thirty-eight members of the second 2006 Fire Dept. training class graduated at a ceremony held Feb. 28 at Drill Tower 40 on Terminal Island.

The class motto is "Stay Strong, Stay True."

Master of Ceremonies was Capt. Steve Owens. The Presentation of Colors was handled by the LAFD Color Guard with Firefighter John Keys. The National Anthem was sung by Tammy Fortune-Irby. The Invocation, Closing Remarks and Benediction were conducted by LAFD Chaplain George Negrete. The actual Badge Presentation was by Fire Chief Douglas L. Barry.

Also in attendance were Jill Furillo, Vice President of the Board of Fire Commissioners; Deputy Chief Emile W. Mack; Section Commander of Recruit Services Section Brian L. Cummings; Arif Alikhan, Deputy Mayor of the Homeland Security and Public Safety Office of the Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa; and Drill Master Capt. II Craig H. Jackson.

## Class honors went to:

**Academic Achievement:** Kristofer Jorgensen  
**Top Overall Recruits:** Ryan Miller and Jordan Purrington  
**Golden Cross Award:** Michael Walton  
**Golden Rung Award:** Eric Lugo and Casey Ketelsleger  
**Golden Gasket Award:** Eric Lugo  
**Jaime Foster Inspirational Award:** David Bradley

Congratulations to all the graduates! And thanks to Lee Keebler for assisting us with this article.

## The graduates were:

|                        |
|------------------------|
| Alfred S. Balestra     |
| Bradley J. Barrett     |
| Chad J. Bernhardt      |
| Ryan W. Boswell        |
| David W. Bradley       |
| Brian M. Buehler       |
| Patrick C. D'Arrigo    |
| Mike E. Fyhrie         |
| Aaron A. Guggenheim    |
| Kyle H. Halstead       |
| Gregory D. Harvey      |
| Matthew Hennessy       |
| Austin J. Herrington   |
| Tahj Jakins            |
| Kristofer B. Jorgensen |
| Casey E. Ketelsleger   |
| Brett G. Klemme        |
| Dennis A. Lefevre      |
| Scott R. Loveless      |
| Eric A. Lugo           |
| Evan T. McDevitt       |
| Enrique Mercado        |
| Chad A. Miller         |
| Ryan S. Miller         |
| John J. Molina         |
| David J. Narvaez       |
| Corey W. O'Bryan       |
| Miguel H. Pacheco      |
| Shawn A. Phillips      |
| Jordan I. Purrington   |
| Matthew C. Quealy      |
| Carlos R. Risco        |
| Luke D. Russell        |
| Christopher Sandoval   |
| Aaron M. Sheiern       |
| David A. Steinman      |
| Michael R. Walton      |
| Jonathan J. Wong       |

Academic Achievement Award



Academic Achievement Award Recipient Kristofer Jorgensen.

Jaime Foster Inspirational Award



Jaime Foster Inspirational Award Recipient David Bradley.

Golden Rung Award & Golden Gasket Award



Golden Rung Award and Golden Gasket Award Recipient Eric Lugo.

Golden Cross Award



Golden Cross Award Recipient Michael Walton.

Top Overall Recruit Award



Top Overall Recruit Award Recipient Jordan Purrington.

Top Overall Recruit Award



Top Overall Recruit Award Recipient Ryan Miller.

Golden Rung Award



Golden Rung Award Recipient Casey Ketelsleger.





Shawn A. Phillips.



Austin J. Herrington.



Brett G. Klemme.



Chad J. Bernhardt.



David W. Bradley.



Jonathan J. Wong.



Carlos R. Risco.



Alfred S. Balestra.



Eric A. Lugo.



Ryan W. Boswell.



Chad A. Miller.



John J. Molina.



# Connections to the Grads



Patrick D'Arrigo.



Aaron M. Sheiern.



Enrique Mercado.



Michael R. Walton.



Matthew Hennessy.



Jordan I. Purrington.



Matthew C. Quealy.



Gregory D. Harvey.



Aaron A. Guggenheim.



David J. Narvaez.



Ryan S. Miller.



Brian M. Buehler.



Casey E. Ketelsleger.



The third annual Healthy Relationships Conference, hosted by the Commission on the Status of Women.

# Smart Choices for Young Women

■ **Commission on Status of Women hosts third Health Relationship Conference for teen women.**

**STATUS OF WOMEN** — On Feb. 15, the Commission on the Status of Women's YWAR Program - Young Women: From Adversity to Resiliency - held its third annual Healthy Relationship Conference at the California Science Center. All YWAR schools attended, along with Commissioners, community-based organizations and Councilmember Wendy Greuel.

The teen girls in attendance heard from a woman who overcame many obstacles and now has a positive outlook on life. The conference also offered workshops lead by community-based organizations and psychologist in the field covering topics: Managing Conflict in your Relationship; Preventing Abuse in Relationships; Dating Violence and Legal Issues; Sex and Communication; Communication in Healthy Relationships; and Believe in Yourself. At the end of the conference, the students enjoyed lunch and a closing personal speech by Councilmember Greuel.

The Young Women: from Adversity to Resiliency (YWAR) program is a school-based preventive intervention program for female youths. The program is operational in 12 high

school sites throughout the LA Unified School District. The program teaches young women to make positive, healthy choices through an eight-month life skills curriculum. Topics include: overcoming challenges, communication skills, achieving goals, self esteem, creating healthy relationships, preventing pregnancy and diseases, healthy coping skills and planning for the future.

To expand services to the participants the YWAR Program holds an annual Healthy Relationship Conference, in which all participants in the program have the opportunity to learn more about self-esteem, sex and communication, teen-dating violence and reproductive health. The conference features a variety of community-based resources, as well as learning firsthand about women's experience with domestic violence situations. This unique experience enables the participants to get to know the YWAR collaborative community and all the supportive adults that believe in their success. Ultimately, it is the Commission's goal to empower the participants with a positive perspective on relationships.



From past years, Hurt-Man Rescue Competition: Hector Avila (Lineman - Palms District) competed in the hurt-man rescue. Other events included the pole climb, crossarm, streetlight, dead-end, insulator, and jumper change-outs.



From past years, The events showcased safety techniques, skill, and the speed of power utility workers.

# Pole Position

■ **City Employees are invited to watch the DWP Lineman's Rodeo, a fun event for the family.**

DWP — City Employees are given a special invitation to watch the DWP lineman hop onto their "polar express" - the annual DWP Lineman's Rodeo. The event is not open to the general public.

The event is set for 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 12, at the DWP Truesdale Facility, 11760 Truesdale St. in Sun Valley.

The DWP Linemen compete in a number of events. Winning teams will go to regional and possibly national competition.

**The Journeyman skill events include:**

- Pole climb
- Hurt man rescue
- Cross arm changeout
- Jumper installation
- Dead end changeout

**Apprentice events include:**

- Pole climb
- Hurt man rescue
- Secondary parallel
- Temporary service installation

Past activities for the family include a petting zoo, a climbing wall, face painting, jumpers and balloons. Food and drink is expected to be available.

The annual event usually lasts until about 1:30 p.m.

## Life's Important Moments

*Share Your Good News!*

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# Pay Tribute to Your Mom!

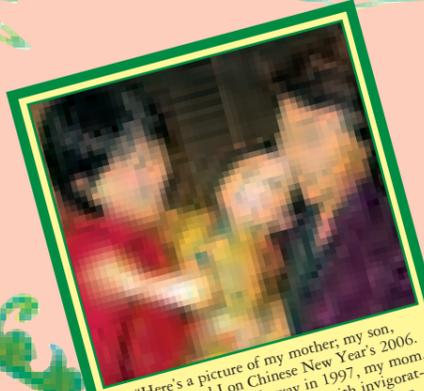
Moms love tributes. It's the least you can do, after all she has done for you!

**CITY EMPLOYEES:** Pay tribute to your mom this Mother's Day... with a photo and message of lifelong love, published in *Alive!*

In our May issue, we'll print a photo of you and your mom (or just your mom)... and a two-or-three sentence message of Happy Mother's Day from you. Photos can be either print or digital. Send it in now!

- Send in a print or digital photo of you and your mom (or just your mom).
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- Send print photos (or drop them off in person) to:
 

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350 S. Figueroa, Suite 700  
Los Angeles, CA 90012.
- Include a message of Happy Mother's Day (up to three sentences).
- **Deadline: April 12.**

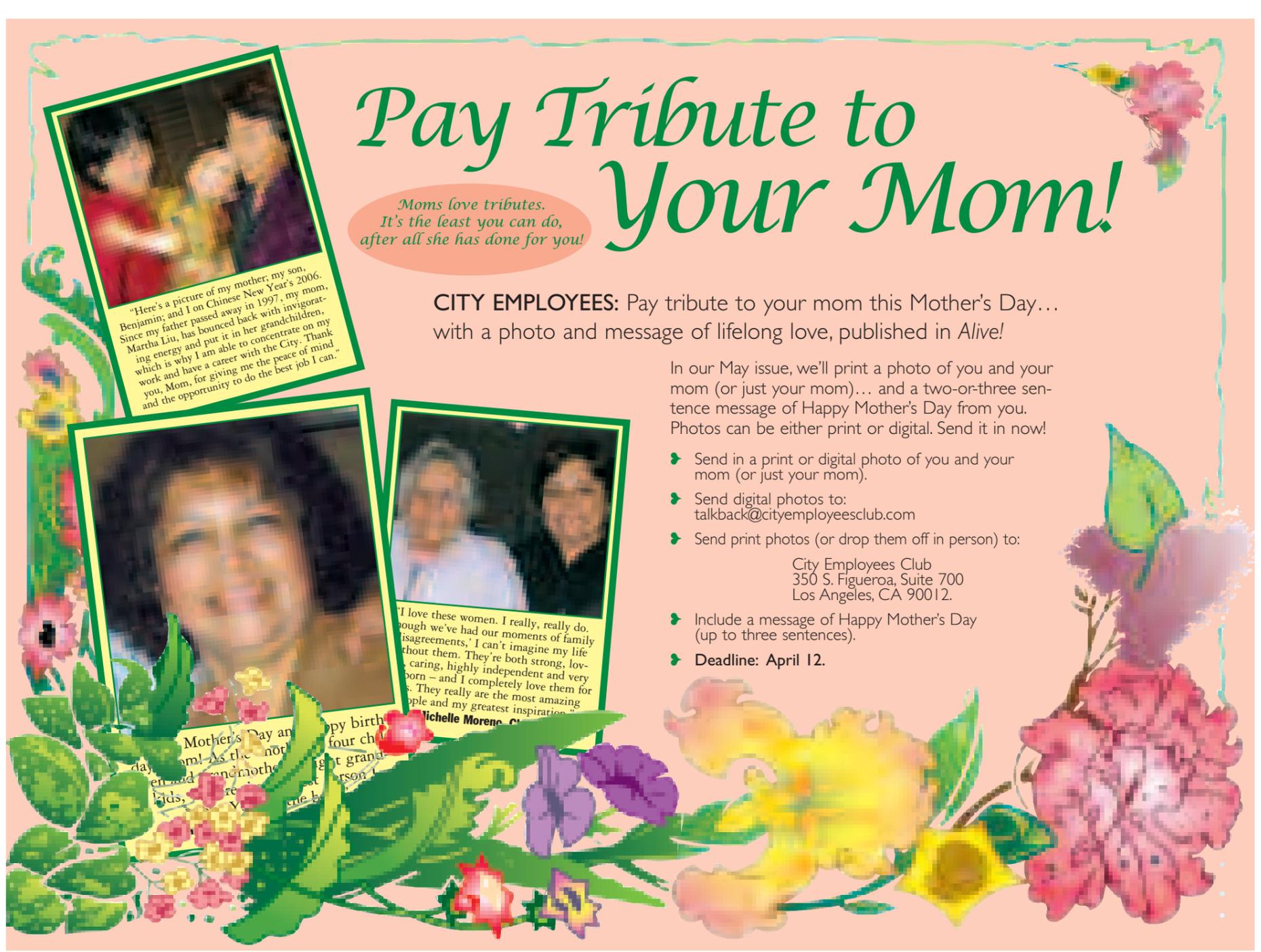


"Here's a picture of my mother, my son, Benjamin, and I on Chinese New Year's 2006. Since my father passed away in 1997, my mom, Martha Liu, has bounced back with invigorating energy and put it in her grandchild, which is why I am able to concentrate on my work and have a career with the City. Thank you, Mom, for giving me the peace of mind and the opportunity to do the best job I can."



"I love these women. I really, really do. Though we've had our moments of family disagreements, I can't imagine my life without them. They're both strong, loving, caring, highly independent and very hard-working - and I completely love them for it. They really are the most amazing people and my greatest inspiration."  
Michelle Moreno, City Employee

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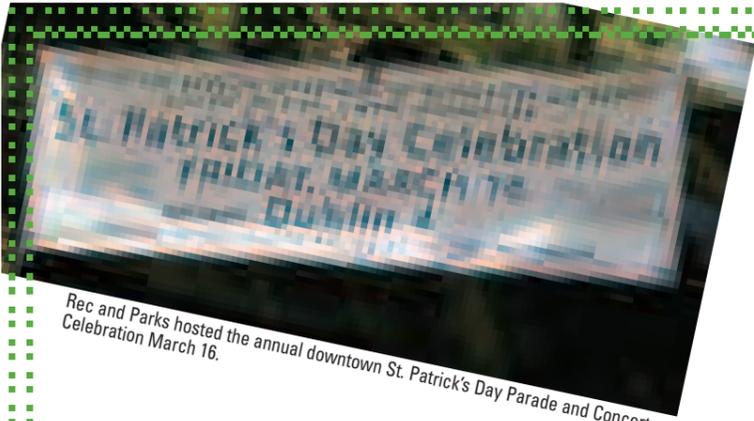
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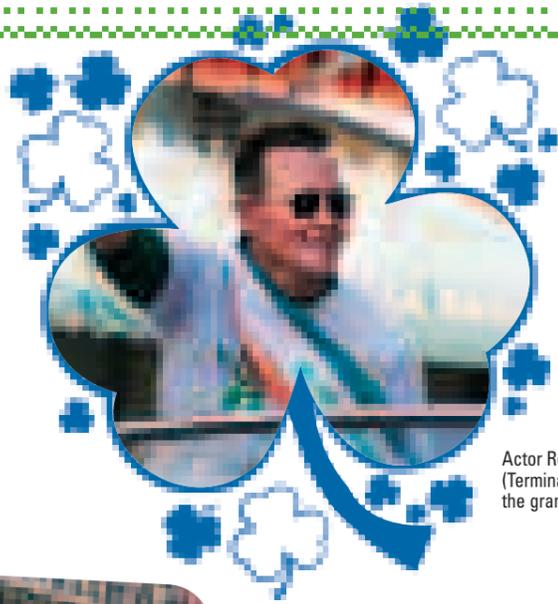
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Rec and Parks hosted the annual downtown St. Patrick's Day Parade and Concert Celebration March 16.



Actor Robert Patrick (Terminator 2) was the grand marshal.



Honorary Consul of Ireland Finbar Hill.



You can't have a parade without horses, and this parade was no exception.



LAFD's Truck Company 3, from downtown.



Anne Colburn was the Irish Import Shop's Irishwoman of the Year. Stacy Marble, Field Deputy for Council District 4.



Councilman and Club Member Tom LaBonge, who had an Irish grandmother, helped to organize the parade.



Christopher Garcia, Street Services.



Stacy Marble, Field Deputy for Council District 4.



The official banner begins the parade.



You can't have an Irish parade with Irish music, provided here by the Praties Irish band.



Councilman Eric Garcetti.



# Irish For a Day!

■ The City officially celebrated St. Patrick's Day March 16 with a parade downtown and concert in Pershing Square ... and the annual St. Baldrick fundraiser in the Valley.

*Photos by Alive! staff members  
Summy Lam, Club Tech Guru,  
and John Burnes, Editor*



In a nod to peace in Ireland, patrons from Casey's Irish Bar and Grille ride atop a British bus.

# Irish For a Day!



Long Beach Middle School.



A high position is sometimes the best vantage point.



The Town Crier gets in the act.



The Farmer John float.



## Downtown streets awash in "green"



The parade attracted even the City's LAFD leadership, here with Councilman Tom LaBonge.



The Los Angeles Police Emerald Society Bagpipers.



The Los Angeles Police Emerald Society Bagpipers.



Oscar Garza, Traffic Officer, Transportation, and Club Member.



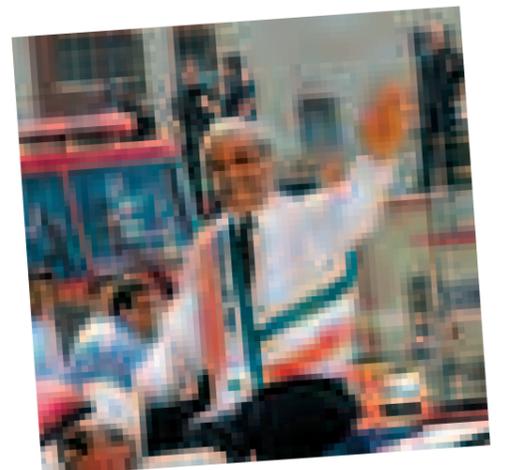
Horses are always a good thing in a parade.



The Dublin Four band entertained at the post-parade concert in Pershing Square.



Banning High School.

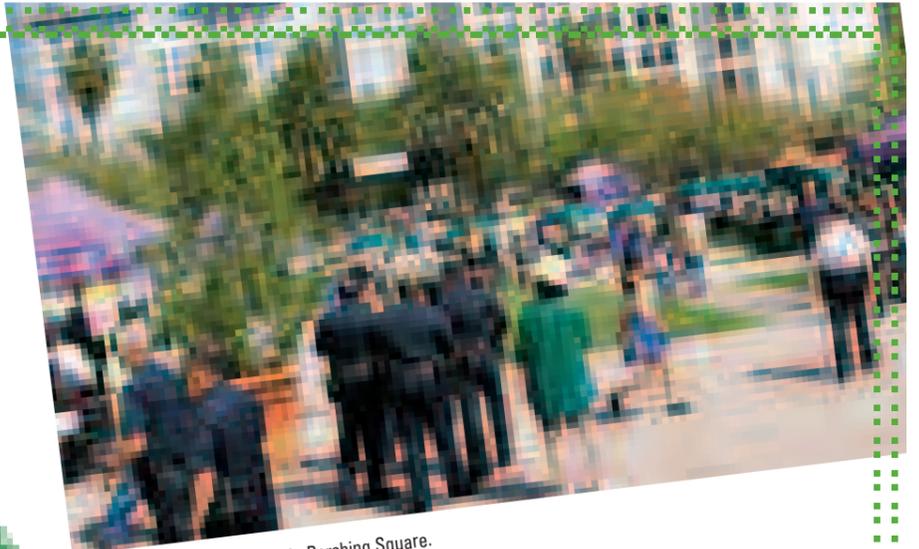


Councilman Bernard Parks.





Honorary Consul of Ireland Finbar Hill.



The post-parade celebration in Pershing Square.



Councilwoman and Club Member Jan Perry rode atop the Wells Fargo stagecoach.



LAFD's Truck Company 3, from downtown.



The post-parade celebration in Pershing Square.



The flag-bearers in the Los Angeles Police Emerald Society.



A drummer in the Los Angeles Police Emerald Society.



Two dancers enjoy the post-parade concert in Pershing Square.



The fountain water flowed green at the post-parade celebration in Pershing Square.



## Capturing the Moment

*Alive!* photographers weren't the only ones capturing the fun during the St. Patrick's Day Parade and Celebration March 16. Here, enthusiastic parade participants Councilman Dennis Zine (right) and Councilman and Club Member Tom LaBonge (below) brought their cameras, too, to capture the moment. LaBonge is an accomplished photographer.



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



## Graduations



Congratulations to Natasha Evette Stallworth, who graduated Feb. 3 from the University of La Verne with a Bachelor of science degree in child development. "Thank you for being a great person and daughter. Love from your Mom." Her mother is Julia Crowder, Rec and Parks.

*Alive!* is delighted to publish graduation photos of Club members and their children. Have a photo of a recent graduation? Send it in to *Alive!* Graduations, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071.



## Births

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## Quinceañera

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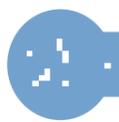
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- Alvon Blair**  
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- Beulah Dock**  
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## In Memoriam

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

### Active

- Arthur Castillo**  
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- Gerald White**  
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Safety, 16
- Colbert Williams**  
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\*Club Members

## New Members

### Welcome New Members!

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

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| <p><b>Airports</b><br/>Mark Devilbiss<br/>Amylou Canonizado<br/>Charlena Freeman<br/>Craig White<br/>Curtis Triplett<br/>Danny Kirdsiri<br/>Desmond Jeffries<br/>Eusebia Serna<br/>Francisco Martinez<br/>Ira Patterson<br/>James Greenfield<br/>Jorge De Loera<br/>Laura Celis-Flores<br/>Maria Flores<br/>Michael Boucher<br/>Michelle Quezada<br/>Mirna Sosa<br/>Paula Worgan<br/>Rose Patterson<br/>Roy Pettijohn<br/>Silvia Facio<br/>Won Davis</p> <p><b>Animal Services</b><br/>Joy Brooks</p> <p><b>Building and Safety</b><br/>Bill Shelton</p> | <p><b>City Clerk</b><br/>Carl Porter</p> <p><b>Community Development</b><br/>Gregory Scheib</p> <p><b>Personnel</b><br/>Bridget Talley</p> <p><b>Cultural Affairs</b><br/>Mary Gharibian</p> <p><b>ITA</b><br/>Gregory Garrison</p> <p><b>Fire</b><br/>Bayne Grindle<br/>George Spring</p> <p><b>Harbor</b><br/>Esiquio Landa<br/>Ismael Flores Jr.</p> <p><b>General Services</b><br/>Zahid Kadri<br/>Diane Newman<br/>Neil Wantana<br/>Derrick Henderson</p> | <p>Joseph Older<br/>Gary Wallace<br/>Isaac Burciaga<br/>Ron Armstrong<br/>Carloina Holguin<br/>Mandakh Mijiddorj<br/>Jerome Cagnolatti<br/>Rene Serna<br/>Benito Perez<br/>Daniel Neria</p> <p><b>Library</b><br/>Rebecca Banks<br/>Aleksy Tsalolikhin</p> <p><b>Housing</b><br/>Selena Cook</p> <p><b>Convention Center</b><br/>Frank Ramos</p> <p><b>Planning</b><br/>Mewland Watanabe</p> <p><b>Police</b><br/>Caylor Carter<br/>Daniel Honey<br/>Danielle Banks<br/>Irma Foster</p> | <p>Jose Contrerras<br/>Josephine Mapson<br/>Ricardo Dominguez<br/>Afra Pineda<br/>Alvaro Paramo<br/>Andrea Shelton<br/>Angela Glosson<br/>Annette Robinson<br/>Annita Howze<br/>Anthony Partida<br/>Christina Coronado<br/>Daniel Cervantes<br/>Danielle Bryant<br/>Debra Harrell<br/>Diane Martin<br/>Emily Zavala<br/>Frank Koster<br/>Irary Daniel<br/>Jacqueleen Dreben<br/>Jasmine Jefferson<br/>Joaquin Trujillo<br/>John Perez<br/>Karla Sanders<br/>Lee Reiner<br/>Luz Chavez<br/>Marcell Anderson<br/>Mario Meneses<br/>Michelle De Anda<br/>Nancy Minatiskan-</p> | <p>Vargas<br/>Rafael Medina<br/>Redentor Abcede<br/>Rita Quebral<br/>Ryan Farhand<br/>Temeka Phillips</p> <p><b>Public Works</b></p> <p><b>Contract Administration</b><br/>Yono Hong</p> <p><b>Sanitation</b><br/>Alfred Jeffery<br/>Hollis Gould<br/>Crystal Serrato-Mrianda<br/>Bardomino<br/>Martinez<br/>Steven Reed</p> <p><b>Street Services</b><br/>Christopher Kalish<br/>Merle Farrar<br/>Ferdinand Chan</p> | <p><b>Rec and Parks</b><br/>Jovan Herron<br/>Michael Szeto<br/>Nicole White<br/>Aurora Garcia<br/>Guy Killum<br/>Priscilla Perteeet</p> <p><b>Transportation</b><br/>Jesus Lopez</p> <p><b>DWP</b><br/>Terri Parker<br/>Patrick Cruz<br/>Shirley Brown<br/>John Bryant<br/>Jose Juarez<br/>William Fong<br/>Walter Fullmore<br/>Anthony Villegas<br/>Tim Hwang<br/>Daniel Jimenez<br/>Pamela Hughes<br/>Jessie Uyemura<br/>Oscar Bustos<br/>Shartette Lobsinger<br/>Robert Millan<br/>Carmen Webb<br/>Anthony Ramirez</p> | <p>Margarita Estrella<br/>Walter Madrid<br/>James Sherman<br/>Jerry Waggoner<br/>Michele Wilson<br/>Robert Moore</p> <p><b>Retired</b><br/>Alice Williams<br/>Mark Devilbiss<br/>Diane Newman<br/>Joseph Older<br/>Jerome Cagnolatti<br/>Alvin Gridiron<br/>Sally Cole<br/>Antonio Ramirez<br/>Merle Farrar<br/>Carmen Haro<br/>Claudia Jamison<br/>Janet Ruzek<br/>Leslie Hodnett<br/>Mario Rodriguez<br/>Nestor Gatbonton<br/>Robert Moore</p> |
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## Protect Your Family With Club Insurance. Today!

### Insurance Products

#### From the Club

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



**Term Life** (from \$10K to \$300K)  
Safeguard your loved ones! Life insurance is a great way to protect them. Purchasing term life insurance also makes you eligible for the Club's famous refund check...whatever we don't spend in claims and overhead, we return to the policyholders. Smart...well managed...and service-oriented.

**Spouse Life Insurance**  
Include your spouse with Club Term Life Insurance.

**Long Term Disability Insurance**  
Protect yourself from career-ending traumas.



**Short Term Disability Insurance**  
Ensure an income stream until you can get back on your feet.

**Long Term Care Insurance**  
Manage your future health-care costs with this Club package.

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

**Group Rated Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance**  
Use the power of the Club to protect yourself against the financial downfall of accidental death or dismemberment.

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

### Your Counselor Can Help

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Arlene Herrero



Liz Montes

# Your Reviews

You can be a reviewer! Have you just seen a great movie or DVD? Read a great book? Been to a great play or musical? Write a brief review. It's easy! See the instruction box.



## 100 Words or Fewer

Here's how to submit your review. *Alive!* accepts entertainment reviews of 100 words or fewer. We might not print them all, especially if we receive multiple reviews for the same movie or DVD. Follow these rules:

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- Keep all reviews to 100 words or fewer, but try to write more than one or two sentences.
- Your own comments are more important than a long plot summary.
- Give us your score on a scale of 1 to 5. Use this format: *My Score: X (out of 5)*.
- Make sure you give us your name and City department (or retired).
- Submit your review to: [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)
- *Alive!* will send you a small but appropriate "thank you" if we publish your review.
- Have fun!

## DVD Review



**Pride and Prejudice (1995)**  
BBC Miniseries  
**My Score: 5 (out of 5)**

This version with plenty of scenes of English countryside and grand English manors is a much truer adaptation to Jane Austen's novel by the same name.

The casting brings out the humor and the gossipy tone of the whole story. Colin Firth earned what is equivalent to a British Emmy for his performance as Darcy. If you are looking for a well-told story and a more attractive Darcy and Elizabeth Bennet, you'll enjoy this much more than the recent 2005 Hollywood production.

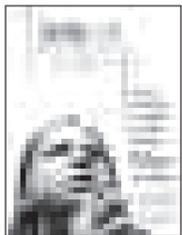
— Yvonne Liu, Office of Finance



**Shopgirl (2005)**  
Rated R  
**My Score: 3.5 (out of 5)**

Steve Martin adapts his short novella into a sad tale of bittersweet romance. Martin also stars as Ray Porter, a wealthy man with intimacy issues until he meets Mirabelle (Claire Danes), a lonely young woman who works Saks' glove counter in Beverly Hills. Danes is perfect as the typical young girl who has left her despairing family life back East to find a new beginning in L.A. She also contends with the affections of Jeremy (Jason Schwartzman), the clueless but endearing slacker who falls for her. The movie has the feel of angst-ridden poetry with a peppering of humor. The pace of the film is almost lyrical. I found the movie to be a unique and interesting treatment on the complexity of relationships.

— Dan Basiglio, LAPD



**Jesus Camp (2006)**  
Rated PG-13  
**My Score: 4 (out of 5)**

This provocative documentary follows three children as they attend a conservative right-wing evangelical summer camp. It also features the camp's controversial founder,

Becky Fischer, who believes in training up these impressionable young ones to "take back America for Christ." I found the film completely engaging, informative and often extremely funny, especially in light of current politics and the publicized fall of mega-church Pastor Ted Haggard. It is just so ironic to see him interviewed in light of his actions. It is also disturbing to see the children grappling with issues most adults can barely wrap around their minds. I hope the filmmakers will catch up with these kids years from now to see how they fare as adults. It would be fascinating! Do not miss the deleted scenes in the bonus features; they are gems. What this film showed me is there is a thin line between faith and indoctrination. Which side of the line are you on?

— Dan Basiglio, LAPD

## Book Reviews



**Metro Girl**  
Janet Evanovich,  
Harper Collins;  
374 pages  
**My Score: 4 (out of 5)**

This is an Alexandra Barnaby adventure: fast, fun and flighty. Alexandra goes by the name "Barnaby." She used to work in her dad's auto shop, we are told, and even raced cars for a couple of years. It is pure fluff, but a fun read. We follow Barnaby as she tries to solve the mystery of her brother's disappearance. Quirky characters show up to help and hinder her, along with her almost constant companion, Sam Hooker, a NASCAR driver who has the hots for her, as well as a need to find her brother, also!

— Barbara Johnson, LAFD

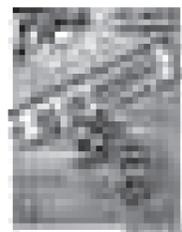


**Visions of Sugar Plums**  
Janet Evanovich  
St. Martin Paperbacks  
164 pages  
**My Score: 3 (out of 5)**

This is another Stephanie Plum novel; Christmas is a heartbeat away, and of course, Stephanie Plum, bounty hunter, is more than a heartbeat shy of being ready for such! Her family is alive and crazy, present throughout for laughs. My favorite passage in the book though, is about Santa: Mary Alice says, "And I know there's no Santa Claus, too. He's just a big fat fake." Diesel [responds] "I can't say for sure if there's really a Santa Claus, but I think it's fun to pretend. The truth is, we all have a choice to make, and we can believe in whatever we want." Happy Christmas.

— Barbara Johnson, LAFD

## Theater Review



**No Ho Cabaret**  
Okay for all ages  
**My Score: 3.5 (out of 5)**

This musical variety show features three acts. The first one is more of a cabaret show with a nice variety. I would rate that a 3. The second act is three real sisters who are an absolute delight. I would rate them a 4. Then there is another sister act, with two sisters who will blow you away. Of course I would rate them a 5.

It's a small theater, with a small price. It's a very nice way to spend a Sunday evening.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

The Hub Theater, 5245 Lankershim Blvd., N. Hollywood



**Mommy! Mommy! The Musical! Musical!**  
Best for adults, especially mothers  
**My Score: 3.5 (out of 5)**

This is a very cute comedy/musical about four women with nothing in common who meet at a parenting class and who bond and form a long-lasting friendship. We watch as the four women get together throughout the years and share stories about themselves and their children. I really enjoyed the show.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

Hudson Backstage Theatre, 6539 Santa Monica Blvd., Hollywood

## MOVIE REVIEWS



**Dreamgirls**  
Rated PG-13  
**My Score: 5 (out of 5)**

Never a boring moment in this movie! From the fabulous dresses to the heartfelt emotions in the songs, *Dreamgirls* keeps you interested in the rise and fall of three friends striving toward musical stardom. Starring Jamie Foxx, Beyoncé Knowles and Jennifer Hudson, this film shows the intense emotions and dedication it takes to pursue the fantasy/reality of a musical career. A very enjoyable film. Don't forget the tissue box!

— Jean Sarfaty, LAPD

**Dreamgirls**  
**My Score: 5 (out of 5)**

Yes, *Dreamgirls* is as good as you've heard, and Jennifer Hudson (as Effie White) steals the show! Her power ballads are fabulous, stopping the show within the movie, and even garnering applause from the audience watching the movie. Eddie Murphy (as James Early) is great, also. Check out his final performance in the movie for a laugh. The entire cast is good and works well together as you follow the story and root for Hudson's character to make it.

Go see this movie, have fun, and cheer the singers on!

— Barbara Johnson, LAFD



**Reno 911: Miami**  
Rated R  
**My Score: 4 (out of 5)**

Miami brings the fun of the hit series from Comedy Central to the big screen! Like the Keystone Cops for the year 2007, a bumbling team of Reno cops must save the day after a terrorist attack disrupts a national police convention in Miami Beach. This movie is hilarious, with many sight gags that'll keep you in stitches throughout. The brief cameo by Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson as a Swat leader is a major highlight. If you want to have a good laugh at the expense of a small town police dept., then this is the movie for you!

— Jorge Enciso, Office of Finance



**Night at the Museum**  
Rated PG  
**My Score: 5 (out of 5)**

You may think that a museum is boring. This museum comes to life. Let me tell you a little about this story. This guy named Larry needed a job really bad. The only job he could get was as a watchman in the museum that came to life. He didn't know that at the time. It was hilarious. Now, my favorite part in the movie was when a monkey named Dexter and Larry were slapping each other. That made me laugh like crazy. Then Dexter.... wait a minute, I'm telling you too much about this movie. There were no sad parts. This is one of my top ten movies. Go see *Night at the Museum* in a movie theatre near you.

— Devyn Cordero, 9, son of Catherine Cordero, LAPD



**Charlotte's Web**  
Rated G  
**My Score: 4 (out of 5)**

I thought that a barn of animals couldn't talk, but in the movie *Charlotte's Web* they do. I enjoyed the scenes. I couldn't wait to see the movie *Charlotte's Web*, and when I finally saw it I was excited. The movie was part sad and part funny. I felt so comfortable, that I almost fell asleep. I liked this movie a lot.

— Christopher Cordero, 6, son of Catherine Cordero, LAPD



**Wild Hogs**  
Rated PG-13  
**My Score: 5 (out of 5)**

This was a very funny movie. The cast was great: John Travolta, Tim Allen, Martin Lawrence and William H. Macy. The story is about these middle-aged men and how they decide to drive their motorcycles across the United States. They encounter various situations, which are funny and entertaining. The movie will keep you laughing and had pretty clean humor. Do stay for the credits: very funny is all I will say.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD



**Blood Diamond**  
Rated R  
**My Score: 5 (out of 5)**

*Blood Diamond* is an intense movie. Both Leonardo DiCaprio (as Danny Archer) and Djimon Hounsou (as Solomon Vandy) are terrific in the film. Jennifer Connelly has little to do, but does it well. The story is set in South Africa and depicts some of the atrocities done in the name of the diamond trade. I found the best quote in the movie from DiCaprio's character, saying "Sometimes I wonder if God will ever forgive us for what we've done to each other," then he goes on to say that he realizes God left here a long time ago.

— Barbara Johnson, LAFD



**Pan's Labyrinth**  
Rated: R  
**My Score: 5 (out of 5)**

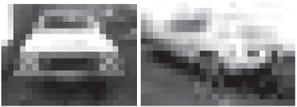
This is a gorgeous movie from writer/director Guillermo del Toro. It is part war movie, set in the 1944 of Franco's Fascist regime, and part fantasy. There are many layers to the movie that can be dissected, or you can simply sit back and be awed by the dark masterpiece. Ophelia is a child, sent with her pregnant mother to live with her cruel and violent step-father in the woods near a strange labyrinth, where she meets Pan in this conversation: "My name is Ophelia. Who are you?" "Me? I've had so many names. Old names that only the wind and trees can pronounce. I am. I am a faun. Your most humble servant, Your Highness." Go see it and be mesmerized.

— Barbara Johnson, LAFD



# CLASSIFIED ADS *Alive!* Members Marketplace

## New Ads This Month!



**1976 Gremlin**, only 63,000 miles. Garaged. All original. \$1,500 firm. Call Tariq at (323) 665-7121. 47

**Back house for rent.** 1 Bedroom/Bathroom. Kitchen & living room. New carpet, blinds & doors. Utilities included! Street parking. Near various shopping locations, 105/110 Fwy, blue/green line trains. One year lease, required! Deposit: \$950 (APC). NO PETS!! Location: 814 East 106th Street, LA CA 90002. Available now. For Appt call Latrease @ 323-385-5059 47

**San Diego timeshare for rent**, Oct. 7 - Oct. 14, 2007, seven nights, 1 bdrm/1 bath, sofa sleeper in LR, CA TV, DVD player, & A/C. Ltd kitchen w/ref, stovetop (2 burner), microwave, toaster, blender & coffeemaker. No oven. No pets. Lv. msg for Terry at (818) 769-3382. 47

**Monterey Bay timeshare for rent**, from 6/6 to 6/13, 2007, for only \$750. 2 bdrm/2 baths, 7 nights, occ. 6 max. Fully equipped kitchen, W/D, CA TV, VCR/DVD player, Gas FP, BBQ, pools, plus more. No pets. Lv. msg for Terry at (818) 769-3382. 47

**Carpeting for sale.** Plush, burgandy, used, in good condition; approx. 51 yds. \$250. Call Connie 323) 351-4689 47

**1995 Harley Davidson Sportster 1200**, 13,000 miles. Forward controls. Sissy bar. Lots of chrome. Runs and sounds perfect. Small scratch on tank but priced to sell. \$4,300.00 OBO. (661) 510-9671 47

**Condo for rent!** Redondo Beach Condo for Rent On Esplanade Ocean Front, Great View 1bd 1bath 1parking front unit, \$1,800. 47

**1969 Volkswagon Bus.** Bed, table, new transmission. "C'mon hippies!" \$4,800. Cell: 909-565-8197, Home: 909-484-1971. Ask for Seano. 47

**1963 Mercury Comet.** Stock, runs, needs fine tune but nice! \$4,000 firm. Cell: 909-565-8197, Home: 909-484-1971. Ask for Seano. 47

**2004 Harley Davidson Fatboy!** Vance & Hines beachboy bars, Linbar crash bar, lowered one inch. "Clean" warrant, cover. \$15,000 firm. Cell: 909-565-8197, Home: 909-484-1971. Ask for Seano. 47

**8-inch Porche Alloys.** 5 lug, \$500 firm. Cell: 909-565-8197, Home: 909-484-1971. 47

**Wheelchair ramp for a van,** hydraulic. \$1,200 or best offer. Ask for Carole 626-960-3309. 47

## Autos / Motorcycles



**2003 Toyota Camry LE**, Silver, V6, A/C, CD/cassette player, woodgrain interior, 61K miles, tinted, excellent condition. Must see! \$13,000 OBO. Lourdes, (818) 775-5372. 37

**2000 Toyota Camry**, 84,000 miles. Burgundy color. Grey Interior. 5-cylinder. All power. Sunroof. Air conditioning. Paint & Interior in Good Condition. \$7,500 or OBO. Call 323-216-6859. Pics available upon request. E-mail svo213@aol.com. 37



**2000 FLSTC Heritage Softail Classic**, 2,630 miles. Original owner. This is a numbered Bike 25 of 100 made. Toomuchtolist. \$15,000.00 OBO. More photos available. Please e-mail: kaufman@roadrunner.com Kurt (805) 300 2147 106

**1973 Volkswagen Bus**, Good Condition. 2000CC engine. Aircooled. Earl. Call (323) 292-7358. 106

**1998 Green Chevy Malibu** 67,000.00 miles. \$3500.00 Contact Davis (626) 905-0814. 96

**2001 Suzuki Grand Vitara XL7.** 5 Doors, Three Row Seats, Rear Air, 2 WD. Mileage 59000. Good Running Condition. Price \$8500. Call (818) 882-9393. 96

**1997 Honda Civic Hatchback (5Spd)**: Clean Title, A/C, CD Player, No accidents. 35-40 MPG. Red color. 125000 miles. New Michelin Tires. Call for more details. (323) 225-3535. 96

**1996 white ext.cab chevrolet p/u w/shell** 114,870 miles. \$6000.00 Contact Davis (626) 905-0814. 96

**1992 Ford F350 Crew Cab Truck**, 460 eng., White, only 123,000 mi, shell, carpet kit, \$8,000 OBO. Great condition. Call Tom (909) 996-1349. 27



**1996 Ford Explorer Sport**, Good running condition, very clean, A/C, power windows and power lock. 148818 miles. 4000 OBO Call Ana (323) 573-9295 27



**Dirtbikes**, 2002 YZ 426F & 2006 YZ 250F. YZ 250; low low hours, stock. \$5200.00 obo. YZ426 \$3000.00 obo has biggun pipe,yamaha seat cover and a few little things.no sand,jumping or racing with either bike. Well maintained. Bob 909-226-2532. 46teardrop@sbcglobal.net 27

**1989 Ford Bronco XLT.** Good Running Condition, clean 6" suspension lift, rebuilt transmission, new alternator. Call Cindy (213) 216-2500 <None>27

**1971 Chevy El Camino**, Custom 350 Eng/Dash \$8,000.00 OBO: **1998 Honda 125 Racing Bike**, \$1,300.00; **1978 Honda X R75 Bike**, \$500.00. For more info. Call 661 724-2461 27

**1991 Honda CRX.** 102,000 miles, new battery, many extras. Interior needs work. \$2,800 OBO. (323)702-7301, evenings 27

**2005 Honda Accord Coupe V6.** \$18,450, Black w/ Black Leather interior, Garage Kept, Perfect Paint and Mechanics, 39,000 Miles. Tinted windows, Spoiler, 18" Chrome, Dual Heated Seats and Climate Control System, AM/FM/XM, 6 Disk in-dash, Sunroof, Cruise Control, Premium Audio. Vehicle runs perfectly, 3k tune-ups (Honda). Must sell Fast. UnderKBB. Call Jason -213-392-5616 or LAVIDEO@Social.r.com. 27



**2000 Honda Accord EX** with V6 engine. 97k. Well maintained. Has all records, original owner, leather seats, 6 cd changer, power windows, sun roof, ac, time belt and water pump replaced at around 80k (has receipts). Runs very well and body is in good condition. \$7,800. (818) 523-7324 cell or email mearevalo@aol.com. 27



**House for sale in Highland park**, (Garvanza district) next to South Pasadena. 3 Bedrooms 1.5 bath large family, formal dining area. central air, fireplace. 1,543 sq. ft plus 2 bonus rooms. Reduced it to \$565,000. Call: Sylvia Delgado 626-572-7242. 37



**HOME SWEET HOME.** Ladera Heights unit available for rent. \$2,400. Remodeled 2 bedroom/1 bath, huge backyard, very quiet neighborhood, fireplace, hardwood floors, very large kitchen, washer/dryer hookup, dishwasher, microwave, alarm system, a/c unit, ceiling fans, water/gardener included. Close to LAX, 405 fwy and Howard Hughes Center. Call for details, appointment. (323) 291-0993. 37



**Home for Sale** by owner. Pasadena. 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath, 900 sqft, view of tree tops/mountains, high vaulted ceiling, spacious interior, close to hiking trails, \$497,000. Call 626-340-1858. 37



**Rainbow cabin**, Big Bear California: Beautiful 2 + 2 cabin, Sleeps 6, fireplace, WiFi, Rates start at \$99 night. LA-City Discount \$50 off per stay, www.rainbowcabin.com (562) 804-1160 Rob 27

**House for Lease.** Thousand Oaks, Ventura County. 1600 Square feet. 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, A/C, Pool, great area, close to Schools, Shopping!!!! Always in the top 3 safest cities in the nation. \$2,500.00 monthly. Contact kkaufman@roadrunner.com 27

**House for Rent in Palmdale.** 2bd, 2 baths, almost brand new appliances. 2 car garage large yard in Great neighborhood. \$1,200 mo. 661-435-4888 27

**House for Rent** For rent in Crestline CA. \$1350 per month. 4 bdrm, 3 bath, 1800 sq ft HOUSE. 2 blocks from Lake Gregory in the San Moritz area. House is vacant and ready to be occupied. Contact Lynda (909) 338-2544 17

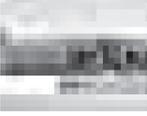
**House for Sale** North Long Beach single story 2 BR/2BTH 1690-sqft, den/fp & bonus rm asking \$529,000. Call Floyd (310) 787-0225 126

**Townhouse for Rent** - Santa Clarita Valley. Close to Fwy., \$1995/mo. Call Ron (661) 252-7748. 116

**House for Rent** - 2 bed, 1 ba. Quiet neighborhood. 5-10 min outside downtown, near Chinatown, Union Station, Olvera St, Japanese town, Pasadena, Glendale, Eagle Rock and Echo Park. Hardwood and tile floors, floor-to-ceiling bathroom tiles, porch and yard, secured parking and washer/dryer on premise. \$1500/month on lease. Call (323) 919-1163. 116

**House for Rent** - 1 bed, 1 ba in Monterey Park. Very private quiet back house. Convenient location, 10 min outside downtown. Off Atlantic exit from 10 fwy, near markets, stores, schools and senior centers. \$900 a month on lease. Call (323) 919-1163. 116

**Beautiful Home for Rent.** Corona 3 bed, 2 ba, 2 car garage. Many upgrades. Fully landscaped. Call (951)847-0901 or (951) 279-1065 after 6pm. 116



**For Sale**, Desert Hot Springs single story new home gated community 4 BR/3BTH; 1900+sqft; 2 car garage; pool, spa, tennis, golf \$369,700. Call (909) 949-4556. 106

**Palmdale Home for Sale** - Close to the freeway, shopping and dining. Beautiful 5 BR/3BA, 2213 sq. ft. two-story, corner lot on a quiet cul-de-sac street. Asking \$459,900. Call Leslie (310) 901-5622 106

**Guesthouse (in-law unit)**, available now. Cute 1+1, about 500 sq feet, kitchen, A/C, private entrance in quiet neighborhood, parking on street. Incl: Utilities, stove, DSL, laundry and basic cable TV. \$1300. Northridge, near CSUN, Pierce College, shopping and freeways. Can be seen at http://losangeles.craigslist.org/sfv/apa/202515214.htm or Call (818) 885-5155, paulsaenz@sbcglobal.net 106

**Apt. for Rent**, 2 Bed/1ba. Large living room and dining room. New paint and carpet. 2nd level of gated 3 unit property - near King Blvd. and Western, \$1200. Call (323) 291-1931 106

**Newly Built Detached Condo 4Rent**, \$2200/mo. 3 BD/2.5 BA, 2-car garage. 1850 sq.ft. Kitchen Island. Heat/A.C. Off 10 fwy. Pool in front. (310) 242-7681. 5 mins from Ontario Airport. 106

## Household Items

**Cross-stitched Arts** - Beautiful home décor, no frame, prices are negotiable. Call Nida & leave a message (909) 800-3207. 106

**Ionic Breeze:** Regular \$350, out-the-door for \$300. Alle-germ free your environment. As-Seen-On-TV. Brand new in the box. Call Joe (323) 750-7005 or JEDA3R@hotmail.com 106

## Miscellaneous

**Rottweiler Puppies.** 7 females, 5 males, born 12/30/06. Pups have docked tails and first shots. Parents on premises. Call Duran at (562) 396-8436. 37

**Microwave**, \$30.00, call 323-721-3854. 37

**Dining room table and china cabinet** - \$200, call 323-721-3854. 37

**Set of chrome wheels for sale.** \$1,000.00 or best offer. Sorry, no checks please. Call Lillian @ (213) 978-6983. 37

**Brand new dryer for sale.** \$350.00 OBO. Email address: modupe5376@aol.com or call Tayo at (909) 730-7181 37

**Washer and Dryer**, \$150. Call 323-721-3854. 37

**Sink with cabinet for bathroom**, \$30.00, call 323-721-3854. 37

**Portable Maytag dishwasher**, very good condition \$500.00 or best offer (no checks please). Contact Lillian @ (213) 978-6983 37

**Stove:** Frigidaire brand white gas range. Very clean. \$200. (818) 523-7324 cell or email mearevalo@aol.com. 17

**Tires:** Set of 2006 Chrysler 300 wheels size 17- brand new - \$900.00, Call Red, (323) 819-0932. 17

**Tires:** Set of Honda Tires - wheels Size 17- Sale \$700.00. Good Cond. Ph (323) 298-7750. 17

**Hammond Organ X-77GT-B3.** Includes a Leslie Bench and Pedals. This is a true full size tone generator organ. Completely restored from top to bottom. Has a lot more bass than the older model B3. \$4,000 OBF. Contact Jerry: 818-523-3893 day, 818-832-5259 evening. 126

**Jewelry** Beautiful, affordable, magnetic therapy bracelets, pendants for sale. Excellent quality costume Jewelry. Some with CZ stones. May help in blood circulation and pain management. Great gifts for any occasion. Call Nancy (213) 483-8547 or email: onokcc@aim.com 126

**Kenmore 22 cu ft Refrigerator** - Side by side, indoor ice, water dispensing system, and extend fresh temperature management system. White. Excellent condition. Sears in home 2-yr extended warranty, \$700. Call (562) 301-2940. 116

**Baby items (almost new)** - Baby carrier, playpen, walker, swing, rocker, jumper, clothing and more. Call (562) 301-2940. 116

**1 female umbrella, 1 male Moluccan Cockatoos** - Both very sweet, talk and dance. Need a good family home with love. Call (818) 272-1544. 116

**Wicked Tickets** - Row A212/A211 Mezz July 14, 2007 @ 2pm, \$89. Ea/Row NN 101-105 Center Orchestra April 12, 2007 @ 8pm, \$487 for set. Exact prices paid, no mark ups. Call Gail (818) 771-2772. 116

**Rose Hills Plot** - 2 in 1 plot in Rose Hills, Whittier. Lot 935 Section 7, Lawn Sacred Heart, \$3,200. Call Bill (626) 350-0598. 116

## Sports / Exercise

**Dumbbells for sale.** Aerobic 8, 10, and 12 lb dumbbells for sale at \$25 a pair. Like new. Contact Rowena at (818) 378-9139. 17

## Travel / Timeshare

**Las Vegas Grand Desert Timeshare** - for sale. Asking \$30,000 with amenities, plus 182,000 bonus points. Call (310) 522-0051. 116

**TIMESHARE RESORT RENTAL in Cancun, Mexico.** Beautiful Cancun Sunset Club, close to shops, restaurants and nightlife. 7 days \$500.00. Sleeps 4. Call Gina (818) 265-5940 home or (818) 395-3552 cell. 116

**Big Bear Cabin** - 2 + 2 minutes from lake, ski, village Sleeps 6, Fireplace, Dishnet, WiFi Website: www.rainbowcabin.com Start at \$85 night. Call Rob (562) 804-1160. 116

**BED AND BREAKFAST in Klamath Falls, Oregon.** For the best view of the lake and the most competitive price, come stay with us when traveling through or visiting Klamath Falls. Call Jerry Klippness and Helen Hall, 2371 Lakeshore Dr., Klamath Falls, OR 97601, (541) 850-2586. 116

**BEACHFRONT CONDO FOR RENT.** Enjoy a week or a weekend at Imperial Beach (south of San Diego). Call (800) 449-0357. View at www.sandiegovacation.com. 106

**Green Valley Lake Cabin Rental** - 3 bed, 2 ba fully equipped mountain cabin. Between Big Bear and Arrowhead. Quiet, edge of forest, panoramic view. Call (909) 867-3534. Ask for the Fick Cabin, #45. 96



**PALM SPRINGS CONDO FOR RENT** Close to the Village & Spa Resort Casino. 1 bed, 1 ba, sleeps 5, gated community with 8 swimming pools & spas, tennis court and shuffleboard court. Call for Weekday & Weekend Rates! (562) 301-2940. 106

**So. Lake Tahoe vacation rental, 3 bdrm 2 ba home** sleeps 8 nestled in the forest. Close to Lake, Marina, ski slopes and Casinos. Visit us on the web at www.SouthLakeTahoeGetaway.com For weekend, weekly rates and availability call Linda or Cal (805) 584-2718. 106

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## FOR CLUB MEMBERS

**MEMBERS: to place your free classified ad** send us your information (25 total words maximum) including your name, item, description, price, phone number or e-mail address.

You can fax to (213) 620 0598 or email to classifieds@cityemployeesclub.com We'll run your ad in the next available issue on a space available basis. Your ad may be edited for length or appropriateness.

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**Various Beanie Babies** from McDonald's \$2.00 - \$5.00 each. Call Greg (951) 235-3815. 116

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**ESTATE SERVICES** - Appraisal or Liquidation of Fine Art, Collectibles and Coin & Stamp Collections. Call Michael (626) 592-2929. 116



**I BUY SILVER & GOLD U.S. coin collections**, large or small. Please call Michael (626) 592-2929. 116



**Commemorative Coin** - Disney's Haunted Mansion, 2005. Still in unopened package, \$20. Call John (213) 620-0388. 116

# Wanted

**Want to Rent: Room, studio or 1 bedroom.** \$400 or \$600 per month, close to downtown or train stop. Need by January 1, 2007. Call Yolanda (949) 463-8181 or email ymiranda26@aol.com 116

**Wanted: 1999 Honda Civic Hatchback**, low miles, good condition. Manual preferred. Considering all offers. Call 626-796-2682 or email tolive4evr@yahoo.com. 126

**Wanted: 2004 Impala SS**, under 30,000, good condition. Considering all offers. Call 626-796-2682 or email tolive4evr@yahoo.com. 126

**Wanted: 1998 Chevy Metro Hatchback**, good condition. Manual preferred. Considering all offers. Call 626-796-2682 or email tolive4evr@yahoo.com. 126

**Jetskis Wanted/Trade:** 1-2 Jetskis, with trailer, wanted. Will trade Las Vegas Strip one-week a year time share. Jockey Club - next door to Bellagio. Call (213) 453-4952. 106

**Wanted: To Rent a Room** - Looking to rent from someone a bach, single or a 1 bed apartment or house. (I will and can take care of all cleaning and yard work for owner) Right now I can afford \$450.00 to \$550.00 per month. Call (323) 627-6558 cell or (323) 769-6269. 96

**Wanted: Roommate** - 3 bed, 2 1/2 ba home, \$600/month. 1/2 water bill. In Corona. Call (323) 533-5001. 106

**Wanted: YOUR TOY TRAINS**, any age, any size. Call Mike (818)-831-0846. 106

**Wanted: Your Childhood Barbie Dolls and Clothes.** I collect dolls from 1959 through 1966. I pay top dollar! I will buy one to 1,000 dolls. Clothing, structures, cases, yes, I will buy them, too. Anything vintage Barbie! Call Cheryl (818) 771-4835. 106

**Wanted: Log Splitter:** small trailer mounted gas powered hydraulic. Call Dan (818) 535-6951. 106

**Wanted: Homes/Rental/Land:** Looking to buy: 2.5 to 5.0 acres with or without a structure in Morongo Valley, Yucca Valley, or Joshua Tree area. Call Dan (818) 535-6951. 106

## Electronics/Computers

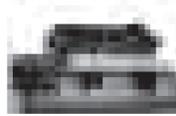
**Black Magnavox VCR** - Hardly used, great condition. \$35. Call (562) 301-2940. 116

**Sony Digital Still Camera** with Carl Zeiss lens. Lots of functions. As-new conditions, \$499. Call (562) 301-2940. 116

## Furniture

**Levitz Austen Living room collection.** Purchased in 8/06 and is still like new. Tan microfiber sofa and love seat with lots of pillows and 2 glass tables included. Make your best offer. Call Erika (323) 203-7305. 27

**All wood dining set** with bench and 4 chairs. \$175. (818) 523-7324 cell or email mearevalo@aol.com. 17



**Black leather couch and ottoman** with marble base glass coffee table. Still in good condition. Rug is free. \$175. (818) 523-7324 cell or email mearevalo@aol.com. 17



**Leather cream sofa**, very clean with no scratches or ink marks. Almost new. \$385. (818) 523-7324 cell or email mearevalo@aol.com. 17

# Cooking with the Club

by our own  
**Robert Larios**



## Send Us Your Recipes!

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

## Return to Childhood: An Awesome PBJ

### DIRECTIONS:



Place your bread in the toaster or toaster oven and toast until bread is toasted. You may bypass this step if you like your bread untoasted.



In the meantime, slice your banana into thin slices – oh and make sure to discard the banana peel.



Remove your bread from the toaster and place on your cutting board.



Begin spreading your peanut butter on the surface of the bread.



Do the same for the apple butter ...



...and the strawberry jam.



Add the honey.



Begin placing your thinly sliced bananas on one of the yummy covered bread slices.



Sprinkle raisins over your sandwich face.



Combine the sandwich faces and cut in half.

Peanut butter, jelly, bread and a tall glass of milk is all that's needed for a hearty snack. One can even make it a meal for lunch. It's truly one of those flexible recipes that can be eaten any time of the day and it's easy to make.

Over the years that I've been making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, I've come to make different types of these delicious sandwiches. And I'd like to share one of my favorites. It really doesn't have a name – it's just good. After you make my version, experiment and make yours. Try different jellies and jams and breads.

In my version, I've added sliced banana, cocoa powder, cinnamon powder, honey, raisins, apple butter, strawberry jam, non-processed peanut butter, and whole-grain bread. I could have added coconut flakes – but perhaps you can do that. If you do, tell me how it is and remember, nothing tastes better with peanut butter and jelly sandwiches than a tall, cold glass of milk. Enjoy!



### *It's Just Good Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich*

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 slices of whole grain bread (white bread is definitely an option)
- 1 banana
- 1 teaspoon cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon powder
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 10 raisins
- 2 tablespoons of peanut butter or until spread all over surface of bread
- 1 tablespoon of strawberry jam or until spread all over surface of bread
- 1 tablespoon of apple butter or until spread all over surface of bread



Eat and enjoy!



# Club Store

OFFICIAL CLUB MERCHANDISE & DISCOUNT TICKETS

## L.A. City T-shirts

LA City "P.T." T-shirt  
Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**



Front

ITEM: #LAC-1000

Member Price:  
**\$12**  
per shirt\*

Non-Member Price:  
\$25 per shirt  
\*Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:



LA City "Alma Mater" T-shirt  
Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**



Front

ITEM: #LAC-2000

Member Price:  
**\$12**  
per shirt\*

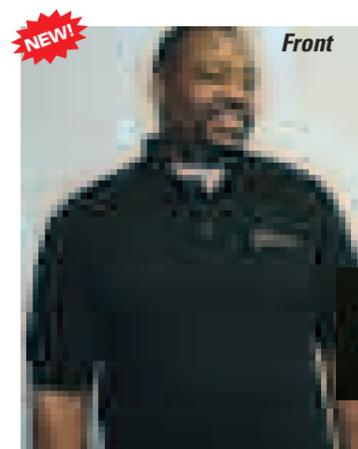
\*Plus tax and shipping  
Non-Member Price:  
\$25 per shirt  
\*Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:



## L.A. City Polo Shirt

LA City Polo Shirt  
Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**



Front

ITEM: #PS1000

Non-Member Price:  
\$32 per shirt  
\*Plus tax and shipping

Member Price:  
**\$18**  
per shirt\*

Available Colors:



Close-up of  
Embroidery

LA City T-shirt  
Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**



Back

Front

ITEM: #LAC-3000

Member Price:  
**\$12**  
per shirt\*

Non-Member Price:  
\$25 per shirt  
\*Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:



LA City "Olde English" T-shirt  
Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**



Back

Front

ITEM: #LAC-4000

Member Price:  
**\$12**  
per shirt\*

\*Plus tax and shipping  
Non-Member Price:  
\$25 per shirt  
\*Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:



## DWP T-shirts

Water & Power T-shirt  
Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**



Back



Front

ITEM: #T2002WP

Non-Member Price:  
\$25 per shirt  
\*Plus tax and shipping

Member Price:  
**\$12**  
per shirt\*

Available Colors:



Short Sleeve "Classic" T-shirt  
Sizes: **S M L XL XXL (all colors)**



Back

Front

Indigo Blue

ITEM: #T1000

Member Price:  
**\$12**  
per shirt\*

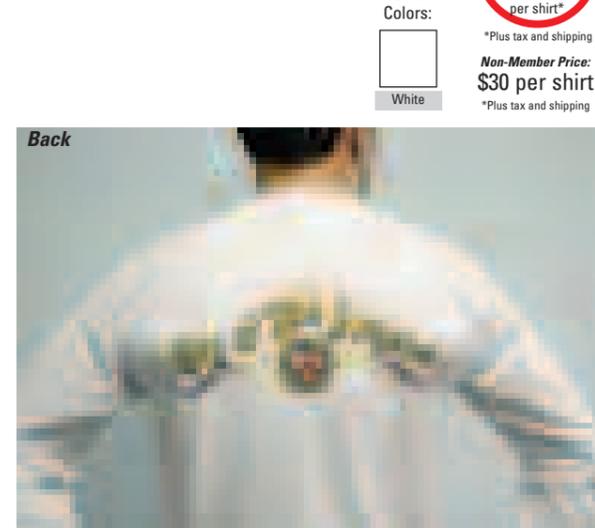
Non-Member Price:  
\$25 per shirt  
\*Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:



\*White available with front pocket.

Long Sleeve "Classic" T-shirt  
Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**



Back

ITEM: #T1500

Member Price:  
**\$15**  
per shirt\*

\*Plus tax and shipping  
Non-Member Price:  
\$30 per shirt  
\*Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:



## City Girl "Classic" T-shirt



Cherry

ITEM: #T-W1000

Member Price:  
**\$12**  
per shirt\*

Non-Member Price:  
\$25 per shirt  
\*Plus tax and shipping

Sizes:  
**S M L XL**

Available Colors:



## City Girl "Retro" T-shirt



Caribbean Blue

ITEM: #T-W2000

Member Price:  
**\$12**  
per shirt\*

Non-Member Price:  
\$25 per shirt  
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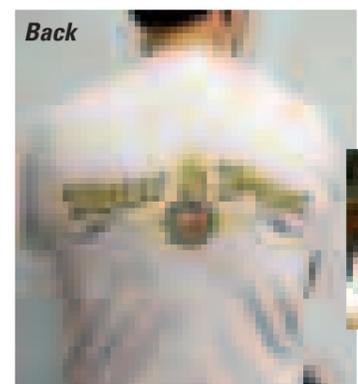
Sizes:  
**S M L XL**

Available Colors:



Front

ITEM: #T2001WP



Front

ITEM: #T2000WP

Available Colors:



\* White available with front pocket.

# Club Store

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These watches have been meticulously crafted using only high-quality quartz movements. These new diver watches, above, are made from solid stainless steel and genuine leather.

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**Men's Watch, Two-tone gold and silver**  
ITEM: #WGSW1000  
PRICE: \$60.00\*



**Ladies Watch, Two-tone gold and silver**  
ITEM: #WGSW1000  
PRICE: \$50.00\*



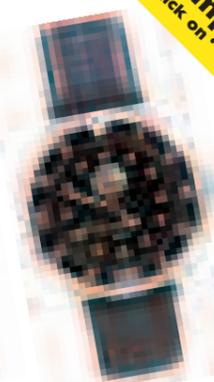
**Mens Large Seal, Stainless Steel Band**  
ITEM: #WVS2500  
PRICE: \$55.00\*



**Mens Large Seal, Leather Band**  
ITEM: #WL2600  
PRICE: \$45.00\*



**Mens Small Seal, Stainless Steel Band**  
ITEM: #WVS2501  
PRICE: \$55.00\*



**Mens Small Seal, Leather Band**  
ITEM: #WL2601  
PRICE: \$45.00\*

**FREE GIFT BOX WITH PURCHASE**

Solid wood with satin lining – \$5.00 value  
Offer valid through June 30, 2007  
ITEM: #VVB-1000.



\*Plus tax and shipping

## City Seal Hats with Script

High quality embroidered ball caps!



Member Price: **\$10** per hat\*

**Seal w/Script NAVY: #H1989**  
PRICE: \$10.00



**Seal w/Script BLACK: #H1613**  
PRICE: \$10.00



**Seal w/Script KHAKE: #H1991**  
PRICE: \$10.00



**Seal w/Script ORANGE: #H1990**  
PRICE: \$10.00



\*Plus tax and shipping

## City Department Dolls

Each custom made "City Bear" stands 10" tall and is dressed in meticulously detailed and accurate uniforms.

Size: **10" high** - Stand not included.

Member Price: **\$20** per doll\*



**Department of Transportation**  
ITEM #BDOT



**Street Services**  
ITEM #BSTS



**General Services**  
ITEM #BGSD



**Sanitation Department**



**DWP**  
ITEM #BDWP

\*Plus tax and shipping

## City Seal Lapel Pins



**"The Classic" Enamel Lapel Pin**  
3/4" Diameter  
ITEM: LP3  
PRICE: \$10.00\*



**Gold Embossed Lapel Pin**  
3/4" Diameter  
ITEM: LP2  
PRICE: \$5.00\*



**Full-Color Silkscreened Lapel Pin**  
3/4" Diameter  
ITEM: LP1  
PRICE: \$5.00\*



**CHERRY WOOD BOX AVAILABLE FOR \$3.50\***  
ITEM: #LPB-1

\*Plus tax and shipping

## Historical Books

Club Discount Price.....\$25\* (\$32.95)

An excellent review of what these areas looked like in their humble beginnings compared to the present day. Photographs by the world famous George Ross Jezek.



**Los Angeles Views of the Past & Present**  
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ITEM: #B1544



**Hollywood Views of the Past & Present**  
ITEM: #B1659

## City Seal Clock

**\$12 Each\***



**Navy**  
ITEM: #C8003  
**Size: 12" Diameter**  
**Battery operated (AA)**

\*Plus tax and shipping

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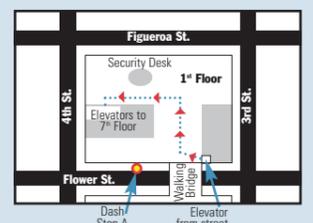
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**Ticket Guy**  
City Employees Club of Los Angeles  
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Los Angeles, CA 90071

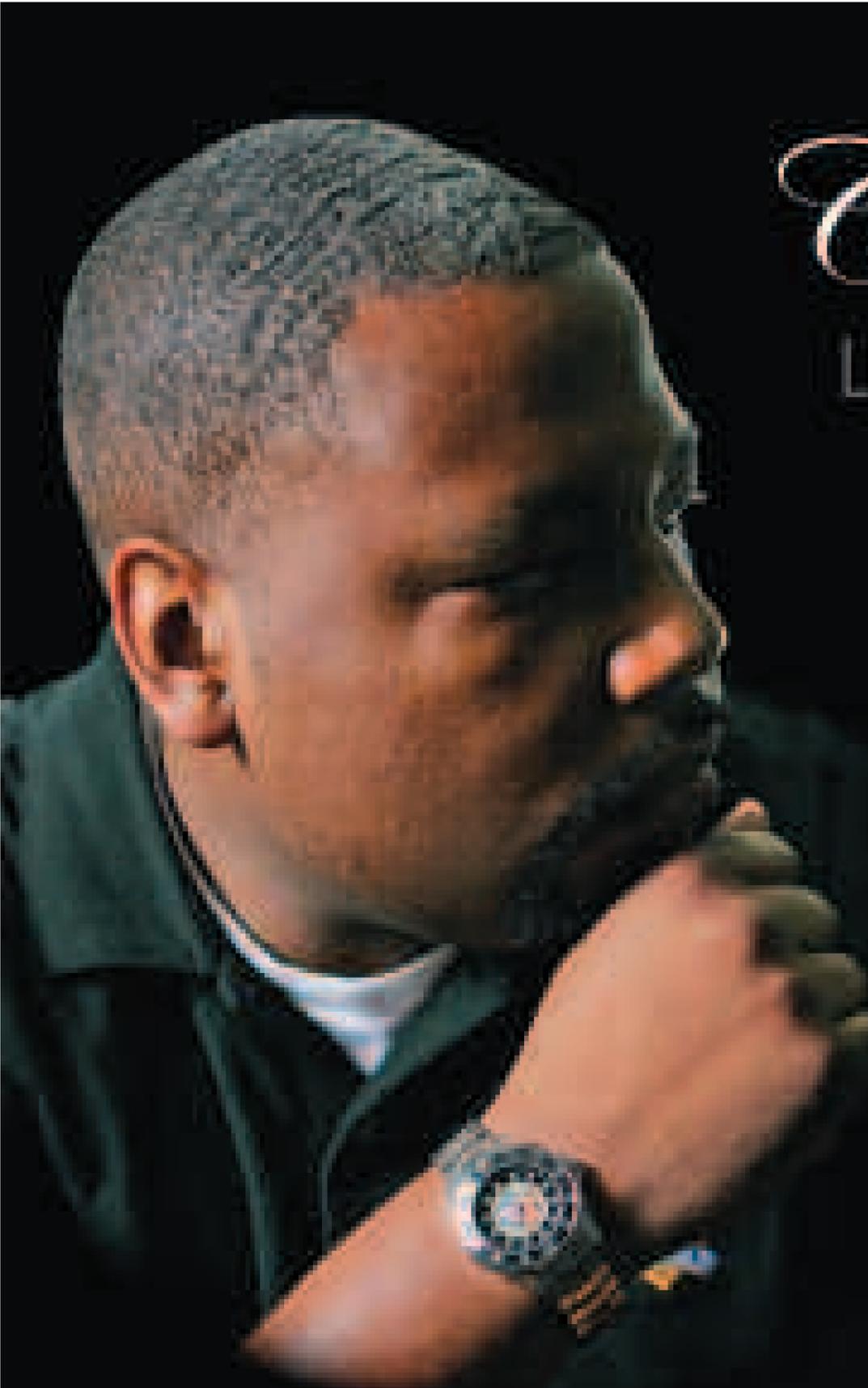
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