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**Neighborhood
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Applications Accepted for Scholarship

■ Club invites entries to its scholarship program, for children of Club members. Three applicants are expected to receive awards.

Cynthia Beltran, a City employee in the Housing Dept., could have been speaking for all Club members who have college-age children when she said:

"I am so proud of her," talking about her daughter, Jessica Moncayo, the grand winner of the Club Scholarship program last year. "She can

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The Club staff congratulates Jessica Moncayo (center) and her mother, Cynthia Beltran (Housing Dept.) in the dark suit to Jessica's left, at last year's awarding ceremony. The Club is now accepting applications for its 2005 Scholarship Program.

City DART Team Collars Steed in Need



"HiFi" after her rescue.

■ Animal Service's DART rescue team lassos a horse in trouble.

Story by Karen Knipscheer, Public Information Officer, Animal Services
Photos courtesy Animal Services

L.A. Animal Services Department's Air Rescue Team (DART) received a call for a horse down near the 210 Freeway and Wheatland Avenue in the Lake View Terrace area at noon April 12.

The 30-year-old Arabian mare, named "HiFi," was being ridden by her owner, who noticed a piece of trash on the side of the trail and decided to ride over and pick it up. HiFi lost her footing

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EVERYDAY HEROES

■ Club CEO John Hawkins spent a day with Sanitation's Ken Fox and learned once again what dedication to City service is all about.

Photos and Story By John Hawkins, Club CEO

As a kid, the unmistakable sound of the truck from Michael's Disposal lurching down the street would cause me to fly out the front door with my dog, Hilda. I would rush to the front yard where I could see up close and personal Michael and his crew work their magic on the patiently waiting trash cans in the street.

Michael would always greet Hilda and me with a big smile, a hello and a "How ya' doing, Johnny?" Hilda, a German shepherd, would let only a handful of people get near our house, and Michael was one of them. In fact, we

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



Of Moms, Enterprise And Benjamin Franklin

I want to thank all of you who sent in a picture of your Mom for our Mother's Day special. What better way to tell your Mom how much you love her than by showcasing them in front of your fellow 40,000 City employee co-workers.

Congratulations to Rodney Bernaldo and Shawn McCormick for sending me the correct answer to my Daylight Saving Time question in my column last month. You were both correct in saying that it was Benjamin Franklin who came up with the idea. And since that was so much fun I'm going to throw another contest out there. Whoever can tell me the real name of the Club's very own "Ticket Guy" will get a movie ticket to a cinema of their choice. Just email me at jhawkins@lacea.com.

Also, as you saw in the last couple of *Alives!*, we now have an Enterprise rental car discount. It's a straight 10 percent off their already low rates and even bigger savings at the downtown LA location. I just used Enterprise to rent a car in Spokane, Wash. (click on www.enterprise.com and then enter the Club's discount code) and not only did I get a great discount but I received service that is a throwback to the good old days, the days when customer service really meant **customer** service. When I checked in to get my car, the Enterprise rep, Sean Crooks, couldn't have been more helpful and kind. In fact, he was so good that I thought I was at the front counter of the Club being helped by our very own Lupe Medina. Needless to say I was very impressed, and from now on will always rent from Enterprise. See below for the discount code.



Have an excellent May!

- John

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The Word on the Street

Cecilia Talbot,
Club Claims Administrator

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

I thank you so much for the birthday card and the book [the Fall of Freddie the Leaf]. I was touched by the different birthday wishes. Words can't express how I felt. I read the book right away and I felt that the story in it gave me a new meaning on my new life now. You are right, that 'beyond the clouds, there is a sun shining which will brighten your days' is totally a beautiful phrase, and it will always be imprinted in my mind, always. I do really appreciate the things you all did for me. May God be with you all the time.

—Corazon Johnson

Your service was very good, because of the kindness and the help you gave us in assisting us in making out the paperwork correctly. Thanks.

—Joseph Rials

I got the money much sooner than I expected. Thank you very much. I have lots of bills coming in – the insurance money helped a lot in setting the bills on time. Cecilia [Talbot] and Sara [Fama] did a good job in processing the claim. Thank you very much. As a matter of fact I even told my friends in the office to sign up with LACEA.

—Eden Barroso

You showed "concern for fellow members such as sending a card of get well wishes."

—Steven Merkin

I love it! You guys are very friendly, you responded quickly and you know the business that you are in. Keep up the good work."

—Felicia Fair

Outstanding. The first day that I called, Cecilia and Sara were very helpful. Ms. Talbot and Ms. Fama had such a wonderful attitude in helping me. They took care of all my concerns. Thank you."

—Hazel Davis

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LETTERS to the Editor



We'll Alert Skippy as Soon as Animal Services Has Opening

Your news is happy. People smile. When my Daddy and brother stop reading the newspaper, I read *Alive!*, too.

The pictures are cool. I like the pictures of the people holding the animals. Can you show my picture of my dog Skippy having his birthday party? Skippy is not a City worker, but he is very smart and he can work for Animal Services if he wanted to. I invited all his doggy friends to his birthday party. We sang happy birthday and I gave him his favorite carrot cake. He is one year old. Skippy and Daddy are my best friends.

—Rudolf Farias, 8-year old brother of Charles Uresti, DWP

Here's the Secret: Everyone Gets Discount on Old Club Golf Balls

I've shopped for new golf balls and came across the Pinnacle gold balls through the classified ad in the April issue of *Alive!* I bought a dozen balls that had the City Employees Club's old logo. Let me tell you that these have great hitting quality. I practiced my game at the Alhambra Golf Course since the RLACEI Tournament will be held there June 14th. As you know, this is where I'm going to redeem myself from my performance last year at the RLACEI Annual Golf Tournament. Maybe it was mental or maybe it was magical, but I had one of my best golfing days of my life playing with my dozen Pinnacle golf balls. To top it off like Top Flight, I even got a deal for the dozen. You, too, could get your dozen for \$8 instead of \$15. You can't beat this! By the way, hear for my name as I take first place and all the prizes at the 19th annual Building and Safety Golf Tournament.

Oh yeah, the discount password is "brde 4 less."

—William "Billy Big Clubs" Greene,
Rec and Parks

Peanut Treat Recipe Really Makes Her Flip Her Lid

Thank you posting my Letter to the Editor, it was a joyful surprise. Your people at the Club really care about what we say.

I've been working with some basic dessert recipes and I submitted "Mom's Peanut Treats" recipe for Chef Larios' Cooking with the Club column as a Mothers' Day treat for all moms. It's easy to make and so scrumptious... it just makes my hairpiece tingle thinking about it.

—Joyce Miller, Engineering (Retired)

Mom Didn't Work for City, But Enjoys *Alive!* Anyway

After receiving and reading each issue of *Alive!*, I take it to Mom. She has read every single issue! She has even called me on the phone regarding articles on your "Where in L.A." photo contest. I joke with her about why she enjoys reading a newspaper when she doesn't know any of the people. She responds that she likes reading about the people and the events.

So that she would not know about your "Honor Your Mom" feature, when I gave her the March issue, I excluded pages 37 and 38 so that she will be completely surprised when she sees her picture!

Thanks for allowing me to honor my mom in this way.

—Lori Kwiatkowski, LAFD

Losing a Head of Hair Is An Act That's All Heart

Thank you so much for the article on "Close Shave." As a breast cancer patient just finishing up chemo, it is nice to see men and women losing their hair on purpose and for a good cause. I commend Pat White, Kathleen Ruddy and Christine Perkins for taking an extraordinary step, and a rather personal one at that, in the name of charity. Ladies, your hair will grow back, but what you gain in your heart will remain forever!

—Sheryl Greer, Club Member wife

Our Young Fan Wonders Why He Is Called the Town Crier

Thank you for showing my letter in the newspaper. I also saw the St. Patrick's Day parade. People had green clothes. That was cool. My Mommy says that the man in the first page is not a pirate. Mommy says he is a Town Crier. Why does he cry? I think he looks like the Lucky Charms man on my box of cereal.

—Heather Howard, Daughter of Tim Howard, DWP

Mary Rose Wilkins, Your 'Thought' Poet Is Calling

Your April 2005 edition contained a letter from Mary Rose Wilkins, a retiree who lives in Lake Elsinore. She expresses appreciation for the Retiree News page, including the Member News section and the "Thought for the Day."

As the editor of this page, I was really thrilled to know that my efforts "gave her a lift," and I would like to know how to contact her. I am at 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411. Phone (818) 784-0130.

—Phil Skarin, Editor, Retiree News Page

Mary Rose: Either you can contact Phil directly, or let us know, and we'll release your information to him. —Ed.

...And Mary Rose Thanks Us for Printing Her Letter

Well, well, well. You people over there at the Club really threw me for a doozy. Last month I sent you a letter to the editor, and lo and behold you actually printed it! You people are so sweet, I'm just at a loss for words. Please keep your eyes peeled for my entry into the adult coloring contest. I may just be a lonely widow making do in the middle of the desert but I wield great power in my artistic abilities. So long sweeties.

—Mary Rose Wilkins,
Club Member, Retired

Hynda Hit a Home Run With Column on Origin of Dodgers

Thank you *Alive!* team for the ongoing stories of our City's history written by Hynda Rudd. I knew of Hynda when I was an active employee and I must say that she is one tough cookie who really knows her stuff. I felt her story on Dodgers Stadium, a.k.a. Chavez Ravine, was very appropriate and timely considering the Dodgers' opening day was just around the corner.

I have lived in Los Angeles for 62 years and never understood the facts surrounding Chavez Ravine, nor did I understand the controversy. Thank you for clearing this up with such rich information. I look forward to Hynda's next guided tour down memory lane!

—Norma Sue Brooks, Airports (Retired)

Route, Leaders Made Her First St. Pat's Parade Special

I just want to thank Mayor Hahn for a great St. Patrick's Day parade! This was the first time I have ever watched the parade. Having it go past City Hall East was a great idea because that allowed me and my girlfriend to come down on our lunch break. Chief Bamattre and wife looked so cute together, and seeing Councilman LaBonge walk the route himself was a hoot. Again, thank you Mayor Hahn, you brought out the best in L.A. Guess I'll vote for you after all!

—Amanda Costlow, Rec and Parks

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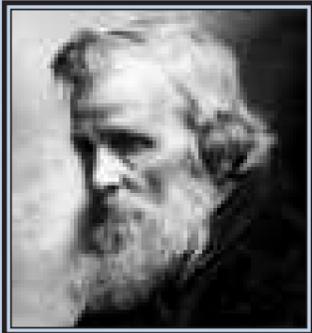
History Comes Alive!



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

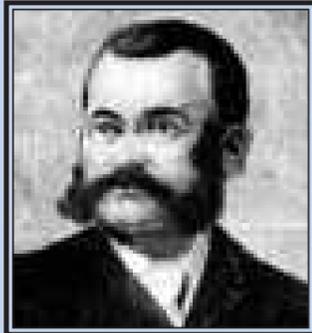
Some Past L.A. Mayors Made History, Notoriety

With the anticipation of the General Election May 17, it seemed appropriate to give thumbnail sketches of some of the mayors in the history of the City of Los Angeles. Each mayor has brought his own character to the office, but due to space limitation only a few of the distinguished can be profiled here.



Stephen Clark Foster (1854-55, 1856)

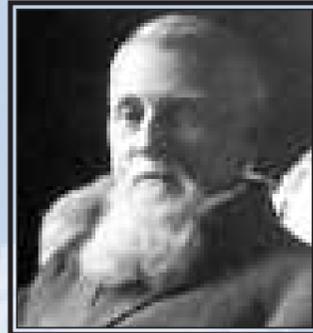
Mr. Foster was not the composer. Mayor Foster was an 1840 Yale graduate who came to California with the San Bernardino Mormon Battalion as an interpreter. Prior to and after becoming mayor he served on the Common (City) Council. He was also on the Board of Education and became Superintendent of Schools. At the state level he helped frame the first California State Constitution, and eventually became a state senator. He was also responsible for translating many of the Spanish documents to English found in the City Archives. As mayor, he resigned his office to join a lynch mob. Foster resumed his position as mayor, after the lynching!



Prudent Beaudry (1874-76)

Mr. Beaudry was a French Canadian from Montreal. He served on the City Council prior to being mayor. He also became the first City Auditor (precursor to City Controller) after he served as mayor. In 1868, he organized the Los Angeles City Water Company. Bunker Hill, known today as downtown Los Angeles, was developed by him, where it was quoted that he paid \$517 for the hillside property. In the 1870s and 1880s the Bunker Hill development was considered a high-society neighborhood, where Angels Flight became a necessity for local inhabitants who lived on the hill.

As stated above, he was a responsible party in developing the water system for the City. It was noted that he laid down 12 miles of iron pipes and planned reservoirs in the hills so that citizens could develop new neighborhoods.



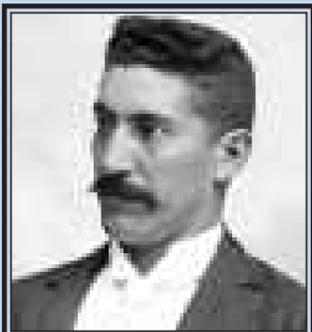
Cameron Erskine Thom (1882-84)

Cameron E. Thom was a Southern gentleman from Virginia who arrived in Los Angeles in 1854. During the next decade he returned south to fight for the Confederacy during the Civil War. Upon his return to Los Angeles and prior to becoming mayor, he was a City Attorney, police judge and sat on the Police Commission (then the Board of Freeholders) to draft the first home rule charter for the City of Los Angeles, which was adopted in 1889. He was also the County District Attorney for four terms.

As Mayor, Mr. Thom was determined that City government should have its own City hall built for such a purpose. The municipal facility was built in 1885, where it sat on Second Street between Spring and Fort (later Broadway) Streets. But, within two years, the City hall became inadequate for all the services rendered by the municipal government.

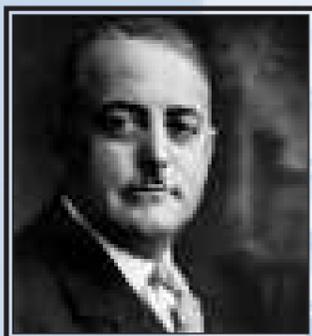
Meredith Snyder's second term, 1900-02, continued to revolve around water and electricity. The Third Street Tunnel that collapsed in 1900, and was rebuilt, was bored through Bunker Hill from Hill street to Hope, making the Hill more accessible to business activity. During his third term from 1903-04, the 1889 City charter was amended. The Civil Service Commission (precursor to the Personnel Department) was established.

Snyder ran again in 1905, but was defeated by the Republican Los Angeles Times retaliation due to a 1904 political disagreement with the newspaper. He remained involved in civic activities for the next 15 years. Then in 1919, "Pinky/Pinkie" returned for his fourth term as mayor. His appeal to the local populace never failed. Los Angeles between his first term and his last had literally grown from a small city to a future metropolis. The size of the City grew from 30 square miles to 300. The population soared from 100,000 to a half-million residents. Meredith Pinxton Snyder retired as mayor in 1921.



Cristobal Aguilar (1866-68, 1870-72)

Mayor Aguilar was the last Latino mayor of Los Angeles. He succeeded Antonio Coronel (1853-1854) and Manuel Requena (1856). Prior to Aguilar becoming mayor, he served on the Common (City) Council as well as being the City's Water Overseer. He was also a Los Angeles County Supervisor. During his administration as mayor an ordinance was signed that eventually gave the City the land known as Pershing Square. Also, water works negotiations began. He vetoed a Common Council proposal to sell the City's water rights. His decision protected Los Angeles in becoming a future metropolis.



Frank L. Shaw (1934-38)

Canadian born, he was the only mayor in the history of the City of Los Angeles to be successfully recalled for criminal intent. Prior to being mayor he served on the City Council. He also served on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. He and his brother Joseph, the Secretary to the Mayor, were accused of running a corrupt administration. Some of the issues under investigation and conviction related to imposing authority over the Police and Fire Departments, selling civil service positions, and protecting gambling and prostitution rackets. In 1937, a bomb exploded in the car of a private investigator and former policeman who was investigating the Shaw regime. He was going to testify against the Shaw administration. Miraculously, he survived. Controversy over who did the "dastardly deed" led to much speculation. Finally, an LAPD captain was indicted and convicted. But, blame in the mayor's administration never wavered.

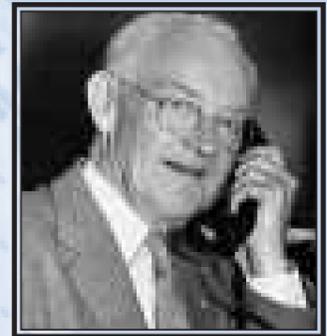
By 1938, Shaw's second term, the local citizens were fed up with the Shaw administration. There was a clarion call to recall Mayor Shaw. Judge Fletcher Bowron, a conservative Republican, who had participated in the City Hall corruption Grand Jury investigation, was elected Sept. 18, 1938, to replace Frank L. Shaw. Bowron finished the remaining three-year term and additionally three more terms for a total of 15 years (1938-53) as mayor.



Meredith Pinxton Snyder (1896-98, 1900-02, 1902-04, 1919-21)

"Pinky" or "Pinkie" Snyder was the only man to be mayor of the City of Los Angeles three different times, and four times altogether. His nickname became a caricature of his middle name, even though he did have red hair and "mutton chop" sideburns. He was a Democrat during a Republican era. Prior to becoming mayor he served on the City Council, Police Commission and Police and Fire Pension Fund Commissions. He was considered a "Distinguished L.A. Citizen." Snyder became a Los Angeles resident in 1880.

His first term as mayor came about because of his determination for municipal ownership of water. Water was the most politicized issue in City government at that time. Los Angeles, the most improbable City because of the lack of local water availability, was the main topic of discussion everywhere because of the growth of City population and land. He ran again in 1898, but lost to Republican Fred Eaton, who had been City Engineer for the Department of Public Works, and one of those responsible for bringing Owens Valley water to Los Angeles.



Fletcher Bowron (1938-41, 1941-45, 1945-49, 1949-53)

As stated above, Judge Fletcher Bowron became mayor after the recall election of Frank Shaw in 1938. Bowron was known as the "Reform Mayor." One of his first charges was to remove all City commissioners. He also revamped the Fire, Police and Civil Service Commissions. He brought more efficiency and economy to the Department of Water and Power. He appointed the first City Administrative Officer (formerly known as the Bureau of Budget and Efficiency). During World War II, he presented fireside chats on the radio, emulating those of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, a Democrat. Typed copies of those chats can be found in the City Archives. Even though he was a staunch Republican, he worked well with the Democrats. But, his downfall at the next election came from two issues. One, he backed the federal government in World War II of forced removal of Japanese Americans to internment in concentration camps, such as Manzanar in the Owens Valley; and two, he supported integrated public housing, which at the time sounded like socialism, which eventually helped create the "Red Scare" in America during the late 1940s. After serving the City as mayor, Bowron returned to the bench as a Superior Court Judge.



From left: Cora Jackson-Fossett, 15 years, Public Information Director II and host for the luncheon; James Duncan, Street Services Supervisor II, Program Director, 15 years (presented the special awards ceremony); and Irene Key, Principal Clerk, 21 years.

Black History Luncheon



■ Bureau of Street Services Black History Committee holds fourth annual Black History luncheon.

Story by Irene Key, President of the Black History Committee. Photos by Robert Larios, Club Operations Director

The Bureau of Street Services Black History Committee held the fourth annual Black History Luncheon Feb. 24 at the New Otani Hotel.

The Bureau of Street Services Black History Committee is a group of Street Services employees who head an effort within the Bureau to raise money for educational scholarships, which are awarded to Bureau employees and dependents of Bureau employees. Scholarships are presented at an annual luncheon held during Black History Month, where a great part of our American history is remembered.

This year, scholarships were awarded to three high school students: Kimberly Kan, daughter of Sherri Kan, Management Analyst I in the Street Tree Division; Elizabeth Koleen Joiner, daughter of David Joiner, Senior Street Use Inspector; and Stephanie Cristales, daughter of Tobias Cristales, Street Maintenance Supervisor II.

At the event, special employee awards were presented to employees who were considered by their co-workers as having displayed characteristics worth applauding.

Entertainment included a "Madeline K" fashion show by designer Madeline Smith, Management Analyst II in the Street Maintenance Division; a live musical duet performed by "Mom and Me," Lot Cleaning Supervisor Billy Evens and his mom Vera Durr; and musical selections from the Black History Committee Choir.

Cora Jackson-Fossett, Public Information Director II for Public Works, served as Master of Ceremonies. Keynote speaker was John Reamer, Director of Contract Administration, Public Works.

Congratulations to the Committee and the recipients.

Editor's note: Several errors were part of this story when first published in last month's issue of Alive! Those errors have been corrected in this story. The City Employees Club apologizes to the Bureau of Street Services Black History Committee for any misgivings created by the errors, and the Club thanks Irene Key, President of the Committee, for bringing the errors to our attention and helping us correct them. — Ed.



Cheryl Elam, Equipment Operator, recipient of the Woodson Award.



Nazario Saucedo, Assistant Director, Bureau of Street Services, recipient of the Martin Luther King Award.



Christine Giddings, Clerk Typist, 7 years, participates in the fashion show.



Shelly Wilks, Maintenance Laborer, 5 years, participates in the fashion show.



Patricia Sweets, Principal Clerk, 21 years, participates in the fashion show.



Erin Jones, Clerk Typist, 4 years, participates in the fashion show.

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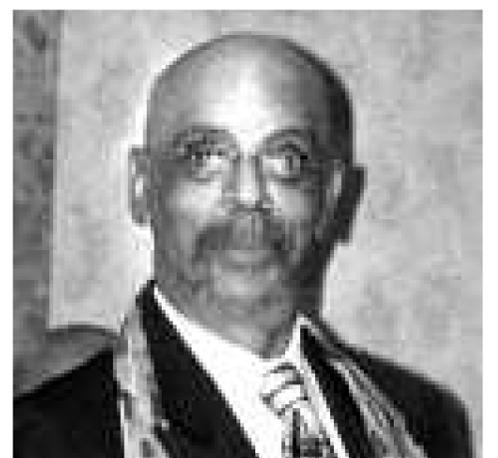
Shelia Shannon, Payroll Supervisor I, 33 years, conducted the scholarship presentation to high school students.



Larry Walton, Equipment Operator, recipient of the Jackie Robinson Award.



Irene Key, Principal Clerk, 21 years.



Marcus McNeil Black History Committee Member and Street Services Supervisor II, 16 years, accepts award on behalf of Leroy Young, Gardner Caretaker, recipient of the Rosa Parks Award.



Retirees NEWS

Retiree Hotlines

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

City Employees Retirement System: (213) 473-7200

City Retirement Counselors:

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

DWP Retirement Plan Office: (213) 367-1722

For Retirees *By Phil Skarin, RLACEI Publicity Chair*

MEMBER NEWS

Ruth and Sampson Wilson celebrated their 74th wedding anniversary Feb. 13... **George Wolfberg** received the Palisadian Post's Leadership Award for his many areas of community service... Notes of appreciation for this column from **Bob Knox, Jane Hanson, Mary Rose Wilkins,** and **Evelyn Akerman... Sisto Sandoval**, Lake Havasu City, must be busier now that when he was working. He is active in three veterans groups, the Lions Club and the Red Cross. He is a Certified CPR instructor for the Red Cross and a member of their Disaster Assessment Team. He speaks to various schools about his experiences in Vietnam. He would like to hear from his former friends in Building and Safety. Call him at (928) 680-1597... **Rodney Haraga** was appointed Director of Transportation for Hawaii... **George Morrison** has become a gourmet cook... **Doug Dow** sings with a barbershop chorus... **Pat Brodie**, living in Washington, teaches seamanship and boat handling for the United States Power Squadrons... **Michael Stafford** was elected Communications Officer of the Del Rey Neighborhood Council... **Richard Palmisano** took a transatlantic cruise following the Columbus route from the Canary Islands to the Bahamas... **Fred Hoepfner** has a folio of his ragtime piano compositions that has been selling well.

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

Phil Skarin

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

Retirement Plan Proposed By Governor Put on Hold



Ed Harding,
RLACEI President

By Phil Skarin, Publicity Chair, RLACEI

Ed Harding, RLACEI President reports: "I recently attended a conference held by the California Retired County Employees Association. The topic was the Defined Benefit Retirement Plans vs. The Defined Contribution Retirement Plans, which the Governor and other politicians and taxpayer groups have been advo-

cating. Because of much opposition to the proposed new plan, which would affect all public employee pension plans in the State, the Governor has decided to not push for a vote this year, but will try to put it on the ballot next year. Stay tuned.

"Ken Spiker, RLACEI Vice President, is running for another term as Commissioner of the LACERS Board of Administration. He has been an elected Commissioner since July 1, 1995. Our Executive Board joins with me in endorsing Ken for reelection. Ken's knowledge and experience will be of great value to retirees. So, when you get your ballots on or about May 15, vote for Ken Spiker."

"I was happy to see a large group of retirees at our April 14 membership meeting. A vote was taken on a bylaws amendment that will change the way our officers are elected. Thanks to the many of you who called for luncheon reservations."

Legislative Report: Ken Spiker reports that the LACERS Benefit Committee has approved increasing the funeral expense allowance from \$2500 to \$5000. The next step is to get the LACERS Board, Council and Mayor to approve. The County and State employees already have \$5000

allowance. Negotiations have already begun with our health care providers for services in 2006. Good job, Ken.

Upcoming events:

- **June 14** - Golf Tournament
- **August 11** - Picnic at Grace Simons Lodge
- **Oct. 6** - Annual Corp. Meeting & Elections at Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center
- **Dec. 8** - Christmas Party at Grace E. Simons Lodge

Retiree Notes:

Hal Danowitz asks you to visit our Website at www.rlacei.com to find out the latest retirement news.

The 27th Annual Retirees' Golf Tournament will be on Tuesday, June 14, at the Alhambra Golf Course. Sponsors so far include LAFUCU, City Employees Club of Los Angeles ACEBSA, and Bob Okuda. If you would like to be a prize sponsor, call Phil Skarin at (818) 784-0130. Golf entry forms are in the Spring RLACEI newsletter. Or call Phil.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

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Lunch With the RLACEI Bunch

■ RLACEI holds annual spring membership meeting and luncheon.

Story and photos by Michelle Moreno, Club Events Guru.

The Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) held its spring membership meeting and luncheon April 14 at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center.

Members of RLACEI gathered together for their spring membership meeting and luncheon to discuss important issues and events. Members received the opportunity to voice their concerns to the RLACEI Board. Details can be found in the retirement column by Phil Skarin in this month's *Alive!*

The day ended with a raffle sponsored by the Club.



Marguerite and John Shadle, Building and Safety.



Ed Harding, RLACEI Board President, presides over the meeting.



Ken Spiker, elected Commissioner on the LACERS Board, discusses benefits.



Bebe Jacobson, LAPD, wins a \$50 Safeway Gift Card from the Club.



Pablo Rivero, Bureau of Sanitation, wins a \$50 Black Angus Gift Card from the Club.



Wilma Rebbe, LAPD, wins a \$50 Black Angus Gift Card from the Club.



Sandra Dumon, Gen. Services, wins a \$50 Shell Gas Gift Card from the Club.



Beverly and Joe Etheredge, Airports, with Club CEO John Hawkins.



Irene and Stefan Dowbusz, LAPD.



Ann and Ken Kochakji, Transportation. Ken has participated in 14 Los Angeles Marathons from 1986 - 2004. Congratulations Ken, that's awesome!



Peggie and Lou Mastrangelo, Transportation.



Dora and James Smith, Bureau of Engineering.



From left: Armando Flores, Bldg. and Safety; Robert Abundis, Bureau of Engineering; and Harry Warshawsky, Transportation.



From left: Howard Steinberg, Controller's Office; Herb Hyman, Public Works; and Ray Norman, Planning.



From ITA, from left: Jan Parnell, Paul Jangochian, Patricia Langlois and Betty McMaster.



From Sanitation, from left: Leroy A. Richards and Pablo Rivero.



Helen Salgado, RLACEI Board Member, with her mother, Josephine Salgado.



From left: Sam Hochberg, Convention Center; and Levi S. Richard, Gen. Services, with his wife, Leoria.



From left: John Jones, Street Maintenance; and Michael and Cleone Vrabel, LAPD, Foothill Division.



From Gen. Services, from left: Jim McCloskey, Jim Acosta and Brian Smith.



From left: David Hoy, DWP, and wife, Rosemarie; and Barbara and David Port, Gen. Services, Printing.



From CAA, from left: Frank Pincherli and Ted Lerchenmuller.



From left: Alice Walder, City Clerk; Martha Harding, Bureau of Sanitation and LAFD; and guest Josephine Salgado.



From left: Henry Gervais, Bureau of Sanitation; and Dick Taylor, Airports.



Jack Matthews, RLACEI Board Member, gives Ralph Burquist, Gen. Services, a \$50 Safeway Gift Card from the Club.



Ella and Americo Garza, RLACEI Board Member, celebrated their 60th anniversary April 28. Congratulations!



From left: John Mills, Gen. Services; Howard Tapia, Gen. Services; Bob Finn, LAFD; and Sandra Dumon, Gen. Services.



From left: Phil Skarin, RLACEI Board Member, with Bob Cutler, Public Works.

Bonnville Motors On

■ Jim Bonnville retires from Gen. Services after 25 years of City service.

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

Jim Bonnville, the Director of Fleet Services for Gen. Services, retired with a reception March 29 at the Quiet Cannon in Montebello.

Representatives of Gen. Services, Rec and Parks, LAX, Bureau of Street Services, Bureau of Sanitation and other departments came to extend their congratulations.

Gen. Services Assistant General Manager Anthony De Clue was the Master of Ceremonies for the retirement luncheon. Ali Taylor sang a beautiful song before the invocation.

Jim has been married for 29 years to his wife, Liz. His family came to the event to celebrate.

Jim was also presented a Customer Service Award by GSD General Manager Alvin Blain. The Customer Service Award was also signed by three of the largest Fleet customers.

A resolution from the City Council read as follows:

WHEREAS, James Peter Bonnville started his career with the City of Los Angeles in the Department of General Services, Fleet Services Division, on June 19, 1980, and will officially retire on March 29, 2005; and

WHEREAS, James is one of the most senior members of the Department of General Services since his hiring during the first year that the

Department was established and has served his entire 25 year career with the Department; and

WHEREAS, James steadily promoted throughout his career from Equipment to Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic in April 1981, Senior Equipment Mechanic in September 1983, Automotive Supervisor in January 1984, Senior Automotive Supervisor in March 1989, General Automotive Supervisor in February 1996, Equipment Superintendent in July 1997 and finally to Director of Fleet Services in August 2001, and

WHEREAS, James has sought to improve his technical and managerial skills through continuous education, has received commendations for leadership and creativity and has been involved in numerous productivity improvements in fleet operations, and

WHEREAS, James has been a model City employee and has exhibited professionalism, leadership and customer service throughout his career, and

WHEREAS, James intends to leave the City to spend time with his family and enjoy traveling, golfing, sailing and fine woodworking,

NOW, therefore be it resolved, that by the adoption of this resolution the Los Angeles City Council along with the Mayor, City Attorney and City Controller do hereby commend and thank James Peter Bonnville for a quarter century of dedicated service to the citizens of this fine City; and wishes him well on his retirement.

The Club congratulates Jim on a great career and wishes him well in his retirement. Special thanks to Assistant General Manager Anthony De Clue for providing *Alive!* with the Council Resolution, and to Beverly Batiste and Ali Taylor, who organized the event.



From left: Jim Bonnville, Director Fleet Services, General Services, with his wife, Liz.



From left: Jess Tiznado, GSD, 7th Street Shop, Club Member; Rafael Beltran, GSD, 7th Street Shop; and Steve Eisenberger, GSD, 7th Street Shop.



From left: Alex Lopez, GSD; Juan Rivas, GSD; and Rick Thayer, GSD, Club Member.



From left: Glenn, Jim's son-in-law; Jennifer, his daughter; Jim Bonnville; his wife, Liz; and Mike, son.



From left: Josh Esquivel, Helicopter Mechanic Supervisor, Club Member; and Howard Tapia, Retired.



From left: Mike Graham, GSD Tech Services, Club Member; Jerry Hamby, Retiree, Club Member; and Larry Smith, GSD Tech Services.



From left: Jim Acosta, GSD Retired; Larry Reynosa, GSD at Lopez Canyon, Club Member; and Howard Tapia, GSD, Retired.



From left: Michael Byrne, GSD Headquarters, Club Member; and Raul Gomez, GSD North Hollywood.



From left: Ed Roes, CAO; John Trevogda, GSD; and Beverly Batiste, GSD.



From left: Jerry Croy, GSD at North Hollywood, Club Member; Eric Guzman, GSD at North Hollywood; and Michael Leighton, Director of Publishing Services, Club Board Member.



From left: Dick Ronning, GSD Retired; Ron Bahn, GSD at Raymer Street, Club Member; Paul Fox, GSD Heliport; and Joe Fosselman, GSD Heliport, Club Member.



From left: Walter Lee, GSD Tech Service Division; Kevin Lee, Auto Engineer, Club Member; Marsha Cain, Retired Ontario Airport; and Jim McCloskey, GSD, Retired.



Jim Bonnville listens as Assistant General Manager Tony De Clue calls on the next guest to present.



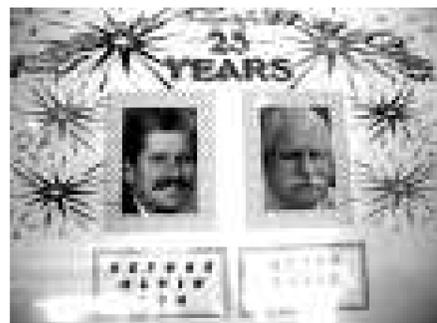
From left: Jim Hicks, GSD Parking Enforcement; Richard Falt, GSD at Hollywood; and Sean McMorrow, GSD Fleet at 7th Street, Club Member.



From left: John Ferris, LAX, Club Member, with Kris Goolsby, GSD Fleet Services at Headquarters, Club Member.



A sign that was presented to Jim Bonnville.



A poster made by Gen. Services Printing Services.



From left: Steve, Jim's youngest brother; Theresa, Jim's sister-in-law; and Chris, his brother-in-law.



Ali Taylor sings prior to invocation.



Jim Bonnville, Retiree (center), with the organizers of his retirement luncheon: Beverly Baliste, GSD; and Ali Taylor, GSD.



From left: Allan Brown, GSD, 7th Street Shop; Bryant Tarumoto, GSD, 7th Street Shop; and Don Yeomans, GSD, 7th Street Shop, Club Member.



From left: Carlos Meza, GSD 7th Street Sweeper Shop, Club Member; Calvin Dennis, GSD, 7th Street Construction Shop; Alfonso Santoyo, GSD, 7th Street Supervisor, Club Member; and Tommy Walker, GSD Fleet, Club Member.



From left: Paul Mahony, GSD Fleet at Piper Tech; Righel Cisneros, GSD Fleet at Piper Tech; Louis Ruiz, GSD, Parking Enforcement at Central; and Greg Reimer, GSD Fleet at Piper Tech.



From left: Ceci Rogers, GSD, Club Member; Laura Bermudez, GSD; Tony M. Royster, Assistant General Manager, GSD, Club Member; and Beverly Pleasant, GSD, Club Member.



From left: Mike DeLeon, GSD Fleet, 24th Street, Club Member; and Mario Martinez, GSD Fleet, 7th Street Nights.



From left: Richard Coulson, GSD Area II, Club Member, with Keith Hall, GSD, CSY.



From left: Ralph Quintero, Rec and Parks, Club Member; Debbie Miller, Rec and Parks, Club Member; and Terry Lien, Rec and Parks.



Jim Bonnville's family looks on as Assistant General Manager Tony De Clue shares some of his memories of Jim.



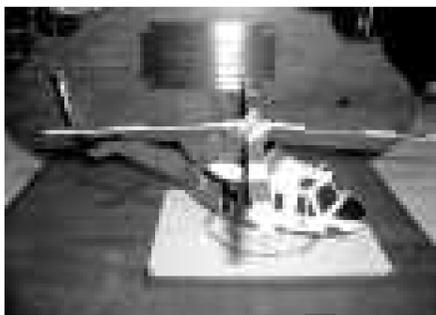
From left: Rita, Jim Bonnville's mother, along with her husband, John.



Everyone looks on as Assistant General Manager Tony De Clue begins a "new retirement tradition." Jim's tie was cut in half since he will no longer be required to wearing one now that he is retired.



Retiree Jim Bonnville delivers some closing thank-yous and a goodbye.



An award presented to Jim Bonnville by Josh Esquivel.



Alvin Y. Blain, General Manager, Gen. Services, Club Member, presents retiree Jim Bonnville with a Customer Service Award Certificate jointly signed by Blain, General Manager, GSD; Anthony R. De Clue, Assistant General Manager, GSD; Jon K. Mukri, General Manager, Rec. and Parks; William Robinson, Director of Street Services; and Rita Robinson, Director of Bureau of Sanitation. These departments were the largest customers of Fleet Services.



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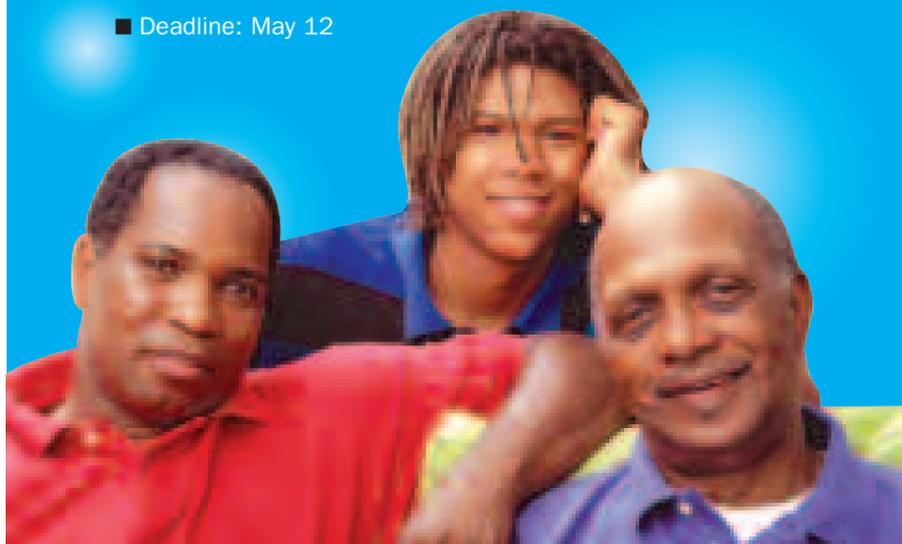
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City Employees: Pay tribute this Father's Day... with a photo and message of respect, honor and love, published in Alive!

In our June issue, we'll print a photo of you and your dad (or just your dad)... and a two- or three-sentence message of Happy Father's Day from you. Then you can take your copy of *Alive!* and show him what he means to you.

Photos can be either print or digital. But you have to act quickly, as our June issue is fast approaching.

- Send in a print or digital photo of you and your dad (or just your dad) Send digital photos to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com Send print photos (or drop them off in person) to: City Employees Club, 350 S. Figueroa, Suite 700, Los Angeles 90012
- Include a message of Happy Father's Day (up to three sentences)
- Deadline: May 12



Free Port Boat Rides

Free Boat Tours During World Trade Week
May 14 - 15

■ Port of LA offers free boat tours in observance of World Trade Week May 14 - 15. Whole family is invited.

Free boat tours of the Port of Los Angeles will be available to Southland residents and visitors Saturday and Sunday May 14 and 15, in observance of World Trade Week 2005. The hour-long tours of the nation's busiest port will depart both days between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. from Ports O'Call Village in San Pedro and Banning's Landing in Wilmington.

An impressive array of ships, machinery, wildlife and other sights unique to the harbor provides a fascinating sightseeing adventure for visitors of all ages.

After the tours, visitors can enjoy the shops and restaurants in Ports O'Call Village, learn about harbor area history at the Los Angeles Maritime Museum, or take free rides on the Port's Waterfront Red Car Line. The Red Cars offer free transfers to the rubber-tire San Pedro Electric Trolley, to access the shops, galleries and restaurants in historic downtown San Pedro, and to Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, Cabrillo Beach and the Cabrillo Beach Bathhouse. The Waterfront Red Car Line also goes to the Cruise Ship Promenade, where visitors can stroll the

beautiful new boardwalk and visit the historic S.S. Lane Victory, a floating museum.

In addition, exhibits at Ports O' Call Village and Banning's Landing Community Center will highlight the Port's upcoming waterfront development projects. Reservations are not required for the free boat tours, which board on a first-come, first-served basis. Handicap passenger access is available at each departure point.

Information about the Port's World Trade Week Boat Tours program is available 24 hours a day on the Port's toll-free special events line at (800) 831-PORT; at (310) 732-3508 during normal business hours; and at www.portoflosangeles.org.

World Trade Week is a national, month-long program of tours, seminars and other events to educate the public about the importance of international trade to the local economy. For information about other local World Trade Week activities, call the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce at (213) 580-7538, or visit the official event website, www.worldtradeweek.com.

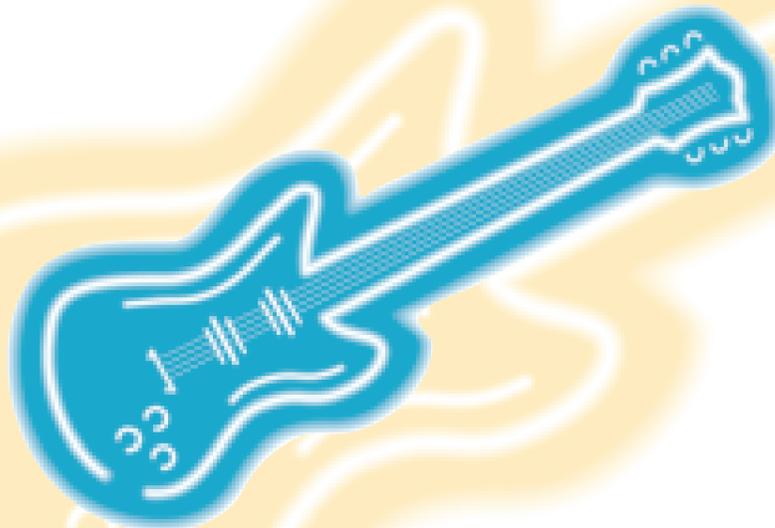
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■ **The City will pay you \$500 if the LAPD hires your recommendation as officer. Rules apply.**

The City of Los Angeles is looking for police officers (firefighters, too), and the City needs your help.

The City especially needs to get its applicant numbers up for police officers, so here is what the City is willing to give you, a City Employee or former City Employee, if the person you recruit becomes a police officer: a \$500 bonus!

That's right: Find someone you think would make a good officer, fill out a card to make it official that you're the person to whom the \$500 should go to, and then put your person in touch with Recruitment. That's all you need to do.

While waiting, here would be a few things to consider: Aside from the \$500 that will be coming your way, 1) You now have helped someone not only get a job but secure an outstanding career with one of the top cities of the world; 2) that person will be a Police Officer (you figure out the benefits of that one); and 3) you will have helped your great City with its hiring goals.

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- Be at least 20 years old;
- Have a U.S. high school diploma, GED or CHSPE;
- Be a U.S. citizen or have applied for citizenship;
- Have a background suitable for employment as a police officer; and
- Must be in excellent health and physical condition.

Here are the steps you need to take to earn that extra \$500:

Recruit someone you believe will succeed in an exciting and rewarding career as a Police Officer with the LAPD. Think about female applicants too, as women are a large part of the City's recruitment effort.

Pick up a Recruitment Card at the Personnel Office. Officially, this Recruitment Card is called the Police Officer Recruitment Incentive Program Card or PORIP card.

Both you and your candidate (the person you are recruiting) must complete and sign the PRORIP card. Make sure you fill out the card completely, and don't forget to place all your contact information.

Your candidate must submit the PRORIP card to the test proctor at the time of the Police Officer Written Test or at the time of the Civil Service Interview or directly to the Personnel Department, Room 150. Whatever the case, make sure that the PRORIP card is submitted not more than 30 days after your candidate takes his or her first Physical Abilities Test.

You can call (213) 847-9644 to make sure your PRORIP card has been received and for any questions you may have.

Your \$500 bonus will be processed upon verification of your candidate's appointment to the Police Academy.

Here are some ground rules you should know about:

This offer applies only to City Employees or Retired Employees who are part of the City Retirement System. What this means is that you must be a City employee on City payroll at the time your candidate is recruited and appointed to the Police Academy. If you are a retired City employee, you must be a member of the City retirement system at the time a candidate is recruited and appointed to the Academy.

Employees or retirees involved in the recruitment, screening, testing or selection of candidates for City employment are not eligible for



this program.

There is no limit to the number of folks you recruit.

The downside? There isn't one. If your candidate is not able to make it the first time around, he/she can still try again. Also, you will have exposed this person to the myriad of possibilities of working for the City of Los Angeles.

So, think about it. Consider folks in your neighborhood, friends, associates and relatives. Is there someone out there you think would make a good officer? Does that person look like he or she would be able to handle the physical demands placed upon police officers in the field? You would be remiss not to ask – you'd be doing them a favor and then could have \$500 extra in your pocket to boot. Don't wait. Do it now. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain – again, a benefit of being a City of Los Angeles employee!

Oh, Baby!

■ **Zoo features baby animals during May.**

"Everybody Loves a Baby" is the name of the May promotion at the LA Zoo. The promotion will give zoo guests the opportunity to see and learn about baby animals that live at the zoo.

Some of the animal babies that may be featured during May include a baby orangutan, giraffe, pangolin and Visayan warty pigs.

Visitors can take a special self-guided tour through the zoo to see all the new baby animals. Everyone can learn about baby animal facts, birth names, nicknames, weights and other unique animal characteristics. There will be special signs posted at each of the animal exhibits featuring babies. A map will be provided for the self-guided tour.

Bring your babies to see the zoo babies! The zoo is offering a special discount during May. Visitors can receive a \$2 discount per adult admission (maximum two tickets) and a \$1 discount per child admission (maximum two tickets) by presenting a picture of a baby at the ticket booth.

The L.A. Zoo is in Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura (134) and Golden State (5) freeways. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 2 to 12.

For more information, visit the Zoo Website at www.lazoo.org, or call (323) 644-4200.



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*The LAFD Historical Society will be providing a pancake breakfast at the LAFD Museum located at 1355 Cahuenga Blvd. Admission to the museum is free.

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Goodbye, Javier

■ **Javier Mendia retires from Gen. Services after 27 years of City service.**

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

The Piper Tech Cafeterium was the location for the retirement gathering in honor of Javier Mendia, who retired from Gen. Services after 27 years of City service.

The gathering took place March 31.

The food selections were enjoyed by everyone: carne asada, chicken, rice, beans, coleslaw, potato salad and drinks.

Congratulations, Javier, on a well-deserved retirement! And thanks to Club Member Janet Ibarra of Gen. Services for her assistance.



Javier Mendia (right), with his wife, Alice, and son, Matt.



From left: Steve Kramer, Roofer, 20 years; Dan Hanor, Roofer, 7 years; and Oscar Romero, Roofer, 6 years.



From left: David Ostrander, Electrician, 8 years; Bill Brown, Plumber, 2 months; Rudy Acevedo, Electrician, 1 year; and Frank T. Morales, Electrical Craft, 5 years.



From left: Cole Kayser, Equipment Operator, 20 years; and Police Officer Mark Hernandez, 10 years.



From left: Damon Tapie; Alex Moisa, Roofing, 9 years; Chris Davis Jr., City Craft Assistant, 2 years; Sal Alcantara, Upholsterer, 16 years; and Jaime Curiel, Roofing, 2 months.



From left: Carlos Rodriguez, Roofer, 16 years; Al Williams, Roofer, 9 months; Richard Binder, Roofer, 9 years; and Raul Melendez, Roofer, 9 months.



Standing, from left: Robert Armijo, Air Conditioning Mechanic, 8 years, Club Member; Nick Koulax, A/C Supervisor, 4 years, Club Member; and Mark Carreon, A/C Supervisor, 24 years. Seated: Pat Webster, Clerk Typist, 24 years, Club Member; Mike Rangel, Sheet Metal Worker, 20 years, Club Member; and Linda Mayfield, Craft Assistant, 6 years, Club Member.

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Leaders in the Making

■ LAPD honors graduates of the West Point Leadership program. Two of the elite are Club Members.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

On March 31 in the LAPD Police Academy Dining Room, the department honored 25 graduates of the West Point Leadership program. Of the 25 graduates, 13 were from the LAPD.

Guest speakers included Councilman Dennis Zine and actor Robert Culp. Assistant Chief Sharon Papa performed some of the hosting duties.

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

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

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

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

The 2005 West Point Leadership Program Graduates are:

- Sgt. Boe Adams (LAPD)
- Asst. Chief Thomas Armstrong (El Monte PD)
- Lt. Gene Baentine (Modesto PD)
- Sgt. Rick Banks (LAPD)
- Sgt. Lamar Bell (LAPD, Club Member);
- Capt. Jim Cooper (Sacramento County Sheriff's Dept.)
- Lt. Scott Cummings (Ontario PD)
- Principal Detention Officer Charles Duncan (LAPD)
- Lt. Danny Fish (Petaluma PD)
- Lt. Mark Gerbino (Rochester New York PD)
- Sgt. Alan Hamiltain (LAPD)
- Sgt. Robert Kain (LAPD)
- Sgt. Brian Lium (LAPD)
- Captain Bob Lowry (Santa Barbara PD)
- Lt. Art Miller (LAPD)
- Sgt. Ronald Mitchell (West Covina PD)
- Police Psychologist Yvette Monteiro (LAPD)
- Lt. Ted Montes (Stockton PD)
- Det. Rosario Moreno (LAPD)
- Sgt. Jiro Oka (LAPD)
- Capt. Don O'Keefe (San Mateo County Sheriff's Dept.)
- Det. Yvonne Parker (LAPD, Club Member)
- Lt. Mario Patrick (Gen. Services Police Dept.)
- Sgt. Francine Spada (LAPD)
- Lt. John Wallace (Riverside PD)

The Club congratulates all the graduates, who should be proud of their leadership accomplishment. And, the Club thanks Sgt. Mike Sayre, Club Member, invited us to come and participate, and Officer Sherri Egan, also part of the Leadership Program staff.



Back, from left: Capt. Balentine, Modesto PD, Graduate; Lt. Fish, Petaluma PD, Graduate; and Capt. Cooper, Sacramento County Sheriff's Dept., Graduate. Seated: Sgt. Rick Banks, LAPD Internal Affairs, Graduate; Terrie Auzenne, guest; Sgt. Bell, LAPD Mounted Platoon, Graduate, Club Member; and Reyna Bell, spouse.



From left: Daphne Lewis, Parker Foundation Secretary; Robert Culp, Actor, keynote speaker; Candace Culp, spouse; and Ken Esteves, Parker Foundation President.



From left: Sgt. Moen, LAPD Training Division; Capt. Terry S. Hara, Commanding Officer LAPD Training Division, Club Member; Lt. Ann-Marie Fuller, LAPD Training Division; and Kathi Moreland, LAPD Training Division.



From left: Asst. Chief Sharon Papa, Office of Support Services, Club Member; Deputy Chief Keith Bushy, San Bernardino Sheriff's Dept., WPLP instructor, Club Member; Capt. Greg Meyer, Commanding Officer, Continuing Education Division, WPLP instructor; and Steve Cooley, LA County District Attorney.



From left: Lt. MJ Gerbino, Rochester New York PD, Graduate; and Lt. Bill Eaton, LAPD Professional Standards Bureau.



From left: Sgt. Oka, LAPD Planning and Research Division, Graduate; Sgt. Jennifer Wiese, Alhambra PD; Sgt. Daphne Bates, LA County Sheriff; and Sgt. Raymond Maltez, BSS.



From left: Lt. Lomedico, LAPD Planning and Research Division; and Sgt. Kelly, LAPD Planning and Research Division.



From left: Deputy Chief Richard L. Glaus, Santa Barbara PD; Capt. RJ Lowry, Santa Barbara PD, Graduate; and Chief Cam Sanchez, Santa Barbara PD.



From left: Councilman Dennis Zine, District 3; and Sgt. Mike Sayre, WPLP instructor, Club Member.



The Flag presentation, courtesy the LAPD Color Guard, from left: Det. Angel Rummer, LAPD Central Bureau; Officer Munson, LAPD Southwest Station; Sgt. Von Korff, LAPD Internal Affairs; Officer Smith, LAPD Van Nuys Station; Sgt. Akune, LAPD Pacific.



From left: Capt. James Cooper, Sacramento County Sheriff's Dept., Graduate; Capt. Douglas R. Lee, Sacramento County Sheriff's Dept.; Sgt. Mike Sayre, LAPD, West Point Leadership Program Staff, Club Member.



From left: Capt. Don O'Keefe, San Mateo County Sheriff's Dept., Graduate; Dr. Yvette Monteiro, LAPD Police Psychologist, Graduate; and Sgt. Carrasco de Spada, LAPD Labor Liaison Section, Graduate.



From left: Det. Yvonne Parker, Detective III, LAPD, Graduate, Club Member; and Capt. Richard Meraz, LAPD Commanding Officer Commercial Crimes Division.



From left: Capt. Kevin F. McCarthy, LAPD Commanding Officer Special Operations Support Division; and Sgt. Brian Lium, LAPD, Graduate, with his wife, Debbie.



Capt. RJ Lowry (center), Santa Barbara PD, Graduate, with his wife, Jill, and son, Tyler.



Assistant Chief Sharon Papa and Sgt. Mike Sayre present a plaque to Actor and Keynot Speaker Robert Culp.

Congratulations West Point Leadership Program Graduates!



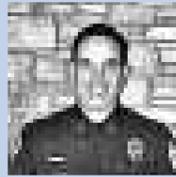
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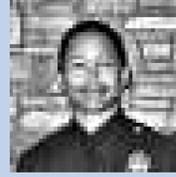
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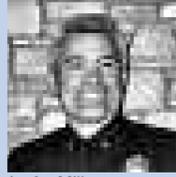
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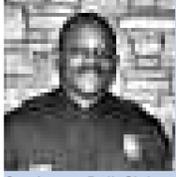
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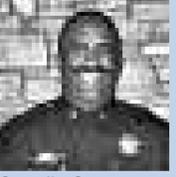
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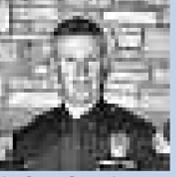
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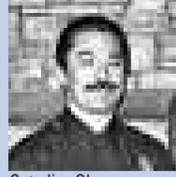
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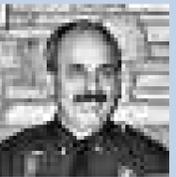
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Detective Yvonne Parker, Club Member



Lt. Mario Patrick



From left: Lt. Patrick, Gen. Services PD, Graduate; and Chief Newton, Gen Services PD.



From left: Deputy Chief Keith Bushy, San Bernardino Sheriff's Dept., WPLP instructor, Club Member; and Capt. Greg Meyer, Commanding Officer Continuing Education Division, WPLP instructor.



From left: Arturo Moreno, father; Christina Martin, daughter; Detective Rosa Moreno, LAPD Civil Rights and Integrity Division, Graduate; Capt. Scott Kroeber, Commanding Officer Civil Rights and Integrity Division; and Armida Lomeli, Secretary, Civil Rights and Integrity Division.



From left: Saira Adams, LAPD Office of Operations; Sgt. Boe Adams, LAPD Internal Affairs, Graduate; Sarah Adams, daughter; and Eric Adams, son.

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Mom: I wish I could have spent this special day with you, Matt, Jamilia and Tiffany. Happy Mother's Day!
— Love, Bev



Happy Mother's Day to my Grandma who is coming up on 81 wonderful years of life. We love you and are so blessed to still have you in our lives.
— Lynne Wright, Ontario Airport



Mom, I love you. Thank you so much for all that you do and for the tender, patient care that you so lovingly give. — Lori Kwiatkowski, LAFD



Words could never express how much I love and appreciate you, Mom! You have always been there for me and always supported me. You are one of a kind, and I am lucky to have you as my mom! Luv, Mechelle.
— Mechelle Sherman, LAPD



I love you, Mom! I can call you anytime of the day, and you will have a hot meal waiting for me when I come over! — Janice Norwood-Waller, Traffic Officer II, Transportation, with her mom Mae Alice Norwood.



Happy Mother's Day to the best Mom anyone could wish for. If I had to choose, I would have chosen you. Thanks for everything and I Love U!
— Lynne Wright, Ontario Airport



Mama - La quiero con todo mi corazon. Gracias por querer como solo una madre pueda querer, por ser la madre mas maravillosa del mundo - por ser como es usted. Feliz Dia de Las Madres con mucho amor y gratitud. Te mereces toda la felicidad en el mundo. — Lily
— Lilian Valera, DWP



Hi Mom ... I get to spend Mother's Day with you this year! Thanks for everything. Much love. John
— John Burnes, Alive! Editor



To a wonderful person and outstanding mother ... my mom, Ethel L. Jones, lives in Bells, Tenn., and she always puts a smile on everyone's face because she's always smiling. I love my mama with all my heart. Whenever there are bad days, I always remember her favorite quote, "Tell God thank you." My mother has a beautiful spirit and doesn't mind sharing it. When you leave her company, she will tell you, "It's been plum pleasing and a pleasure," so you have to leave laughing. Thanks, Ethel L. Jones, for being you.
— Mia Y. Jones, Engineering, Public Works.



To my Mom, who is the kindest and most loving person I know. You are the best! I love you, Mom!
— Robert Larios, Club Operations Director



"Here is a picture of me and my Mom, Yvonne Mary Hawkins. Through thick and thin she has always been there for me, even while raising six other children (six boys and one girl). Currently she's living in Chico with my dad. She is President of the Chico Catholic Ladies Relief Society as well as an Extraordinary Minister at her local church. My mom is a native of Pennsylvania yet was raised in Echo Park during its heyday. And hey, she's a Taurus just like me so that's got to mean something! Thanks, Mom, for everything."
— John Hawkins, Club President



Another chance to tell how very much you are loved! Happy Mother's Day. — Mike Louie, Club Member Information Coordinator

This Case Is Closed

■ Detective Leo Stekinger retires from Port Police after 33 years of City service.

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

Port Police K-9 Unit Detective Leo P. Stekinger retired after 33 years of great service to the City. He had a great sendoff barbecue March 30 at Berth 92 in San Pedro.

Here is his resolution from the Board of Harbor Commissioners:

WHEREAS Leo P. Stekinger is retiring after 33 years of dedicated service to the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS Mr. Stekinger began his City career with the Los Angeles World Airports, came to work at the Harbor Department in 1977 as a Special Officer and promoted to Special Officer IV in 1982; and

WHEREAS he has spent the last 28 years of his career as a committed and loyal member of the Los Angeles Port Police and through his initiative the K-9 Unit has grown to the highest level of professionalism and admiration; and

WHEREAS Mr. Stekinger has been recognized by his superior officers for his resourcefulness and self-reliance, detail to cases, commitment to the Department's goals, and giving 110 percent in whatever he is asked to do; and

WHEREAS during his tenure with the Port Police, he has gained the respect of his fellow

officers, and other law enforcement agencies, often being sought out for his expertise in K-9 handling and training; and

WHEREAS he has been acknowledged for his vital role as a member of Operation Pacific, a narcotics marine smuggling task force, where he was instrumental in solving lengthy and complicated marine smuggling investigations with considerable impacts on the Los Angeles and Long Beach harbors; and

WHEREAS Mr. Stekinger's networking with LAPD, U.S. Customs and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department facilitated the Port's involvement in various multi-jurisdictional task force exercises involving narcotic stakeouts, burglary, cargo theft, confidential investigations, surveillance and stolen and impounded vessels; and

WHEREAS he has been an important asset to the Port Police, Harbor Department and the communities of Harbor City, San Pedro and Wilmington, and has now chosen to retire from active involvement at the Port of Los Angeles which he helped to keep safe and secure:

Therefore be it RESOLVED, that Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners wishes to extend its sincere appreciation to Leo P. Stekinger for his dedicated service to the Port and the City of Los Angeles and its heartfelt best wishes for health and happiness in the years to come.

Congratulations on a stellar career, Leo. Enjoy an excellent retirement! (And the Club thanks Club Members Holly Carlson and Linda Wyatt for inviting us to the celebration.)



From left: Officer Leo Stekinger, K-9 Unit, Port Police, Retiree, with Captain Martin Renteria, Port Police.



Chief Boyd presents Leo Stekinger the City Resolution on behalf of the Board of Harbor Commissioners.



From left: Officer John Smith, Retired Port Police; Sgt. Michael Capodanno; and Officer Brando Smith, Port Police. Sgt. Capodanno was in charge of preparing the food prepared.



From left: Regina Grant, Management Analyst, Club Member; and Linda Wyatt, Port Police Dispatcher, Club Member.



From left: Capt. Moriarty presents Leo Stekinger with the Detective Plaque.



Officer Bill Fletcher, Port Police, on "cooking detail."



From left: Bill Hill, Procurement Supervisor; Cathy Lozano, Asst. Chief Wharfinger, Club Member; Linda Vigil, Asst. Chief Wharfinger, Club Member; and Daniel Knott, Harbor Planning and Economic Analyst, Club Member.



From left: Bryant Torregano, Retired Port Police Officer; Officer Maria Hernandez, Port Police; and Robert Lesley, Retired, Port Police.



From left: Julie Morris; Ashley Cavey, granddaughter; Officer Leo Stekinger, Retiree; Leo's wife, Margo; Robin Martinez, daughter; and Brian Carey, grandson. Front: Chance Martinez, grandson.



Capt. Renteria presents the Light House to Leo Stekinger.



Standing, from left: Det. Mike Neel, LAPD Narcotics; Det. Rick Gutierrez, LAPD Narcotics; and Det. Hank Foresta, LAPD Narcotics. Seated: Capt. Moriarty, LAPD Narcotics; Det. Rhett Austin, LAPD Narcotics; and Det. Dennis Keller, LAPD Narcotics.



Holly Carlson presents a gift on behalf of the Harbor Dept. Employees Club to Leo Stekinger.



From left: Holly Carlson, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member; Emma Gonzalez, Secretary; Gary Striker, Part Maintenance Supervisor; and Ed Carlton, Plumbing Supervisor, C&M, Club Member.



From left: Officer Cheryl Morris, Port Police, Club Member, with Sherinna Gilbert, Port Security Supervisor.



Officers (from left) Avila and Peoples from U.S. Customs and Border Patrol present an award plaque to Leo Stekinger.



From left: Leo Stekinger, Retiree; Bryant Torregano, Retired Port Police Officer; and Kenny Huerta, Port Police.



From left: Maria Corona, Dispatcher, Port Police, Club Member; Officer Cheryl Morris, Port Police, Club Member; Linda Wyatt, Dispatcher, Port Police, Club Member; and Sherinna Gilbert, Port Police Security Supervisor.



From left: Kenny Huerta, Port Police; Officer Leo Stekkinger, Retiree; Capt. Martin Renteria, Port Police. These three were all in class 209 of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.



From left: Chief Ron Boyd, Port Police, Club Member; Officer Leo Stekkinger, Retiree; and Lt. Smith, Patrol Executive Officer



From left: Capt. Ralph Tracy, Port Police; Chief Ron Boyd, Port Police, Club Member; Officer Leo Stekkinger, Retiree; Lt. Michael Graychick; and Lt. Smith, Patrol Executive Officer.



Some of the US Customs and Border Protection Officers came to wish Leo a happy retirement. Standing, from left: Officer Zukowski and Officer Schag. Seated: Officer Roos, Officer Randall and Officer Fisher.



Standing from left: Officer Hobbs, Port Police; Officer Paxson, Port Police; Officer Strauss, Port Police, Club Member; and Officer Myers, Port Police. Seated: Officer Stall, Port Police; Officer Twardy, Port Police, Club Member; Officer Curry, Port Police; and Officer Curry, Port Police.



Standing, from left: Ted Fernandez, Homeland Security, Club Member; and John Hale, Retired Customs Specialist. Seated: Margie Hernandez, Construction & Purchasing, Club Member; Detective Ken Huerta, Port Police; and Julie Wichmann Huerta, Executive Office, Club Member.



Back: Patti D., Wharfinger. Front, from left: Rose Kinoshita, Public Relations, Club Member; Gloria Fletcher, Finance; Eileen Tankersley, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member; and Julie Di Tucci, Port Police.



Standing, from left: Bud Norris, C&M, Club Member; Ruby Christiansen, Retired; and Bill Christiansen, Retired. Seated: Pat Lally, C&M; Charles Miller, C&M; Paul Stener, C&M Electric Supervisor; and Alan Mayse, Garage Supervisor.



From left: Claudia Romero, Port Police, Club Member; and Erika Cabrera, Port Police.



From left: Brian Nelson, C&M; Harvey Birch, C&M, Club Member; Yvonne Hernandez, Metropolitan; and Sal Pilaton, Metropolitan.



The U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officers, K9 Unit, from left: Officer Peoples, Officer Yap and Officer Avila.



From left: Lt. Smith, Patrol Executive Officer; Maria Corona, Dispatcher, Port Police, Club Member; and Linda Wyatt, Dispatcher, Port Police, Club Member.



From left: John Williams, C&M; Melvin Roberts, C&M; and Don Jefferson, C&M.



From left: Steve Belgum, Director of Service, CA Cartage Co.; Officer Yocham, K9 Unit; and John Hale, Retired U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officer.



In back, standing: Sal Guzman, C&M. Seated: Al Galloway, C&M; Dave Porter, C&M; and Alexander Mendoza, C&M.



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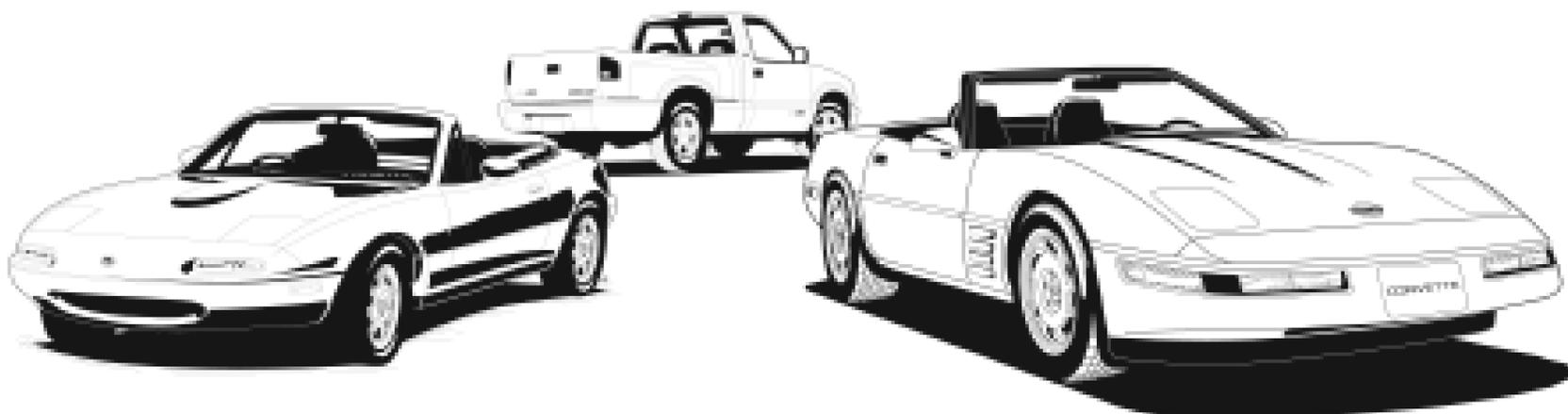
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Bowman Bids Adieu

■ **Alana Bowman, who worked to end domestic violence, retires from City Attorney's Office.**

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

Co-workers and friends threw a farewell luncheon for Deputy City Attorney Alana Bowman March 18 at Luminarias Restaurant in Monterey Park. Alana is retiring from the City Attorney's Office after 20 years of service.

Alana was the Special Assistant to City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo.

She was the supervisor of the City Attorney's Domestic Violence Prosecution Unit from 1986 until 1995, when she was named Special Assistant to the City Attorney for domestic violence policy. She was appointed to the National Advisory Council on Violence Against Women by Attorney General Janet Reno in 1995, and served as Chair of the Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council for two years, following her appointment to that position by the Los Angeles County District Attorney.

She is a national and international adviser on developing and implementing policy and legislation to provide greater protection for battered women and their children; has served on state, national and international advisory panels to legislative and governmental agencies on women's issues, and has testified before numerous legislative and advisory committees. In 1998, she was named by the State Department to represent the United States at the first Family Violence Against

Women Conference in Moscow and is assisting in the development of a national training project for law enforcement in Russia. She recently participated in a State Department-sponsored training program for law enforcement officers and prosecutors in Bangladesh.

Alana has worked with the legal issues of battered women since 1971, developing a women's legal clinic in St. Louis while attending Washington University School of Law, and co-founding the Midwest Women's Legal Group and the Missouri Public Interest Research Group. She was in private practice in family law prior to joining the City Attorney's office in 1985 as a trial deputy.

Alana is a former board member of the California Alliance Against Domestic Violence; the California League of Women Prosecutors and the Southern California Coalition for Battered Women; a member of Women Lawyers of Los Angeles; California Women Lawyers; Lawyers for Human Rights; and a founder of Caring for Babies with AIDS.

Alana's work has been recognized by Congresswomen Lucille Roybal-Allard and Hilda Solis; the Lieutenant Governor; the California State Senate; the California Commission on the Status of Women; the National Latina Alliance; the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors; the Los Angeles City Council; the Los Angeles County District Attorney; the Los Angeles County Commission for Women; and the Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council.

The Club says congratulations and thank you, Alana, for all your hard work on this important issue, among others.



From left: Kim Sanford, one year; Olivia Rodriguez; Alana Bowman, 20 years; and Anne Dunn.



Back row, from left: Gail Pincus; Chun-Yen Chen; Don Wynne, 21 years; Carol Tantau; and Jane Stevens. Front: Thelma Flock, 18 years; Catalina Maese, 28 years; Susan Schmitter, 16 years; and Lucie Mazmanian.



From left: Kjehl Johansen, 19 years; Vince Sato, 21 years; Genice Jones, 21 years; and Pat Toliver, 16 years.



Back row, from left: Allen Freeling; Carmel Sella, 3.5 years; Alana Bowman, 20 years; Maureen Siegel, 28 years; and Donna Edmiston, 15 years. Front: Chuck Goldenberg, 25 years; Earl Thomas, 25 years; Ellen Sarmiento, 24 years; and Lara Bloomquist, 23 years.



Back row, from left: Trevor Lion and Angelica Lomeli, 21 years. Front: Audrey Johnson, 27.5 years; Yung Hae Kim, 15 years; Young Yu, 9 years; and Mary Horton, 10 years.



Back row, from left: Linda Escobedo, 16 years; and Julie Bowser, 28 years. Front: Kim Johnson, 16 years; and Rose Marie Cabrera, 17 years.

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WORKING MATTERS

by JACKIE DAVID, Public Information Director, Public Safety Division, Personnel

Personnel Dept. Cares... These Courses Are Proof

■ Welcome back Jackie David, with her new column on issues relating to working for a living and the City's Personnel Dept.

Working for a new department is always a challenge. There are people to know, things to re-learn and places to go and while we, as employees do our best to assimilate and learn the information through diligent study and review, I, personally, have found that a lot of "know-its" and "know-hows" is what happens through the process of permeation.

Permeation? Yes, it is a physiological process that Webster defines as "to penetrate wholly, pervade, soak through, pass through." In other words, it is something that almost comes naturally as we soak into our new departments. It is the day-in and day-out small things and big things learned that, in a few months, permeates our being until we feel we have finally become a part of the new department. It gives you an appreciation for long-term employees who have valuable historical information and data that is not always easily found on record.

One thing has struck me about the Personnel Dept. in this process of permeation. As I become more familiar with the department, I am more and more impressed with the breadth and scope of its services as well as genuine concern for City employees.

Having worked for the City for more than 15 years, I must admit to some cynicism about the Personnel Dept. I figured they were there to provide tests and support other departments to fill positions and to pretty much make sure all "i's" were dotted and "t's" crossed on both sides of the employment coin. Other than that, I felt they were there only to protect "the City" and that other than that, there wasn't anything there for me really – unless I got into trouble.

What a pleasant surprise then to sit in on meetings and be privy to conversation and to hear true concern for the well being of City employees – individually and as a group! What I have heard has not been just run-of-the-mill "bureaucrat-ese" but an actual caring about the safety, promotion and well being of employees. Talk about "it feels good to work for the City of Los Angeles!"

Aside from the usual services including recruiting, giving examinations and handling transfer and promotional opportunities, the Personnel Dept. does offer ongoing training opportunities. For May, for example, the Personnel Dept., Employee Development Section provides a schedule of classes and courses that you, as a City Employee, should take advantage of.

For example, Certification Interview Training is available to all levels of supervisory, administrative and personnel professionals who conduct interviews. What's the training all about and why would that be important to you? Let me put it this way: if you plan to move ahead, it is important that you understand the interview, the hiring process and what the "Rule of Three Whole Scores" is all about. It's good information. After all...that's how you and I got hired.

Other training offered for the month of May includes:

- Frontline Supervision – If you are a supervisor and strive for efficiency then you will want to take this course that covers basic supervisory responsibilities, principles, and practices.
- Public Speaking – This is a must for everyone, regardless of whether or not you will ever have to give a speech. The reason? It will help you with your job interviews and your day-to-day communications. Take this course and you will learn the basics from getting your thoughts together to practicing your presentations to giving the impression of confidence! You can't lose signing up for this one.
- On-The-Job-Training - This one's for supervisors. It provides tips and techniques for effectively training employees.

- First Aid/CPR – I love this course and try to take it regularly to keep the information fresh – just in case. The reason? While I do want to be in a position to help my fellow employees, I also strive to be a good mom. That means knowing the right thing to do in case of any accidents or emergencies. (I don't know about you but my kids love to tempt fate so much so that we wind up spending quality family time in the emergency room. It's to the point where I know the receptionist and some of the E.R. staff. We've been quality-timing it in emergency for years.) The class will also dispel quite a few "myths" about First Aid and CPR. It's open to all employees and I highly recommend it. If you are a mom or dad to some younger kids, then please do take this course. If you like outdoor activity, then this training will provide you some valuable know-how. Bottom line is: You'll never know when what you've learned in this class will help you save a life! Do it. Sign up.

- Diversity in the Workplace – This four-hour course explores value differences to promote mutual respect in the workplace. After all, we work in one of the most cosmopolitan cities of the world!

- Office Administrative Skills – If you are in a clerical support job classification, then this class will help you shine!

- Equal Employment Opportunity classes – There are several of these classes offered both for supervisors and non-supervisors. Learn about non-discrimination policies, how to handle complaints, and employee rights and responsibilities. As a lawyer once said to me, "If you don't know your rights, then you don't have any."

- "Windmills" - This program is designed to increase the quality and quantity of employment for persons with disabilities.

A more detailed description of these courses can be found in the Personnel Section of the City's website: www.lacity.org/per/Training.

There is much ado at the Personnel Dept. and, I must admit, still much for me to learn, digest and permeate. There are all these divisions (Safety, Recruitment, Medical, etc.) and programs and projects and as things move along, I will make sure and share all this interesting information with our *Alive!* readers.

In working to recruit police officers and firefighters, I have also visited their Websites and discovered a whole range of topics and issues to do with Public Safety. For example, did you know that Crime Prevention's focus for May is senior crime prevention? According to LAPD's Website (www.lapdonline.org), "Seniors currently comprise 4.5 percent of California's population" and (something to think about), while "seniors are victims of crime less often than younger people, the effect of crime on seniors is often severe." LAPD's Website offers tips on how to prevent senior crime along with other very practical "stay safe" information.

The LAFD's Website is equally interesting to browse. Do visit their Website for fire and other safety information: www.lafd.org.

I must admit a little concern about needing more fodder for my column when I started with the Personnel Dept. As you can see, that has changed, and my fodder-box overfloweth. I can't wait until my next column as I dive right in, again and again, to speed up the permeation process.

In the meantime, think about moving your career and knowledge ahead by signing up for the courses I've mentioned. It will be worth your time!

Jackie is happy to answer personnel questions from *Alive!* readers, or direct you to the correct source for answers. E-mail her: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

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Hamby Heads Home

Club Member Jerry Hamby retires from GSD Automotive Fleet Services after 38 years with City.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

Robert Gerald Hamby, better known as Gerry to those who know him, retired with a celebration March 24 at Odyssey Restaurant. He had worked for the City for 38 years, and retired from the GSD Automotive Fleet Services.

Hamby, an Automotive Supervisor, has been a Club Member since 1967.

Jerry was born June 9, 1946, in Los Angeles. His siblings are John, Joanne and Daniel.

Jerry attended Verdugo Hills High School in Tujunga and graduated in 1961. He met his wife, Judy, in June 1964 over fence when she asked Jerry to move a piece of furniture. "He has been

moving furniture ever since," she told *Alive!*

Their first date was on July 4, 1964. They became engaged Sept. 10, 1964 and were married Jan. 23, 1965, having recently celebrated their 40th anniversary.

Jerry started with the City as a Kennelman March 6, 1967, at Valley Animal Shelter, working nights. He told Judy he couldn't do it, as he liked animals. Judy said she told him to hang in there, that something else would come up.

Jerry then became a Garage Attendant June 15, 1969, at Devonshire Police Station and offered the Equipment Mechanic Apprenticeship program. In November 1971 he became Equipment Mechanic at North Hollywood Shop and transferred to Raymer Street July 5, 1978. Jerry became an Automotive Supervisor May 12, 1992.

Jerry's 38 years with the City, combined with his wife Judy's 42 years of City service, totals 80 years of dedicated City service. Incredible!

Congratulations, Jerry, on your retirement. And thanks to Judy for the biographical information.



Jerry and Judy Hamby with their family.



Jerry's friends from high school, from left: Edi McMillan, Richard Bortolott and Linda Bortolott.



From left: Betty and Jack Khteian, GSD, Retired; and Joan and Dick Ronning, GSD, Retired.



Back, from left: Alvin Y. Glain, General Manager, GSD, Club Member; and Anthony R. De Clue, Assistant General Manager, GSD, Club Member. Seated: Jim Bonville, Director, GSD Fleet Services; Victor Martin, Equipment Superintendent, Area II, Club Member; Kevin Lee, Auto Engineer, Club Member; and Dave Wilson, Equipment Superintendent.



Back, from left: Paul Fox, GSD Fleet, Helicopter Maintenance; Joe Fosselman, GSD, Helicopter Maintenance, Club Member; and Tom Kaswki, GSD, Supply Service City Hall. Seated: Doug Yuretzian, GSD, Helicopter Maintenance; Mike Pattison, GSD, Helicopter Maintenance; and Dave Honeywell, GSD, Helicopter Maintenance



Jerry Hamby holds his City Council Resolution scroll. From left: Jim Bonville, Director of Fleet Services; Jerry Hamby, Retiree, Club Member; and Anthony R. De Clue, Assistant General Manager, GSD, Club Member.



From left: Jim Acosta, GSD Fleet, Retired; and Paul Hamasaka, GSD, Retired.



Standing, from left: Frank Flores, GSD, Club Member; Frank Flore Sr., DWP, Retired; and Robin Yarrow, GSD, Club Member. Seated: Larry Petta, GSD Fleet, North Hollywood Shop, Club Member; and Phil Bakerink, GSD Fleet, North Hollywood Shop, Club Member.



From left: Grandson Gavin with Judy Hamby.



From left: Don Diener, GSD, Club Member; Pamela Bendixen, GSD, East Valley; John Kidwell, GSD; Paul Hamasaki, GSD, Retired; and Robert Quezada, DOT.



From left: Cefe Munoz, Bureau of Engineering; Fred De Hoyos, Bureau of Sanitation; Rufus Manuel, GSD Fleet, Club Member; Peter Lovio, GSD North Hollywood, Club Member; and Randy Smith, GSD, Retired.



From left: Anthony R. De Clue, Assistant General Manager, GSD, Club Member; Jerry Hamby, Retiree, Club Member; Alvin Y. Blain, General Manager, GSD, Club Member; and Jim Bonville, Director, GSD Fleet Services.



From left: Ralph Sellers, ITA; and Ingvar, ITA.



From left: Beverly Batiste, GSD with Alli Taylor, GSD.



Mr. Victor, left, presents Jerry a Recognition Certificate, and Mr. Cain (right) presents Jerry with an Appreciation Certificate.



Standing: Gary Miller, GSD, Retired. Seated: Neil Niblett, GSD, North Hollywood; John Dilk, GSD, North Hollywood, Club Member; Ed Braban, GSD, North Hollywood; Mike Ryan, GSD, North Hollywood, Club Member; and Eric Guzman, GSD, North Hollywood.



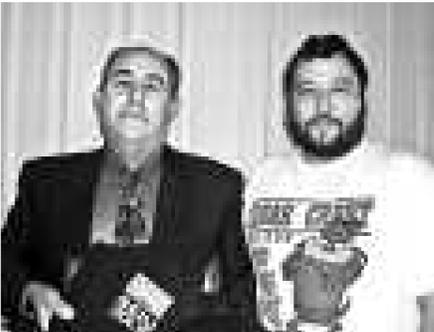
Standing, from left: Steve Cheney, DOT, Club Member; and Larry Bickett, DOT. Seated: Eric Hildebrand, DOT; Dan Wyatt, DOT; Don Wade, DOT; Bill Robinson, DOT; and Mario Amper, DOT, Retired



From left: Rudy Loya, Rec and Parks, Club Member; Maricela Feliciano, Rec and Parks, Club Member; Bob Potter, Superintendent, Solid Resource at West Valley; and Gilbert Palomares, Supervisor, Solid Resource at West Valley.



Back, from left: Mike Ulloa, GSD, North District; Calvin Huff, GSD, North District, Club Member; and Howard Tapia, GSD, Retired. Seated: Sean Sullivan, GSD, North District; Mike Bishop, GSD, Retired; Waldo Matthews, Bureau of Sanitation; Reid Obaz, GSD, North District; and Aradio Rajoy, Supervisor Solid Resources at Van Norman, Club Member.



From left: Jerry Hamby, Retiree, Club Member; Frank Flores, GSD, Club Member and representative of Local 347.



Standing, from left: Jim Acosta, GSD; Larry Reynosa, GSD, Club Member; and Bob Rodriguez, GSD Retired. Seated: Richard Coulson, GSD Area II Headquarters, Club Member; and Dwain Ulbrich, Survey.



From left: John Gale, nephew-in-law; Jerry Hamby, Automotive Supervisor, Retiree, Club Member; Judy Hamby, Spouse; and Misty Gale, niece.



Back, standing, from left: Joe Miller, Building and Safety, Retired, with his wife, Rockie. Seated: Bobbie and Sid Kirshner, DOT, Retired; and Bob Campbell, GSD, Retired.



Standing, from left: Randy Oshiro, GSD, Maintenance, Club Member; Kevin Dawson, GSD, Club Member; and Armando Arredondo, GSD. Seated: Diana Quirola, GSD, Club Member; Michelle Garley, GSD; Randy Lowry, GSD, Club Member; and Rick Lowry, Retired Rec and Parks, Club Member.



From left: Ron Bahn, Auto Electrician, GSD, Club Member; and Jerry Hamby, Retiree, Club Member.

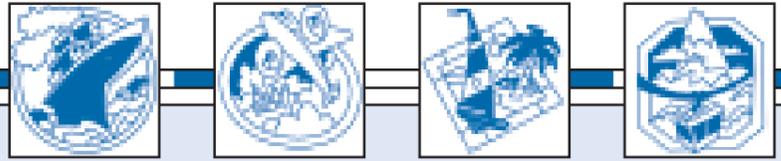


From left: Jody Carleton, Rec and Parks; Dan Morley, Rec and Parks; Debbie Samarini, GSD, Club Member; and Stefanie Smith, Rec & Parks, Club Member.



Ron Bahn assists his son, Justin, as he gets ready to sing a song in Jerry's honor.

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TravelTalk



by Tony Adler, President, Cruise and Resort, Inc. Club Travel Partner

Using Club Travel Partner Can Pay Off for Members

Most of you who have been reading this column regularly know that I am bluntly honest. I pull no punches. The facts are that there are certain things that a good travel agent can do that will enhance your trip, and some things that you can do just as well yourself.

Since we are your Club partner for travel, it might sound like I am shooting myself in the foot from a business perspective. Really, I am not. Our commissions are small on any single booking. We depend on earning loyalty based on our honesty and integrity. Over time, we earn our money because of how we take care of our customers, sort of like an insurance agent makes his money over time.

So here's where we can and cannot provide value:

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We are not especially useful for booking domestic economy air. We can find you the lowest fare, but most people are sophisticated enough on a computer to go to the airline Websites and find the lowest fares themselves. We charge a service fee for airline tickets, which you can avoid by doing it yourself. We really just cover our costs, and there isn't a whole lot of value we provide here. Why not just be honest about it?

When it comes to international air or business and first class domestic air, we frequently have better deals than you could find yourselves. Without going into a lot of detail, these are basically consolidated airfares, which means we combine with several other top agencies nationwide to negotiate lower airfares with certain airlines. They have more profits built into these types of tickets, so there is more negotiating room. Our clients benefit because our negotiated fares are lower. We recently saved a couple more than \$8,000 on a few first class air tickets to Greece. Exact same airline and exact same flights. Right now, they are pretty impressed with our company.

Airline tickets are a commodity. Our only value here is if we are able to save you money or save you enough time to justify our ticketing fees. Truthfully, the flight attendant will not give you better service because you booked your tickets at Cruise and Resort, Inc.

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This is where we are very valuable. Our prices are almost always competitive or better than the best Internet rates, but it's the other elements that prove our value. Service does matter. So do our relationships. These are not commodities. Not all rooms at the hotel or on a ship are the same. If you can get a better room simply because you are a Club Member, shouldn't you take advantage of that? We represent an enormous chunk of business to most of the companies we work with. This translates into upgrades and added amenities at many of the properties and cruise lines we work with. So, no additional costs, and often added goodies. Sort of a no-brainer! You can make the hotel reservation yourself if you want, but why not take a shot at getting something more for your money?

The desk clerk at the hotel often looks at an Internet or direct booking differently than a booking made through their own sales department. Can we guarantee that you will be treated better at every hotel you go to? No. You just increase your odds. At many luxury properties, we know in advance many of the extras you will receive, simply by being a Club Member and booking with Cruise and Resort.

Our relationships can save the day when something goes wrong. Do you think the dot-coms were of much help when people were stranded due to the tsunami? When the hotel in Hawaii puts you in an ocean-view room where you would have to stretch your neck ten feet from your balcony to actually see the ocean, it is nice to be able to call your agent (with some clout at the property) on a toll-free number and have him or her do the fighting for you. We don't find those situations to be very enjoyable either, but we would rather resolve the situation quickly and efficiently for our clients than force them to deal with it for hours or days. Subject to reasonable expectations, we are the advocates for our clients.

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Tom Powers Down

■ Tom McCarthy retires from DWP after 36 years of City service.

Story and photos by Bev Haro, Club Counselor

Tom McCarthy retired from DWP with a very popular open house March 29 at the John Ferraro Office Building.

Tom went to school at Cal Poly Pomona and graduated with a degree in Electronic Engineering. He fully expected to go into the Aerospace Industry, which was the growing field due to the Vietnam War. He had no intentions of working for the DWP, but he saw the list of interviews and applied. He learned that the on-campus interview list was full, but the representatives volunteered to interview him during their coffee break, and this impressed Tom about the type of people working for DWP. That set the stage.

On June 24, 1968, at age 21, he began work as an Electrical Engineering Assistant at DWP. He was put in the Transmission section. He loved it because he got to go out into the field, work with crews and also have the inside control in designing. During his first week at work, he climbed 150-foot towers as part of the electrode installations from Sylmar to Sunset. This was his indoctrination into transmission. His first supervisor was Army Galindo.

He then worked on the Pacific Intertie DC line (the last 30 miles of the line between Antelope Valley and Sylmar), and he was allowed to coordinate the design and construction of the entire project, which was built by the DWP. The rest of the Transmission Line group worked on the sections between Antelope Valley and the California-Oregon border.

In November 1970, he was promoted to Electrical Engineering Associate. Tom also worked in underground transmission and was involved in installing the third River SS to RSP 230-kV line.

He then started designing the 275-mile-long Navajo line, which went from Boulder City to Page, Ariz. He put the construction contract together and worked on the entire design process. (The only other person remaining at the DWP of that initial Navajo design group is Alan McFarlane in PSP&P.)

When the job started, roads, tower footings and towers went up, and Tom McCarthy was called upon to do the stringing, wire and conductor inspection between Page, Ariz. and McCullough, Nev. He was in a series of towns for a total of a year and a half (at Knab, Utah; St. George, Utah; and Mesquite and Las Vegas, Nev.). He was not married at that time.

Tom married Jerri Oct. 12, 1974. The Navajo line was fired up while he and Jerri were on their honeymoon in Hawaii. Tom called Army Galindo from Maui to find out if the line had been successfully powered up. It had been.

He promoted to full engineer March 19, 1984. He was responsible for the second of the Victorville-Rinaldi lines, which he described as a challenge because it had 200 crossings over its 84-mile length. "It was amazing we even got the

line built," he said.

In July 1990, he was promoted to Senior Power Engineer by Kent Noyes and Bob MacMillan. He was put in charge of Distribution Engineering. The highlight of this position was working with MTA in putting in the Red Line. DWP earned a bonus from MTA for completing the work months ahead of schedule. He also hired Ron Kozovich and Marvin Moon during this period. The notable achievement was putting the Distribution standards onto the computer in Adobe format.

On Jan. 17, 1994, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Northridge earthquake hit Los Angeles. He was at home, blowing leaves off his roof, when he got a call from Vern Pruett, who headed up the old PO&M. Vern asked Tom to go to Rinaldi and work with dispatchers and linemen to get power back to Granada Hills. He worked a full day and created a temporary connect transmission system to the load bank transformers. By midnight, the temporary hookups had restored power to most of that area.

In September 1998, he was promoted to Bulk Power with Leon Kedington. During this period, they were able to get the DWP \$40 million in FEMA support to replace the Sylmar Converter Station. He also started to work on replacement of the SCADA System for ECC and reconfigured the transmission line into the Valley Generating Station in conjunction with the combined cycle system in the Valley.

After Leon retired, Marcie Edwards came back and headed up Bulk Power. After a short time, she left to accept a job as General Manager of the City of Anaheim, and Tom took over the position as he was promoted to Power Engineering Manager.

This was soon followed by the reorganization of the Power System and the creation of the Power Transmission and Distribution Business Unit. In December 2000, Tom was put in charge of the Transmission side of what was then the largest Business Unit in the DWP.

The highlight of his career was the "people," he said, "the wonderful people who work here whom I was able to mentor," and working on the Navajo line from start to finish. As a higher-level manager, he was not as intimately involved with all the aspects of the major projects. Navajo was his project.

Another highlight was driving the Rose Parade float for Cal Poly in 1968, right before he began working for the DWP.

Another highlight was his involvement in the Donors Welfare Program's Combined Charities Campaign, which has always been a source of pride for him. He appeared before the Board of Water and Power Commissioners Feb. 15, 2005, to praise the efforts of John Erbacher and more than 60 volunteers who have raised \$426,000 in 2004, a six percent increase over last year's donations. "These are the folks who really make it work," he said.

Tom and his wife, Jerri, will be married 31 years in October. They have sons Tom and Matthew, daughter Diane and granddaughter Ellie.

Congratulations, Tom, on an incredible career, Tom. And the Club thanks Patti David Crossley, who contributed Tom's biography.



From left: Anil Desai, Structural Engineering, 32 years, with Tom McCarthy.



From left: Randy Howard with Ellen Schneider, Electrical Rates Supervisor, 33 years.



From left: Dora Maese, Management Analyst, 15 years; Philip Pate, Management Analyst, 17 years; and Lupe Gonzalez, Sr. Clerk Typist, 18 years.



From left: Elizabeth David, Management Analyst, 17 years; Melita Cruz, Principal Clerk Utility, 24 years; Patti David Crossley, Utility Administrator, 10 years; and Sally Guerrero, Utility Executive Secretary, 30 years.



From left: Cynthia Meekins, Utility Marketing Rep, 13 years; Ralph Jaramillo, Electrical Engineering, 20 years; Philip Pate, Management Analyst, 17 years; Dora Maese, Management Analyst, 15 years; and Barbara Matlock, Management Analyst, 19 years.



Bryan Grace, Manager, Employees Association, 10 years.



From left: Tom McCarthy with Theresa Tsai, Property Manager, 22 years.



From left: Craig Luna, Real Estate, 18 years, with Tom McCarthy.

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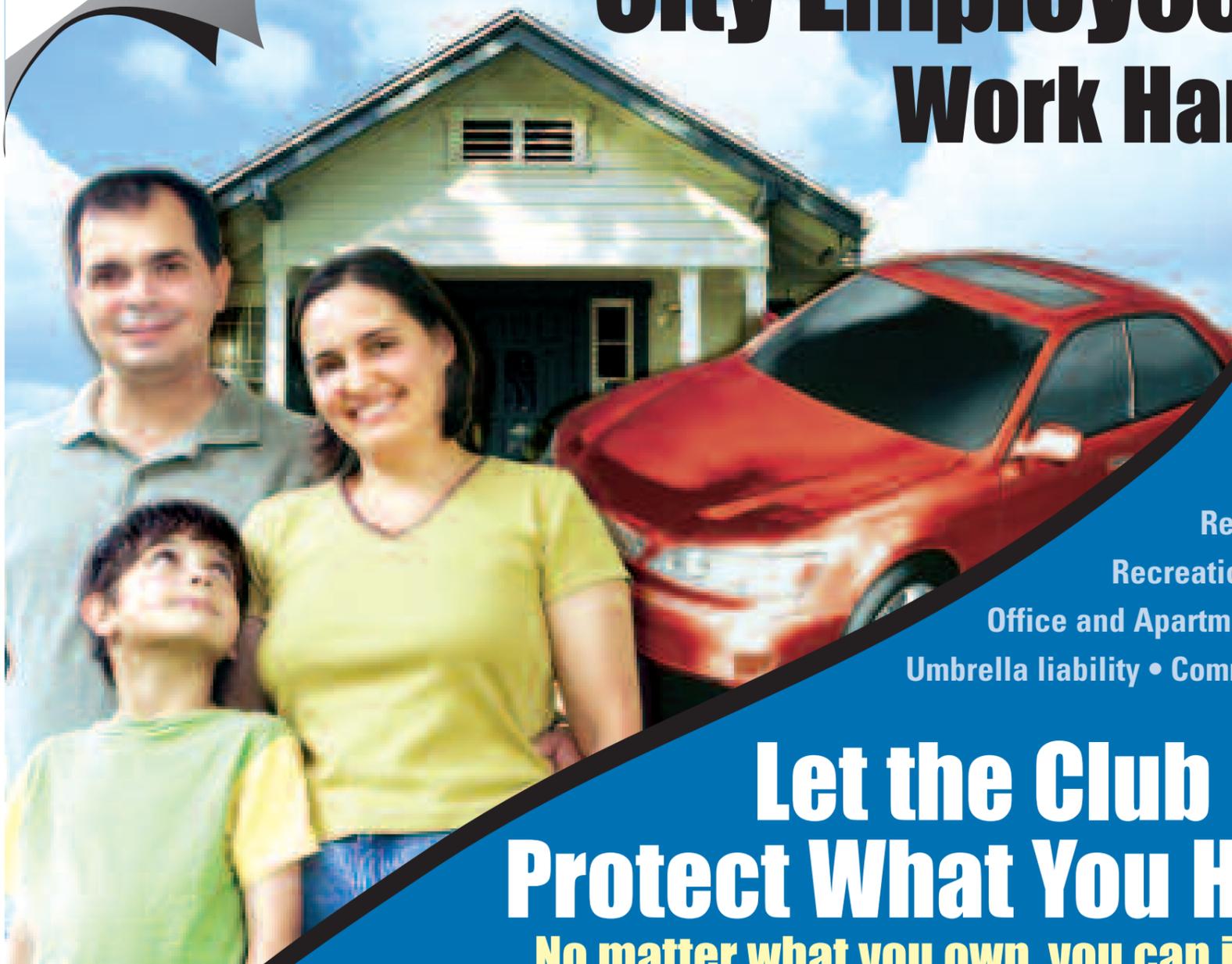
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Education Fair



From left: Linda Brown, Human Resources, Club Member; and Brenda Crawford, Human Resources, Club Member, 5 years.

■ Airport hosts Education Benefits Fair.

Story and photos by Liz Montes, Club Counselor

The LAX Human Resources Division sponsored an Education Benefits Fair for airport employees March 23 in the Construction and Maintenance lunch room. Several universities and colleges attended to encourage airport employees to continue their education, and inform them of the opportunities available to them.

The Human Resources Division gave out free sandwiches, and everyone in attendance was entered into the drawing for the free prizes. Several hundred people attended the event. Gerald Tuskes, Sr. Personnel Analyst, is the head of Personnel Management and Staff Services for the LAX Human Resources Division.

The Club thanks Deitra Baronett for assisting us in attending this event.



LAX employees visit the different booths.



From left: Raul Rosales, Garage Shop, Club Member, 2 years; Phil Siping, Recycling, Club Member, 17 years; and Pete Flores, Garage Shop, 6 years.



Front row, from left: Refugio Cecena, Custodial, Club Member, 2 years; and Maria Abdallah, Custodial, Club Member, 3 years. Back: Sabas Valencia, Custodial, Club Member, 4 years; and Enrique Alvarez, Custodial, Club Member, 3 years.



From left: Marlene Morgenstern, Human Resources, one year; and Paula Tran, Human Resources, 4 years.



Biniko Hawkins, Security Credentials, one year.

2005 DODGER SCHEDULE

APRIL						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					7:05 ANA	7:10 ANA 2
1:10 ANA 3						6:40 ANA 9
1:40 AZ 10						7:10 SD 16
1:40 SD 17	10:05 MIL 19	7:05 SD 20	7:05 SD 21	5:35 COL 22	5:05 COL 23	
13:05 COL 24	7:10 AZ 25	7:10 AZ 26	7:10 AZ 27	7:10 COL 28	7:10 COL 29	7:10 COL 30

MAY						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1:10 COL 1	7:10 WAS 2	7:10 WAS 3	7:10 WAS 4	4:10 CIN 5	4:10 CIN 6	10:15 CIN 7
5:00 CIN 8	5:10 STL 9				7:40 ATL 13	7:10 ATL 14
1:10 ATL 15	7:10 FLA 16				7:40 ANA 20	1:10 ANA 21
1:10 ANA 22	7:15 SF 23	7:15 SF 24	7:15 SF 25	5:40 SF 26	5:40 SF 27	6:40 SF 28
1:40 AZ 29	5:10 CHC 30	7:10 CHC 31				

JUNE						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			7:10 CHC 1	7:10 MIL 2		7:10 MIL 4
1:10 MIL 5	7:10 DET 6	7:10 DET 7	7:10 DET 8			7:10 MIA 9
1:40 MIA 12	5:10 KC 13	5:10 KC 14	5:10 KC 15	5:10 KC 16	4:05 CHW 17	4:05 CHW 18
5:05 CHW 19	7:10 SD 20	7:10 SD 21	7:10 SD 22	7:10 SD 23	7:05 ANA 24	7:05 ANA 25
1:05 ANA 26	7:10 SD 27	12:10 SD 28	12:10 SD 29			

JULY						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					7:40 AZ 1	1:10 AZ 2
7:10 AZ 3	5:05 COL 4	6:05 COL 5	6:05 COL 6	12:05 COL 7	5:05 HOU 8	10:20 HOU 9
11:05 HOU 10	11:05 SF 11	7:10 SF 12	7:10 SF 13	7:10 SF 14	7:48 SF 15	1:10 SF 16
1:10 SF 17	4:05 PHI 18	4:05 PHI 19	4:05 PHI 20	4:15 NYA 21	12:15 NYA 22	12:15 NYA 23
10:10 NYA 24	7:10 CIN 25	7:10 CIN 26	7:10 CIN 27	12:10 CIN 28	7:40 CIN 29	1:10 STL 30
TBA STL 31						

AUGUST						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	4:05 WAS 1	4:05 WAS 2	4:05 WAS 3	4:05 WAS 4	4:05 PIT 5	4:05 PIT 6
10:35 PIT 7	7:10 PHI 8	7:10 PHI 9	7:10 PHI 10	7:10 PHI 11		1:10 NYA 13
1:10 NYA 14	4:35 ATL 15	4:35 ATL 16	4:35 ATL 17	4:35 ATL 18		3:05 FLA 20
10:05 FLA 21	7:10 COL 22	7:10 COL 23	7:10 COL 24	7:10 COL 25		7:10 HOU 27
1:10 HOU 28	5:05 CHC 29	11:20 CHC 30				

SEPT/OCT						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					5:05 COL 1	5:05 COL 2
12:05 COL 3	5:10 SF 4	7:10 SF 5	7:10 SF 6	7:10 SF 7	7:40 SD 8	1:10 SD 9
1:10 SD 10	7:10 COL 11	7:10 COL 12	7:10 COL 13	7:15 COL 14	7:15 SF 15	1:05 SF 16
1:05 SF 17	7:10 PIT 18	7:10 PIT 19	7:10 PIT 20	7:10 PIT 21	7:48 PIT 22	7:10 PIT 23
1:10 PIT 24	7:10 SD 25	7:10 SD 26	7:10 SD 27	7:10 SD 28	7:05 SD 29	7:05 SD 30
1:10 SD 31						

DODGER SCHEDULE AND SPECIAL EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

■ DODGER HOME GAME
■ DODGER ROAD GAME



The following is a list of upcoming Mobile Adoption events:

Adopt-a-thon 2005 Reduced rate adoptions at all 6 animal service centers in the City of LA & Petsmart Alhambra	Saturday, April 30th 8am - 5pm & Sunday, May 1st 11am - 5pm
Farmer's Market 3rd Fairfax Clocktower	Saturday, May 14th 11am - 4pm
Kiehl's Santa Monica 1516 Montana	Sunday, May 15th 11am - 4pm
Peteo Studio City 12800 Ventura Blvd.	Sunday, May 22nd 11am - 4pm

Please bring cash or check for adoption fees

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

Retirements

NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	#YEARS
Marian Aguilar	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	CDD	30
David Almanzan	N/A	DWP	N/A
James Arender	Sr. Constr. Inspector	Public Works	35
John Bonk	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	Public Works	27
Anthony Bonogorno	N/A	DWP	N/A
Gordon Brooks	Librarian	Library	36
John Brumfield	Survey Party Chief	Public Works	41
Jimmy Cassel	Forensic Print Spec.	LAPD	30
Milton Clark	N/A	DWP	N/A
Enda Cottom	N/A	DWP	N/A
Reynold Crane	Custodial Serv. Attn.	Gen. Services	28
Mark Cutler	Sr. Housing Inspector	Housing	29
Janice Herlihy	N/A	DWP	N/A
Randal Hough	N/A	DWP	N/A
Dennis Hradisky	Equip. Manager	LAPD	31
Thomas Jones	Pr. Transport Engineer	Transportation	39
Karen Kalsman	Sr. Recreation Dir.	Rec and Parks	22
Stanley Kalsman	Rec. Supervisor	Rec and Parks	36
Harold Kennedy	N/A	DWP	N/A
Michael Lane	N/A	DWP	N/A
Helen Laning	Legal Asst.	City Attorney	30
Duffy Latham	Pr. Inspector	Bldg. and Safety	25
Theresa Leonard	Personnel Analyst	LAPD	31
Eva Lopez	N/A	DWP	N/A
Charles Lorence	Equip. Mechanic	LAPD	30
Susan Luna	N/A	DWP	N/A
Gary Mackey	N/A	DWP	N/A
Thomas McCarthy	N/A	DWP	N/A
Susan McElvogue	Sr. Rec. Dir.	Rec and Parks	31
William Mihalo	N/A	DWP	N/A
Carole Milemore	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAFD	30
Wendy Miller	Hearing Officer	City Attorney's Office	15
Johnnie Miranda	Plumber	Public Works	20
Frank Morales	Trans. Engineer Aide	Transportation	32
Victor Murillo	N/A	DWP	N/A
Buu Nguyen	N/A	DWP	N/A
Adolfo Nodal	Gen. Manager	Cultural Affairs	12
Jesse Perez	N/A	DWP	N/A
Roland Protesta	Mgmt. Analyst	Housing	29
Frederick Puglia	N/A	DWP	N/A
Sydney Rabin	Systems Programmer	Airports	9
Linda Rigney	Police Service Rep.	LAPD	20
Alfred Rodriguez	N/A	DWP	N/A
Lucia Ruta	Emer. Preparedness Coordinator	Public Works	37
Eston Schwewe	Criminalist	LAPD	8
Harry Scott	Signal Systems Electrician	Transportation	31
Daniel Singer	Geog. Info. Systems Chief	Public Works	37
Denis Tillemans	N/A	DWP	N/A
Mary Trigg	N/A	DWP	N/A
Madeleine Wagner	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	ITA	33
Brett Wakefield	Port Pilot	Harbor	5
Patricia Walburg	N/A	DWP	N/A
Patrick Wallace	N/A	DWP	N/A
Pierce Watson	N/A	DWP	N/A
Kenneth Weber	N/A	DWP	N/A
Zhanna Yasnogorodsky	Messenger Clerk	Library	6
Richard Yoshino	Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	31

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



Promotions

Club Member **Eileen Tankersley**, promoted to secretary, Port of Los Angeles, Homeland Security, from Senior Clerk Typist.



Club Member **Rudy De Leon**, Metro Mounted Platoon Officer, to Police Officer III + 1, from Police Officer III (pictured with Rafael).



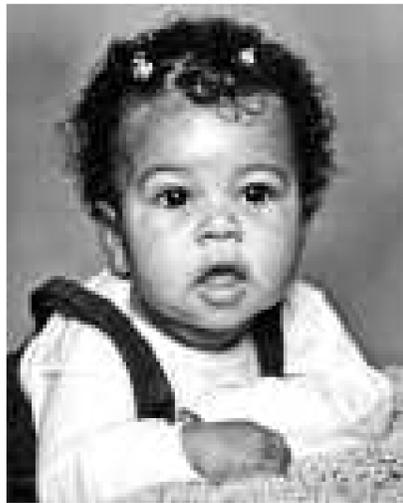
Terry Keenan, Metro Mounted Platoon Officer, to Police Officer III + 1, from Police Officer III (pictured with Kid).



Births



Marcos Meza, born March 13 to **Norma and Oscar Meza**. Norma is the sister of Club Operations Director (and chef!) Robert Larios.



Makayla Bailey, born Oct. 23, the great-granddaughter of **Virginia Sanford-Waters**, LAFD.

Breanna Love Torres, born Oct. 10 to **Raul Mario Torres and Tanisha Rasha Torres**. Raul is a Senior Clerk Typist, LAPD.



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



In Memoriam

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

NAME	DEPT.	# YEARS			
Active			Jane Glisson	Rec and Parks	14
Lynette R. Dickey	DWP	24	Joe Guerrero	DWP	30
Henry Ortiz	Public Works	28	Michael D. Hamilton	DWP	30
Sam Williams	Sanitation	6	Ellen K. Hammon	DWP	31
Ricardo Garris	Public Works	24	Marvin C. Hanson	DWP	30
Rene Flores	Public Works	23	Charlie Herron	Public Works	34
Vera Johnson	Airport	6	Bernard Humphrey	Harbor	17
Dannette Urbina	Transportation	19	Gilbert Johnson	Public Works	25
Retired			Betty H. Lewis	DWP	14
Dorothy All	LAPD	7	Jack W. Lyon	DWP	27
Milton O. Anderson	DWP	31	J.E. McKellom	Rec and Parks	25
Daniel A. Arias	DWP	34	Manuel Mendoza	Gen. Services	23
Rosalie Avery	City Admin.	27	William Miller	LAPD	15
Melton Baker	LAFD	7	Ronald w. Nehrenz	DWP	45
Don E. Berry	DWP	35	Gerald O. Noll	DWP	36
Jimmy Boyd	Airports	20	Loretta O'Donnell	DWP	33
Russell O. Boyd	DWP	29	Ernest Oliver	Airports	19
Alice Brown	LAPD	17	Joseph Oneil	Harbor	20
Herman Butler	Airports	37	Norman L. Payne	DWP	35
Clarence Carter	DWP	10	Jose Pinon	Public Works	19
Lutheran Carter	LAPD	21	Harry Poje	Rec and Parks	29
William Chick	Public Works	10	Harold E. Reeploeg	DWP	10
Donald Chindahl	Personnel	20	Feliciano Reveles	Public Works	8
Wilfred Collins	Gen. Services	23	Robert R. Schneider	DWP	32
James Connolly	Bldg. and Safety	21	Winfred Simmons	DWP	31
Virginia Crawford	Transportation	27	Wolfgang Steihemer	Gen. Services	30
Cornelia Crossman	Library	20	Lawrence E. Stewart	DWP	36
Norberto De La Cruz	Transportation	17	Agustin Y. Tan	DWP	21
Bradford L. Duncan	DWP	30	Emmett Tromwell	Street Services	25
John B. Durboraw	DWP	29	Ruth Turner	City Attorney	13
Addie Edwards	Library	33	Jack E. Vail	DWP	32
Francis M. Eliasson	DWP	29	Resty P. Valenzuela	DWP	16
John T. Fentress	DWP	34	Henrietta Villaescusa	Personnel	14
Ronald Fitzmorris	Planning	24	Kunio Watanabe	Rec and Parks	21
C.B. Frederickson	Transportation	33	Robert Wickham	ITA	31
Elvin Garver	LAFD	12	Dudley Williams	Library	16
			James Woodruff	Industrial Waste Mgmt.	28

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



Weddings

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



Club Graduations

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



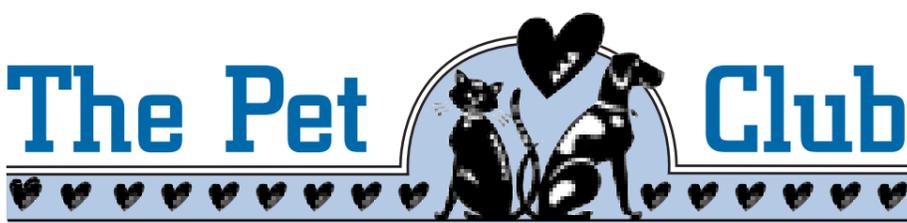
New Members

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

Welcome New Members!

William Allender	Tracy Turner	Daniel Lopez
Ruby Boord	Joe Villareal	Cheryle Louis
Anthony Comundoiwillla	Martha Acosta	Arthur Marquez
Carolyn Cooley	Pedro Alvarez	Christine McMillan
John Horling	Ramon Armenta	Irene Mendoza
Laverne Jarmon	Patrick Ayers	Ann Marie Montoya
Avis Kekina	Sarah Bautista	Erika Morris
Robert Leitch	Francisco Bautista	Sirlord Morse
Patrick Morse	Reginald Beck	Martha Nuno
Samuel Namath	Michael Boedeker	Timothy Oliver
Albert Salcido	Denise Brown	Jason Orman
Stanley Slavin	Loleitha Butler	Arthur Palomar
Mike Upton	Nita Caprio	Eric Pena
Nellie Wallace	Sergio Carrillo	Raphael Perez
Helen Woolley	Delfina Castro	Lisa Perez
Elmer Acosta	Dwight Crawford	George Pierce III
Bertha Araujo	Dennis Dale	Beverly Pitts
Travis Bailey	Walter Diaz	Lisa Pope
Anthony Frias	Damon Dove	Chevae Robinson
Carol Gallegos	Tom Eng	Johnny Roe
Cynthia Gibson	Mayra Escamith	Bernadette Ropati
Jose Gomez	Patricia Eskridge	Virgie Rowe
George Jimenez	Ronald Esquibel	Maria Salcedo
Francisco Lopez	Araine Fletcher	Susan Schaefer
Joseph Lucero	Mike Fong	Kenneth Scott Jr.
Gregory Martin	Carlos Gallegos Jr.	Wayne Spencer
Norina Mendivil	Efren Gomez JR.	Herman Tatum Sr.
Randall Morris	Herman Green	Denise Taylor
Valeri Muratov	Reeta Hatcher	Elidio Villasana Jr.
Eva Newborn	Ron Hayden	Renato Villorante
Paul Piotraschke	Teresa Henkhaus	Clifford Wade
Alejandro Pulido	Jon Herd	Michael Walsh
Victoriano Roman	Crystal Jackson	George Willis Jr.
Belinda Roman	Uriel Jimenez	John Zubia
Gary Rounds	Morris Jones	
Glen Santa Ana	Deon Jones	
	Daniel Knott	

The Pet Club



Be Responsible By Spaying, Neutering

By Karen Knipscheer
Public Information Officer,
Animal Services

Hi, everybody! I'm Karen Knipscheer, the Public Information Officer at Animal Services. I'm happy to take over the Pet Club column here in *Alive!* Jackie David did a great job, don't you think?

But let's talk about something that is very important to responsible pet ownership: spaying and neutering.

LA Animal Services is burdened with caring for the overpopulation of animals in this City. The major cause of overpopulation is unwanted breeding by the animals that have not been sterilized.

During March, which just passed, LA Animal Services was determined to advise the citizens in the City about the benefits of spaying or neutering their animals. The goal was to let the community know what is available and how we can help them in "Saving Animals' Lives." We also helped the community by going out into the neighborhood on foot and meeting and educating them on the benefits of altering your animal and what we can do to help. Our hope is that if your animal is not for show purposes, or you are not a permitted breeder in this City, you will alter that animal and help reduce the number of unwanted animals in the City of Los Angeles.

The South Los Angeles and East Valley Services Centers conducted a full deployment of staff to service their districts. Animal Control Officers, Animal Care Technicians and Animal License Canvassers deployed in partners to service the most serviced zip codes in this area. All staff disseminated public education information forms, spay and neuter coupons, fliers, posters and coloring books to businesses, schools, public parks, food chains and churches.

Spay or neuter surgery carries a one-time cost that is relatively small when one considers its benefits, and with a coupon it is even less



Do the responsible thing: spay/neuter your pet.

and sometimes free. It's a small price to pay for the health of your pet and the prevention of more unwanted animals. A benefit of spaying or neutering your animal is a longer, healthier life. It also reduces the temptation for your animal to run loose in the neighborhood, stops them from breeding and reduces the cost of the City license.

Animal Services offers spay and neuter coupons. To qualify for the free certificates a person must be a resident of the City and must have a household income of no more than \$40,000 a year and/or government assisted program, be a Senior Citizen, 62 years of age or older or be disabled. Each resident may receive certificates for up to three dogs and three cats a year. Another program involves feral cats. We offer \$30 discount coupon to any resident of the City who cares for feral cat colonies or wants to have a feral cat. And lastly, we have a pilot program for large dogs. This program is for dogs weighing 65 pounds or more and owned by the residents of the City of Los Angeles. For any of the above coupons please contact your local services center or www.laanimalservices.com.

Send Questions

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

Karen Knipscheer,
Public Information Officer,
Animal Services



Turning to Turtles

Animal Services recently found a terrapin (see photo) in Balboa Park. A terrapin turtle, or snapping turtle, normally spends its time both on land and in water, but it always lives near water, along rivers, ponds, and lakes. Terrapins are often found in brackish, swampy areas. The word terrapin comes from an Indian word meaning "a little turtle."

This particular turtle was found wandering on Woodley Avenue in the Balboa Lake area. These turtles are illegal to possess and dangerous to have. They have been known to bite off fingers. Larger turtles can cause a loss of limb due to the



This turtle was found roaming Balboa Lake area.

nature of their extremely powerful bite and the design of their sharp mouths for tearing off flesh. This turtle was sent to a rescue facility that can house and care for this type of animal.

Thanks for reading, and we'll see you next month! Don't hesitate to send me questions or comments: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



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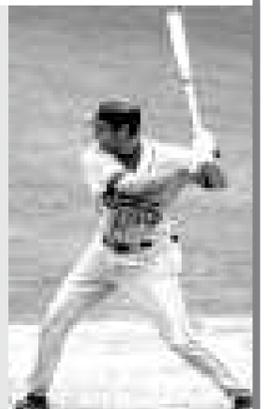
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We have a winner... and lots of great images!

Here are the others who submitted great shots this month:

- Carmen Steward, Office of the Treasurer
- Carlos Aranda
- Carlos Ojeda
- Ms. Michelle Jones
- Catalina Alvarado, Detention Officer

Start snapping today, and send us your best results! Three winners will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Safeway.

NEXT DEADLINE: May 15
Read the rules below, and happy snapping!

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



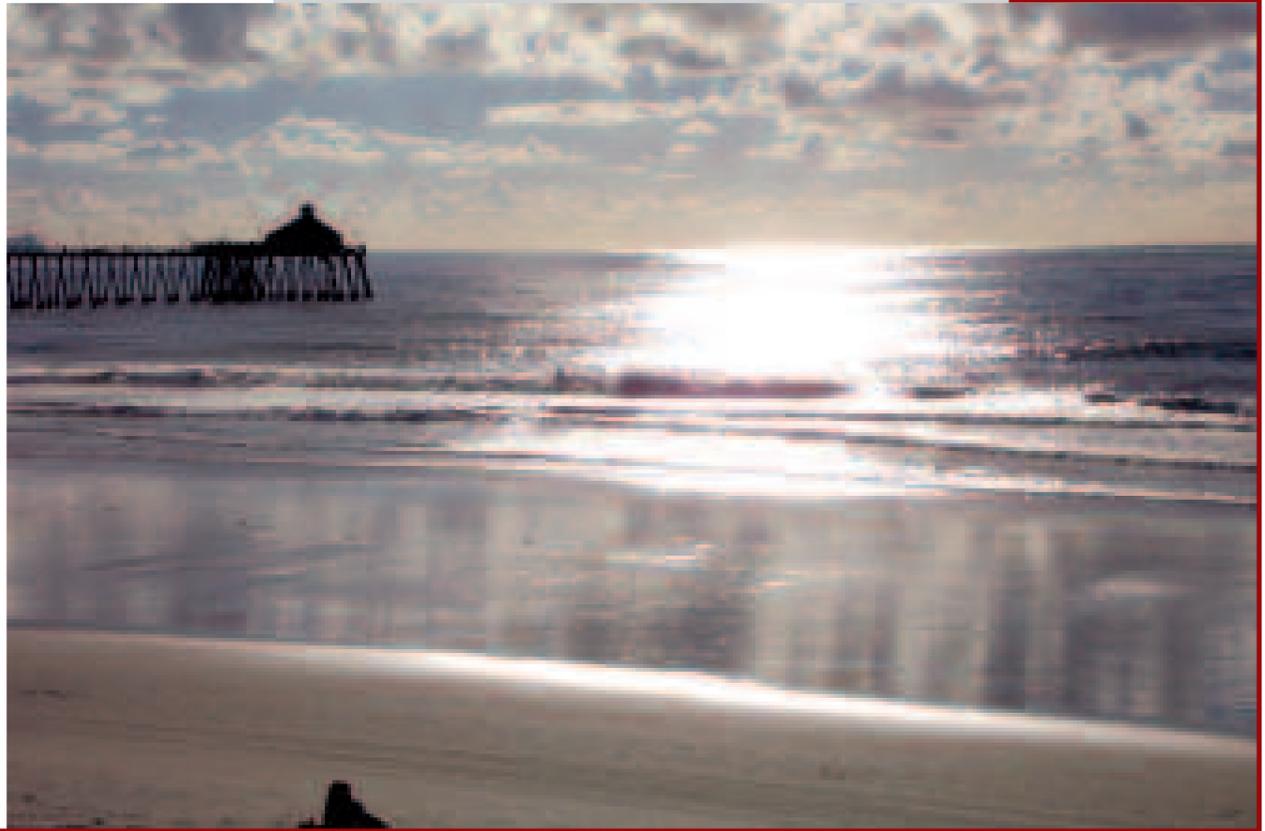
This month's winner:
MARJORIE THAYNE

Here is her description:
She took the photo "at Imperial Beach, Calif., from the balcony of the condo. It was taken in November 2004 after it had rained. The sun's rays shining through reminded me of 'heavenly thoughts' and a 'renewal of life,' or a 'cleansing of the beach.' I just thought the view was so beautiful that I wanted to capture the scene. I didn't have any idea of entering the picture into a contest."

Great shot, Marjorie!

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BY Michelle Moreno, City Events Guru

Michelle on the Move

EVENTS

what's happening ? what's happening ?

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Hello folks!

Yay, summer is almost here! Can you feel it? Are you excited? Just imagine all the fun activities that await you: picnics, going to the beach, partying at festivals, staying out past 8 p.m., etc. It's all so exciting. I'm excited, are you? Just check out the number of festivals going on in May and June – and these are just a few of them. If you want to know what else is going on be sure to check out the links that I added below. I couldn't do my article without these awesome resources.

However, if you're more excited about theme parks, be sure to buy your tickets from the Club. I attended the Los Angeles Zoo's Bunny Spring Fling in March, and after the 40 minutes spent getting into the parking lot (don't you just love L.A. traffic), I was so relieved to know that I didn't have to wait in the long line – under the hot sun – to buy my tickets. It was so cool to walk past all those non-Club members, straight into the zoo entrance, knowing that I just saved myself so much time, boredom and aggravation. So if you want to avoid long lines at ticket counters, be sure to get your tickets early from the Club. Not only do you save money on our discount tickets but just imagine all that time you save not having to stand in line for tickets!

Lastly I just want to encourage you to check out the Hope for Firefighters in June. Several members of the Club staff will be participating in this great event. It would be great if we could have some of our wonderful Club Members there cheering us on. Not only will it be fun, but it's a great cause as well.

Well, that's it from me. I thank you for taking the time to read Events 411 and I wish you a wonderful month full of fun times and great memories. See ya around the City!

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

- www.culturela.org
- www.experienela.com
- www.losangelesalmanac.com
- www.laweekly.com
- www.olvera-street.com

Know of any great City events? Let me know!

I'll be happy to include your event in my monthly column. (Listings are limited to City events, with an emphasis (although not exclusively) on families. Make sure to include dates, times, locations, costs (if any) and contact information. Email me at: MichelleOnTheMove@cityemployeesclub.com or call me at (800) 464-0452.

May

*Please note some events run through June

Renaissance Pleasure Faire

Haaaa! Come and enjoy the annual Renaissance Faire. There are tons of activities and lots of food and fun.

Date(s): May 1 - 22
 Time: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Site: Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area
 15501 E. Arrow Highway, Irwindale
 Cost: \$22/adult; \$12/child (5-11); free/children under 5;
 \$19.50/students, senior, military
 Club discounts - TBA
 More info: (626) 969-4750 or www.renfaire.com

Forces of Nature at the California Science Center IMAX

"Lose yourself in Forces of Nature and find what may be cinema's biggest, baddest depictions of real-life earthquakes, volcanoes and storms. Learn what is being done to predict and prepare for these events – and minimize their deadly effects – as scientists come face-to-face with Earth's most destructive forces." See Website for movie times of other IMAX films: Roar - Lions of the Kalahari, Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West, and Bugs! in 3D. Make sure to buy your tickets at the Club and avoid the lines!

Date(s): May - June 23
 Weekdays: 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
 Weekends: 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m.
 Site: California Science Center
 Exposition Park, 700 State Drive, Los Angeles
 Cost: \$5/adult, \$3.75/child (4-12) (Discount prices at Club headquarters)
 \$7.50/adult, \$4.50/child, \$3.50/senior, student
 More info: (323) 724-3623 or <http://www.californiasciencecenter.org>

Everybody Loves a Baby at the L.A. Zoo

Want to see the Zoo's newest babies? If so, May is the month to do it because the zoo will be showcasing its newest arrivals. Make sure you get your tickets at the Club to avoid the lines!

Date(s): May 1 - 31
 Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Site: Los Angeles Zoo
 5333 Zoo Drive, Los Angeles
 Cost: \$7/adult, \$4/child (Discount prices at Club headquarters)
 \$10/adult, \$7/senior, \$5/child (ages 2 to 12); free/children (under 2)
 More info: (323) 644-4200 or www.lazoo.org
 Sponsor: Los Angeles Zoo



Cinco de Mayo Celebration at Olvera Street

Come and celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a day of workshops, food, live traditional music and dance, and much, much more!

Date(s): May 6 - 8
 Time: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
 Site: Olvera Street, Los Angeles
 945 N. Alameda St.
 Cost: Free
 More info: (213) 625-5045 or www.olvera-street.com

8th annual Dog Faire and Pet Adoption

Are you an animal lover? Come and bring your pooch for a day of "fun in the sun. Activities will include an agility aptitude test, a microchip identification clinic, vaccinations, product demonstrations, doggie psychics, pet portraits and much more." (Website)

Date(s): May 7
 Time: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Site: Sepulveda Basin Dog Park
 17750 Victory Blvd., Lake Balboa
 Cost: Free
 More info: (888) 527-2757 or www.laparks.org
 Sponsor: Rec and Parks

June

Pershing Square Summer Concert Series

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

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

Hope for Firefighters

"Corporate teams from local businesses will compete in Firefighter Muster games featuring the Bucket Brigade, Firefighter Suit Up Competition and Old Fashion Hose Pull Contest. Fire stations from all over L.A. will partner with local business sponsors to present a variety of food booths featuring a taste of the firehouse prepared and served by the firefighters themselves." (Website)

Date(s): June 2
 Time: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Site: Bunker Hill, Hope St. Between Third and Hope Place
 Downtown LA.
 Cost: Free
 More info: www.hopeforfirefighters.org

Second annual S.O.L.I.D. Car Show

S.O.L.I.D. (Supporters of Law Enforcement in Devonshire) is hosting its second car show. All proceeds go to the LAPD - Devonshire Area. There will be raffle prizes, food and a lot of great cars to view. To have a registration form mailed or for further information, call and leave your message at (818) 756-9011, Ext. 2000

Date(s): June 4
 Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Site: First Presbyterian Church, 10400 Zelzah Ave., Granada Hills
 Cost: Free
 To participate: \$25/pre-registration, \$30/day of event
 More info: www.ci.la.ca.us, City Events Calendar

23rd annual Salute to Recreation Family Festival

Bring the family for a weekend of great fun: 4 stages of live entertainment, a carnival area, lots of food, a Hawaiian village, arts and crafts, fireworks (Saturday) and much more.

Date(s): June 3-5
 Time: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Family Fun Fest at the Japanese American Cultural Center

This weekend is dedicated to celebrating children and mothers. Saturday is the 22nd annual Children's Day Celebration, and Sunday is the fifth annual Mother's Day Hawaiian Style. So come and bring the kids, moms, or whoever you like for a weekend of entertainment, food, crafts, dancing and more.

Date(s): May 7 - 8
 Time: Sat: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Sun: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Site: Japanese American Cultural and Community Center
 244 S. San Pedro St.
 Little Tokyo, Downtown Los Angeles
 Cost: Free
 More info: (213) 628-2725 or www.jacc.org

Meet the Grunion (observation only)

Come watch the silvery fish come up on the beach to spawn. Don't forget to bring a flashlight, and warm clothing. Please note that grunion may not be taken by hand – only observation is allowed. (Day is subject to change; please call or visit Website to confirm)

Date: May 10
 Time: 8 p.m. (Aquarium opens)
 9 p.m. (Auditorium program begins)
 10:40 p.m. - 12:40 a.m. (Grunion Run)
 Site: Cabrillo Marine Aquarium
 3720 Stephen White Dr., San Pedro
 Cost: \$5/adults, \$1/seniors and children (fee for Aquarium)
 Free (Grunion Run)
 More info: (310) 548-7562 or www.cabrilloaq.org
 Sponsors: Rec and Parks

Santa Monica Festival

Come and enjoy this fun festival that "features an eclectic array of traditional and contemporary music and dance on several stages, demonstrations of traditional crafts by local artists, and hands-on art and environmental workshops to engage people of all ages." (Website)

Date(s): May 14
 Time: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Site: Clover Park, 2600 Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica
 Cost: Free
 More info: (310) 458-8350 or www.arts.santa-monica.org/events

World Trade Week Harbor Tour

In celebration of World Trade week, the Port of Los Angeles is offering free one-hour harbor tours. Come and bring the family and catch a glimpse into one of the busiest ports in the world!

Date(s): May 14-15
 Time: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Site: Tours depart Ports O'Call in San Pedro and Banning's Landing in Wilmington
 Cost: Free
 More info: (800) 831-7678 or www.worldtradeweek.com
 Sponsor: Port of Los Angeles

Affaire in the Gardens Art Show in Beverly Hills

"The show features art by more than 250 exhibitors from around the nation with a variety of works including photography, painting, sculpture, watercolor, mixed media, ceramics, jewelry, drawings, graphics and prints. All pieces of art exhibited are available for sale, and in addition there is live music, lots of food and activities for children."

Date(s): May 14-15
 Time: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Site: Beverly Gardens Park along Santa Monica Boulevard
 Cost: Free
 More info: (310) 550-4796 or www.beverlyhills.org

Fire Service Recognition Day

Want to see what your local fire station looks like? If so, May 15 is the day to do it. All Los Angeles Fire Stations are hosting an open house for the public.

Date(s): May 15
 Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Site: Local Los Angeles Fire Stations
 Cost: Free
 More info: www.lafd.org/fsd.htm
 Sponsor: LAFD

Site: Northridge Recreation Center, 10058 Reseda Blvd. Northridge
 Cost: Free
 More info: 818-756-8060 or www.laparks.org

Meet the Grunion (open season)

Come watch the silvery fish come up on the beach to spawn. Don't forget to bring a bucket, flashlight and warm clothing. (Day is subject to change, please call or visit Website to confirm)

Date: June 8
 Time: 8 p.m. (Aquarium opens)
 9 p.m. (Auditorium program begins)
 10:25 p.m.-12:25 a.m. (Grunion Run)
 Site/Cost/More info: See May 10

Los Angeles Film Festival

"The L.A. Film Festival, held annually for ten days in June, showcases the best of American and International independent cinema. With an attendance of more than 60,000, the festival screens more than 200 narrative features, documentaries, shorts and music videos. Now in its 11th year, the festival has grown into a world-class event, uniting new filmmakers with critics, scholars, film masters and the movie-loving public." (Website) Visit Website for film listings.

Date(s): June 16-26
 Time: Various - call or visit Website
 Site: Various locations in Hollywood, call or visit Website
 Cost: \$10 for most film screenings, Call or visit Website
 More info: (866) FILMFEST or www.lafilmfest.com

Chinese Food Festival

Are you a fan of Chinese food and culture? If so, you definitely need to come to this festival. It's a weekend of exhibits, cooking demonstrations and a whole lot of food. Tickets include three tastings for adults and two for children.

Date(s): June 18-19
 Time: Sat: 2 - 8 p.m.
 Sun: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Site: North Broadway and College Street
 Chinatown, Los Angeles
 Cost: \$8/adult, \$4/child (5-12), \$6/senior, free/child (4 and under) \$2.00 off the ticket price, to be redeemed at the festival entrance with proof of transit ridership to the festival.
 More info: (213) 680-0243 or www.chinesefoodfestival.com

Real Men Cook - Father's Day Celebration

Don't have an idea for Father's Day? Well here's a great one! "Join us

Israel Independence Festival

Come and celebrate Israel's Independence Day with a day of entertainment, food, a skydiving show, crafts, rides and much more.

Date(s): May 15
 Time: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Site: Woodley Park, Van Nuys
 Cost: \$5/adult, free/children under 6
 More info: (818) 757-0213 or www.israelfestival.com

Topanga Banjo Fiddle Contest and Folk Festival

Do you like old-time and bluegrass music? Well this festival is for you! Come and enjoy a day of singing, Western-style dancing, clogging, fiddle playoffs, cowboy poetry, food and lots of fun.

Date(s): May 15
 Time: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Site: Paramount Ranch, Agoura
 Cost: \$10/adult, \$5/ages 10-16 or over \$5, free/ages 10 and under
 More info: (818) 382-4819 or www.topangabanjofiddle.org

20th Annual UCLA Pow Wow

Come and enjoy a cultural weekend of Native American dance, live music and more.

Date(s): May 21-22
 Time: Sat: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
 Sun: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Site: UCLA North Athletic Field, Westwood
 Cost: Free
 More info: (310) 206-7513 or www.studentgroups.ucla.edu/americanindian

Meet the Grunion (observation only)

Come watch the silvery fish come up on the beach to spawn. Don't forget to bring a flashlight and warm clothing. Please note that grunion may not be taken by hand – only observation is allowed. (Day is subject to change, please call or visit Website to confirm.)

Date: May 25
 Time: 8 p.m. (Aquarium opens)
 9 p.m. (Auditorium program begins)
 10:45 p.m. - 12:45 a.m. (Grunion Run)
 Site/Cost/More info: See May 10

World City Music Festival - Olga Loya and Quetzalcoatl

"Latina storyteller and author Olga Loya uses a dramatic mix of Spanish and English to share traditional tales from Latin America, as well as stories from her own varied and colorful life growing up in east Los Angeles. Quetzalcoatl, Alfredo Lope's internationally renowned band dedicated to the preservation of the rich Latin culture, plays authentic music of Mexico, South America and Cuba in a dynamic concert." (Website)

Date(s): May 28
 Time: 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m.
 Site: Walt Disney Concert Hall
 111 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles CA
 Cost: Free
 More info: (213) 972-7211 or www.musiccenter.org/education/worldcity.html

Pasadena Summer Fest at the Rose Bowl

Enjoy a weekend of live entertainment provided by Playboy Jazz, lots of food, and more than 100 fine arts and crafts exhibits at the Rose Bowl.

Date(s): May 28 - 30
 Time: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Site: Rose Bowl, Pasadena
 Cost: Free
 More info: (626) 797-0421 or www.oldpasadenasummerfest.com

UCLA Jazz Reggae Festival

Are you a fan of jazz and/or reggae music? If so, this event is for you. It's a weekend of great music from well-known artists, lots of food, and lots of fun. Jazz Day is Sunday and Reggae Day is Monday. Please call or visit Website for price information.

Date(s): May 21-22
 Time: Noon - 7 p.m.
 Site: UCLA Intramural Field, Westwood
 Cost: TBA - please call or visit website
 More info: (310) 825-9912 or www.studentgroups.ucla.edu/JazzReggae

June 19 for the most delicious and fun-filled Father's Day event ever, featuring real men. This food-tasting event features more than 100 different dishes for guests to sample and a fun-filled family celebration. Once you enter everything to eat and drink is free!" (Website) See Website for lots more details.

Date(s): June 19
 Time: 3 - 6 p.m.
 Site: Exposition Park
 3980 S. Menlo Ave., Los Angeles
 Cost: Presale: \$15/adult, \$8/child (3-11) - purchase at local Ralphs
 Event day: \$25/adult, \$15/child (3-11)
 More info: www.realmencook.com then go to Los Angeles

Meet the Grunion (open season)

Come watch the silvery fish come up on the beach to spawn. Don't forget to bring a bucket, flashlight, and warm clothing. (Day is subject to change; please call or visit Website to confirm)

Date: June 22
 Time: 8 p.m. (Aquarium opens)
 9 p.m. (Auditorium program begins)
 10:40 p.m.-12:40 a.m. (Grunion Run)
 Site/Cost/More info: See May 10

World City Music Festival

"An amazing fusion of old and new cultures employs the taiko and shakuhachi (flute). Japanese Festival Sounds was created by master musician Johnny Mori, musical director of Kinnara Taiko and a member of the well known contemporary jazz group Hiroshima. Khmer Arts Academy will then take audiences to ancient Cambodia, presenting the highly stylized dances and lavish costumes of Southeast Asia." (Website)

Date(s): June 25
 Time: 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m.
 Site: Walt Disney Concert Hall
 111 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles CA
 Cost: Free
 More info: (213) 972-7211 or www.musiccenter.org/education/worldcity.html



Dancers at the Pasadena Cherry Blossom, April 3.

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On the Road to Baker

PASADENA QUALIFYING RUNS ROSE BOWL, MARCH 9, 16 AND 23

■ The LAPD team gears up for the incredible Baker to Vegas Run. Who will make the cut?

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

The LAPD Communications Division's running team spent most of March qualifying for the incredible run, scheduled for April 23 and 24.

The Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay is the largest and most unique law enforcement race in the world. It is a 120-mile, 20-stage foot race beginning at Baker, Calif., and finishing in Las Vegas.

The City Employees Club of Los Angeles is a proud sponsor of LAPD 911 Communications 21st Annual Challenge Cup Baker to Vegas Relay team.

Each runner had to run both 5-K and 10-K distances. This was in addition to various other training while they prepared to find out if they would make the cut and be part of the team.

Here are some photos and comments of team members as they attempted to qualify for the team that will participate in this grueling challenge of strength and determination. (Not all participants are pictured here, just those who attended these qualifying runs. Additional qualifiers included Sharon Dormitorio, PSR.)

Good luck!

Special thanks to Team Captain Anita Whited and Co-Captain Dan Basiglio for inviting us along to the trials.



John Craig, PSR II, 2.8 years. His first year running. When asked what leg he is qualifying for, he replied: "[I'm] open to punishment on any leg!" It looks like he is out to challenge Capt. Smith for Leg 3.



Adam Timm, PSR, 2 years. A second-year runner, he was looking to run Leg 1.



Maureen Carr, PSR, 2 years. A second-year runner, she was looking to run Leg 2.



John Harowicz, PSR II, 15 years, Club Member and third-time runner. His first Baker to Vegas run was in 1993. He was trying to qualify for Leg 2 or 4.



Lourdes Varas, PSR II, 16 years. A first-year runner, she wants the shortest leg.



Debbie Ramsey, PSR III, 9 years, Club Member. A fifth-year runner, she wants Leg 2 or 19.

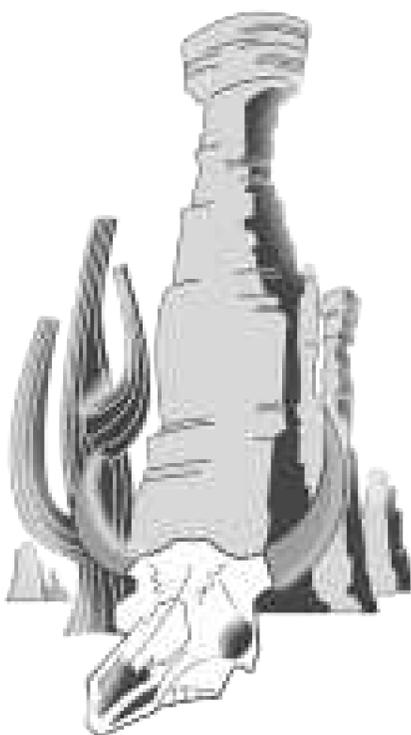


Robin Frazier, SR, PSR, 16 years, Club Member. She's another support member who kept the official time during the afternoon qualifying run.



Angela Tumbeiro, PSR Trainee. As a trainee, this will be her first year. When asked what leg she wants to qualify for, she answered, "Anything flat!"

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Maria Coronado, PSR II, 2.5 years. A first-year runner, she wants to qualify for Leg 19 or 20.



Anita Whited, Sr. PSR, Club Member. This is her second year as Team Captain. She started running Baker to Vegas back in 1990 and has run five Baker to Vegas races since. She is looking to qualify for Leg 1, 5 or 6.



Angelina Ortega, PSR III, 6 years, Club Member. A first-year runner, she wants to qualify for Leg 10.



Capt. Andrew J. Smith, Commanding Officer, Communications Division, Club Member. Capt. Smith has been running Baker to Vegas for the past 15 years. He is qualifying for Leg 3, which he pointed out is 8.2 miles with four miles going up hill. Leg 3 is the hardest leg of the race.



Veronica Padilla, PSR II, 4 years. It will be her third year running, after having a baby last year. She hopes to qualify for Leg 11. Her sister, Officer Susan Padilla, is also running for LAPD Women's Team. Looks like it will be a family affair.



Cherie Parker, PSR II, 2 years, Club Member. This is Cherie's first year; she is after any flat segments of the run.



From left: Kim McClendon, PSR, 2 years, Club Member; and Robert Lopez, PSR, 1 year. It's not just runners who must practice. Kim and Robert are part of the support team. Kim must accurately write the times of the runners as Robert provides the runner's time as they finish their run.



From left: Sheimeikaa Wagstaff, PSR, 20 months, Club Member; Amy Tariq, PSR, 2 years. This will be their second year as support team. They are ready to hand out the water with smiles.





Gricelda Aceves, PSR II, 3 years, Club Member. A second-year runner, she wants Leg 17.



Carlos Mejia, PSR II, 3.5 years, Club Member. He's a fourth-year runner who wants Leg 7.



CT Feng, PSR III, 7 years. This sixth-year runner was qualifying for Leg 7 or 8.



From left: Liz Meza, PSR, and Robin Nash, PSR, are both part of the support team making sure the runners are well hydrated.



Eddie Gomez, PSR II, 2.5 years and second-year runner. He hopes to run the same leg which he ran last year: Leg 9.



From left: Freneshia Clark, PSR III, 13 years, Club Member; Stephany Williams, PSR III, 8 years, Club Member. It's their first year on the support team.



Dan Basilgo, PSR III, 9 years, Baker to Vegas Team Co-Captain, Club Member. It's his ninth year as runner and first year as co-captain. Way to go, Dan! As team co-captain, he will take any leg that nobody wants to run. What a guy!



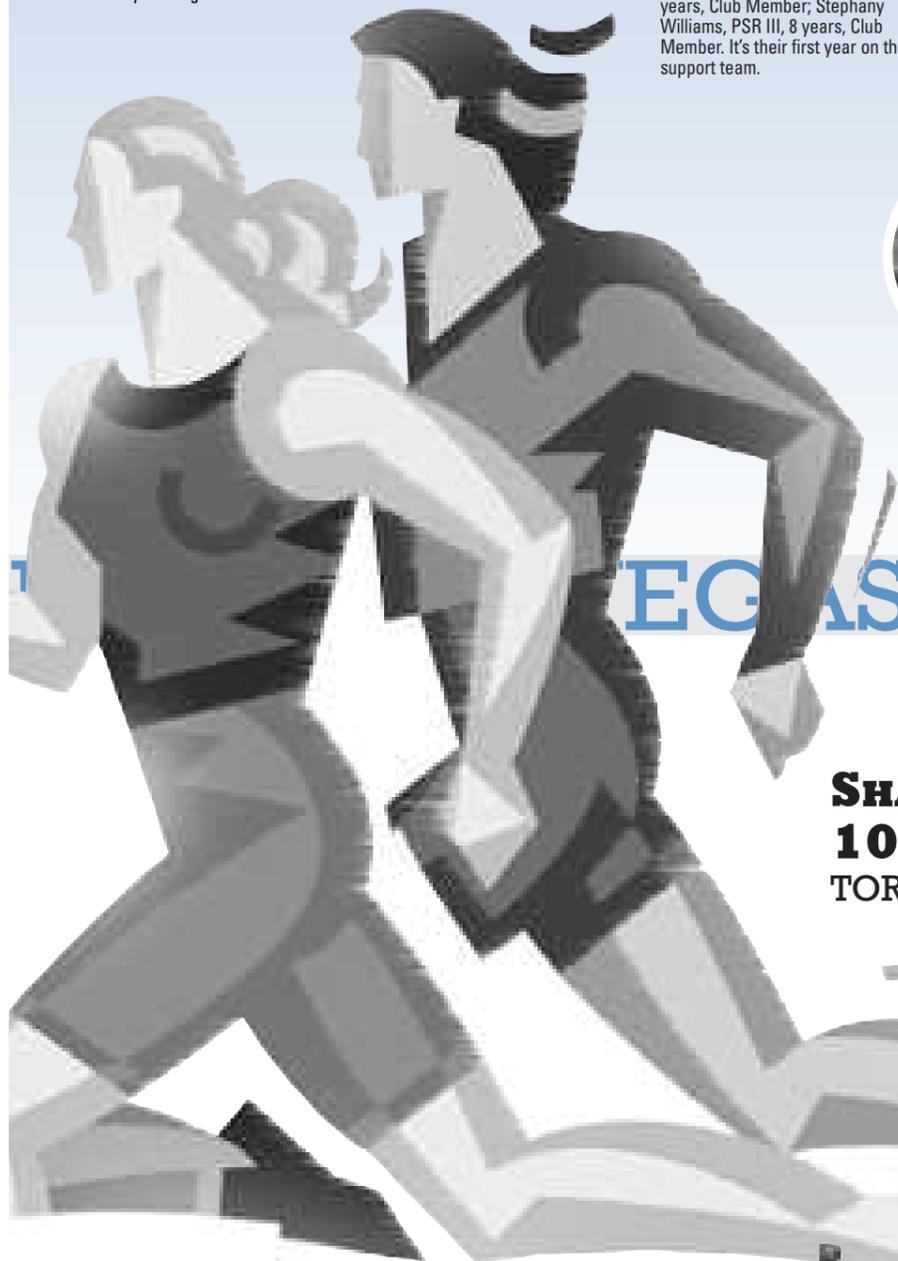
From left: Teresa Kachirisky, PSR II, 6 years; Lori Garcia-Sanchez, PSR III, 7 years; and Norma Montano, PSR II, 4 years, Club Member. They called themselves the "newbies," as this will be their first year on the support team. It looked like they were having fun already as Teresa kept time, Lori provided drinks and Norma wrote down their official time. Ask them why they decided to participate and Norma who served as the spokesperson for the three answered, "We want to show support for our winning team and be part of all the excitement."



Quincy Mirage, PSR II, 3.5 years. His third year running, he will be happy to run any Legs from 1-10.



Chris Wieser, PSR III, 17 years, Club Member. This is her fifth year running for the team, although she has been involved with Baker to Vegas for the past 16 years. She, too, is looking to qualify for the shortest and flattest leg of the race.



EGAS BAKER TO VEGAS

SHAMROCK AND ROLL 10-K RUN TORRANCE, MARCH 13



From left: Angelina Ortega, PSR III, 6 years, Club Member; Anita Whited, Sr. PSR, Baker to Vegas Team Captain, Club Member; Gricelda Aceves, PSR II, 3 years, Club Member; Capt. Andrew Smith, LAPD Communications Division, Club Member; and John Craig, PSR II, 2.8 years.



The race poster.



Off they go.

BAKER TO VEGAS PRE-RACE PARTY

Partying Before the Pain

■ The Baker to Vegas event kicked off with a pre-party.

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

The LAPD Team 911 Baker to Vegas squad and its supporters and fans gathered at the LAPD Police Academy Lounge April 13 to get things started off in style. The Club donated gift certificates for door prize drawings raising an additional \$100 towards the teams fundraising goal. The event raised over \$1,800.



Left to right: Captain Smith (CM); Dana Kano, PSR III, (CM); Iris Sanchez; Lourdis Varas; Anita Whited, B2V Captain; Carlos Mejia; Dan Basiglio, B2V Co-captain.



From left: Yvette Salazar, Communications; and Johanna Ramirez, Communications.



From left: Alex Covarrubias, guest; and Fira Lucero, guest.



Delaney and Berta Jones, Communications.



From left: Gina Carrol, Communications; and Dan Basiglio, Team Captain, Communications.



Louie Cuevas, Communications; and guest Sandy Benitez.



Marisa Lujan (far right), Communications, and guests.



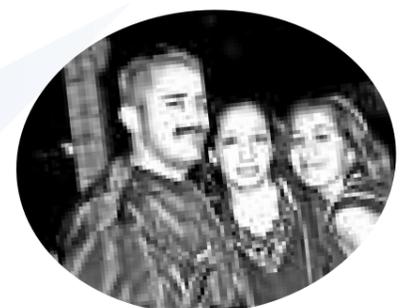
From left: Anthony Gonzalez, Hollywood Division; and Marco Rodriguez, Hollywood Division.



From left: Ernesto Silva, LAFD; Horacio Lopez, Foothill Division; and Mathew Garza, Van Nuys Division.



Lisa Phaneuf, Communications, with her husband, Matt Reynolds.



From left: Adam Ramirez, North East Division; Dina Ramirez, Communications; and guest, Alicia.



From left: Liza, Communications; and Eddie, Wilshire Division.



From left: Ramon Martinez, N. Hollywood Division; and Michelle Lopez, West Valley Division.



From left: Daniel Gonzales, Central Division; and Tony Gonzalez, Central Division.



Debbie and Dan, Communications.



From left: Tony, Communications; Cristina, Communications; and D'arcy, 77th Division.



From left: Michelle Willis, Communications; and Roz Edmondson, Communications.



Teresa, Lupe and Norma from Communications.

Newsbrief

ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES:

April 4, the Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners awarded a \$374,447 contract to Gardena Honda to purchase 17 compact sedans that operate on compressed natural gas (CNG) for use at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and Ontario International Airport (ONT).

Fourteen of the new vehicles will replace similar units that have reached the end of their useful life as a part of Los Angeles World Airports' (LAWA's) ongoing vehicle replacement schedule. The remaining three are additional vehicles that will be used by the LAX Residential Soundproofing Division and the Construction and Maintenance Divisions at LAX and ONT.

LAWA is committed to identifying and replacing fossil-fuel vehicles and equipment with alternative-fuel models. LAWA currently operates more than 400 alternative-fuel vehicles in its fleet. Alternative fuels include liquefied natural gas (LNG), liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), compressed natural gas (CNG), electricity, solar power and hydrogen fuel cell.



Raffle Winner!

From left: Liz Floyd, GSD, Club Member; Charles Calleros, GSD, raffle winner; and Michael Stringer, GSD Custodian, Club Member.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor
Photo supplied by Kim Daniels, Gen. Services

Kim Daniels, Chief Custodial Supervisor I, South District and Club Member, reports that Charles Calleros, Lot Cleaning, Custodial Services, Gen. Services, won the Gen. Services Custodian Raffle. The raffle was for a automobile dash multimedia player with a 10-inch LCD screen.

Tickets were sold with 100 percent of the proceeds to go towards this year's department Christmas Party. The raffle was held on Feb. 14.

Club Member Michael Stringer, Custodian, 5 years, Club Member, sold the winning ticket to Charles.

Strong Families Is Why the Club Has Scholarship

Scholarship

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accomplish anything she wants to."

The Club was glad to help her achieve those dreams and could help your son or daughter do the same.

The Club announces that it is now accepting applications for its Scholarship program. Three children of Club members are expected to be awarded for 2005: one grand prize of \$3,000 and two other scholarships of \$1,000 each.

Deadline

is 5 p.m. Friday, July 1.

Recipients will be notified by July 15.

Candidates will be judged on academic achievement and promise, need and service.

"The Club is all about families and recognizing excellence. We recognize the quality of our City employees every month in *Alive!*, and that's what the Club's scholarship program is all about," said Club CEO John Hawkins at last year's awarding ceremony.

Application packages are available at the Club headquarters, 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, 90071; through your Counselor; online (www.cityemployeesclub.com/Scholar.asp) ; or call the Club ([800] 464-0452), and we'll mail one out to you.

Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

For more information, contact Michelle Moreno, (800) 464-0452.

Here are the details:

- All Club members 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 school in the fall semester 2005. Current high school seniors matriculating to a four-year school in fall 2005 are eligible.
- Candidates will be judged for academic excellence, community service and financial need.
- Three (3) scholarships will be awarded, one for \$3,000 and two for \$1,000 each.
- Deadline for application: 5 p.m. July 1, 2005. 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.

27TH ANNUAL RETIREE'S INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 27th Annual Retired Los Angeles City Employees Invitational Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2005 at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course with a "Shotgun Start" at 7:00 a.m. **SOFT SPIKES MANDATORY!**

The tournament is open to retired and active employees and friends. The cost is \$55 for members of the City Employees Club of Los Angeles and of R.L.A.C.E.I. (\$65 for all others) and includes green fees, carts, prizes and lunch at the Almansor Court restaurant. Lunch only is \$21.00.

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 27th to: Tom Stennock, Co-Chairman, 4040 Vineland Avenue, Suite 108, Studio City, CA 91604. For any questions, call either Co-Chairman Tom Stennock at (818) 487-6789 or Phil Skarkin at (818) 784-0130.



2005 GOLF TOURNAMENT RESERVATION FORM

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Amount Included \$ _____ \$55.00 for R.L.A.C.E.I. and Club Members (\$65.00 for all others)

Luncheon only - \$21.00.

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

Notice: **SOFT SPIKES MANDATORY!**

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Name			
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Reservation deadline - Friday, May 27th. MAIL COMPLETED RESERVATION FORM AND CHECK TO: Tom Stennock, Co-Chairman, 4040 Vineland Avenue, Suite 108, Studio City, CA 91604, (818) 487-6789

West Valley Groundbreaking

■ Ground is broken for expansion of West Valley Animal Services Center.

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Operations Director

On April 14, Animal Services and Public Works's Bureau of Engineering broke ground on an expansion for the West Valley Animal Services Center in Chatsworth.

Expansion of the West Valley Animal Services Center will be accomplished through the addition of 94 new indoor/outdoor kennels, increasing the facility's total kennel capacity to 150; associated areas for other animals; and new mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems. The project is expected to take approximately 18 months to complete; cost is estimated at \$12.7 million.

The new facility will utilize Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design criteria and is targeting a "certified" level of LEED certification. LEED certification is a voluntary, consensus-based national standard for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings.

"The purpose of the expansion is to meet current and future demands for animal services and better serve the surrounding community," said Board of Public Works President Valerie Lynne Shaw. "It is a project that will be financed with funds made available under the Proposition F, which was approved by voters in 2000."

The Proposition F Animal Facilities Bond consists of \$154 million in general obligation bonds to add two new shelters, replace three and renovate three existing ones.

The Department of Public Works is responsible for construction, renovation and operation of public facilities and infrastructure ranging from curbside collection and graffiti removal to maintenance of sidewalks, bridges, sewers and streetlights, and from maintenance of wastewater treatment plants to design of public buildings.



Artist's rendering of the West Valley Animal Services Center once the expansion is completed.



Construction is starting for the new center.



Rivera Is New LAX Director

■ Jens O. Rivera has been appointed airport manager of LAX, it was announced in early April by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA).

Rivera will be directly responsible for the daily operations of LAX, including airfield, terminal and emergency coordination operations. He also will coordinate with a wide range of divisions, including construction and maintenance, landside (ground transportation and parking), airport security, airfield permits, concessions and property and tenant relations. He will work with the Federal Aviation Administration on airfield safety and air traffic control matters, as well as with the Transportation Security Administration on security-related projects, including installation of passenger security screening checkpoints and an in-line baggage screening system.

LAX served 60.7 million passengers and processed two million tons of cargo in 2004.

Since February 2000, Rivera has served as airport manager of Ontario International Airport (ONT), a LAWA airport located in the Inland Empire that handled 6.9 million passengers and 605,000 tons of cargo in 2004. Prior to the ONT appointment, he served as airport manager of Van Nuys Airport in the San Fernando Valley from March 1999 to January 2000. From July 1996 to February 1999, Rivera served as acting manager and assistant airport manager at ONT.

Prior to joining LAWA, Rivera held increasingly responsible positions at the Port of Los Angeles, Municipal Auditorium and the Community Development Department. He holds Master of public administration and Bachelor of arts degrees from California State University, Long Beach.

Kim Ellis, who has served as chief of operations at ONT, has been appointed interim airport manager of that airport. A civil service process has begun to fill the ONT airport manager position on a permanent basis.

Congratulations from the Club, Jens, on your appointment.

3rd Annual Charity Motorcycle Ride & Chili Cook-Off



Check-in
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Ride & Festivities
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Sunday
June 26, 2005

Help support the LAPD, Central Community Police Station Youth and Crime prevention programs.

Ride starts at the Police Academy - Elysian Park, 1880 North Academy Way. There will be a short and scenic ride through Los Angeles with stops at various locations including Harley Davidson of Glendale. The ride returns and ends at the Police Academy-Elysian Park for a BBQ and festivities. Route will be provided at the start of the event.

Your ride donation will include a celebration in the picnic area with a BBQ lunch, event pin (first 200 riders), live entertainment, celebrities, lots of prize giveaways, silent auction, bike enthusiast vendors, and LAPD displays. Entertainment provided by 60's Rock n' Roll band "The Boys". Beer and wine will be served at the event.

Come and join the fun! This event is tax deductible and will be a great way to spend your Sunday helping our youth and improving the quality of life in the downtown area.

For further information or registration forms, please contact the Central Community Relations Office, Officer Marie Kardiban at (213) 972-1876. Waivers for rider and passenger must be signed at the start of the event to participate.



3rd Annual Charity Motorcycle Ride & Chili Cook-Off - Sunday, June 26, 2005
Sign-Up Sheet

Every Participant (Motorcycle Rider or Passenger) MUST Complete Sign-Up Sheet

Check-out: Rider: \$35.00 Rider with Passenger: \$50.00 Lunch Only: \$10.00 Donation Only: _____
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What is this? Where is this?



The Club member who gives us the most complete, detailed description of the object related to the City of Los Angeles wins the great prize!

- This month's deadline: May 12. See complete list of rules.
- Thanks for playing, and good luck!

Send your response along with your Club card number by e-mail (whereinla@cityemployeesclub.com), by fax (213-620-0398) or by surface mail (350 S. Figueroa, Suite 700, Los Angeles 90071).

The winner of last month's contest is:

Amalia Lava, ITA



"This month's photo is a famous landmark, the Los Angeles Main City Hall at 200 N. Spring St. It is one of the three adjacent City Hall buildings. The grounds occupy one square block in Civic Center. The building was financed by a \$7.5 million bond issue and was dedicated April 26, 1928. The height of the building is 450 feet with 28 stories. The gross floor area, including garages, is 856,000 square feet, approximately 20 acres. The City Hall has undergone a Seismic Retrofit project for \$299 million and can now withstand an earthquake up to a magnitude of 8. The City Hall is being actively used in filmmaking and in various celebrations, such as the Marathon, St. Patrick's Day, Cinco de Mayo, Lakers Day, and others. Next time you turn on your TV or watch a movie, pay closer attention because you might see a glimpse of City Hall."

Also submitting a correct answer:

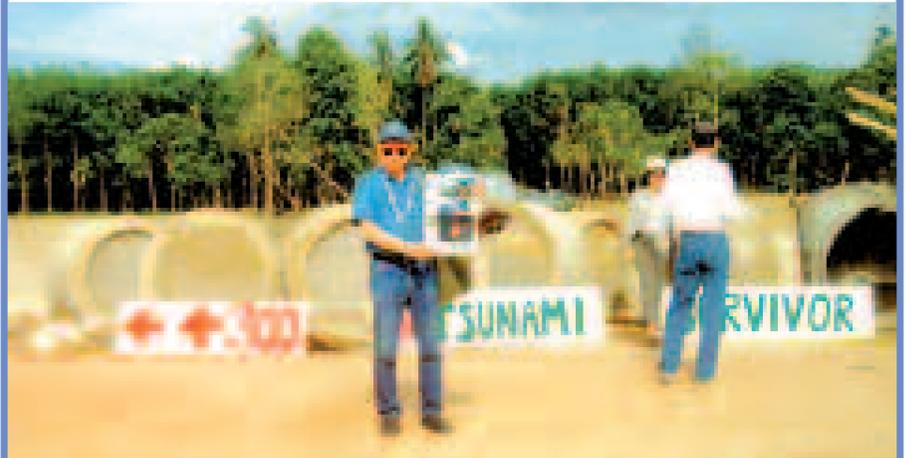
Honorary mention goes to: Ken Moody, ITA; Rommel Fabella, LAPD; Rozine Kalaidjian, LAPD; Amanda Alvizures, Planning; Christina Tabirara, Controller; John Phillips, LAPD; L'Keva Harris, LAPD; and Ratany Lorn, Rec and Parks; Renato Cervantes, City Attorney's Office.

Contest Rules:

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

Alive! Around the World

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



In the Wake of the Tsunami

Club Member Watana Panutai, ITA, just came back from a tour of Andaman Island, India, where the major tsunami hit Dec. 26. Here, he poses with his copy of *Alive!* featuring the efforts of LAWA to raise money for tsunami victims.

In the photo, he is at Khao Lak in Phang Nga, with a patrol boat swept ashore (left) about a quarter mile inland.



Celebrating in Laughlin

Club Member Earl Clark, Retired from Harbor, visited Laughlin, Nev., for his 74th birthday. And when he did, he took along his copy of *Alive!*

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The DART team rescues "HiFi" the horse.

Animal Services Rescues Horse in Trouble

Horse Rescue

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and fell over into the small ravine, upside down, and exhausted herself in attempts to right herself. The DART team arrived and began briefings with the LAFD and Dr. Purdue, D.V.M. A decision was made, and they rolled the horse over onto a specialized piece of equipment called a glide and slid the horse out of the ravine back onto the trail. Then the team waited to ensure the horse was safe until it awakened from the anesthesia and stood on its own, where an officer walked her out to safety. The horse and owner are doing fine, and no injuries were sustained.

This is the seventh rescue by DART this year.



Officer William Tranzow stands behind the horse; Officer Carlos Lopez stands in front of the horse; and Officer Stacy Dancy pulls the rope to assist with the rescue.



Lt. Jan Selder; Officer Julie Bastian; Officer Eric Gardner; Officer Hugh Briefman; Officer Stacey Dancy, and Officer Carlos Lopez all helped to rescue "HiFi."



"HiFi" is safe and happy.

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Riding Along With True City Ambassador

Heroes

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later gave Hilda to Michael to protect his truck yard in Pasadena. Normally for a kid to have to give away his dog would have been devastating, but giving it to Michael was okay. He was a hero in my eyes – and I was honored to contribute to his cause.

Back then, as most of us remember it being done, the trash was collected by a group of men who would lift each trash can into the big bin on the front of a truck. Once full, the crew would all stand back as the bin was hoisted up and over the cab dumping its contents into the back of the truck.

Well, as you know, times have changed. With the new automated refuse collection trucks, it now takes only one truck operator to do the job of three or four, but, as I was to find out, the job is still no less grueling or physically challenging than it was in the past.

MEETING THE HOSTS

When Leo Martinez, the Superintendent of Sanitation's North Central Yard, introduced me to Ken Fox, Refuse Collection Truck Operator, I was instantly overcome by his charming and warm personality; it was as though I was being reunited with an old friend. I knew today would be productive.

After exchanging pleasantries, we walked over to a special area reserved for the drivers where they can load up with ice and water. Ken pointed out that what you take with you is most likely all you'll eat and drink for the whole day. Since these trucks are so big you can't just take them through a drive-thru like you would a car; pulling into a parking lot is no easier. They do best when traveling in a straight line. My stomach began to grumble.

We then made our way to the Ken's truck. Once we got to its parking spot it became obvious that Ken loved his job. His truck was immaculately clean from top to bottom, not something you would expect from a piece of equipment whose sole purpose in life is to collect tons of garbage day in and day out.

Ken immediately started on his checklist which took about a half hour to go through. He checked hydraulic oil and air pressure, engine oil levels, brake air pressure, brake lights, head lights, turn signals and he tested the automated hydraulic trash can arm operation nine ways to Sunday. It was no different than a pilot going through his check-off list before heading for the runway.

Ken also pointed out that it's imperative to check the truck's vitals throughout the course of the day; this prevents any surprises while in the middle of a route. However, he said, if he did find yourself in trouble, he could make a call to the "Road Patrol." This is a group of technicians dispatched to a driver's location at the first sign of truck trouble. Their job is to either get you back on the road again or to enable your truck to get into the shop to be fixed.

Ken said that each driver has the same truck each day and generally the same route. Each truck usually has a name given to it. Ken's truck, which he has been driving for about two years, is called "Jammin'." Once everything checked out okay, Ken put "Jammin'" into gear, and we were off in what would be a ten-hour odyssey of collecting the City's unwanted.

THE REAL WORK BEGINS

The first 15 minutes went without a hitch. I was asking questions, and Ken was answering them as best he could while competing with the deafening noise of the truck's engine as well as the bursts of activity from his City dispatcher's radio.

It wasn't until we actually started picking up trash that I began to feel the onset of motion sickness. What I didn't realize, nor do most people I suppose, is that when these trucks are in operation they are in a state of constant violent motion. The truck itself makes quick, jerky moves forward and backward while aligning to each trash can. Then, once the automated arm starts doing its job, the entire truck wildly pitches from side to side. The act of picking up each trash can was a combination of riding a wild bronco, pulling the cord of a parachute and being hit from behind while on the freeway; and if garbage happens to spill out from the can, you get a touch of Splash Mountain. All this for each trash can (there will be between 800 and 1500 picked up by the day's end).

It reminded me of a time in the Navy when our submarine had to pull out of a South Korean port during the onset of a typhoon. The giant waves violently tossed us to and fro as we



made our way out of Chinhae Harbor. It only took a couple of hours for us to find calmness below the ocean's surface; not so on the refuse collection truck. For 10 hours the shaking and pitching continued, subsiding slightly when on route to the transfer station. I spent as much time as I could outside of the truck helping align misplaced trash cans so Ken wouldn't have to get out and do it himself. I'm sure Ken thought I was just trying to help when in reality I was just doing everything in my power to remain on solid ground for as much time as possible. I guess I don't have to say that the men and women who drive these trucks are tough.

Once piece of vital outerwear that I should have brought along were gloves. Any kind of gloves would have been better than nothing but the more heavy duty the better. The first time I realized the need for them was when a trash can fell over and a giant stinky ol' slab of fish fell out along with pieces of assorted wet trash. Then of course there were numerous other times they would have come in handy, since many people overfill their cans and trash ends up flying all over the sidewalk when the automated arm picks it up.

THE MODERN ERA

Between loud bursts from his radio I asked Ken if he remembers the old way trash used to be picked up, with the front loader. He exclaimed that not only did he remember, but he used to do it that way. Ken said, "It was rather nice because you got a little workout while on the job, and once you got used to it was okay." (Ken, as you can see, is an eternal optimist – nothing got in the way of his positive attitude and cheerful demeanor, not even that big ol' stinky slab of fish.)

The arm that picks up each trashcan is maneuvered by a myriad of controls. I watched Ken as he delicately operated them while at the same time watching in his mirrors the action of the arm. It was a blur of processes that looked hard enough to do standing still let alone while the truck was pitching to and fro.

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LA GO DODGERS!

See page 27 for complete Dodgers schedule.



TRANSFERENCE

After picking up approximately eight tons of trash we made our way to the Transfer Station, where we dumped all of the garbage from our first run. The transfer station is basically a big hangar-like building located off the 10 Freeway on the outskirts of downtown. Many of the refuse collection trucks dump their trash here and then head back out to the field for more. Inside there are a couple of bulldozers whose main mission in life is to push the dumped garbage into big holes in the floor. Underneath the holes are long truck trailers. The bulldozers push the garbage through the holes where it falls into the trailers. These trucks then pull out of this repository, up a ramp, and out a gate and off to a landfill. By having this transfer station it allows the trucks to pick up more trash in a day since they don't have to drive way out to the landfill every time they are filled up. By the day's end, 10 hours later, we will have made three trips to this transfer station.



Ken Fox, Refuse Collection Truck Operator

AN EVERYDAY HERO

To Ken, driving through the neighborhood each day was more than a task of picking up the garbage, it was a task of dropping off goodwill and respect among the residents. This was obvious by how many people on the route knew Ken and were so happy to see him as well as the special service he provided for the elderly or handicapped who had trouble taking their cans all the way out to the street.

He looks at his job as though he were on a customer service mission, a mission to make the residents of Los Angeles smile and feel welcomed. Ken is truly an ambassador for the City, doing everything possible to make the residents on his route feel good about the City of LA.

Ken is a testament to what every City employee should aspire to: a friend of the citizen and a symbol of City pride.

Thanks, Ken! (And thanks, also, to Veronica Boatman, Leo Martinez and Gilmore Pearce, for helping to arrange my day riding in a refuse collection truck.)



Ken proudly shares a picture of his family.

“Ken looks at his job as a mission to make the residents of Los Angeles smile and feel welcomed.”



Ken working the automated arm.



Entering the “transfer station.”



Inside the “transfer station.”



Correcting a “too full” trash can.



Paperwork, paperwork, paperwork!

IT'S A NEW CLUB CONTEST!!



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It's a Coloring Contest! for Adults!

That's right ... why let your kids have all the fun? So get out your crayons, your colored pens, or your oils and start coloring in this picture. And whatever you do, make sure you have fun! One winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate from Target. Make sure you read the rules, and good luck!

Please Complete:

Name: _____
Job title and department with the City: _____
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Send Entries to:

Club Adult Coloring Contest
City Employees Club of Los Angeles
World Trade Center
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Rules of the Club's Adult Coloring Contest:

- Winning contestants must be Club members in good standing. Everyone is welcome to submit responses, however. (Responses without Club membership numbers will be accepted but not eligible for the winning prize.)
- Responses can be delivered by mail or in person at the Club World Headquarters. Address: City Employees Club, 350 S. Figueroa, Suite 700, Los Angeles 90071.
- The Club will do everything it can to gather all the submissions, but it cannot be responsible for lost or misdirected mail.
- Deadline is May 10, 2005.
- 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.
- All responses must be completed by the person indicated: no ringers (including your children!)

Deadline for submission:

May 10, 2005



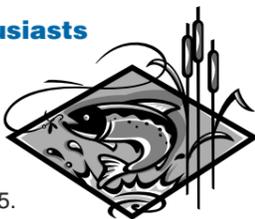
CLUB CORNER

Join These Groups

Alive! offers this space every month for Club members to invite other Club members to join their group. It could be work-related, or social, or all about your hobbies. Whatever it is, send us a notice at talkback@cityemployeesclub.com, and we'll post the notice free ... as a service to our members!

Fly Fishing Enthusiasts

A club is forming in the Santa Clarita area for fly fishing enthusiasts with all levels of skill. Call Theodore J. Aquaro, (661) 513-1595.



LA City Employee's Asian American Association



Douglas Shur, President

Established in 1971, the Los Angeles City Employees Asian American Association (LACEAAA) was formed to represent employees of Asian/Pacific Islander descent and assist in protecting them from discriminatory acts in their application to, and employment, with the City; and advance employment, education, economic, and social concerns of Asian/Pacific Islanders in City service; and resolve unique work-related problems of any Association member. Call (213) 847-2229 or write to LACEAAA, P.O. Box 86323, Los Angeles, CA 90086 or visit us at www.laceaaa.org.

Association of City Employees with Disabilities

The Association of City Employees with Disabilities (ACED) is committed to the recruitment, employment, retention and promotion of persons with disabilities. Also, ACED counsels and represents employees faced with discrimination on the job. Call Joe O'Toole at (213) 847-9213.

Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel

The mission of the Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel (LAABP) is to motivate, encourage and educate individuals to realize their dreams and move forward in their career within City government. Contact Steve King at (213) 580-5387 or write to LAABP, P.O. Box 53822, Los Angeles, CA 90043-0822.

Los Angeles Filipino Association of City Employees

In 1980, the Los Angeles Filipino Association of City Employees (LAFACE) was organized to serve as an advocate to the fast-growing number of Filipinos in City service. Its primary goal is to promote the general advancement of Filipinos in the City. LAFACE works cooperatively with other minority groups in promoting equal employment opportunities in the City. LAFACE does not limit its function to assisting Filipinos in acquiring employment, promotion, and passing examinations in the City, but also to promoting the economic, educational, social, and cultural advancement of Filipinos in the community. Contact Caroline Lorenzo (213) 978-3004 or write to P.O. Box 53389, Los Angeles, CA 90053.

Affirmative Action Association for Women

Established by the City Council as the official representative for female City employees, the Affirmative Action Association for Women (AAAW) has been representing women for more than 25 years. The AAW is an employee advocate organization that gives particular attention to the advancement of women and minority employees of the City of Los Angeles. Its members, both male and female, serve on associa-

tion, department, and Citywide committees that focus attention on personnel policies and practices and support a continuing commitment to equal employment opportunities as a basic principle of the City's merit system. Call (213) 847-AAAW, write to AAW, P.O. Box 53488, Los Angeles, CA 90053, or visit the Website at www.la-aaaw.org.



Jackie Zarate, President

Los Angeles City Employees Chicano Association (LACECA)

The Los Angeles City Employees Chicano Association (LACECA) was established in 1971 and was the first City recognized employee Affirmative Action Association. Membership is open to anyone interested in supporting the goals and objectives of the organization. LACECA is dedicated to promoting equal employment opportunities in our workplace, City government and community. It sponsors and supports a variety of training events and seminars to assist employees in their career development. Meetings are usually held the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Personnel Department Building, 700 E. Temple Street. Contact Leonor Garcia, at (213) 847-2229, ext. 3 or write to LACECA, P.O. Box 53590, Los Angeles, CA 90053.

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

CLUB PHOTO FEATURE



Georgina Baldwin

Staff Sgt. Georgina Baldwin, daughter of Tony Baldwin, Rec and Parks, is an allergy and immunization technician with the 347th Medical Operations Squadron at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia.



Hector Barrios

Hector Barrios, husband of Donna Barrios, Sanitation, is a Tech. Sgt. With the 96th Security Forces Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. "The kids and I miss him so much," Donna says.

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Newsbrief

NEW LAPD STATION:

The new LAPD West Valley Area Community Police Station was dedicated April 14 by Mayor Jim Hahn, LAPD Chief William Bratton, City Councilmembers Greig Smith and Dennis Zine, City officials and community members. City officials broke ground on the project in October 2002, and it is the first completed Proposition Q (Public Safety Bond Program) project.

"Los Angeles voters passed Proposition Q because they understand that modern facilities enable our emergency first responders to do their jobs better. Since we broke ground on this station in 2002, Los Angeles has turned a corner. Violent crime is down 37 percent city-wide, and right here in the West Valley, violent crime has been decreased by nearly 45 percent over the past two years," said Mayor Hahn. "This state-of-the-art facility will help enhance police operations in the West Valley and be a welcoming environment to the community."

The 54,000 square foot, state-of-the-art facility cost \$26 million and will serve a population of 320,000 over a 54 square mile area. Personnel at West Valley will consist of 219 patrol officers, 62 detectives and 61 civilians. The new police station replaces the old West Valley station built in 1960.

"By opening the new West Valley station - 45 years after the opening of the old West Valley station - we send a message to the millions of individuals who are served by the Los Angeles Police Department that your elected officials are committed improving public safety facilities in the San Fernando Valley," said Councilman Dennis Zine. "I have no doubt that the high-tech aspects of this facility will aid officers in reducing crime in communities throughout West Valley's jurisdiction. I especially appreciate the commitment of my council colleagues, Mayor Hahn and Chief Bratton in making this project a reality."

African American Heritage Month

■ 2,000 City employees attend African American Heritage month activities.

By Cora Jackson-Fossett, Club Member



More than 2,000 City employees attended the African American Heritage Month activities sponsored by the Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel (LAABP) during February.

The kickoff celebration was the Ninth Annual African Marketplace celebration as nearly 700 people came out to enjoy music, shopping and fashions on Feb. 2-3. The two-day event was held at the Fletcher Bowron Square in downtown Los Angeles.

A wide range of vendors was on hand offering items including business wear, casual outfits, ethnic attire, designer jewelry, body oils, framed paintings and distinctive ties for men. As usual, the food vendors drew huge crowds attracted to the aroma of fried catfish, barbecued ribs and fresh baked goods.

Highlighting the celebration was the fashion show featuring City employees modeling afro-centric attire from Queen Aminah's Boutique in Inglewood. Also, music was provided by LPK disc jockeys and D.A. Goodman and the Air Tight Band.

Adding to the occasion were the four raffles of beautiful baskets designed by LAABP Second

Vice President Susan Huntley. Proceeds from the raffles will go to the LAABP Scholarship Fund.

"This was definitely an exciting event and we are pleased that so many people participated," said LAABP President Jeffery Whitmore. "The committee did an outstanding job organizing this celebration and laying the foundation for an even more successful affair next year."

Cora Jackson-Fossett, LAABP First Vice President, served as Event Chairperson. Committee members were Linda Lanier, Third Vice President; Mignon Washington, Recording Secretary; Sheila Darling, Correspondence Secretary; Steve King, Terrance Montgomery, Laura Thomas, and DeWanna Sharp, Directors-at-large; Gail Allen; and Faye Cousin.

Also, the LAABP sponsored two additional activities to celebrate African American Heritage Month. On Feb. 16, a Networking Luncheon was held in the Tom Bradley Room in City Hall. Bob Blake, Associate Managing General Agent of Colonial Supplemental Insurance, was the keynote speaker. On Feb. 23, a Jazz By the Sea



From left: Deputy Mayor Eric Brown, LAABP Director Terrence Montgomery, LAABP President Jeffery Whitmore and Deputy Mayor Brian Williams.

concert was held at Hyperion Treatment Plant. More than 300 employees heard music by the Mikal Majeed Sextet and greetings from Valerie Lynn Shaw, President of the Board of Public Works; Rita Robinson, Sanitation Bureau Director; and Katisha Robinson, Mayor's Hahn's South L.A. Director.

The LAABP is the official representative for City of Los Angeles employees of African American heritage. Incorporated in 1972, the LAABP advocates equal employment within the City's workforce and increased opportunities for "people of color" to attain management and executive positions. Among the services the organization provides are career development seminars, student scholarship program, mock interview programs and networking forums.



Many vendors participated in the African Marketplace.

Thanks for the Coverage



Airport employees Sgt. Joaquin Mendez and Senior Clerk Typist Claudia Coronel (above) thank the Club for publicizing their efforts. They were pictured on the cover of last month's *Alive!*, as the Club reported on their efforts to organize the Airport Dept.'s efforts to raise money for relief after the tragic tsunamis devastated much of coastal Asia. Their efforts raised more than \$6,570. Happy to put you on the cover, Joaquin and Claudia; we love telling the good news about City employees!

Where the Sick People Go

■ Ever wonder where the LAFD takes the sick people it assists? Here's your answer.

Many people are surprised to learn that on average, 505 people each day are taken to area hospitals in LAFD ambulances. So where do they all go?

Here is a roster of the top 25 hospital destinations:

1. LAC / USC Medical Center (41 transports per day)
2. California Hospital Med Center (29)
3. Queen of Angels/Hollywood Presbyterian (23)
4. Good Samaritan Hospital (23)
5. Northridge-Roscoe Campus (21)
6. Cedars-Sinai Medical Center (20)
7. Midway Medical Center (18)
8. Kaiser West Los Angeles (17)
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17. White Memorial Medical Center (12)
18. UCLA Medical Center (12)
19. Providence St. Joseph (11)
20. Daniel Freeman Marina (11)
21. Columbia West Hills (11)
22. Brotman Medical Center (11)
23. San Pedro Peninsula (10)
24. Encino Tarzana - Tarzana (10)
25. Sherman Oaks Community (10)



As you can see, the men and women of the LAFD not only need to know the exact locations of the 103 Neighborhood Fire Stations across its 470 square-mile jurisdiction, but also the quickest routes - rain or shine - to dozens of hospitals.

The LAFD would like to remind you that there is no need to be ill or injured to explore the inside of any of the LAFD's 122 ambulances. Simply stop by your Neighborhood Fire Station for a visit!

This information was originally distributed by LAFD Firefighter and Public Service Officer Brian Humphrey via his LAFD listserv.

In Appreciation

■ **Gen. Services North District Office hosts Appreciation Day. Club sponsors the raffle.**

Story by *Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor*
 Photos by *Robert Larios, Club Operations Director*

The Gen. Services North District Office hosted an Appreciation Day for employees April 13.

Lunch was provided. Presentations were also made to the employees.

The Club donated prizes for the drawing. Club prizes included four hats, two pairs of AMC movie tickets and two Club logo watches were awarded.

The Club thanks Diana Quirola for allowing us to come out and participate, and Carlos Portillo for his assistance.



From left: Randy Lowry, Plumber, 15 years, Club member; Frank Walling, Plumbing Supervisor, 20 years; Henry Marine, Plumber, 2 years; Armando Arredondo, Locksmith, 3 years; Matt Montgomery, Plumber, 6 years; and Sean Sullivan, Plumber, 5 years.



Raffle Winners, from left: Mike Ullola; Bobby Chavez, Club Member; Reid Obacz; Ramon Vargas, Club Member; and Hector Chavez, Club Member.



Ralph Burquist, Retired, 13 years of City service, Club Member.



David Miller, Carpenter, 4 years.



Steve Simmons, Carpenter, 3.5 years.



"Sal," Carpenter, 9 months.



From left: Arnold Rodriguez, Painter, 9 months, with Marcus Repp, Painter, 9 months.



From left: Jose Monge, Carpenter, 5 years, with Jose Garcia, Carpenter-Exempt, 1 year.



Matt Montgomery, Plumber, 6 years.



Carlos Portillo, Superintendent, 25 years.



Roberto Arriola, Craft Assistant, 9 years.



John Grier, Painter, 9 months



Albert A. Roy, Painter, 21 years. He is to retire in October.



Ramon Vargas, Clerk Typist, 3 years, Club Member.



From left: Diana Quirola, Sr. Clerk Typist, 13 years, Club member; and Michelle Garley, City Craft Assistant, 4 years.



From left: John Gorton, AC Mechanic, 22 years; Pascal Cao, AC Mechanic, 4.5 years, Club Member; and Nick Dekle, AC Mechanic-Hiring Hall, 15 years.



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William T. Fujioka, City Administrative Officer is supporting and volunteering for the election.

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Cooking with the Club

by our own
Robert Larios



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Special Treats for Mom

Happy Mothers' Day to all moms around the world! As a tribute, I have compiled some simple but tasty Mothers' Day recipes. This time all recipes came from City employees. What a treat! I knew there were chefs working for the City.

Mother's Day should start at the onset of the day with breakfast, and Joe Villereal from Sanitation has the right idea with his Mother's Day Omelet. He recommends using a non-stick pan that is oven-safe. And if you are watching your cholesterol, substitute egg whites instead of whole eggs. Try locating kosher or sea salt for best flavor.

Teresa Biondi of Gen. Services has a perfect beverage mix as the weather begins to warm up and will quench any mom's thirst.

My biggest fan, Joyce Miller, has provided a great sweet snack recipe called Mom's Peanut Crispy Treat that can be served as a dessert as well.

Mom's Grilled New Potatoes brought to us by Tyler Burgos from the City Clerk's Office



is a great side dish for any meal you may be making for Mom. You can substitute olive oil instead butter or a mix of both.

Mommy's Patty Shells is a unique seafood recipe emailed to me by Lucy Cruise from the Rec and Parks. The ingredients and flavor remind me of the great Sicilian seafood dishes. All moms are going to love this one.

My sincerest appreciation goes to everyone who emailed me their recipes for Mother's Day. Of course I wish all mothers a very happy Mothers' Day along with a day filled with love and food!

Mothers' Day Omelet

By Joe Villereal, Sanitation

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 1/2 cup shredded Havarti cheese (or any other mild semi-soft cheese)
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1-1/2 cups milk
- 8 eggs or 12 egg whites
- 1/3 cup flour
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. dried basil leaves
- 1/8 tsp. salt (kosher or sea salt)
- dash white pepper (black is okay)



DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. In heavy skillet, cook onion in olive oil until crisp tender. Grease a 9-inch pie pan and sprinkle onion into pan; sprinkle cheeses over onion.

Place remaining ingredients in blender or food processor. Cover and blend on medium

speed about 30 seconds or until mixture is smooth. Or, place in a large bowl and beat with mixer for two minutes or until smooth. Pour over onions and cheese in pie plate.

Bake uncovered at 350 degrees F for 35 to 40 minutes or until omelet is light golden and puffed, and a knife inserted in center comes out clean.

Mom's Peanut Crispy Treat

By Joyce Miller, Retired, Engineering

INGREDIENTS

- 3 tbsp. butter
- 1/3 cup peanut butter
- 10 oz. bag marshmallows
- 6 cups crisp rice cereal
- 24 1-inch peanut butter cups, unwrapped



DIRECTIONS:

Grease 13x9-inch pan. Combine butter, peanut butter and marshmallows in large microwave-safe bowl. Microwave uncovered on high for 1-1/2 to 3 minutes, stirring after one minute, until mixture is melted and smooth. Stir in cereal.

Press mixture into prepared pan, using clean, buttered hands (be careful, the mixture is pretty warm). Immediately make 24 indentations in rows in the cereal mixture, using the handle of a wooden spoon. Press peanut butter cups into indentations. Let cool. Cut into squares with a candy in the center of each square. Makes 24 bars.

Mom's Citrus Cooler

By Teresa Biondi, Gen. Services

INGREDIENTS

- 48 oz. bottle lime-flavored sparkling water, chilled
- 12 oz. can frozen lemonade concentrate, thawed
- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 8 lime slices



DIRECTIONS:

In a large glass pitcher, combine water, concentrate and lime juice and mix well to combine. Garnish each drink with lime twist, and slice and serve immediately. Serves 8.

Mom's Grilled New Potatoes

By Tyler Burgos, City Clerk

INGREDIENTS

- 2 lbs. small new red potatoes
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp. seasoned salt



DIRECTIONS:

Prepare and heat grill. Cut potatoes in half. Place potatoes in disposable foil pan. In a small bowl, combine butter, garlic and salt and pour over potatoes. Cover pan tightly with heavy-duty foil.

Place potatoes on grill 4 to 6 inches from heat over medium high coals. Cook 50 to 60

minutes or until potatoes are tender when pierced with fork, stirring potatoes occasionally and moving pan around on grill.

To cook in oven, prepare potatoes as directed, then bake at 400 degrees for 50 to 60 minutes until tender. Serves 6.

Mommy's Patty Shells

By Lucy Cruise, Rec and Parks

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1 10-oz. frozen patty shells
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 10-oz. pkg. frozen de-veined cocktail size raw shrimp, thawed
- 1 6-oz. pkg. frozen cooked crab, thawed and drained
- 1 4-oz. jar sliced mushrooms, drained
- 1/4 cup sliced green onions
- 1 10-oz. jar Alfredo sauce



DIRECTIONS:

Bake patty shells according to package directions.

In a heavy saucepan, melt butter over medium heat and stir in shrimp and green onions. Cook over medium heat until shrimp is cooked, curled and pink, about 5 minutes. Add crab and drained mushrooms.

In another saucepan, heat Alfredo sauce according to package directions and combine with seafood mixture. Heat over medium heat, stirring carefully and constantly, until mixture begins to bubble.

To serve, pour 3/4 cup creamed seafood mixture into each patty shell. 6 servings.

Critic's Corner What I Saw

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Sin City

A very different experience, this movie has a little classic film, Pulp Fiction and sci-fi rolled all in one! This is a movie that will either make a big splash or a big thunk! It was okay, but could have waited until video.

— Frank Ramirez, LA Zoo



Hostage

A cool movie, this is the new series in Die Hard! It has the suspense, action and drama! It's a cool movie to check out, a made for the big screen type of flick. This is one is made to see at the theater. Check it out!

— Frank Ramirez, LA Zoo



Guess Who

It was an alright movie. I am not a real fan of Bernie Mac in movies. He needs to stay on TV and on stage. Ashton Kutcher needs to stay on TV also. This movie was better than expected, but was a total remake and bite off of other comedies. You can go watch it at the movies and be somewhat entertained, but I suggest waiting until video and getting your money's worth!

— Frank Ramirez, LA Zoo

I liked this movie. It not only made you laugh, but it made you think about social issues. Bernie Mac plays the father of Zoe Saldana, a beautiful black woman. Ashton Kutcher plays Saldana's fiancée. The movie is a type of spinoff of Guess Who's Coming to Dinner and Meet the Parents. Mac initially is upset that Kutcher is white, but as the movie goes on they become friends. The jokes and funny scenes throughout the movie keep you laughing. It's a love story as well. I recommend this movie and it would be okay for teenagers. Stay for the credits; the outtakes are funny.

My Score: 9 out of 10

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

Theresa Jones (Zoe Saldana) and Simon Green (Ashton Kutcher) are newly engaged, and the two are on their way to the 25th wedding anniversary of Theresa's parents, where Simon will meet Mr. and Mrs. Jones for the first time. Theresa has informed her parents that she is dating someone, but has yet to inform them that he is Caucasian. Upon arriving at her parents' home, Mr. Jones (Bernie Mac) mistakes Simon for the cab driver and the African-American cab driver for his daughter's boyfriend. When the confusion is cleared up, prepare yourself to be taken on quite a ride as Mr. Jones does everything in his power to prove that Simon is not the man for his daughter.

— Camisha Mitchell, LAPD



The Pacifier

This is definitely a Disney movie to take your children, younger ones that is, to. Vin Diesel plays a Navy SEAL. His new assignment is to babysit five children, whose father

was killed because he was working on a top-secret project for the government. The five children are played by Brittany Snow (teenager Zoe); Max Thieriot (14-year-old Seth); Morgan York (8-year-old Lulu); Kegan/Logan Hoover (three-year-old Peter) and Bo/Luke Tyler (baby Plummer). The children's mother, played by Faith Ford, has to go with one of the government agents to access a safe deposit box her late husband left behind. While Mom is away, the children will play. These children are definitely a handful and try Vin Diesel's patience. As the movie progresses the children begin to like Vin Diesel and he likes them. The movie has some funny moments and I think young children will like it.

My Score: 5 out of 10

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD



Pooh's Heffalump Movie

The movie was funny and it was a little sad. It was a great movie. The Heffalump was cute and very nice. You should go see it.

— Christopher Cordero, age 4
Son of Catherine Cordero, LAPD

I liked the story. It was funny and I learned something. Roo teaches us not to judge others by how they look. The funniest part in the movie was when Pooh captured Tigger. I laughed a lot. I liked the songs. The lyrics were understandable and the music was soft and happy.

In my opinion, I think you should take your children to see the movie.

— Devyn Cordero, age 7
Son of Catherine Cordero, LAPD



Robots

The movie was fun to watch. It had cool and interesting characters. The main characters were Rodney Copperbottom, Fender, Aunt Fanny, Piper, Madame Gasket,

Big Weld and Ratchet. One of my favorite parts was when Big Weld gave a robot a CD and the robot was singing like a rapper. The movie was very good. Take your family to see it.

— Devyn Cordero, age 7
Son of Catherine Cordero, LAPD



The Ring Two

I did not think this movie was as good as The Ring. It had a few scary parts, but it had a lot of flashbacks from the first movie. Naomi Watts and her son, played by David

Dorfman, move a lot because they have been followed by the dead girl from The Ring. Watts gets a job at a newspaper in a small town. Shortly after her and her son get settled, the videotape appears in the town. Of course if you saw The Ring, you know what happens if you watch the videotape. Dorfman ends up being possessed by the dead girl and Watts must save him.

Sissy Spacek has a small role as a woman in an insane asylum. Watts visits Spacek to try to get help for her son. The movie was shot in

Astoria, Ore., and the scenery is beautiful. I would not recommend the movie for young children; teenagers maybe if they do not have bad dreams, and for adults. Wait until it comes out on DVD.

My Score: 4 out of 10

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD



Miss Congeniality 2

I liked this movie, but I also liked the first one, Miss Congeniality, also starring Sandra Bullock. Bullock again plays FBI agent Gracie Hart. In the first movie, Hart was in the Miss America Pageant. Now, Hart has a difficult time performing her FBI duties because everyone recognizes her. Her new job is to become the FBI's spokesperson. She gets a personal stylist played by Diedrich Bader. She also gets a bodyguard played by Regina King. Hart is supposed to travel the country promoting a good image for the FBI. Miss America and the host of the pageant (William Shatner) are kidnapped, Hart wants to help capture the kidnappers but again will get in trouble. The movie is funny, and if you liked the first Miss Congeniality, you will like this one. Its alright for children and teenagers.

My Score: 8 out of 10

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD



Melinda and Melinda

The premise for Woody Allen's latest film, which he wrote and directed, sounds interesting. Two New York playwrights are having dinner. A friend tells both of them a story about a woman showing up at a dinner party. One of the playwrights envisions the story as a comedy while the other sees it as a tragedy. The rest of the

film cuts back and forth between the two storylines, with Radha Mitchell playing the title role, or should I say roles?

Unfortunately, neither story is worth your time. Set in New York City, the characters speak in a pretentious, stilted manner that is sometimes unintentionally humorous. When the movie is supposed to be funny, such as when Will Ferrell (formerly of Saturday Night Live) is in it, it is just dull. Woody Allen used to make good, funny, thought-provoking movies, but after this mess, it seems time that he put down his pen.

— Patrick Tomcheck, Airports



Diary of a Mad Black Woman

Tyler Perry's box office hit, Diary of a Mad Black Woman is a must-see. If you enjoyed the play, then you'll enjoy this movie. Helen McCarter (Kimberly Elise), the faithful, loving wife, and successful attorney Charles McCarter (Steve Harris), have been married for some years and although they are living together, they haven't been functioning well as a unit for some time — much to the dismay of Helen. On the eve of their 18th wedding anniversary, Charles announces that he wants a divorce and that Helen is to get out of his house, commencing to even dragging her out and shutting the door in her face. The only solace she finds is in family she hasn't seen in years.

Through her pain, tears and struggle to rebuild a new life, Helen finds love again and gains new perspective on who she was and now is. Just as Helen is getting to some normalcy in her life, Charles ... well, you'll have to see the movie to find out the rest.

— Camisha Mitchell, LAPD

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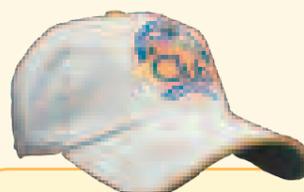
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Need help? Find your Counselor

When contacting the Club, ask for the counselor that handles your department.



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Questions? We're here to help.
Call between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

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