



Nearly a Century of Service Bids Adieu to the City as Two Veterans Retire, Leave Legacy

■ Daniel Saenz, Jim Heggem retire after nearly a combined century of demonstrating what civil service is all about.

It's often hard to imagine, much less see, what almost an entire century of hard work and dedication look like.

But Thursday, Jan. 29, at the Los Angeles

Aqueduct Filtration Plant, just such a sight was in evidence as the City of Los Angeles and its DWP said goodbye to two legendary veterans of the department. Daniel Saenz and Jim

Heggem both called it a career, retiring with almost a combined 100 years of civil service.

The Club heartily and humbly congratulates both men as examples of hard work and dedication that will be hard to match.

Daniel Saenz retired after 50 years. Jim Heggem retired with 41 years of service.

Eleven days before the joint retirement party, on Jan. 18, Saenz's family and friends honored him with a surprise party at the Los Coyotes Country Club in Buena Park to mark the occasion.

A resolution presented to Saenz read, in part: "Daniel Saenz manager of treatment operations, Water Quality and Operations Business Unit, has achieved 50 years of service with the DWP of the City of LA. He began his career in September 1954 as a messenger clerk in the Commercial Division and throughout his career has been promoted to more respon-

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Jim Heggem (left) and Daniel Saenz greet well-wishers at their retirement reception.

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by **John Hawkins**
 COO, The Club



Improving Your Home? The Club Comes to the Rescue

■ The Club comes to your home's rescue!

If you're like me, you keep putting off those home improvement projects for one reason or another. Well, get those paint brushes ready because the Club is coming to your home improvement rescue with a major discount on Dunn-Edwards paints. Just present your City Employees Club Card at the time of purchase, at any Dunn-Edwards paint store, and receive a 20 percent discount on all Dunn-Edwards manufactured paint products. Now there's no excuse to start getting your house ready for spring!

And don't forget the amazing plan the Club has worked for members, to get incredible discounts at Office Depot, as we detailed in last month's *Alive!* (Make sure to register your credit card first, or you won't get the discount.) So get that home office painted, and then stocked with high-quality Office Depot productions.

These are two of the ways the Club continues working hard for you, finding significant ways to stretch your dollars.

Also, don't forget to show your city pride by attending the 5th Annual St. Patrick's Day parade. Captain Ron Andrade of Fire Station 3 is the genius behind this event; he wants to see as many city employees attend as possible. And, if you happen to see the Mayor around town, encourage him to attend as well because without the Mayor present it's just not an "LA" event. Show your city pride and help Captain Ron Andrade make our parade the biggest and best on the West Coast.

I also want to welcome our new Club employee Sara Fama, our new Claims assistant. Sara is a current student at Cal State Long Beach, so it seems we have the Forty-Niners well covered at the Club. Thank you for being a member and we'll see you at the St. Patrick's Day Parade!



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■ He Thanks Union Rep for Standing Up For Employees

Thanks Julie Butcher! You really made points with us City workers with your quotes and information in the article in the January 17th issue of the Los Angeles Daily News. Staring in the face of layoffs you brought common sense to the City's financial dilemma via the ingenuity of city employees. You have done great work for the City. Keep it up!

— Thomas Knoll, Club Member

■ She Appreciates Way the Club Helped Her in Time of Need

After my husband passed away, my contact with my representative was for me the top of all matters at hand; no stress, no problems at all with all transactions. The Club really lived up to its reputation in professionalism and made my life much easier, so caring; The heartfelt letters that Club sent to me after my husband died made me know that they really cared about us. My husband of 43 years, Jimmie, always spoke highly of his job. He was very proud to be a City Employee. I will always remember what the Club did for me after my husband's death, makes me proud to be affiliated with the City of Los Angeles. I thank the Mayor of the City and all affiliated with the Club for all your help.

— Margaret Williams, Club Member

■ A Fireman Should Know His Recipes, and He Loves Ours

I just wanted to make a brief note that those cooking recipes are fun and easy to make. It's an entertaining page and most of us look forward to it at the fire station.

Also, some of my coworkers asked that I add that the auto insurance program the Club has is great. The people are friendly (not pushy) and they go out of their way to help. I don't know how many use this service but were glad it is available.

— Jerry Jericho, LAFD

■ LAFD Congratulates Woman as New Head of SF Fire Department

The men and women of the Los Angeles Fire Department join firefighters from across our nation in congratulating newly appointed San Francisco Fire Department Chief Joanne Hayes-White on her landmark achievement as the first woman to lead that esteemed agency.

The selection of 39-year-old Hayes-White, a 14-year San Francisco Fire Department veteran, represents a first for the SFFD and a pioneering achievement for all women in the fire service. There are believed to be fewer than two dozen career female fire chiefs in the United States.

— Joe Dawson, LAFD

■ 10-Year Clubber Recommends The Club To All City Employees

I evaluate your service as very efficient, courteous, knowledgeable and helpful during a difficult time in my life.

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Members Speak Out

Being a member of your service since 1994 is one of the best choices I made as an employee of the City of Los Angeles, especially since I am disabled. To my fellow City employees I recommend you highly!

— Sally Lopez, Club Member

Club's NBA Jam Event Was A Slam-Dunk of Good Fun

What can we say about the Employees club: Great! Terrific! Wonderful! Exquisite!

We had a marvelous time, all 9 of us. I gave other tickets away as birthday presents, and they had no complaints, either. We arrived at noon and did not leave until after 9 p.m. To say my children saw, played, experienced and enjoyed everything would be an understatement. We were also able to attend the concert, see the celebrity and mascot games and

just enjoy ourselves.

The only down part about it was how much money we spent, but it was not on the tickets. And we thoroughly enjoyed spending every penny.

Once again I must say the Club totally and completely outdid itself, and I am totally impressed.

Thanks again.

— Gary and Tasha Phillips, Club Members



Corrections:

— In addition, on page 7, an incorrect photo was published for Mercedes Márquez, the newly confirmed general manager of the Dept. of Housing. At right is the correct photo of Mercedes.

— In the February issue's Profile on page 21 (part of the Department of the Month feature), the name of Nick Delli Quadri was misspelled. Also, Executive Officer David Chan was left off the list.

Alive! regrets the errors.



Mercedes Márquez, General Manager, Department of Housing



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Paint the Town ... at Discount

New Club Benefit

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From the hot, arid deserts of Arizona and Nevada, to the cool, moist seacoast of California, Dunn-Edwards paints are uniquely formulated to withstand the elements, and protect and beautify a wide variety of architectural surfaces. Since 1925, Dunn-Edwards has provided more than 375 million gallons of paint to the region – enough to cover over 5,000 square miles of surface area.

Dunn-Edwards paints are ranked as the number one choice among licensed painting contractors in Los Angeles, San Diego and Phoenix. A 2002 independent survey, conducted by C.A. Walker & Associates, found that 62 percent of the professionals polled would choose to use Dunn-Edwards paint on their own homes. Of those professionals using Dunn-Edwards paint, 76 percent said they choose Dunn-Edwards because of its superior quality.



"We're delighted that Dunn-Edwards has seen the value of the Club family, and has agreed to this discount program," said John Hawkins, Club COO. "We've always known they make great paint, and we're happy that they're joining the Club family." 🏠

Here's a list of local Dunn-Edwards paint retail locations. Which one is closest to you?

Anaheim	Culver City	Maywood	Rancho Santa	Tustin
Palmdale	Fountain Valley	Mission Hills	Margarita	Van Nuys
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Costa Mesa	Los Angeles (Hoover Street)		Canoga Park	

Rita Robinson Confirmed as New Director of Sanitation

Current Club Board Member and former Club Board President Rita Robinson has been confirmed as new director of the Bureau of Sanitation in the Department of Public Works.

The City Council confirmed her appointment Feb. 11. She was appointed by Mayor Hahn to the new position in early January.

Congratulations, Rita. 🏠



Rita Robinson, Director of Sanitation

Saenz, Heggem Retire With 91 Years of Service to City

Veterans Retire

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sible positions including water treatment operator and eventually to a second-level water treatment operator supervisor in the sanitary engineering division.

"In July 1998 he was appointed manager of treatment operations in the water quality and operations business unit, over the LA Aqueduct filtration plant and treatment facilities throughout the City of LA had been responsible for training department employees and community citizens in chlorine facility risk management procedures, teaching waterworks technology at LA Trade Technical College and has contributed to the water services organization supplying clean water to the citizens of Los Angeles, safely and effectively.

"It is resolved that the Board of Water and Power Commissioners commends Daniel L. Saenz for a career distinguished by his dedication and expertise in sincere appreciation of his 50 years of service."

Other awards and honors Saenz has received are: a California Legislature Assembly Resolution, a Certified Purchasing Manager Program Certificate of Achievement, and 12th Annual Ignacio Ramirez Award, for Saenz's many years of devoted service to the International Institute of Los Angeles Sr. Citizen Services Programs.

At his surprise party (he thought he was going to a wedding reception), Saenz was serenaded by a long list of distinguished speakers, including Master of Ceremonies and longtime friend Elio Leon, James Yannotta, James McDaniel, Marty Adams, Ruben Garcia, Michael Odom and Steve Torres, along with Daniel Saenz's wife of 48 years, Cristina, and his oldest son, Danny. Friends and family came from miles away to attend the party.

His son Danny's speech read, in part:

"[Growing up,] our vocabulary was filled with words like reservoirs, the river, the Owens Valley, Mojave, Bishop, GOB and of course, chlorine. We could tell people that our dad worked where the opening shot of the Andy Griffith show was filmed.

"We remember going to work with Dad—he went to different places all over the city. No matter which location you were at, it was the same—clean buildings with huge tanks of something hanging from the ceiling. The place was spotless and smelled the same way—cleaner than clean. The sound was like no other, a constant humming but with an echo. He would explain things to us, what he was doing and why he was doing it. It probably passed in one ear and out the other; it wasn't



Friends and coworkers celebrate Daniel Saenz's years of service.



Members of the Daniel Saenz family.



Daniel Saenz and his wife, Tina.

the information he shared that we remember, it is the time he spent with us.

"We will never forget the trip to Mojave. Dad had been working there and Mom packed us up and drove us out to surprise him. Any time we might have occasion to pass through the town of Mojave we can still see the Whites Motel and remember that trip.

"There are other things that are just part of our lives. None of us can look at a DWP vehicle and not check to see if it is a water or a power vehicle. When we meet someone and find out they work at DWP, the first question is, 'Do you work Water or Power?' Or defending the quality of the water in LA: No one is going to say my Dad's water isn't clean or doesn't taste good.

"That is what we remember, that is what we tell our kids about. We thank you for taking us to work with you and for teaching us about working hard. We admire your work ethic and your ability to stick with it all this time. We only hope that we can all demonstrate the same qualities to our children. So Dad, from the bottom our hearts, your children and grandchildren wish you well upon your retirement."

Jim Heggem

Jim Heggem has been a water treatment supervisor at the Los Angeles Aqueduct Plant since 1988 and has 41 years of service with the City.

Jim plans to obtain a motor home and, with his wife, Barbara, travel throughout the country. He has two sons, Jimmy and Gerald; a daughter, Marie; and a granddaughter.

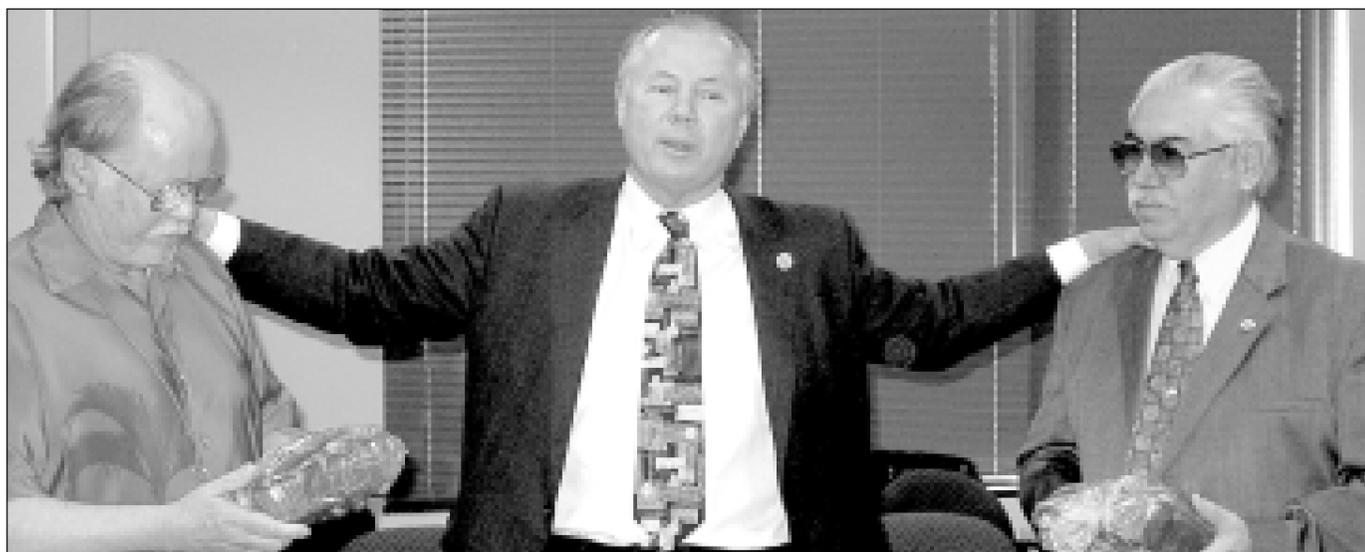
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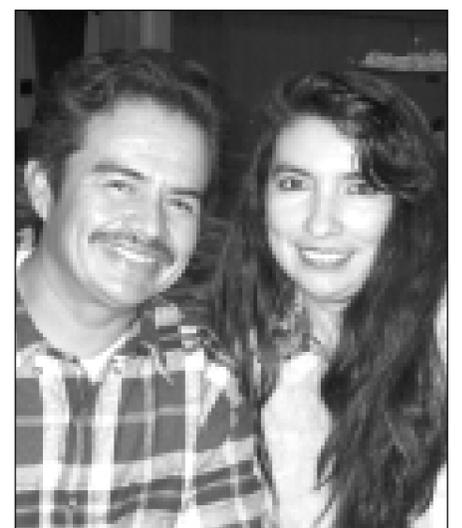
Jim Heggem and his wife, Barbara.



At the retirement reception.

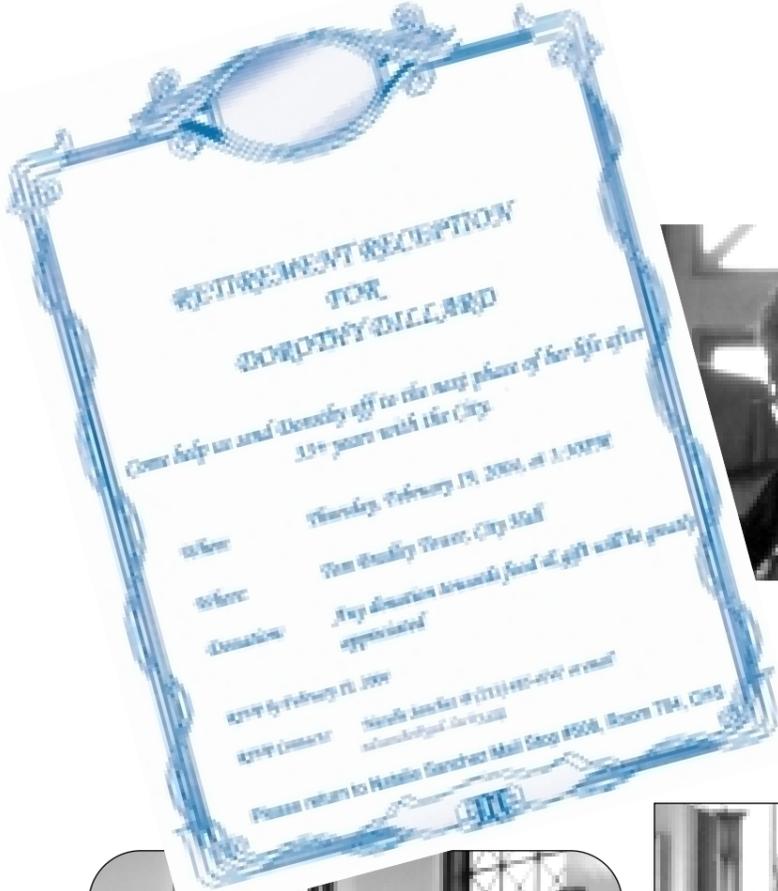


Councilman Tom LaBonge (center) awards Jim Heggem (left) and Daniel Saenz with loaves of bread at their retirement reception.



At the retirement reception.

Club Board Member Dorothy Dillard Retires From Dept. of Transportation



■ **Board member retires from Club service, too.**

After 34 years of service, Dorothy Dillard, Management Analyst I, retired from City service at a reception Feb. 19 at City

Hall's Tom Bradley Room.

She is retiring from the same building where she

started her career, in City Hall. She started with the then-Bureau of Transportation (now a department).

There were soft drinks and desserts at the reception. Friends, colleagues and family were there to help her celebrate.

Dorothy also retired from her service on the Club's Board at the Club's annual meeting Feb. 26. She was a department rep for three years, and a board member for an additional three years. While she was on the board, she helped shape and approve the Club concept more than two years ago.

We join with the City in thanking her for her service, and congratulating her for her dedication.

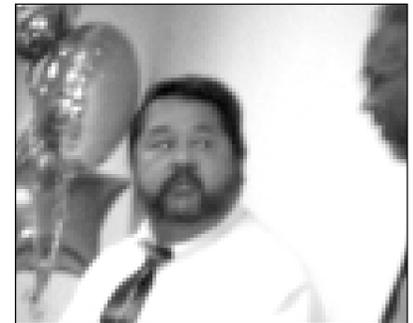
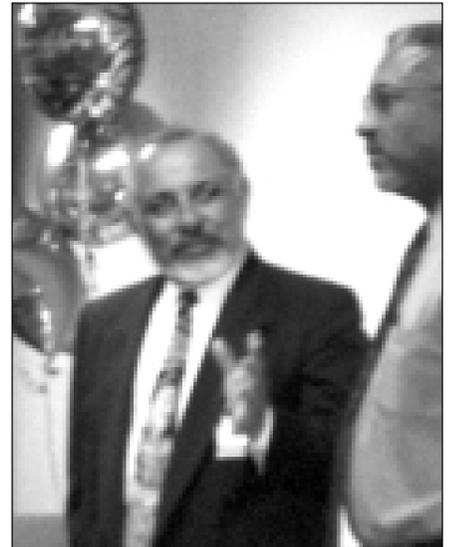
Congratulations, Dorothy! 🎉

Here are some photos of the reception.





Carnell Powell with his wife, Ollie, and Joe Luce, the new superintendent at Harbor District Water Distribution Business Group.



Carnell Powell Retires From DWP After Giving 33 Years of Service

On Feb. 1, Carnell Powell, district superintendent for the Water Distribution Business Unit of the DWP Water System, retired from active civil service after a 33-year career at the DWP. His colleagues threw him a party Jan. 28.

Bob Forsyth also retired the same day from the DWP after a distinguished career.

Carnell, a member of the Club since 1985, began his career with the DWP Oct. 21, 1970, as a maintenance laborer. Over the next three plus decades, he was recognized numerous times through various promotions until finally reaching the level of district superintendent.

"Even though Carnell was able to climb the professional ladder, he is perhaps best known for his positive spirit of intent toward people," explained Ben Wither, utility administrator for

the Water Distribution Business Unit. "Carnell's enthusiasm and determination to 'do the right thing' marked him as a leader who was always available to provide hope even in difficult times."



Carnell continues to serve in the spirit of helping others as the minister of his church. "As one of the 'good guys,' Carnell Powell will sorely be missed at the DWP," Wither continued. "We honor his many years of dedicated service to the citizens of Los Angeles and wish him and his wife, Ollie, a long, healthy, and happy retirement."

Here are photos of the retirement event.

Jack Ng of ITA Retires After 30 Years of Service



Jack Ng retired from ITA on Jan. 22, with 30 years of service. ITA held a retirement party for Jack Jan. 21 at Oiwake Japanese Restaurant in Little Tokyo.

He joined what was called the Data Service Bureau as a computer operator in 1975. He was promoted to senior computer operator in 1982 and programmer analyst in the newly dubbed Information Services Department in 1987.

He became a programmer analyst II and III in the ITA in the 1990s.

Jack is married and has two grown daughters. He is very active in his church, he loves to sing and is a member of his church choir.

He loves to play chess, mahjong and many other Chinese card games. He loves sports, especially baseball (the Dodgers) and basketball (the Lakers). He also loves to go camping. (The Club thanks David Rhodes of the ITA for providing this information.)

Congratulations from the Club, Jack, and enjoy your well-deserved retirement.

Here are photos of the retirement reception. 



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**Sara Fama, the Club's
new Claims Assistant**

She's a student at Cal State Long Beach majoring in sociology with a minor in psychology.

As a former Americorps member (the U.S. Government's national volunteer organization), she enjoys doing various volunteer work and getting involved with small nonprofit organizations whose ongoing efforts help to alleviate various social problems within the community.

Aside from volunteering and helping serve Club members, she enjoys traveling, reading, watching movies, and spoiling her dog. "It is a pleasure to be working for a company that strives to provide its members with services beyond compare," she says. "I have only been at the Club for a couple of months, but it has truly been a beneficial and enriching experience.

"In the event that you may find yourself in a difficult and unexpected situation, I will be more than willing to contribute whatever I can to make things as easy as possible for you."

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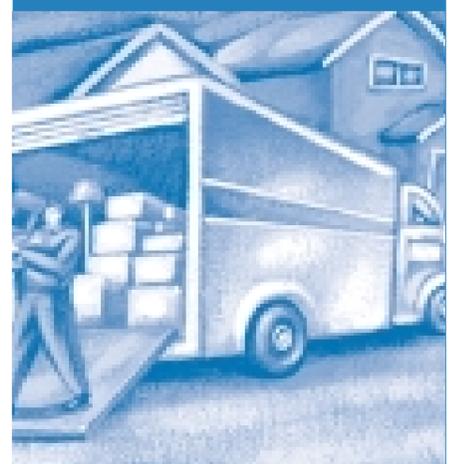
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Rare Monkey Born at Zoo Now Ready for Her Closeup

■ Four-month-old colobus monkey now viewable at the L.A. Zoo.

A Kikuyu colobus monkey born at the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens Oct. 28 is enjoying life in her habitat that she shares with her mother, father, aunt and brother.

Upon birth, the newborn weighed one pound. She had an eight-inch body length and was covered with white fur. She now is beginning to transform into her black and white adult coloration and "grow" what will become a spectacular white tail.

Colobus monkey groups, both in their natural environment, which is widespread across the midsection of Africa and in zoo settings, are socially cohesive groups. Thus, the infant is enjoying attention from all of her relatives. Living high in the trees of forested areas, colobus monkeys are well adapted for rapidly running, climbing and leaping through the trees, grabbing onto branches with their hook-like hands.



This three-month-old colobus monkey at the L.A. Zoo has lots of playmates and eyes watching her. The other four monkeys share babysitting duties.

At one time the Kikuyu colobus was severely threatened. Its beautiful fur was also its enemy. Rugs and wall hangings made from the fur were in great demand by tourists, and the monkey is also hunted for its meat. Conservation efforts and education have helped stabilize the wild population, but loss of habitat remains a threat.

Yet unnamed, this baby monkey can be "adopted" and named.

The colobus baby and family can be viewed daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Zoo is in Griffith Park, at the junction of the Ventura and Golden State Freeways. Admission is \$9 for adults and \$4 for children ages 2 to 12.

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

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

The Pet Club



Keeping Track of Pets Is Easy and Very Important

Technology is a wonderful thing, isn't it? You've got LoJack for your cars, LoJack bracelets for your kids and now, microchips for your pets.

A microchip is a simple Electronic Animal Identification System that is placed inside your pet, actually injected under the animal's skin. The chip contains your personal, one-of-a-kind identification number to distinguish your dog, cat, horse, bird or reptile as a special member of your family throughout its life.

A microchip is so tiny that it fits through a hypodermic needle. It provides your identification number when a scanner is passed over your pet—much like the scanner used at supermarkets and other stores to "read" price tags. Here's how it works:

- The microchip, which is in a hypodermic needle, is injected /implanted under the animal's skin, usually in the neck area or between the shoulder blades.
 - Information on your animal (breed, name, sex, owner, address, phone number, etc...) is registered in a national data bank. This registration is essential to ensure your pet can be traced back to you.
 - If your animal should stray and wind up at a shelter, it will be scanned for a microchip. (All animals entering City shelters are scanned for microchips, as do animal hospitals and other humane organizations. This happens nationwide.)
 - If your animal has a microchip, a number will show on the scanner.
 - That number will be entered into the national database and voila! We will call you to let you know we have your pet and that you should come pick it up as soon as possible.
- Of course, as a loving pet owner, you may fret that the microchip might hurt your pet or present some health risk. Fear not. The procedure takes only minutes and is virtually

painless, just like a vaccination. Is it safe? Yes. Once implanted, the microchip stays under the skin, deep in the location where it was injected, for the life of the animal. It does not have a battery or any moving parts. It will not "travel" to other areas of the animal's body.

The cost for a microchip varies and can range anywhere from \$50 to \$100. However, if you go to your L.A. City Shelter, you can get your dog or cat microchipped for a real bargain: a mere \$25 for a microchip that will identify your animal permanently throughout



its life. What a deal! All it takes is a phone call to make an appointment to bring your animal in for a microchip implant. When you arrive at the shelter, you will be asked to fill in some database information for your pet's microchip. The procedure itself takes only minutes. It's really a wonderful, safe and effective method to permanently identify your pet. Please note that City Shelters only microchip dogs and cats. You need to go to your local veterinarian to have other animals microchipped.

So, if you value your pet, do pick up that phone and make the call. It's a worthwhile investment to ensure your pet will be returned to you should it stray and a small price to pay for a happy ending.

For more information, call L.A. Animal Services: (888) 4LA-PET1 or (888) 452-7381. (TTY hearing impaired:(877) 875-8205). www.LAAnimalServices.com.

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Send Questions

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

Write to me at: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

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



Plant Your Roots With Free DWP Tree Program

Tree Planting Program

Continued from Page 1

- by reducing energy use, trees directly lessen the air pollution that comes from the generation of electricity;
- by removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, and reducing carbon dioxide emissions from electric generation, trees help lower the rate of global warming; and
- by trapping and holding up to 50 gallons of water each, trees decrease the stormwater runoff that causes flooding and pollution during the rainy season.

Getting Started

The DWP wants to make it simple for Los Angeles residents to participate in Trees for a Green LA. Here's a summary of how the program works:

1. Contact Us to Sign up: Call (800) GreenLA (800 473-3652) and select Trees for a Green LA after the voice prompt to sign up for one of a series of citywide residential tree planting workshops. A representative will assist you in identifying a workshop that is convenient for you. Or, click on the residential workshop calendar

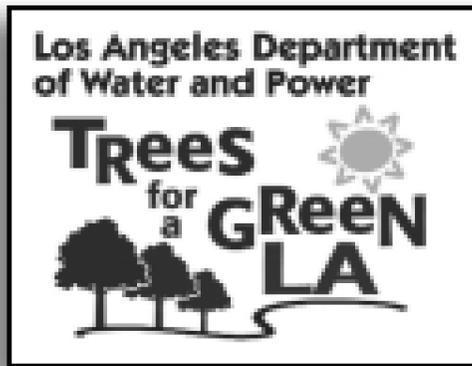
to find a workshop directly. The calendar is regularly updated with new workshops every month. Then send an e-mail with your requested workshop to: Tree.Program@LADWP.com, and remember to include your name, address and phone number. Workshop slots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

2. Attend a Workshop: At the workshop, you learn from a trained neighborhood forester about proper tree selection, siting and planting techniques, and draft a site-specific plan based on your residence. You then sign an agreement to plant and maintain your tree(s). You should arrive at least 10 minutes early, as the workshop will begin promptly on time. Otherwise, your reserved seat may be forfeited to a "walk-in" participant once the presentation has begun.

3. Trees are Delivered to Your Home: Mail in your completed and signed tree order, which will be reviewed and processed. Representatives of the Trees for a

Green LA program deliver your free tree(s) in approximately two weeks of receiving your tree order. *Note:* Depending on volume, deliveries may take up to four weeks during peak periods. You then plant and care for the tree(s), and reap the benefits of tapping into nature's air conditioners.

Trees for a Green LA is open to all DWP residential customers.



Planting trees can be a rewarding experience.

Condominium owners should get prior approval from their homeowners association before signing up to participate. In addition, home or apartment renters must receive prior

approval from their property owner. For more information, send e-mail to Tree.Program@LADWP.com, or call (800) GreenLA (800 473-3652). ☺

❄️ 🎁 *Holiday Highlights* 🎁 ❄️

West Valley Sanitation Has More Holiday Pics

When the employees of the West Valley Sanitation Yard gathered to celebrate the holidays Dec. 20, it probably didn't know that it would take two months of stories in *Alive!* to capture all the fun!

Last month, *Alive!* ran lots of photos from the West Valley Sanitation Yard's big holiday party, the first time the yard had gathered socially outside of work, according

to Superintendent Leo Martinez.

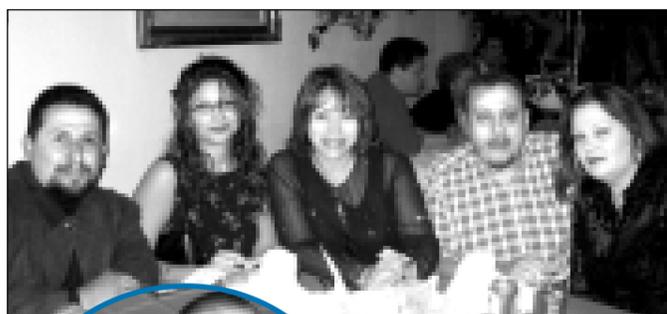
And now here are more photos.

The party was held at El Queso Grande in Granada Hills.

According to Leo, employees were able to bring along their significant other to this event to celebrate the holidays. Everyone enjoyed the buffet dinner along with some raffles (some prizes were donated by the Club) and dancing.

The evening was topped off with Employee of the Year awards. 📸

Here are the photos.



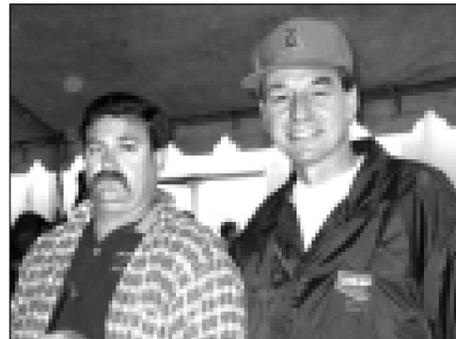
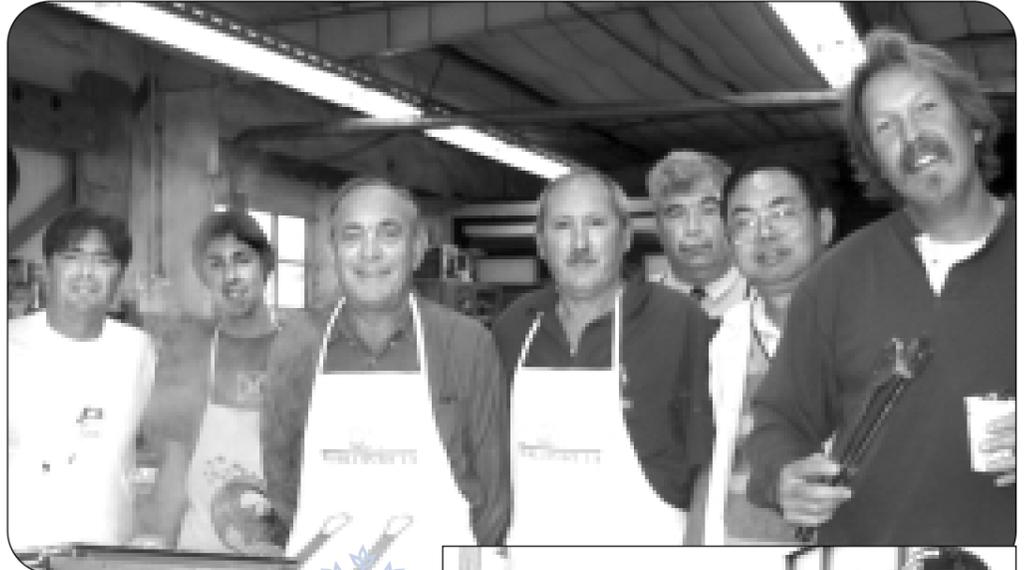
Holiday Highlights

Party Over but Photos Still Coming from Harbor Dept.

The Harbor Dept.'s holiday party was a big success, having served approximately 150 pounds of fresh calamari this year, in addition to tamales, omelets, eggs, bacon, ham, French toast, pancakes and desserts, too.

To go along with these additional photos, here's a list of the volunteers who made the event happen:

- | | | |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Brian Schafer | John Clark | Jeff Morrill |
| Dave Ruiz | Gilbert Atkinson | Bill Brown |
| Gilbert Tascione | Tom Thepprasit | Andy Robateau |
| John Osollo | Rick Blake | Carlos Rodriguez |
| Chuck Parsons | Alan Mayse | Rene Rodriguez |
| Kent Schumann | Herb Galvez | Phillip Sandoval |
| Joe Trujeque | Michele Payan | Holly Carlson |
| Kirby Real | Gabe Silva | Emma Gonzalez |
| Martin Lovato | Lori Gastelum | Tracey Zuliani |
| Jose Aguirre | Ante Basich | Christine McMillan |
| Steve Karsten | Nick Jurat | Ron Price |
| Al Baca | John Radovich | Steve Karsten |
| Willie Brown | Mark Weisenberger | George Jackson |
| Gerald Mageau | Ping Lit | Pauline Hospe |



Central City Boosters Honors Five at LAPD for Dedication

Central City Police Boosters, Inc. celebrated its annual Police Recognition Day on February 5, 2004 at the Wilshire Grand Hotel. The luncheon and awards ceremony honored civilian employee Cindy Feng, Supervisor Bruce Miyazaki, Police Officer Guadalupe "Shep" Ruvalcaba, Detective Gene Strollo, and volunteer Al Ramirez.

The Central City Boosters has been in existence for 30 years, recognizing outstanding service for volunteers and sworn and civilian employees.

In his keynote speech, Captain Gordon Graham commented on the growing need for customer service in city government. "Customer service is must in city government ... otherwise much like a business, we will go out of business," he proclaimed.

Captain Rubert presented the awards to Cindy Feng and noted that her ability to

analyze crime information regularly helped the LAPD Central Community Police Station put together missing pieces together.

Cpt. Rubert presented an award to Officer Ruvalcaba, known as "Shep" for his long history as a top producer on the beat. Cpt. Rubert attributed Officer "Shep" for the reduction of crime in his area of care in the city.

Gene Strollo was awarded Detective of the Year for 2003 for his 33 years of dedicated and most proficient service as a senior officer.

Sergeant Bruce Miyazaki was awarded supervisor of the year for his role as a commanding officer and as Cpt. Rubert noted, "An officer who knows all aspects of command."

Al Ramirez a fervent volunteer of the Central City Police Boosters. Mr. Ramirez is a martial arts instructor with hundreds of hours of community outreach was awarded the 2003 Volunteer of the Year award.



Councilwoman Jan Perry and Civilian Employee of the Year Cindy Feng.



From left: Michelle Lewis, Officer, 7.5 years service, and Lt. Tia Morris, 23 years.



From left: Jim McDonnell, Assistant Chief of Police, and Captain Gordon Graham.



Officer Pilao and Officer Fisher.



From left: Tom Hyde, President of Central City Police Boosters; Captain James A. Rubert; and Captain Blake Chow.



From left: Celeste Garin, Management Analyst II, 9 years of service; Elena Minguillan, Management Analyst I, 24 years of service; and Cathy Susim, Police Service Representative, 22 years service.



From left: Al Ramirez, his son Christopher Ramirez, and Sgt. Greg Macias.



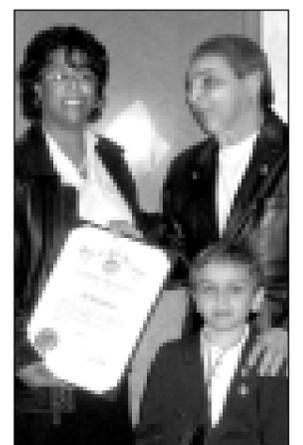
From left: Lorraine Smith, Management Analyst II, 23.5 years of service; and Marilyn Moore, Management Analyst II, 30 years service.



From left: Officer Foster, Nancy Lew and Officers Eric Fukute and Candace Candelaria.



From left: Sgt. Godfrey Bascom, Officer Robin Gonzalez, Sgt. Lou Daigle, Officers Eric De La Cruz and Steve Saletros, and Sam Gong.



From left: Councilwoman Jan Perry, Al Ramirez and his son Christopher.

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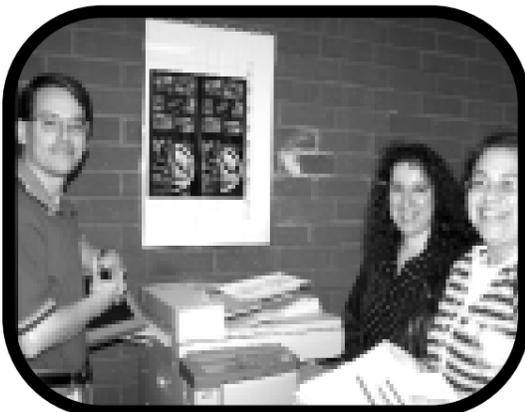
From left: Mildred Ownes, Sr. Management Analyst, 23 years; and Louis Cascone, Printing Press Operator, 22 years.



Michael B. Leighton, Director of Publishing Services Division, in front of printing vendors.



From left: Anthony Farfah, Storekeeper, 3 years; and Robin Hacour, Accounting Clerk, 3 years.



From left: Brian Herbert, District Account Executive, Canon USA; Yolanda Ramirez, Accounting Clerk I, 22 years; and Graciela Lerma, Management Aide, 14 years.

Publishing Services' Open House Shows Others What Division Can Do



■ Piper Tech facility is home to Jan. 22nd event.

The Publishing Services Division of General Services held its annual open house Jan. 22 at its main facility in Piper Tech to demonstrate to City employees what the unit can do.

Hundreds of employees came by to sample the services. Here are photos from the event.



Richard Malvino, Pre-Press Supervisor, 5 years, welcomes visitors to the open house.



From left: Anita Pimentel, Bindery Worker, 15 years; and Ronnie Cannon, Sr. Duplicating Machine Operator, 24 years.



Tracy Vu, System Analyst II, 4 years, enjoys a class on ordering business cards online.



From left: Michael B. Leighton, Director of Publishing Services Division; and Graciela Lerma, Management Aide, 14 years.



From left: Pete Salcido, Sr. Clerk Typist, 4.5 years; and Adriane Jepsen, System Aide, 6 years.



From left: Bruce Hansell, Carpenter Supervisor, 12 years; and Amy S. Colina, Sr. Accounting II, 18 years.



Walter Griffin, Press Operator, 15 years, talking to employees from LAX and Engineering.



From left: Patsy Arline, Bindery Worker, 20 years; and Mercy Esca, Bindery Worker, 20 years.

Life's Important Moments

Share your moments!

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

Retirements

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

NAME	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE
Wilbert Alston	Sr. Traffic Supervisor (Transportation)	30
Andrew Barker	Sr. Storekeeper (Gen. Services)	15
Tapati Bhaumik	Programmer Analyst (ITA)	21
Robert Bowen	Assistant Director (Public Works)	37
Richard Brambila	Parking Meter Tech. Support (Transportation)	25
Lee Bryant	Equipment Mechanic (LAPD)	30
Joyce Cardella	Legislative Analyst IV (Council)	42
John Caudillo	Survey Party Chief (Public Works)	37
Ruby Christiansen	Wharfinger (Harbor)	36
Dorothy Dillard	Emergency Preparedness Coordinator (Gen. Services)	33
Henry Dixon	Motor Sweeper Operator (Public Works)	42
Frank Estrada	Wastewater Collection Worker (Public Works)	31
Arthur Ferugia	Photographer (LAPD)	31
Christine Gardner	Water Microbiologist (Public Works)	8
Walter Hayes	Maintenance Laborer (Public Works)	11
Richard Herbert	Sr. Boat Operator (Harbor)	30
Patricia Hughes	Sr. Clerk (CDD)	37
Roy Johnson	Traffic Officer (Transportation)	35
Sylvia Landis	Management Analyst (LAPD)	24
Rodolfo Leyva	Management Analyst (CDD)	17
Randolph Linton	Equipment Mechanic (LAPD)	25
Bernard Martinez	Sr. Building Inspector (Building and Safety)	19
Thomas Martinez	Equipment Mechanic (Gen. Services)	25
Donald McAdams	Painter (Gen. Services)	25
Fred Mendoza	Sr. Special Officer (Gen. Services)	33
Thomas Meyer	Graphic Designer (Cultural Affairs)	37

NAME	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE
Thomas Neely	Refuse Collection Truck Operator (Public Works)	16
Jack Ng	Programmer Analyst (ITA)	30
George Oka	Golf Starter Supervisor (Rec and Parks)	17
Stephen Overton	Chief Industrial Waste Inspector (Public Works)	35
Helen Patton	Reprographics Supervisor (Public Works)	34
Richard Pusateri	Veterinary Assistant (Animal Services)	33
Richard Quint	City Attorney Investigator II (City Attorney)	16
Logan Redmon	Customer Supervisor (Gen. Services)	30
Fred Richter	Construction Inspector (Airports)	23
Joseph Rivas	Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic (LAFD)	34
Charles Rubin	Sr. Systems Analyst (Public Works)	21
Rustico Sanchez	Sr. Tax Auditor (Finance)	33
Wade Sauls	Head Custodian Supervisor (Airports)	41
John Scott	Motor Sweeper Operator (Public Works)	21
Emily Stevens	Assistant City Attorney (City Attorney)	11
Albert Stover	Maintenance Laborer (Public Works)	37
Dudley Sweeney	Construction Inspector (Public Works)	34
Jessie Terry	Programmer Analyst (Airports)	22
Enrique Teves	Public Relations Specialist (Public Works)	30
Dennis Vander Hook	Public Works (Sanitation)	35
James Washington	Chief Street Use Inspector (Public Works)	34
Dennis Wayman	Electric Pump Plant Operator (Public Works)	20
Linda Wennbo	Commission Exec. Assistant (Disability)	36
James Wilson	Traffic Officer (Transportation)	30
Sunao Yamaguchi	Mechanical Repairer (Rec and Parks)	13
Eugenia Zeitlin	Librarian (Library)	4



Promotions

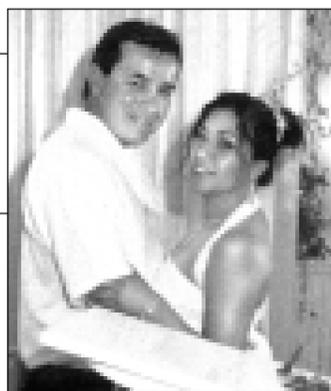
Promotions:

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Weddings

Richard and Esther Macias, July 27, in Las Vegas. Richard is a pile driver in the Harbor Dept. at the Port of Los Angeles. Congratulations Richard and Esther!

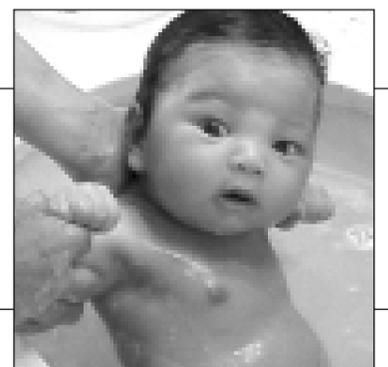


Weddings: Recently married? Congratulations! Share the news with your City employee family. Tell us the names of the bride and groom, the date and place of the wedding, and the City or DWP job title of the bride and/or groom. (Include a photo, too, and we'll try to print it.) Send it in! Send to moments@cityemployeesclub.com.



Births

Kai Anthony Rongavilla Sayoto, born Jan. 10 to **Ray and Maria Sayoto** of Torrance. Maria is a Senior Clerk Typist with the Office of Finance. Kai's grandfather, Ponciano R. Rongavilla, is a Mechanical Engineer Associate in Harbor Department, Engineering Division.



In our January issue, we ran the wrong identification under the photos of the new births. Here they are with the correct identification. *Alive!* regrets the error. —Ed.

Emily Rose Silah, born Aug. 23 to **Mark and Melodie Silah** of Burbank. Emily's grandfather, Charles Chavoor, is the South District Recreation Supervisor, Rec and Parks.



Sarah Kohana Faircloth, born Dec. 4 to **Cecil and Sally Faircloth**. Cecil is a machinist, General Services, North Hollywood Division.

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

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New Members

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

Welcome New Members!

Charlie Alarcon	Brian Carr	Javier Gonzalez	Dewayne Jackson	Suzanne Meuser	Charles Salse
Michael Alberico	Jerome Chambers	Raul Gonzalez	Reynaldo Jimenez	Etienne Meyer	Mario Sanchez
Louie Alvarez	Bettye Clay	Keren Gonzalez	Royston Johnson	Alex Moisa	Clyde Sexton
Erika Amador	William Cole	Serena Goodlett	Mary Jones	Laura Mojica	Kimberly Simonet
Norma Anders	William Cole Sr.	Cheryl Gray	Robert Jones	Rene Montiel	Susan Sims
Dorothy Anderson	James Conaway	Margaret Grijalva	Richard Klapproth	Ernest Ortiz	Deborah Smith
William Anderson	Dana Crutchfield	Warren Gross	Gene Lambert	Justina Palicte	Adriana Smith
Jeannette Arnold	Rob DuBon	Jose Gutierrez	Josephine Ledoux	Vanessa Paulson	Traci Stallings
Kim Baxter	John Duca	Conrad Gutierrez	Beth Lingat	Troy Pauripa	Brian Standly
James Beck	Stephen Duprey	Therese Hadley	Daniel Lopez	Robert Perea	Michael Strouse
Andrew Benson	Mark Eckart	Donald Harding	Alfred Lopez	James Persons	Lagrante Stuart
Gloria Berru	Gregory Elvert	Mark Haro	Ratany Lorn	Betty Porter	Arneldo Traje
Gregory Bland	Mitchell Englander	James Harris	Mary Lynch	Homer Post	Kellie Tran
Kathy Bogan	Cecilia Escarcega	Arianne Helenkamp	Richard Mann	Joe Preciado	Rosa Tristan
Thera Bradshaw	Vernon Famous	Joe Hickman	Tony Mares	Jon Primmer	Juan Valdes
Rodney Bray	Antonio Gaitan	Bryan Hill	Stacy Mayeda	Cheryl Provinchain	Richard Valenzuela
Esther Brown	David Ginsberg	Sergio Hinojosa	John Mays	Rhonda Provost	Phillip Vargas
Joyce Cardella	Rudolph Gomez	Ronald Hunnewell	Ralph McNeela	Jeff Quemada	Andrew Vejar
				Estevan Regalado	Mario Velasquez
				Mario Rodriguez	Lloyd White
				Antonio Rodriguez	James Williams

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	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE	NAME	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE
Active Members:			Alfred Liff	Public Works	29
Ernest Carbajal	Rec and Parks	18	Clara Louvier	Rec and Parks	31
Leon Ledoux	Public Works	22	Katherine Makarounas	Elections	10
Jesse Sanders Jr.	Public Works	6	Helen McBroom	Public Works	31
Charles Smith	Gen. Services	9	Robert McCloud	Airports	9
Retired Members:			Calvin McCollough	Public Works	26
Roger Arnebergh	City Attorney	32	Willa McKellom	LAPD	17
Harry Bertrand	Public Works	33	Margaret McWaters	Public Works	18
Robert Cobb	Public Works	30	Irvin Metz	Building and Safety	20
John Cockrell	Airports	11	Mary Miyakawa	Airports	37
Fred Cox	Personnel	10	Walter Morgan	Rec and Parks	36
Doris Fitch	Library	10	Francis Murphy	City Clerk	25
Wilbur Glowka	Building and Safety	13	Raymond Nyberg	Harbor	28
William Grindrod	Harbor	26	Walter Orbitz	Building and Safety	18
Reynaud Hatter	Rec and Parks	25	David Orton	Building and Safety	13
John Houk	Rec and Parks	21	Norma Parrott	LAPD	15
Douglas Hughes	Public Works	35	Gertrude Pesman	Library	14
Leonard Jones	Gen. Services	11	William Reader	Public Works	33
Mary Kindermann	Library	10	Harvey Reeder	Gen. Services	32
Robert Knebel	Public Works	26	Barbara Rezzo	LAPD	17
Justin Lamar	Public Works	22	Calvin Rhynes	Rec and Parks	29
Dewayne Leber	Gen. Services	27	Gene Roach	Animal Services	27
			Elda Rota	Airports	12
			William Schepler	Airports	24
			Andrew Schlaudraff	Public Works	9
			Celestine Scott	Rec and Parks	15
			Lorene Scott	Airports	22
			Harlene Settles	LAPD	33
			Kenneth Shipp	Airports	22
			James Smith	Transportation	17
			Fred Steele	Public Works	35
			Hugh Stevenson	City Council	23
			Raymond Tessier	Airports	33
			F. Thompson	Public Works	27
			Omas Thun	Public Works	34
			Dorothy Todd	LAPD	20
			Jannie Tracer	Library	15
			Anthony Troncale	Rec and Parks	32
			Shigeru Tsuyuki	Building and Safety	30
			William Wade	Public Works	30
			Harold Williams	Public Works	23
			Lanier Young	Public Works	31

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Congratulations to the WINNERS!

of our Club Coloring Contest!

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

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

Valerie Truong, 4

FAVORITE TV SHOW: Clifford
 FAVORITE SNACK: Apples • BEST FRIEND: Everybody
 WHY I WANT TO GO TO KNOTT'S THEME PARK: I want to see Snoopy
 PARENT: Richard Truong, Sr. Systems Analyst II/CLK

Andrew Ibarra, 7

FAVORITE TV SHOW: Sponge Bob
 FAVORITE SNACK: Sand Witch
 BEST FRIEND: My family
 WHY I WANT TO GO TO KNOTT'S THEME PARK: All the rides are fun and cool.
 PARENT: Daniel Tapia, LADWP Fleet Operations



Melanie Avila, 10

FAVORITE TV SHOW: Full House
 FAVORITE SNACK: Hot Cheetos • BEST FRIEND: Cindy
 WHY I WANT TO GO TO KNOTT'S THEME PARK: I never been there and I've always wanted to go.
 PARENTS: Patricia Huerta, and Phillip Molina, Senior Gardner, Dept. of Rec. & Parks



Honorable Mention

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| <p>Trent Dutson - age 5 child of Dalan Dutson
 Caroline Hagopian - age 3 1/2 child of Alan Hagopian
 Natalie Realegeno - age 5 child of Edwin Realegeno
 Kylee Mendoza - age 4 child of Cesar Mendoza
 William DePrez - age 5 parent not disclosed
 Muhammad Ashraf - age 6 child of Filza Popat
 Emily Valenzuela - age 7 child of Emilio Valenzuela
 Myvar Bankhead - age 6 child of Stephanie Bankhead
 Elle Jimenez - age 7 child of Valente Jimenez
 Karen Trinh - age 6 child of Thai Trinh
 Alyssa Reyes - age 7 child of Roberto Reyes
 Martha Soto - age 7 child of Jorge Soto
 Azelia Romero - age 6 child of Manuel Romero
 Tamia Tolson - age 7 child of Charvon Tolson
 Julissa Henriquez - age 7 child of Sal Henriquez</p> | <p>Jefferson Ing - age 7 child of Evelyn Ing
 Patrick Donatien Jr. - age 7 child of Patrick Donatien
 Kevon Donatien - age 10 child of Patrick Donatien
 Damion Donatien - age 8 child of Patrick Donatien
 Patrica Donatien - age 9 child of Patrick Donatien
 Delicia Donatien - age 9 child of Patrick Donatien
 Nicole Buchanan - age 9 child of Sheila Buchanan
 Megan Sanchez - age 6 child of Armando Sanchez
 Justin Edmonds - age 8 child of Jack Edmonds
 Patricia Sanchez - age 8 child of Patrick A. Sanchez
 Christina Sanchez - age 8 child of Tommy A. Sanchez
 Elias Barrera - age 10 child Gilberto Barrera
 Ashley Chiu - age 10 child of Ben Chiu
 Christian A. Manuel - age 8 child of Aaron Manuel</p> | <p>Dae'ron Ganner - age 10 child of Joann Gage
 Meliza Melendrez - age 10 child of
 Rebecca Hernandez - age 10 child of Sergio Hernandez
 Jessica Powell - age 4 child of Ronald Powell
 Ginna Diaz - age 10 child of Elsa Rivas
 Rebecca Tse - age 10 child of Jimmse Tse
 Tiana Ramirez - age 8 child of Madeline Ramirez
 Kimberly Hara - age 8 child of Gayle Hara
 Michelle Bankhead - age 5 child of Stephanie Bankhead
 Jessie E. Adams - age 7 child of Martin Adams
 Brian Hassien - age 7 child of Diane Hassien
 Destiny Lea - age 7 child of Daniel Lea
 Rebecca Bowers - age 8 child of Terree Bowers
 Krysta Cervantes - age 10 child of Frank Cervantes
 Jillan Wallace - age 10 child of Clarence Wallace</p> |
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Where in LA?

Same Photo ... Better Prize

We received no correct responses from the February contest. So we'll repeat it this month. And add a better prize!

What is this? Where is this?

The Club member who gives us the most complete, detailed description of this object (see picture below) related to the City of Los Angeles wins a free dinner for two!

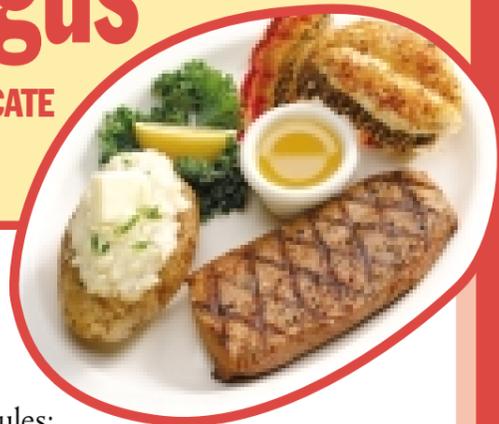
- This month's deadline: March 12. See complete list of rules at the bottom.
- Thanks for playing, and good luck!

Send your response along with your Club card number by e-mail (whereinla@cityemployeesclub.com), by fax ([213] 620-0598) or by surface mail (350 S. Figueroa, Suite 700, Los Angeles 90071).



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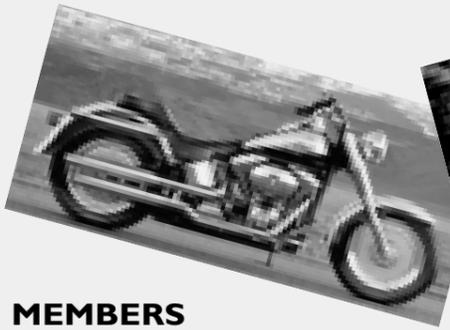
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Contest Rules:

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.
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Department of the Month

Department of Aging



Back row, from left: Alfonso Caballero, Accountant, 3 years; Tom Nazareno, Senior Auditor, 23 years; Isauro Espinosa, Accountant I, 5 years; William Cheng, Accountant I, 26 years; Henry McIntyre, Auditor, 14 years; and Rolly Zapata, Auditor, 2 1/2 years. Seated, from left: Aurora Mendoza, Accountant II, 15 years; and Susan Ho, Accounting Clerk II, 26 years.



Tess Cordero, Secretary, 3 years.



From left: Jane Stumbo, Acting Director, 2 years; Judith Clay, Special Program Assistant III, 5 years; and Melissa McGriff, Management Analyst, 4 years. Not pictured: April Figueroa, Intern, 1 year.



From left: Michael Canlas, 1 year; Helen Lee, Community Program Assistant, 2 years; Teresa Spires, Information and Assistance Coordinator, 21 years; Marco Perez, Direct Services Director, 22 years; Helen Rothermel, Information Specialist, 7 years; and Maricela Carlos, 3 years.

Dept. of Aging: Preparing for The Coming of the 'Age Wave'

By Laura Trejo, General Manager, Dept. of Aging

The Department of Aging is responsible for meeting the needs of a group that only began to emerge in significant numbers within the last 100 years. If we look to the beginning of the 1900s, in most of the world the average lifespan was somewhere in the mid 40s. Human beings have nearly doubled their life span during the last century. This dramatic growth in the number of older adults, accompanied by decreasing birth rates and technological advances in health care, all add up to a shift in our demographic make up. The population of our nation, state and city is getting older.

Aging is universal, irreversible and inevitable, and in the absence of catastrophic events, the process of aging is a

slow and relatively invisible one, at least to the person who is doing the aging. The process of aging is shaped both by genetic "givens" and by a huge number of psychological, social and environmental factors that accumulate and interact to comprise "experience." No two people age the same way.



Laura Trejo, General Manager Department of Aging

It is the role of the Department of Aging to anticipate age-related challenges that affect us at the level of individual, families, business, and government and to develop responses to meet these challenges. Our advocates, staff and community partners are working to prepare our City and its communities for the coming of the Age Wave. Are you ready? 🏠



From left: Joaquin Salazar, Receptionist, 4 months; Sybil de Silva, Receptionist, 3 months; Eda Meredith, Management Assistant, 1 year; Janet Howell, Management Assistant, 12 years; Ardis Nishikawa, 22 years; Teresa Paz, Monitor, 3 years; and Moyra Alpert, Monitor, 5 years.

Department of Aging

PROFILE

- General Manager:** Laura Trejo
- Assistant General Manager:** Rushmore Cervantes
- Management:** James Don
- Administration Services:** Dale Osborne
- Administration Services-Fiscal:** Gwen Johnson
- Planning:** Jake Wood
- Home and Community:** Jane Stumbo
- Information and Assistance:** Marco Perez
- Contract Development:** Martin tan de Bibiana
- Direct Services:** Ardis Nishikawa
- Annual Budget:** \$28 million
- Program Budget:** \$24.5 million
- Administration Budget:** \$3.6 million
- Employees:** 68

City Employee Caregivers: Lunch-Time Training Sessions

The Department of Aging identified a need to provide Family Caregiver Training for persons working or living in the City of Los Angeles who care for someone age 60 or over, or caregivers in that age group caring for someone age 18 or younger. To make it as accessible as possible, one-hour trainings during lunchtime allow working caregivers to easily attend at designated in-services at employer sites.

Various topics are offered by professionals in their respective field of expertise. The training module topics include:

- Family Members Who Care (overview of care-giving and resources)
- Housing Options, Including How to Hire a Home Care Employee
- Fall and Injury Prevention
- Moving Your Care Receiver

- Legal and Financial Planning for Long-Term Care
- Memory Problems/Creating a Partnership With Your Doctor
- End-of-Life Care
- Medication Management
- Medicare/Medical
- Dealing With Difficult Behaviors

The training sessions have been presented to more than 1,500 City employee caregivers (as of January) through the City of Los Angeles, Personnel Department and the Department of Water and Power.

Have Questions?

If you wish to call and ask about this or any other caregiver or senior services, please call (800) 834-4777. 🏠

Department of Aging

Department of the Month



From left: Dakarai Smith, Personnel Coordinator, 3 years; Stanley Desir, Management Analyst, 9 years; Dale Osborne, Administrative Services Director, 15 years; and Daisy Rojas, Management Analyst, 14 years.



From left: Rochelle LeBlanc, Management Analyst II, 5 years; Sue Kelly, Management Assistant, 7 years; C. Jacob Wood, Director, 18 years; and Delia Wilkerson, Management Analyst I, 22 years.



Rushmore Cervantes, Assistant General Manager, 11 years.



Nick Trinh, Systems Analyst, 2 years; Claudia Farfan, Personnel Director, 9 years; Helen Tomayo, Management Analyst II, 28 years; Solie Nosrat, Systems Programmer, 13 years; and Ariel Larracas.



Back row, from left: Jacob John, Management Analyst II, 14 years; Francisco Guillermo, Management Analyst, 4 years; and Martin Tan De Bibiana, Sr. Management Analyst, 17 years. Front row, from left: Margaret Tarin, Senior Clerk Typist, 32 years; John Robinson, Management Analyst, 7 years; Portia Collins, Management Analyst II, 7 years; Ivy Su, Management Analyst II, 5 years; Andre Gaiter, Management Analyst II, 10 years; and Javier Chavez, Clerk Typist, 2 years.

Department of Aging: Serving City's Seniors and Their Family Caregivers

■ **By 2010, 1 in 5 Californians will be age 60 or over.**

The Department of Aging is a unique entity within the City family: It is a department and an official agency designated by the State of California as an Area Agency on Aging, allowing it to receive Older Americans Act and Older Californians Act grant funds to administer social services for both seniors and their family caregivers in the City. Serving seniors since 1975, the department has grown from a small office within the Mayor's Office to an

independent department with more than 60 staff, and an annual budget of approximately \$28 million, of which only \$4.1 million is in General Fund support.

The Department acts as advocate to improve services for older persons and their families and serves as a portal to care, assessing multiple service needs, determining eligibility, delivering services and monitoring the appropriateness and cost-effectiveness of these services. It operates with a small and dedicated staff.

As the population has changed over time, with people living longer but facing chronic illness and frailty, services have evolved to meet

these new and more challenging needs. The Department of Aging coordinates the provision of low-cost, comprehensive, quality care to thousands of older persons by helping them and their families navigate a complex system of services. At the neighborhood

level, its contract agencies strive to maximize service potential and avoid duplication of effort.

The Department collaborates extensively with others to maximize its impact throughout the City. In 2003, through innovative partnerships with local and national agencies, the Department of Aging successfully brought to the City two of nine federal grants, one to improve physical mobility among sedentary elders and the other to provide medication monitoring to frail older persons. The grants focus on prevention as a key strategy to keeping older persons healthy and independent.

Laura Trejo, the Department's General Manager, started in December 2003. She observed, "The months since coming to the Department of Aging have been informative, challenging and exciting. Our main focus is to make it easier for older persons to live independently in the comfort of their own surroundings. This is not only cost effective, but it is the preferred choice for older adults and their families.

"The Department's vision is to foster an environment that creates and supports programs that are consumer focused, providing older adults and their families a choice and opportunities for active participation in their care decisions."

To carry out this vision, the Department's management team is focused on:

- Creating one shared vision for a senior services system within our aging network and among the City and County Area Agency's on Aging
- Managing a responsive service delivery system that addresses the diversity within the older adult population
- Encouraging and support personnel that is trained to understand the unique needs of an aging population
- Identifying opportunities for increased visibility within the City family and throughout by becoming a community asset
- Exploring public and private sources of funding and new partnership opportunities to maintain and expand our services
- Creating opportunities for older adults to contribute to their communities by tapping their life experience, skills and desire to serve others
- Promoting intergenerational partnerships among organizations serving young people, families, and older adults.

The Department is proud to serve the needs of the City's seniors and their caregivers, persons who have for decades built and supported stronger, more vibrant communities in the City of Los Angeles. 🏡

Hey, Dept. of Aging:

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Beverly Haro
Member Services Counselor

Newsbrief

HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

On Feb. 13, Mayor Jim Hahn announced that key city home repair programs have been saved despite federal grant program changes that put the programs at risk.

"We are facing tough fiscal times, but we are focusing our efforts to ensure our priorities are being funded," Mayor Hahn said. "Those priorities include our home repair programs, which help senior and disabled Los Angeles residents remain independent and in their homes."

The Handyworker, Urgent Repair and Home Secure programs were funded through federal grant dollars, but changes this year in how those grants could be used made the continuation of the programs this year very uncertain.

The Mayor's Office worked with the Los Angeles Housing Department, which adminis-

ters the home repair programs, to develop creative ways to find funding for them. By making a concerted effort to collect unpaid debts, the city was able to come up with 90 percent of the funding needed to preserve the home repair programs. Additional money was found within the budget by an effort by the office of Chief Legislative Analyst Ron Deaton and the City Council.

"By working creatively, we were able to pull together a lion's share of home repair funding by collecting unpaid debts, a process that not only saved these programs but didn't impact any others," Mayor Hahn said. "Our home repair programs not only make life better for

people receiving repair work, they benefit the entire city.

The programs put contractors to work, and does so for a good cause. With minor repairs, seniors and the disabled can stay independent and in their homes, instead of relying on costly nursing home care or other government services. And by putting in better locks, we can help Los Angeles residents stay safe, deterring crime and easing the burden on our police department."

Mayor Hahn made the announcement at the Watts Senior Center after having lunch there with local residents. "The Handyworker program provides a valuable service to the sen-

ior citizens in my district," said Councilwoman Janice Hahn. "By continuing this program, we are both helping our seniors and improving our neighborhoods."

Around the City



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**March of Dimes
Charity**

Picnic & Car Show

Saturday, April 24, 2004

Location:
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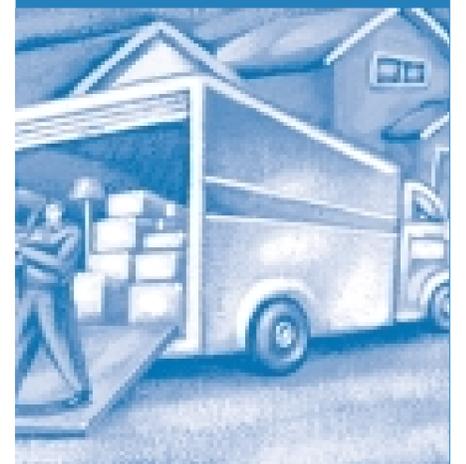
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"I commend the advocates and recipients of this wonderful program who made sure that we all understand its importance. I personally know many residents who have been helped immeasurably by the Handyworker program."

The city's home repair programs provide low income senior citizens and disabled Los Angeles residents with free home improvements including fixing or replacing windows or doors; installing railings or ramps to improve accessibility; installing security doors and fences to improve security; repairing steps, porches and installing smoke detectors to increase safety; as well as emergency

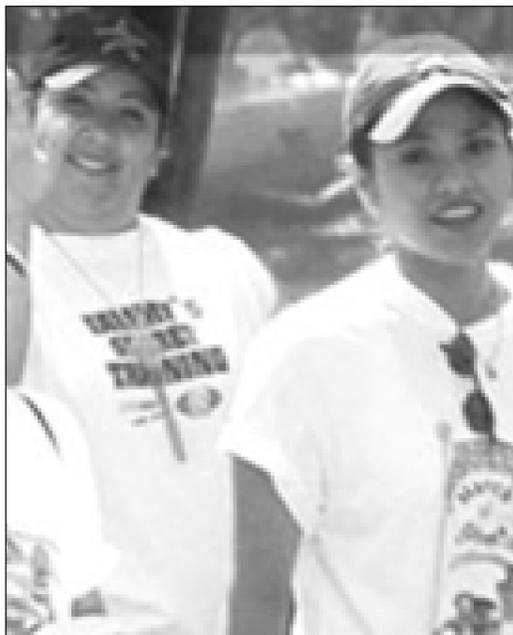
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City's March of Dimes Campaign Is Sprinting Toward April Walk-a-Thon



■ Coordinators in place, codes available for online registration.

Zaki Mustafa, a Senior Transportation Engineer with the Dept. of Transportation, has reported that several elements are in place for participating in the March of Dimes' Spring WalkAmerica.

Mustafa is coordinating the City's efforts at participating in the walk-a-thon, scheduled for April 24th at Griffith Park.

"More than 10,000 walkers and their families will participate in the March of Dimes' 34th annual WalkAmerica at the beautiful Griffith Park on Saturday, April 24th," Mustafa said. "With its

expanded, carnival-like setting, this walk site will be a very family-oriented event full of fun games, rides and other cool activities for the children and great entertainment, celebrity appearances, good food, and recreation for all.

He continued: "Team LA is in force, with more than 45 department coordinators determined to raise \$350,000 for the babies. You can help by supporting your department coordinator and participating at our walk. During this uncertainty in the air, we are all doing double duties. We are all giving 110 percent to the City, but at the same time we are asking these Department Team Captains to take on additional responsibilities.

"Along with the Mayor Hahn, City councilmembers, the City manager and the infants



of the March of Dimes, I want to thank the team captains for stepping up to the plate to take on this additional task to bring back the number one municipal team title in the nation to City of Los Angeles.

"Remember: Only together can we make a difference."

Here's a Website for you keep up with the fundraising progress: <http://home.earthlink.net/~marchofdimes/>



March of Dimes Coordinators

(As of Feb. 20)

Dept.	Name
Aging	Maricela Carlos
Airports	Michelle Acquah
Bldg. and Safety	Preston Meyer
CAO	Claudia Castellon
CDD	Miguel Acuna
Child, Youth and Family	Janine Prado
City Clerk	Todd Gaydowski
Comm. Redevelopment	Cynthia Richmond
Controller	Shane Min
Convention Center	Estella Morales
Disability	Betty Wilson
Ethics	Jessica Montanez
EPD	Carmen Steward
Environmental Affairs	Jose Gutierrez
Finance	Sandy Lai
LAFD	June Andrade
LAFD	Tom Ottman
Fire/Police Pensions	George Choe
Gen. Services	Martin Victor
Harbor	Tish Lorenzana
Housing Authority	Laura Reyes
ITA	Stacy Burnette

Dept.	Name
LAFD Credit Union	Joann Coffelt
Library	Leona Jackson
Neighborhood Empowerment	Toska Collier-Garner
Personnel	Gail Thomas
Planning	Sarah Rigamat
LAPD	Encarina Cordeta
Pub. Works/BFM	Claude Gonzales
Pub. Works/Board	Liana Chan
Pub. Works/Contract Adm.	Ted Galsim
Pub. Works/Engineering	Kandace Baptiste
Pub. Works/Sanitation	Glenn Morikawa
Pub. Works/Street Lighting	Sylvia Abad
Pub. Works/Street Lighting	Juliet Ward
Pub. Works/Street Services	Lori Sapone
Transportation	Betty Harris
Treasurer	Elizabeth Lee

Register Online

The March of Dimes has simplified the registration process online. Go to their Website: www.walkamerica.com and set up your sponsor from. It's important that you use one of the following team codes. If we don't use the right code, TEAM LA does not get credit for the funds raised.

Dept.	Team Code	Dept.	Team Code
Aging	3003-00	LAFD Credit Union	3051-00
Airports	3004-00	LACERS	3019-00
Airports "Team Ontario"	3004-01	LAFD	3021-00
Animal Regulation	3005-00	LAPD	3035-00
Building and Safety	3007-00	Los Angeles Federal Credit Union	3047-00
CAO	3002-00	Mayor's Office Neighborhood Empowerment	3029-00
CDD	3013-00	Pub. Works/Accounting	3056-01
City Attorney	3009-00	Pub. Works/Board Office	3001-11
City Clerk	3010-00	Pub. Works/Contract Admin.	3006-00
CLA	3008-00	Pub. Works/Mgt. Employee Svcs.	3014-00
Comm. for Children	3053-00	Pub. Works/Sanitation	3028-00
Comm. on Status of Women	3012-00	Pub. Works/Street Lighting	3036-00
Controller	3015-00	Pub. Works/Street Services	3038-00
Convention Center	3030-00	Pensions	3039-00
Council Offices	3054-00	Personnel	3032-00
CRA	3011-00	Planning	3033-00
Cultural Affairs	3016-00	Public Library	3034-00
Disability	3031-01	Recreation and Parks	3027-00
DWP	3044-00	Social Services	3017-00
Emergency Preparedness	3057-00	Transportation	3037-00
Engineering	3020-00	Treasurer/Office of Finance	3041-00
Environmental Affairs	3045-00	Water and Power Credit Union	3042-00
Ethics Commission	3049-00	Zoo	3048-00
General Services	3022-00		3055-01
Harbor	3023-00		
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Club Member and Soccer Fan Gives Back to Community, Family

■ **Leonardo Guerra of West Valley Sanitation Yard makes sure teaching his son to play soccer is a high priority.**

The hurried thuds and thumps of soccer cleats pounding on the soccer grass, and the excited cheers of support from fans are regular sounds on most afternoons for the F.C. Barcelona U.S.A. team.

You might think that these would be the sounds of a professional soccer team, but this is in fact a local children's soccer team based out of Pasadena. The cheers come strongest from West Valley Sanitation employee Leonardo Guerra Sr. At the end of the workday, it's common to see Leonardo at a soccer field helping his son Leonardo Jr. with his highly developed ball handling skills.

The soccer club was founded in 1999 to provide a top-quality soccer club for children in Pasadena and its surroundings. The Club plays in the Coast Soccer League, considered the top league in California.

With the commanding voice resounding of the professional soccer coach Cherif Zevin on the soccer field, the children are instructed in team concepts and methods for the present competition and for the future, as they become adults.

"The children learn to be disciplined and become skilled with the great lessons of life during this critical time in their lives, that's why my son has been playing for the last four years," says Leonardo Sr., employee of the City's Bureau of Sanitation in the West Valley Sanitation Yard.



Leonardo Sr. has dedicated many hours to the development of his children and to the 17 boys. These 17 boys comprise the soccer team and through his involvement with the soccer league, he hopes that his 7-year-old twins Tiffany and Kristopher Guerra will gain the same life and competitive skills that Leonardo Jr. has gathered. The Club organizes and sponsors international soccer tours each year. These tours not only allow the children to play against top teams from other countries, but provide the children with cultural experiences which many of them would not otherwise enjoy. To date, the children have visited and competed in Spain, France, Italy, Costa Rica and Brazil. ■

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Newsbrief

SOUTH L.A. CENTER:

On Feb. 12, Mayor Hahn joined state and local officials at the dedication of the Exposition Park Intergenerational Community Center in South Los Angeles.

"This is a great facility which helps to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods," Mayor Hahn said. "Giving kids and families access to recreational facilities, at no cost, is one of the smartest things we can do to help keep our neighborhoods safe and our children engaged. I applaud the public and private partnerships that made this possible."

"The Exposition Park Intergenerational Community is without a doubt one of the crown jewels of the City of Los Angeles," said Assemblyman Mark Ridley Thomas. "It is a recreational, educational and cul-



tural venue like few others. The most distinguished feature of EPICC is its intergenerational component where community youth and elders can share common ground for mutual benefit and support. Through its great programs and the community relationship it seeks to engender, EPICC provides the intersection for community for transformation and hope."

The community center is open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. Membership is required, but it is free. Members will have access to basketball and volleyball programs, as well as swimming, cooking, dance and martial arts and an after-school program. ■

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City Hall Honors Three Champion USC Teams

As Associate Band Director Tony Fox led members of the world famous Trojan Marching Band with its performances of "Fight On" and "Tribute to Troy," family members and fans gathered at the first-ever ceremony on the First Street steps of City Hall to pay tribute to three University of Southern California championship sports teams Jan. 21. This is a rare honor for USC as the university places its mark in its history to win three championships in the same fall season.

Those in attendance included USC president Steven B. Sample, Athletic Director Mike Garrett, the three head coaches, and several city council members. Councilman Tom LaBonge shared inspiring commentary for the student athletes.

Mayor Hahn was scheduled to attend but was called away at the last minute to attend to an

urgent police matter. Nonetheless, Renata Simril, the Los Angeles deputy mayor for economic development, presented the mayor's public statement to USC president Steven Sample.

"As the highest-ranking Trojan in the mayor's office, it gives me the distinct honor and privilege of honoring the University of Southern California and proclaiming today, Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2004, as USC Trojans Day," remarks the deputy mayor.

The 2003 football, women's volleyball, and men's water polo teams were honored Jan. 21 by the city of Los Angeles. The ceremony began promptly at 10 a.m., headed by City council member Bernard Parks.

"USC Trojans are the cornerstone of our community, and what we are here to do today is to show America that you win championships in the pool, on the court or on the field, not in the computer," Parks said, making a good-natured swipe at football's BCS rankings controversy.

A convoy through the streets of Los Angeles unveiled the rest of the day's activities. Following the City Hall ceremony, the three USC teams crammed onto four open-air double-decker buses and began the parade-like drive back to campus.

USC supporters and interested spectators alike cheered the convoy as it headed down Figueroa Street before turning onto the University Park campus to ignite the mid-day rally where a crowd of nearly 3,000 fans greeted them. 



The throngs celebrating USC Day at City Hall. From left: Deputy Mayor Renata Simril, Councilwoman Jan Perry, Councilman Tom LaBonge, Councilman Bernard Parks (at podium), USC president Steven B. Sample, USC Athletic Director Mike Garrett, and USC Head Football Coach Pete Carroll.

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Newsbrief

DEPARTMENTAL CONTRACTING

On Feb. 12, Mayor Hahn announced that he has directed that a best practices study on contracting at the city's proprietary departments be completed within 30 to 60 days and that USC Professor Erwin Chemerinsky has been named to lead a blue ribbon City commission that will review the report and final recommendations on contracting at the departments.

"Our airports and port are vital to the entire nation's economy, and the DWP keeps the lights on for almost 4 million Los Angeles customers," the Mayor said. "The smooth operation of these departments is essential to all of us. By using best practices, we will ensure that our city contractors are delivering the highest quality services at the best possible cost and that the proprietary departments have transparent and consistent contracting policies."

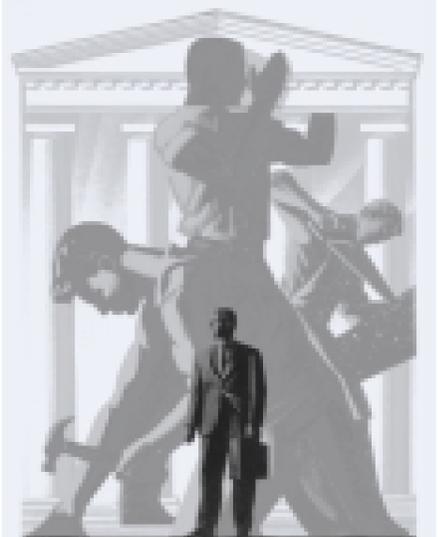
Under Mayor Hahn's direction, the city's Chief Administrative Officer will select a consultant to analyze contracting procedures at Los Angeles World Airports, the Port of Los Angeles and the Department of Water and Power (DWP). Mayor Hahn has asked that the consultant deliver to the blue-ribbon panel a report detailing a thorough and impartial review of the departments' contracting processes and recommendations on best practices that could be implemented. The report will also consider recommendations in Controller Laura Chick's December audit of Los Angeles World Airports and other studies of the proprietary departments' operations.

"We are looking at this endeavor to consolidate the various analyses of the proprietary departments into a single effort that will deliver results," Mayor Hahn said. In addition to Chemerinsky, the blue ribbon commission will consist of other members representing diverse perspectives.

"The commission will be made up of Los Angeles leaders who have the expertise and integrity to make sure the airports, port and DWP award contracts efficiently, uniformly and transparently," Mayor Hahn said. "I look forward to this report. When it is finished, our airports, port and DWP will be able to better serve the people of Los Angeles."

Chemerinsky is the Sydney M. Irmas Professor of Public Interest Law, Legal Ethics and Political Science at the University of Southern California Law School and was the chairman of the Elected Los Angeles Charter Reform Commission and a member of the Los Angeles Police Commission's Blue Ribbon Rampart Review Panel.

City officials will begin the process of hiring a consultant through a Request for Qualifications. ■



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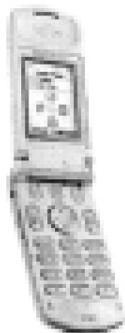
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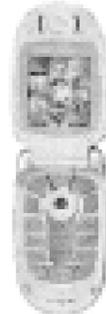
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Retirees NEWS

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For Retirees

By Phil Skarin, RLACEI Publicity Chair

Membership NEWS

■ Murray Lewis "Tommy" Thompson, 95, passed away Jan. 19 from injuries from an auto accident. He had been the manager of the fire and police pension system. He was a longtime member of the Civic Center Optimist Club, many of whom attended his memorial services at Forest Lawn, including Bob Russell, 90, and Larry Jones, 88

■ Sampson Wilson writes, "I read your column every time it comes out. It is very good"

■ Angela Hughes writes, "I enjoy reading your column, and I love the 'Thought for the Day' at the end of your well-written column"

■ Jane Schanck Denham, retired supervisor, Library Dept., tells of other family members City work history:

- Her father, Harold Schanck, was a plumbing inspector for Building and Safety and then a plumbing supervisor for Rec. and Parks
- Her husband, Richard Denham, worked as a life-guard for Rec. and Parks, then worked for LAPD, then as a supervisor for Rec. and Parks
- Her two sons, Richard and Robert, worked as locker attendants for Rec. and Parks. Richard is now a federal agent. Robert is in Iraq with the Air Force.
- Her uncle, Herbert Schanck, worked for Rec. and Parks as a gardener.

If you have any news about a retiree that you'd like to share, send it to Phil Skarin at 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411, or call (818) 784-0130.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

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clouds and view the heavens
more clearly
A time to become more in
tune with the majesties of
the Creator.*



Tune Up Your Surfing Skills: RLACEI Website Is Approved

by Phil Skarin, RLACEI Publicity Chair

Ed Harding, RLACEI president, reports: "Our executive board has approved the establishing of a web page on the Internet. This will provide an additional means of communicating our activities to our 9,000 members. Thanks to Hal Danowitz for spearheading this project.

"At our Christmas Party at the Grace E. Simons Lodge, the Checker Cab Company had donated two cabs to shuttle people from the parking areas to the Lodge. Unfortunately, some people thought they would have to pay, but the cabs were free! At our future Picnic and Christmas Party, both at the Lodge, we hope that the Checker Cab will provide this public service again."

Legislative Update: Ken Spiker, our elected representative to the LACERS Board of Directors and Chairman of LACERS benefits and Administration Committee, reports retired civilian City employees receive a dental subsidy in accordance with the Administrative Code. Surviving spouses and domestic partners are not eligible for the subsidy after the retiree's death, although they may continue to purchase dental benefits through LACERS. Last year the LACERS Board obtained the cost from its actuary of providing a subsidy to survivors.

A motion has been introduced by

Councilman Bernard Parks that directed the CAO to study the feasibility of funding such benefits to their surviving spouse.

On Jan. 21, the CAO issued its reports to the Personnel Committee. The CAO reviewed

the findings of the actuary, which indicates that the City's annual contribution to LACERS would increase by .13 percent of payroll to fund the benefit, assuming both current and future surviving spouses receive the benefit. For 2004, this would result in an increased contribution of \$1.9 million, in addition to the contribution requirements to maintain current benefits. According to the CAO, without this additional benefit to the City's contribution will increase by approxi-

mately \$95 million for 2004-05 and is expected to increase for at least another two years. In view of the City's projected budget deficit for the current year and next fiscal year, the CAO cannot recommend that this benefit be approved.

Member News: Hal Danowitz recently visited the Mormon Church's History Library in Salt Lake City. He was interested in researching information on his grandmother, who came to this country in 1907. He reported that he was successful in finding her on the list at Ellis Island and the manifest of the ship she arrived on. You don't need to go to Salt Lake to do the research – the following Websites are

very helpful: www.familysearch.org, www.jewishgen.org, and www.ellislandrecords.org ...

Golf Tournament: The 26th Annual Retirees Invitational Golf Tournament will again be at the popular Alhambra Golf Course Tuesday, June 15. The L.A. Federal Credit Union is again offering a sleeve of monogrammed golf balls to every golfer. Other prize sponsors are needed to help keep the entry fee lower. If you would like to be a sponsor, call co-chairman Phil Skarin at (818) 784-0130 or Tom Stemnock at (818) 487-6789. Helpers are also badly needed to do the scoring and handicapping.

Change of Address: If you change your address, notify Membership Chair Helen Salgado at 5423 Dewar St., L.A., CA 90022. Also notify LACERS. ☺



Ed Harding,
RLACEI President

Coming events:

April 15 – General Membership Meeting at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center Free lunch at noon if you make a reservation by calling one of the officers on the Retirees Helpline by April 7

June 15 – Retirees Golf Classic

Aug. 12 – Retirees' Picnic at the Grace E. Simons Lodge;

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St. Patrick's DAY



Downtown to Be Awash in Wearin' o' the Green as St. Patrick Parade Returns

St. Patrick returns to drive the snakes proverbially out of downtown March 17 as the fifth annual Los Angeles City St. Patrick's Day parade is set to go March 17.

The parade begins at 11:30 a.m. on St. Patrick's Day. Participants can check in beginning at 9 a.m. The parade is expected to conclude at 12:45 p.m.

The starting point for the parade is the corner of 4th and Flower Streets downtown. The scheduled end point is at the corner of 5th and Olive Streets, in front of the Biltmore Hotel.

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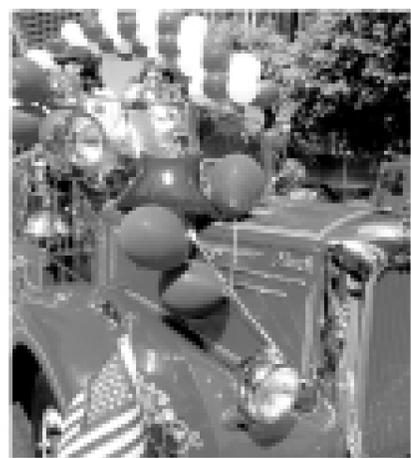
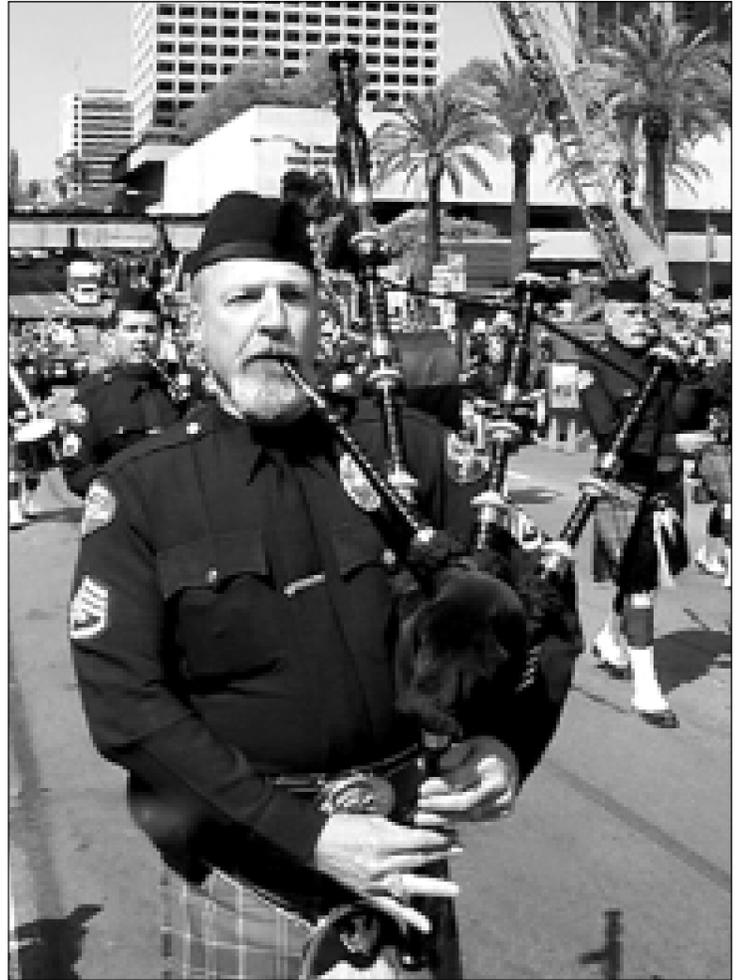
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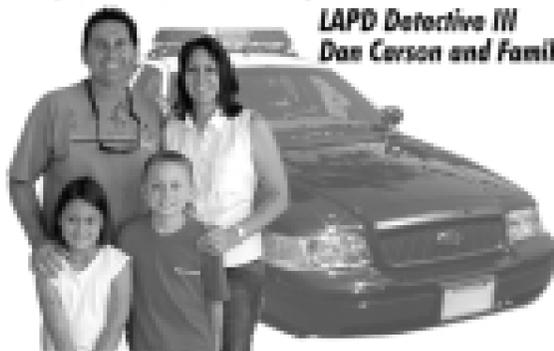


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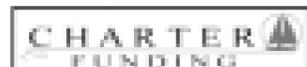
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March Remembers Two Dedicated To Freedom: Patrick and Cesar

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17 to honor Patrick, Ireland's patron saint.

Almost 1,500 years ago the patron saint and national hero of Ireland was born in Wales to a Gaelic family that had migrated to Britain. The Roman Empire had its grip on the land, so most people like Patrick had become Christian.

Patrick lived a normal life as the son of a prosperous landowner and magistrate. Captured and forced into slavery, Patrick spent six years as a sheepherder. After escaping, Patrick returned to Ireland to do missionary work. On his return, Patrick worked for about 40 years in Ireland, preaching, baptizing and establishing churches, schools and colleges. His life and mark on history is commemorated on the day of his death—March 17, 461AD.

As luck would have it, I share with you a



variety of recipes to assist in the St. Patrick Day festivities. We couldn't get by without a recipe with corned beef, but you should know

that corned beef (and cabbage, of course) are really American more than Irish. The Irish who came to America learned how to make this dish from other immigrants in New York.

You'd be hard pressed to find corned beef in Ireland today.

March also marks the birthday of another hero, this one very close to many here in Southern California—César Chávez, who fought for the rites of Mexican Americans, and in doing that, worked for the rights of everyone, everywhere. The City celebrates his birthday March 31. Here we have a recipe from a city employee, Henry Jones, who was undoubtedly thinking about César Chávez by offering the Mexican Chicken Breast recipe. 🍴

My-Oh-My Corned Beef Meal

INGREDIENTS

- 5 lb joint of corned beef
 - 1 large cabbage
 - Bay leaf
 - 2 large onions
 - cold water to cover
 - 2 large carrots
 - Ground black pepper
 - 4 potatoes
- (Serves four to six)

DIRECTIONS

Quarter the cabbage and put aside. Peel and slice the other vegetables. Cover the meat with the water and bring to the boil. Skim the surface, add the vegetables (except the cabbage), the bay leaf and the pepper and simmer gently for 20 minutes. Add the cabbage and cook 30 minutes more. Serve the meat surrounded by the vegetables with additional mashed potatoes.



Limerick Ham

To the Irish, ham is a cured leg of pork. The preserving process is carried out in a number of different ways: salting, smoking, immersion in brine or even honey. Traditionally, Limerick ham is smoked over juniper branches. Whole hams should be steeped in cold water overnight before cooking but this is not necessary with smaller joints. The ham in this recipe is not really baked but rather finished off in the oven after having been cooked by simmering in cider.

INGREDIENTS

- 3-5 lb ham
- Cider to cover
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp mustard
- 20 whole cloves

DIRECTIONS

Cover the ham with cold water and bring slowly to the boil. Throw out the water and replace with cider. Bring this just to the boil and lower the heat, keeping the liquid barely simmering for 20 minutes to the 1 lb. Remove from the heat and allow to stand in the liquid for 30 minutes. Take out the ham, skin it and score the fat with a sharp knife in a diamond pattern. Stud with whole cloves. Mix the sugar and mustard and rub well into the surface of the ham. Bake in a pre-heated oven 10 minutes more to the 1 lb. at 400°F.



Potato Farl (aka potato cake)

The recipe calls for cooked, mashed potatoes. But be warned: This is not for the faint of heart with the amount of fat used. In any case, the mashed potatoes should be freshly boiled, or, better still, steamed and passed through a food mill, and used warm.

INGREDIENTS

- 2 lb mashed potatoes
- 4 oz plain flour
- 2 tbsp unsalted butter
- salt and pepper

DIRECTIONS

Melt the butter and mix into the potatoes with the salt. Work in the flour quickly but thoroughly and knead lightly. Divide in two and roll out each half on a floured board to form a circle about the size of a large dinner plate. Cut in quarters and cook for about 3 minutes on each side in a heavy frying pan in a little bacon fat if you can find it.



Burnes Ballymaloe Brown Bread

(Try saying that 10 times fast!)

This is a version of a staple of Irish life, and it's quite tasty. This recipe comes from Ballymaloe, a town (and castle) in County Cork. Most Irish who came to America came through the seaport at Cork. This is a no-knead, one-rise bread.

INGREDIENTS

- 3 1/2 tsp dry yeast
- 1 1/4 cups water
- 1 tsp molasses
- 3 1/2 cups whole-wheat flour
- 2 tsp salt

DIRECTIONS

■ Grease an 8-inch by 2 1/2-inch loaf pan and warm it in a preheated oven 250°F for 10 minutes.

■ Sprinkle the yeast into 2/3 cup of the water in a bowl. Leave for 5 minutes; stir to dissolve. Add the molasses. Leave for 10 minutes, until frothy. Add the remaining water and stir.

■ Mix the flour and salt in a large bowl. Make a well in the center and pour in the dissolved yeast. Stir in the flour to form a thick batter.

■ Use your hands to mix the batter gently in the bowl for 1 minute, until it begins to leave the sides of the bowl clean and forms a soft, sticky dough.

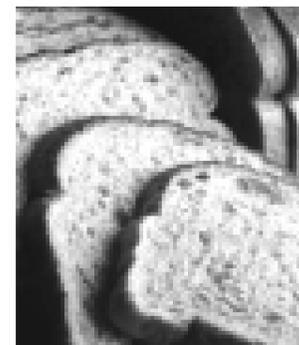
■ Place the dough in the prepared pan and cover with a dishtowel. Proof until the dough is 1/2in above the top of the pan, about 25-30 minutes.

■ Bake in the preheated oven at 420°F for 30 minutes, then lower the oven to 400°F and bake for 15 minutes.

■ Turn the loaf out of the pan and onto a baking sheet. Return the bread, bottom side up, to the oven. Bake for a further 10 minutes, until golden and hollow sounding when tapped underneath. Let cool on a wire rack.

Proofing: 25-30 minutes. **Oven temperature:** 425°F.

Baking: 55 minutes **Yeast alternative:** 1oz cake yeast **Yield:** 1 loaf



Mexican Chicken Breasts

Submitted by Henry Jones, Sanitation

INGREDIENTS

- 4 boned chicken breasts, cooked, cubed
- 1 can tomatoes with green chilies
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 (4 oz.) can taco sauce
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1 package taco chips
- 1/2 cup grated American cheese or Classic Melts blend of Cheddar and American

DIRECTIONS

Combine and heat tomatoes, soups, taco sauce and broth. Line bottom of casserole dish with taco chips. Add mixture of chicken and sauce. Top with grated cheese. Bake at 350 degrees until bubbly and hot.



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MOVIE REVIEWS

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Cheaper by the Dozen

This is a movie for the whole family. The kids will laugh till they cry. Steve Martin as the family's father is hilarious.

Hillary Duff plays the third kid, and is a very girly girl. Ashton Kutcher is the boyfriend of the oldest child but he does not like kids, so whenever he goes over to the family's house, all of the kids play

tricks on him.

This movie may also make you cry. I recommend this movie for the whole family. Go see it!

— Michelle Mendoza, 13
Daughter of Club Member Adriana Courseault, LAFD

Cheaper by the Dozen

Tom (Steve Martin) and Kate Baker (Bonnie Hunt) have 12 children (which in real life, between the actors they have zero, interestingly enough). Tom accepts a job he has been wanting for years and uproots the family to a new city and home. At about the same time, Kate gets a book published and has to go on the promotion tour. With Kate out of the house and Tom busy with his new job, you can figure out what is going to happen. Even with them in the house, chaos ensues. Although the movie is predictable, it still is full of laughs and quite enjoyable.

Also in the movie are Hilary Duff and Ashton Kutcher. And making guest appearances are Regis Philbin and Kelly Ripa. The movie is good for all ages.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

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Stuck on You

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you within three minutes or it's free.

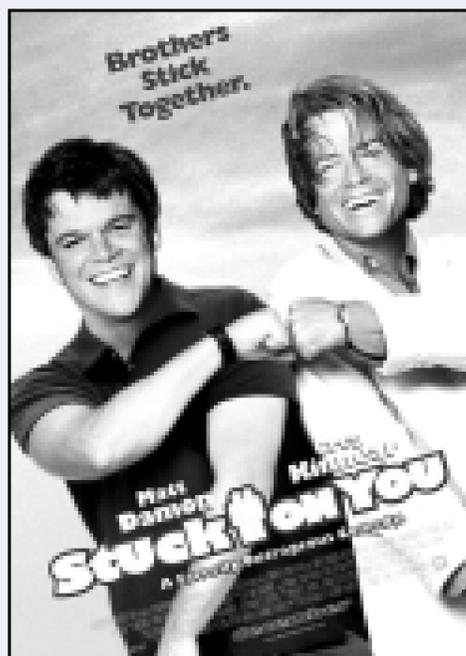
Walt wants to move to Hollywood and become an actor. Not wanting to stand in his brother's way, Bo agrees and the two head for California.

The brothers meet Cher, who stars as herself and is trying to get out of doing a television series. She gets the idea of hiring Walt, thinking the show will fail. But to everyone's surprise, the show is a hit and Walt becomes a star.

Bo meets a girlfriend over the Internet and for a short time is able to keep it a secret that he and Walt are conjoined. You can imagine how funny just that would be. But there is a lot more humor than just that.

The movie has a good story and a lot of comedy. It may not win any major awards, but I enjoyed it. Also guest appearances by Jack Nicholson, Meryl Streep, Jay Leno and Frankie Munoz.

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