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Club Honors Three With First-Ever Awards of Merit

■ Awards, which signify exemplary service to the Club, were handed out at the Club's 76th Annual Meeting Feb. 26.

The Club has been recognizing exemplary service to the City for almost all of its 76 years in existence. But, on Feb. 26 it began to honor those who have delivered exemplary service to the Club in its mission to honor City employees.

The City Employees Club's Awards of Merit were handed out during an annual luncheon meeting Thursday, Feb. 26, in the Tom Bradley Room high atop City Hall.

The awardees were:

- David Muraoka, who won the Chairman's Award
- Olivia Figueroa, who won the Department Representative Award
- Club Counselor Arlene Herrero, who won the President's Award.

"We have so many great people working hard to make the Club the success it has become," said Club COO John Hawkins, who hosted the luncheon. "These three are exemplary. We're glad to begin this award program."



The luncheon also featured the annual election of Club board members and other incorporation business.

Others who spoke included Club Board President Robyn Barnes and Club staffer Robert Larios.

General criteria for the awards were:

The Chairman's Award:

The nominee for the Chairman's Award is selected by the LACEA Chairman of the Board. The following criteria were used in the selection process:

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March of Dimes City Campaign In Full Swing for WalkAmerica

■ Club to sponsor free merry-go-round rides during charity event April 24. T-shirt Day is April 13.

Children who take part can ride the Griffith Park merry-go-round free during the March of Dimes WalkAmerica, thanks to the generosity of the Club. That's the latest news as the City's campaign to participate in the charity's WalkAmerica event heads down the final stretch before the event, scheduled for April 24 in Griffith Park.



The Club is sponsoring free rides on the Griffith Park carousel during WalkAmerica.

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by **John Hawkins**
 COO, The Club



DWP's Program Of Free Trees Is Made in the Shade

In last month's *Alive!*, we "unearthed" a little-known secret: a way to get free trees from the DWP's Trees for a Green LA. Yes, free trees!

It's a great program. The DWP gives you free trees that will not only beautify your home's landscape and save on energy costs, but will improve our environment as well. Sounds too good to be true, doesn't it?

Well just to see, I went to one of the DWP's two-hour seminars one recent Saturday (attending a seminar is mandatory to participate in the free trees program).

The seminar was very professional, informative and interesting. Victor Hercules and Irma Garcia did a fantastic job at explaining everything from the structure of a tree to what they call the "three Ps" (planning, planting and protecting). Victor is with the LA Conservation Corps and Irma is from the Korean Youth and Community Center. And just as a testament to how interesting the seminar was, I took my 7-year-old son, Noah, and he paid attention for the entire two hours.

(He was also reciting tree facts for the next couple of days ... does that sound familiar, parents?).

I learned quite a bit about planting trees as well as maintaining the trees I already have growing in my yard. More importantly, though, those who attend the seminar will not

end up planting a tree that withers away to a dry lifeless twig or one whose roots eventually destroy their driveway, sidewalk or foundation.

Also, keep in mind that most of the trees you will be getting are in a five-gallon container, so don't expect a full-grown tree to be delivered. One last thing, do not expect to

pick your trees immediately after the seminar; you need to place your order first and the trees will be delivered to your home in about two weeks.

It's an amazing program in an amazing City.

As I close for this month, don't forget to join the rush and call the number we listed to link your credit card for the amazing Office Depot discounts. It's for you! 🌳



From left: Tree teachers Victor Hercules and Irma Garcia.

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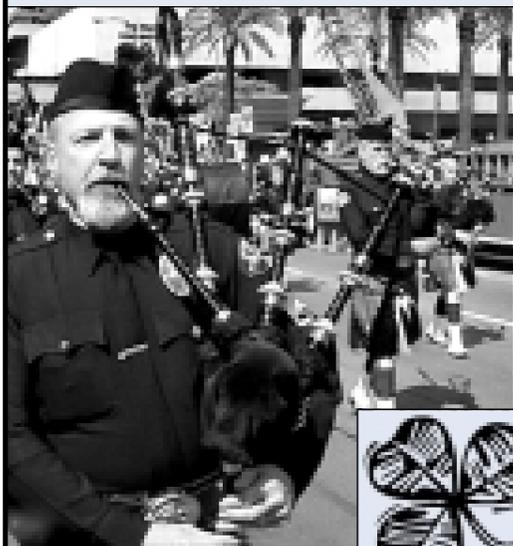
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St. Patrick's Day Parade



■ He Appreciates That the Club Is Everywhere, Even If Mayor Isn't

It seems as though the Club is everywhere. I recently saw Robert Larios, the Club Chef, at the USC ceremony, and some of the other Club staff taking pictures of some employees in our building at City Hall.

When I saw the Club banners placed across one of the fire trucks at the St. Patrick's Day Parade, I was happily surprised. It is indicative to me that the Club is making the effort to support the City and its

employees in every which way it can. It makes me happy to be a member of the one organization that is sensitive to the needs and wants of City employees.

Lastly, the parade was fun. I know that it is going to get bigger and better as the years go by. I have two thoughts ... Did someone forget to invite Mayor Hahn? Maybe inviting him would bring more people out to see the parade. Secondly, I would include some floats.

— Hugh Fitzcairn, Club Member

■ Capt. Andrade's Presence Made Parade Best Ever

Hats off to Capt. Andrade: This was the best St. Patrick's Day parade ever!

— Samantha Waters, Club Member

■ St. Paddy's Parade Keeps Getting Better

Every year the St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Los Angeles gets better and better. This year's parade was no exception.

The old fire engines and cars were especially interesting and fun to watch. The public as well as City employees demonstrated a moment of unity, and it was a pleasure to observe.

It was nice to see some of the councilmembers participate in the parade like Bernard Parks and Jan Perry. However, I looked for Mayor Hahn but I didn't see him in the grandstands or on the parade route. Can anyone tell me if he was there?

— Charlie Desalvo, City Clerk

Members Speak Out



■ The Recipes in *Alive!* Really Cook For This First-Time Bread Baker

The cooking article has to be one of the most entertaining parts of the newspaper. [Robert] Larios really does his homework when it comes to selecting the right recipe for the occasion.

Additionally, he makes good use of history with his article. I would have never known something about St. Patrick's Day and its foods unless I read "Cooking with the Club."

By the way, the Burnes Ballymaloe Brown Bread is one of a kind in my book. I made it and it turned out delicious. In fact, it is my first-ever baking experience. Did anyone else try this stuff?

— Lorenzo Garcia, Club Member

■ ClubFest Got Him Started, but Now He Likes Much of What Club Offers

Alright, I want to first say to all my City brothers and sisters if you haven't signed up: Sign up today!

You can't beat the Club savings. I signed up last July simply because I heard about the party in October and I'm glad I did. The party was outstanding: so much food, so much fun.

My kids ran around like chickens with their heads cut off. And that raffle guy was hilarious. [*Kudos to the Ticket Guy, who ran the raffle.—Ed.*]

Also, my boss referred me to join the Club, and he received a free movie ticket. Since then I have been trying to sign up every City employee and their mother. :)

But thank you Club staff for everything, your service is outstanding. Keep up the good work.

— "City Man", Club Member

■ He Regrets Not Signing Up for Long term Care When He Could

According to the US Census Bureau, life expectancy is increasing, too. Life expectancy was age 38 in 1850; 75 in 1985, and age 85 in 1993. More people living longer means an older population often surviving with medical conditions requiring personal assistance or treatment.

These statistics are translated into real life experiences for city employees. I know, because my wife is now in a nursing home with a cerebral disease and she is only 51 years old. It has taken all of our savings and we can only wish that we would have thought of long term care before we experienced this financial and emotional drain.

— Richard Ryan, Club Member

Corrections:

— In a story on her retirement in the March issue of *Alive!*, we misstated the title and department of Dorothy Dillard at her retirement. She was an emergency preparedness coordinator I in the Dept. of General Services.

We regret the error and wish Dorothy a great retirement.

— Also, on page 3 of the March issue, the name of the executive officer at the Department of Building and Safety was misstated. He is Raymond Chan.

Alive! regrets the error.



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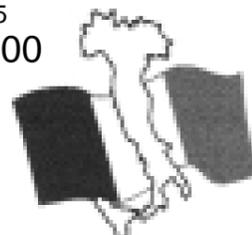


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Animal Services GM Greenwalt to Retire; Morris Becomes Acting GM

Jerry Greenwalt, general manager of the City's Animal Services Dept., announced his retirement. Mayor Jim Hahn appointed Sharon Morris as interim general manager until the permanent position is filled.

"Jerry Greenwalt has done an amazing job under extraordinarily difficult circumstances," Hahn said. "Pet adoptions have increased and euthanizations have decreased throughout the city. I thank Jerry for his dedication and wish him the best in retirement."

Greenwalt has served as general manager since October 2001, overseeing the department's six shelters located throughout Los Angeles, enforcing animal-related laws and acting to prevent cruelty to animals. During Greenwalt's tenure, Mayor Hahn announced the City's commitment to a no-kill policy for all adoptable animals by 2008 and introduced the Spaymobile, which provides thousands of free and subsidized surgeries to pets in low-income areas.

Morris, the executive director for the Department on Disability, has a long and distinguished record of City service, including a previous stint as interim general manager at Animal Services from 1997 to 1998. She also served as a deputy mayor from 1996 to 1997 and as a commissioner on the Board of Public Works from 1994 to 1995.

"I am absolutely confident that Sharon Morris will do an outstanding job as interim general manager," Mayor Hahn said. "She's got the experience and the know-how that will allow a seamless transition. We are lucky to have her in the city family."



Jerry Greenwalt, General Manager, Animal Services

"I am pleased and honored to be asked to return to the Department of Animal Services at this time," Morris said. "The Mayor and Jerry have begun several exciting initiatives, and I look forward to working with the department's committed and talented staff to move them forward."

Madeline Bernstein, president of SPCA LA, has agreed to chair the search committee for a permanent general manager. "I look forward to working with the Mayor's Office and Sharon Morris in locating a general manager who will be progressive, compassionate and committed to fulfilling the needs of the animals and the citizens of Los Angeles," Bernstein said.

Greenwalt's last day will be April 12. 📧

Animal Services Staff Pays Tribute to Greenwalt, His Career

Who is Jerry Greenwalt? What's he like? These are questions often put to us — especially since L.A. Animal Services is frequently in the news.

Jerry Greenwalt is general manager of L.A. Animal Services and has been since his initial interim appointment in October 2001. He is retiring this April, after close to 33 years of dedicated City service.

Jerry's career has been illustrious, beginning with analyst work for the City administrative officer. From there, he became administrative officer for the Los Angeles Zoo before becoming zoo director and then general manager of L.A. Animal Services. He has a Bachelor's degree in political science from Occidental College. Oh, and here's a good one I found out: Jerry played football in college and tried out for the L.A. Rams before becoming injured.

Jerry Greenwalt got a lot done during the short time he was general manager at L.A. Animal Services. For the first time, in the City's history, the department's euthanasia rates have dropped to 50 percent. Adoption rates have shot up. Animals are getting spayed, neutered and microchipped. Officers are out there writing citations and taking cases to court. The number of animal licenses and permits has practically doubled.

It is because of Jerry and his leadership that we now have a great Website and a mobile spay/neuter clinic (here comes the Spaymobile!) and a customer service call center ([888]-4LA-PET1) and a bunch of other neat things going on. He's motivated everyone to work toward being life-oriented, i.e., saving the lives of animals, finding them homes, etc., as only Jerry can do. How does he do it? Shh ... Jerry motivates with kindness and enthusiasm. He trusts you to do a great job. He trusts you to do a great job! Just how in the world can you let a guy like that down? Great boss, huh!

Wonderful thoughts come to mind when asked to describe one of our favorite people ever ... and we really mean that from the heart. Above all, Jerry Greenwalt is the ultimate gen-

tleman and all that goes with that like integrity, kindness and a refinement that comes with a background that has traveled and enjoys the finer things life has to offer: fine wine, opera and, okay, golf. Should you decide to give him a bottle of wine, be aware that he's a connoisseur and truly enjoys a fine wine. Oh yes, martinis also work for him. He's a chef, and when Jerry describes what he plans to cook, he does it in such vivid detail and with such expression that it literally makes your mouth water.

Travel? The man's lived and traveled all over the world, an impressive visa record. In fact, he lived in Saudi Arabia for a while, where his daughter spent the first few years of her life. Stories? He can tell them from the utterly hilarious and ridiculous to the totally frightening.

The love of Jerry's life is his family. One of us asked him how long he's been married. His response was sweet: "As of today, 39 great years, 3 months and 3 days." His really attractive wife, Karen, is as sweet a lady as Jerry is a gentleman. She's a lawyer, as is their daughter. Again, just the nicest people anyone's gotta know.

Then, there's Jerry's sense of humor. During a difficult time, his wife called and asked us to pass a message on to him: "Why the long face?" That sure got him going. As it turns out, it is something a bartender once asked a horse. (Get it?)

This past year has been rough for the boss and the department, with people spewing what we consider to be vile lies about Jerry and L.A. Animal Services. It was difficult yet enlightening to see a good man at work amidst all that. His character and integrity shone bright. Jerry was unwavering and kept the ship steered right in the direction that he had mapped out: to save the lives of animals.

We at L.A. Animal Services are so very happy that Jerry gets to retire and go onto other things after so many, many years of service. We knew it was going to happen. It's just that, expecting it doesn't really make it much better.

We're gonna miss the man. Greenwalt's been good for the animals and the department and for all of us. I'm gonna miss the only person I've ever really looked up to enough to call "boss."

Enjoy your travels, boss! It's been an honor.

—Jackie David and the Animal Services staff

Wanna be heard? What do you think about the Jerry Greenwalt situation?

Let us know: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Julie Butcher of SEIU Local 347 Supports Jerry Greenwalt's City Service Legacy

SEIU Local 347 today issued the following statement of strong support for Jerry Greenwalt, general manager of the Department of Animal Services, who recently announced his retirement from City service. Local 347 emphasizes that Jerry was not fired but announced a retirement that had been planned long ago but postponed in the name of public service.

"Jerry has been a great leader of the Department of Animal Services," said Julie Butcher of Local 347. "He did a thankless job that literally struck way too close to home. Despite being personally threatened, he maintained a deep commitment to the people and

animals he served.

"We are proud of the gains that workers and management have made together under Jerry's leadership to respect the sanctity of all life, animal and human. We look forward to implementing the 'no kill' policy and making other critical improvements that will benefit people and animals alike. Together, we can pay tribute to Jerry's remarkable legacy by working towards a better quality of life for Animal Services workers and the communities and animals they serve.

"We wish Jerry all the best and salute him for his heartfelt public service." 📧

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Harbor Dept. on Par for Fun At Feb. HDEC Golf Classic

More than 51 duffers participated in the Harbor Department's annual golf classic, held Feb. 20 at the Los Verdes Golf Course.

Organizers of the event were Club Member Pablo Ninofranco, Martin Lovato, Dennis Ogren and Gabriel Silva.

Sponsors included your City Employees Club of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Federal Credit Union and the Harbor Department Marketing.

Your City Employees Club sponsored Hole 3, where the closest to the pin won a \$50 American Express Gift Cheque. The Club also donated logo coffee mugs, City Employees Club logo hats, and Club logo tees and markers.

Club Counselor Arlene Herrero and Member Services Manager Angel Gomez hung out at the third green, greeting golfers and handing out bags of goodies.

Here are some photos of the event.

Individual winners included:

Closest to the Pin:

- HOLE #3: Ron Sakoda
- HOLE #5: Pablo Ninofranco
- HOLE #12: Andy Hippert
- HOLE #17: John Cameron

Longest Drive:

- MALE: Mike Rubino
- FEMALE: Rica Viola

Low Gross:

- MALE: (78) Mike Rubino
- FEMALE: (105) Rica Viola

Low Net:

- MALE: (66) Brett McDaniel
- FEMALE: (77) Dolores Matich

Team Competition:

Matt Daddario, Dave Chrisman, David Walsh, Andy Hippert, Tom Asuncion, Dave Sutton, John Cameron, Al Guerrero, Dan Aleman, Gil Arellano, Earl Clark, Stu Suswain and Ken Ragland.



From left: Ron Kennedy, Tom Thepprasit, Dave Sutton and Bruce McPheeters.



From left: T.L. Garrett (Club Member), Steve Otera (Club Member), David Walsh and David McKenna (Club Member).



From left: Sirlord Morse, Jes Urquidi and Gil Arellano.



From left: Earl Clark, Dolores Matich, Andy Hippert and Adam Birkenbach.



From left: Glen Hirano, Al Takii, Albert Robles and Ron Sakoda.



Melissa checks in the golfers before the tournament begins.



From left: Rich Davidson, Donald Rice (Club Member), Dave Chrisman (Club Member) and Ken Shumann.



Martin Lovato, one of the organizers of the event.



From left: Mike Rubino (Club Member), Matt Daddario, Martin Lovato and John Cameron.



From left: Stu Suswain, Rica Viola (Club Member), Ray Tanner and Dennis Ogren.



From left: Jimmie Ezell, William Fletcher, Dan Aleman and Al Guerrero.



The Club was well represented here at hole 3.



From left: Tom Asuncion, Pablo Ninofranco (Club Member), Henry Martinez and Diosdado Garin.



From left: Ron Reddick, Jim Sta Ana, Gary Cardomone and Butch McBlain.



The Club was well represented at the golf tournament.



From left: Ken Ragland, Gabriel Silva, Christopher Foley (Club Member) and Allan Mayse.

From left: Bob Lukowski, Jeff Lee, Clayton Hopps and Brett McDaniel. Both Clayton and Brett joined the Club, right there on the green.



Carole Jean Dick to Retire From DWP After 38 Years



Carole Jean Dick, who ends her 38-year City career at the DWP, is retiring.

She started her City career at the LAPD in 1966 as a computer operator. She then worked in the Data Service Bureau, and then was promoted to the DWP in 1981 as a document technician.

She enjoys a number of hobbies, including traveling, running (she has run in 11 marathons), painting (watercolors), singing (was a member of the DWP's Choraliers), a variety of outdoor activities (gardening, going to the mountains and the beach) and some indoor ones, too (crocheting and others).

Her longtime friends wish her the best, as does the Club. Congratulations, Carole. Enjoy your retirement! 📷

Jim Washington Retires After 33 Years of Service



James E. Washington, chief street use inspector II, has retired after 33 years of service.

Jim served in Public Works as a division head; Transportation as a senior transportation investigator; and Animal Services as a staff assistant to the general manager. He received numerous commendations, most notably the Certificate of Commendation from the Street Use Inspection Division staff.

He received his Master of Public Administration and Bachelor of Science degrees from Cal State Northridge, and a POST certificate from the L.A. County Sheriff Academy.

He is a past vice president of the Los Angeles Professional Managers' Association, a member of the Black Engineers and Architects Association, and one of the youngest members appointed as a Catholic Big Brother.

Jim has three daughters: Jaimene, Tabitha and Stacey.

"I wish all City employees well, and I'm sure our paths will cross again," he says. "Whatever modicum of success I may have achieved is due in part to my great co-workers. Thanks!"

The Club congratulates Jim Washington and wishes him a great retirement! 📷

City Hall to Create a New Office of Immigrant Affairs

■ **More than 42 percent of City population was born outside United States.**

Mayor Jim Hahn and City Councilmember Eric Garcetti announced plans March 2 to create the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs. The Los Angeles City Council was scheduled to vote on a motion sponsored by Councilmember Garcetti to approve the creation of the office during today's council session.

"A key priority of my administration is to improve the quality of life for all residents of Los Angeles," Hahn said. "Recent immigrants frequently need extra help to become integrated into civic life, and the Office of Immigrant Affairs will act as a clearinghouse to provide referrals to services that the city provides."

"Los Angeles is a city fueled by immigrants' dreams and visions," Garcetti added. "The time is now to dedicate a branch of our city government to welcoming immigrants to our city, much as Chicago, New York and Houston have already."

The intent of the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs is to advance and advocate

for the full and active civic, social, political and economic participation of immigrants and refugees in the City. The role of this office is to be involved in policies and issues affecting Los Angeles' immigrant and refugee stakeholders, and to facilitate their access to city services, benefits and opportunities.

"This office represents a new and vital opportunity for the City of Los Angeles to enter the new century by acknowledging the contributions and responding to the needs of all immigrant communities," said Angelica Salas, executive director of the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of LA (CHIRLA).

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, more than 42 percent of Los Angeles residents were born in other countries. By establishing an office that focuses on the needs of immigrants, Los Angeles follows the lead of other major cities across the nation, including New York, San Francisco, Houston, Chicago and Boston.

The Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs will be housed within Mayor Hahn's office. It will be funded for the first year with \$125,000 of pre-1995 federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds and absorbed by the Mayor's office in subsequent years at no additional cost to the City. 📷



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April is Emergency Preparedness Month. What does this mean for you? If you live, work, play, or even have lunch in the City of the Angels, that means you should have a plan for emergencies or disasters that could occur any day of the week or any time of the year. Being prepared is simple.

For more information above the above tips, the City invites you to bring your family and friends to the 13th Annual Emergency Preparedness Fair. For your convenience, the fair will be held at six locations and dates in April. Free emergency preparedness information and sample emergency kits (limited to the first 300 households) will be available for attendees. The American Red Cross of

Greater Los Angeles will be on hand to demonstrate how to assemble a disaster kit. Admission is free.

Event hours will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The schedule is as follows:

- April 3, Los Angeles Convention Center (West Hall), 1201 S. Figueroa St., downtown Los Angeles;
- April 10, Westfield Shoppingtown, 2700 Colorado Blvd., Eagle Rock;
- April 17, Westside Pavilion, 10800 W. Pico Blvd., West Los Angeles;
- April 18, Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza, 3650 W. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Southwest Los Angeles;
- April 24, Westfield Shoppingtown Topanga, 6600 Topanga Canyon Blvd., West Valley; and

- April 25, Balboa Park, 17015 Burbank Blvd. (north parking lot on Balboa Boulevard, near the soccer fields), East Valley.

The Police and Fire and Emergency Preparedness Departments, as well as the departments of Water and Power, Public Works, Building and Safety, Housing, Disability, Aging, Recreation and Parks, Airports, Community Redevelopment Agency and others including the American Red Cross, will distribute giveaways and emergency preparedness information.

Emergency response equipment and life-saving techniques will be demonstrated at various times throughout the day. The Emergency Preparedness Fair is an annual event of the City's Emergency Operations Organization (EOO).

For more information, call (888) 356-4661, TTY (213) 847-0652, or visit www.lacity.org/epd

Here's how to be prepared:

- Have a family disaster plan for how your family will respond if disaster strikes and you are at home or away from home.
- Have an emergency supply kit that contains non-perishable food and water and other safety items.
- Take the time to learn about disasters their impact on you.
- Take a basic first aid and CPR course.
- Enroll in a Community Emergency Response Team course sponsored by the LAFD at no cost.
- Share your preparedness plan with family members and neighbors.
- Help someone else get prepared.



Last year's Fair at the Westside Pavilion.



Last year's Fair at Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza.



Last year's Fair at Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza.



Last year's Fair at Eagle Rock.

Here are some photos from last year's Emergency Preparedness Fairs.



Last year's Fair at the Westside Pavilion.

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Retirees NEWS

Retiree Hotlines

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

City Employees Retirement System: (213) 473-7200

City Retirement Counselors:

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

DWP Retirement Plan Office: (213) 367-1722

For Retirees

By Phil Skarin, RLACEI Publicity Chair

Membership NEWS

Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc.

General Membership Meeting

Thursday, April 15th, 1 – 3 p.m.

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

Come at noon for a free lunch!
(Reservation required)

Informative Speakers,
Refreshments and Door Prizes!

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:

We often adopt people, who have many of the qualities we admire, to be our role models. But, by focusing our praise and admiration on others, we may be trying to divert attention from our own presumed inadequacies. We each have many God-given qualities and potentials. So, if we focus more on developing and improving them, then maybe someone will adopt you as a role model!



Ed Harding, RLACEI President

LACERS Releases RFP to Manage Healthcare Program

by Phil Skarin, RLACEI Publicity Chair

Ed Harding, RLACEI President, invites all retirees and their spouses to our membership meeting at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 15. There will be informative speakers plus 20 valuable door prizes. You can come for a free chicken lunch at noon, but only if you have made a reservation at least a week prior to the meeting by calling one of the officers on the Retirees' help lines.

Harding urges all retirees to have their retirement checks received in the Direct Deposit System. It is theft-proof. If you are not in that system, contact the L.A. City Employees Retirement System at 360 E. Second St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. Phone (213) 173-7200 or (800) 779-8328. Also contact them if you want to change your tax withholding or beneficiary, or have questions about your health plans.

Legislative Update: Ken Spiker, our elected representative to the LACERS Board of Directors and chairman of LACERS Benefits and Administration Committee, reports that, last month, LACERS initiated a Request for Proposal (RFP) process for the Healthcare Program. LACERS last bid its programs during 2000 for the 2001 calendar year. Healthcare premiums have steadily climbed since 1997. It is anticipated that LACERS program premiums will increase in the range of 8 to 12 percent in 2005.

Some of the key goals of the RFP include: 1) Identifying the most cost-effective, highest-quality vendors for LACERS; 2) Expanding plan options and availability for retirees, particularly those residing outside of California; and 3) Increasing enrollment in plans.

The deadline for the response to the RFP was March 24, 2004. The LACERS board will select/interview finalists in May and award contracts to healthcare providers in July with effective dates of January 1, 2005.

Ken also reports that the LACERS fund, as of March 10, reached \$7.95 billion. The fund increased nearly 26 percent in 2003, making up more than 95 percent of the losses in the past four down economy years. The City, however was billed \$225 million for next year to cover its share of retirement and healthcare costs.

New benefit: A new benefit for LACERS members is a program called "A Solution for Caregivers." This program is designed for those who provide for – or are concerned about the future care of – a spouse, aging parents, or other family members. As a member of LACERS, you are already enrolled. You and

your family can call the toll-free number today to address issues you may be facing now or anticipate facing in the future. Call (866) 896-1895 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Membership news: Harry O'Rear passed away Feb. 15 due to complications from emphysema.

Harry was a veteran of the European theatre battles in World War II and was badly injured by a land mine. But he was still a good golfer, good enough to beat me in a recent Retirees Golf Classic. He is survived by his wife June, at Lake Isabella ... Phil Skarin's son, Ronald, principal building inspector and two-time Olympic cyclist, took a bad spill three days before Christmas, as was off work for two months, but he is now back on the job in the West LA office of Building and Safety.

Golf tournament: The 26th annual Retirees Invitational Golf Tournament is set for Tuesday, June 15, at the Alhambra Golf Course. Sponsors include the L.A. Federal Credit Union, the City Employees Club, John Powell and Phil Skarin. More sponsors for prizes are invited. Call Phil at (818) 784-0130 if you would like to be a sponsor, or if you could volunteer to help.



Coming events:

- April 15** – Membership Meeting
- June 15** – Golf Tournament
- Aug. 12** – Picnic
- Oct. 14** – Annual Corporation Meeting & Elections
- Dec. 9** – Christmas Party.

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Members Flocking to Office Depot Benefit; Please Read Instructions

Club Benefit

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number on a message). He logs your card number into the system, and that's all there is to it.

The next time you shop at Office Depot and use the credit card that you have linked to the program, you will receive a discount on any product that the big contract purchasers receive. The discount is taken off your bill right at the register, automatically. Every time you shop at Office Depot.

It's that simple.

"We're averaging about four Club purchases every day," Meyer said. "Office Depot loves the Club, and we're happy to continue to build our relationship," Meyer said.

Not all items are discounted. But those that are can save you from five to 40 percent. (You need to use a credit card, not the Club card.)

Eligible credit cards include Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express and the Office Depot Credit Card.

It takes just a few minutes to transform your ordinary credit card into the extraordinarily convenient and flexible "Office Depot



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on selected items.

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If you prefer to shop from the comfort of your home computer and have Office

Depot deliver your order to you, you must first set that up with Ken Meyer. The site you will use after you sign up is Office Depot's Business Services Website: <http://bsd.officedepot.com>

There are a couple of ways to check to see how much of a discount you might receive on an item, before you actually purchase it:

1. Office Depot will make a discount catalog available at the Club for member use (but not all discounted items will be available in the catalog for researching).
2. At checkout, you can ask the sales clerk to subtotal your purchase before you actually purchase the items.

"We appreciate the response we are receiving from the members and are happy to answer any questions they may have," Meyer says.

So all you Club members who haven't signed up yet: What are you waiting for? Sign up now! 

Here's how to do get your Office Depot Discount:

1. Contact Ken Meyer or one of his staff: (818) 837-2563, or kmeyer@officedepot.com
2. Identify yourself as a Club member, and give him your Club ID number.
3. If he does not answer, leave a message and he or his staff will call you back.
4. Do not leave your credit card number on his answering machine.
5. When you talk to Ken or one of his staff, give him the number of the credit card you wish to link to the program. (You must use this card to receive the discount.)
6. Wait a day or two for your linked card to become active.
7. **Start saving!**

Wanna be heard? What do you think of this new Club discount program at Office Depot? Let us know: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Having Problems With the Office Depot Discount?

Some people are having trouble making the Club discount program work for them. Here are some handy tips:

1. You must first register your credit card with Ken Meyer, as detailed above. You cannot register for this discount at a store.
2. This is not the "Advantage" program, which is for regular consumers. The Club discount is a special bulk purchasing discount and is not available to the general public. (You do not have to buy in bulk; you can buy as much or as little as you like. You get to take advantage of the buying power of the Club.)
3. Once you have registered, you do not need to show your Club card. Your Club card will not get you the discount — your linked credit card will.
4. Local store managers will likely not have any knowledge of this discount and cannot help you get it. This program comes from the corporate level.
5. To get the discount, you must use the credit card you registered with the Office Depot system. The discount does not work with cash purchases, or with purchases made with any other credit card.
6. Not all items are discounted, and some items are discounted more than others. There are tips in the main story for checking on items before you leave for a store.

7. **The key to knowing how much you save is to watch the cash register. At first it will display how much you would normally pay. A few moments after you swipe your registered credit card, a new total will be displayed. That new total will reflect your special Club discount.**

Happy saving!

Volunteers Needed

for

International Pow Wow Los Angeles

April 23 - 28, 2004

We have volunteer shifts open Friday, April 23 through Wednesday, April 28th!

International POW WOW is an important citywide convention hosted by LA INC The Convention and Visitors Bureau in partnership with the City of Los Angeles and many contributing sponsors. This premiere event includes international tour operators and suppliers from over 70 countries conducting business that results in significant tourism business for the host city over five days.

Airport Greeter - Greet incoming delegates and provide that smiling warm welcome that speaks volumes about LA! Direct guests from baggage claim to the outdoor area(s) where transportation shuttle service is provided.

Convention Center Assistant - Provide assistance to the delegates in the Registration area at the Convention Center. Work with the staff running the convention as directed.

Hotel or Event Ambassadors - Direct delegates as needed prior to all events or activities during the week. Be a human arrow and direct guests during the evening events at Hollywood & Highland (April 26) or The Music Center (April 28), pass out lanyards or offer other hospitality related assistance as needed.

Volunteers will receive:

- Complimentary parking
- Staff polo shirts and welcome buttons
- Food and beverage
- Knowledge of LA Tourism
- Volunteer Recognition

For more information or to sign-up, please contact The Mayor's Office and Jorge Quezada at (888) 227-3452 or email jquezada@mayor.lacity.org



LAFD 6th Annual Pancake Breakfast

Saturday • May 8
8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

LAFD Fire Museum
1355 N. Cahuenga Blvd.
Hollywood

Annual LAFD Pancake Breakfast Is Something to Really Flip Over

■ Proceeds from May 8th event benefit the department's Fallen Firefighter Memorial.

In celebration of Fire Service Day, the Los Angeles Fire Department Historical Society is presenting the 6th annual Pancake Breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at the LAFD Fire Museum, 1355 N. Cahuenga Blvd., Hollywood.

Proceeds will be dedicated toward the completion of the Fallen Firefighters Memorial at the museum. The project was highlighted in the January issue of *Alive!*

Pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice and coffee will be available.

Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids.

The museum's antique fire engines will be on display, and guided tours will be available. Raffles for the adults and coloring books for the kids will also provide entertainment.

For more information, contact the museum: (323) 464-2727. 📞



At right is retired LAFD Captain Barney Nipp, who designed the grill he is using. The grill is called, appropriately enough, Barney's Grill. This photo was taken at last year's pancake breakfast.

Fire Up Your Brains for Interesting LAFD Trivia

■ Here are some interesting facts and figures about how busy the LAFD is.

Did you know that the Los Angeles Fire Department averaged 1,984 responses each day during the last quarter of 2003?

During October, November and December 2003, LAFD resources made 182,555 responses to 90,183 emergency incidents. This is a 5 percent increase in incidents and a 5 percent increase in responses compared to the same three-month period the year before.

"Thankfully, our City's leaders are keenly aware of these burgeoning demands upon our department, and continue to make the many life safety services provided by the LAFD a top priority," reports Brian Humphrey, LAFD public service officer.

While the LAFD is comprised of many types of resources, such as engines, aerial ladder trucks, pumps, paramedic and non-paramedic ambulances, command staff and special resources, here's a glimpse at the busiest engine companies in the City.

The 20 busiest LAFD engine companies:

1. **Engine 57 (South Los Angeles)**
1427 responses 15.5 responses per day
2. **Engine 65 (Watts)**
1375 responses 14.9 responses per day
3. **Engine 209: (Central City)**
1303 responses 14.2 responses per day
4. **Engine 81 (Arleta/Panorama City)**
1243 responses 13.5 responses per day
5. **Engine 9 (Central City)**
1186 responses 12.9 responses per day
6. **Engine 64 (South Los Angeles)**
1175 responses 12.8 responses per day
7. **Engine 13 (Koreatown/Pico Heights)**
1091 responses 11.9 responses per day
8. **Engine 46 (Coliseum)**
1066 responses 11.6 responses per day
9. **Engine 66 (South Los Angeles)**
1007 responses 10.9 responses per day
10. **Engine 33 (South Los Angeles)**
993 responses 10.8 responses per day
11. **Engine 11 (Westlake)**
953 responses 10.4 responses per day
12. **Engine 37 (UCLA/Westwood Village)**
948 responses 10.3 responses per day
13. **Engine 82 (Hollywood)**
937 responses 10.2 responses per day
14. **Engine 52 (Hollywood)**
920 responses 10.0 responses per day
15. **Engine 58 (West Los Angeles)**
912 responses 9.9 responses per day
16. **Engine 15 (USC/University Village)**
891 responses 9.7 responses per day
17. **Engine 6 (Angeleno Heights)**
887 responses 9.6 responses per day
18. **Engine 41 (Hollywood)**
865 responses 9.4 responses per day
19. **Engine 89 (North Hollywood)**
858 responses 9.3 responses per day
20. **Engine 91 (Sylmar)**
855 responses 9.3 responses per day

Are we in some way "proud" of these numbers? Not really," Humphrey writes. "In many cases, these responses could have been prevented with more prudent, safe or healthy behavior by those we serve, or by expanded efforts in life safety education and fire prevention. While working hard to address these challenges, rest assured that the men and women of the LAFD remain focused not on numbers, but on the quality of care and service provided to those who visit, reside and work in America's second-largest city.

"At the LAFD it's never about numbers, it's always about doing our best!" 📞

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

The Pet Club



It's All in a Day's (Hard) Work At L.A. Dept. of Animal Services

I like to tell everyone this story. When I first heard of this job I must admit that I wondered, "What is L.A. Animal Services? What exactly do they do over there aside from take care of little puppies and kittens?" I then thought: "Hmmm...the job should be a breeze if that's all they do. What else could they possibly do?"

How wrong I was. I have never had to work so hard in all my life. I've heard the same story from several who work here. It changes your life.

L.A. Animal Services, as the name implies, houses and cares for lost and abandoned animals in its six shelters located throughout the City, enforces animal-related laws, and acts to prevent cruelty to animals. Sounds simple? Sounds just warm and fuzzy? Not.

Every year, the Department of Animal Services rescues some 70,000 animals. Rescues? Heroes? Yup. You bet! Everyday, several times a day, our officers rescue animals from the streets, from cruel and inhumane conditions and from life-threatening situations. These animals are brought to any one of the department's six animal shelters where our animal care technicians, veterinary technicians and veterinarians house, feed and take care of them. Animals that are healthy and "temperamentally sound," are put up for adoption.

(You know that old notion of "the pound?" Well, that no longer is and hasn't been in a while. Same thing goes for dogcatchers. L.A. animal control officers are officers of the law. They face dangerous situations and are out there to protect both people and animals. They are heroes to many, both human and non-human. So is our shelter staff. They deserve a lot of respect. They have mine.)

L.A. Animal Services does have pure breed and mixed breed animals available for adoption.

Just dogs and cats? Nope. We also have horses, rabbits, goats, iguanas, chickens, roosters, parrots, snakes, pigs, mice, turtles...and the list goes on and on. After all, this is Los Angeles, from the desert to the ocean and

from the glitter of Hollywood to our inner cities.

We get some interesting calls at the department. Here's a sampling:

- A man calls in for help. His 14-foot pet python is devouring his hand.
- A woman who owns three illegal viper snakes is killed while cleaning the viper's glass tank.



- L.A. Animal Services' Departmental Air Rescue Team rescues a horse that fell 400 feet into a steep ravine.
- An escaped, illegal pet emu goes on a rampage.
- Animal control officers rescue a hysterical kitten trapped at the bottom of an empty pool.
- Animal sacrifices for religious purposes are suspected in an area.
- A cougar is seized from an apartment.
- Illegal pet dealers are caught selling baby turtles and iguanas on street.
- A woman serves jail time for cruelty to 74 guinea pigs.
- The public is warned not to approach injured marine mammals on beach.
- Movie and TV celebrities adopt animals from shelters.

How about a funny story?

- An animal control officer responds to a call: a vicious chicken.
 - An animal control officer responds to a 911 call from a senior citizen in distress from a wild unknown animal in home: a dinosaur toy!
- As you can see, on any given day, Animal

Team relies on the LAFD to provide helicopter and other assistance to rescue animals that have fallen down a ravine or are trapped in a difficult-to-get area. The LAPD often provides support when dealing with animal cruelty and/or illegal animal-related activities, especially when arrests are made. (Animal Control officers do arrest people.) Both the Police and Fire Departments call on our Animal Control officers for support when calls involve animals. It is a great and rewarding relationship.

After working here for a few months, I became aware of something. The folks who work here do care, on a very personal level, about animals. It may not start out that way but it almost always ends up that way. I don't know of any person who works for L.A. Animal Services' shelters who has not, at once time or another, adopted a pet or two or three.

(Have I mentioned that I have personally adopted two of the cutest white poodles from the shelter and that they have become such a source of joy for my children and family? I had not planned on it but like I said, it grows on you when you are with these living creatures that yearn for love and care. It just doesn't seem right not to take a-one or a-two or a-three home and make them part of your family.)

Working for Animal Services is one of the most challenging jobs in the world and, as with anything, is one of the most personally rewarding. 🐾

Services officers and staff have to handle a full range of challenges, including raw human and animal emotion: terror, fear, rage, anger, desperation, sadness, elation ... you name it, we've got it.

Animal Control officers and staff often work in tandem with both the Police and Fire Departments. The Departmental Air Rescue

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**



Garcetti, Perry Announce New 'Pet' Projects for South L.A.

Announcement made in conjunction with Animal Services.

In tandem with the nationally recognized "Spay Day USA 2004" February 24, Los Angeles City Council members, along with the Department of Animal Services, announced three new projects for South Los Angeles: 1) a pilot License Canvassing Program; 2) a new Low-Cost Rabies Vaccination Clinic; and 3) a new privately operated Spay/Neuter Clinic for Dogs provided by the San Simon Foundation that will provide free spay/neuter services for the South Los Angeles community.

The councilmembers and Animal Services joined the Doris Day Foundation in recognizing Spay Day USA 2004, a national campaign urging every American to spay or neuter a dog or cat to help end the tragedy of pet overpopulation.

Councilmember Eric Garcetti of the 13th

District announced the pilot license canvassing program – an "in-house" program wherein license canvassers visit South Los Angeles communities to provide animal-related information and to ensure that dogs are vaccinated against rabies.

"The license canvassing program is the City's commitment to public health and safety and will help protect our families and neighborhoods against a dreadful but preventable viral disease that affects both people and animals," Garcetti said. "Should you see a license canvasser in your neighborhood, know that he or she is there to help protect you. Please give them your support."

State law requires that all dogs be vaccinated against rabies. A license is the City's way of ensuring that all dogs are vaccinated.

To support the program, the City has opened a Low-Cost Rabies Vaccination Clinic at the South Los Angeles Shelter at 3612 11th Ave. It will be open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Councilmember Jan Perry of the Ninth District urged residents to take advantage of the new service: "If you own a pet, then please bring your dog or cat to our new Rabies Vaccination Clinic where \$4 [for each vaccination] will help ensure the health and safety of both your family and community."

Perry announced that another group has stepped up to the plate to offer free Spay/Neuter Services for dogs and cats in the City. The Sam Simon Foundation, a private organization, has offered to supplement Spaymobile services during the two days it is not in operation. The Sam Simon Clinic will concentrate its efforts in South Los Angeles where pet overpopulation is heaviest.

"We applaud the contributions of both the Coalition for Pets and Public Safety and the Sam Simon Foundation for caring enough

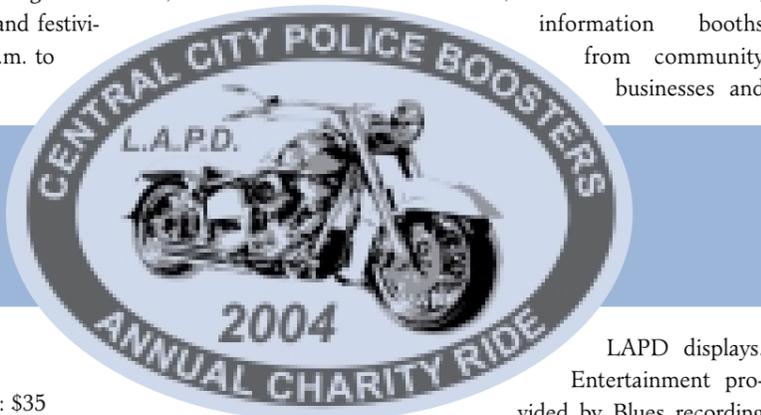


about our animals to take positive action and offer free spay/neuter services to reduce the tragedy of pet overpopulation," Perry said. "Your efforts will help reduce the number of unwanted animals and will save the lives of countless animals that wind up at our City Shelters." 🐾

Central City Police Boosters Kick-Starts Annual Charity Motorcycle Ride May 16

You can help support the Los Angeles Police Department, Central Community Police Station youth and crime prevention programs by joining the Central City Police Boosters' second annual Charity Motorcycle Ride Sunday, May 16.

Registration begins at 9 a.m., with the ride and festivities from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Admission fees are:

- Single Rider: \$35 (includes barbecue lunch, event pin, and a prize entry at each stop)
- Rider with Passenger: \$50 (includes the same as single rider)
- (Pre-registration discount of \$5 for riders only)
- Non-riders lunch only: \$10 (barbecue lunch and one entry in prize giveaway)

The ride starts at the Police Academy in Elysian Park, 1880 North Academy Way, Los Angeles.

The run will be approximately a 50-mile loop with stops at various locations. The ride returns and ends at the Police Academy, for a

barbecue and festivities. The route will be provided at the start of the event.

Your ride donation will include a celebration in the picnic area with a barbecue lunch, event pin (first 500 riders), live entertainment, celebrities, lots of prize giveaways, silent auction, bike enthusiast vendors, information booths from community businesses and

LAPD displays. Entertainment provided by Blues recording artist Lightnin Willie and the Poorboys. Beer and wine will be served at the event after the ride.

This event is tax deductible (check with your tax adviser) and will be a great way to spend your Sunday helping our youth and improving the quality of life in the downtown area.

For further information or registration forms, contact the Central Community Relations Office, Officer Marie Kardiban at (213) 972-1876. You can save \$5 when you preregister. All participants must sign a waiver at the start of the event and are required to present a valid driver's license and proof of insurance. ■

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Dept. Coordinators Hard at Work for WalkAmerica Event

March of Dimes

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More than 10,000 walkers are expected at the event, with hundreds coming from the City of L.A. "Our goal is to raise \$350,000 for the March of Dimes," says Zaki Mustafa, Dept. of Transportation, who is coordinating the City's participation. "I'm confident, with everyone's help, we'll get there."

"The Club is happy to support this great cause by letting all the children who are going

to walk in the event ride the merry-go-round free," says Club Chief Operating Officer John Hawkins. "This will be a fun day. As Zaki says, 'Only together can we make a difference.' We're happy to play our part."

"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."

To further build excitement, Mustafa is organizing a T-shirt day April 13, when he will present before the City Council a push for all City employees to purchase a March of Dimes Team LA WalkAmerica T-shirt, for solidarity and fundraising.

T-shirts are available from your department rep every day until the WalkAmerica event.

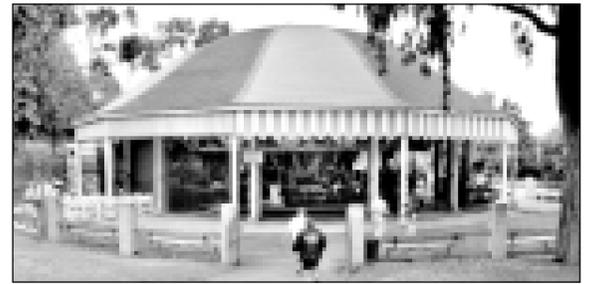
The Merry-Go-Round

The Griffith Park Merry-Go-Round has been bringing joy to children and their parents since 1925 and for more than 75 years at its present location. Located on a grassy hill and almost obscured by trees, this is the last full size Spillman Engineering carousel still in operation.

The 68 hand-carved horses, four-abreast, are all jumpers. Most were created in the Spillman

factory in North Tonawanda, New York. However, roughly a dozen horses, though original to this carousel, were made at the Loeff factory and probably date from 1895, making them over 100 years old—30 years older than the Spillman figures.

Each horse is finely detailed offering surprises and differ-



The Club is sponsoring free rides on the Griffith Park carousel during WalkAmerica.

Club To Sponsor FREE Merry-Go-Round Rides at WalkAmerica

ences in decoration. Their bridles are jewel encrusted and many have secondary carvings of lion heads, eagles, maidens and sphinxes. Some wear armor and some carry broad axes.

All of the horses wear old paint, yellowed with age giving the machine a sepia-tone patina, as if frozen in time. The chariots have carvings of a man in loincloth, chasing what appears to be a wood nymph, perhaps an indication that a young, 1920s swain might pursue his own love within the confines of the chariot.

A major carousel deserves to have a major band organ, so the owners commissioned the Stinson Pipe Organ Company to build one. It is the largest band organ playing with carousel on the West Coast, with 256 wood pipes voiced to sound like trumpets, trombones, bass horns, flutes, piccolos and other wind instruments. There are 154 melody pipes, 30

bass pipes, 30 accompaniment pipes and 42 counter-melody pipes. The longest bass pipe is more than 7 feet long. It is mitered (bent) so that it will fit in the pipe chest. Among the other instruments in the band organ are a bass drum, tympani, snare drum, cymbal, wood block, triangle and glockenspiel.

The Mighty Stinson 165 is heard on Saturdays and Sundays and at other times by request. Cassette tapes are available at the gift stand.

So enjoy the free rides on the Griffith Park Carousel, and participate in WalkAmerica! 🎪

Wanna be heard? Have you ever ridden the Griffith Park merry-go-round? Are you participating in the March of Dimes WalkAmerica event? Tell us about it: talk-back@cityemployeesclub.com

March of Dimes WalkAmerica

Saturday • April 24
Griffith Park



These department coordinators are working hard to raise funds for the March of Dimes' WalkAmerica event. Make sure you sign up with them — or just thank them for their hard work.

Lots of Activities Keep the Fun in Fundraising for March of Dimes

If you want to help raise funds for the March of Dimes during this period of the City's dedication to the charity, but you might not have the time to do the "walk" of WalkAmerica, you're in luck.

Here are four events designed to help raise funds the good way: by having fun.

■ **A TALENT SHOW** sponsored by the Community Development Corporation, with proceeds going to the March of Dimes. May 6, Los Angeles Theater Center. Tickets: \$10 and \$12. Contact Angela Estell, (213) 485-5720.

■ **A RAFFLE**, to win an entry in the 2004 Southern California Invitational golf tournament, at the Riviera Country Club. Drawing: April 30. Golf tournament: May 24. Additional prizes included. Raffle tickets: \$25 each. Contact DOT Officer Barbara Hartsfield, (323) 913-4460.

■ Street Services is putting together a **BUS TRIP TO LAUGHLIN**, Nev., with a total package price of \$100 per person/double occupancy. Date of the trip: June 25-27. Proceeds go to the March of Dimes. Contact Lori Sapone, (213) 473-4465.

■ Personnel Department sponsoring **DAY-TRIP TO STATELINE**, Nevada for only \$50, May 1st. Depart at 7 a.m. and return at 2 a.m. Price includes transportation, free full buffet, and continental breakfast. Contact Gail Thomas at (213) 847-9760 for further details.

Other departmental activities including bake sales and such, are sure to be happening. So be sure to check with your department. 🍰

Put Your Wheels on Display At Building, Safety Car Show

■ **Club to sponsor trophies at second annual event that supports March of Dimes.**

We know firsthand that lots of Club members are really proud of their cars. And for good reason!

So put that pride on the line by entering your car in the second annual Building and Safety Family Picnic and Car Show. The event is to be held in conjunction with the March of Dimes WalkAmerica in Griffith Park Saturday, April 24. You don't need to work for Building and Safety to enter.

"As a 2004 Building and Safety March of Dimes Coordinator, I am taking this oppor-

tunity to thank the City Employees Club of Los Angeles for its support," says Preston Meyer, principal inspector at Building and Safety. "Thanks, Club!"

Support the City's efforts to raise funds for the March of Dimes and save the lives of babies.

Trophies are to be awarded for original/restored stock vehicle; hot rod custom; special interest vehicles;

modified imports; and in general for trucks, motorcycles and "works in progress."

The Club is happy to sponsor the trophies at the car show in support of the March of Dimes.

Entry fee is \$20 per vehicle. Fee includes admission for one person to the picnic, a picnic T-shirt and a commemorative dash plaque.

Look for a registration form elsewhere in this issue of *Alive!*

So have fun and support the March of Dimes!



City Employees Club — 76th Annual Meeting — February 26, 2004



From Left: David Muraoka, LACEA Board, LAPD; Dorothy Dillard, LACEA Board, Retiree; David Peterson, LACEA I.S. Board, Retiree; and Joannie Mukai, LACEA I.S. Board, Harbor Dept.



From Left: Adriene Allen, Dept. Rep, DWP; Pamela Tiller, Dept. Rep., DWP; and Marilyn McGuire-Holley, LACEA I.S. Retiree Committee.



From Left: Harry Crusberg and Scott Decker from the City Employees Club Auto Program; and Michael Anderson, City Employees Club IT Manager.



From Left: Irene Castillo, Dept. Rep., Animal Services; and Cheryl Power, Dept. Rep., DWP.



From Left: Beckie Gonzalez, Dept. Rep, Recreation and Parks; Patricia Avilez, Dept. Rep., Recreation and Parks; Olivia Figueroa, Dept. Rep., Controller's Office; Leonor Kuratomi, Controller's Officer; and Gail Rucker, Dept. Rep., Building and Safety.



From Left: Armando Martinez, City Employees Club Home Loan Program; Jim Quinney, City Employees Club Insurance Broker; and Angel Gomez, City Employees Club Member Services Manager.



From Left: Leigh Thompson, City Employees Club; Michael Leighton, LACEA Board Member, General Services; and Trinh Pham, City Employees Club.

Club Honors Three for Dedication

Awards

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- Has the respect of their fellow board members and co-workers
- Has gone above and beyond the call of duty by opening doors for the Club's field counselors

Department Representative of the Year Award:

The nominee for the Department Representative of the Year award is selected by the Director of Marketing. The following criteria are used in the selection process:

- Nominee must be a Club Representative
- Nominee must have demonstrated significant and consistent contributions or accomplishments for the award period. EXAMPLES:
 - Demonstrates enthusiasm towards the Club, including the most enthusiasm of carrying the vision of the Club to their workplace and encourages their co-workers to see the value of the Club
 - Provides positive feedback as well as solutions on how to improve the Club

President's Award:

The nominee for the President's Award is chosen by the President/CEO or the highest ranking staff member. The following criteria are used in the selection process:

- Nominee must be a full time staff member of the Club (Los Angeles City Employees Association)
- Nominee must have been employed as a full time employee for at least one full year prior to the respective Annual Meeting
- Nominee demonstrated significant and consistent contributions or accomplishments for the award period: Examples:
 - Having a "can-do" and positive attitude despite the challenges of their job
 - Possesses extraordinary enthusiasm for their job
 - Performed above and beyond normal job responsibilities
 - Putting the member first in their decisions and planning and demonstrates a sincere interest in the members
- Significantly contributed to the positive image of the Club



Congratulations to the winners! (Read the citations on the next page about the exemplary dedication to the Club provided by the winners.) 🏆

Wanna be heard? Do you have a great story to tell about the winners of the Club awards, and how they helped make the Club even better? Feel free to share: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Michael Leighton, Publishing Services, Named New Club Board Member

■ **Michael Leighton, the City's director of publishing services, was sworn in as a new Club Board member at the Club's annual meeting and luncheon Feb. 26.**

He takes the spot of Dorothy Dillard, who retired from both her City employment and her Club Board position after an excellent career of service.

Michael Leighton has 35 years of experience in his field, thanks to being from a family of printers: his father was a linotype operator for the Los Angeles Times.

Michael has held positions as printing and records manager for United California Savings Bank and

Hunt Wesson Foods; the chief of reprographics for the County of Orange; and the reprographics specialist for the City of Beverly Hills.

He has served as the ship's printer aboard various cruise ships for Princess Cruises and, while working for R.R. Donnelley as a quality analyst, was responsible for the administration of the quality program for Time, People and Sports Illustrated.

Michael is past president of the Orange County chapter of the International Publishing Management Association and the Los Angeles Club of Printing House Craftsmen and has served on the Board of Directors for the Orange YMCA and the Literacy Volunteers of Newport Beach. 🏆

Please join in our welcoming of Michael Leighton to the Club Board.



Club Board Members (from left): Mike Biagi, Vice Chair; David Muraoka; Robyn Barnes, Chairman; Rita Robinson; Maria Romasanta; Regner Globus, Secretary; Michael Leighton

City Employees Club — 76th Annual Meeting — February 26, 2004

Here are the citations that tell of the great dedication these award winners have for the Club:

Chairman's Award

David Muraoka



The Chairman's award is given to a board member who has had a proven track record of enthusiastically promoting and publicizing the Club throughout the City of Los Angeles on and off their job.

Since 1987 David has participated in the Life, Spouse Life, and AD&D programs offered by the Association.

By 2000 he became active in the Association's affairs by serving on the member services committee. As a newly elected board member in 2003, he volunteered to chair the ClubFest committee. On

his own time he visited various sites throughout the greater Los Angeles area. He was searching for a place that the whole family would enjoy, a place where the City Employee could enjoy an outing with their family and other City families, a place that promoted the good will and affinity that City employees deserve.

His constant activity in the field, promotion of the Club, opening access to sites for counselors, and the success of ClubFest 2003 under his direction merit special recognition by his Board peers and fellow members.



Department Representative Award

Olivia Figueroa



The department representative award is given to the department rep who has demonstrated significant and consistent contributions.

Olivia has demonstrated great enthusiasm in carrying the vision of the Club to her workplace and has consistently encouraged their co-workers to see the value of the Club.

Olivia has always been a very cordial and caring when the Club needed help. Every Club employee who has asked for her assistance knows all about the lightning speed in which she returns the calls. She knows how important it is that the good news of the Club reaches as many City employees as possible and has always been supportive of the marketing activities with the payroll inserts for many years.

Those that work with her are very fortunate because she truly cares for the development of City employees.

President's Award

Arlene Herrero



The President's Award is given to a Club staff member who has gone above and beyond the scope of their job.

Arlene Herrero has recruited more than 500 new Club members and has made more than 300 presentations at City sites to educate City employees about the Club and its benefits. She is responsible for roughly 10,000 City employees, and it would not be surprising if she has seen all of them.

Arlene has demonstrated a "can-do" and positive attitude, demonstrated extraordinary enthusiasm for her job and has performed above and beyond normal job responsibilities.

She has received a certificate of appreciation from the West LA Sanitation Yard for her work during their Employee Appreciation Day. The Central City Police Boosters and LAPD Central Area Community Police Station also officially acknowledged her for sponsoring their 23rd Annual Children's Holiday Party and toy drive. With her dedication, she helped to provide 275 needy kids holiday gifts.

The City Employees Club of Los Angeles recognizes Arlene for the service she has given to the City of Los Angeles as well as the excellence she has demonstrated on a daily basis at the Club.



From Left: Arceo Ramos, Dept. Rep., Office of Personnel; and Alan Bound, City Employees Club.



From Left: Robyn L. Barnes, LACEA Board Chairman, Fire and Police Pensions; Daren Perlstein, Dept. Rep., Fire and Police Pensions; and Michael Biagi, LACEA Board Vice Chair, Los Angeles World Airports.



From Left: Kevin Wright, City Employees Club Financial Services; Howard Pompel, City Employees Club; James Ocon, City Employees Club Financial Services; and Joseph Mendez, Dept. Rep., City Attorney's Office.



From Left: Gregory Monfette, Dept. Rep., Public Works – Street Services; William Harding; Ed Harding, President of RLACEI; Dolores Foley, President of DWP Retirees' Association; and Americo Garza, Board Member of RLACEI.



From Left: MaryJo and Thom Diemer, Rosebud Marketing Group.



From Left: Sharon P. Redditt, Dept. Rep, Public Works; Arlette Davis, Dept. Rep., Public Works – Accounting; and Myra Vines, Dept. Rep., Planning Dept.



ALIVE! CREATIVE TEAM - From Left: David Jamgotchian and Marie Carama, JILA Associates; and John Burnes, Burnes Creative.



SWEARING-IN OF 2004-2005 LACEA BOARD - From Left: Regner Globus, Los Angeles World Airports; Rita Robinson, Bureau of Sanitation; Michael Biagi, Los Angeles World Airports; Robyn Barnes, Fire and Police Pensions; David Muraoka, Los Angeles Police Department; Michael Leighton, General Services; Maria Romasanta, Department of Water and Power; and Brian Trent, Chief Financial Officer, City Employees Club.

Life's Important Moments

Share your moments!

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Retirements

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

| NAME | DEPARTMENT | YEARS OF SERVICE |
|--------------------|--|------------------|
| Robert Abundis | Interdepartment Coordinator (Public Works) | 40 |
| Loredona Adley | Sr. Clerk Typist (Harbor) | 22 |
| Eddie Banks | Special Officer (Gen. Services) | 36 |
| Robert Birk | Wastewater Manager (Public Works) | 34 |
| Kenneth Carlson | Field Instructor (Public Works) | 19 |
| Rolando Carpentero | Operating Engineer (Airports) | 30 |
| Gloria Cazares | Clerk (LAFD) | 36 |
| Bruce Chapple | Electrician (Convention Center) | 9 |
| Marjorie Corzine | Secretary (Public Works) | 30 |
| Sammie Debase | Sr. Traffic Supervisor (Transportation) | 37 |
| Roy Donaldson | Sr. Street Use Inspector (Public Works) | 41 |
| Ferd Eggan | Sr. Project Coordinator (Disability) | 7 |
| Steve Enriquez | Gardener Caretaker (Rec and Parks) | 7 |
| Dennis Frady | Assistant General Manager (ITA) | 31 |
| David Garcia | Sr. Forensic Print Specialist (LAPD) | 32 |
| Geraldine Gilmore | Secretary (LAPD) | 32 |
| Mary Goetz Denzer | Assistant Inspector (Building and Safety) | 17 |
| Joseph Greene | Mech. Repairer (Rec and Parks) | 31 |
| Richard Herbert | Sr. Boat Operator (Harbor) | 30 |
| Kathleen Heredia | Secretary (Building and Safety) | 39 |
| James Hickman | Equipment Mechanic (Gen. Services) | 25 |
| Lewis Holt | Motor Sweeper Operator (Public Works) | 28 |
| Delio Jacildo | Safety Engineer (Building and Safety) | 17 |

| NAME | DEPARTMENT | YEARS OF SERVICE |
|---------------------|---|------------------|
| Harry Jacobs | Sr. Management Analyst (City Clerk) | 32 |
| Robert Jones | Director of Systems (ITA) | 35 |
| Gloria Komaba | Librarian (Library Dept.) | 36 |
| Arthur Lewis | Sr. Systems Analyst (Personnel) | 36 |
| Yin Lin | Lab Tech (Public Works) | 14 |
| Christine Lucas | Sr. Clerk Typist (Animal Services) | 25 |
| Richard McCready | Truck Operator (Public Works) | 36 |
| Eleanore McMiller | Clerk Typist (Rec and Parks) | 1 |
| Willie Merthie | Heavy Duty Truck Operator (Public Works) | 19 |
| Charlene Metcalf | Sr. Construction Inspector (Public Works) | 20 |
| Manuel Mollinedo | General Manager (Rec and Parks) | 33 |
| Norman Moore | Sr. Airport Safety Officer (Airports) | 37 |
| Serecio Negrosa | Sr. Auditor (Airports) | 31 |
| Lualhati Orlino | Librarian (Library) | 32 |
| William Schlegel | Signal System Electrician (Transportation) | 30 |
| Edmund Soo Hoo | Director (Rec and Parks) | 14 |
| Stephan Taylor | Survey Party Chief (Public Works) | 22 |
| Leon Toralde | Property Officer (LAPD) | 19 |
| Francenett Townsend | Clerk Typist (ITA) | 20 |
| Arthur Walsh | Assistant City Attorney (City Attorney) | 34 |
| Cheryl Ward | Sr. Assistant City Attorney (City Attorney) | 29 |
| Leslie Washington | Painter (Airports) | 19 |



Promotions

Promotions:

Send us your department, your former job title, your new job, and a sentence saying your supervisor is aware that you're sending this. Send your photo, too, plus your phone number. Send to moments@cityemployeesclub.com.



Weddings

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



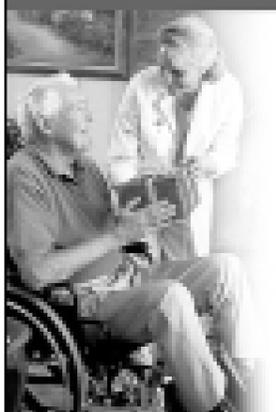
Births

Henry J. Valdez III, born Feb. 3, 2004, to **Henry Jr. and Veronica Valdez**. Henry Jr. works at the R.S.K. WCA division. Grandfather Henry Sr. is retired from the DWP. Congratulations, all!



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

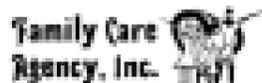
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New Members

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

Welcome New Members!

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| Daniel Allen | Leonel Chacon | Manuel Garcia | Douglas Jones | Phyllis McDaniel | Ruth Rodriguez |
| Ricardo Alvarez | Lisa Chandler | Gloria Garcia | Kevin Jones | Marcelino Mendoza | Daniel Rodriguez |
| William Anderson | Bradnika Clark | Michelle Gibbs | William Jones | Karen Meyers | Ruben Sanchez |
| Dora Andrade | Jose Colon | Geraldine Gilmore | James Jones | Mark Miller | John Scott |
| Manuel Arvizu | David Cooper | Matthew Glesne | Alonzo Jones | John Mireles | Brian Shirk |
| Timothy Ashley | Debbie Cordova | Lucille Godinez | Keith Jordan | Miguel Moreno | Ethel Silverburg |
| Andre Avery | Henry Cortez | Warren Green | Min Kim | Juan Navarro | Nicole Silverburg |
| Frank Ayala | Michael Coscia | Irene Gudino | Licia King | Urban Nesfield | Corletta Smith |
| Michael Balancio | William Covey | Michelle Haines | Christopher Knowlton | Wayne Nordlund | Vickie Tann |
| Edward Balbaneda | Tiffani Davis | Elizabeth Hall | Henry Kranen | Kortley Norris | Chrys Tillman |
| Miguel Barajas | Daniel Denning | Melonie Harrell | Priscilla Lane | Christine Orellana | Oscar Torres |
| Ante Basich | George Denton Jr. | Clint Hazel | Christine LaSalle | Mark Osenko | Josephine Troncale |
| Darryl Bates | Briseli Dominguez | Nafeesah | Anh Le | Carol Parks | DaWon Turner |
| Larry Beck | Mahlon Driver | Hendricks-Potts | Carol Lemus | Omesh Persaud | Gerald Walls |
| Thomas Boylan | Napa Dumriwat | Glenn Hightower | Gary Leon | Patricia Powell | Winter Williams |
| Preston Brandon | Amanda Eder | Vada Hill | Rayfield Lewis Jr. | Diane Price | Sheka Wilson |
| Elbert Brayboy | Anthony Escarcega | Melvin Hirata | Jesus Lopez | Raquel Price | Clarence Wilson |
| Robert Brown | Shavonne Espinoza | Huston Holley | Rosalyn Lopez | Svetlana Ramirez | Krystle Wingfield |
| Deborah Bunt | William Fair | Lewis Holt | Martin Macias | Rick Reinschmidt | Laura Ybarra-Beck |
| Diana Calhoon | Kristine Fajarda | Mary Hones | Maziar Malek | Amarah Respicio | Glenn Yee |
| David Calhoun II | John Ferraguto | Marialeno Hughes | Michelle Martin | Elizabeth Reyes | Wai Yip |
| Claudio Cardenas | Anthony Flores | Daniel Hughes | Bernie Martinez | Jessica Reyes | |
| Rolland Carney | Vyron Frazier | Guy Jaegers | Leonard Mayagoitia | Earnestine Rhynes | |
| Lanie Carney | Fernando Galindo | Raul Jaime | Raul Mazariego | Keith Rice | |
| David Castaneda | Irma Galvan | Ernest Jessop | Ken McCray | Carol Richardson | |
| Francisco Castro | Vitolina Ganotise | Johnny Johnson II | Tajuana McDaniel | Sharon Roberts | |



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 | NAME | DEPARTMENT | YEARS OF SERVICE |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Active Members: | | | Norman Giard | Public Works | 32 | Moreshwar Pathak | Liquid Waste Management | 19 |
| LaTanya Brown | LAPD | 3 | Claudine Gilpin | Library | 22 | Manuel Perez | Building and Safety | 29 |
| Zeferina Brovo | Transportation | 16 | Leroy Hamilton | Gen. Services | 29 | Michael Radatz | Airports | 29 |
| Starr Daniels | LACERS | 3 | Roy Idolf | Public Works | 24 | Clyde Ray | Public Works | 17 |
| Melanie Hayes | LAPD | 25 | Cecil Jones | Public Works | 32 | Julius Reitkopp | Library | 22 |
| Marvin Regains | Airports | 20 | Scott Key | Airports | 27 | Maxine Rosen | LAPD | 18 |
| Retired Members: | | | Bernard Kirchner | Rec and Parks | 17 | Florence Schuman | Library | 18 |
| Lawrence Atlas | Public Works | 27 | Joyce Klines | City Clerk | 5 | Harry Sorensen | Library | 10 |
| Leno Bernhardt | General Services | 21 | Helen Kost | Receiving Hospital | 16 | M.M. Strauss | Gen. Services | 30 |
| James Booth | Public Works | 13 | Margaret Leon | Aging | 10 | Otis Swihart | City Clerk | 25 |
| Robert Browning | Airports | 24 | William Macias | Rec and Parks | 31 | M.L. Thompson | Pensions | 39 |
| Wade Crain | Harbor | 10 | John McGee | Airports | 31 | Nathaniel Thompson | Public Works | 27 |
| Paul Crispi | Rec and Parks | 17 | Thomas McGrath | Rec and Parks | 20 | Pedro Vincent | Airports | 17 |
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In Memoriam: We receive this information directly from the City and the DWP. But send us the name of the deceased, and we'll print the notice. Send in a photo of the deceased, too, if you have one, and include your phone number. Send to moments@cityemployeesclub.com.

A Touch Of Spring

The cherry trees are in full blossom at Balboa Park in the San Fernando Valley. Thanks to Rec and Parks Public Information Photographer Ron Campise for these excellent glimpses into spring. 📷



Newsbrief

LATER SCHOOL HOURS:

Councilmember Tom LaBonge is asking the Los Angeles Unified School District to consider moving back the start times for classroom instruction to 8:30 or 9 a.m., when students are more fully alert. The councilmember is acting upon recent federal studies that show that student achievement is inhibited by early start times, which in the LAUSD system can be as early as 7:30 a.m.

"We should do what we can to provide students with the most conducive environment for learning," said Councilmember LaBonge. "Many of our children are still waking up at 7:30 a.m. and aren't in a frame of mind to concen-



trate. If we push back the start of the school day for just one hour to help students absorb information better and improve their test scores, I believe it's a worthwhile policy."

"I think this is a great idea," said Councilwoman Janice Hahn, who seconded the motion. "Besides giving our kids an extra hour of much needed sleep, starting school later would also keep our kids at school longer in the afternoon where they are safe and supervised."

Councilmember LaBonge's request, submitted in the form of a motion at City Council, asks the LAUSD to review the suggestion and report to the Council's Education and Neighborhoods Committee. Additionally, he asks for a report from the Department of Transportation, Department of Recreation and Parks, the Library Department and the Police Department for input. Another impact of early start times is the impact on traffic congestion as school start times coincide with the morning rush hour. 📷



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- This month's deadline: April 15. See complete list of rules to the right.
- Thanks for playing, and good luck!

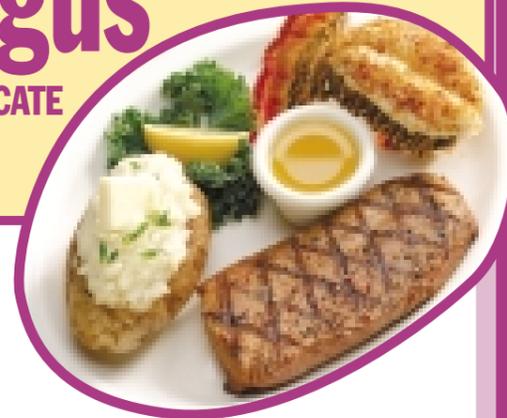
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1. Winning contestants must be Club members in good standing. Everyone is welcome to submit responses, however. (Responses without Club membership numbers will be accepted but not eligible for the winning prize.)
2. Responses can be delivered by mail,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

Here's the answer to last month's contest. Did you get it right?

■ The Club member who won the \$50 gift certificate to Black Angus is **Mary Garson. Congratulations, Mary!**

Here is Mary's entry:

The picture in the Feb/March contest is a telescope located in Pershing Square in downtown LA between Fifth and Sixth Streets and Hill Street. The telescope is

on the west side of the park, nearest to the Biltmore Hotel. There are actually 3 telescopes here; the one that is pictured is in the middle. Each telescope is on a swivel that allows it to be moved around. However, when you look through each of them, what you see is a different picture of an era from the park and downtown.

Each telescope is unique and has a date engraved on its side, respectively 1887, 1930, and the one pictured is dated 1993.

A sad note for this telescope is that the large lens on it is currently broken.

These telescopes were part of the art project for the park by artist Barbara McCarren and were commissioned by the Pershing Square Property Owners and the Community Redevelopment Agency for the City of LA in 1994. There is elegant orange/gold backlighting that lights up the surrounding area at night, giving the impression of a sunset.



We give special mention to these other Club members who were runner-ups:

- Jose Luis Ortiz
- Dwayne Thomas
- LaSann Gilyard
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Big Bunny's Spring Fling at LA Zoo Hunts for Fun Over Easter Weekend

The L.A. Zoo invites you to "hop on over for lots of 'eggs'-citing adventures during Big Bunny's Spring Fling." Be-a-Bunny face painting, bunny ears to color and wear, rabbits to pet in the Bunny Patch, and carrot seeds to plant and grow are just a few of the activities. Souvenir pictures with Big Bunny will be available for a nominal fee. There will be musical

entertainment and guest appearances by the Energizer Bunny throughout the two days.

The event is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday, April 9-11, at the Los Angeles Zoo, in Griffith Park at the juncture of the Ventura (134) and Golden State Freeways. Admission is \$9 for adults and \$4 for children ages 2 to 12. Big Bunny's Spring Fling activities are free with paid admission to the Zoo. (There is an additional cost for pictures with the Bunny.)

For more information, call (213) 644-4200, or visit the zoo's Website: www.lazoo.org



Madeleine Mann is dressed to enjoy the Zoo's annual Big Bunny's Spring Fling April 9-11.

Big Bunny's Spring Fling

- Friday – Sunday
- April 9-11
- 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Los Angeles Zoo

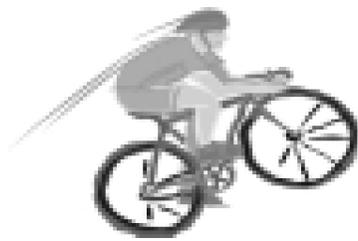
Newsbrief

HOMELAND SECURITY FUNDING:

The Los Angeles City Council passed a motion copresented by Council President Alex Padilla and Councilmember Jack Weiss urging the federal government to identify the highest threat areas and allocate funding accordingly. The motion is similar to recent actions by the City Councils of New York and Chicago.

"Los Angeles and America's largest cities have faced a great financial burden as we have worked to provide safety and security to our residents," said Council President Padilla. "We implore Congress to allocate federal resources in a way that addresses our specific homeland security needs."

"Los Angeles, New York and Chicago have readily responded when orange alerts are declared, but heightened security has enormous costs that are paid for by



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local governments with no immediate help from Washington D.C.," said Councilmember Weiss. "Unless the Bush Administration takes responsibility for the cost of providing for national security in our cities, local governments may be forced to reduce the level of response because we simply can't afford it."

Congress has appropriated \$1.5 billion for Urban Area Security Initiatives since 2003, but does not prioritize allocation of the funds to large cities and instead allocates funding to an increasing number of low-threat cities and states. Los Angeles has fronted between \$15-20 million in costs directly related to alert level increases over the past two-and-a-half years, while receiving only promises of \$4.5 million in federal funds to pay for them. Even more alarming, some officials estimate the City's post-September 11 security bill at upwards of \$150 million, with only about \$50 million in federal grants on the horizon.

The Council called upon the federal government to: 1. Fund homeland security based on the real threat of terrorist attacks in a way that focuses on getting resources fairly to the areas of the country that need it most. 2. Increase Homeland Security funding to our nation's major cities. 3. Complete a national threat and vulnerability assessment and prioritize funding accordingly. 4. Create a major urban area threat level increase fund.

Newsbrief

MACARTHUR PARK:

Homicides are down 38 percent and shootings are down 50 percent in one of City's top three blighted areas. Working closely with Los Angeles Police officials, Councilmember Ed P. Reyes, along with LAPD Chief William Bratton, today announced some early results of a targeted LAPD effort to transform one of the City's most blighted parks into a place where families and children can now begin to enjoy greater security.

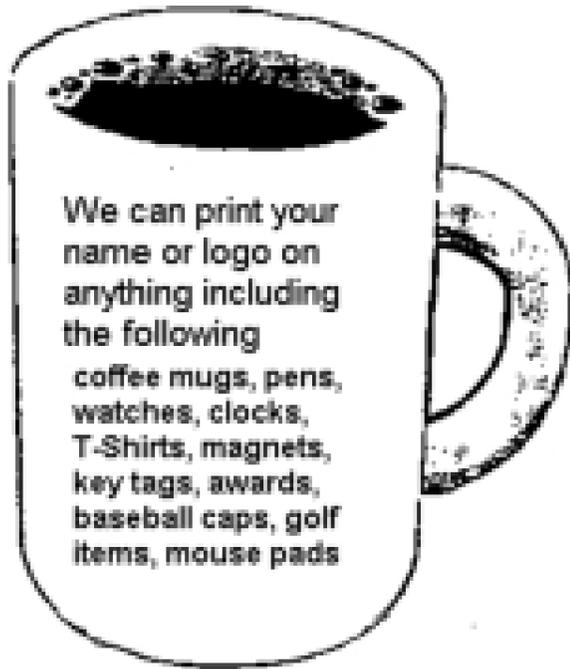
Just days after Police Chief William Bratton became Los Angeles' top cop, Reyes invited Chief Bratton on a private tour of the park. Together they discussed the drug deals, gang activity and shootings in and around the MacArthur Park area. Citing the 40-acre MacArthur Park as one of the top three blighted areas in Los Angeles, Chief Bratton created the Alvarado Corridor



Project with the goal of returning the park to law-abiding citizens.

"When William Bratton first became chief, I invited him to tour MacArthur Park with me so he could see the gangs, drug deals and other crimes families have to put up with on a daily basis," said Reyes who says he also expects to bring additional lighting to the park in coming months. "Much to his credit, the chief brought a renewed focus to this area. The Alvarado Corridor Project is about returning a neglected neighborhood park to these families and bringing back some of the luster to this jewel of Los Angeles we call MacArthur Park," Reyes said.

The project, launched last October, focuses the Los Angeles Police Department, the City of Los Angeles, community and business resources to zero in on criminal activity at MacArthur Park. As part of the program, Chief Bratton, along with Rampart area Captain Charlie Beck, have assigned a senior lead officer to MacArthur Park. Moreover, the program includes dedicated bike patrols and foot units. Reyes' office donated bicycles to the Police Department to boost bike patrols. "We recognize that we have a lot more work to do but we are off to a very promising start," said Reyes who lauded Chief Bratton for his focus on MacArthur Park. ■



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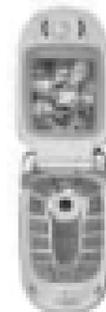
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From left: LAPD Officer Marc Rubio, Metropolitan Division, with horse, Boomer; and LAPD Officer Chris Collier, Metropolitan Division, with horse, Zip.

St. Patrick's DAY



From Left: Chief Gary Brennan, LAPD; Arlene Herrero, Member Services Counselor, City Employees Club; and Assistant Chief Jim McDonnell, LAPD.



LAPD Emerald Society.

Downtown Sees Green During Lunch Hour for St. Patrick's Day Parade

■ Club sponsors unit in annual festive event

Approximately 50 units marched, strolled, jiggled and rode through the sun-drenched streets of downtown for the fifth annual parade honoring St. Patrick's Day March 17.

The parade started at 11:30 a.m. at Fourth and Flower Streets, and ended at Fifth and Olive Streets.

City participants included the LAPD, the LAFD, City Council and other units. The LAFD, LAPD, Transportation and Street Services helped coordinate and manage the event.

Councilmembers Janice Hahn, Bernard Parks, Tom LaBonge, Dennis Zine, Alex Padilla, Antonio Villaraigosa and Eric Garcetti took part in the festivities. The parade's grand marshal was Assistant Chief Jim McDonnell of the LAPD.

Dignitaries included Finbar Hill, honorary consul of Ireland; Los Angeles Archdiocese Cardinal Roger Mahony; and actors Melissa Gilbert and Bruce Boxleitner.

Special thanks go to LAFD Capt. Richard Andrade, Fire Station 3, for his enthusiasm in organizing this event every year.

Here are photos of the event.



Celebrity Grand Marshals Melissa Gilbert and Bruce Boxleitner.



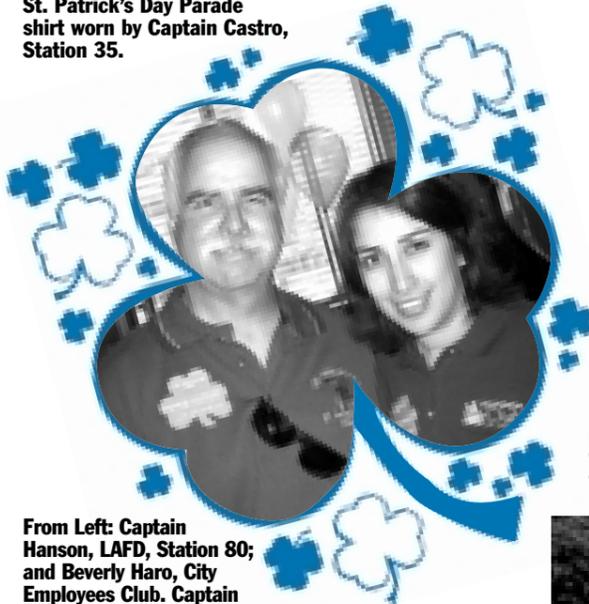
Los Angeles Fire Department St. Patrick's Day Parade shirt worn by Captain Castro, Station 35.



Sgt. Paula Kreefft, LAPD Metro Mounted Platoon, with horse, Tom.



M. Finbar Hill, Honorary Consul of Ireland.



From Left: Captain Hanson, LAFD, Station 80; and Beverly Haro, City Employees Club. Captain Hanson co-founded St. Patrick's Day Parade.



Rose Choychangthong, Traffic Officer, Dept. of Transportation.



LAFD Fire Station 19 (Brentwood) gave the Club an official "lift" for the parade. Here is the group (all from the Club unless otherwise specified): Navin Cotton ("The Ticket Guy"); Robert Larios; Alex Quintana, Fire Station 19; Bev Haro; Captain Jim Ruiz, Adam Mandelbaum and Marc Lundgren, Fire Station 19; Arlene Herrero; and Howard Pompel.



From left: Officer Ciaran Crawford, Long Beach Police Department; Assistant Chief and parade Grand Marshal Jim McDonnell, LAPD; Thomas H. Keleher, Director, Long Beach Police Officers Association; and Detective John McBride, Long Beach Police Department.



AON Risk Services.



LAFD Fire Hogs and Police Choir Boys motorcycle units.



Grand Marshal, LAPD Assistant Chief Jim McDonnell.



From left: Philip Cloughesy, Vice President, Long Beach Police Officers Association; and Bill Hallett, Police III, LAPD.



Morningside High School Band mascot.





Lynwood High School Band.



Councilman Tom LaBonge.



Councilman Dennis Zine.



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Pat McOsker, President, United Firefighters, Local 112



Dave Lowe, President, L.A. Firefighters Relief Fund.



Public Works Street Services.



From left: Captain Blake Chow, LAPD Central Area; and Captain James A. Rubert, LAPD Central Area.



From Left: Councilman Bernard Parks; and Navin Cotton, Ticket Guy, City Employees Club.



Los Angeles Fire Department Historical Society.



Captain Andrade, Founder of the St. Patrick's Day Parade.



Councilwoman Janice Hahn.



Thompson School of Irish Dance.



Damien High School Band, LaVerne.



From left: Councilmen Eric Garcetti and Alex Padilla.



Councilman Antonio Villaraigosa.



LAFD Station 29



Los Angeles Irish Set Dancers.



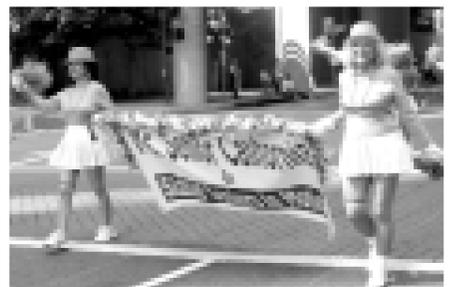
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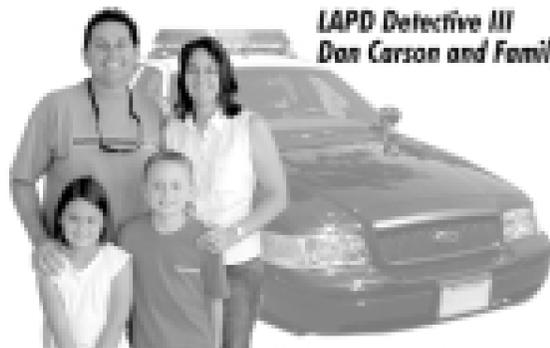
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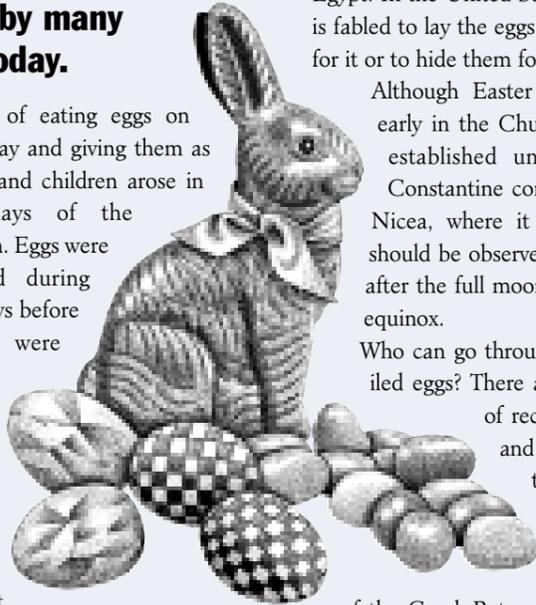
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Easter is an Eggs-cellent Time for Hams and Crock Pots

■ **Easter is one of the oldest holidays practiced by many cultures today.**

The practice of eating eggs on Easter Sunday and giving them as gifts to friends and children arose in the earlier days of the Christian church. Eggs were forbidden food during Lent (the 40 days before Easter) and were therefore always eaten on Easter Sunday. But the custom of coloring eggs goes back to the ancient Egyptians and Persians, who practiced this custom during their spring festival.



The Easter hare, or bunny, comes from the

distant past as well. The hare is associated with the moon in the legends of ancient Egypt. In the United States the Easter rabbit is fabled to lay the eggs in the nests prepared for it or to hide them for the children to find.

Although Easter was celebrated very early in the Church, its date was not established until A.D. 325 when Constantine convened the council at Nicea, where it was decided that it should be observed on the first Sunday after the full moon following the vernal equinox.

Who can go through April without deviled eggs? There are possibly hundreds of recipes for deviled eggs, and I have one that is easy to make. I have also included other favorite recipes, a couple of which are

of the Crock-Pot variety. I am a big supporter of the Crock Pot because it concentrates flavors and tenderizes meats better than most other kitchen appliances. Enjoy! 🍴

Deviled Eggs

INGREDIENTS

- 1 dozen eggs (hard boiled, cooled, and peeled)
- Light mayonnaise
- Yellow mustard
- Ranch dressing
- Garlic salt
- Pepper

DIRECTIONS

Slice the eggs in half lengthwise. Put the cooked yellows into a bowl and place the white halves on a plate. After all the eggs have been cut and separated, mash and mix up the yellows until they are as fine and smooth as possible. To this add about 4 heaping tablespoons mayonnaise, a hefty squirt of yellow mustard, and two tablespoons of ranch dressing. With a mixer, blend these all together until smooth and creamy. Add just enough garlic salt and pepper to taste.

With a teaspoon, drop enough mixture into the center of the whites to make it look full and rounded (not flat). For an added touch, you may add a shake of paprika or some finely sliced green olives. If not, just leave them plain, cover with plastic and refrigerate until needed.



Easy Easter Crock Pot Roast Beef

INGREDIENTS

- 5 pounds chuck roast*
- 2 cans French onion soup
- 16 ounces beer
- 2 ounces whiskey
- 2 beef bouillon cubes

DIRECTIONS

*Cut in large chunks so it'll fit into the Crock Pot. Braise roast in oven at 400 degrees for one hour. Add all ingredients together with roast in Crock Pot. Stir a bit and simmer 4 to 5 hours.

Makes 6 servings.



Apricot Baked Ham

INGREDIENTS

- Fully cooked ham with bone
- 20 whole garlic cloves
- 1/2 cup apricot preserves
- 3 tablespoon dry mustard
- 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar

DIRECTIONS

Score the surface of the ham with shallow diamond-shaped cuts. Insert cloves in cuts. Combine preserves and mustard; spread over ham. Pat brown sugar over apricot mixture.

Place ham on a rack in a roasting pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 20 minutes per pound or until ham is heated through and thermometer reads 140 degrees.



Crock Pot Teriyaki Steak

INGREDIENTS

- 2 1/2 pounds boneless chuck steak
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 clove garlic, crushed

DIRECTIONS

Cut steak into 1/8-inch-thick slices.

Combine oil, ginger, soy sauce, sugar and garlic in a small bowl. Place meat in a Crock Pot. Pour sauce over. Cover and cook on low for 6 to 8 hours. Serve with rice. Makes 5-6 servings.



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