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Chandra Mosley, Chief Clerk, Mail Services.

Mail Services Answers Call In a Big Way

■ **Division sets record sending out more than 800,000 notices critical to Public Works, LAFD in 9 days ... and saves money, too.**

When Public Works' Bureau of Sanitation had to send almost three-quarters of a million notices in anticipation of a critical City Council meeting, they asked Mail Services for its help, and the department delivered.

And then, when the LAFD wanted to help protect citizens in fire hazard areas by warning them of potential dangers and inform them of upcoming inspections, it, too, asked for Mail Services' help.

More than 1 million pieces of mail were processed in March, surely a record for the division.

"I extend an enormous thank-you to everyone involved," said Chandra Mosley, chief clerk of Mail Services. "I very much appreciate everyone who was flexible and assisted in these projects!"

The more than 800,000 mass mailers, processed in less than 10 days, were a combined total from the Department of Public Works Bureau of Sanitation (743,000 plus) and the Fire Dept. (111,000 plus). Public Works/Bureau of Sanitation sent property owners notices that the City of Los Angeles would be proposing an increase in the Sanitation Equipment Charge. The proposed

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Cooperation Is Just the Ticket

■ **DOT goes 'out of the box' to join with unions and solve a big parking sign problem.**

"Ten years ago, this solution wouldn't have happened," coordinator says.



Replacing a faded traffic enforcement sticker is Eric Nichol, Traffic Officer II, 7 years.

"Our 560 traffic officers were in a really tough spot," explains DOT Deputy Chief Rudy Carrasco, Parking Enforcement Manager II. "They have their job to do, but they can't do it with bad signs."

He was talking about the fact that more than 170,000 stickers affixed to parking regulation signs in the City had deteriorated, faded or just plain fell off their signs, making them ineffective at best or downright misleading at worst. He had a problem.

"Our officers had been coming to management for awhile, saying that these parking signs were causing problems, and that we needed to get them fixed," Carrasco continued. "And for two-and-a-half to three years, we were working on a solution. Using our normal work rules, it would have taken us four years to solve the problem.

"But that's when Joel Grover did his investi-

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Applications Now Accepted for 2004 Club Scholarship Program

■ **Program, for Club member or child of Club member in college, supports the Club family.**

The Club is proud to announce its annual scholarship program open to all college-age Club members or their children enrolled in a full-time college program, or to be enrolled in a full-time college program in fall 2004.

"We feel strongly about giving back to the

community, to the City, and to the members of our Club family," said Robyn Barnes, chair of the Club's board of directors. "We were delighted to award our scholarship to Jennifer Moncayo last year. We expect to award our Club scholarship to someone just as deserving."

Winner of the first Club Scholarship last year was Jennifer Moncayo, daughter of Cynthia Beltran, an employee in the Housing Department, and a 28-year veteran

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Jennifer Moncayo (center) poses with the Club team after being awarded the Club Scholarship last year.



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by **John Hawkins**
 COO, The Club



Alive! Grows to Cover All That's Going On in City

You'll notice that *Alive!* just keeps getting bigger and bigger (and better and better)—and that's because we're finding more and more things happening amongst City employees that need to be showcased for all to see. The Club's mission is to celebrate the lives of City employees, and we'll do whatever it takes to make that happen.

In this issue you'll see quite a few pictures honoring Police Service Representatives during their Dispatchers Week. You'll also find uplifting articles about the dedicated workers at Mail Services and Parking Enforcement (Nice work Chandra Mosely and Jimmy Price!). In addition, you'll find a new hot deal from the Ticket Guy (Navin Cotton) for Angel games at half price. Ticket Guy also secured a limited supply of high-quality hats with the City seal embroidered on them (one of the best embroidery work I've seen in a long time). Look on the inside back cover for more information on how to order yours before they're sold out.

On a side note, last week I used the City's 311 Information service (the toll-free number for non-emergency services) to get some information about street paving. I was extremely impressed. My call was answered in less than a minute and the attendant connected me with the people I needed to talk to with ease. Hats off to David Dizon and his 311 team for a job well done! It's another example of City employees making a difference with professionalism and efficiency.

Don't forget, it's the time of year for the Renaissance Pleasure Fair. It's definitely a yearly tradition for the whole family. I took my two boys, Noah and Isaiah, last year and they had a blast; we plan on going again this year. The Ticket Guy secured a great deal, \$12 for adults and \$7 for kids (ages 5-11). That's about 40 percent off! Remember, we never mark up our tickets. You pay what we pay.

Are you taking advantage of the Club's Office Depot discount? I am, and you should too! The other day I bought four varieties of laserjet labels and a package of heavy duty sheet protectors. My bill came to \$76.73 before I swiped my linked credit card. After swiping my credit card, the total on the register dropped to \$56.96. That's a 26 percent savings!

Lastly, don't forget one of the most important days of the year: Mother's Day, May 9.

From all of us at the Club, have an excellent May!



The City Seal hat as worn by Club Counselor Beverly Haro, now on sale through the Club.

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ClubFest 2004

- October 3, 2004
- Sunday Afternoon
- Calamigos Ranch, Santa Monica Mountains above Malibu

Date Set for ClubFest '04; More Space at Calamigos

■ **Save the date: Sunday, Oct. 3.**

Those who were lucky enough to attend ClubFest at Calamigos Ranch last year know what a great time it was: Tons of food. Tons of fun. Games, rides, raffles, families and fantastic friend-making.

Don't miss out this year: ClubFest 2004 is set for Sunday afternoon, Oct. 3, again at Calamigos Ranch. (It was such a great success!)

For 2004, we'll be expanding the space reserved for the Club at Calamigos. That means even more room for a memorable afternoon in the sun (and shade).

Watch for more details this summer in *Alive!* 📧



Last year's ClubFest was a great success.

Food

Family

Set the date for this year's picnic: Sunday, Oct. 3.

Members Speak Out

Club members:

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Correction:

— On page 20 of the April issue, in the Department of the Month feature, the Central Library faces Flower Street (not Fountain Street, as we stated).

Alive! regrets the error.

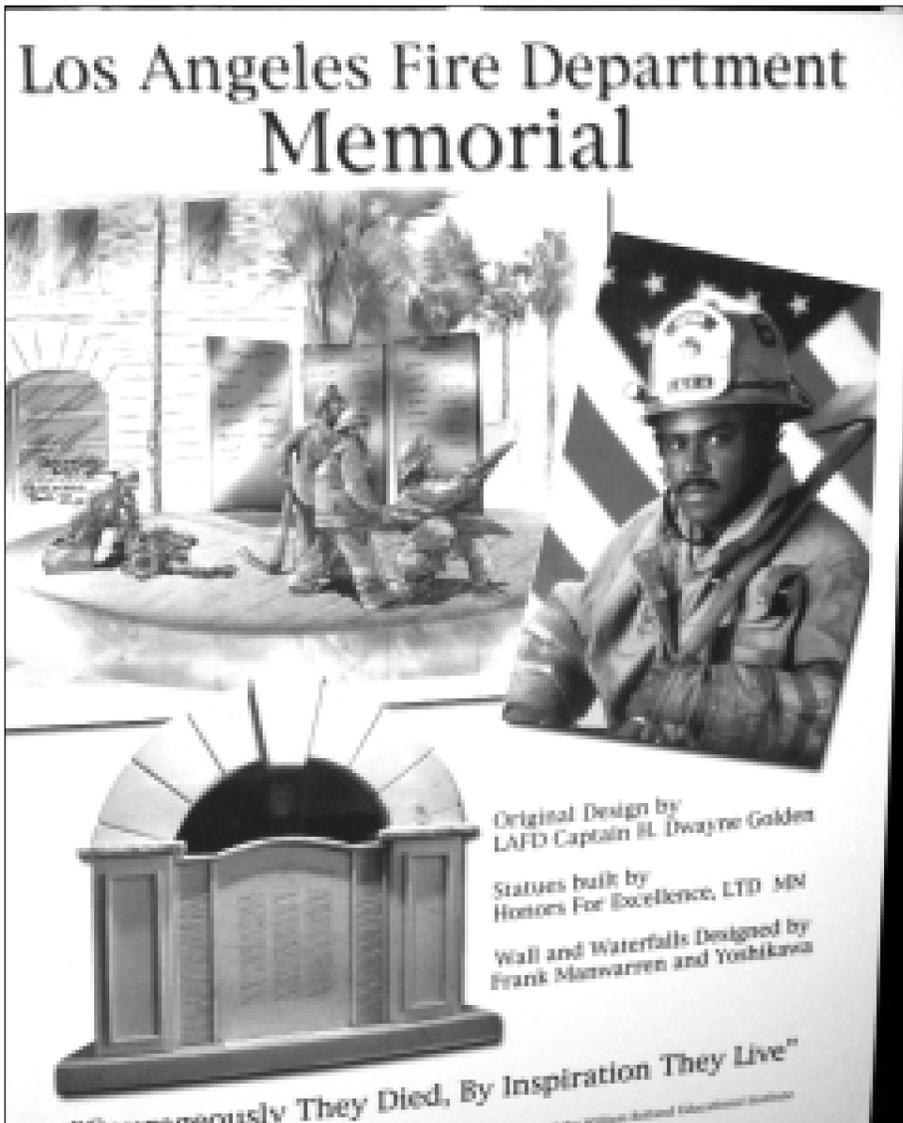


Happy Mother's Day!



The Club wishes all mothers a great day Sunday, May 9. Take a moment and congratulate yourself for the awesome job you do every day of the year. Best wishes from the Club for a job well done!



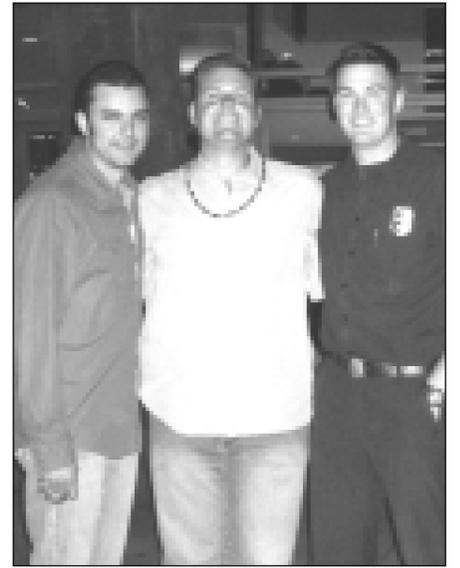


An LAFD Memorial Poster.

LAFD Goes To the Clippers To Help Fund Fallen Firefighters Memorial

March 25, the LAFD sponsored a meet-and-greet and fun outing to a basketball game between the Los Angeles Clippers and the Washington Wizards at Staples Center.

The event, which included displays of fire trucks and other equipment, raised funds for the construction of the Fallen Firefighters Memorial at the LAFD Fire Museum in Hollywood. 🏠



From left: Firefighters Alex Moreno, Brent Lovrien and Adam Van Gerpen.

Here are photos of the event.



From left: Firefighters Ross Torstenbo, Mike Kammerer and Adam Van Gerpen.



The basketball game.



From left: Firefighters Carlos Chavez (Fire Station 10), Danny Garcia (Fire Station 10), Gary Smith (Fire Station 10), Beverly Haro (Club Counselor), Mike James (Fire Station 9) and David Lindsay (Fire Station 10).

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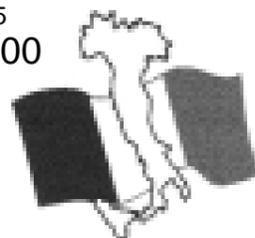
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West LA Sanitation Yard Gives Shoutout To its Employees With Appreciation Day

The West LA Yard held its Employee Appreciation Day, held twice a year during a pay period when there are no deductions. Management says thank you to all of its employees by donating money to prepare lunch.



The menu included marinated chicken breast tacos, rice and beans. The superintendent is Walter Crowder; the supervisors are Erwin Holloway, Michael Jackson and Robert Carrillo. There were even some drivers who donated to make this day special: Frank Briscoe, LT Gardner, Jon Reed and Jonathan Polk.

Special guest was Rita Robinson, Club board member and new Director of Sanitation.

The Club provided raffle prizes. The winners were: Sherry Cox, Senior Clerk, Boombox; Frank Sanchez, Refuse Collection Truck Operator, 20-inch television; and Scotty Stanton, Refuse Collection Truck Operator, X Box Bundle.

The next Employee Appreciation Day will be held Sept. 29.

Here are photos of the event.



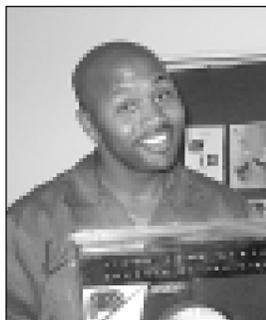
April pulls the winning raffle ticket for the prizes donated by the City Employees Club.



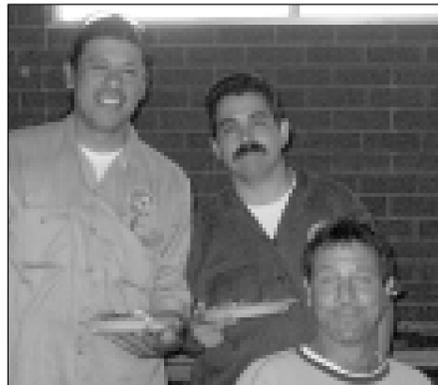
From left: Darius Green, Refuse Truck Driver, 25 years; and L.T. Gardner, Refuse Truck Driver, 15 years.



From left: Angel Gomez, City Employees Club Sales Manager; Marviana Jones, Clerk Typist, 2.5 years; and Toni Chagolla, Clerk Typist, 6 years.



Scotty Stanton happily poses with his X-Box.



From left: Frank Sanchez, Refuse Truck Driver, 4.5 years; Peter Gonzalez, Refuse Truck Driver, 4 years; and Chris Bernard, Refuse Truck Driver, 16 years.



From left: Anthony Wiggins, Refuse Truck Driver, 7 months; Robert Brown, Fleet Services, 28 years; and Carlos Chaffino, Refuse Truck Driver, 17 years.



From left: Rafael Ramos, Refuse Truck Driver, 3 years; Lourdes Lozano, Clerk Typist, 9.5 years; Robert Cuellar, Refuse Truck Driver, 16 years; and Romeo Estrada, Refuse Truck Driver, 10 years.



From left: Marviana Jones, Clerk Typist, 2.5 years, with Rita Robinson, Director of Sanitation.



From left: Walter Crowder, Acting Superintendent, 36 years; April Broussard, Clerk Typist, 17 years; Rita Robinson, Director of Sanitation; and Dewayne Torrence, Refuse Truck Driver, 17 years.



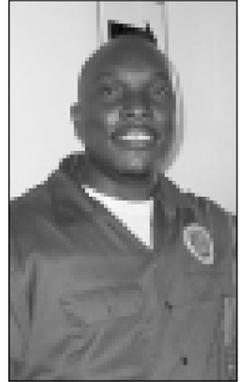
Frank Sanchez, winner of the 20-inch television donated by the City Employees Club.



From left: Val Keys, Clerk Typist, 2 years; Paul Porter, Refuse Truck Driver, 9 years; and April Broussard, Clerk Typist, 17 years.



David Pinkey, Refuse Truck Driver, 15 years.



Myron Jordan, Refuse Truck Driver, 10 years.



From left: Darrell Davis, Refuse Truck Driver, 19 years; and Duran M. Williams, Refuse Truck Driver, 17 years.



From left: Joseph Norwood, Refuse Truck Driver, 17 years; and Julian Chavez, Refuse Truck Driver, 18 years.

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Dignitaries Pay Tribute to César Chávez on His Day

■ **Family members, schoolchildren and politicians are among those who celebrate the late leader's birthday.**

Dignitaries including Paul Chávez, the son of the revered Mexican-American cultural leader César Chávez, gathered to pay tribute to the late hero on his actual birthday, Wednesday, March 31, at Placita Olvera, next to Olvera Street in downtown Los Angeles.

Chávez was a man of dignity, power and truth, who worked hard for the civil rights of

the country's Mexican Americans, according to Hilda Cevallos, who hosted the fourth annual celebration.

The celebration was sponsored by the Instituto Cultural Mexicano del Los Angeles. In addition to Paul Chávez, other dignitaries included Salvador Jimenez, acting consul general of Mexico in Los Angeles; Susana Bautista, director of the Mexican Cultural Institute; two area gradeschools named for the late hero; and the mariachi group Los Arrieros. The students marched around the plaza, ending in front of the bandstand, singing *De Colores*.

"The family is honored with many things named for my father," Paul Chávez said. "Buildings are good. "But events like this keep his legacy alive,"

The celebration ended with more entertainment and educational workshops for children in the plaza, and with art presentations at the offices of the Mexican Cultural Institute. ■



Paul Chávez, son of the late hero César, talks about his father's legacy.



Hilda Cevallos hosted the fourth annual celebration.

Schoolchildren marching in honor of César Chávez.

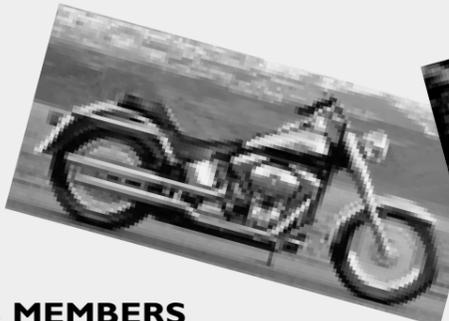


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As part of its cultural awareness programs, the Instituto Cultural Mexicano, the City's El Pueblo Historic Monument and Olvera Street downtown are sponsoring a three-day

celebration of Cinco De Mayo April 30 through May 2, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. each day. Admission is free (there is a charge for food).

Cultural activities including entertainment, booths, dance, food, exhibits and other attractions are planned.

Cinco de Mayo (the Fifth of May) is a day of remembrance of the "Batalla de Puebla" (Battle of Puebla), in which poorly equipped but highly motivated Mexican forces of less than 4,000 troops defeated the French forces of 5,000, who were well equipped and disciplined. The city of Puebla, 100 miles east of Mexico City, was the battleground on which Mexico was to prove to the world that national sovereignty would not be compromised.

On the morning of May 5, 1862, history was written that continues to serve as a reminder that with patriotism, valor and pride, one will overcome any and all obstacles. Their victory demonstrated to the world that they would defend themselves of any foreign conquest. 🇲🇽

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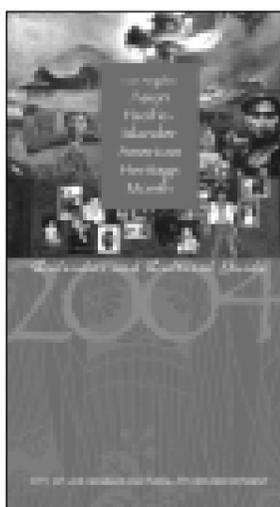
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As part of this celebration, the Cultural Affairs Department created a comprehensive calendar and cultural guide that lists the numerous events, exhibitions, lectures, and festivals related to this annual celebration of Asian Pacific Islander American culture. To receive a free copy of this publication, call (213) 473-8481.



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DWP Retirement Plan Office: (213) 367-1722

For Retirees By Phil Skarin, RLACEI Publicity Chair

Membership NEWS

Joe Boyle and his wife celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary March 6 in Tehachapi with 100 friends

Carmela Ioppola lost his wife of 61 years, Daetamo, Feb. 11

Louis Robins lost his wife of 55 years, Camille "Mimi," Jan. 5

Richard Humphreys lost his wife of 56 years, Joanne, March 14.

We extend our sincere condolences to their families.

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.

Coming events:

June 15 – Golf Tournament

Aug. 12 – Picnic

Oct. 14 – Annual Corporation Meeting & Elections

Dec. 9 – Christmas Party.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:
A balanced relationship, a teeter-totter, to be in balance needs people of weights on each end. But, in personal relationships, equality seldom exists. The Creator has given each of us a unique combination of skills, strengths, talents and personality traits. A balanced relationship requires that each person be cognizant of each other's strengths, weaknesses, desires and fears, and act in manner that will achieve a balance. So, it really takes some knowledge understanding and effort to achieve a balanced relationship.



19 Firms Answer LACERS' Call for Healthcare Services

by Phil Skarin, RLACEI Publicity Chair

Ed Harding, RLACEI president, reports: "We had a large amount of retirees show up at our meeting April 15. We purchased 150 dinners, and those who showed up had a nice half-chicken dinner including two drinks and chocolate pudding for dessert.

"At this meeting there were separate tables that included the City Employees Club of Los Angeles, which is offering low cost

long-term care insurance for our retirees, and the Credit Union, with its gifts and doors prizes.

"Ray Beccaria of the Dept of Cultural Affairs is offering part-time jobs to our retirees who can do accounting and paying of bills. Call me, at (805) 584-9417, if you are interested; I have all the particular information.

"The Angels Baseball Club is offering half-price tickets to our retirees for several games. I have the games and flyers to give out. Please call for reservations for dinner for our October Annual Meeting. I'll see you at our Golf Tournament in June and our Picnic in August."

Legislative Report: Ken Spiker, our elected representative to the LACERS Board of Directors, reports that the CPI (cost of living index) for this year reached the unexpected rate of 2.6 percent. Thus, those retirees who retired before July 1, 2001, can use their banked credits to receive the maximum allowance of .3 percent, effective July 1. Those who retired after July 1, 2001, will receive a smaller increase but no less than 2.6 percent.

Health Care Insurance: Ken also reported that many, if not all, retirees are concerned about what kind of health care insurance we can expect to receive next year. Newspaper and television reports daily announce major corporations, both private and governmental, cutting back on providing services previously covered; raising premiums, reducing subsidies and other impacts that would adversely affect employees and retirees.

Only 19 firms have responded to LACERS request for services for medical, dental and prescription drug benefits; those who have submitted bids are now being analyzed by LACERS private consultants and staff. Each will be grad-



Ed Harding,
RLACEI President

ed on cost competitiveness, rate guarantees, experience, financial stability, services offered and other factors.

The finalists with the best overall ratings will be presented to LACERS Benefits and Administration Committee for which Ken serves as chairman. Blue Cross, Health Net, Kaiser and PacifiCare, the current providers, have submitted proposals.

Ken has his fingers crossed, hoping that all current coverages will be continued and at a reasonable cost to LACERS and Retirees. He is most concerned that providers will eliminate certain current services.

Golf Tournament: The deadline is just a few weeks off to enter the 26th annual Retirees Invitational Golf Tournament Tuesday, June 15. Generous sponsors so far include The L.A. Federal Credit Union, The City Employees Club of Los Angeles, John Powell, Phil Skarin and RLACEI. More sponsors are needed.

Poetry Contest: The 10th annual Retirees Poetry contest will be held this year. There will be separate categories for retirees and spouses. Poems of any style or length can be submitted. Everybody wins! Send typed copies to Phil Skarin by October 1.



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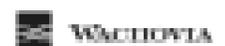
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From left: Phil Skarin, Jack Mathews, Harold Danowitz, RLACEI President Ed Harding, Neil Ricci, Helen Salgado and Jerry Bardwell.

RLACEI Meeting Held on April 15

The Retired Los Angeles City Employees Association held one of its semi-yearly meetings April 15 at the Van Nuys-Sherman Oaks Senior Center. Approximately 150 people attended.

The Club was on hand to help the seniors with their benefit needs.

Here are photos of the event.



Sandra Dyson of LACERS.



From left: Americo Garza, Alice Walder and Ella Garza.



From left: Mico Rouso; and Norma and Leo Rosen.



From left: Roger Baldacci and Neil Ricci.



Ken Spiker, legislative director, discusses health insurance changes.



Ken Kochakji with Catherine Conrad, UNUM Rep.



HOT CLUB EVENT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Angels Baseball

The Ticket Guy is at it again. He has arranged for the Club to receive excellent prices on a number of Angels baseball games.

Tickets are \$13.50 or \$6, depending on where you want to sit.



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- Sunday, May 9 (Mother's Day), vs. Tampa Bay
- Saturday, June 5, vs. Cleveland Indians
- Wednesday, June 9, vs. Milwaukee Brewers
- Tuesday, June 22, vs. Oakland Athletics

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Questions?
Call Mike Sandoval
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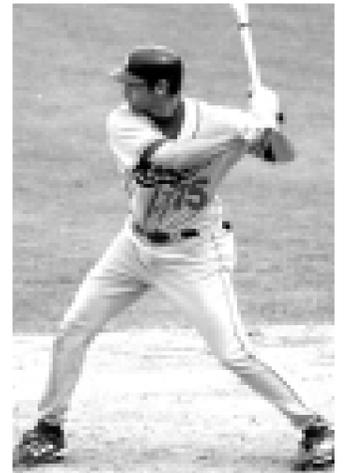
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Call the Ticket Guy on the Ticket Hotline today! (888) 777-1744.



BONUS: The Olympic Torch will be on display during pregame ceremonies as it makes its tour prior to the summer games in Athens.

Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager, Is Now Certified for Seniors

Angel Gomez, CSA, the Club's Member Services Manager, completed a comprehensive course on priority senior issues March 24. He is now a certified senior adviser.

The course is conducted by the Society of Certified Senior Advisers, a national organization that has trained more than 14,000 professionals in all 50 states and in the District of Columbia. Successful participants complete a thorough examination to earn the Certified Senior Adviser designation. Angel has taken this educational initiative to become a professional leader in meeting the key needs and issues concerning senior citizens.

In the history of the world, two-thirds of all people who have lived past the age of 65 are alive today. In the United States, seniors (age 65 and older) number 35 million and will continue to increase. The Club is dedicated strongly to our retired members. That's why Angel has become certified. He is here for you!

As a Certified Senior Adviser, Angel will participate annually in continuing education provided by the society. The CSA membership will ensure that he remains an informed professional for senior citizens.

Congratulations, Angel! 🎉



Angel Gomez, CSA
Member Services Manager
City Employees Club



Newsbrief

LABONGE AND LITTER

Councilmember Tom LaBonge won the support of the Los Angeles City Council April 1 to move ahead with a series of proposals meant to address the city's litter problem with an aim to reduce the amount of trash on city streets and in storm drains. The first of the two major elements of Councilmember LaBonge's plan is a reduction in the city's litter fine from \$1,000 per violation to a lower sum that would be easier to enforce, with the suggested new fine as low as \$50 per violation.

As part of this proposal, LaBonge wants to expand the number of city employees authorized to enforce the anti-littering law to include Bureau of Street Services' street use inspectors, Bureau of Sanitation stormwater inspectors, Department of Transportation parking enforcement officers. The proposal also calls for escalating penalties for additional violations. "We must do a better job keeping our streets and gutters clean, not only to keep trash from going to the ocean, but to encourage Angelenos to better respect our environment and help keep Los Angeles beautiful," said Councilmember LaBonge.

Los Angeles faces a serious financial burden in the hundreds of millions of dollars to keep its run-off water systems free of polluting trash and debris, including through our storm drains and the Los Angeles River. Federal clean water regulations imposed by the Regional Water Board have issued mandates to the City regarding the level of contaminants that are allowable in our water systems that



flow to the ocean. These are referred to as Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs). As part of this anti-litter package, the Council also called on the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) to place more trash receptacles at the 6,000 bus stops located throughout Los Angeles. The Council also instructed the Bureaus of Street Services and Sanitation to better coordinate and enhance their street trash clean-up and catch basin cleaning efforts. The new litter fine proposal will be taken up by the Public Works Committee, on which Councilmember LaBonge is a member, with the end goal of instituting a new, reduced fine for littering. LaBonge, who is also a member of the MTA Board, will take his proposal regarding trash bins to the board at a meeting in the near future. 🎉

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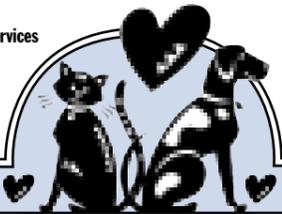
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by Jackie David, Public Information Director, L.A. Animal Services

The Pet Club



Airborne and Fatal: Dogs and Distemper

You own a dog. You've heard about canine (dog) distemper and have seen it on the news. Now you're concerned and with good reason. Canine distemper is a highly contagious and often fatal disease and it is airborne!

Canine distemper is caused by the Morbillivirus — a virus closely related to the measles virus. It is transmitted through the air.

It is also transmitted through droplet exposure from the nasal cavity, pharynx and lungs. It is shed in all body secretions of acutely infected animals. It can invade the respiratory, gastrointestinal, skin, immune and nervous systems.

Dogs and wildlife are susceptible: raccoons, skunks, ferrets, coyotes, foxes, wolves, mink, leopards, lions and tigers. If you refuse to

follow the law and allow your dog to roam freely around the neighborhood, beware: Your animal can pick this virus up from surrounding wildlife.

Can you get distemper from your dog? No. Canine distemper is not zoonotic. That means that it cannot be passed from an animal to a human the way rabies can.



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**



Like many ailments, canine distemper starts out with nasal and ocular discharge commonly associated with diseases including kennel cough or upper respiratory infection. Fever can set in. Your dog may seem depressed ... sort of like when you feel depressed. You know: Whatever it is, you are not interested. You don't feel like eating. You don't feel like wagging your tail. You just sort of want to lie there. Then the disease progresses and your dog can't seem to keep any food down or in. During the final stages, your dog can go into convulsions and seizures before death.

The course of the disease can take anywhere from days to weeks. It is physically devastating to the animal. It is a tough thing to watch your animal go through.

Can your dog survive distemper? Yes, there have been dogs and animals known to survive. The key is this: Would you notice if your dog

weren't feeling well? How quickly would you take him or her to the vet? Yup, the onus falls on you.

Here's what you can do. First of all, make sure your dog is up to date on its immunizations. A distemper vaccination should be one of them. If your dog has had a shot, remember that distemper booster shots are needed every year or two, so do check with your vet. Next, keep your dog indoors and/or confined around your property. After all, it is against the law to allow your dog to roam the streets. Keep an eye on Fido. If you see that he isn't feeling well, take note and call your vet. Don't wait for him to tell you because he won't. Pay attention. That's all you can do.

So, is canine distemper a cause for concern? Yes. Can you be your dog's hero? Yes. Pay attention and keep your vet's number handy. You never know. 🐾

Rare Gila Monsters Hatched At L.A. Zoo Now on Exhibit

Three Gila monster eggs successfully hatched at the L.A. Zoo and Botanical Gardens last November. The five-inch youngsters are now on exhibit.

Breeding and hatching of these endangered species takes a very concentrated effort. The L.A. Zoo is one of a handful of zoos that has had consistent success breeding gila monsters and Mexican beaded lizards.

"We begin by taking two adult pairs and putting them in a false hibernation similar to what occurs in the burrows they lie in," explains Curator of Reptiles Russ Smith. "We then warm them up slowly and put them together in one group. The males start sparring for the females' attention—it can get pretty brutal! The pair that shows the most potential is then placed together and, if all goes well, breeding occurs.

"The next stage is the hardest part—incubating the eggs," Smith continues. "The heat and humidity in the incubator has to be exact. This goes on for six months. It's in this area that we have refined our technique, resulting in our success."

The youngsters have the same brightly patterned black, orange, yellow and pink skin as the adults. Found in the Southwestern United States and into Sonora, Mexico, gila monsters are protected in the wild. Because they spend 90 percent of their time in burrows, it is difficult to verify their status in the wild, but they most likely are an endangered species.

The Zoo is in Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura (134) and Golden State (5) Freeways. Admission is \$9 for adults and \$4 for children ages 2 to 12.

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



This venomous gila monster, hatched at the L.A. Zoo in November 2003, is a rare hatching in zoos. Found in the Southwest United States into Mexico, gila monsters are endangered due to habitat destruction.

Wooly Bully: Sheep Sheared For the Summer at L.A. Zoo

Four sheep and two alpacas at the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens were recently relieved of their heavy winter coats during their annual shearing.

Sheep shearer Joe McCummins anchored each sheep, one at a time, against his body and shaved away their heavy wool. The two-and-a-half year-old ewes—name Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy—sat stoically and silently for their razor cut. McCummins shears sheep when he is not serving as a state ranger for the La Purisima Mission State Historic Park.

The Zoo's sheep and two alpaca are shorn once a year in the spring in preparation for the hot weather. "The animals will be cooler and more comfortable without that thick wool covering their bodies," says Duffy Wade, principal animal keeper. "They didn't recognize each other immediately following their shearing, but shortly after they began bonding again."

The wool from the shearing will be used by the Zoo's enrichment staff. They tuck baseball-sized wool balls throughout the carnivore exhibits. This scent enrichment allows animals such as lions and wolves to keep active and busy by hunting the scent and rolling over it once the balls are located.

The sheep and alpaca can be seen daily at Muriel's Ranch in the Winnick Family Children's Zoo. The L.A. Zoo is in Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura (134) and Golden State (5) Freeways. Admission is \$9 for adults and \$4 for children ages 2 to 12.

The Zoo is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. For general information, call (323) 644-4200 or visit the Zoo's Website at www.lazoo.org 🐾



Meg, a 3-year-old sheep at the L.A. Zoo, was shorn to prepare for hot weather. Joe McCummins, who shears when he is not working as a State Park Ranger, relieved the Zoo's four sheep and two alpacas of their winter coats.

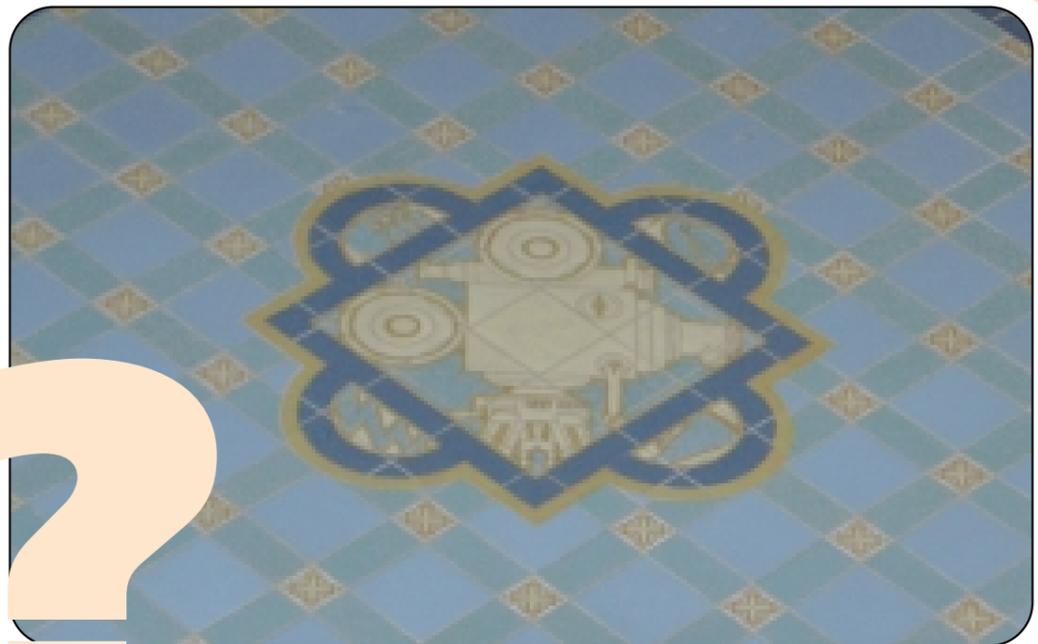
WIN \$50 Black Angus Certificate



Contest Rules:

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

Where in LA?



What is this? Where is this?

The Club member who gives us the most complete, detailed description of the object related to the City of Los Angeles wins a \$50 gift certificate to Black Angus!

- This month's deadline: May 14. See complete list of rules to the left.
- Thanks for playing, and good luck!

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

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 Timothy Lue. Congratulations, Timothy!

Here is Timothy's entry:

The picture shown in April contest is a permanent art exhibit called Recovering Equilibrium located in front of LAX's historic Theme Building at 201 World Way. This artwork is a memorial in remembrance of the 9/11 tragedy as LAX was tragically linked to the terrorist attacks on the United States with three of the four hijacked airplanes headed to LAX.

On the edge of the artwork, visitors can move the floating reflective dish to active

the interplay of national perceptions - inscribed: United We Stand, Sea to Shining Sea, Home of the Brave, et al. - versus core American rights and ideals - inscribed: Privacy, Habeas Corpus, Assembly, et al. suggesting the national dialog.

The artwork memorial also consist of a fountain with a floating reflective dish. Inscribed on the floating dish, reflected upward at night, are the personal traits of the victims -inscribed: Beloved, Equal,

Strong, Honest, et al. -evidence of America's characteristics and diversity that form our national identity.

The art and design team, BJ Krivanek and Joel Breaux worked with Gruen Associates to create the design which was formally dedicated at LAX on September 9, 2003.



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

- Sheka M. Wilson • Richard Lopez • Rickey Perez • Steve Gardner

Moving?



Let us know your new address! You don't want to miss a single issue of *Alive!* Call the Club at (213) 620-0388, or send it to:

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Your participation will help providing a safe haven as well as the counseling and support services essential to the reconstruction of many shattered lives. With your help, we can restore affected families to productive lives and secure, happy homes.



Ontario Intl. Has BBQ to Appreciate Its Employees

Ontario International Airport threw a barbecue April 15 at the airport to celebrate and say thanks to its dedicated employees.

The Club donated prizes for the event.

Here are photos of the event.



Employees enjoy meal in the lunch room.



Ontario employees wait in line to purchase raffle and meal tickets for the day's event.



Ontario Airport ready for their cheeseburger and hot link meal.



From left: Carlos Cadena, Gardener, 19 years; Ed Medina, Mechanic, 5 years; Albert Ascencio, Maintenance Construction Worker, 3 years; and April Benjamin, Sr. Communications Operator.



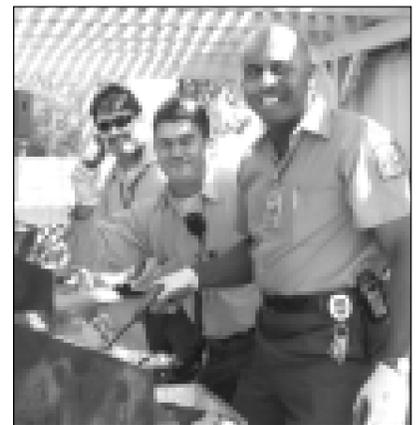
Ontario employees purchase raffle tickets.



From left: Winford Wai, A/C Mechanic, 17 years; and Joe Romero, Mechanical Helper, 4 years.



Employees picking up their meal.



From left: Fred Gallegos, Warehouse/Toolroom Worker, 6 years; Richard Jimenez, Building Repair, 6 years; and Adolfo Sharp, Custodial Services Attendant, 4 years.



Guillermo Reza won two AMC movie tickets.



Employees stop eating for a photo for *Alive!*



From left: Angel Segarra, Equipment Operator, 15 years; and Doug Donovan, Maintenance Laborer, 7 years.



David Pro wins the X-Box raffle prize donated from the Club.



Club Partner Amanda Cortez explains auto and homeowners benefits to Club members.



Alberto Ascencio wins the raffle prize donated by Club Partner Armando Martinez.

TICKET DEAL

Angels Baseball Tickets Behind home plate!

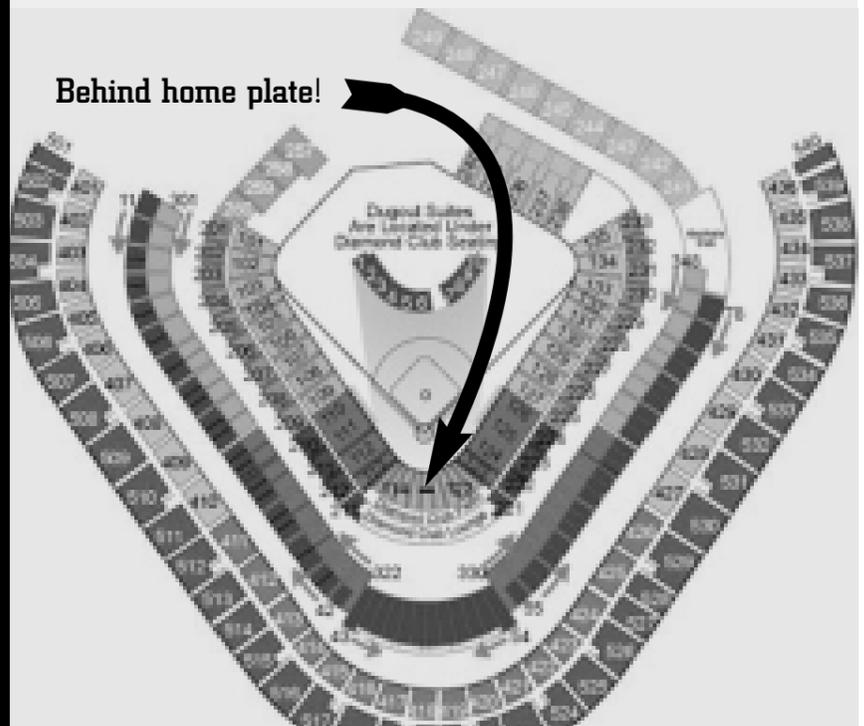
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Contact the Club Ticket Guy, Navin Cotton at (800) 464-0452 to purchase your tickets.

Behind home plate!



New Employees Get Feel of Water as Harbor Dept. Holds Three Orientations

The Port of Los Angeles held orientation sessions for new employees March 18 and 23, and April 1 at the Liberty Hill Plaza Conference Room in San Pedro.

The first two sessions were for new employees. The third was for transfers.

The Club was there, sponsoring the Continental breakfast and meeting the new employees.

Martin Chavez, Human Resources Development Officer, preceded the orientations, which ended with a 90-minute boat tour aboard the Angelina II.

The LA Federal Credit Union also attended and made a presentation.

Welcome new employees to the Port of Los Angeles!

Here are photos of the event.



The Angelina II.



View of SS Lane Victory during the tour.



Seals next to the Angelina II during the boat tour.



View of Berth 93 during the tour.



From left: Jose Navarro, Gardener, 2 years; Ernie Gonzales, Gardener, 6 months; and David Cartwright, Gardener, 6 months.



From left: Rick Sun, Program Analyst, 1 year; and Charles Miller, Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, 20 years.



From left: George Koury, Real Estate Officer, 5 years; Ted Fernandez, Management Analyst II, 14 years; Guadalupe Diaz, Management Analyst, 3.5 years; Martin Chavez, Human Resources Development Officer, 18 years; and David Malin, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, 14 years.



From left: Marino Paredes, Warehousemen, 13 months; and Carlos Flores, Street Maintenance, 13 months.



From left: Kurt Anderson, Sheet Metal Worker, 9 months; Mimi Gutierrez, Civil Engineer Assistant 1, 7 months; Soheila Sajadian, Finance Manager, 9.5 months; Neil Wantana, Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, 6 months; and Joe Rivera, Welder, 2 years.



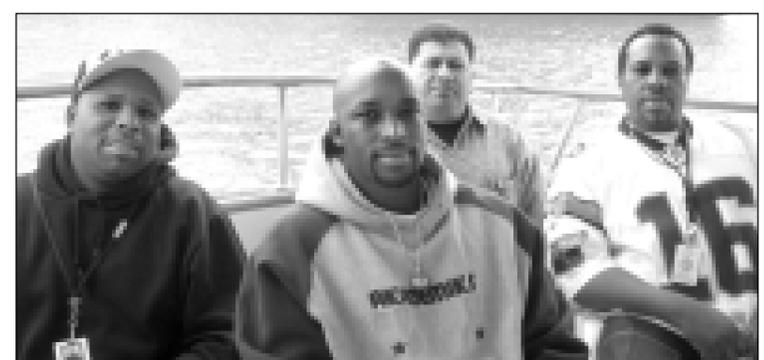
From left: Bill Jaime, Plumber, 1 year; and Bill Klingemann, Plumber, 10 months.



From left: Jerry Fite, Toolroom Worker, 10 months; Marc Vidican, Electrical Craft Helper, 1 year; and Sal Gutierrez, Electrician, 1 year.



From left: Paul Irving, Deckhand, 3 years; Michael Barnes, Sr. Boat Operator, 6 years; and Captain Anthony Di Tucci, 14 years.



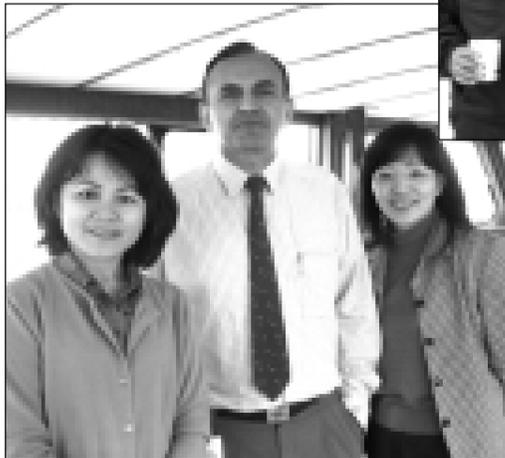
In front, from left: Patrick Hodges, Maintenance Laborer, 5 years; Don Jefferson, Maintenance Laborer, 4 years; and Waymond Banks, Heavy Duty Operator, 3 years. In back: David Ruiz, Gardener, 2 years.



An LAFD Fire Boat.



From left: Arturo Garcia, Gardener, 1 year; Martin Lovato, Electrician, 1 year; and Leo Chavez, Heavy Equipment Truck Driver, 1 year.



From left: Anne Liu, Accounting Clerk, 16 months; Sher Shah, Financial Manager, 12 months; and Nancy Lee, Accountant, 15 months.



Frank Comfort, Materials Test Technician, 2 months.



From left: Prashant Konareddy, Civil Engineer Associate, 9 months; Librada Martinez, Civil Engineer Associate, 2 months; and Martin Chavez, Human Resources Development Officer, 18 years.



John Hunten, MMC Helper, 6 months.



From left: Charles Giles, Maintenance Laborer, 4 years; Eric Doucette, Storekeeper, 14 years; and Johnny Lizarraga, Heavy Duty Equipment Operator, 20 years.



Gilbert Tascione, Gardener, 2 years.



From left: Rene Fregoso, Air Conditioning Mechanic, 5.5 months; Andrew Wooster, Management Assistant, 1 year; and Roland Tatum, Garage Attendant Port Police, 1.4 years.

TICKET DEAL

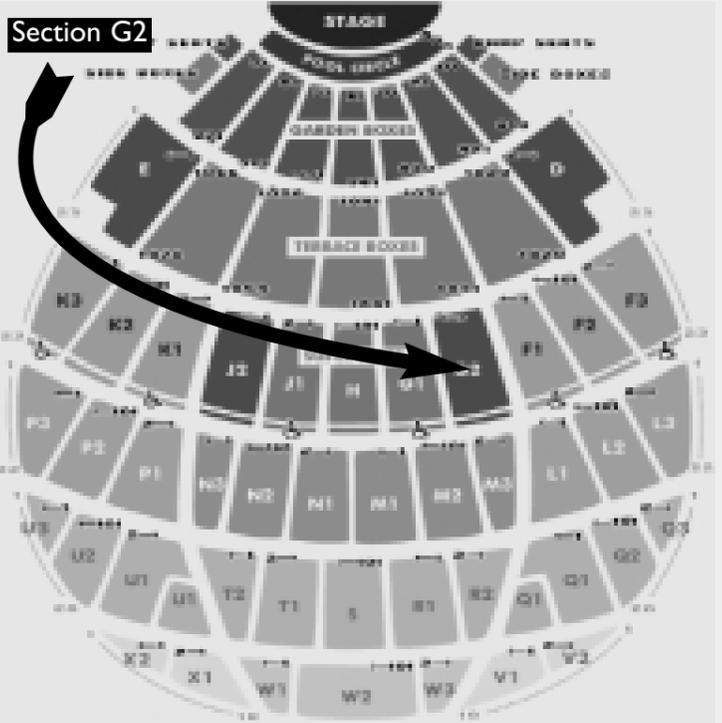
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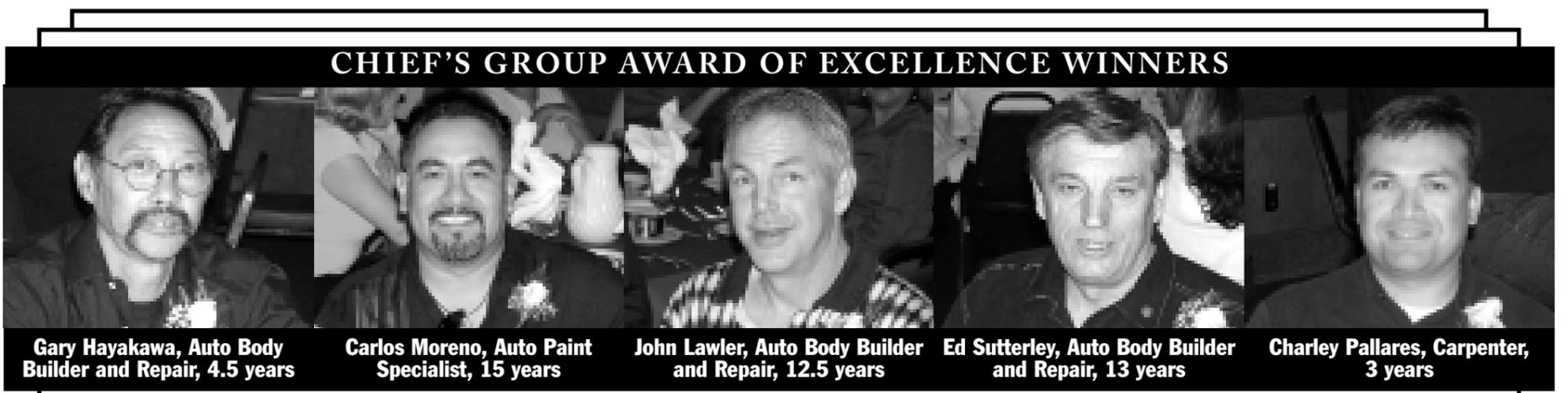
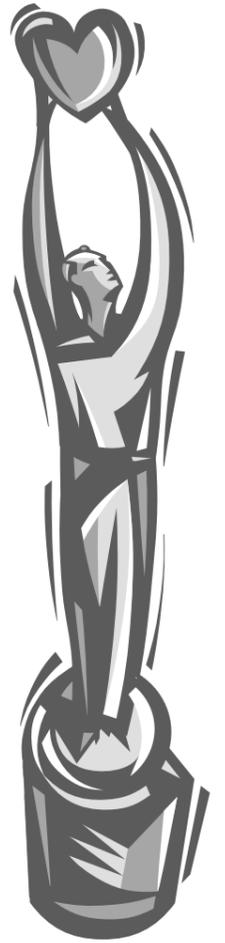
LAFD Says Thanks to Civilian Employees With Event, Awards

■ The LAFD threw a civilian employee appreciation day recently at the Police Academy near Dodger Stadium.

The department gave out its annual honors, including Employee of the Year, Award of Excellence and Special Recognition Certificates.

The day, attended by approximately 200 people, was organized by the LAFD Civilian Employee Recognition Committee and was sponsored by the LAFD SERTOMA Club, the LAFD Chief Officers Association, the Los Angeles Firemen's Credit Union, United Firefighters of Los Angeles City Local 112, and the Club.

Here are photos of the event.



Scholarship Applications Accepted; Program Gives Back to Club Family

Club Scholarship

Continued from Page 1

of the City.

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

"We became the City Employees Club of Los Angeles to spotlight City employees, their dedication, hard work and pride in themselves,

their City and most importantly their families," said John Hawkins, Club chief operating officer. "We wanted to rebuild the sense of community and belonging that for so many years identified the unique people who worked for the City of Los Angeles."

Here are the details:

■ All Club members and children of Club members under the age 21 are eligible to apply. Club members must be in good standing.

■ The successful candidate must attend an accredited four-year college or University full time school in the fall semester 2004. Current high school seniors matriculating to a four-year school in fall 2004 are eligible.

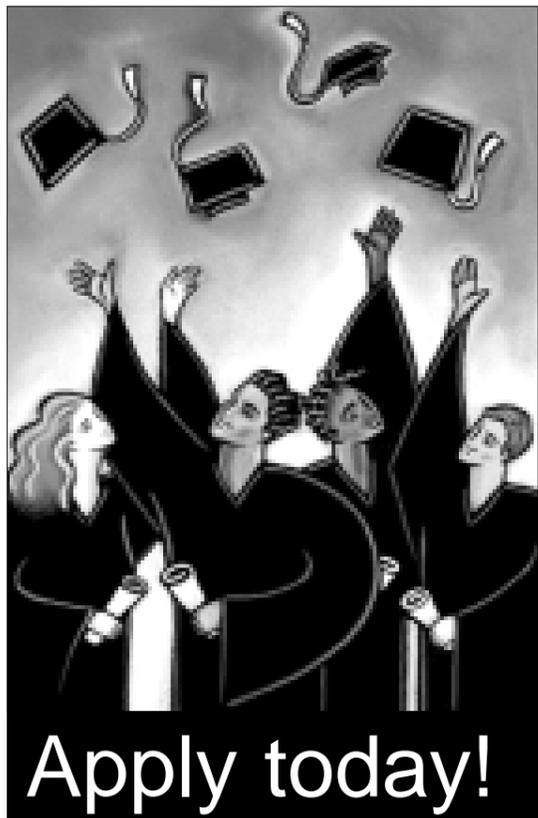
■ Candidates will be judged for academic excellence, community service and financial need.

■ One (1) scholarship in the amount of \$4,000 will be awarded.

■ Deadline for application: 5 p.m. July 15, 2004. All applications must be physically in the Club office at that time to be eligible.

■ Application packages are available online (www.cityemployeesclub.com/Scholar.asp) or in person at the Club headquarters, 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071. ☎

Questions About the Club Scholarship? Call the Club: (800) 464-0452.



Mail Services Comes Through in Delivering Record Amount for City

Mail Services

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increase will help finance the cost to purchase a refuse transfer station within the City of Los Angeles. This project was extremely time-sensitive to meet upcoming City Council public hearing schedules.

The Fire Department sent out more than 111,000 mass mailers to property owners near Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones of an upcoming compliance inspection scheduled for May 3, 2004. The mailer provided "residence responsibility" information and how to comply with Los Angeles Brush Clearance Requirements. Again this mailer was highly time-sensitive due to Los Angeles Municipal Code compliance time line. The original schedule for these projects was calendared for different periods.

However, due to unforeseen deadline changes Mail Services and Publishing Services received short notice to process these projects at the same time. With a concerted effort from both Publishing and Mail Services, they were able to complete these massive project within nine days along with pre-scheduled projects

that could not be canceled.

The Mail Services Division has been a high producer all year. The division processed more than 2.9 million mass mailers through its Barcode Automation Program in eight months when its original goal was to process 1.5 million by fiscal year end.

Already the division has saved the City more than \$600,000 in postage and vendor fees.

Since the beginning of this fiscal year MSD's entire staff has participated in commu-

nunicating its services to departments citywide during routine mail delivery, telephone conversations and public counter interactions. These significant achievements have made a positive impact on the city-wide postage budget and Divisional image for professionalism and timely service.

The division began this effort three years ago with its quarterly training seminars that resulted from a challenge from Assistant General Manager Tony De Clue and Facilities Manager Tony Royster. MSD has since brought City departments on board with its services and assisted them in the preparation of their mail and the use of internal City services versus outside vendors. ☎

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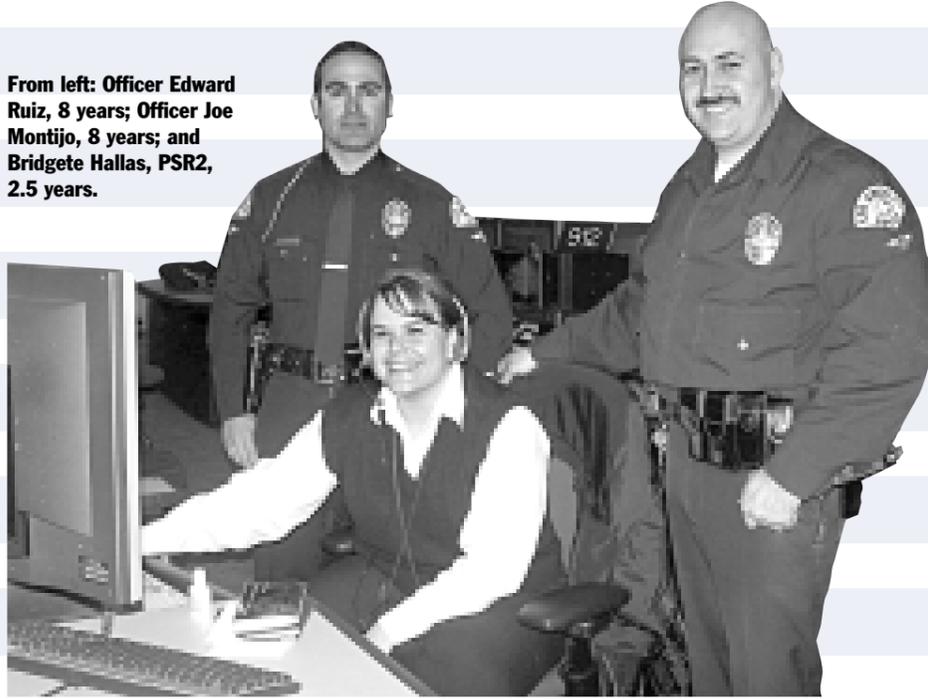
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From left: Officer Edward Ruiz, 8 years; Officer Joe Montijo, 8 years; and Bridgete Hallas, PSR2, 2.5 years.



Stephanie Brown-Smith, 1.5 years.



Leslie Garcia, 9 months.



Michael Klundt, 6 months.



Sandra Montanez, 20 years.



Yul Johnson, Sr. PSR, 15 years.



Marlene Swancy, Sr. PSR, 21 years.



Janene Perry, 2 years.



Linda Sandefur, 16.5 years.



Krishunda Wallace, 9 years. She also received a commendation.



Anita Whited, Sr. PSR, 14 years, Team Captain for Baker to Las Vegas.



Schala Guzman, 5 years.



Elizabeth Sanguist, 22.5 years.



Teresa Kachirisky, 5 years.



Valerie Aleman, 2.5 years.



Marie Fimbres, 4.5 years.



Desi Carter, 5 months.

Police/Fire Dispatchers in Spotlight During National Dispatchers Week

■ The Club shines the light on these critical City employees.

The voices of the people on the other end of the 9-1-1 calls belong to the Police Service Representatives (PSRs) of the LAPD. And all these fine folks were the focus of the local observance of National Dispatchers Week April 12-16 at the Metropolitan Dispatch Center and the brand new Valley Dispatch Center.

The LAPD Communication's Division has approximately 693 PSRs. Of that, approximately 128 are assigned to the new Valley facility. The Metropolitan and Valley centers are the busiest in California. Last year, the PSRs

answered more than 3.3 million calls for service, and the average operator can take anywhere from 150 to 250 calls per shift. They do it without glory or fanfare. But National Dispatchers Week changes that.

A luncheon, cake and small gifts for every PSR were part of the local observance. Three PSRs were singled out as Most Valuable PSRs. They are: (Club member) Megan Peer, Andres Mendoza, Kristina Montenegro and Senior PSR Lee Masters.

Here are photos of just some of the many PSRs honored during National Dispatchers Week here in Los Angeles. Some of the photos were taken in the middle of night, to make sure we didn't miss any shifts.

(All employees, unless otherwise noted, are Police Service Representatives [PSRs]).



From left: Margaret Otell, 27 years; Lorena Garcia, 6 years; and Madusta Smith, 2 years.



From left: Stephany Williams, 8 years, trains Barbara Maran, 8 months.



Angelique Jackson with Hip T. Hop.



Cynthia Lam, 5 years, and Cynthia Almeida, 5 months.



Left, in back: Yvette Salazar, 9.5 years. Right, in back: Donna Millender, 19 years. Seated: Ida Graham, 14 years.



Daphne Howard 20.5 years, trains Raul Luna, 9 months.



From left: Lt. Diljeet Singh, Watch Commander, 20 years; and Valerie Mokricky, PSR2, 9 years.



Christian Hilario, 5 months, being trained by Tamara Protto, 9.5 years.

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From left: Officer Melissa New, 11 years; Officer Kevin Marr, 2 years; and Officer Shawn Anderson, 10 years.



From left: Carol Schott, Sr. PSR, 16 years; and Margaret Peters, Sr. PSR, 15 years.



From left: Laura Miles, 6 years; and Elona Boswell, 6 years.



From left: Mary J. Derby-Grant, 17 years; and Andrew J. Smith, Captain of the LAPD Communications Division, 16 years.



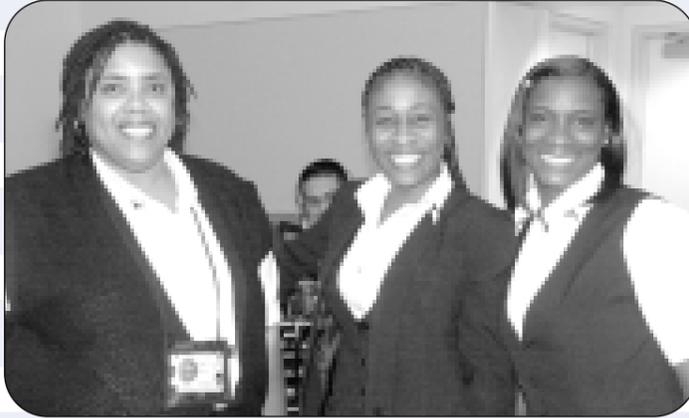
Jennifer Chavis, trainee, 9 months.



Veronica Escobar, 4.5 months.



Angelique Jackson, 2 years.



From left: Valerie Covington, Randi Miller and Theresa Harris.



From left: Liza Ornelas, Secretary at Captain's Office, 15 years; and Ruby Bravo, Sr. Clerk, 3 years.

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From left: Kerisha Jackson, 2 years; Donna Millender, 19 years; Latrice Jones, 2 years; and Ricci Cureton, 7.5 years.



From left: Officer Jorge Huerta, General Services, 9 months; and Officer Donald Taylor, Field Training Officer, 16 years.



Dominguez Daito, 2 years, using the console standing up.



Jamie Yniguez, trainee, 5 months.

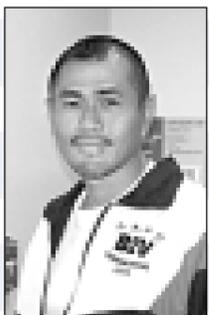


Scott Vetter, 6 years.

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Dorine Thomas, Sr. PSR1 and wellness coordinator, 18 years.



Dan Basilgo, 8 years, Running Captain for Baker to Las Vegas.



Nicole Campbell, 1.5 years.



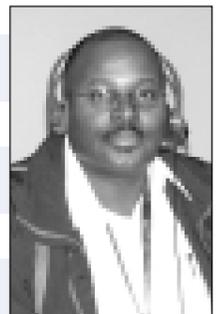
From left: Gordon Balbach, SMO, 1 year; and Dana Porter, SMO, 1 year.



Niuvela Malieitulia, 13 years.



Patricia Hamilton, 10 years.



Albert Nelson, 14 years.



From left: Todd Austin, Sr. PSR, 5 years; and Robyn Frazier, Sr. PSR, 15 years.



Holly Tufts, Assistant Watch Commander.



Theresa Meadows, PSR.



From left: Gloria Goode, 20 years; Yvonne Castillo, 2.5 years; Sophia Sanchez, 17 years; and Yvonne Thompson, 15 years. Center: Mary J. Derby-Grant, 17 years.

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Teresa Jacobs, 9.5 years, with daughter Kiki, grandson Calvin Jr. and son-in-law Calvin.



Lee Masters, Senior PSR and Most Valuable PSR award winner.



Terry Price.



Sharon Howze, 9 years.



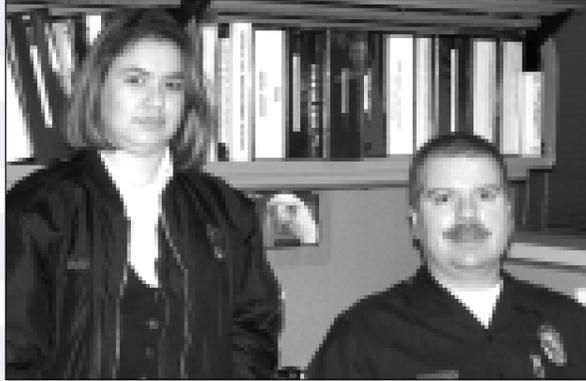
From left: Angela Dominguez and Rudy Vasquez.



From left: Sara Frarell, 4 years, and Linda Kido, trainee.



Lisa Hadsell, 2 years.



From left: Delfina Castro, 2 years; and Sgt. Greg Doyle, Watch Commander, 13 years.



Kathy Kravitz, 2.5 years.



Debbie Herdish, Watch Commander Aide, 2.5 years.



Stephanie Burkhardt, 4 years.



Kim Calloway, 1 year.



Megan Peer, 13 years, Most Valuable PSR of the year winner.



Cheymyla Hardy, 3 years.



From left: Madeline Davis, 10.5 years, Sandra Barraza, 7 years; and Lidia Marcial, 2.5 years.



Ms. Richardson, trainee.



Cathi Pearson, Senior PSR, 25 years.



Luisa Goodwin, 2 years.



Susan LaPre, 19.5 years.



Claudia Montes, 3.5 years.



Marcia Brandon, 31 years.



Josh Peer, 4 years.



Sheridae Alexander, 3.5 years.



Renee Hernandez, trainee.



John Phillips, Assistant Watch Commander, 22 years.



Julia Cesena, 7 years (seated); and Yvette Ponce De Leon, 7.5 years.

9-1-1 EMERGENCY

When City Had Parking Sign Problem, DOT Found Creative Solution

Parking Signs

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gation.”

That would be Joel Grover of KNBC Channel 4, who reported on air about citizens receiving tickets that were in conflict with posted regulations.

“The report said that our officers were writing bad tickets,” Carrasco explained. “That wasn’t true. It was the signs that were bad.”

As Carrasco explains it, the bad sticker problem came about nine years ago when Street Services changed the routes of its trash pickups, creating a conflict with the already-posted parking signs. So the department created stickers to correct the problem. But, according to Carrasco, over the years the stickers faded in the sun more quickly than anticipated, or just deteriorated and fell off.

Grover’s report was the final straw for Carrasco. That’s when he changed the rules—the rules of getting things done. This is a story not of inaction, but City employees cooperating with unions and vendors to solve this problem once and for all. And, quickly turning a four-year job into six weeks.



They put out a call for traffic officers willing to work on the special project as part of their regular duty, and they received 157 candidates. They were taken out of their regular duty and given this special assignment. Work hours and schedules were not changed.

Advance teams went onto the streets to develop a list of what needed to be replaced. Data entry personnel then compiled the information into a database.

The officers received one-day training on how to safely navigate ladders and how to make sure the correct stickers were going to be affixed.

There were more than 128 different kinds of stickers. At press time, the two-person teams are now in the field, correcting all 170,000 parking signs.

“With the unions, we’ve been developing a well-thought-out cooperative environment over the last ten years,” Carrasco continued. “The unions could have stopped this whole project, saying that our traffic officers were working out of class, etc. But they were

A parking enforcement sticker, ready to be replaced.

very responsive and deserve full credit. Julie Butcher and her people at Local

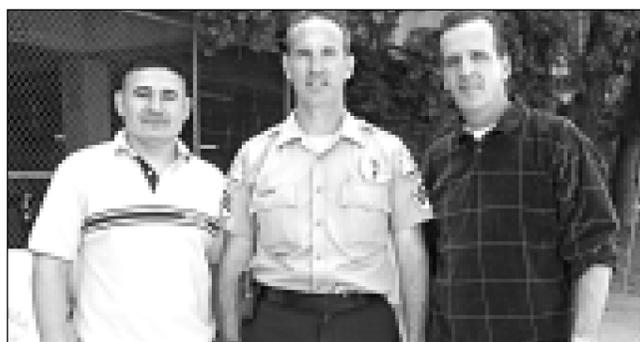


Sgt. Shawn McCormick of the DOT instructs the officers on proper locations and techniques to replace the 170,000 faded or destroyed parking enforcement stickers.



Zaki Mustafa, DOT Senior Transportation Engineer, instructs DOT officers who have agreed to participate in a special project to replace 170,000 parking enforcement stickers.

“We couldn’t have done it with without people coming through.”
— Deputy Chief Rudy Carrasco, DOT



Three sergeants in charge of training the DOT officers for their special assignment are (from left) Raul Mazariago, 14 years; Shawn McCormick, 5 years; and John Curtin, 18 years.

“We [he and Jimmy L. Price, Chief Bureau of Parking Enforcement and Intersection Control] put a plan together,” he continued. “Everybody agreed that an outside-the-box approach was called for.”

So he convened the Joint Labor Management Team, including representatives of the DOT’s Parking Enforcement, Field Operations and Street Services, and the two unions that represent these DOT employees, Locals 347 and 777. The cooperation was monitored and supported the City Council’s Traffic Committee consisting of Councilmembers Antonio Villaraigosa, Tom LaBonge and Greig Smith. “It’s a very positive process that comes up with solutions quickly.

“We asked ourselves, how are we going to solve this problem? We knew we had 170,000 stickers to be replaced, and so we began to calculate how to accomplish the mission. And we figured that we could do it with 75 traffic officers dedicated to this for six weeks, five days a week. I had the officers, and Zaki Mustafa [Senior Transportation Engineer with the DOT] had the resources.”

347 made this happen.” The success of this program came about out of cooperation that didn’t exist ten years ago. The catalyst: privatization.

“We staved off privatization by improving and expanding our services,” Carrasco continues. “What we do is not just about citations. It’s about abandoned vehicles, habitual violators, residential services. We started thinking like we were in private industry.

“I’ve been here 26 years,” he says. “I grew up in this department. So did Jimmy [Price]. We’ve seen where it was, and we identified where we wanted it to be. We knew we had to evolve, or be privatized. We looked at our competition and brought that back to the table. And then we improved and evolved. We were threatened with privatization, and we learned from it.

“An idea is just an idea, but without the people working together, nothing happens. Our people are number one.

“What I see today that I didn’t see 10 years ago is this cooperative effort to make things a lot better. We couldn’t have done it without people coming through.”

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Publishing Services Has Luncheon, Employee Appreciation Ceremony

On Thursday, March 25, Publishing Services in Piper Tech held an Employee Appreciation Day and Luncheon, to honor its employees who have reached longevity milestones.

The Club congratulates the employees for their dedication! 🐛

Here are photos of the event.



Michael Leighton, Director of Publishing Services, makes opening remarks.



From left: J.R. Garcia, Bindery Equipment Operator, 18 years; and Rick Knapp, Warehouse and Tool Room Worker 1, 3 months.



From left: Richard Vollaire, Printing Press Operator Supervisor, 32 years; Tracy Vu, System Analyst, 4 years; Elvira Lievanos, DM02, 3 years; and Dale Patterson, DM03, 5 years.



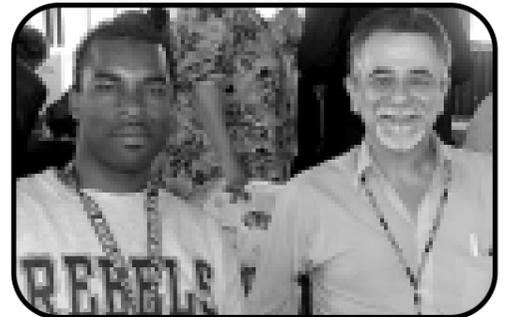
Alvin Blain, Interim General Manager, Department of General Services



From left: Tony Minnillo, Press Operator, 29 years; John Griffin, Print Press Operator, 32 years; Joaquin Ruiz, Binding Equipment Operator, 10 years; Michaelyn Valcroff, Retired Bindery Worker; and Louis Cascone, Printing Press Operator, 22 years.



From left: Walter Griffin, Printing Press Operator, 10 years; and Abby Truong, Sr. Clerk Typist, 5 years.



From left: Antonio Byrd, Warehouse Tool Room, Worker, 3 months; and Richard Malvino, Print Press Supervisor, 5 years.



From left: Mercy Escal, Bindery Worker, 14 years; Les Stearns, Warehouse Worker, 33 years; and Pete Holguin, Bindery Equipment Operator, 3 years.



Bob Hunt, SEIU Lawyer, leading the "Look For the Union Label" theme song.



20-year Service Pin recipients, from left: Louis Cascone, Press Operator; and Ronnie Cannon, Senior Duplicating Machine Operator.



From left: Tony Royster, Julie Butcher, Alvin Blain and Michael Leighton.



From left: Earlene Brown, Print Preparator, 9.5 years; Gonzalo Sarabia, Print Press Operator, 16 years; and Sally Deveze, former Local 347 Print Shop Steward.



Local 347 representatives, from left: Renee Anderson; Bob Schoonover, President; Margerie Reyes; David Sanders; and Julie Butcher, General Manager.



From left: Tony Royster, Julie Butcher, Alvin Blain and Michael Leighton, holding the union "bug."

Newsbrief

ETHICS REFORM

Mayor Jim Hahn presented his five-point plan on comprehensive ethics reform to the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission and urged the five-member panel to strengthen the public's confidence in the integrity of city government by adopting his recommendations. The commission is expected to vote on the proposal in May.

The mayor's administration has been beset by resignations lately related to investigations about fundraising.

"As a public servant for almost all of my career, nothing is more important to me than safeguarding the public's trust in government," Mayor Hahn said.

During the commission meeting, Mayor Hahn said that his proposal will take Los Angeles to a new level of ethics reform and is necessary to address the public's changing perception regarding allegations raised about contracting at the proprietary departments.

"Any wrongdoing should be rooted out and punished. We must take action now," said Mayor Hahn.

Mayor Hahn said it had become clear that regardless of the outcome of the investigations, the allegations themselves had created a growing public perception that City decisions are based on influence and campaign contributions, and not on the merits.

"When this perception is coupled with this city's record high campaign spending and record low voter turnout, there is a mandate for all of us to take aggressive action to safeguard the public's trust," said Mayor Hahn.

Mayor Hahn's plan to toughen ethics rules for elected officials, City commissioners, contractors and lobbyists includes:

- Prohibiting city elected officials and candidates from asking commissioners to fundraise for any purpose, including other candidates, political parties, initiatives, or charities.
- Prohibiting city contractors or bidders from contributing to and fundraising for city elected officials or candidates. Also, prohibiting city elected officials or candidates from asking city contractors to contribute to or fundraise for political parties, initiatives, or charities.
- Requiring disclosure of fundraising by elected officials for other elected officials and candidates, political parties, ballot measures, and other charitable purposes.
- Prohibiting campaign consultants from lobbying city officials.
- Prohibiting lobbyists from fundraising for elected officials and candidates. Mayor Hahn said he worked with legal and policy experts to make sure the proposals are enforceable and spent considerable time during the commission meeting discussing the proposed ban on contractor contributions and the ban on campaign consultants serving as lobbyists.

Mayor Hahn also noted that the recently adopted fundraising ban on commissioners addresses how contractors' campaign contributions may influence who gets awarded a contract, only to the extent that it eliminates commissioners' perceived role as the middleman. ■



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Newsbrief

HIGH-SPEED RAIL

Mayor Jim Hahn released a statement identifying the proposed Antelope Valley route as his recommendation for the future of the California High Speed Rail Project.

"Transportation is the lifeblood of our community," he said. "Without a viable, efficient and environmentally sound method of moving goods and people with-



in our community, the very pulse of Los Angeles would fail," he said in a statement delivered on his behalf at a press conference by Deputy Mayor for Transportation Brian Williams. "By directing the California High Speed Rail Project along the Antelope Valley route, Los Angeles, and in fact the entire Southland, will benefit from the integration of the Antelope Valley population centers into an economically sound regional transportation system."

The proposed Antelope Valley route would:

- Reduce traffic congestion on the I-5 freeway, offer an efficient alternative to downtown commuters, and ease the traffic burden on the rest of the Southern California freeway system;
- Relieve congestion at LAX and other regional airports by providing an alternative to air travel to Northern California destinations;
- Provide greater ridership revenues due to the higher population density along the Antelope Valley route, resulting in more than \$900 million dollars in net benefits over the first 33 years of operation.

The project is the single largest public works project ever proposed in the United States and is expected to provide much-needed jobs, relieve congestion at regional airports and reduce traffic throughout the Southern California region. 📍

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Norma Anders	Traffic Mark Sign Superintendent (Transportation)	37
Artis C. Branch	Custodial Services Attendant (Gen. Services)	16
Kenneth Carlson	Refuse Crew Field Instructor (Public Works)	19
Frank Chavis	Management Analyst (CDD)	21
Alfred Coleman	Sr. Traffic Supervisor (Transportation)	32
Colletta Gray	Cement Finisher (Airports)	16
John Grote	Photographer (LAPD)	31
Iola Harper	Crossing Guard (Transportation)	8
Glenn Howard	Refuse Collection Truck Operator (Public Works)	19
John Lord	Sr. Administrative Analyst (CAO)	35
Hugo Manrique	Gardener Caretaker (Rec and Parks)	28
Manual Mares	Special Program Assistant (Rec and Parks)	5
James McLaughlin	Deputy Mayor (Mayor's Office)	21
Merna Oakley	Sr. Management Analyst (LAPD)	31
George Palmer	Park Maintenance Supervisor (Rec and Parks)	39
Francis Payfer	Paramedic (LAFD)	11
Gerald Perman	Programmer Analyst (ITA)	32
Jennifer Waagenaar	Rec Director (Rec and Parks)	7
Cheryl Ward	Sr. City Assistant City Attorney (City Attorney)	29

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Plus: The Club will send you the book **Our Honeymoon: A Record Book About Our Wild Ride** free as our wedding gift!

The book is a record keeper and photo album all in one.

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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!

John Abejar	Eddie Glade	Patricia Murphy
Robert Abundis	Joseph Greene	Diane Newman
Alfred Amaro	Ronald Gulland	Monica Nunez
Curtis Ambroses	Angelica Gutierrez	John Ponce
Eddie Banks	John Hamilton	Qi-Shi Qi
Verneice Banks	Rodney Haraga	Francisco Ramirez
Joe Barajas	James Hayden	Alicia Randolph
Brian Bergquist	Kathleen Heredia	John Rashada
LaShonda Brewer	Clayton Hoppes	Logan Redmon
Gloria Buccat	Darren Howard	Erika Robinson
Robin Burbridge	Patricia Huff	Anthony Rodriguez
George Ceja	Durl Ingram	Ricardo Romero
Edward Chavez	John Johnson	Daniel Sanchez
Katina Cole	Robert Johnston	Rogelio Sanchez
Twana Cole-Gowala	Willie Kendricks	Scott Sears
David Cosgrove	Lewis Knight	Gurcharan Singh
Tobias Cristales	Laura Laves-	Jane Smith
Jonathan Cristall	Hernandez	Anne Spurgeon
Maria De La Vega	Michael Lee	Trevor Stephens
Consuelo Diazordaz	Anthony Lee	Richard Sturm
Arthur Dibene	Patricia Lowry	Rita Suhr
Terry Doody	Kim Ly	Andrzej Szpikowski
Vera Douglas	Raffi Massabki	Jessie Terry
George Duarte	Alex Mayagoitia	Anderson Thompson
Kirk Dukes	Belinda McConnell	Steve Torres
Gregory Dumon	James McDaniel	Salvador Torres
Ruben Estrada Jr.	Vallary McDaniels	Eddie Uribe
Gilbert Fisher	Phillip Meeks	Adriana Vasquez
Salvador Franco	Alfredo Mendo	George Vieira
Mario Frenette	Joseph Migliaro	Robert Wilbur
Israel Fuentes	Erica Minor	Larry Wilson
Leticia Fuentes	Joe Minsoo	Anthony Winston
George Gallego	Lizandra Morelos	Raul Yanez
Anna Giard	Raul Murillo	Dorothy Young



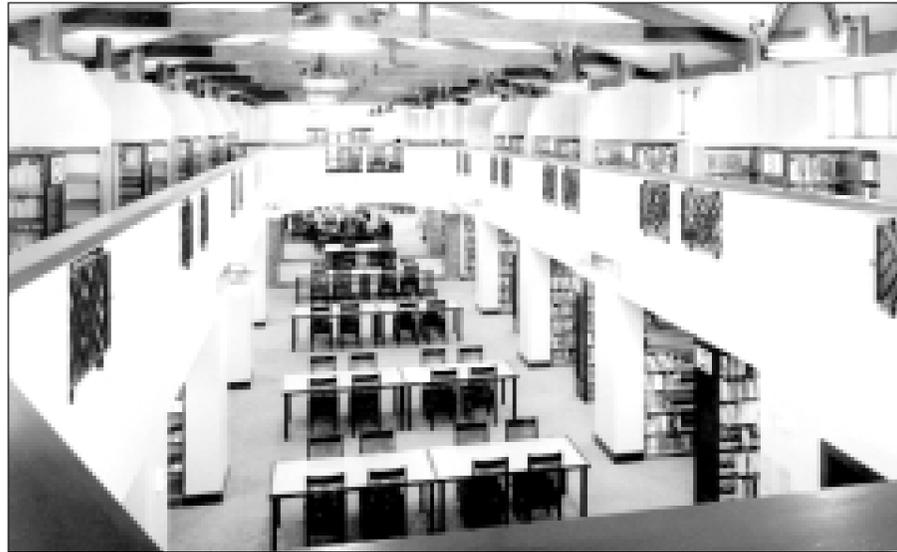
In Memoriam

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:			Mario Dombrower	Public Works	31	Silvano Mazzi	Transportation	31
Daniel Lowitz	Public Works	32	Lonnie Dudley	Harbor	38	Warren McKay	Building and Safety	15
Ernestine Swinson	Public Works	23	Elizabeth Eskin	Library	12	Raymond McLaughlin	Public Works	28
Fenton Belk	Rec and Parks	16	Morton Friedman	Gen. Services	12	Shirley Morrison	Gen. Services	32
Retired Members:			John Gilmore	Public Works	32	Dorothy Schlinker	LAPD	20
Auzs Brown	Public Works	33	Al Gise	Data Bureau Services	18	Louis Segovia	Public Works	35
Robert Butler	Gen. Services	24	Henry Givens	Airports	33	Naomi Tepper	Mayor's Office	8
Ricardo Carreon	Public Works	10	Joe Gurrola	Rec and Parks	20	Duewayne Toon	Gen. Services	30
Severino Catipon	LAPD	11	Estella Gutierrez	Transportation	25	Daniel Moss	Public Works	30
James Cerile	General Services	27	Wayne Hostetler	Transportation	30	George Thompson	Public Works	15
Patricia Cochran	LAPD	20	George Jeffries	City Clerk	24	Terencio Tupaz	Harbor	12
Raymond Coutchie	Public Works	25	Marian King	City Attorney	13	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 .		
John Craft	Public Works	25	Courtney Kurrell	Public Works	25			
			Oscar Lawrence	Rec and Parks	20			
			Hatsuye Matsuno	Gen. Services	31			



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Los Angeles Public Library Branches: Approved by the People, for the People

■ **Incredible building and renovation program, approved overwhelmingly by voters, is creating beautiful libraries and transforming literacy in Los Angeles.**

On November 3, 1998, 73 percent of the voters in Los Angeles passed a Library Bond Issue for \$178.3 million to improve, renovate, expand and construct 32 branch libraries. Since the program's inception, the Library Department and the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering have made outstanding progress in the design and construction of the branch library facilities.

In addition, in April 2002, the Library Commission approved the addition of another library project, Harbor Gateway-Harbor City, to the Program's total scope. Overall the actions of the Board of Library Commissioners, the Board of Public Works and the Library Bond Oversight Committee have expedited work on all 33 projects.

Since reopening, branches have seen their circulation soar. At the Mark Twain Branch, the Los Angeles Times reported, circulation is up 300 percent since before renovation.

The 1998 bond is:

- replacing 28 existing branches citywide with new library buildings;
- creating 4 entirely new branches in communities that didn't have libraries;

- the largest library infrastructure project in the nation; and
- on schedule and under budget.

With project savings and a state grant, the library has added another branch (Harbor Gateway-Harbor City branch). The Library will purchase property and construct a new building for the branch that is currently in leased space.

Through excellent program management and partnering between the Library Department and Bureau of Engineering, in conjunction with other City departments, consultants and contractors, the program has realized cost savings. The LBOC and the Library Commission approved the addition of Harbor Gateway-Harbor City branch library in April 2002. The program's interest earnings and project savings will fund the cost of this project.

The Library Department and Bureau of Engineering received a 2003 Quality and Productivity Award for the "Library Bond Construction Program," as well as the Best in Class award for delivering library projects ahead of schedule and under budget. Members of the program management team were recognized at a luncheon held May 8, 2003, for all award recipients. These awards recognize City projects that improve public services for the City of Los Angeles in efficient and productive ways.

The rebuilding program received several awards for the outstanding design and positive community impact. The Cultural Affairs Commission awarded Design Excellence Awards to Milofsky & Michali for the design of Pico Union branch library; Barton Phelps & Associates for the design of Will & Ariel Durant branch library and CardeTen Architects for Canoga Park branch library.

The North Hollywood Regional Library received a 2003 Governor's Historic Preservation Award from the California State Office of Historic Preservation and a 2003 Preservation Award from the Los

Angeles Conservancy. Chinatown Branch Library received a 2003 Rose Award for new structures and renovations in the downtown area, sponsored by the Downtown Breakfast Club.

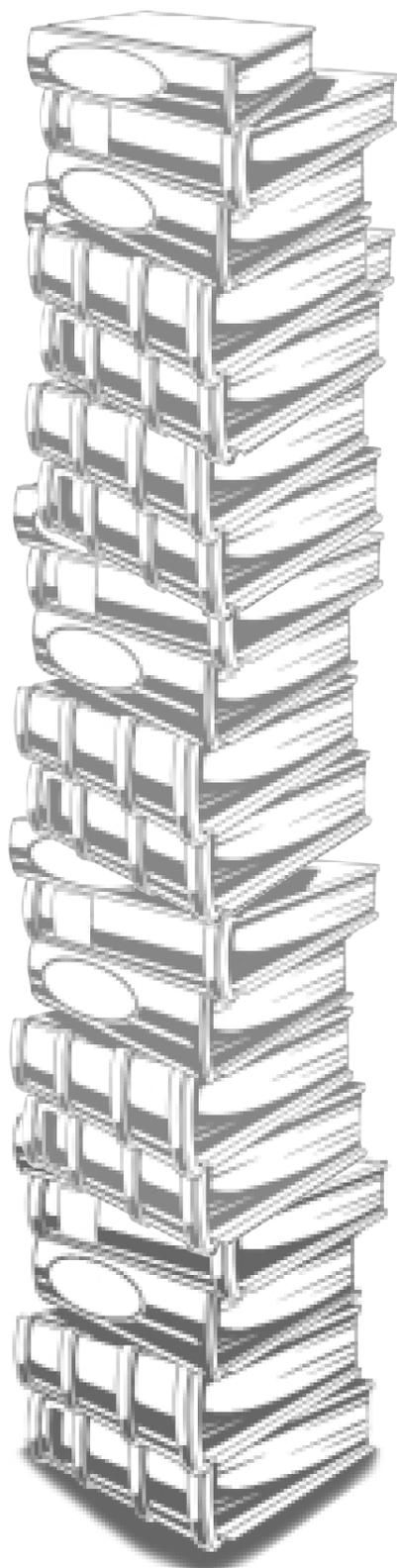
The success of the 1998 Library Bond Program is due to an excellent partnership between the Library Department and the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering. The Library Bond Oversight Committee is an effective body made up of general managers and high-level staff that helps the program management team expedite project delivery. The City Librarian, City Engineer, Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst, City Administrative Office and the Mayor's Office compose the Library Bond Oversight Committee. This committee has met on a monthly basis since November 1998. This partnership further extends to the Bureau of Contract Administration, Department of General Services, the Design Consultants, the PM/CM Consultant and support from the Mayor's Office, City Council, the CAO and the CLA.

Specifically, the program consists of:

- 17 libraries: Demolition of existing building and construction of new building with parking on the same site.
- 9 libraries: Acquisition of new site and construction of new building with parking.
- 4 libraries: Acquisition of new site and construction of new building with parking in communities that do not have library services.
- 3 libraries: Renovation and expansion of existing building and parking.

The 33 design agreements awarded are within the budget amount. All 27 properties acquired are within the budget amount.

The original 32 library projects are: Edendale, El Sereno, Fairfax, Hyde Park, Little Tokyo, Westwood, Arroyo Seco, Ascot, Baldwin Hills, Canoga Park, Chatsworth, Chinatown, Cypress Park, Encino/ Tarzana, Mar Vista, Mark Twain, North Hollywood, Northridge, Pacoima, Palisades, Palms Rancho Park, Pico Union, Playa Vista, Sherman Oaks, San Pedro, Sun Valley, Sylmar, Valley Plaza, West Valley, Westchester/Loyola, Woodland Hills, and Will & Ariel Durant. The Harbor Gateway-Harbor City project was added to the original program scope in April 2002. ■



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Serving the City Means Building Better Libraries

by Susan Kent, City Librarian

To provide the best, state-of-the-art libraries possible, the Library department is rebuilding and expanding its 64 aging and inadequate buildings and establishing eight new branches in communities without libraries. In the largest library construction project in the nation—possibly the world—we're replacing the City's antiquated, overcrowded 4,000-square-foot libraries (most built in the 1920s and 1960s) with new buildings that are 10,000 to 14,000 square feet. The project began in 1990 with the first of two bonds, and when completed next year, the Library will have 62 facilities—more than 90 percent of its branches—improved and tripled in size, the historic Central Library renovated and doubled in size to 500,000 square feet, and a system that has grown from 64 outdated facilities to 72 state-of-the-art libraries.

To implement the construction program, the Library works with dozens of other City

commissions, agencies and departments, such as Public Works and Cultural Affairs. In what has become a model for other City departments, the Library also partners with the communities served by each of the branch projects. We've held more than 170 community meetings in the past three years, providing neighborhoods with input on site selection, the architectural style, building features and public art projects.

By any measure, the construction program is an extraordinary success. With larger and updated collections; special areas for children, teens and adults; new technology; and amenities like community meeting

rooms, the Library has become more than a repository of books—it is a vibrant community center. More people than ever before—14 million people last year alone—visit Los Angeles Public Library facilities and millions more utilize the Library online from their home, office, school or PDA.



Susan Kent, City Librarian

Individuals, elected officials, businesses and others have supported the program in many ways. Perhaps the most dramatic endorsement came from Los Angeles taxpayers, who voted in 1998 by an overwhelming 74 percent for the \$178 million bond that

funded the construction program's final stage. The public support continues with record numbers of people visiting the new libraries once they open. At the Mar Vista Branch, for instance, visits soared from 12,500 people per month at the old building to more than 21,500 at the new library. The use of library materials has also increased dramatically; on average, the number of items borrowed at the new branches has tripled compared to the previous facilities.

We're proud to be fulfilling our promise to voters and even exceeding expectations by delivering these branches on time and under budget. Thanks to the dedication and hard work of our more than 1,000 employees, we're transforming a good library system into one of the nation's—and the world's—greatest.



Ascot, Back row, from left: Edith Tabb, Clerk Typist, 6 years; Olivia Alexander, Clerk Typist, 4 months; Thianne Levy, Messenger Clerk, 7 years; and Anastasia Mars, Clerk Typist, 20 years. Seated: Camille Carter, Senior Librarian, 32 years; and Ana Aguilar, Children's Librarian, 2.5 years.



Lake View Terrace, from left: Caryljo Fox, Messenger Clerk, 8 months; Vicki Carnecer, Clerk Typist, 6 years; Tim Hou, Children's Librarian, 3.5 years; Pat Johnson, Messenger Clerk, 10 months; Mary Bell, Children's Librarian, 9 months (from Sylmar); and Philip Levie, Young Adult Librarian, 2 years.



Baldwin Hills: Sharalyn Comfort, Clerk Typist (on loan from Hyde Park), 1 year.



West Los Angeles: Ogechi Anum, Western Area Office Assistant, 15 years.



Venice, standing from left: Lucille Cappas, Senior Librarian, 32 years; Vickie Remington, Clerk Typist, 5 years; and Brannon Brown, Messenger Clerk, 6 years. Seated: Eva Mitnick, Children's Librarian, 17 years.



Mar Vista, back row, from left: Marie Carlsson, Children's Librarian, 2 years; Olivia Sandaña, Messenger Clerk, 10 years; Tanya Cain, Clerk Typist, 22 years; and Gilly Rodriguez, Clerk Typist, 22 years. Seated: Goldie Ayers, Messenger Clerk, 24 years; and Peggy Murphy, Senior Librarian, 7 years.



Harbor Gateway, in back, from left: Steven Own, Computer Assistant, 1.5 years; Sharon Gatchalian, Messenger Clerk, 7 years; and Suitberto Buston, Messenger Clerk, 4 years. Seated: Grace Miguel, Clerk Typist, 7 years.



Panorama City, from left: Marjorie Acevedo, Young Adult Librarian, 7 months; Catherine Ortiz, Senior Librarian, 7 years; and Felecia Warren, Clerk Typist, 5 years.



Arroyo Seco, from left: Reynold Badman, Librarian; Kirsten Hawley, Children's Librarian, 3 years; John Hunter, Children's Librarian, 9 months; Guillermo Ybarra, Library Assistant I, 29 years; Karyn Allen, Librarian, 7 years; Tom Johnson, Senior Librarian, 15 years; and Madeleine Cardenas, Clerk Typist, 3 years.



Valley Plaza: Donna Horartos, Children's Librarian, 25 years, reading to the children.

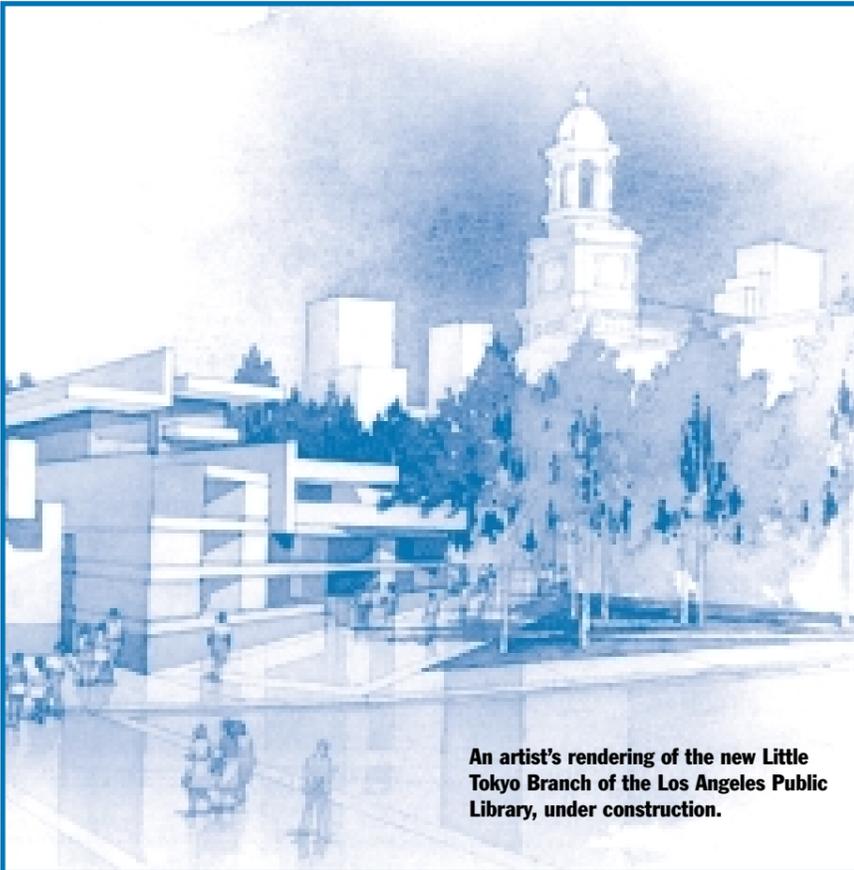


Valley Plaza, from left: Jose Galvan, Young Adult Librarian, 10 years; Ardem Tajerian, Reference Librarian, 5 years; Ettiene, Clerk Typist, 1 year; and Laura Dwan, Senior Librarian, 25 years.



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An artist's rendering of the new Little Tokyo Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library, under construction.



Memorial, from left: Susan Tso, Clerk Typist, "forever;" Erroll Ramey, Messenger Clerk, 4 years; Kardina Rosa, Messenger Clerk, 3 years; Barbara Bozeman, Young Adult Librarian, 20 years; Field Weber, Children's Librarian, 2 years; and Babbit Saidian, Messenger Clerk, 4 years.



Washington Irving: Effie McSweeney, Clerk Typist, 6 years.



North Hollywood, from left: Johnette Hamilton, Clerk Typist, 3 years; Jane Voyles, Librarian, 27 years; and Elizabeth Me, Clerk Typist, 7 years.



Pio Pico, from left: Helen Chung, Clerk Typist, 15 years; Joanna Moran, Clerk Typist, 5 years; and Miki Lim, Senior Librarian, 20 years.



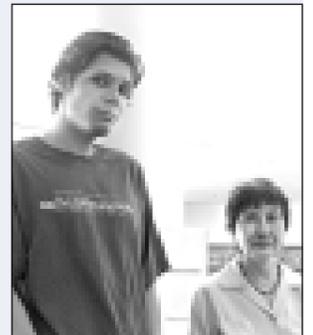
Palms/Rancho Park, from left: Maggie Johnson, Senior Librarian, 25 years; Michele Robinson, Children's Librarian III, 5.5 years; Patrice Myrich, Clerk Typist, 4.5 years; Sandy Kaplan, Volunteer Reader, Grandparents and Books Program; and Thelma Morris, Reference Librarian, 14 years.



Washington Irving: Eloise Logan, Branch Manager, 19 years.



Cahuenga, from left: Linda Benner, Children's Librarian, 3.5 years; Rebekah Dalby, Adult Librarian, 1 year; Claudia D. Martinez, Young Adult Librarian, 3 years; Delia Mayorga, Clerk Typist, 7 years; and Sophia Chou, Clerk Typist, 28 years. Not shown: Bev Costner, Librarian, 20 years; and Anne Reese, Clerk Typist, 25 years.



Brentwood, from left: Andrejs Kurlovs, Messenger Clerk, 1 year; and Penny Chiba, Librarian, 2 years.



Van Nuys, from left: Darlene Dauer, Clerk Typist, 20 years; Jan Metzler, Senior Librarian, 28 years; Pete Mann, Young Adult Librarian, 24 years; Robert Caboor, Clerk Typist, 18 years; Carlos Gonzalez, Messenger Clerk, 6 years; Regina Perlorskaya, Computer Aide, 2 years; and Paul Barrera, Computer Aide, 2 years.



Sherman Oaks, from left: Julie Jung, Messenger Clerk, 10 months; Diana K. Gordon, Librarian II, 19 years; Michaela Johnson, Senior Librarian, 29 years; Darlene Allande, Clerk Typist, 17 years; Connie Balboa, Clerk Typist, 6 years; Larry Paulson, Messenger Clerk, 3 years; Laurie Perkins, Messenger Clerk, 4 years; and Fran Avery, Clerk Typist, 8 years.



Studio City, from left, bottom row: Marjorie Clifton, Young Adult Librarian, 30 years, and Susan O'Brien, Senior Librarian, 7 years. Middle row: Eleanor Yonezawa, Clerk Typist, 5 years; Teresita Herrera, Clerk Typist, 1 year; Delisa Inker, Clerk Typist, 9 months; and Andree Matton, Adult Librarian, 25 years. Back row: Laquita Grant, 3 years; and Rita Cohen, Clerk, 2 years.

Los Angeles Public Library

PROFILE

City Librarian:	Susan Kent
Assistant City Librarians:	Joan Bartel Fontayne Holmes
Commissioners:	Lucy McCoy, president Dr. Cynthia Telles, vice president Robert A. Chick Rita Walters Geri Witt
Employees:	More than 1,000
Facilities:	Central Library and 67 branches
Collection:	6.1 million volumes
Visitors (per year):	14 million
Materials borrowed (per year):	15 million
Library card holders:	1.65 million
Website use (per year):	80 million
Public computers:	2,100
Annual budget: (includes related costs)	\$109 million

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Pacoima: Angelica Hurtado-Garcia, MLS, Senior Librarian, 28 years



West Los Angeles: Richard Kraus, Librarian III, 20 years.



Washington Irving: Stephanie Banda, Clerk Typist, 1.5 years.



Washington Irving: Adam Mendelsohn, Young Adult Librarian, 17 years.



Will and Ariel Durant: Boris Korinman, Clerk Typist, 3 years.



Hollywood, from left: Rozelle O'Dell, Clerk Typist, 2 years; Edward Kane, Librarian, 6 years; Heidi Adagio, Clerk Typist, 25 years; Noel Sales, Messenger Clerk, 3 years; and Kim Woo, Librarian, 5 years.



Baldwin Hills, from left: Leslie Edward, Clerk Typist (on loan from Playa Vista), 1 year; Kathy Hanes, Clerk Typist (on loan from Playa Vista), 1 year; Joe Mata, Computer Aide, 1 year; Sai Uto, Clerk Typist, 2 years; Melissa Potter, Young Adult Librarian, 1 year; and Joseph Atkinson, Senior Librarian, 8 years. Not pictured: Emily Beeck, Children's Librarian, 2 years.



The community room of the Will and Ariel Durant Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library.



Sun Valley, from left, bottom row: Lupe Canales, MLS, Senior Librarian, 20 years; and Juanita Rojas, Messenger Clerk, 22 years. Top row: Lydia Lee, 13 years; Noel Evangelista, Clerk Typist, 2 years; and Scott Duimstra, Librarian I, 10 months.



Pacoima, from left: James M. Smith, 1.5 years; Luva Coulson, Adult Literacy Coordinator, 1.5 years; Jacqueline Henriquez, Children's Librarian, 2 years; Molly Snider, Young Adult Librarian, 1 year; Aaron Lowe, Clerk Typist, 1.5 years.



Hyde Park, from left: Angela Lee, Messenger Clerk, 1 year; Kren Malone, Senior Librarian, 5.5 years; and Martha Clay, Clerk Typist, 22 years.



Eagle Rock, from left: Angela C. Gilliland, Messenger Clerk, 4.5 years; Oleg Ross, Clerk Typist, 23 years; Lois M. Shotlow, Librarian II, 25 years; Rocio Hernandez, Clerk Typist, 7 years; and Kent Brinkmeyer, Senior Librarian, 33 years.



Will and Ariel Durant: BJ Jenkins, Custodian, 17 years.



Pio Pico: David O'Brien, Librarian Assistant, 32 years.



Malabar, back row, from left: Adriana Orozco, Clerk Typist, 7 years; Susan Parekh, Children's Librarian, 12 years; and Paz Duenas, Messenger Clerk, 7 years. Front row: Lupe Estrada, Computer Aide, 2 years; Laura Contin, Senior Librarian, 19 years; and Maria Viramontes, Messenger Clerk, 20 years.



Pio Pico, from left: Shirley Matulich, Children's Librarian, 5 years; Tanya Moran, Computer Aide, 4 months; Ruth Brown, Children's Librarian, 32 years; and Sterling Yeagain, Reference Librarian, 33 years.



Back row, from left: Rosa Bensahoff, Messenger Clerk, 21 years; Anna Donanian, Clerk Typist, 1.5 years; Barbara Darden, Clerk Typist, 6 years; and Cynthia Wohlberg, Adult Librarian, 20 years. Front row: Heawon Paick, Young Adult Librarian, 9 years; Nora Cofie, Clerk Typist, 3 years; and Kunthea Keth, Messenger Clerk, 3 years.



San Pedro, from left: Vince Jones, Clerk Typist, 5 years; Arturo Sanchez, Messenger Clerk, 4 years; Jonquil I. Bibee-Stephens, Clerk Typist, 2 years; Alabina Sviric, Messenger Clerk, 9 years; Janet Mitchell, Clerk Typist, 5 years; Carolyn Weathers, Librarian, 21 years; Manuel Bueno, Library Assistant, 23 years; Jennifer Stapleton, Children's Librarian, 3 years; and Emma Roublow, Young Adult Librarian, 38 years.



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Will and Aerial Durant: Rocearslus Gendrett Jr., Clerk Typist, 2 years.



Will and Aerial Durant: Aleksey Tsalolikhin, Messenger Clerk, 4 years.



Will and Aerial Durant: Oleg Kagan, Messenger Clerk, 2 years.



Will and Aerial Durant: Wendy Horowitz, Children's Librarian, 2.5 years.



Pio Pico: Gwendolyn Harris, Clerk Typist, 1.5 years.



Los Feliz, from left: Pearl Yonezawa, Senior Librarian, 30 years; Catherine O'Conner, Adult Librarian, 7 years; and Steve Shaw, Clerk Typist, 18 years.



Chinatown, from left: Maria Pascual, Clerk Typist, 9 months; Wanda Fong, Library Assistant, 31 years; Pauline Chan, Clerk Typist, 24 years; and Susan Boonsirith, Messenger Clerk, 16 years.



Cypress, back row, from left: Jeanne Rankin, Senior Librarian, 10 years; Rico Aguirre, Clerk Typist, 7 years; and Jerene Thompson, Children's Librarian, 25 years. Front row: Sylvia Ortiz, Messenger Clerk, 1 year; and Karen Hernandez, Clerk Typist, 25 years.



Wilshire, from left: Shantell Stutts, Clerk Typist, 3 years; and Lena Gillespiel, Clerk Typist, 2.5 years.



Watts, from left: Joanne Bliss, Children's Librarian, 3 years; Annie Thomas, Messenger Clerk, 1 year; and Lucille Vestal, Senior Librarian, 33 years.



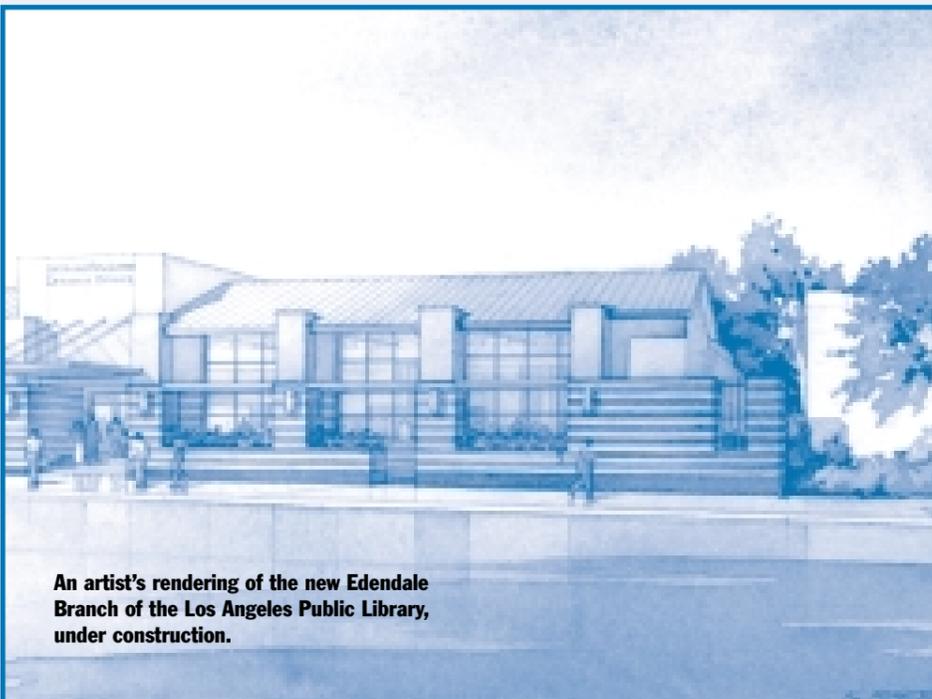
Mark Twain, from left: Roy Stone, Senior Librarian, 32 years; Jean Engelbach, Children's Librarian I, 2 years; and Miriam Tepox, Messenger Clerk, 2 years.



Westchester, from left: Vanessa Mejia, Messenger Clerk, 1 year; and Edward Gomez, Computer Aide, 6 months.



Westchester, from left: Judy Moorhead, Senior Librarian, 28.5 years; Gordon Trim, Messenger Clerk, 5 years; and Beth Slick, Clerk Typist, 2 years.



An artist's rendering of the new Edendale Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library, under construction.



Robert Louis Stevenson, from left: Maria Pardo, Messenger Clerk; and MaryAnn Peters, Clerk Typist, 3 years.



Platt, from left: William Leventhal, Clerk Typist, 3 years; Patty Obryan, Clerk Typist, 3 years; and Vicki Magaw, Children's Librarian, 19 years.



Watts, from left: Catherine J. Law, Clerk Typist, 30 years; and Tariq Shah, Young Adult Librarian, 2 years.



Wilmington, from left: Patricia Rosales, Messenger Clerk, 5.5 years; Martha Sherod, Children's Library, 8 months; and Ted Yamashita, Clerk Typist, 25 years.



Vermont Square, back row, from left: Daria Lewis, Clerk Typist, 5 years; Elvira Medina, Messenger Clerk, 3 years; Judah Jean-Marie, Clerk Typist, 3 years; and Tracey McNeal, Clerk Typist, 3 years. Seated: Liz Gooden, Librarian, 31 years; and Judy Hermann, Senior Librarian, 29 years. Not pictured: Gilbert Jones, David Phipps, Novella Bland, Vilma Flores and DeAndre Ford.

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Lincoln Heights, from left: Jeff Olmsted, Young Adult Librarian, 9 months; Jim Kennington, Adult Literacy Coordinator, 2 years; Karla Gonzalez, Children's Librarian, 7 months; and Maritza Zapata, Clerk Typist, 5 years.



Little Tokyo, from left: Martha Ramos, Clerk Typist, 6 years; Yoshiko Solomon, Children's Librarian, 25 years; and Fumiko Hiramine, Clerk Typist, 14 years.



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Beverly Haro, Member Services Counselor



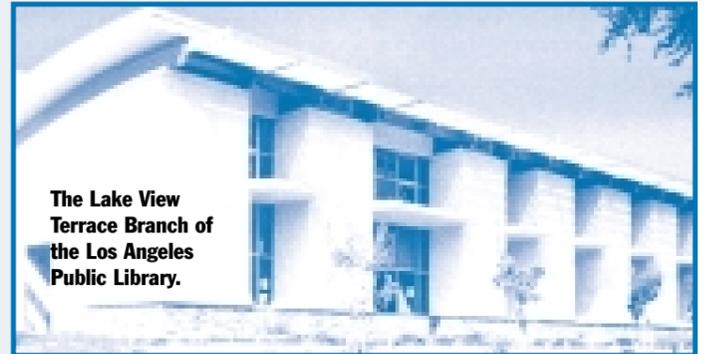
John Muir, standing, from left: Cesar Vazquez, Messenger Clerk, 4 years; Yeni Hernandez, Computer Aide, 8 months; Rosalie Preston, Young Adult Librarian, 28 years; and Kenneth Jones, Acting Senior Librarian, 29 years. Seated: Anne Holcomb, Children's Librarian, 9 months.



Will and Aerial Durant: Hannah Kramer, Senior Librarian, 30 years.



Los Feliz: Warren Seid, Librarian, 30 years.



The Lake View Terrace Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library.



Los Feliz: "Jair," Computer Aide, 6 years.



Los Feliz: Gilbert Barrera, Clerk Typist, 5 years.



Chinatown, standing from left: Nancy Pon-Wen He, Adult Librarian, 8 years; Julia Chang, Children's Librarian, 5 years; and Cathy Anne Lu, Young Adult Librarian, 4 years. Seated: Carol Duan, Senior Librarian, 18 years.



Sunland-Tujunga, from left: Kelly L. Banks, Young Adult Librarian II, 18 years; Ann Hoffman, Librarian II, 35 years; Joanna Watkyns, Children's Librarian, 24 years; Maria Ertres, Clerk Typist, 10 years; and Linda Castecl, Clerk Typist, 33 years.



Wilshire: Christopher Parsons, Senior Librarian, 19 years.



Venice: Donna Mosley, Clerk Typist, 5 years.



El Sereno, from left: Romy Rojas, Clerk Typist, 22 years; Sokha Huot, Clerk Typist, 3 years; Gene Estrada, Senior Librarian, 24 years; Olga Chaparro, Clerk Typist, 3 years; Emily Lopez, Young Adult Librarian, 2 months; and Moses Merchain, Messenger Clerk, 2 years.



Los Feliz: Saida Espinal, Messenger Clerk, 1 year.



Robertson, from left: Mark Pezzell, Adult Librarian, 4 years; Hosneya Khattab, Senior Librarian, 20 years; and Cyril Carr, Clerk Typist, 6 years.



Benjamin Franklin, from left: Jie Ren, Adult Librarian, 3 years; Lucy Garza, Clerk Typist, 9 years; Kim Bendimez, Messenger Clerk, 3 years; Sarah Moore, Librarian, 3 months; Dora Suarez, Senior Librarian, 8 years; and Gina Frixione, Clerk Typist, 16 years.



Jefferson, standing, from left: Victoria Sikora, Adult Librarian, 4.5 years; Melinda Rosas, Clerk Typist, 5 years; and Lola Anderson, Messenger Clerk, 1 year. Seated: Beth Tarr, Children's Librarian, 1 year; Gaby Jimenez, Computer Aide, 1 year; and Carol Alexander, Clerk Typist, 24 years.

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Westchester: Ian Rosen, Children's Librarian, 8.5 years.



Northridge, from left: Grandma Becky Cook, Reading Grandparents Program, 5 years; and Sierra Malo, first grader.



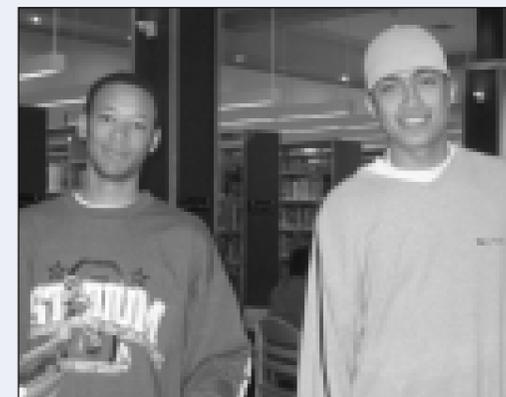
Canoga Park, from left: Renee Ardon, Sr. Librarian, 30 years; and Kathryn Hopewell, Children's Librarian, 2 years.



Mid-Valley, from left: Patti Marion, Clerk Typist, 25 years; Marie Devera-Calamba, Clerk Typist, 2 years; and Fernando Gavile, Clerk Typist, 4 years.



Canoga Park: Gail Furci, Children's Librarian, 23 years.



Mid-Valley, from left: Sam Joyner, Messenger Clerk, 1 year; and Jason Rodriguez, Messenger Clerk, 2 years.



Mid-Valley, from left: Sherry Van Sickle, Adult Librarian III, 30 years; Larry Rotunno, Librarian, 5.5 years; Yvonne Wong, Sr. Librarian, 32 years; and Michele Raeburn, Adult Librarian II, 21 years.



Mid-Valley, from left: Madeline Parker, Area Secretary, 30 years; and Tina Hanson, Acting Area Manager, 30.5 years.



Canoga Park: Shirley Marshall, Volunteer, 9 years.



Northridge: Ania Bloch, Librarian, 1 year (seated); Jackie Ruben, Substitute Librarian, 18 years (standing); and Katy Cueba, Reference Librarian, 24 years (seated right).



Vernon, standing, from left: Oscar Ramon, Messenger Clerk, 4 years; Erika Richards, Clerk Typist, 1 year; Deborah Landry, Clerk Typist, 2 years; Connie Dosch, Library Manager, 19 years. Seated: Anita Estrella, Children's Librarian, 7 years. Not pictured: Johnnie Frazier, Jose Gutierrez, Ofelia Lopez, Juliette McAllister, Sonissa Norman and Phyllis Stitt.



Encino-Tarzana: Roy Liebman, Substitute Librarian, 4 years.



Encino-Tarzana: Shokoufeh Moghtassad, Children's Librarian, 6 years.



Northridge: Manju Rajappan, Clerk Typist, 8 months.



West Valley, from left: Marcus Clayton, Clerk Typist, 1.5 years; Frank Navarro, Sr. Librarian, 28 years; and Kelley Denby, Clerk Typist, 14-plus years.



Porter Ranch, from left: Dagmar Lestrel, Children's Librarian, 25 years; and Beth Hardy, Young Adult Librarian, 5 years.



Mid-Valley: Sherry Van Sickle, Adult Librarian III, 30 years.



Jorge Valle, Clerk Typist, 5 years.



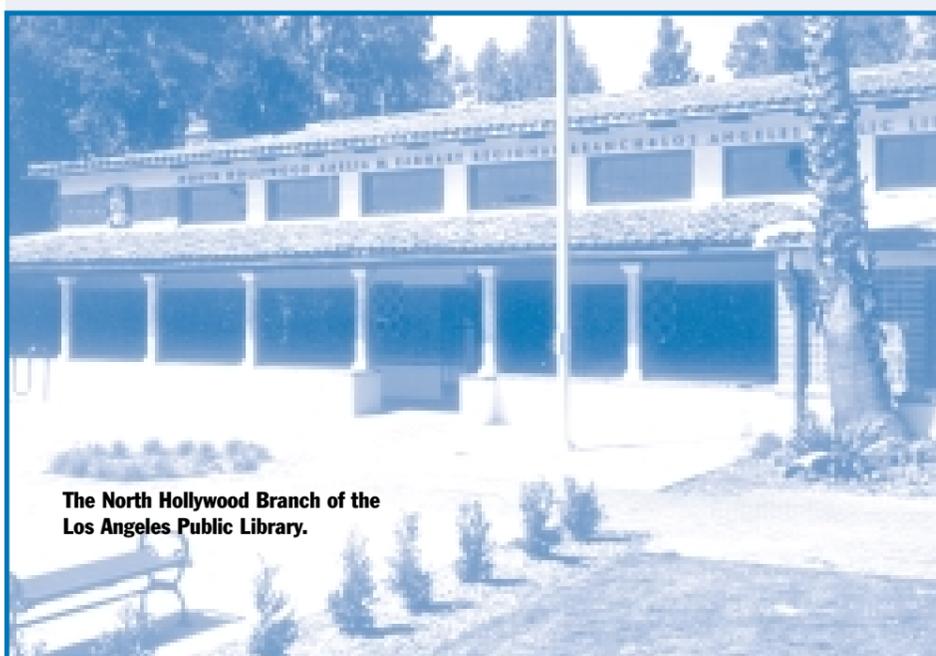
Platt: Lynn Light, Sr. Librarian, 33-plus years.



Porter Ranch: David Larkins, Clerk Typist, 3 years.



Porter Ranch: Roger Bradley, Clerk Typist, 20 years.



The North Hollywood Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library.



Wilmington: Corrina Ursua, Computer Aid, 2 years; and (seated) Rueben Serrano, Adult Literacy Coordinator, 12 years.



Wilmington: Daniel Garcia, Clerk Typist, 2 years.



Harbor Gateway: John Pham, Acting Senior Librarian, 3 years.

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Encino-Tarzana: Charlotte Meyers, Member of the Friends of the Library, 10 years.



Encino-Tarzana: Victoria Rodriguez, Clerk Typist, 10 months.



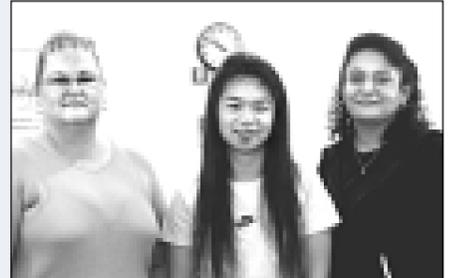
Encino-Tarzana: Molly Ford, Volunteer, 1.5 months.



Mid-Valley: Vera Sigal, Clerk Typist, 16 years.



West Los Angeles: Tania Wilson, Clerk Typist, 1 year.



Echo Park, from left: Pam Powers, Clerk Typist, 1 year; Joyce Jung, Clerk Typist, 24 years; and Lupe Cocolan, Clerk Typist, 15 years.



Platt: Daisy Chen, Clerk Typist, 20 years.



Platt: Bruce Silver, Clerk Typist, 4 years.



Wilmington: Selma Streicher, Substitute Librarian, 30 years.



Northridge: Shelly Levine, Clerk Typist, 26 years.



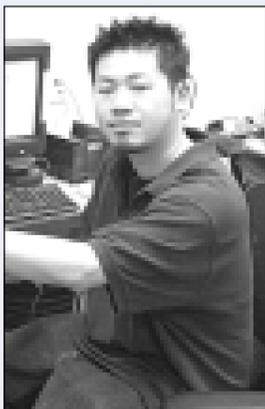
Wilmington: Michael Kennedy, Volunteer Literacy Tutor, 1 month.



Granada Hills, from left: Linda Orozco, Clerk Typist, 25 years; and Heather Sells, Children's Librarian, 20 years.



Echo Park, standing from left: Alicia Moguel, Librarian II/Adult Librarian, 7 years; Lupe Cocolan, Clerk Typist, 15 years; Marlon Escalante, Messenger Clerk, 7 years; and Jeni Zambrano, Children's Librarian II, 5 years. Seated: Nadine M. Flores, Adult Librarian II, 8 years.



West Los Angeles: David Yeh, Messenger Clerk, 4 years.



Westchester: Barbara Vaccariello, Clerk Typist, 20 years.



Harbor Gateway, from left: Shane Bentley, Clerk Typist, 1.5 years; and Donna Atmur, Children's Librarian, 2.5 years.



Angeles Mesa, from left: Aracely Menendez, Messenger Clerk, 5 years; Sonia Gonzalez, Clerk Typist, 5 years; Stefanie Leal, Computer Aide, 2 years; Cynthia Merina, Senior Librarian, 6 years; and Ruth Culpepper, LCA, 14 years.



Junipero Serra, standing, from left: Patricia Mares, Messenger Clerk, 34 years; Lisa Palombi, Children's Librarian, 1 year; Jené Brown, Senior Librarian, 6 years; Mike Doiel, Adult Librarian, 5 years; and Shemkia Washington, Clerk Typist, 3 years. Seated: Retha Walker, Clerk Typist, 3 years; and Selena Terrazas, Young Adult Librarian, 5 years. Not pictured: Shirley Jordan, Sandra Bogan, Sergio Barragan, Jose Hernandez, Imani Ford, Bernardo Lopes and Doris Jenkins.



Northridge, from left: Xanthia, Clerk Typist, 5 years; and Nick Bennett, Messenger Clerk, 4 months.



Atwater, back row, from left: Lyn Gillson, Adult Librarian, 15 years; Steve Shaw, Clerk Typist, 18 years; Sonja Hannah, Children's Librarian, 23 years; Edwina Valencia, Clerk Typist, 15 years; Chris Basco, Computer Aide, 2 years; and Marcelino Jimenez, Library Security Officer, 7 years. Front row: Katherine Loeser, Messenger Clerk, 4 years; Gretchen Wingerter, Young Adult Librarian, 3 years; Damian Flores, Clerk Typist, 5 years; Stella Nahapetian, Senior Librarian, 19 years, and Sergey Barseghian, Messenger Clerk, 2 years.



Exposition, standing, from left: Alicia Washington, Clerk Typist, 17 years; Larry Neuton, Librarian II, 27 years; June Brandon, Adult Literacy Coordinator, 5 years; Earl Garbourel, Messenger Clerk, 3 years; and Hugo Sarmiento, Messenger Clerk, 7 years. Seated: Larry Nash, Librarian III, 14 years; Cecily V. Thomas, Senior Librarian, 14 years; and Debra A. Walker, Library Assistant I, 23 years.

DWP's Free Tree Program Has It Made in the Shade

■ **After embarking two years ago, the program is a big success. Have you signed up for your trees?**

Since launching two years ago, the DWP's Trees for a Green LA program—which delivers free trees to your home—has been growing and putting down roots.

Since 2002, the program has:

—supplied free trees to 2,581 households in the City

—delivered and helped plant 16,345 residential trees

—has participated in 94 community projects, partnering with Valero Refinery, the Boy Scouts, City Council District Offices, the Dept. of Recreation and Parks and neighborhood associa-

The DWP grows a number of trees to keep Los Angeles shady and beautiful.



tions. Some 2,164 community trees have been planted.

The program was developed using lessons learned from Sacramento Municipal Utility District's Shade Tree program and Anaheim Public Utility's Tree Power program.

The DWP's program in turn has inspired Burbank Water and Power and Pasadena Water and Power Dept. to implement similar programs.

The California Urban Forest Council awarded the program the 2002 Outstanding

Urban Forestry Project of the Year, and the California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA) awarded it the 2004 Community Service/Resource Efficiency Award for Best Use of Public Benefit Funds. 🌳



DWP employee Patrick Umeh and a youngster take advantage of the DWP's Trees for a Green LA Program.

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residents should visit

www.LADWP.com/GreenLA, or call
1-800-GreenLA [(800) 473-3652].

Interested?

Here are some frequently asked questions.

Who is sponsoring this program?

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is sponsoring Trees for a Green LA to provide Los Angeles residents with energy savings and environmental benefits. The Los Angeles Conservation Corps, the prime contractor for the program, is helping to coordinate the residential tree planting workshops.

Why is DWP giving away free shade trees?

Trees provide shade that cools down ambient, reducing the need for air conditioning, and thus lowering electricity use and costs for residents. This, in turn, helps lessen air pollution that comes from the generation of electricity.

An independent analysis of the Trees for a Green LA program shows that for every dollar spent, approximately \$17.50 will be returned as avoided costs for energy supply and air pollution control.

What does participation in this program cost?

The residential tree planting workshops and trees provided through Trees for a Green LA are free. Residents are responsible for planting and maintaining the tree(s) on their property.

Who is eligible to participate in this program?

Trees for a Green LA is open to all DWP residential electric customers who have adequate space to plant trees. Condominium owners should get prior approval from their condominium homeowners association before signing up to participate. In addition, home or apartment renters must receive prior approval from their property owner before trees will be delivered.

What must residents do to participate in the program?

Residents must attend one of a series of two-hour residential workshops to receive free shade trees. Workshops will be held throughout the city in every Council District on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings to provide convenient access to residents interested in the program.

Where do residents find the workshop schedule?

The calendar is posted on the Internet at www.ladwp.com. The calendar is regularly updated with new workshops every month. It is also available by calling 1-800-GreenLA [(800) 473-3652] and selecting Trees for a Green LA after the voice prompt. You may request that a schedule and information packet be mailed to you.

How do residents sign up for a workshop?

You can sign up for a workshop via phone or e-mail.

By phone, you can call LADWP at 1-800-GreenLA [(800) 473-3652], and select Trees for a Green LA after the voice prompt. A representative will assist you in identifying a workshop that is convenient for you.

By e-mail, you can log on to www.ladwp.com, click Trees for a Green LA, click Tree Planting Workshop, and find a convenient workshop in your area. Then, you can send an e-mail to Tree.Program@LADWP.com with your workshop request. Remember to include your name, address and phone number. For e-mail reservations, an e-mail confirmation will be sent to you with the workshop information (date, location, time). Be sure to include any requested accommodations for disable access (hearing impaired, parking, etc.).

Space is limited so residents should arrive at least 10 minutes early to get a seat. Those with reservations may forfeit their seat to a "walk-in" once the presentation begins. Please note that late arrivals may be turned away (even with reservations) if space is not available.

We have several neighbors that are interested in residential shade trees.

Can I request a separate workshop for my neighborhood association?

Yes. Groups (such as homeowners associations, neighborhood watch associations, churches, or civic groups) that can guarantee participation of 10 households (minimum) in a workshop also can contact LADWP at Tree.Program@LADWP.com to request a workshop specifically for their group. E-mails should include the name and location of the group, plus two or three dates/times when the group can host a workshop. LADWP will make every effort possible to accommodate such organizational requests. Workshops are also available in Spanish.

What types of trees are available under this program?

The Trees for a Green LA program designers have developed a comprehensive list of available residential trees with input from several urban forestry experts, including landscape architects and local arborists. The experts have ensured that a variety of low- and moderate-water-use species, appropriate for the different areas in Los Angeles, are offered, although available species may vary from season to season. Approximately 40 species are expected to be available at any given time.

Because the purpose of this program is to provide residents with ornamental shade trees, palm trees (which offer only minimal shade) are not supplied. For the same reason, trees that produce edible fruit also are not available.

How many trees can residents receive?

Participants can receive up to seven trees for planting per residential property, depending on site-specific limitations. For larger properties, residents can request up to ten trees. Replacement trees are not available through the program.

How large are the trees?

All of the trees distributed to residents are 5-gallon trees (about 4 to 5 feet tall). A couple of species may be delivered as 15-gallon

trees. Depending on the species you select, the trees may reach between 20 feet to 80 feet at maturity.

Can participants make arrangements to ensure they're home when the trees are delivered?

Yes. Participants who want to request tree delivery on a Saturday can mark that on the tree order form, and the Los Angeles Conservation Corps will contact them to schedule a specific Saturday delivery date (between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.). These requests likely will require more than two weeks to accommodate.

Who will plant and care for these trees?

Residents are responsible for planting the trees they receive, which they can do individually, through a gardener, or as part of a community tree-planting day organized in their neighborhood. Residents are also responsible for on-going maintenance and care of these trees, including watering.



The DWP' Trees for a Green L.A. program is the perfect project to bring your family together to keep L.A. beautiful.

Newsbrief

BUTT OUT OF BEACHES



Councilmember Jack Weiss' proposal to ban smoking on City beaches was supported by the City Council's Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee in a hearing attended by health and environmental organizations. "Our beaches are our most precious natural resource and it's good news for L.A. if the world knows our beaches are cleaner and more smoke-free than ever before," he said.

Cigarettes are the most common litter on California's beaches, and most are deliberately left in the sand and surrounding areas by smokers.

During the California Coastal Commission's 2002 Coastal Cleanup Day more than 300,000 cigarettes were removed from the coastal area. This is more than the next five pollutants combined. Representatives from the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, Surfrider Foundation, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services Tobacco Control Program, and Communities Organized Against Smoking and Its Trash, testified in support of the proposal. Recently several cities and states have enacted or have considered enacting bans on cigarette smoking on beaches to reduce the environmental damage and health risks caused by smoking. Los Angeles would be the largest U.S. city to take this action. A beach smoking ban in Los Angeles would create a continuous 13-mile stretch of smoke-free coastline when combined with the City of Santa Monica's beach. The proposal will be discussed by the full City Council later this month.

"I hope this is the beginning of a change in attitude, where smoking on beaches becomes socially unacceptable. Then families and children can enjoy cleaner, safer beaches without wafts of smoke in the ocean breezes," added Weiss. Weiss serves as the first Chair of the newly established Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, a unique new inter-agency, collaborative state partnership for restoration and enhancement of Santa Monica Bay. 

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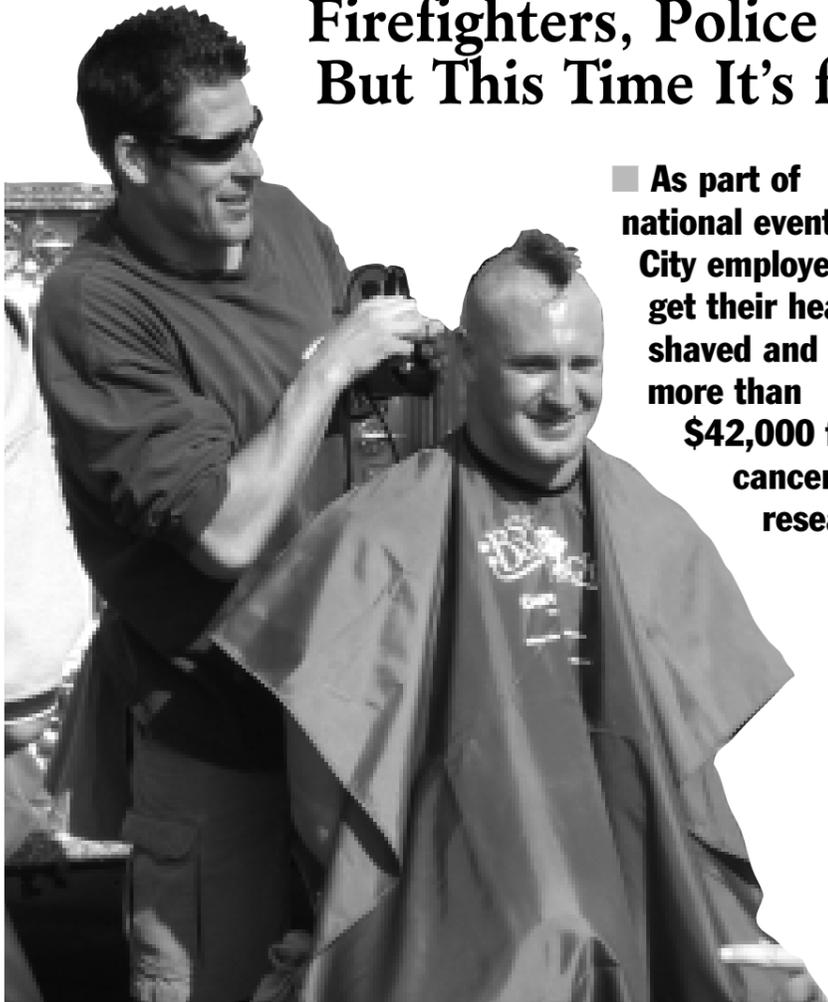
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Firefighters, Police Have Close Shave, But This Time It's for a Good Cause



■ As part of national event, City employees get their heads shaved and raise more than \$42,000 for cancer research.

Since emergency situations can sometimes be challenges, the dedicated men and women of the LAFD are used to close shaves. But March 22 they were happy to participate in another kind of close shave, this time to aid cancer research.

On March 22, Fire Station 89 in North Hollywood hosted a St. Baldrick's event, which raises funds to fight children's cancer by raising pledges in exchange for participants getting their heads shaved.

More than 166 locations across the world participated in the event, held around St. Patrick's Day.

The pancake breakfast and head-shaving event at Fire Station 89 raised more than \$42,000 for CureSearch National Childhood Cancer Foundation. The Fire Station 89 event was organized by Captain Waldie Brangham of Fire Station 89.

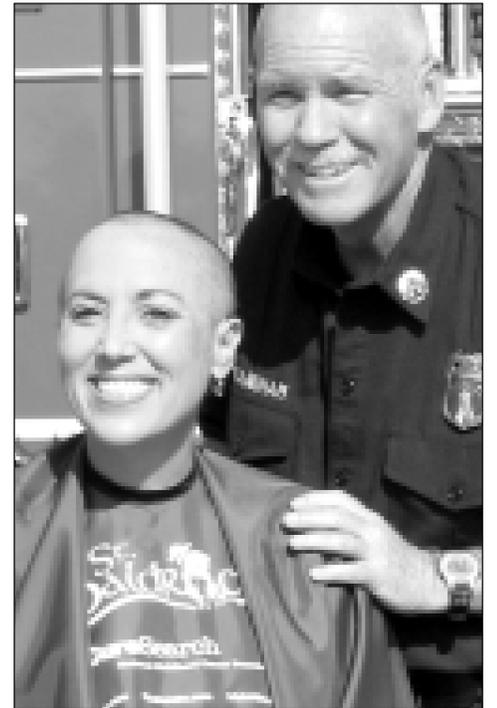
The St. Baldrick's Celebration was dreamed up in 2000 by John Bender and Enda McDonnell, two insurance executives from New York City. They had been challenged by a friend and colleague, Tim Kenny, to give back to society. For quite a

while, these men and other friends, all of whom have Irish roots, had been observing St. Patrick's Day in the traditional way—pints at their favorite pub.

They decided to give their celebration a little twist and help children diagnosed with cancer. Because the treatment given these youngsters often causes their hair to fall out, the group recruited volunteers to have their heads shaved in public in return for pledges of financial support from friends and family to support their sacrifice. The event became the St. Baldrick's Celebration.

What began with a goal of "\$17,000 on the 17th of March," in four years has raised more than \$3 million, according to the group. CureSearch National Childhood Cancer Foundation says it is the only organization of its kind focused solely on supporting life-saving research of childhood cancer. 

Mohawk-style.



Clean-shaven, and proud of it!



Firefighter Kelly Taggart of Fire Station 37 in Westwood, with his son, John.



Fire Station 89 and others get ready for the fun.



Capt. Oelrich and his crew from Squad 4.



Capt. Frank Lima shaves Fire Fighter Chris Hart, both of Fire Station 37.



Apparatus Operator Jim Anthony from Fire Station 60.



Firefighter Kelly Taggart of Fire Station 37 in Westwood, with his family.



Part of the crew from Fire Station 89 showing off their new hair cuts.



Sgt. Allen gets his head shaved.



Sergeant Greg Doyle and others from the LAPD's Valley Communications. Bald as cue balls!



Anthony Carbone shaves Engineer Dave Randolph of Fire Station 89.



Councilwoman Wendy Greuel says a few words before the event begins.



Members of Fire Station 89's "C" Platoon pose with Kelly Taggart and his son, John. These people volunteered and were part of the team that staged the LAFD's St. Baldrick's event.



The pancake breakfast.



Fire Station 37.



John Keys and his bagpipes. John is assigned to Fire Station 69.



Wayne Nakamura of Fire Station 90 raised more than \$4,000 to have his head shaved.



Captain Ampiran prepares for his shaving.

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DOT Team Won't Placate Those Using Illegal Handicapped Placards

■ **Illegal handicapped parking is more than a nuisance and inconsiderate: It's illegal. These DOT officers catch the scofflaws.**

DOT Officer Ernest Dunton was talking about why he volunteered for the department's Special Operations/Disabled Placard Detail.

"We've been to hospital [parking lots] where people in wheelchairs, people without limbs, are prevented from parking close to the entrance because someone using an illegal handicapped placard was in the space.

"Every day we come across someone on oxygen, or who needs to park close ... but cannot because of an illegal user."

"It has always been a pet peeve of mine," said Officer Jessie Dyar, also on the special operations detail. "It's just not right."

What they do is roam the City looking for one scofflaw in particular—the user of a forged or otherwise illegal handicapped placard, or a person who simply parks in a handicapped space without any placard at all.

It's all in a day's work for the special team, consisting of Dunton and Dyar, plus Officers Jerome Holmes, Lawanda Barnes, Daphany Robison, Colette Vicknair and Timothy Haynes. Their supervisor is Sgt. Sheila Cruz.

"When people see us approach them, they start limping, or otherwise try to show us that they're handicapped," Dyar says. "Or they try telling us a story, that the person is in the doctor's office, or whatever. We have to go find that person.

"They go through all that trouble, just to be closer to the door.

"They don't realize that the handicapped placards are licensed to the person, not the car. If it isn't licensed to them, it's illegal. The person registered has to be with the placard."

Can the officers take one look at a car and tell whether or not there is likelihood of it being illegally parked?

"No," Jessie Dyar answers. "There's really no connection between the car's appearance, and whether it's legit. But in some instances, we can check out the age of the person registered to the placard in that car. If we suspect that a person of that age might not be with that particular car, we'll investigate it."

"Sometimes we hear, 'Oh, I'll be right back,' or 'I'm just loading my car,' adds Ernest Dunton. "We tell them there is no grace period."

According to the DOT, the numbers of citations issued has risen from 22,487 in 2001 to 29,727 last year. That's an increase of almost one-third in just two years.

The infractions can add up for lawbreakers. If the infraction is merely parking in a handi-



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

capped spot with no placard, that's one handicap violation. If there's a bogus placard to boot, that's another one.

Some bad placards can occur more-or-less innocently. A placard could have been legit at one time, but now is out of date. Or the user could have reported it stolen, but then found it and never informed the DOT.

But most of the bad ones are intentionally so. Many are homemade. Some are purchased at swap meets. Others are stolen from the mail or from other cars. Dyar and Dunton didn't want published the ways they can tell legitimate placards from bogus ones, but usually it's not hard to tell.

However they come about, the countless bad placards could make the job endless for the special team. There's just no shortage of illegal placards.

"Sometimes we'll go a mall [parking lot] and not see a single violation," Dunton says. "Then we'll come back in an hour, and there they are. But really, every single day we can go to any

particular location, and confiscate bad placards all day long."

One of the only things holding the Special Operations team back from being even more effective is more officers.

"We started off with two when the detail began six or seven years ago," says Dunton, who was part of the original detail. "And then we grew to 10.

"But one transferred out, and two went back to Division. They haven't been replaced because of the [hiring] freeze. If we could restaff, then we could have a team in each area [of the City]. I wouldn't have so long to drive to each area." (The officers go out in teams of two.)

In addition to big parking lots, the officers also concentrate on areas in the City where an entire row of handicapped parking meters is constantly filled with cars with bad placards. "There is one spot where, of the 35 handicapped meters we looked at, 22 had cars using bad placards," Dunton describes. "They belonged to the shop owners along that street. They use the placards to park all day without moving their cars, or paying the meters."

"I wish that would change," Dyar adds. "If those with placards had to pay the meter, too, the situation would change. It would cut down on a lot of violations."

"I plan on staying with this detail for the rest of my career," Dyar says, while Dunton nods in agreement. "People with legit placards thank us all the time," she says. "They're grateful for what we do." ■

Wanna be heard? Tell us what you think of the jobs that Officers Dyar and Dunton are doing for the City of Los Angeles: talk-back@cityemployeesclub.com

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A small portion of the bogus handicapped placards confiscated by the DOT's handicapped parking detail.

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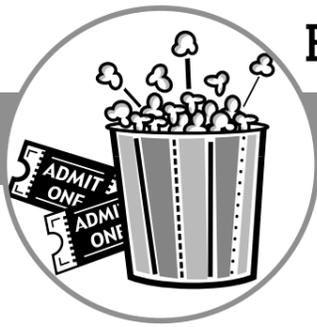
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Collected fees are deposited into the Rideshare Trust Fund. Other revenues deposited into the Fund include vanpool fares and a small amount from grants. Interest earned from such deposits also remains in the Trust Fund. Unlike typical use-it-or-lose-it budgets, unspent funds are carried over into the following fiscal year. The Commuter Service Office (CSO) then applies these monies to its entire program. The initiative is relatively insulated from the effects of year to year tax revenue short falls of the General Fund. Trust Fund expenditures are primarily directed toward subsidizing vanpool seats, employees who bike or walk to work and employee purchases of transit passes.

The commuter program is offered to approximately 38,000 City employees working at more than 500 worksites ranging from 2-person neighborhood parks to the 7,000 employee Downtown Civic Center.

Bruce L. Roberts (1945-1998) was also known as the forerunner in developing employee rideshare programs. His background in transportation included working for the City of New York, as transportation manager for the City of Montebello, vice president for air-

port services and later for Greyhound. He developed and administered the commuter program for the City of Los Angeles. He developed the City's vanpool program and provided driver's training for more than 200 van drivers resulting in safety for more than 1,000 employees each day. He developed the specifications of the current vans to assure that employees would have a safer and more enjoyable ride. Sadly, he passed away in 1998. Vanpoolers paid tribute by conveying around City Hall.

Arceo Ramos is the City's vanpool program coordinator. He oversees the City's vanpool program, which has grown to 113 vanpools with almost 1,400 employees. This program is the second largest in California.

As the City's employee transportation coordinator, he develops and monitors the City's Employee Commute Reduction Program. The program increases average vehicle ridership (AVR) for work-related trips, reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) for work-related trips and complies with Transportation Performance Standards and Ambient Air Quality Standards in the federal and state Clean Air Acts. He is also responsible for administering the City's Annual Employee Transportation Survey. He serves as a liaison between the City and the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

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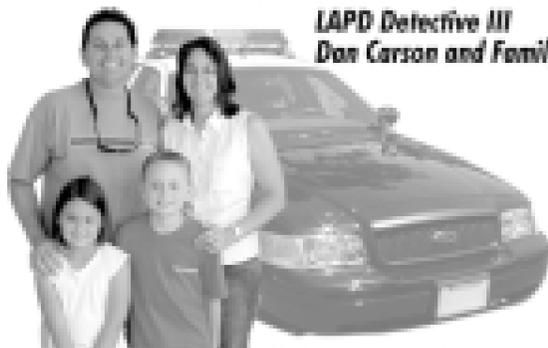
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It's Not Just the Grill That's Sizzling; Hot Summer Months Are Almost Here

■ Fire up the grill to take the pressure off Mom for Mother's Day. And make sure to send in your recipes; Chef Larios is giving away a free copy of *The Joy of Cooking*.

Is it me or did May spring up on us like a screaming high school graduate?

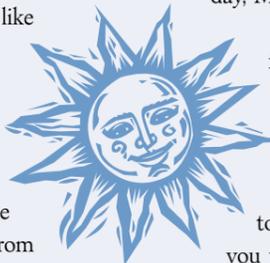
At least that is how it has gone for the Chef Larios in 2004.

May signifies the official start to the blistering hot summer months that are ahead. While we celebrate the graduations of sons and daughters from schools around the country, making our way to the ballparks for our favorite hot dogs and baseball teams, there is at last Memorial Day weekend. That's the weekend that marks the beginning of the barbecuing season.

Arm yourselves with your turning forks and oven mitts because I have delicious recipes to

accommodate any barbeque event. Whether it is a post-graduation barbeque feast or an afternoon grilling tournament before the big baseball game, these easy-to-make delights will have you safeguarding this issue of *Cooking with the Club* all summer long.

And dads and sons, take notice: These recipes are perfect for firing up the grill and treating Mom to a relaxing meal for her big day, May 9.



But before you start looking for the barbeque tongs and begin cleaning your grill that's been collecting dust in the garage, hear my cry:

Send me your favorite easy-to-make recipes. If you do,

you will be entered for a chance to win one of the best-selling cookbooks of all time: *The Joy of Cooking*! Make this the best summer ever with your new hardcover copy of the all-time classic cookbook. So send in those recipes! 🍴

Happy beginning of summer, everybody!

The Braver Barbecue Sauce

INGREDIENTS

- 32 oz apple cider vinegar
- 32 oz yellow mustard
- 16 oz hot sauce
- 32 oz honey
- 16 oz Worcestershire sauce
- 2 oz liquid smoke
- 6 oz ketchup
- 2 oz kosher salt
- 2 tbsp granulated garlic
- 2/3 cup Black pepper
- 10 oz brown sugar

DIRECTIONS

Combine all ingredients and cook over low heat for approximately two hours.



Chicken a la Grill

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 cup water
- 1/3 cup rice wine
- 1/3 cup sesame oil
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons honey mustard
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 dashes liquid smoke flavoring
- 1 package dry Italian-style salad dressing mix
- 1 tablespoon grated orange zest
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 1 teaspoon fines herbs
- 1 (4 pound) chicken, skin removed, cut into pieces
- 6 sprigs fresh rosemary

DIRECTIONS

1. In a large shallow dish, combine water, wine, sesame oil, soy sauce, mustard, brown sugar and liquid smoke. Stir in Italian dressing mix, orange zest, ginger, paprika and fine herbs. Place chicken in the dish, and turn to coat. Cover, and refrigerate overnight.
2. Preheat an outdoor grill for medium heat, and lightly oil grate.
3. Discard marinade. Grill chicken 15 to 20 minutes per side, until no longer pink, and juices run clear. Occasionally place rosemary sprigs on coals to impart a unique smoky flavor to chicken.

Serves 6.



Butter Potatoes

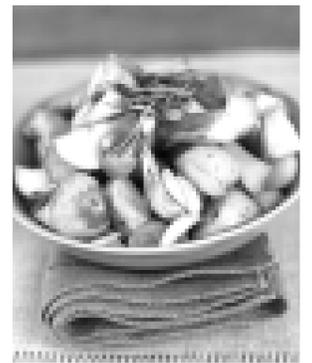
Buttery potatoes cooked in foil.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound baking potatoes
- 1 cup butter
- salt and pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS

1. Peel and dice potatoes, arrange in a pan or on a sheet of tin foil. Season with salt and pepper. Place butter on top.
2. Put potatoes on grill or in the oven at 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Mix around so they get all buttery and don't burn. Cook until potatoes are soft.



Golly Gee Burgers

INGREDIENTS

- 2 pounds extra-lean ground beef
- 1 (1 ounce) package dry onion soup mix
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 2 teaspoons hot pepper sauce
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 3/4 cup rolled oats

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat an outdoor grill for medium high heat and lightly oil grate.
2. In a large bowl, combine the beef, onion soup mix, egg, hot sauce and oats. Shape into 6 patties.
3. Grill patties over medium high heat for 10 to 20 minutes, or to desired doneness.



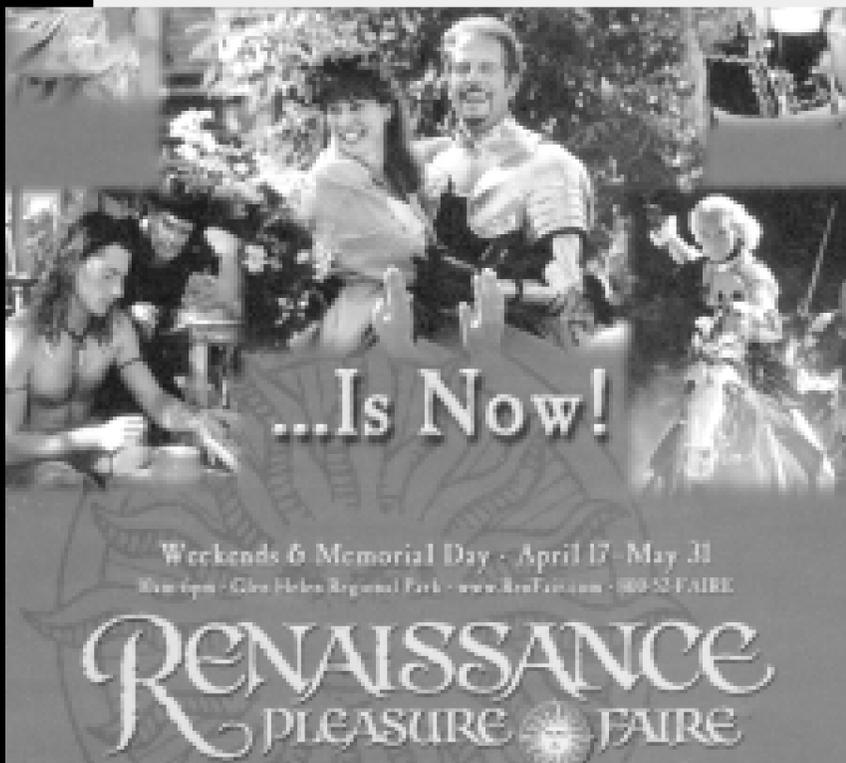
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Without a Paddle
(Sneak previewed.) This movie stars Seth Green, Matthew Lillard and Dax Shepard as childhood friends who meet up as adults at their other childhood friend’s funeral. After the funeral the three get together and decide to go on a search for famous hijacker D.B. Cooper’s lost money, which their deceased friend wanted to do the year before. Out in the middle of nowhere, these three find many adventures. The movie is targeted for pre-teens to yearly 30s. It is not a great movie, but good. It did have many good moments. Mr. Burt Reynolds makes a brief appearance.
— Gail Seltzer, DWP

The Ladykillers
Don’t bother. Save your money or go see another movie. Enough said.
— Gail Seltzer, DWP

Hellboy
I did not want to see this movie at first because of the name; I thought it would be depressing. But ... my family all wanted to see it, so I went. I really did enjoy the movie. I was glad I saw it. My teenage boys enjoyed it. Use your judgment for younger ones. It could be too scary for some with monster phobias, and there is some violence. Ron Perlman, who played the beast in TV’s Beauty and the Beast, was the Hellboy character. As the story goes (based on a comic book), in the 1940s during Hitler’s reign, there was a porthole opened up by some evil man. The good guys tried to destroy the porthole, but a little character came through, Baby Hellboy. (He was a computerized, little baby devil.) Then in modern times, he fights other creatures who still come through the porthole that was actually never fully destroyed. There was also an amphibian creature, who reminded me of the Creature From the Black Lagoon, only with prettier colors. He helped Hellboy. There was a scientist who found Hellboy when he was the baby and raised him. 70 years later, Hellboy was just an adult, but the scientist was old. There was a girl who started fires with her hands and body, then a huge explosion would occur. Hellboy had a crush on her. She was in an institute so she wouldn’t destroy things. She couldn’t control her fires and explosions very well. There was a young FBI guy, and he was Hellboy’s aid. Of course there was a villain who was Hellboy’s real father who wanted him to turn evil, and he wanted to destroy everything with his creatures. There were monsters and underground dungeon-like tunnels. *Hellboy* is an adventure with action, humor, drama and a little romance.
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