

## She's The First Lady of DWP Holiday Lights

■ **Anita Wright, Club Member, is the first woman to supervise the field operations for the DWP's Holiday Light Festival.**

DWP — The first time Anita Wright experienced the DWP's Holiday Light Festival, in 1996, she drove through it four times.

"I love Christmas," she said.

That's a good thing, because, during the holidays in 2006, she could go through it as often as she liked.

Anita, an Electrical Mechanic Supervisor with the DWP, was in charge of building all the electrical infrastructure necessary to power the hundreds of thousands of lights at the event; coordinating all the materials and crews; following all safety systems; bringing all the power to the displays; and powering up all the lighting displays



Anita Wright, Electrical Mechanic Supervisor, DWP

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## Insider Chosen As Acting Chief Of Fire Dept.

■ **Douglas Barry, promoted from within, is named Acting Fire Chief as Chief William Bamattre retires.**

Story by Brian Humphrey, LAFD;  
Photo courtesy LAFD

FIRE DEPT. — Douglas L. Barry has been promoted to Acting Fire Chief and took over the department Jan. 1 after the retirement of previous Chief William Bamattre.

Chief Barry is a 31-year veteran of the LAFD, with an exemplary record as a Firefighter, Engineer, Captain, Battalion Chief, Chief of Staff, and Assistant Chief.

Chief Barry joined the LAFD as a Firefighter Feb. 16, 1975, and was quickly promoted to Apparatus Operator in 1979 and Engineer in 1980. Chief Barry then earned promotions to



Douglas L. Barry, Acting Fire Chief, LAFD

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Enjoying the Harbor's Holiday party were, from left: Tish Lorenzana, Sr. Management Analyst, Harbor, with her husband, Richard Lorenzana, Wharfinger, Harbor; and Richard's sister, Kathleen Bautista, Sr. Clerk Typist III, Harbor.




**Fun!** in the City!

Come along as *Alive!* continues its holiday tradition of covering the City's social season. The recaps begin on page 32.

(And make sure to log onto [www.cityemployeesclub.com](http://www.cityemployeesclub.com) to see the photos on the Web!)



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>30 Male	Active	Car Accident	\$150,633.82	77 Male	Retiree	Heart Attack	\$5,000.00	
53 Female	Active	Cancer	\$10,027.12	78 Male	Retiree	Cancer	\$10,035.34	
67 Male	Retiree	Cancer	\$30,364.92	78 Male	Retiree	Heart Attack	\$10,000.00	
							<b>Total Insurance Paid</b>	<b>\$216,061.20</b>

**Disability Claims**

Age	Condition	Monthly Payment	Age	Condition	Monthly Payment
39	Back Injury	\$1,519.10	53	Knee Injury	\$1,570.99
41	Back Injury	\$1,694.40	53	Back Injury	\$1,347.53
44	Blood Clot	\$3,826.76	53	Cancer	\$1,148.88
45	Blood Disease	\$1,197.17	53	Multiple Sclerosis	\$2,655.12
45	Carpal Tunnel	\$1,963.52	53	Back Injury	\$1,216.67
46	Vertigo	\$3,549.49	55	Back Injury	\$2,000.00
46	Back Injury	\$2,467.96	55	Shoulder & Arms Injury	\$2,458.62
46	Carpal Tunnel Syndrome	\$1,417.45	56	Heart Attack	\$3,187.67
46	Back Injury	\$2,755.38	57	Leukemia	\$1,341.85
46	Carpal Tunnel, neck injury, shoulder	\$1,550.08	58	Back Injury	\$4,728.28
48	Back Injury	\$3,000.40	58	Heart Attack	\$1,311.78
48	Multiple Sclerosis	\$1,639.25	60	Shoulder Injury	\$4,233.04
48	Knee Surgery	\$1,198.29	60	Vertigo	\$2,281.76
49	Knee replacement	\$1,440.98	60	Stroke	\$1,274.92
51	Hip and Knee replacement	\$3,034.15	62	Cancer	\$1,013.11
52	Knee Injury	\$1,667.49	63	Stroke	\$1,555.56

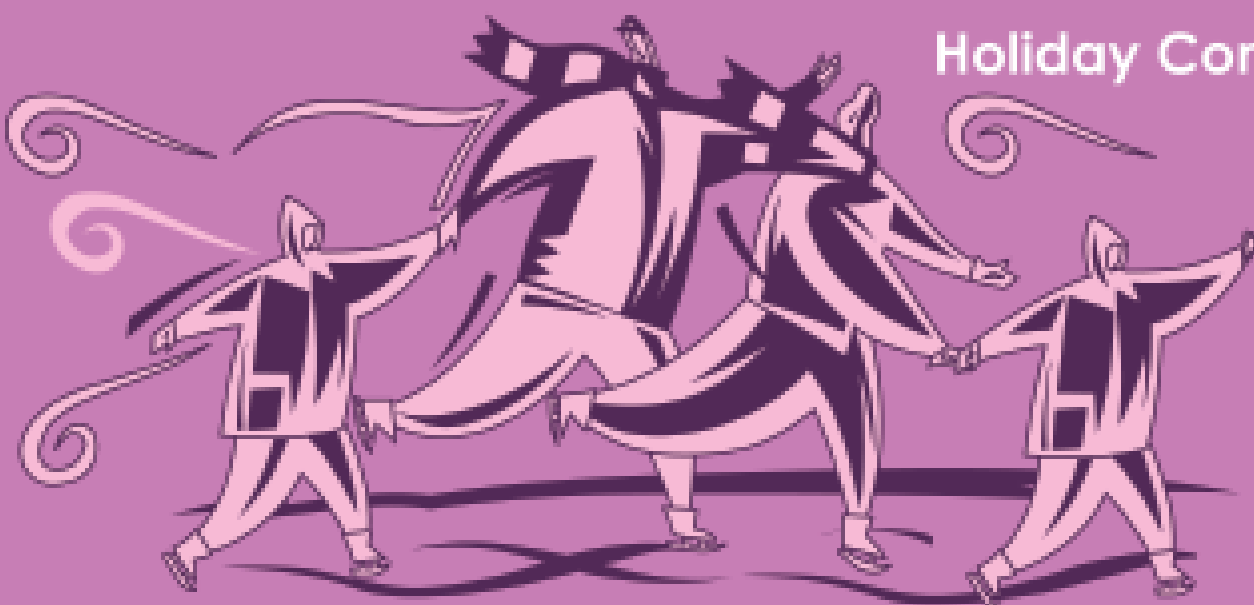
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*\* A Message From the CEO \**

# Keep in Mind Our True Worth

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



### Happy New Year!

This month I thought I would share with you a real neat poem I came across about five years ago. It has a pretty powerful message that I hope you can use as we venture into 2007. Enjoy!

### The Touch of the Master's Hand

By Myra B. Welch

'Twas battered and scarred, and the auctioneer  
Thought it scarcely worth his while  
To waste such time on the old violin,  
But he held it up with a smile.  
"What am I bid, good folks," he cried,  
"Who'll start the bidding for me?  
A dollar, a dollar – now two, only two?  
Two dollars, and who'll make it three?

"Three dollars once, three dollars twice,  
Going for three" ... but no!  
From the room far back a gray-haired man  
Came forward and picked up the bow;  
Then wiping the dust from the old violin,  
And tightening up all the strings,  
He played a melody, pure and sweet,  
As sweet as an angel sings.

The music ceased and the auctioneer  
With a voice that was quiet and low,  
Said: "What am I bid for the old violin?"  
And he held it up with the bow;  
"A thousand dollars – and who'll make it two?  
Two thousand – and who'll make it three?  
Three thousand once, three thousand twice  
And going and gone!" said he.

The people cheered, but some of them cried,  
"We do not quite understand –  
What changed its worth?" The man replied:  
"The touch of the master's hand!"  
And many a man with life out of tune,  
And battered and torn with sin,  
Is auctioned cheap to a thoughtless crowd,  
Much like the old violin.

A "mess of pottage," a glass of wine,  
A game – he travels on,  
He's going once, and going twice –  
He's going – and almost gone!  
But the Master comes! and the foolish crowd  
Never can quite understand  
The worth of a soul and the change that's wrought  
By the touch of the Master's hand.



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# Toy Drive Nets 95



**CLUB HEADQUARTERS** — The bin in the lobby of the Club Headquarters overflowed this past holiday season with lots of gifts to those in need. The annual Toy Drive that the Club conducts that contributes to the bigger toy drive sponsored by the Central City Police Boosters brought in 95 toys, donated by Club Members and staffers.

The toys were delivered to the Central City Police Boosters for their distribution to those in need. The Club thanks the Boosters for allowing us to contribute to their great effort.



Pictured with the bounty for the needy in the lobby of Club Headquarters were Club staffers, from left: Alan Bound, Information Technology Programmer; Jaqueline Nguyen, Claims Assistant; Michael Anderson, Information Technology Manager; Arlene Herrero, Member Services Counselor; Katie Hesselstine, Application Coordinator; Liz Montes, Member Services Counselor; Leigh Thompson, Controller; Brian Trent, Chief Financial Officer; Jessica Segura, Merchandise and Ticket Sales Coordinator; and Robert Larios, Director of Communications and Marketing.

## The Word on the Street



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**Vera Henderson, October 2006**

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**Gilbert Campos, October 2006**

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**Melissa Gorlick, September 2006**

Your service was "very courteous. Everybody seems so nice and that makes a place really enjoyable."  
**Manuel Jacquez, June 2006**

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

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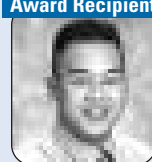
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# LETTERS To the Editor

## The Reason for *Alive!* Is Club Members' Pleasure

I'm Stephanie Burkhart and I've been a member since 2004. I love the *Alive!* newspaper! It's a great newspaper.

All the best!

— Stephanie Burkhart, Club Member

## Reader Finds Issue With Large Government Payouts

I was casually listening to the radio the other day and heard that the County paid over \$6 million to families of killed inmates over the last 10 years. The news announcer made it sound so shocking that such a large amount of money was paid out.

At the same time, the City is contemplating giving almost half that amount to a firefighter who ate dog food. Sounds to me like the City Council has got their priorities screwed up. Either that or they have so much money they don't know what to do with it. Get a grip, you guys, and have some guts. Maybe Dennis Zine can loan you some; he seems to be the only Councilperson who is strong enough to do what's right.

— Samantha Reyes, General Services

## Mary Rose Checks In on Dr. Krupp, Weather, Watches

Land o'goshin! Did any of you see that wonderful piece Huell Howser did with Dr. Ed Krupp and the Observatory? What a smart man that Dr. Krupp is; I would love to have met him back in the days when I was an active employee. He really gives the City Employee workforce a good name.

Well, it's been mighty cold out here in Hesperia, but you still can't beat California weather, especially when it's freezing back east and raining cats and dogs in Washington State.

I received my *Alive!* the other day and was really impressed with your new inventory of City goods. I really would like to get that watch with the large City seal on it for my nephew; he's over in Iraq fighting with the evil-doers... or whatever they're called now. Well, that's it for now kids, talk to you next month.

— Mary Rose Wilkens, A.F.F. (*Alive!* Fan Forever)

## For Retirees, *Alive!* Has No Equal as Information Source

Thank you for printing so much information about us retirees. I used to get another City paper, but I canceled it because yours had so much more about retiree events and so many more pictures. I can tell that you truly care about retired City Employees. After working for the City almost 35 years it's nice to know that as retirees we're still important. Keep up the good work City Employees Club!

— Adrian Rubio — PW Retiree



## City Pride Should Be the Same for All Departments

I often wonder why City Employees from different departments don't look to one another as equals, working under the same employer. Because, the fact is, we are working for the same employer. I often see employees working for particular departments look at people from other City departments with disdain. Why? Let's all get along darn it!

Happy New Year.

— Joe Farms, Rec and Parks

## City Employees Club Proves That It's All About Employees

It's such a relief to know that there's at least one organization in the City that is not about politics and cutting corners and is all about the City employee. Why do people make it so difficult? Not at the Club though. When I call, someone answers. When I email them at 11:45 p.m., I get a response in five minutes. When I need a little motivation and just feel good about what I do in the City, I read the *Alive!* newspaper. Thanks, Club, for being there for me.

— Ricky Dale, Club Member

## *Alive!* and Huell Howser Are Favorites in Observing Griffith

I've come to realize that *Alive!* and the Huell Howser PBS specials are my favorites for learning about the people and places of California. I'll tell you why. These were the only places I could get the real and down-to-earth stories about Dr. Krupp and the Griffith Observatory renovations. My entire family read the incredible article in *Alive!* about it. Let me add that those were some great photos from *Alive!* I also recommend the television program Huell Howser put together in a one-hour documentary that interviewed Dr. Krupp.

If I had a way to vote for the highest honors in the production of the Griffith Observatory, I'd give it to both the *Alive!* newspaper and the Huell Houser PBS special.

—Henrietta Jackson, City Retired

## QUESTION

## of the Month

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

# What's the greatest invention ever made?



"The ashtray! It's the safest place to put cigarette butts, and some are even stylish."

— David Pikney, Sanitation, RCTO II, 17 years

"It has to be the internet. I can do so much with just a click with my fingers."

— Wilfred Hornong, Sanitation, Equipment Mechanic, Retired, 8 years



"Sports never looked as good as it does now on plasma televisions."

— Robert Parra, Sanitation, RCTO II, 6 years

"The new automated sanitation truck we use makes my life as a Refuse Collection Truck Operator easier."

— Steven Thompson, Sanitation, RCTO, 20 years



"The mobile phone... what would any of us do with out them!"

— Francisco Castro, Sanitation, RCTO, 6 years

"It's got to be the airplane, because it has increased travel distance and decreased the size of the world."

— Richard Humphrey, Sanitation, RCTO, 20 years



"The toilet ... do I say more!"

— George Giambastiani, Automotive Supervisor, Sanitation, 4 years

"The wheel."

— Dailey McCoy III, Storekeeper, Club Member



"Cell phones."

— Katherine Quinn, Management Assistant

"Cars."

— Jennifer Lindstrom, PSR3, Club Member





# Club Member Lights Up Holiday

## DWP Light Lady

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at the event every night, and powering them down at close.

As such, she was the highest-ranking technical officer at the location. That made her the first woman in charge of the day-to-day electrical operations of the Festival, which closed for the season at the beginning of this month.

"I didn't realize on my first day that [the festival] would be my responsibility," Anita explained from outside her temporary office at the midway point of the annual light festival route in Griffith Park. She was assigned to supervise the geographical area that includes Griffith Park six months ago. "But a few days later, when I met the crew, they told me, 'Guess what, Anita. We do the Light Festival!'"

"The crew is really proud that they do it," she continued. "It's something we can bring our families to. Our usual work involves upgrading high-voltage transformers, circuit breakers and bus work in the City's distribution system. The work is not accessible to people outside the department. We can't bring our families to the stations. But we can bring them to the Light Festival. It's one of the few projects where we say, 'Come on down!' Everybody knows about the festival. It's fun."

She explained that producing the Light Festival doesn't require her and her crew to work more, in general, but it requires more preparation. "We have to do it on time, of course. We have to hit critical benchmarks by certain dates."

"It requires about 2,100 man-hours to produce, but three-quarters of those hours are before the event opens."

Anita, an enthusiastic Club Member, started with the City 16 years ago as a Steam Plant Assistant. She then was promoted to Electrical Mechanic, then to her current position as Supervisor.

She started coming to the Light Festival in 1996, when she came four times. She came at least once every year since, and she celebrated the first night of her first year in charge of it by attending the Festival on bike. This was the first



Anita Wright, Electrical Mechanic Supervisor, DWP, is the first woman to be in charge of the technical aspects of the DWP's annual Holiday Light Festival.

year the DWP offered a night exclusively for bikers. Anita attended the bike event with her son.

She also credited the many City departments who play a critical role in the success of the Festival: Transportation, Rec and Parks, Building and Safety, the Zoo and the Fire and Police Departments.

How does it feel to be the first woman in charge of all the technical aspects of the Festival?

"Well, pretty much everything I do is a first," she laughed. "There is only one other woman supervisor [in a similar capacity], Lisa White. And I know she didn't have the geographic area, so I would be the first to do the Light Festival."

"I love my work. I love coordinating, planning and scheduling. I talk to hundreds of people every week so that my crew can continue working. We need everything to be in place to be as efficient as possible."

"If there's no power, there's no Festival. We would be out of business. That's why our role is key. 'I'm looking forward to doing it every year!'"



Harold Johnson seems to fit right in at Ontario.

# Johnson to Ontario

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

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

Harold's duties and responsibilities at ONT include public

relations, community relations, media relations, educational outreach, crisis management, writing, design, advertising, special events, customer relations, airport spokes-person, information technology, and photography/videography.

Harold holds a Bachelor's degree in journalism from California State University at Northridge and an Associate's degree in television and video communications from Rancho Conejo College.

hobbies include astronomy, photography and videography.

Harold and his wife live in Phelan. The Club congratulates Harold on his move.



# Tuned



by TONY IGHANI  
Station Manager,  
LA Cityview 35



## Your Feedback Builds Programs

On behalf of the entire staff and management of LA Cityview 35, I wish a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to all readers of Alive! We at LA Cityview 35 have enjoyed being a part of Alive this past year. We hope that we have been able to share with the readers important programming highlights, which we proudly bring to our viewers. Stay tuned as we bring you new programs about our communities, our City government and the partnership we have with our constituents.

As part of our efforts to better understand the programming priorities and the needs of the community, we invite your input about what you would like to see on Channel 35. Give us a call at our 24-hour Viewer Talkback hotline at (213) 473-3946, and let us know what you think. Your suggestions and feedback will be an important part of our development process for new programs. Unlike commercial television stations, we don't rely on a rating system to know which shows are popular with the viewers, and that's why hearing direct feedback from our viewers is so critical. It is that feedback that lets us know whether we're on the right track or if need to make adjustments. So, thank you for your support in helping us to better serve our viewers and our communities.

### Programming Highlights in January:

#### Disability Forum

The Department on Disability's Seventh Annual Accessibility Expo at the Los Angeles Convention Center will be highlighted, including employment opportunities for disabled persons, the Housing Rights Center, and remarks from 9th District Councilmember Jan Perry. We will also look into the accessibility of the City's public transit system and affordable and accessible housing in Los Angeles.

#### Aging in LA

Host Paul Petersen and his guests discuss critical topics including patient advocacy and assistance, healthcare, Medicare, and private insurance; "Aging on Skid Row;" osteoporosis and prevention; and managing and preparing for the final stages of life. Seniors, caregivers and loved ones alike should tune in to these informative new episodes.

#### At Your Library

The Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL) is considered one of the most technologically advanced libraries in the world, and in this second episode of "At Your Library," host Franklin D. Neely takes a look at how the LAPL is bridging the digital divide that separates those who have computers and Internet access from those who don't.

#### Home Shopping Petwork

Host Andrew Tarr, along with Capt. Karen Knipscheer and Officer Susan Greenberg from LA Animal Services, are back to showcase a new group of pets looking for a home. They will also offer tips on turning your faithful companion into a traveling companion.

#### LA Fire in Action

Premiering this month is a special episode of "Your LAFD in Action," which gives the viewer an inside look into the Los Angeles Fire Department. What's special about this episode is an entirely new look to the series. "We are taking it to the streets," says producer Robert Manciero. "In past shows we highlighted new equipment and all the toys like the helicopters and fireboats. This time we take the viewers inside the fire station to see what it's really like to be a firefighter on the streets of Los Angeles."

We'll visit with Tamara Chick, Captain I of Fire Station 64, "A" Platoon. Fire Station 64 is in South Los Angeles, where there is no such thing as a routine day. You'll step in her boots to and see the daily challenges and rewards of being a female captain.

Also, we will spend a day at Fire Station 9 on skid row. Station 9 is known as one of the busiest Fire Stations in the country. With an average of more than 60 runs daily, Station 9 serves downtown Los Angeles, from the high rises and convention center, to skid row. With such a diverse population, every call is unique until itself.

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



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See you on LA Cityview 35!



Divers prepare to inspect the outfall.



Rita Robinson, Bureau of Sanitation Director and Club Board Member, speaks to the press at the beginning of the outfall inspection. Others were, from left: Bureau of Sanitation Assistant Director Traci Minamide; Environmental Monitoring Division Manager Mas Dojiri; Rita, Hyperion Treatment Plant Manager Steve Fan; and Environmental Engineering Division Engineer Ken Redd.

# Inspecting the Pipe

■ Hyperion inspects the inside of a very important Sanitation pipeline for the first time.

**PUBLIC WORKS** —Public Works concluded an important inspection of the Sanitation outfall into the Pacific Ocean Nov. 30. It was the pipeline's first internal inspection in its 50-year history.

Beaches had been closed as a precautionary measure while Hyperion Treatment Plant conducted an internal inspection of its Five-Mile Outfall pipe. Beaches were reopened at the end of November.

The inspection required that the Plant's highly treated secondary effluent (processed wastewater) be diverted from its Five-Mile Outfall to the Plant's One-Mile Outfall starting Nov. 28. Flow returned to the Five-Mile Outfall early Nov. 30. A team of divers entered the pipe to assess its structural condition and evaluate its reliability, and preliminary findings indicate that the pipe is in good shape.

The City executed an extensive plan to monitor water quality at the shoreline and at sea. The Environmental Monitoring Division's laboratory studies found low bacterial levels at and around the end of the One-Mile Outfall.

Hyperion Plant's Five-Mile Outfall is a pipe that runs under the ocean and through which Los

Angeles' processed wastewater, called effluent, is discharged daily. It was built in 1960, and is inspected externally every year. The Five-Mile Outfall has never been inspected internally during its near 50-year existence.

To assess the condition of the pipe and to ensure the safety of divers during the operation, Hyperion's highly treated secondary effluent was diverted from the Five-Mile Outfall to the Plant's One-Mile Outfall over the three-day period. As a precaution, beaches were closed from Ballona Creek to the Manhattan Beach Pier, and an extensive water-monitoring program was implemented throughout the diversion.

The inspection included several scientific and engineering exams, including an internal dive inspection, external remote operated vehicle inspection, field studies, hydraulic analysis, pressure evaluations and floor mapping. A six-month study will follow the inspection, and recommendations may be made for repairs or other work to the ocean pipeline to ensure it meets the highest safety standards.

For more information, including updates on the inspection, visit [www.lasewers.org](http://www.lasewers.org).



Public Works has equipment and technicians in place to gather data on the inside of the outfall.

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# New LAFD Acting Chief

## New LAFD Head

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Captain I in 1986 and Captain II in 1989.

In 1993, Chief Barry assumed command of LAFD's Battalion 13, covering five Fire Stations in South Los Angeles. As head of Battalion 13, Chief Barry maintained strong relationships with community block clubs and churches, as well as with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

In 1995, Chief Barry took command of the LAFD's Operations Office, where he oversaw Management of Department discipline, Worker's Compensation, Wellness and Risk management programs. Chief Barry also served as liaison to the City Attorney's Office and the LAPD.

Previous Fire Chief William Bamattre appointed Chief Barry to serve as his Chief of Staff in 1996, where he served as the principal liaison to the City Council and Mayor's Office. Chief Barry also provided leadership and oversight to the Fire Chief's Planning Section, Employee Relations Office, and Community Relations Office.

In 1997, Chief Barry assumed command of LAFD's Battalion 11, covering six Fire Stations in the Wilshire Corridor. As head of the Battalion, Chief Barry maintained strong relationships with chambers of commerce and a number of diverse community groups.

In 2000, Chief Barry took command of Battalion 6, in the Harbor area, overseeing operations at nine Fire Stations responsible for fire protection at the Port of Los Angeles, three major refineries and a host of heavy commercial occupancies. Chief Barry also served as principal liaison to the United States Coast Guard, Port Authorities, the Chambers of Commerce, the shipping industry, the Los Angeles County Fire Department, and the Long Beach Fire Department.

In 2004, Chief Barry was appointed to Assistant Chief of LAFD Division 2, covering all of South Los Angeles, including the Los Angeles



Acting Fire Chief Douglas Barry

International Airport and the Port of Los Angeles.

Chief Barry most recently served as Assistant Fire Marshal, managing the day-to-day operations of the Fire Prevention Bureau, which includes inspections of high-rise and commercial buildings, brush and hazardous materials processors.

Chief Barry was born and raised in the South Bay, attending Narbonne High School, L.A. Harbor College, and California State University, Long Beach. He is married and has three adult daughters.

Chief Barry has earned the respect and support of not only his fellow Firefighters, but also his community, serving as Treasurer/Trustee and Deacon of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church in San Pedro.



Happy New Year  
From the Club!

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# 2006

## The Year That Was *Alive!*

■ Last year was another eventful one! Here's a photo recap.

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — How was your 2006?

Before we get too far ahead of ourselves, it's time to look back one more time at the year that was 2006. Did you get a promotion? Did you retire? Did you participate in one of the many great golf tournaments or other fundraisers during the year? Did you have fun at ClubFest?

City Employees are dynamic and ever active. And *Alive!* takes pride in all the great photos we publish each month as we celebrate the lives of City Employees.

So here's a recap of 2006 in photos. These photos will also be online in a special photo gallery at [www.cityemployeesclub.com](http://www.cityemployeesclub.com)

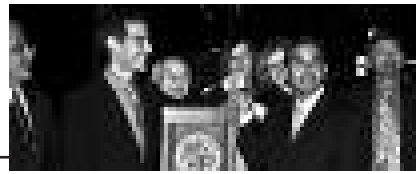
Happy New Year, everyone!

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Holiday Parties: Jay Leno made a second annual appearance in *Alive!*'s January 2006 issue. As he did in January 2005, he attended the LAPD Training holiday party. With him is Capt. Greg Meyers.



Hollywood Lights: Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa joined Street Lighting Director Ed Ebrahimian (far left) and Councilman Eric Garcetti (near left) to switch on new decorative lighting in Hollywood.

Holiday Parties: Santa made one of his many appearances as the City celebrated the holidays. *Alive!* covered dozens of City parties last year, just as we did this year. Covering the City parties has become an *Alive!* holiday tradition.



Cabrillo Marine Aquarium: *Alive!* spent a day at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, where we visited with Aquarist Lisa Bartley, one of the many oceanic professionals researching and teaching the public about marine biology.



Auto Show: The Greater L.A. Auto Show, an annual visitor to the Convention Center, is one of the world's biggest. It is successful largely because of the hundreds of Convention Center employees who make it happen on time. Here, Domingo Martinez, Communication Electrician, readies the equipment.

Black History: The Watts Prophets were honored as part of an extensive celebration honoring Central Avenue. The event was sponsored by the DWP African American Employees Association.



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MARCH



Port Police: *Alive!* took an extensive look at the excellent work being done by the Port Police to protect one of the City's most critical assets. With some of the Port Police in this photo was Reserve Officer Shaquille O'Neal (right).



Chinese New Year: Downtown was awash with vibrant colors and impressive dragons and snake floats as Chinese New Year was celebrated in Chinatown. A number of City Employees took part in the parade and parties. Here, lion dancers took part in the firecracker ceremony.

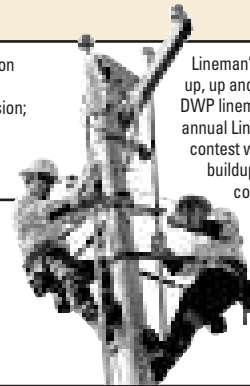


L.A. Heat: The City's L.A. Heat football team, consisting of sworn safety officers, took up spring training in advance of its summer season.



St. Patrick's Day: Councilman and Club Member Tom LaBonge was Irish for a day as he celebrated at the annual St. Patrick's Day parade and celebration in Pershing Square. His office coordinated the events.

Central City Excellence: the LAPD Central City Boosters honored excellence at a Recognition Day luncheon. Pictured were, from left: Capt. Andrew J. Smith, Commanding Officer, LAPD Central Area, Club Member; Capt. Jodi Wakefield, Commanding Officer, Central Patrol Division; Tom Hyde, President, Central City Police Boosters; Special Recognition President's Award recipient Senior Lead Officer Larry Pratt; Chief Lee Carter; and Commander Lewis Gray.



Lineman's Rodeo: *Alive!* went up, up and away to capture the DWP lineman in training for the annual Lineman's Rodeo. The contest was a local one, in buildup to a national competition. The amazing cover photo was taken by the Club's Angel Gomez.

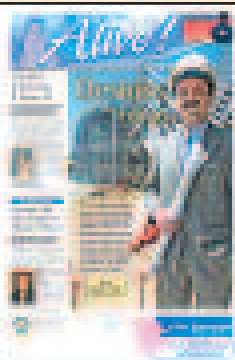


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Baker to Vegas: *Alive!* once again covered extensively the amazing and annual Baker to Vegas run, in which many City Employee relay teams participated.



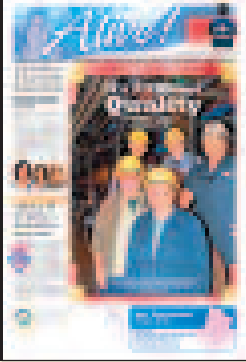
St. Baldrick's: Councilwoman Wendy Greuel shaves the head of LAFD Spokesman Brian Humphrey as part of the annual St. Baldrick's head-shaving fundraiser, held on St. Patrick's Day.

Norma Torres: Few knew that a City Employee also happened to be the Mayor of Pomona. That would be Norma Torres, here on the left, chatting with Club Counselor Arlene Herrero. She was featured in of many excellent *Alive!* interviews during 2006.



2006

JUNE



LAPD Wives: The LAPD Wives is an excellent support group of women whose loved one is an LAPD officer. In a great *Alive!* interview, Club CEO John Hawkins and Club Counselor Arlene Herrero interviewed the groups brain trust: Lynn Caprarelli, Adel Martin and Stacy Jensen.



Father's Day: *Alive!* published many announcements of Club Members saying thanks and Happy Father's Day to their fathers.

Car Show Fundraiser: Housing hosted its first motorcycle rally and car show to benefit the March of Dimes.

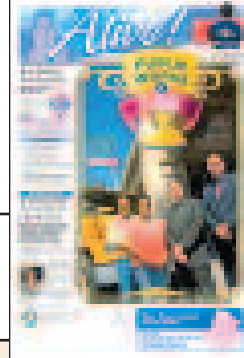


Public Works: For its 100th anniversary, Public Works honored 100 top employees.



Hope for Firefighters: The LAFD and downtown business interests held their annual Hope for Firefighters contest and street fair downtown to raise funds for the LAFD Widows and Orphans Fund.

Julie Andrews: The star of Broadway and the movies, Julie Andrews, popped in to the Central Library downtown to receive the library's Reader Leader Award. Pictured with her are (from left) Director of Children's Services Ilene Abramson and City Librarian Fontayne Holmes.

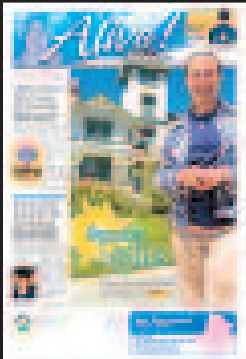


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Sanitation: Nobody does open houses quite like Sanitation (Public Works), and the Harbor Sanitation yard hosted its first open house in August. Pictured: Raymond Lucas, RCTO, 25 years, Club Member, with his son, RayJon, 9.

James Feagin: *Alive!* interviewed City Employee James Feagin, one of the world's foremost experts on bricks and foundation construction.



Point Fermin Lighthouse: *Alive!* paid a visit to this beautiful lighthouse, which overlooks the blue Pacific near San Pedro. Pictured is Kristen Childs, Museum Curator, who took us on a tour.



Zoo Creature: A Rare white alligator highlights a swamp creature display at the Zoo.



Night Out: The Central City Police Boosters help with Night Out, part of a national event where communities gather for strength and mutual protection. This event was held out of the LAPD Central Division. Pictured: Capt. Andrew Smith encourages a group of DAP (Deputy Auxiliary Police) youths who attended the Night Out event.



Bike Ride: The Police Boosters also hosted the fourth annual motorcycle ride and chili cook-off for charity.



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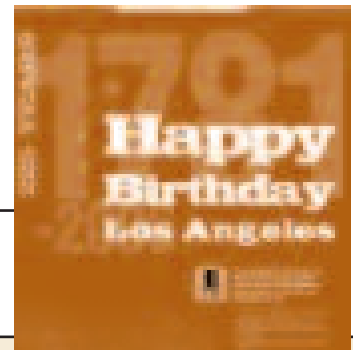
OCTOBER



9/11 Remembered: LAX officials hosted a ceremony to note the fifth anniversary of the 9/11 events that shook our nation.



250th Birthday: Los Angeles celebrated its 250th birthday in the early fall, and *Alive!* produced a special section with interviews, facts, photos and a timeline that put the birthday in perspective.



Dr. Krupp's Dream: *Alive!* covered the reopening of the Griffith Observatory, a landmark in the City's year and the longtime dream of Dr. Ed Krupp, Director.



50 Issues of *Alive!*: In November we turned the focus to ourselves to note the 50th issue of *Alive!* It is because all our faithful Club Members that the publication has become the best at celebrating the lives of City Employees. Pictured: Club staffers hold cover mockups from each year that *Alive!* has been published: Club CEO John Hawkins holds a mockup of the very first issue, from October 2002. The Ticket Guy holds a mockup from 2003; Club Counselor Arlene Herrero holds a mockup from 2004; Club Tech Guru Summy Lam holds up a cover from 2005; and Member Services Manager Angel Gomez holds a mockup from earlier in 2006.



Foam on the Range: The foam machine is one of the big attractions at ClubFest every year, and 2006 was no exception.

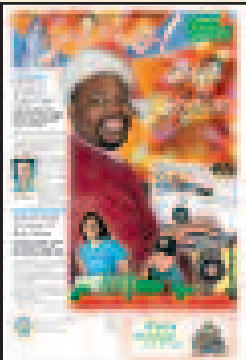


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Mason Park Childcare: Rec and Parks opened a noteworthy childcare center in Mason Park. Pictured, from left: Angela Bagmanian, Childcare Center Director; Greig Smith, 12th District Councilmember; Jon Kirk Mukri, General Manager; Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer, and several children from the area cut the ribbon.



Halloween Costumes: LAPD Communications noted the dress-up day with lots of silly costumes. Here's the one worn by Gina Carroll, first place winner, as a cowgirl.

Holidays in the City: *Alive!* put together a special section of holiday offerings by the City. Pictured: Travel Town to the North Pole, in Griffith Park.





## John's Picture Perfect Contest

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"The following photo is of Havasu Falls and were taken during a Harbor Dept. Hiking Trip in 2006. Havasu Falls is on the Havasupai Indian Reservation along the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. The Havasupai Indians are the only remaining Native Americans to still live and farm deep in the Grand Canyon. Once you reach the village, a 10-mile one-way hike from the rim, you can enjoy not only Havasu Falls but about 10 other waterfalls."

**- Todd Rother, Civil Engineering Associate, Harbor**

**John's comments:** Todd, I really like the way you bordered the falls with the two trees on the side and the branches of a third on top. Also, you captured the wonderful contrast between the falls and the wall behind them, making the falls almost jump out of the picture. Nice work, Todd, and I'd like to take that hike some time in the future!

"I thought I would share my picture of Cinque Terre, Italy, in your contest. I spent a few days there this past summer before moving onto other parts of Italy. I took the picture after hiking through vineyards that are terraced around the town. You better believe that I will be going back there soon! Hope you like it."

**- Everett Bennett, Assistant Inspector, Housing**

**John's comments:** This is the kind of postcard picture that makes you want to sell that Beanie Baby collection and catch the first flight to Italy. This is simply magnificent. I'm not sure how much detail is going to print when it finally gets into the newspaper, but you can see so many details; people in the market down at the bottom, comfy-looking chairs lining the various patios, etc. Nice work Everett!



"A color fountain."

**- Robert F. Souder, Systems Analyst II, DWP**

**John's comments:** Thank you, Robert, for this great shot of the fountain outside of the JFB (DWP) Building downtown. Night shots are never as easy as they seem, and you did a stellar job.

"While visiting in San Diego, we went up to Point Loma, where I took this picture of the lighthouse Nov. 11. The photo has been 'processed' through Photoshop."

**- Bill Skiles, Retired in March 2005 from the Bureau of Engineering, Public Works**

**John's comments:** Not only is this a great photo, but it brings back some fond memories of my submarine days at the Point Loma Sub Base down the mountain. It was always a welcoming sight as we pulled back into port after many days at sea patrolling the Pacific Ocean. Thanks, Bill!



#### Runners Up:

**Robbie Horvath; Ronald Angst, DWP; Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD; David Mills, DWP; Tiffani Davis, LAPD Training Division; Cecille Consebido, Sanitation, Public Works**

#### Rules:

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



With Daniel Onopa at the graduation ceremony were, from left: Lt. Wong; Capt. Musquiz; Chief Newton; Officer Onopa; Lt. Montgomery; Sgt. Payan; and Officer Kailany.

## Congrats, Daniel

**GENERAL SERVICES** — The Club congratulates Daniel Onopa II, the newest Police Officer with the Office of Public Service, General Services, for graduating from the Police Academy. He graduated Dec. 8.

His parents are Gricelda and Daniel Onopa Sr.



## Alive! Is Honored



Eddy Feldman (left), President of the Los Angeles City Historical Society, gives the Special Award plaque to John Hawkins, CEO, the Club.

### Los Angeles City Historical Society bestows special award on Club newspaper.

**CLUB HEADQUARTERS** — The prestigious Los Angeles City Historical Society honored the City Employees Club and *Alive!* with the society's special award of merit.

Eddy Feldman, president of the society, presented the award to Club CEO (and *Alive!* publisher) John Hawkins at the society's annual gala Dec. 12 at the Police Academy.

The award honored *Alive!* for bringing the history of Los Angeles to life. *Alive!* was described as a platform for City Employees past and present to understand the City's past through the use of the historical records within the Los Angeles City Archives in the City Clerk's Records Management Division at Piper Tech.

The Club is honored, and thanks the Los Angeles City Historical Society for this wonderful award.

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New Officers Installed  
at RLACEI Holiday Party**



By Phil Skarin,  
RLACEI Publicity Chair

**President Ed Harding reports:**



Ed Harding

"I would like to thank all those who called and made reservations for our Christmas party at the Grace E. Simons Lodge. We had more than 200 attending and at least 90 percent called. It made it easy to order lunches. I wish to thank Americo Garza for putting this party together. Americo missed the party due to recovering from a back operation. I also missed Jack Mathews, who also had an operation that day.

"I want to thank Gary Mattingly, retired GM of the Police and Fire Pension System, for installing our recently elected directors. Dave Wilkins, Helen Salgado, Neil Ricci, Jerry Bardwell, Ken Spiker and Ed Harding were elected in October for two-year terms as Directors beginning Jan. 1.

"The Executive Board in November elected these officers for one-year terms beginning Jan. 1: President – Ed Harding; First Vice President – Bob Wilkinson; and Second Vice President – Ken Spiker. I thank the Executive Board for having the confidence in me to elect me again as President for the 13th year.

"Our next event will be the General Membership Meeting in April at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center. I hope the turnout will be as good as the Christmas Party and that everyone attending will make reservations."

Legislative Update: Ken Spiker reports that Sally Choi, previous Assistant General Manager of LACERS, has resigned her position. Sally has been

appointed Deputy Mayor by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. She will be in charge of Budget and Finance matters.

Ken stated that Sally will be missed and was a great asset while on the LACERS senior staff. However, he hopes that in her new position she will try to convince the mayor and others that retirees should have the right to be heard by the Executive Employee Relations committee.

Currently, since the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) is not a recognized employee group, it cannot present its grievances or benefit improvement matters to the committee. Such matters must be heard and voted upon before mayor and City Council consideration.

The RLACEI has three matters approved by the LACERS Board of Directors sent to City Council for action. Raising the burial allowance from \$2,500 to \$5,000 has been in City Council committees for three years. Two other matters that would improve surviving spouse's benefits are also pending.

Mayor Richard Riordan permitted



Ken to testify years ago when the committee, the mayor and Council approved raising the burial allowance from \$500 to \$2,500. Ken hopes he will have this opportunity.

LACERS reports: The total value of the LACERS fund as of the close of business Dec. 7 was \$10.4 billion. Over short-term periods of time, significant fluctuations in performance are expected. But the portfolio is designed so that over the long-term, objectives will be met.

**RLACEI Website**

Hal Danowitz asks you to visit the RLACEI Website at www.rlacei.com to find the latest retirement news. If you find it helpful, or have suggestions for improvement, call Hall at (310) 472-0224.

**Contact LACERS**

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

# The Best Years



Main Street at night.



By Hal Danowitz, Secretary, RLACEI

## Retiree Hotlines

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

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

### RLACEI Retirement Counselors and Retiree Helplines:

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

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

## RLACEI:

### Officers for 2006

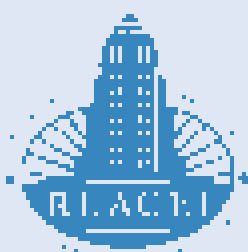
- Edward Harding, President
- Robert Wilkinson, First Vice President
- Kenneth Spiker, Second Vice President
- Hal Danowitz, Secretary
- Jerry Bardwell, Treasurer

### Committee Chairpersons for 2006

- Bob Wilkinson, Audit
- Jerry Bardwell, Budget
- David Wilkins, Bylaws
- Ken Spiker, Legal and Legislative
- Helen Salgado, Membership
- Phil Skarin, Publicity
- Tom Stemnock and Phil Skarin, Golf
- Americo Garza, Picnic
- Americo Garza, Holiday Party and Installation
- Jack Mathews, Senior Citizens
- Neil Ricci, Health
- David Wilkins, Nominating
- Neil Ricci, Special Needs for Retirees
- Hal Danowitz, Parliamentarian

### Directors

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



# Hal Heads to the Happiest Place

## ■ Hal takes the grandkids to Disneyland.

My three grandkids had a day off from school, so my daughter decided it was time for their annual trip to Disneyland. I have not been there in about four years, so I decided to tag along. The date was Nov. 15, a Wednesday, and I figured it wouldn't be too crowded.

This would be a joint adventure with two other mothers with their four children. We had four adults and seven children, ranging in age from 5 to 11. It seemed that we had enough adults to keep the children under control; my wife, Evelyn, told me that you square the number of adults and that is the number of kids you can manage. By that rule we were fine.

I was in charge of getting tickets, and I checked the Disney Website to find out the regular price and to see if they had any specials, which of course they didn't. The regular price for an adult for a one-day ticket is \$63 and \$53 for children under 10. They are a number of combination tickets that include Californian Adventure and multi-day tickets and yearly passes, which can be a good deal if you like Disneyland. If you are a member of the City Employees Club of Los Angeles, you can get tickets for \$49 for an adult and \$44 for children.

November is a good time to go to Disneyland for a number of reasons: It is less crowded than in the summer, the weather is usually good and the park is decorated for



From left: Isabelle, Maddie, Coco and Michelle.

Christmas. All of which we found to be true.

We wanted to be at the park when it opened at 10 a.m. We left Santa Monica at 8:30 a.m. and were at the Disneyland parking lot (\$11 per car) in one hour. California Adventure took most of the old parking lots, and a large parking structure was built. There is direct access to the parking structure from the I-5, and when you exit to go home you can get directly onto the freeway.

We entered the park and waited on Main Street until 10 a.m. when we were allowed to enter the other areas of the park. On this day, the park closed at 8 p.m., and we intended to see it all before then. My daughter had planned out our day with such military precision that, if she had planned the war in Iraq, we would have been finished there a long time ago.

My first visit to Disneyland was 18 days after it opened in 1955 and over the years they had made many improvements to help you navigate through the park. One of the best improvements was Fastpass, which provides a set time for popular rides like Splash Mountain.

Our first stop was Fantasyland and, while we herded the group through Snow White's Castle, someone headed to Space Mountain in Tomorrowland to get a Fastpass. Because of the small (relatively speaking) crowds there, we really didn't need to. In fact the longest we waited for a ride during the day was maybe 15 minutes.

Peter Pan's Flight seems to be the most popular ride in Fantasyland, and the line was long. So we did Mr. Toad's Wild Ride,



From left: Isabelle and Coco in a Toady car.



Maddie in a Toady car.

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Pinocchio's Daring Journey, and Snow White's Scary Adventures without waiting in line. I took the four older kids to the Mad Tea Party, one of my favorite rides. At first the kids didn't want to let me ride with them, but they let me after I told them that I could make it go fast. The younger kids rode Dumbo the Flying Elephant.

We had the Fastpass for Space Mountain, and we headed over to Tomorrowland. Space Mountain is one of the rides that is closest to a roller coaster, but is not as scary. All of us but Coco, my youngest granddaughter, rode the ride. Buzz Lightyear Astro Blasters is a new ride that had been added since my last visit. You ride two people to a car and shoot at targets with a light gun. After the ride you can see your score and at the end they take your picture, which you can e-mail to anyone.

We walked back to Fantasyland to ride the Storybook Land Canal Boats and then decided to get lunch. They are many fast-food and sit-down restaurants in the park. Prices are high, and for a family of four you can easily spend \$75 for lunch. Drinks are expensive; a bottle of water is \$2.75. You can bring food into the park, and that maybe a good way to go to save money. We ate at the Tomorrowland Terrace, which had sandwiches and burgers. While we were eating the Star Wars characters put on a show for the kids. The performers brought a number of kids on stage and proceeded to teach them how to use a light saber, and then Darth Vader showed up and each kid got to fight him. At the end, they each received a certificate of



participation. It was great lunchtime entertainment.

It was about 1:30 p.m. and we still had a lot of the park to cover. We did Autopia, which, in my opinion, is a waste of time. The cars don't go very fast, and it was very hard for the younger kids to hold the accelerator pedal down.

You can't go to Disneyland without taking the "It's a Small World," ride and that was our next stop. It was decorated for the holidays and we came out singing the song.

From Fantasyland we walked into Frontierland and passed Big Thunder Ranch to ride Big Thunder Mountain Railroad, another fast, fun and bumpy ride.

Leaving there we walked through New Orleans Square to Pirates of the Caribbean, which has been updated since the movie of the same name was released. If you look closely you can spot Capt. Jack Sprat in a number of the scenes. Our next stop was the Haunted Mansion, which was also decorated for the holidays. The sun was setting as we came out of the Mansion, and Disneyland was aglow with a wonderful display of lights.

The older kids wanted to ride Splash Mountain, so while they did we took the younger group to the Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh.

We had dinner at the Rancho del Zocalo Restaurant. The food was good and not too expensive.

It was getting late, and we still had a number of rides to do before the fireworks display at 7:45 p.m. We climbed up Tarzan's Treehouse and then did the Jungle Cruise, which is best done at night, and then the Indiana Jones Adventure.

My oldest granddaughter, Maddie, wanted to shoot the guns at the Frontierland Shootin' Exposition, so we stopped there while the rest of the gang headed to Mickey's Toontown.

Our last two rides before the fireworks were "Honey, I Shrunk the Audience," where I really enjoyed the special effects, and Star Tours, always a fun ride.

The fireworks started at 7:45 p.m. and lasted until the park closed at 8 p.m. I promised my grandkids that I would buy them each a souvenir, so we headed to the stores on Main Street, where they spent the next 45 minutes shopping.

We left the park around 9 p.m. and, with little traffic, we were home in about 30 minutes. I really had a good time and the kids were great (no whining or tantrums). Everyone had a good time at the Magic Kingdom. Next time you visit, take a child; it's more fun.



The "General" (Hal's daughter) reviews her plan.



The Haunted Mansion.

## RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

**Dan Watson** writes: "The officers of RLACEI are doing a great job. I worked in the Conservation Div., Bldg and Safety from 1955 to '80. I would like to hear from the other inspectors. I am at 43880 Citrus View Dr., Hemet, CA 92544. Phone (951) 927-2132."

**Samuel Sperling** writes, "I've been reading and enjoying your poetry. I've spent a lot of time in Chengdu, China, recently. That's where my wife's family is from. I'd like to hear from my friends and fellow workers. I'm at 612 North Chandler Ave., Apt. E, Monterey Park, CA 91754. Phone (626) 576-0956." Sam is nursing some cracks and bruises from an encounter with a car making a turn while he was in a crosswalk.

**Frances A. Cota**, a regular contributor to our annual poetry contest, has had a collection of her poetry published in a book, Indigo. She sent me a copy. I love it! You too could enjoy a copy by sending \$10 to her at 62 Checker Way, Bodfish, CA 93205.

**Helen Salgado**, Membership Chair, has moved to 8372 Arnett Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92647. A new phone number is pending.

**Hal Danowitz** asks you to visit our Website at [www.rlacei.com](http://www.rlacei.com) to find the latest retirement news.

**If you have any news about a retiree that you would like to share, or constructive comments about this column, send them to:**

**Phil Skarin**  
5301 Norwich Ave.  
Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910  
or phone (818) 784-0130.

**If you move, notify Helen Salgado, Membership Chair, at**  
5423 Dewar St.,  
Los Angeles, CA 90012.  
Also notify LACERS and Alive!.



## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

### Meaningful Resolutions

*At this time of year, we often make a lot of resolutions. They usually involve something personal, like a habit we want to break, financial goals, or achieving positions that will enhance our reputations. But there can be goals that focus more on the needs of other things besides ourselves. Try to incorporate some of these thoughts in your New Year's resolutions:*

- Find someone who is sad or ill and listen to their story.*
- Volunteer at a shelter, hospital or senior center.*
- Say something positive to everyone you meet.*
- Unclutter your mind and open your ears and eyes so you can be more aware of the needs of those around you.*

— Phil Skarin



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# Poetry Contest Winners

THE BEST YEARS

■ Everyone who contributes wins in RLACEI's 11th annual contest. Here are the top submissions.

RLACEI — Phil Skarin, the chairman of RLACEI's poetry contest, has announced the top entries to the RLACEI's poetry contest.

## Members:

FIRST: Antonia A. Mendez, "Grandma's Hands"

SECOND: Grady Mullen, "My Angel the Lord Was Generous"

THIRD: Charles Hanson Towne, "Tomorrow"

FOURTH: C.H. Ralston, "The Cub Scout"

FIFTH: Jim McCloskey, "A Lifetime Passing"

SIXTH: Helen L. Wright, "Old"

## HONORABLE MENTION:

Frances Cota, Ivan Forbes, Hank Osuna, Marcella Butler, Raul Saldana, John Morea, Libbie Young, Loretta Savage.

## Spouses:

FIRST: Jane Huelster Hanson, "The Victor"

SECOND: Marina Easley Harrington, "A Personal Ad"

THIRD: Adam Z. Aguirre, "Live This Life"

Everyone who entered is a winner and will receive a prize.

### Grandma's Hands Antonia A. Mendez

Sad little lady sitting on a plastic chair  
Your hands folded in your lap;  
With hands so brown, hardly any skin at all  
Each vein traverses to meet the other.

The vein is crossed by a ruptured bruise,  
Or a tiny arthritic bone so jagged.  
I remember when you told me how hard  
Those young hands worked.

Toiling in the dirt field of Moorpark  
And in the sparkling kitchens and larders  
Of fine Orthodox ladies dressed in white.  
Those hands loved and fed your babies

My sad little lady, your hands folded in your lap.  
The door flutters open, your hands unwrap;  
You reach out, but no one is there.  
Frail you wait, hands churning in a knot.

You long to glimpse your girls once more.



### My Angel the Lord Was Generous Grady Mullen

The Lord created all the angels  
And sent me one to hold and love  
That one was you my special angel  
Who came from the Lord above

Your heart was loving and sweet  
I loved you the moment I saw you  
Although I never hoped to meet  
An angel so precious and true

Generous was the Lord indeed  
To leave us together for fifty years  
For more time I wanted to plead  
So we could have more joy or tears

The lord called you home  
At his own time  
You had to go when he said "come"  
To make the choice was not mine

Now you're back with his angels again  
It was time for you to rest  
You have joy and peace and no more pain  
To have held you and loved you I was blessed.



### Tomorrow Charles Hanson Towne

Around the corner I have a friend,  
In this great city that has no end;  
Yet days go by and weeks rush on,  
And before you know it a year is gone  
And I never see my old friend's face,  
For life is a swift and terrible race;  
He knows I like him just as well  
As in the day I rang his bell  
And he rang mine. We were younger then;  
And now we are busy, tired men...  
Tired with playing a foolish game,  
Tired of trying to make a name,  
"Tomorrow," I say, "I will call on him  
Just to show that I'm thinking of him."  
But tomorrow comes...and tomorrow goes,  
And the distance between us grows and grows.  
Around the corner, yet miles away.  
"Here's a telegram, sir"; Jim died today!  
And that's what we get — and deserve — in the end,  
Around the corner...a vanished friend.

### The Cub Scout C.H. Ralston

Old Freckle-face, in rumped blue,  
Might seem a little boy to you,  
However, in his own belief  
He's pilot, pirate, diver, chief!  
He makes world that fits his size;  
It looks like this through those bright eyes.

Fifty thousand braves  
Came in screaming waves,  
Down the hill they swooped,  
Down the hill they whooped!  
Who ran up the slope,  
And tied them with a rope?  
A Cub Scout Brave and True  
In a uniform of blue.

Tigers fifty two  
Broke out of the zoo, then a dozen more  
Battered down the door!  
Now they're all in jail.  
Who dragged them by the tail?  
A cub Scout Brave and True  
In a uniform blue!

Once the FBI,  
Captured by a spy,  
Smuggled out a note,  
This is what they wrote:  
"Tied up by some runts!  
Please notify ant once  
A Cub Scout Brave and True  
In a uniform of blue!"

Seems the President  
Couldn't pay his rent.  
Not a dime had he  
In the treasury.  
Whom do you think he got  
To get him off the spot?  
A Cub Scout Brave and True  
In a uniform of blue!

The good that any man has done,  
The honors that he might have won,  
Can never match the deed he did  
When he was just an unwashed kid.  
I find it dull, this world of men,  
I want to be a boy again.



### A Lifetime Passing Jim McCloskey

The Cycle Begins With Our Very First Breath  
and Is Exclusive To None,  
School and Homework, Making The Grade,  
Passing Becomes Priority One...

Time Takes Us From Childhood to Adolescence,  
From Tweens to Teens,  
Education, Graduation, Celebration and All  
Life's Challenges In Between...

Higher Learning, Career, Family and Friends  
Are The Choices We Make,  
Success In Today's High-Tech Computer  
Driven Society Is What's at Stake...

Personal Life Can Also Be Challenging As Our  
Family Grows,  
Maturity and Responsibility Help Us Deal With  
Life's Highs and Lows...

The Cycle Comes Full Circle With Both  
Frustration and Contentment,  
Yet We Survive It All In Spite Of Ourselves As  
We Reach Retirement...

A Time For Travel and Hobbies, Reading and  
Catching Some ZZZs  
Volunteer Programs That Help The Less  
Fortunate Put Our Mind At Ease...

And As We Gradually Approach The Inevitable  
Passing Of Our Lifetime,  
We Fondly Reflect On Our Accomplishments  
When We Were In Our Prime.

### Old Helen L. Wright

Finding fault, always complaining  
Forgot what a true smile can be  
This will not be me

Pains magnified  
Signs of age I cannot hide  
The grey won't go away  
I've accepted it's here to stay

Friday nights  
For me means rest  
Or babysitting  
Those I love best

When I see my family  
In each one I see me  
Memories gone, some forgotten  
But never again to be

Lord you allowed me to live  
I made mistakes then you took hold  
Father I don't mind aging  
I just don't want to be old

Aging the progress of life  
We've been and told  
Father I look forward to aging  
And never being old.



### The Victor Jane Huelster Janson

Flowers  
Will Always  
Win out  
Against fences,  
The glorious  
Above the grass,  
The God-ordained  
Over the self-maintained.

Ages assault  
But cannot unseat  
Truth,  
Serene upon  
Her sceptered throne.

Written while reflecting upon  
A picture of lovely flowers  
Growing right through a wire fence.

These insights unfolded their inspiration  
May these lines uplift others.



### A Personal Ad Marina Easley Harrington

I am new in town  
Far away from home, all alone...  
Without my beloved ones,  
Just memories, no friends

I like the city, the new faces...  
I don't feel unwelcome or rejected  
It is just that I am far away from home,  
With no one to share with, all alone...

People go back and forth  
Getting ready for the Holidays...  
And I want to be happy like any body else  
Sharing and enjoying the Holidays...

If you are the forgotten soul,  
That every city has as a part of its folklore,  
I am the lonely new person in town,  
Asking you to share with me the Holidays...

Your duty will be to second my prayer  
At the table on Thanksgiving Day,  
to open my presents on Christmas morning,  
And return to me a tight hug on New Years Eve...

No sentimental reason involved,  
No compromises in between,  
With no promises for the future,  
only your company for the Holidays.

### Live This Life Adam Z. Aguirre

There are some questions I wanted to ask you.  
I was just wondering if you knew  
why we do the things we do,  
and of good people, why are there so few?  
Why is this world so full of hate,  
and why doesn't anyone like to wait?  
We used to be able to walk down the street  
without any fear of getting beat.

People know more about Hollywood than they do  
of history.  
That puzzles and stumps me, and seems a mystery.  
For why would they care about the actors' lives,  
and why would they care about all their wives?  
The paparazzi make fun of them and make other  
people glad,  
and though they don't show it, the stars are truly  
sad.

And why doesn't anyone seem to know how to  
smile?  
And I haven't heard anyone laugh in quite a while.  
Some people divorce just as soon as they're  
married,  
and nobody shows respect when someone is  
buried.

Why is this world so upside-down?  
Why does everyone wear a frown?  
The words respect and kind are not known,  
and when a man is in need, he is alone.

We need more people to help each other,  
and we need to show more love to our brother.  
We need more people to use their head,  
and we need to show respect for the dead.  
We need more people to be courteous and kind,  
these of all people are the hardest to find

We need more gentlemen to open doors,  
and pick up things that fall on floors.  
We need to give compliments, read, and exercise,  
and it would be nice if there were no flies.  
Always avoid drugs and think positive,  
and give up smoking if you want to live.

You must always try to do your best,  
And always try to help the rest.  
For "What is a man, what has he got?  
If not himself, then he has naught.  
Say the things you truly feel,  
And not the words of one who kneels"  
These are the words of a wise man,  
And he had many a fan.

It doesn't matter if one is black or white,  
They both are humans and have their right.  
Give, asking nothing in return,  
This is something we must learn.  
Wrong is wrong, even if everyone is doing it.  
Right is right, even if no one is doing it.  
For what lies behind us and what lies before us,  
Are tiny matters compared to what lies with us.

And this advice I give to thee  
And I hope that you will see,  
That though this life is full of strife,  
You must try to live this life.





# The Best Years



From left: Curtis Hobson, Street Maintenance; Altrechia Hobson, guest; and Elvie Walker, Street Maintenance.



Shig Arima, Retired from Planning in 1985.



From left: Mrs. Harold Cole, Street Maintenance; Christie Palmer, guest; and Vivian Jackson, guest.



Manuel Lopez, Wastewater Engineer, retired in 1996.



Phyllis and Chester Lyons, Sanitation.



Jess and Marie Baley. Jess retired in 1986.

## Big Showing for RLACEI Party

### ■ More than 200 attend the retirement group's annual Christmas party. Officers are installed

Story and photos by Michelle Moreno, Club Events Guru

RLACEI — More than 200 people attended the annual RLACEI party, held as usual at the Grace E. Simons Lodge near Dodger Stadium. The party was held Dec. 7.

The party was coordinated by Americo Garza, who could not attend.

Gary Mattingly, Retired GM of the Police and Fire Pension System, for installing RLACEI's officers, elected at its general meeting in October. Officers are elected for two-year terms. Those elected at December's meeting will begin their new terms Jan. 1.

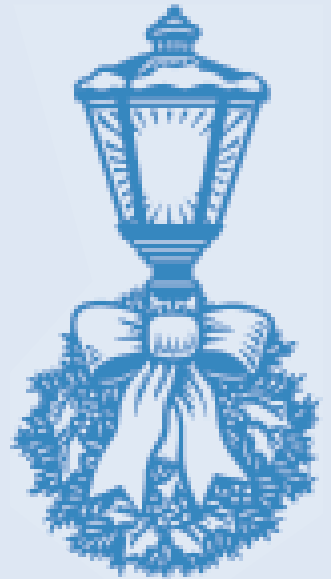
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Officers installed at December's gathering were:

- Dave Wilkins
- Helen Salgado
- Neil Ricci
- Jerry Bardwell
- Ken Spiker, and
- Ed Harding.

President is Ed Harding. First Vice President is Bob Wilkinson. Second Vice President is Ken Spiker. These top officers were elected for one-year terms beginning Jan. 1.



Jinny Peebles, Retired, Library.



John Peebles, Retired, Rec and Parks.



Ray Bureika, Retired from Estimating Division in 1998.



Rosario Bureika, wife of Ray Bureika.



From left: Carol Takafuji, ITA; Frances Owaki, ITA; and Susie Arita, ITA.



Jim Iwaki, Retired from Community Development in 2005.



Kazi Hamid, Retired from Community Development in 2003.



From left: Jimmy Tom, Controller's Office; John Gomez, Rec and Parks; and Carmen Gomez, guest.



John Salles, Retired from Building and Safety in 1989.



Agnes Salles, wife of John Salles.



Reginald Foster, Retired from Planning in 1993.



Wilma Rebbe, Retired, LAPD.



Bill and Laura Ramirez, LAFD.



The one and only Tony Alvarez.



Donna Zahner, Retired from Sanitation, Public Works, in 1994.



Alvin Williams, Retired from LAFD in 1987 (civilian).



Virginia Williams, Retired from CAO in 1987.



Alicia and Armando Tapia, Street Services.



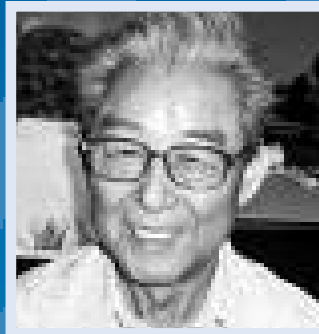
# Retiree Question of the Month

Alive! asked retirees...  
What was the  
greatest invention  
of your time?

The Best Years



"Clothes for tall people."  
-Virginia Williams



"The VCR and polio  
vaccinations."  
-Shig Arima



"TV."  
-Curtis Hobson,  
Street Maintenance



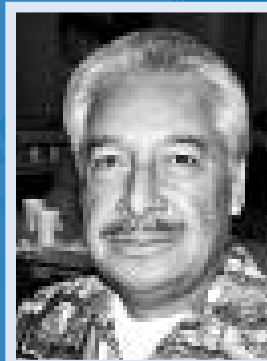
"The television."  
-Jinny Peebles



"The car."  
-John Peebles



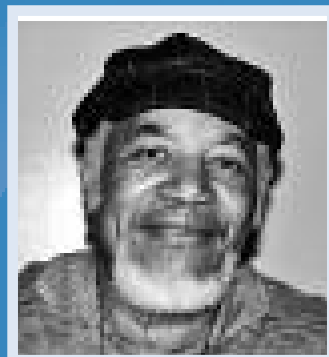
"Television."  
-Alvin Williams



"The automobile."  
-Armando Tapia,  
Street Services



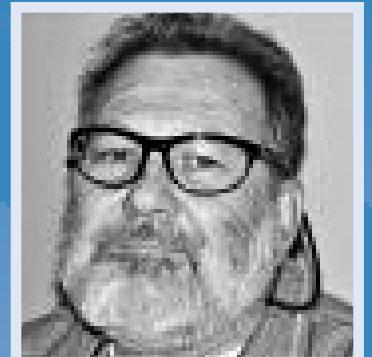
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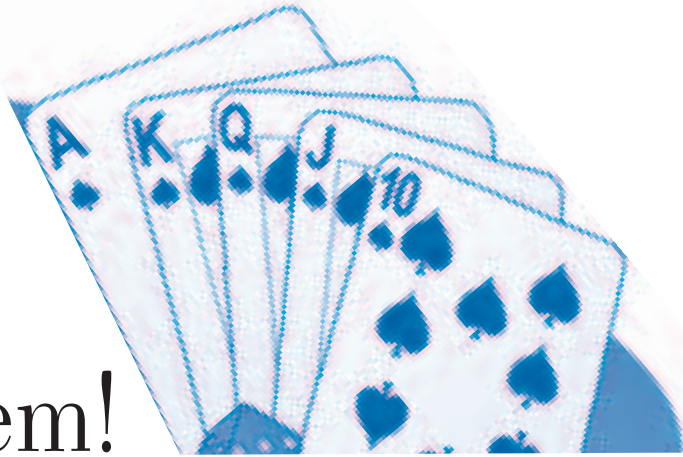
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# Hold 'em!



## ■ LAPD hosts a celebrity Texas Hold 'em tournament for charity.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor;  
Photos by Jacque Nguyen, Club Claims Assistant

**POLICE DEPT.** — The LAPD held a celebrity Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament to benefit the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation.

The fun was held Nov. 16 at the Hollywood Park Casino.

Approximately 200 players were on hand, including 40 celebrities. Celebrities included actor Adam Baldwin, Independence Day; actor and radio host Danny Bonaduce; actor Todd Bridges, Diff'rent Strokes; radio host and Comedian Adam Carolla; actor Rae Dawn Chong; actor Kirk Fox, Wyatt Earp; singer Macy Gray; actor C. Thomas Howell, 24; actor Jaime Kennedy, Scream; actor Christopher Knight, The

Brady Bunch; actor Neal McDonough, Band of Brothers; actor Esai Morales, La Bamba; radio host Shawn Parr; actor Luke Perry, Beverly Hills 90210; actor Mimi Rogers, Austin Powers; Joe Sebok, professional poker player; baseball player David Wells; Ian Dale; Willie Garson; Rob Prior, Marvel Comics; and Paul Jenkins, Marvel Comics.

More than \$30,000 in prizes was given away. The Grand prize was a 2007 Ford Focus, donated by presenting sponsor Santa Monica Ford. Celebrity host was Actor C. Thomas Howell.

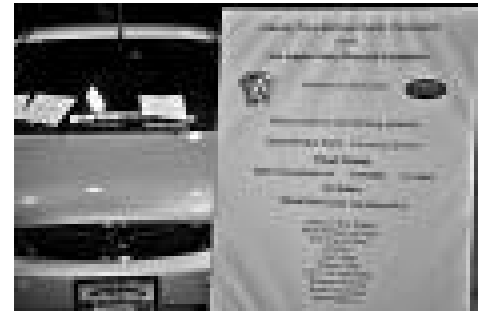
Special thanks go to Alice Sturdy, Executive Assistant, LAPD Memorial Foundation; Officer Ramon Espinoza; and Dana Kano, PSR III, Club Member; for their assistance.



Ready to play, from left: Lee Jett; Hollywood Park Casino dealer; Ron Davis; Kim Throckmorton; Kevin Taualii; and Mike Switzer.



Members of the LAPD Wives Association were on hand to help out at the registration. Back, from left: Alice Sturdy, Elaine Wicks, Lisa Lopez, Catalina Lara and Mary Sales, Club Member. Seated: Jeremy Sturdy.



The grand prize, a 2007 Ford Focus, was donated by Santa Monica Ford.



From left: Kara Barton, Volunteer; Chris Clark, P2+2; Lt. Natalie Williams, WLA; and Angela Page, guest.



From left: Alice Sturdy, Executive Assistant, LAPD Memorial Foundation; and Assistant Chief Sharon Papa, Club Member.



Standing: Dan Sparks, Custodian, Club Member. Seated, from left: Jody Mangum, guest; and Capt. Ron Marbrey, Valley Traffic.



From left: Bill Bustos, Detective III, Valley Traffic; Assistant Chief Sharon Papa, Club Member; Capt. Ron Marbrey, Valley Traffic; and Alan Atkins, Executive Director, LAPD Memorial Foundation.



Celebrity Host C. Thomas Howell mingles with the players.



From left: Dana Kano, PSR III, Club Member; and Ray Denton, Motor Officer, South Traffic.



These ladies came out to play. From left: Gaylene Kingos, Linda Thiele and Morgan Most.



From left: Ben Zucker, P2+2, South Traffic; and Sgt. Nick Aldana, LAPD Memorial Foundation.



From left: Bill Bustos, Detective III, Valley Traffic; Rudy Garcia, Fox Television; Jody Mangum, guest; Assistant Chief Sharon Papa, Club Member; and Capt. Ron Marbrey, Valley Traffic.

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# Newsbrief

## NEW AIRPORT NAMES

Dec. 4, the Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners approved to rename Ontario International Airport (ONT) and Palmdale Regional Airport (PMD) to LA/Ontario International Airport and LA/Palmdale Regional Airport, respectively.

ONT is in one of the fastest-growing regions in the United States with an air service market comprised of 3.5 million travelers. However, surveys of corporate travel managers and frequent business travelers based outside of Southern California show that ONT is not well known as a destination in Southern California. In addition, the city name and state identifier "Ontario, CA" often confuse travelers since the province name and country identifier of Ontario, Canada, is exactly the same.

Airline and Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) officials determined that the name change to LA/Ontario International Airport and LA/Palmdale Regional Airport will make the airports more marketable to inbound business and leisure travelers as a destination in the greater Los Angeles area.

"I am pleased to see the strong push by LAWA to develop the regional airports by creating an identity in Southern California," said Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.

ONT is located in Southern California's "Inland Empire" region that includes San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. The medium-hub airport handles 7.2 million passengers and 575,000 tons of cargo annually.

In contrast to ONT, only one airline had scheduled commercial service at PMD since 1998. However, LAWA expects scheduled air service to return to PMD in 2007. On Nov. 20, LAWA approved to solicit Request for Proposals

to initiate commercial air service at PMD by a major airline or regional carrier affiliate.

PMD is in the Antelope Valley, in the north-east portion of the City of Palmdale on a 60-acre site on U.S. Air Force Plant 42. The airport features a 9,000 square-foot terminal capable of handling up to 300,000 passengers annually. LAWA owns approximately 17,750 acres of land adjacent to Plant 42, most of which is available for development. The airport is approximately 60 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles, off State Highway 14, commonly known as the Antelope Valley Freeway.

The new names will also reinforce the "We Fly as One" LAWA brand among its system of three commercial airports and clearly identify LAWA as an airport operator for the entire greater Los Angeles region.

Los Angeles World Airports is a self-supporting department in the City of Los Angeles, which owns and operates a system of four airports: LAX, LA/Ontario International (ONT), LA/Palmdale Regional (PMD), and Van Nuys (general aviation). LAWA's combined airports move 67 million passengers and 2.7 million tons of cargo a year; employ, directly and indirectly, more than 470,000 people; and generate nearly U.S. \$67 billion annually into the regional economy.



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Honorees, from left: Inglewood Police Dept. Officer Robert Cavazos; Los Angeles County Fire Department Firefighter Paramedic Dan Brock; and Airport Police Sgt. Anthony Boisselle.

## Thanks, Safety Officers

■ **Chamber of Commerce says thanks to Airport area police and fire personnel.**

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



Honorees, from left: Los Angeles County Fire Dept. Firefighter Paramedic Dan Brock; Airport Police Sgt. Anthony Boisselle; and Inglewood Police Department Officer Robert Cavazos.

AIRPORTS — On Nov. 15, the Inglewood/Airport Area Chamber of Commerce and the Interservice Club Council proudly hosted the first Police and Fire Appreciation Luncheon at the Proud Bird Restaurant in Los Angeles. Sponsored by Los Angeles World Airports, this was a first-time event that included the Los Angeles County Fire Department, the Airport Police and the Inglewood Police Department to recognize agencies that serve and protect the Inglewood/Airport area.

Honorees included Sgt. Anthony Boisselle, Airport Police; Firefighter Paramedic Dan Brock, Los Angeles County Fire Department; and Officer Robert Cavazos, Inglewood Police Department.

Sgt. Boisselle was honored for his knowledge and commitment and his ability to forge unique partnerships with the Transportation Security Administration, airport tenants and employees; this is a testament to his dedication to duty and the global aviation security system. His tireless work ethic ensuring that security systems, measures and procedures addressing physical security needs are maintained has been instrumental in protecting passengers, tenants and other employees at LAX.

Firefighter Paramedic Dan Brock has served



the Inglewood area since 1980, responding to medical emergencies, fire emergencies and traffic accidents throughout Inglewood.

Senior Lead Officer Robert Cavazos was honored for sustained excellence in community policing.

Opening ceremonies included presentation of colors by the Los Angeles Airport Police Honor Guard; the "National Anthem" was sung by Sabrina Barnes, Recreation Superintendent, City of Inglewood; and the Invocation was delivered by Sister Fay Hagen, Principal of St. Mary's Academy in Inglewood.

Retired Inglewood Police Chief Ronald Banks served as host for the event. Also in attendance were Inglewood Mayor Roosevelt Dorn; April Lawrence, representing State Congresswoman Maxine Waters; Deputy Executive Director James T. Butts Jr., Los Angeles Airport Police Department; Assistant Chief James Powers, L.A. County Fire Department; and Chief Julius Davis, Inglewood Police Department.

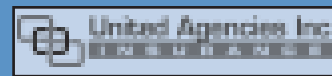


From left: Officer Marshall McClain, Sgt. George Holt Jr., Officer Kendra Williams, Officer Brian Davis, Officer Rupert Staine and Officer Mark Corral.

# REST INSURED

by JEFF GELINEAU

Vice President of United Agencies, The Club's Auto and Home Insurance Partner



## How Much to Buy?

■ **In this new auto and home insurance column, Club Partner Jeff Gelineau talks about insurance limits**

The number one question that we get asked more than any other question is: "How high of an insurance limit should I buy?"

Probably one of the reasons that this is such a common question is because there really is no easy answer. It would be great if we could simply look into a crystal ball and tell you what is going to happen to you in the future. That way you could make sure that you are prepared for whatever comes your way. Unfortunately, life doesn't work that way. Life is uncertain.

When asked by my friends how high of an insurance limit they should buy, I always give them the same answer, "If you rear-end a school bus, then \$10 million won't be enough." While this doesn't really help out, it does help to illustrate the problem. Life is uncertain. You never know what could possibly happen to you. Most people try to live careful, prudent lives, but calamity can strike any of us at any time.

No one would disagree that a 3,000-pound vehicle driving down the road at 60 mph can cause an enormous amount of damage. But, even a "simple" accident backing up in a driveway where children are playing can change the course of someone's life indefinitely.

The important thing is that, as a conscientious person, you will want to be able to take care of any problem that you might accidentally cause. That is why we buy insurance in the first place. To be able to be financially responsible for any damage that we might inadvertently cause. There is a particularly pertinent insurance concept to introduce here: Maximum Possible Loss and Maximum Probable Loss. While it is possible that you could "rear-end a school bus" and require \$15 million or \$20 million worth of insurance, it is probable that you won't. Which do you insure for, the possible or the probable? That really

depends on your personality, and what you feel comfortable with.

One thing to keep in mind is the litigious nature of our society. While the average "Bodily Injury" auto claim is only \$10,000, the average of the same type of claim that goes to jury is \$281,000! You may not think that you have much at risk, but if your claim goes before a jury, you may be unpleasantly surprised.

One "rule of thumb" has always been to buy enough insurance to protect your assets. With the skyrocketing value of homes in California lately, many people are finding that they have \$250,000 to \$500,000 of equity in their home. All of that equity is at risk in the event of one single auto accident. While your bank may only require you to carry "minimum limits" on your auto insurance, you should keep in mind everything that you stand to lose in a potential claim.

Long story short: Buy as high of limits as you can afford. That is always the safest course of action.

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

**Be safe and have fun!**

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The Inspectors who were promoted at the ceremony.

# Call Them Inspectors

## ■ LAFD Promotes 9 to Inspector I and II.

Story by Beverly Haro, Club Counselor; Photos by Bev Haro and Capt. Donester, LAFD

FIRE DEPT. — The LAFD presented badges to nine new Inspectors I and II to honor their promotions. The ceremony was held Nov. 27 in City Hall East.

### Promoted to Inspector I were:

- Firefighter III Nicolas Cruz, from FS 118 to Schools, Churches and Institutions
- A/O Randolph Cruz, from FS 4 to the UST HazMat Enforcement Unit
- Firefighter III Aaron Walker, from Dis. Prep. Sect. to the High-Rise Unit
- Firefighter III/Paramedic Dale Lecesne, from FS 17 to the Central Ind. Unit
- Firefighter III/Paramedic Sir Habersham IV, from FS 41 to the High-Rise Unit; and
- Firefighter III/Paramedic Susan Girard, from DT 40 to the High-Rise Unit.

### Promoted to Inspector II (all from Inspector I) were:

- Armando Nunez, from the High-Rise Unit to Construction Services
- Stephen Douglass, from the Res./Legal Unit to Construction Services
- Robert Duff, who remains in Construction Services

The Club congratulates those who were promoted, and thanks Capt. Donester and Martha Lucero for their assistance.



Sir Habersham IV, Inspector I, High-Rise Unit, 18 years.



Stephen W. Douglass, Inspector II, Construction Services, 23 years.



Randolph Souza, Inspector I, UST & HM Enforcement Unit, 20 years.



Robert Duff, Inspector II, Construction Services, 20 years.



Dale Lecesne, Inspector I, Central Ind. Unit, 17 years.



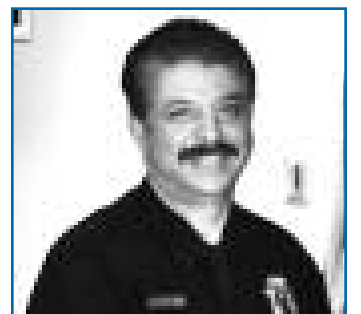
Aaron Walker, Inspector I, High Rise Unit, 19 years.



Inspector I Nicolas Cruz, Schools, Churches and Institutions, 21 years.



Susan Girard, Inspector I, High-Rise, 6 years.



Armando V. Nunez, Inspector II, Construction Services, 24 years of service

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Mina Parades, Clerk Typist, 10 months as member of LAFD.



Aaron Walker, Inspector I, and family.



Capt. Donester in the newly completed Inspector Training Room.

# Chief Bratton's Message: Remembering the Fallen

## ■ LAPD Chief William Bratton delivers his monthly message

As we near the end of 2006 and begin the holiday season, I'd like to reflect on the past year. While the LAPD has enjoyed many successes that reflect the hard work of our men and women to make the City safer, we have also experienced losses ... those who are not with us because they are serving overseas, those we have lost due to illness and accidents, and the loss of one who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

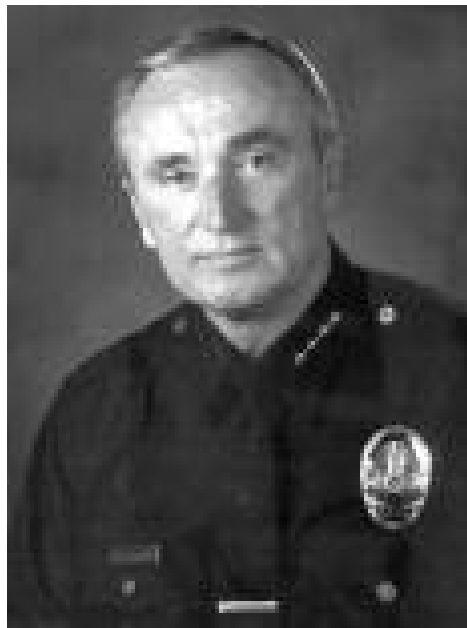
As of the First of December, 25 Los Angeles Police Department employees, 19 sworn and six civilians, are serving in the U.S. Armed Forces deployed on overseas assignments. Of those 25, nearly half will be spending their second, third, even fourth holiday season away from family and friends. While the Department offers financial and career support to our activated military personnel, our LAPD family also offers emotional support to these employees who are our partners and coworkers.

This has also been a difficult year because for the first time in two and a half years, the LAPD lost an officer in the line of duty. On Sunday, Oct. 22, Northeast Area Officer Landon Dorris and his partner were investigating a minor traffic collision when a car hit Officer Dorris. The 31-year-old officer had been with the Department for just over three years. He served six years with the California Highway Patrol prior to joining the LAPD. Officer Dorris is survived by his mother and two sisters, a fiancé and two young sons, ages three and one-and-a-half.

We were also challenged this year by the deaths of several Department employees due to illness and accidents. This past year we lost 12 sworn officers, including two reservists, and one civilian employee.

This past year presented a different set of challenges for several LAPD officers who suffered serious, life-altering injuries. In August, Hollenbeck Area Officer James Tuck was seriously hurt when he and his partner made a traffic stop in the Montecito Heights area. They had just pulled over a car when the passenger got out and charged the officers. He sprayed their patrol car with high-velocity rounds from an AK-47. Officer Tuck was shot three times, with one bullet nearly severing his left hand at the wrist. The news for this young officer is promising; his physicians believe he will regain about 85 percent of the use of his hand after a year of rehabilitation.

Newton Area Officer Enrique Chavez was seriously wounded when his three-year-old son accidentally shot him in the back as they drove near their Anaheim home. Officer Chavez underwent surgery to have a metal rod placed in his spine and he remains paralyzed from the waist down. Officer Chavez is in rehabilitation and is progressing ahead of schedule.



LAPD Chief William Bratton

In mid-June, West Traffic Division Officer Michael Toth was riding his Department motorcycle on his way home when he stopped to help officers from the California Highway Patrol conducting an accident investigation. As he was leaving the scene, a sports utility vehicle hit Officer Toth. He was rushed to a hospital and had extensive surgery on injuries to his face, chest and legs. Officer Toth is going through physical therapy and recently had more surgery to repair damage to his right foot. His goal is to be back at work mid-year 2007.

And finally, this summer Southwest Area Officer Kristina Ripatti was shot and paralyzed from the chest down while trying to arrest an armed man who had robbed a gas station. Now she spends several days a week in rehab and she works out in a gym to increase her upper body strength. As she learns to adjust to life in a wheelchair, Officer Ripatti also fights to stay mentally fit as she challenges conventional medical wisdom that she will never walk again. Kristina, her husband, Southeast Area Officer Tim Pearce, and their young daughter, Jordan, were recently featured on ABC television's Extreme Makeover: Home Edition. Their home was "made over" free by hundreds of volunteers to accommodate Officer Ripatti's new disabilities.

This will certainly be an emotional holiday season for her and the others I have mentioned. As you celebrate with your own loved ones, take the time to remember those men and women of the LAPD who are facing extraordinary physical and emotional challenges, those who will not be home with their loved ones, and those that have gone before us. In this city noted for its angels, these are the LAPD's angels. Let me offer you and your families my best wishes for a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.



From left: Paul Gomez (Public Relations Specialist), Raquel Jarel (Management Analyst) and Jimmy Tokeshi (Public Relations Specialist) have joined the Public Affairs Office of the Board of Public Works. Photo by Stephanie Interiano, Public Relations Specialist II, 1 year.

## New to Public Affairs

### ■ Board of Public Works' Public Affairs team welcomes three new employees.

**PUBLIC WORKS** — The Board of Public Works Public Affairs Office announced the appointment of a management analyst and two public relations specialists to its staff. They are Paul Gomez, Raquel Jarel and Jimmy Tokeshi.

Gomez comes to the office from the public affairs arm of Major League Baseball's Los Angeles Dodgers. "I am happy to be working for the Board of Public Works and I look forward to serving the City of Los Angeles," he said. As supervisor of the Broadcasting and Publications Department, he managed various club publications including game programs, yearbooks and the club newsletter. He assisted in the areas of publicity, community affairs and served as the club liaison to the Dodgers Radio Network, which consists of 25 radio stations. A graduate of California State University Los Angeles, he holds a Bachelor's degree in journalism.

Jarel, as the newly appointed management analyst, began her career with the city in 1987 as a Clerk Typist with Building and Safety. "I am

glad to be back with the Board of Public Works and to see many familiar faces," she said. Within a year she was promoted to Legal Secretary and then progressed to Senior Clerk Typist, Commission Executive Assistant and to the Management Analyst series. She has worked for several departments including the City Attorney's Office, Los Angeles Police Department and Housing Department. She holds a Bachelor's degree in economics from California State University Long Beach.

Tokeshi said, "I appreciate the opportunity to start a new career with the city and the City has my commitment to doing the best job possible." He comes to the office from Murakawa Communications, a strategic communications and public affairs firm that supports government agencies in the building and planning of public works projects. As a consultant, he managed public participation, construction mitigation and crisis communications. His most recent project included the Southeast Water Reliability Project Construction Awareness Program in the southeast portion of Los Angeles County. A graduate from California State University Los Angeles, he holds an MBA with a concentration in marketing and a Bachelor's degree in Radio Television Broadcasting.

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## Crime Statistics – Citywide

Year to Date as of December 2, 2006

Homicide	Down	-6.2%
Rape	Down	-8.3%
Robbery	Up	5.7%
Aggravated Assault	Down	-8.5%
<b>Total Violent Crimes</b>	<b>Down</b>	<b>-2.2%</b>
Burglary	Down	-8.8%
Burglary/Theft from Vehicle	Down	-10.3%
Personal/Other Theft	Down	-10.0%
Auto Theft	Down	-8.9%
<b>Total Property Crimes</b>	<b>Down</b>	<b>-9.6%</b>
<b>Total Part I Crimes</b>	<b>Down</b>	<b>-8.0%</b>

# Life's Important Moments

## Share your moments!

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### Births



Joseph Adam Burkhart, born Sept. 20. Mom is Stephanie Burkhart, LAPD.



Tyler Robideau, born Oct. 28 to Jennifer and Nicholas Robideau, LAFD.



D'Andre Jordin Biggers, born Dec. 7 to daughter Valerie Birr. Grandma is Alicia Marquez, Club Member, Club Rep.



Ester Wong, born to May Wong, left, and Kidd Wong, Clerk Typist and Club Member.

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



### Promotions



Vince Jackson was promoted to Automotive Supervisor, LAPD, from Sr. Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, Harbor. He is a Club Member with 11 years of City service.

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### Graduations



Jahselyn Williams, 14, graduated from Audubon Middle School and now is a freshman at Dorsey High School. Her grandparents are Maretha Adams, LAPD, and Bruce Adams Sr., General Services.

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### Weddings



Greg Reza (Club Member, Heavy Equipment Operator, Airports) and Leigh Anne Miller, Nov. 5. Greg is a Heavy Equipment Operator, Airports, and a Club Member. They were married aboard the *Queen Mary* in Long Beach Harbor.

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### Retirements

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Civil Eng. Associate  
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**Rufina Barillas**  
N/D, DWP, N/D

**John Bigger**  
N/D, DWP, N/D

**John Carlin**  
Heavy Duty Equip. Mechanic,  
General Services, 29

**Mei Ya Chen**  
Accounting Clerk, Public Works, 16

**Cleta Colston**  
Sr. Clerk Typist, Harbor, 33

**Darlene Daur**  
Clerk Typist, Library, 12

\*Club Members

**Michael Drohan**  
Delivery Driver, LAFD, 30

**Janice Ervin\***  
N/D, DWP, N/D

**Terry Hamblin**  
N/D, DWP, N/D

**Charles Heidler**  
Wastewater Treatment Operator,  
Public Works, 23

**Charles Hoeberg**  
N/D, DWP, N/D

**Tommy Horn**  
Sr. Civil Engr. Draft Tech., Public  
Works, 39

**William Joseph**  
Traf. Paint Sign Post, Transportation, 33

**Louis Kirkland\***  
N/D, DWP, N/D

**Richard Maldonado**  
N/D, DWP, N/D

**Ishwar Mathur**  
Elect. Engr. Associate, Public Works, 19

**John McMahon**  
N/D, DWP, N/D

**Javier Montelongo**  
Airport Police Officer, Airports, 32

**Elliot Peterman**  
Sr. Mgmt. Analyst, LAPD, 16

**Prudencio Poblete**  
Build. Operating Engr., General  
Services, 20

**Clifford Rich**  
Traffic Officer, Transportation, 35

**Ann Roos**  
Planning Assistant, Planning, 18

**Donald Shipp**  
Traf. Paint Sign Post, Transportation, 30

**Henry Sloan**  
N/D, DWP, N/D

**Santhakuma Sreedharan**  
Sr. Clerk Typist, Public Works, 31

**Leslie Stearnes**  
Warehouse & T/R Worker, General  
Services, 40

**Ray Willis\***  
N/D, DWP, N/D



### In Memoriam

*Our thoughts and condolences are with the family and friends of the following current and retired City employees who have passed away. The number after the name indicates years of service.*

#### Active

**S.I. Blandino**  
LAPD, 27

**Carlos Castaneda**  
General  
Services, 11

**Nancy Chun**  
Airports, 27

**Yolanda Jackson**  
DWP, 7

**Yvonne Johnson**  
Airports, 3

**Maria Munoz**  
Transportation, 8

**Gordon Tiff**  
Library, 25

**Josephine Val Verde**  
DWP, 13

**Samuel Valdespino**  
DWP, 4

**Sergio Vazquez**  
Public Works, 1

#### Retired

**Gale Banks**  
City Clerk, 16

**Eugene Barnett**  
DWP, 30

**Jeannette Behringer**  
Harbor, 10

**Fred Beller**  
DWP, 38

**Frank Bice**  
General  
Services, 33

**Sara Castellani**  
DWP, 19

**Manuel Chavez\***  
DWP, 11

**Joseph Ciappa**  
Public Works, 21

**Wilbur Cass**  
Rec and Parks, 22

**Henry Dixon**  
Public Works, 42

**Hallister Drummond**  
DWP, 10

**Robert Duncan**  
Public Works, 29

**Lee Edwards**  
Public Works, 26

**Joseph Engelin**  
DWP, 33

**Earl Forbus**  
Building and  
Safety, 25

**Bernard Forster**  
Public Works, 39

**Gerald Freitas**  
DWP, 14

**Dennis Gaudet**  
Public Works, 27

**Portis Gibson**  
LAPD, 16

**Leyton Gledhill**  
DWP, 31

**Lucille Gorman**  
Transportation, 7

**Mary Graves**  
DWP, 21

**Merlyn Heddon**  
Public Works, 26

**William Holmes**  
DWP, 31

**Robert Isabell**  
General  
Services, 30

**Eelson Jenkins**  
Transportation, 26

**Kenneth Kneale**  
Public Works, 35

**Charles Kilty**  
Public Works, 30

**Hilda Kurt**  
Public Works, 23

**David Lawrence**  
General  
Services, 10

**Joan Mansfield**  
DWP, 36

**Richard Marshall**  
General  
Services, 33

**Dorothy McAllister**  
DWP, 23

**A. McGlothlin**  
Public Works, 21

**William Mills**  
DWP, 31

**William Morgan\***  
DWP, 23

**Arlington Mosher**  
DWP, 22

**Elfido Padilla**  
LAPD, 26

**Shu Pang**  
Building and  
Safety, 8

**Kenneth Penland**  
LAPD, 32

**Josephine Penna**  
Treasurer, 29

**Lee Pitman**  
Public Works, 35

**John Pulskamp**  
DWP, 31

**Beverly Quinn**  
LAPD, 22

**James Redmond**  
DWP, 30

**Elidoro Reyes**  
Public Works, 25

**Gertrude Scarlata**  
DWP, 24

**Syd Schuldiner**  
Public Works, 32

**Philip Sinclair**  
ITA, 14

**James Stiles**  
DWP, 29

**Fae Taylor**  
Rec and Parks, 33

**Edward Titterington**  
Public Works, 11

**Harold Tome**  
General  
Services, 26

**Clarence Torgerson**  
Street  
Maintenance, 8

**Frank Wada**  
Public Works, 36



### Quinceañera

If your daughter has recently celebrated her quinceañera, send a photo and family information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



## New Members

# Welcome New Members!

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

### Airports

Cristina Barajas  
Arthur H. Brown II  
Edwin M. Canales  
Julian Cano  
Cumi Curtis  
Maria S. Diaz  
Norberto Diaz  
Perry B. Dillingham  
Roberto L. Figueroa  
Arturo Garcia  
Miguel A. Gonzalez  
Keith Gordon  
Jason Andrew Harris  
Johanna Belinda Jackson  
Serecio L. Negrosa  
Dennis D. Obrian  
Alvin Y. Takaki  
Alfred W. Tong  
Eulonda M. Williams-Powell

### Building and Safety

Patricia D. Jimenez

### City Attorney

Edward M. Jordan  
Breton K. Lobner  
Richard L. Mason  
Lynn D. Wickliffe

### City Clerk

Heloise J. Mitchell

### City Council

Viola M. Andrade

### Community Development

Abigail Ramirez

### Convention Center

Reynaldo H Ramirez

### Cultural Affairs

Euseblo G Terronez

### DWP

Alex Amescua  
Alfred M. Antee  
William A. Armstrong  
Henry J. Bestwick  
Mark Blunk  
Sharon L. Bohn  
Diana Castro  
Susan C. Cunningham  
Michael DeLeon  
Samar M. Desai  
Ricardo Espinoza  
Nancy E. Farra  
Wayne D. Frost  
Emelda M. Hayes-Wilford  
Alfred Higgs  
Kristine H. Ichiki  
Beda B. Jardenil  
Robert T. Lopez  
Charles M. McClellan  
Hadith R. Mendoza  
Lynette A. Merrill  
Gladys O. Miller  
David A. Mills  
Roberto D. Reyes  
David R. Rice  
Gerald P. Rodriguez  
Eric A. Ruiz  
Nina L. Sanchez  
Matthew S. Schneider  
Noemi Tapia  
Barry J. Vogel

### PW Engineering

Michael B. Wade

### Finance

Veronica S. Barnett  
Zenaída G. Obusan  
Caren Stacy Ware

### Fire

Vance D. Burnes  
Robert A. Carrasco  
Anita Carter

### Shoshana E. Cook-Harvey

Elva Davila  
Sharon D. Dooley  
David J. Fabela  
Sita J. Lyons  
Albert Macias  
Misha McConnell  
Eric Mendoza  
Christine Ozlina  
Paul A. Silveri

### Fire Police Pensions

Teresa S. Guerrero

### General Services

Luis R. Aguilar  
Ralph N. Burquist  
Robert M. Campbell  
Jean Childs  
Juan C. Contreras  
Frank N. Cresenco  
Hector G. De La Cruz  
Robert A. Elam  
James P. Etchells  
Patricia J. Galindo-Martinez  
Paul S. Kwan  
Michael A. Loaiza  
Maria Puebla  
Lani Rafael  
Javier M. Ramos  
Edward W. Rardin  
Sandy Sahagun  
Enrique Sanchez-Torres  
Matt A. Valentine  
Katherine Walker  
Daniel Zepeda Jr.

### Harbor

Lester D. Brand  
Joseph S. Bulquerin  
Fernando Campos  
Mark F. Cumbess  
Jacquelyn L. Estrada  
Leonard Gallegos

Alvin Jackson III  
Marisa L. Katnich  
Julia L. Kirwan  
Teodoro Lopez  
Rhea P. Madison  
Jenna A. Marcelo  
David A. Miner  
Rudeen Parks  
Federico Ramirez  
Omar C. Rincon  
Ed Robles  
Mary Frances C. Sandoval  
Petty F. Santos  
James E. Strachan  
Phylis E. Weatherspoon

### Housing

Pedro David Gonzalez  
Rodney M. Hilson  
Myleah N. White

### ITA

Seve Wahi

### Library

Susan A. Oppenheimer  
Grace A. Rodriguez

### Personnel

Zachary S. De Corse  
Cynthia R. Taylor  
Hyon Chong J. Yee

### Planning

Leslie B. Lefrois

### Police

Riza C. Bailey  
Dana P. Bowden  
Arturo A. Chavez  
Maria E. Crescenno  
John Dang  
Carlos Diaz  
John E. Doucet  
Oscar Duenas

Sarah E. Farell  
Juan Enrique Garcia  
Luisa J. Goodwin  
Suzanne Hipolito  
Bebe A. Jacobson  
Peter Kouvelis  
Marie Sabrina Lamar  
Andrea S. Rayburn  
RoseMary Romero  
Anna M. Sanchez  
Jerretta C. Sandoz  
Rosanne Dolores Savala  
Andrea C. Steward

### PW Contract Admin.

Joseph T. De Leon  
Marcelino S. Del Rosario  
Maria J. Deniz  
John W. Nelson

### PW Management Employment Services

Thomas E. Nelson  
Martha C. Remos

### PW Sanitation

Derrick D. Butler  
Midori N. Carpenter  
Richard Jernagin  
Lisa La France  
Victor M. Pedraza  
Martin Ruiz  
George M. Senteno  
Benjamin Silva

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Vivian Guerrero  
Erich M. Haas  
Arlene Levy  
Arturo J. Ochoa  
Alicia Salais  
John Salais  
Denise Sands  
Hazel Young

### PW Street Lighting

Jonathan L. Morales

### PW Street Services

Steve John Alvarado  
Arthur Ceniceros  
Gerold Gutierrez  
Richard Gutierrez  
Moises M. Guzman  
Chester F. Sanders  
Michael Wise

### Transportation

Felecia Evette  
Benton-Bryant  
Harriet A. Boyer  
Sharron S. Brown  
Patricia Bryant  
Scenie M. Burgess  
Maria D. Carranza  
Bessie M. Charleston  
Helen Christenson  
Milagros Ramos DeLeon  
Phillipa E. Dennison  
Herman Ferguson  
Michael A. Ford  
Carlos M. Galan  
Carl B. Gilbert  
Lupe Gonzales  
Adam A. Greek  
Richard K. Hamada  
Nathaniel Johnson  
Elizabeth Jolley  
Ignacio Lopez  
Jesus A. Lopez  
Martha A. Mac Donald  
Shirley B. Nellom  
Edward A. Rameau  
Ulyses A. Reyes  
Samuel Rios  
Georgia M. Robinson  
Fatemeh Shahryarinejad  
Dreda M. Slaughter  
Althea L. Taylor  
James Wickham

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Cecilia Bean  
Rebecca Bendikson  
Doris N. Bruton  
Mila C. Castaneda  
William R. Cole Sr.  
Betty J. Courtney  
David S. Cunningham  
Arlette. Davis  
Edward A. Fletcher  
Richard C. Gabaldon  
Cornellia D. Grow  
Roger W. Halenar  
Daniel M. Herrera  
Francine M. Kawabe  
Oralia Leal  
Shirley Lockley  
David A. Phipps  
Claude Picazo  
Federico Ramirez  
Reynaldo H. Ramirez  
Sharon G. Richards-Grayson  
Ruben C. Saenz  
Sylvia M. Smith  
Gloria J. Thomas  
Linda C. Treadwell  
Robert L. Vega  
John F. Wang  
Wayne L. Willis  
Yvonne D. Witherspoon  
Stephen W. Wratten

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Reynold M. Blight  
Sabrina Garcia  
Alan E. Hewitt

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Use the power of the Club to protect yourself against the financial downfall of accidental death or dismemberment.

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Take advantage of the Club's purchasing power (strength in numbers!) to get great rates for your auto and homeowners insurance.

## Your Counselor

### Can Help

Your Club Counselor will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the Club's insurance packages. Look on page 4 to find out which Counselor represents your department ...or call (800) 464-0452.



Beverly Haro



Arlene Herrero



Liz Montes

# History Comes Alive!

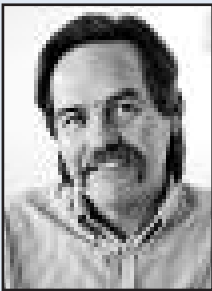
by Hynda Rudd,  
City Archivist (Retired),  
and Club Member



Tales From the City Archives

## A Foundation of Social Activism

### ■ John and Dora Haynes translate their passion for social activism into their foundation. Part 2 of 2.



Dr. Tom Sitton, author of this article.

Last month, guest columnist Dr. Tom Sitton wrote part one about Dr. John Randolph Haynes and his importance to Los Angeles. Tom continues with part two here, further introducing the public to the vast impact of Haynes' "Progressive" activities.

The Haynes imprint on

Los Angeles history continues to be felt to this day. I am eternally grateful to Tom Sitton for enlightening the readership through his professionalism and his historical insights that have broadened all of us. — Hynda Rudd

Early in the 1900s, John Randolph Haynes also became a crusader for public ownership of natural resources required by citizens for everyday living. For this reason he supported municipal ownership and operation of utilities including water and electricity systems (and City regulation of gas, telephone and public transportation services). He began speaking out on the subject by 1905 and advocated the Owens Valley Aqueduct project to supply water and electricity for the City. He served on several committees to politically protect and advance the program in the 1910s, and was appointed to Public Service Commission – soon to become the Board of Water and Power Commissioners – in 1921. On this board, he defended the principle and the department in major political battles over public ownership in the 1920s, and with a mayor who tried to give the City's program to private power interests in the early 1930s. Haynes was also instrumental in bringing Hoover Dam hydroelectricity to Southern California just before he died in 1937.

In the area of regulating private utilities in the interests of Los Angeles residents, Dr. Haynes was instrumental in requiring safety equipment for streetcars that saved lives and reduced injuries to many on streets in the City. Alarmed by the increasing number of accidents involving streetcars and pedestrians in the busy downtown district, Haynes worked with Mayor Owen McAleer in 1905 to conduct his own survey of trolley accidents across the nation in which pedestrians were needlessly run over and seriously maimed or killed. He determined that the solution was the addition of a fender which, when operated properly, could safely catch and hold the victim in front of the trolley until the vehicle came to a stop. Haynes began a political crusade to require such fenders within the City limits, a campaign in which he was assisted by the Voters League and the local branch of the Municipal League. After many bouts with representatives of the street railway companies and lobbying of City Council members, he convinced the City Council to pass such an ordinance in 1906. For the next three decades he countered the arguments of opponents to have the fender law nullified and arranged public demonstrations of the effectiveness of

the fenders. With changes to the design of streetcars in the 1930s intended, in part, to halt the decline of this mode of transportation in Los Angeles, the law was finally cast aside in 1937, just before a very sick Dr. Haynes passed away. By that time the fenders had saved countless lives and prevented many serious injuries, a claim made by the street railway companies themselves.

In these situations Haynes was a fierce competitor in defending and advancing the City's best interests as he interpreted them. Early in the century he emerged as a political force who tried to forge an alliance against the leadership of the region's large corporations and the wealthy city elite (of which he was a member). As a social reform progressive who worked for much more than just

reform activism – by his spouse. Dora Haynes embraced the reform movement at first through her participation in women's clubs in the late 19th century. She was active in various civic and social welfare issues that husband John advanced, and helped to organize political groups, meetings and progressive election campaigns. But she was especially interested in the crusade for women suffrage in Los Angeles and California, and an important role in the local and state victory in 1910. She continued to work for the success of this goal at the national level. When it was achieved in 1920, Dora Haynes became a founding member and the first president of the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles, the local branch of the national organization created

electricity in an ever-changing energy market. (The physical reminder of Dr. Haynes's role in water and power is the DWP's Haynes Steam Plant near Seal Beach, which was named in his honor in 1963.)

John Randolph Haynes's legacy of political and social reform activism is apparent today as Los Angeles city government grapples with some of the same challenges addressed by Dr. Haynes. In many ways the City functions within administrative systems and democratic processes that were modernized in the era of his reform activity. And through the Haynes Foundation, as well as in Los Angeles municipal government, the ideals for which John and Dora Haynes worked so hard for so many years are still being pursued.



Dora Haynes



John Randolph Haynes.

structural changes to government, elections and representation, he was willing to cooperate with everyone – from staunch conservatives to socialists at times – to win the political battle. In the early years he fought the Southern Pacific Railroad "machine" of corporations, saloon interests, and archconservative partisans who controlled City and state politics. In the 1920s Haynes was aligned with "Boss" Kent Parrot's political organization in Los Angeles, which defended municipal ownership and City employees while protecting less respectable groups. (The Los Angeles Times even called Haynes the "Boss of the Boss" in referring to his influence over Parrot.) And in the 1930s Haynes was the leading light of the municipal ownership progressives who had to contest every municipal election to prevent opponents from dismantling the program with antagonistic candidates, restrictive charter amendments, and defeated bond measures. Overall, Haynes was remarkably successful in these wars, adding to his amazing record as a civic leader.

In all of these endeavors Dr. Haynes was supported – and sometimes surpassed in

to examine political issues, educate all citizens, and encourage participation in the political process. From the inception of the Haynes Foundation in 1926 until her death in 1934, she and John Haynes, as founders and leaders, together shaped the direction of this organization designed to continue the advancement of the ideals shared by these two progressives.

Since Dr. Haynes's passing in 1937, Los Angeles government has continued to develop within the parameters of his reform agenda. Further City Charter reform has been almost constant, culminating in the new compact approved by the City's voters in 1999. Direct legislation measures have been used less frequently, but are always reminders that citizens have another alternative available in the event that municipal representatives go astray. Civil service procedures protect City employees from political pressure and assure the City a competent workforce. The DWP, faced with many new political, environmental and economic issues since Dr. Haynes was a commissioner, continues to provide the City's residents and businesses with a stable source of water and





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

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

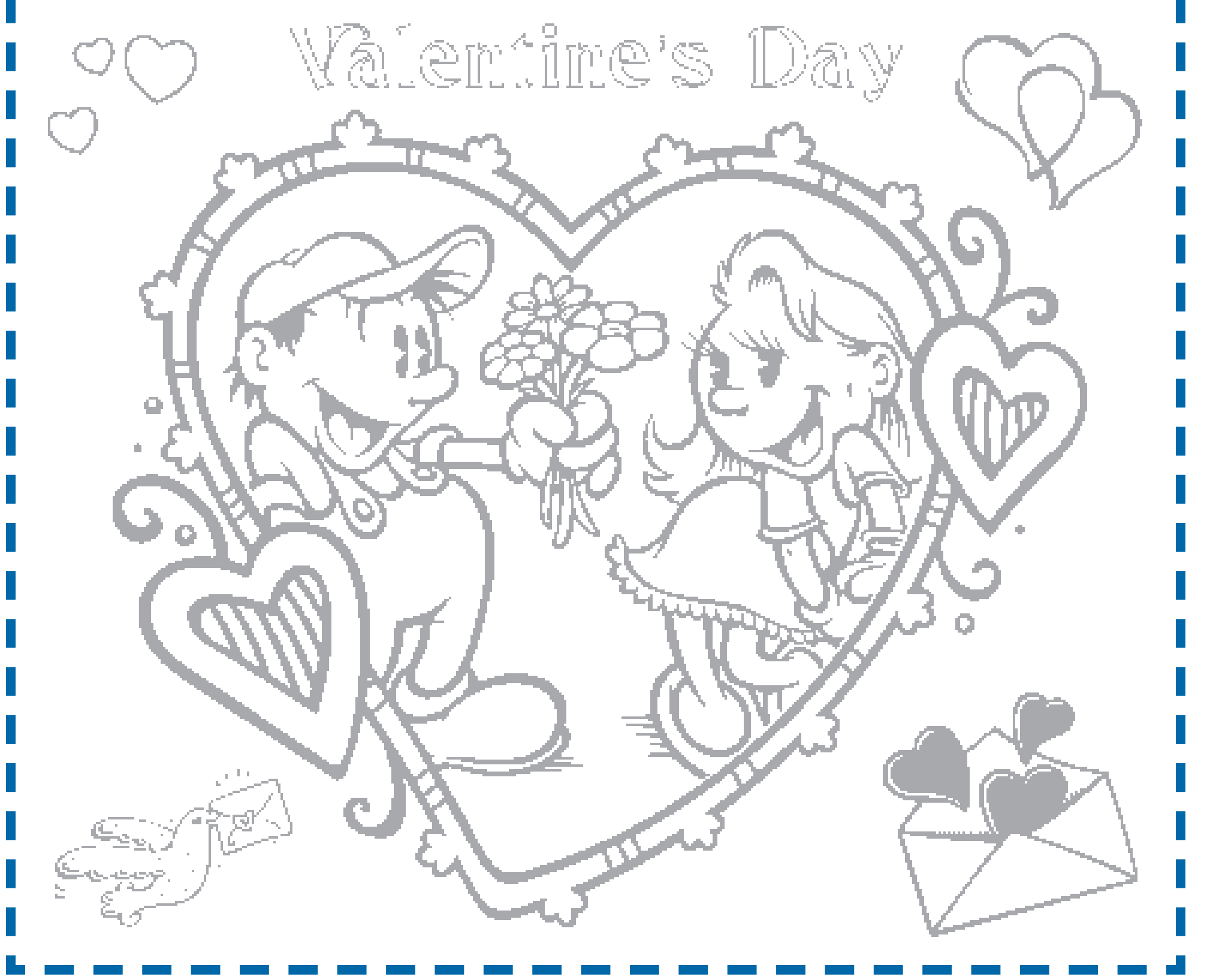
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Child's address/state/zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Good luck, and have fun!





From left, representing Pacific Police Station: Juan Gomez, CSA, 15 years, Club Member; Derrick Shannon, Sr. Custodian, 6 years, Club Member; Bernardo Senires, CSA, 5 years; and Steffonn Farrow, CSA, 1 year.



From left: Ricardo Monroy, Sr. Policy Adviser from Councilman Jose Huizar's office; Patricia Ross, Custodian Supervisor of the Year, South District; Earline Spry, Custodian Supervisor of the Year, Central District, Club Member; Ronald Hardy, Custodian Supervisor of the Year, North District; and Cynthia Davis, Custodian of the Year, Civic Center, Club Member.



From left: Mr. Lincoln, Chief Custodian, Civic Center; Kim Daniels, Chief Custodian, South District, Club Member; and Mr. Howard, Chief Custodian, LAPD.



From left, representing South District: Deiatra McClellan, CSA, 2.5 years, Club Member; Lucille Redmond, Vocational Worker, 15 months, Club Member; and Janice Bonner, Vocational Worker, 15 months.



Loretta Quenon, General Services Facilities General Manager, Club Member, proudly announces District of the Year passing on a towering trophy.

# Thanks, Custodians

## ■ General Services says thanks to the City's custodians.

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

GENERAL SERVICES — Custodians and their supervisors came out to enjoy their ninth annual day of appreciation Nov. 2 at the Civic Center.

The event was sponsored by SEIU Local 347 and LIUNA Local 777.

The host was Melody McCormick, Director. Custodians enjoyed their luck at winning the many prizes available (some donated by City Employees Club) while lunching on El Pollo Loco. Service pins and certificates were passed along with the towering trophy for the District of the Year.

The Club congratulates all the custodians, without whom the City would stop. And the Club thanks Loretta Quenon, Edward Dailo and Joshua Stone for their assistance.

### Service Pin Recipients:

#### 10 Years:

David Acosta  
Lavern Cheatham  
Ruben Estrada  
Constance Evans  
Robert Ibarra  
Benjamin Moore  
Jerry Morales  
Cornell Spann

#### 15 Years:

Calvin Cunningham  
Robert Thomas

#### 20 Years:

Carlos Amaral  
Cung Nguyen  
Patrice Shirley  
Jerrilyn Mitchell  
Gregory Wheatley

#### 25 Years:

Miguel Garcia

#### 35 Years:

Donald Hasan



Host Melody McCormick, Director, General Services Facilities Services Division, Club Member.



Representing Civic Center, from left: Pedro Arreola, Custodian, 5 years, Club Member; James Martinez, Custodian, 5 years; Anthony Zamora, Custodian, 6 years; David Acosta, Sr. Custodian LAPD; 10 years; and Art Campa, Custodian, 2 years.



From left, representing Hollenbeck Police Station: Issac Lizaola, CSA, 5 years; Carlos Amaral, CSA, 20 years; and Sebastian Martinez, CSA, 1.5 years.



From left: Joseph Gaskin, CSA, 1 year, Club Member; Andrea Griffin, CSA, 7 years, Club Member; and Debra Williams, CSA, 17 years.



From left: Ruben Victor, CSA, 18 years; William Wilson, Sr. CSA; 19 years; and William Shields Jr., CSA, 18 years, Club Member



From left: Rosalinda Di Castro is presented with a congratulatory certificate from Sheree Adams, Council Assistant, Club Member, on behalf of Councilman Dennis Zine, Club Member.



From left: Club Member Alvin Blain, General Manager, General Services, Club Member with Councilman Tom LaBonge,



Back, from left: Milton Harold, Sr. Custodian of the Year, Civic Center; and Bob Schoonover, President Local 347, Club Member. Front: Michael Shannon, Sr. Custodian of the Year, North District; Benjamin Moore, Sr. Custodian of the Year, Central District; Camilla Hill, Sr. Custodian of the Year, South District, Club Member; Renee Anderson, Union Representative, SEIU Local 347, Club Member; and Rodney Teague, Sr. Custodian of the Year, LAPD, Club Member.



From left: Antelmo Sanchez, CSA, 10 years; and Deanna Nichols, CSA, 10 years.



From left: Cecilia Rivas, CSA, 6 years; and Susie Marroquin, CSA, 5 years, Club Member.



Civic Center Chief Custodian David Lincoln with service pin awardees from his district.



From left: Samuel Orellana, CSA, 6 years; Blanca Perez, CSA, 5 years; and Gloria Portillo, CSA, 5 years.



From left: Anastacio Flores, CSA, 4 years; Eduardo Sanchez, CSA, 17 years, Club Member; and Santos Majano, CSA, 6 years.



From left: Bob Schoonover, President Local 347, Club Member; Miguel Santos, Custodian of the Year, Central District; Renee Anderson, Union Representative, SEIU Local 347, Club Member; and Davidson Cato, Custodian of the Year, North District.



Back, from left: Luz Morelos, CSA, 2.5 years, Club Member; and Luis Urzua, CSA, 2 years. Seated: Jorge Garcia, CSA, 9 years, Club Member; Oscar Rivas, CSA, 2 years; George Padua, CSA, 16 years, Club Member; and Felix Soriano, CSA, 2 years.



From left: Kim Daniels, Chief Custodian, South District, Club Member, presenting a 10-year service pin to Cornell Spann.



Representing Civic Center, from left: Gwen Jackson, Custodian, 15 years; Michelle Johnson, Custodian, 4 years; Blanca Perez, Custodian, 5 years; and Duron Levy, Vocational Worker, 11 months.



From left: Roland Williams, Vocational Worker, 1.5 years; Richard Jordon, CSA, 1 year; and Steven Courtney, Custodian, 18 years, Club Member.



Jerrilyn Mitchell (at right of the trophy), Chief Custodian, Club Member, accepts District of the Year trophy along with her District supervisors.



From left: Jose Diaz, CSA, 7 years; and Estella Sanchez, CSA, 14 months.



From left: Kim Daniels, Chief Custodian, South District, Club Member; and Carla Hall, Custodian Supervisor, Club Member, South District.



From left: Tony Royster, Assistant General Manager, Club Member; Donald Hasan, Club Member, proudly holding his 35 years of service certificate; and Alvin Blain, General Manager, Club Member, presenting the service pin.



From left: Beverly Pleasant, Executive Administrative Assistant III, Club Member; Biniko Hawkins, Executive Administrative Assistant II; Dora Moran, Sr. Custodian, 5.5 years, Club Member; and Ceci Rogers, Executive Administrative Assistant II, 39 years, Club Member.



From left: Avis Harris, CSA, North District, 2 years; and Charles Weaver, CSA, North District, 2 years.



From left: Terence Latson, Sr. Custodian, 7 years; and Stan Garner, Head Custodian Supervisor, LAPD, 27 years, Club Member.



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# HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY FROM THE CLUB



# New Detention Officers

## ■ LAPD Jail Division graduates 17 recruits from training program.

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

**POLICE DEPT.** — The Police Dept.'s Jail Division graduated 17 recruits from its training program. The graduation exercises were held Nov. 17 at the Police Academy.

The class also included two graduates from the Hawthorne Police Dept. and one from the Santa Monica Police Dept.

Uniform inspection was conducted by James P. Mc Donnell, First Assistant Chief of Police, accompanied by Capt. Patrick K. Findley; Commander Kirk Albanese, Commander Terry K. Hara; Deputy Chief Sanchez, representing Santa Monica Police Dept.; and Capt. Beerling, representing Hawthorne Police Dept.

Capt. Patrick K. Findley gave the introduction, and the invocation was delivered by Rabbi Chaim Kolodny.

Family members and friends were present to witness the occasion. The recruit class speech was delivered by Detention Officer Salvador Vasquez.

Here are the new graduates (all are from the LAPD, unless noted):

- Tracy Albert;
- Leonard Anderson;
- Zadi Rivera Borquez;
- Juan Cobian;
- Ricardo Contreras;
- Nick Cornejo;
- Michelle Dimas, Santa Monica PD;
- Todd Driessen, Hawthorne PD;
- Eric Estrada;
- Kathy Green;
- Ronald Lewis, Hawthorne PD;
- Guillermo Lopez;
- Bruce McCall;
- John Perez;
- Tomeka Phillips;
- Afra Pineda;
- Aldo Rodriguez;
- Kenneth Rodriguez;
- Deborah Taylor; and
- Salvador Vasquez.

Special recognition went to:

- Outstanding Academic Achievement: Michelle Dimas;
- Outstanding Physical Training Achievement: Ricardo Contreras;
- Outstanding Uniform Appearance: Eric Estrada.

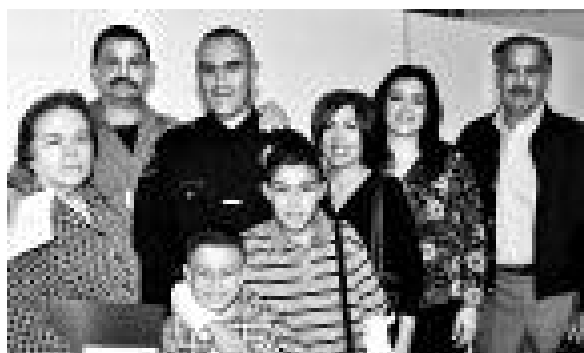
The Club congratulates the new graduations and thanks Principal Detention Officer Cheryl Walker and Principal Detention Officer Michael H. Ellington for their assistance.



The "National Anthem" was sung by Sgt. Kyle Tolliver.



Detention Officer Juan Cobian, Club Member, with his family.



Detention Officer Ricardo Contreras, Club Member, with his family.



Detention Officer Afra Pineda with her family, and James P. McDonnell, First Assistant Chief of Police, Club Member



New graduate Detention Officer, Club Member, with James P. McDonnell, First Assistant Chief of Police, Club Member



LAPD Detention Officer Aldo Rodriguez with his family.



Detention Officer Deborah Taylor, Club Member, is joined by her family.



Honorary Awards announced by Drill Instructor and Principal Detention Officer Michael Ellington.

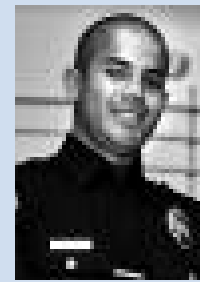
## Congratulations to all the new graduates!



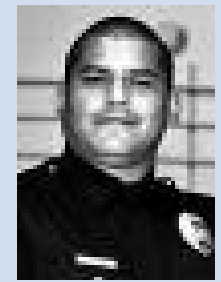
Tracy Albert, LAPD Detention Officer, Club Member.



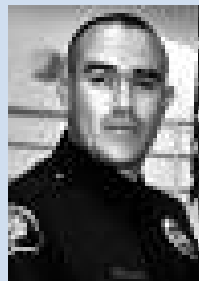
Leonard Anderson, LAPD Detention Officer.



Zadi Rivera Borquez, LAPD Detention Officer.



Juan Cobian, LAPD Detention Officer, Club Member.



Ricardo Contreras, LAPD Detention Officer, Club Member.



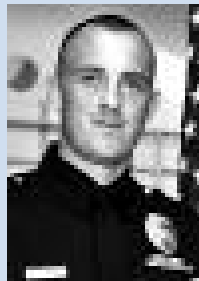
Nick Cornejo, LAPD Detention Officer, Club Member.



Michelle Dimas, Detention Officer, Santa Monica Police Dept.



Todd Driessen, Detention Officer, Hawthorne Police Dept.



Eric Estrada, LAPD Detention Officer.



Kathy Green, LAPD Detention Officer, Club Member.



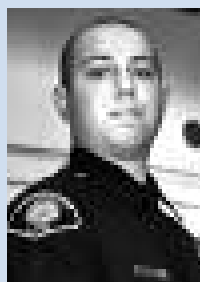
Ronald Lewis, Detention Officer, Hawthorne Police Dept.



Guillermo Lopez, LAPD Detention Officer.



Bruce McCall, LAPD Detention Officer, Club Member.



John Perez, LAPD Detention Officer.



Tomeka Phillips, LAPD Detention Officer.



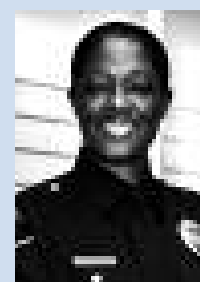
Alfa Pineda, LAPD Detention Officer.



Aldo Rodriguez, LAPD Detention Officer.



Kenneth Rodriguez, LAPD Detention Officer, Club Member.



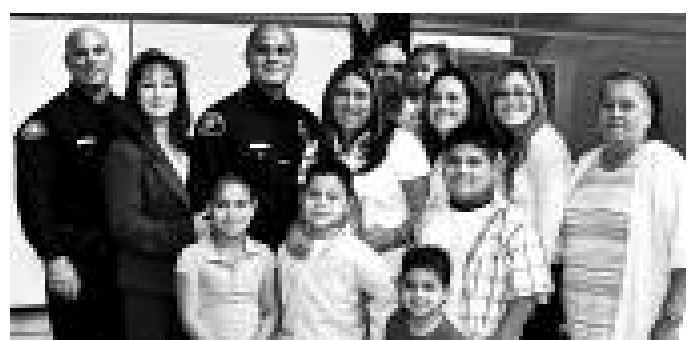
Deborah Taylor, LAPD Detention Officer, Club Member.



Salvador Vasquez, LAPD Detention Officer, Club Member.



From left: Deputy Chief Sanchez, Santa Monica Police Dept.; Michelle Dimas, Santa Monica Detention Officer; and James P. McDonnell, First Assistant Chief of Police, Club Member.



From left: Officer Enrico Dinapoli, GSD OPS, Club Member, joins Detention Officer Salvador Vasquez, Club Member, with his family.

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**Questions?**

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# The City Parties!



From left: Art Sanchez, RCTO Supervisor, Club Member, and his wife, Mina.



Mike Solis, Supervisor.



From left: Danny Arevalo, RCTO, with his wife, Donna.



From left: Lupe Placencia, Childcare Associate, Rec and Parks; and Manuel Placencia, RCTO, Club Member.

## End of the Year at North Central

■ Sanitation Yard hosts second annual holiday gathering to celebrate the end of the year.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

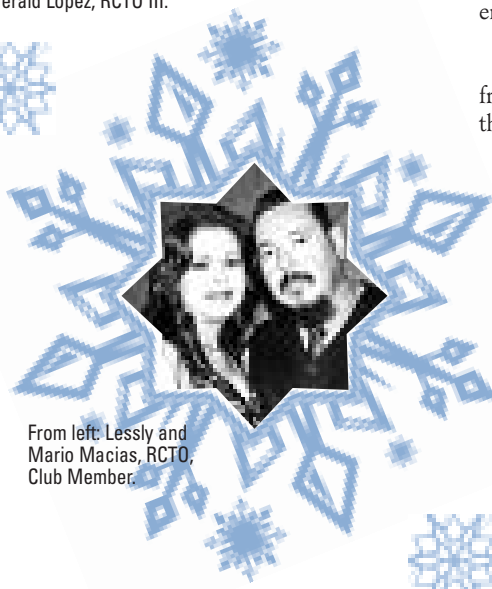


From left: Vincent and Dolores Hernandez, guest of Gerald Lopez, RCTO III.

**PUBLIC WORKS** — The North Central Sanitation Yard hosted its second annual end of the year holiday dinner Dec. 9 at the American Legion Hall in Montebello. The Club donated prizes for the event. Guests dined on chicken fajitas, chicken Colorado, rice, beans, garden salad, fruit salad and cake. Approximately 120 employees and guests came out to enjoy their evening. Special thanks to Adriana Nunez and Andy Morales for their assistance.



From left: Melody Lopez and Michael Adame, RCTO.



From left: Lessly and Mario Macias, RCTO, Club Member.



From left: Tony Handy, RCTO, Club Member, with his wife, Sandra; and Donna and Carlos Chaffino, RCTO, Club Member.



From left: Diane and Mario Martinez, RCTO.



From left: Raymond, Melinda and Gerald Lopez, RCTO III.



Gerald Lopez, on left, with his family.



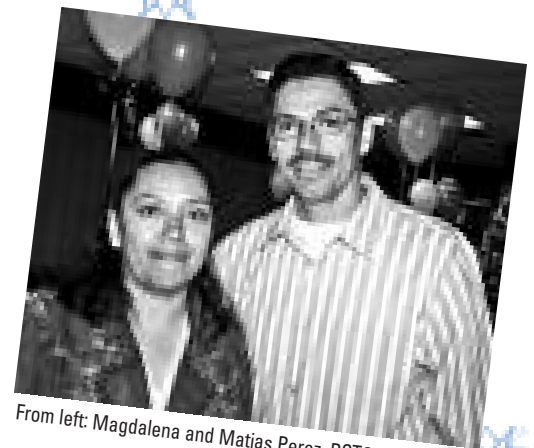
From left: Christine and Anthony Perez, RCTO.



Standing: William Scott, Maintenance Laborer. Seated, from left: Irene and Frank Ruacho, RCTO.



From left: Ofelia and Andy Morales, RCTO II, 20 years.



From left: Magdalena and Matias Perez, RCTO.

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# The City Parties!



From left: Toni Chagolla, Sr. Clerk Typist, 9 years, Club Member; with Jon Reed, RCTO, 21 years, Club Member.



From left: Misti Jenkins, guest and friend of April Broussard; Lloyd Gaines, Superintendent, 16 years; and April Broussard, Sr. Clerk Typist, 20 years, Club Member.



From left: Peter Gonzalez, RCTO, 3 years, Club Member, and his wife, Jennifer.

## West LA Sanitation Makes Merry

### ■ LAX holds party for families.

Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Communications and Marketing

**PUBLIC WORKS** — The West L.A. Sanitation Yard held its festive holiday party Dec. 9 at Quiet Cannon in Montebello.

Thanks to Toni Chagolla for providing information on the event and for inviting the Club.



From left: Wilhelmina and Joseph Norwood, RCTO, 19 years, Club Member.



From left: Vanessa and Bonaventure Butts, RCTO, 25 years, Club Member.



David Pinkney: RCTO II, 17 years, Club Member.



Richard Humphrey, RCTO, 20 years, Club Member, and his wife.



From left: Marlis and Manfred Hornong, Equipment Mechanic, Retired, 8 years.



From left: Steven Thompson, RCTO, 20 years, Club Member, and his wife, Judy.



From left: Robert Parra, RCTO II, 6 years, Club Member, and his wife, Maria.



From left: Anita Lyons and Paul Porter, RCTO, 12 years, Club Member.



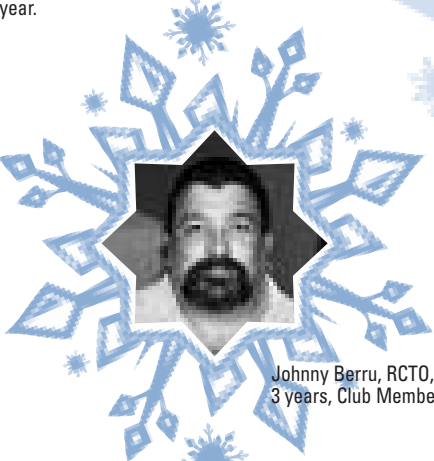
From left: Raul Cobos, RCTO, 3 years, Club Member, and his wife, Sonia.



From left: Raul Velasco, RCTO, 7 years, and his wife, Martha.



From left: Joe Ballard and his fiancé, Rhonda Wright, RCTO, 1 year.



Johnny Berru, RCTO, 3 years, Club Member.



From left: Elma and Frank Sanchez, RCTO, 7 years.



From left: Darryl Webb, RCTO, 4 years, Club Member, and his wife, Evelyn.

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# The City Parties!



The Holiday Party Committee, from left: Terry Pina, Angie Rios, Biniko Hawkins and Tierra Jones.



Eric Robles hosted the event.



Henry De La Cruz and Jacqui Bell.



From left: Arnold Medina, Carpenter; Juan Calderon, Brick Tender; and Charlie Helganz, Electrician.



From left: Gaby Vidales, Senior Parking Attendant; and David Delao, Plumber.

## General Services Celebrates



Welcome to the party.



Ernest Del Real, Dispatch; and Norma, guest.

■ **General Services celebrated the holiday with a large gathering.**

*Photos by Michelle Moreno, Club Events Guru*



From left: Richard Kelly, Craft Assistant; Jesus Gallo, Carpenter; and Roger Alanto, Carpenter.

**GENERAL SERVICES** — General Services honored the holiday season with a general party Dec. 7 at the Quiet Cannon banquet facility in Montebello.

Eric Robles hosted the event.

The Club congratulates the committee that produced and coordinated this annual get-together and thanks the committee for the invitation.



Debbie Ramos, Assistant General Manager, General Services.



Alvin Blain, General Manager, General Services, in good company.



Top, from left: Eric Newman, Program Assistant; and Richard Wuerth, Building Emergency Education Director. Bottom: Lourdes Morales, Building Emergency Education Assistant Director; Mona Curry, Special Events Coordinator; and Kathi Mixon, Finance.



From left: Chito Jurado, Electrician Supervisor; and Calvin Dennis, EQ Repair Supervisor.



Raul Gutierrez, Carpenter, with his wife, Pauline.



From left: Bob Nieto, General Auto Supervisor; Alan Schilt, Training in Safety; and John Nerio, Welder Supervisor.



The one and only Kim Daniels.



From left: Stephan Nalboutian, Press Operator II; Michael Leighton, Director of Publishing Services; Amy Lloyd, Senior Accountant II; Tracy Vu, Systems Analyst II; and Myrna Pilkington, Accountant II.



Construction Forces: Tom Bylard and Carol Holguin.



From left: Renee Mustafa, Senior Systems Analyst I; Allie Taylor, Clerk Typist; Novel Ang, Accountant; and Perla Togonon, Accountant.



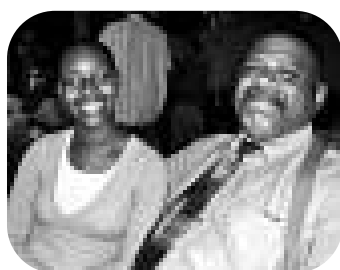
From left: Javier Zambrano, Carpenter; Jose Nelson Mozo, Carpenter; and Alonso Garcia, Laborer.



From left: Pat Webster, Clerk; CJ the DJ, Maintenance and Construction; and Linda Mayfield, Craft Assistant.



From left: Kain Flores, Equipment Specialist; Carlos Meza, Equipment Repair Supervisor; and Kris Goolsby, Acting General Auto Supervisor.



Dave Wilson (right) with guest.



From left: Angie Acosta, guest; and Raul Macias, Superintendent.



From left: Cliff Cartes, Clerk Typist; and Pierre Riotoc, Management Assistant.

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# The City Parties!



Sgt. James T. Willis and his wife, Nina.



The Central City Police Boosters Board, from left: David Garrison, Diane Hyde, Marie Kardiban, Daisy Barajas and Tom Hyde.



Det. Ysabel Villegas and Capt. Jorge Villegas.



Nicholas Terrazas, guest; and Janell Badar, Officer.



Top, from left: Maria Gonzales, Explorer; and Gabriel Zamora, Explorer. Bottom, from left: Adrienne Brundage, Volunteer; Arlette Meza, Volunteer; and Travis Jones, Officer.

## Holiday Boosters

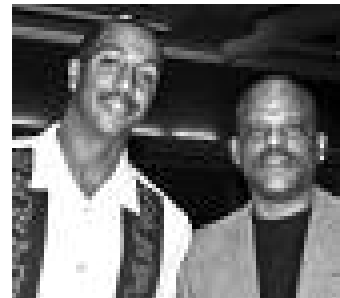
■ LAPD Central City Police Boosters host their holiday party.

Story and photos by Michelle Moreno, Club Events Guru

LAPD — The LAPD Central City Police Boosters held the group's annual holiday party at the Downtown Sheraton Hotel Dec. 2.

Among the entertainment was an a cappella group, great prizes, and delicious food.

The Club thanks Officer Marie Kardiban for inviting us.



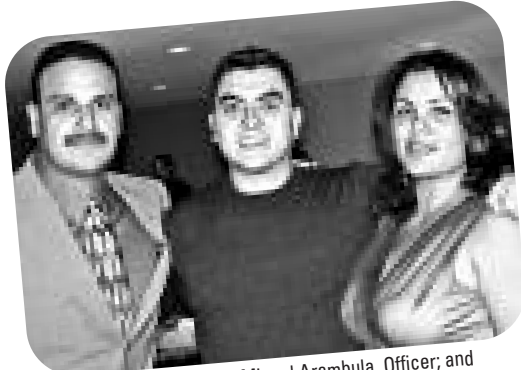
From left: Randy McCain, Officer; and Earl Wright, Officer.



Officer Craig Marquez and his wife, Maggie.



Deputy Chief Lee Carter and his wife, Diane.



From left: Sal Reyes, Officer; Miguel Arambula, Officer; and Maribel Arambula, Officer.



Agies Side Effect, entertainment.



From left: Patricia Ulloa, guest; Hector Ulloa, Officer; Viridiana Rodriguez, guest; and Tony Gutierrez, Officer II.



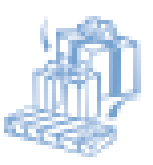
Senior Lead Officer Joe Lopez and his wife, Bernice.



Guests Laura and Augustine Liera.



Detective Bryce Spafford and his wife, Dong.



Mina Gonzalez, guest, and John Cervantes, Officer.



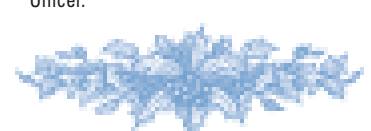
Officer Jeff Kievit and his wife, Tammy.



From left: Juan Moreno, Officer; Javier Navarro, Officer; Maureen Navarro, guest; Tyler Fox, Officer; and Megan Fox, guest.



Cynthia "Fabulous," PSR II; and Lamar.



Detective Mark Campbell and his wife, Chris.



Officer Gordon and his wife, Marie.



From left: Robert Jaramillo, Officer; Carole Thomas, guest; Lorena Silvestre, guest; and Angel Silvestre, Officer.



Officers Reginald Gay and Danielle Banks.



From left: Capt. Jody Wakefield; Stephanie Sorensen, guest; and Capt. Andrew Smith.



From left: Lt. Tom Brascia; Marjean Brascia, guest; Sophie Brascia, guest; and Jeremy Brascia, guest.

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From left: Mei Ong, Management Analyst, 35 years; and Berni Edwards, Sr. Clerk Typist, 20 years.



From left: Otis Maxwell, Vocational Worker, 9 months; Carlos Arroyo, Custodial Service Attendant, 2 years, Club Member; Ernest Cheatam, Custodial Services Assistant, 3 1/2 years, Club Member; and Michael Christian, Custodian Assistant, 6 months, Club Member.



From left: Bahram Roshanian, Sanitation Manager I, 20 years; and Mihram Sarkisium, Sanitation Wastewater Manager, 32 years, Club Member.



From left: Dennis Harrison, Electrician, 9 months; Brett Edwards, Electrician, 1.5 years of service, Club Member; Hector Olivo, Wastewater Electrician I, 7 months; Ed Meza, Electrician I, 6 months; Will Carter, Electrician, 15 months; Milly Ben-David, 6 months; Kim Byous, Electrical Craft Helper, 6 weeks; Emil Ruian, Electrician, 3 months; and Guillermo Chavez, Electrician, 1 year.

## A Hyperion Holiday

■ Hyperion celebrates the season with a party sponsored by the Hyperion Employees Association.

Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

**PUBLIC WORKS** — The Hyperion Treatment Plant held its holiday party Dec. 7, in the Fleet Services Building.

The menu featured Mexican, Asian and other foods. Entertainment was provided by a DJ, dancers, and a singalong.

The large and diverse menu and extensive program were put together by the Hyperion Employees Association.

Special thanks to Mei Ong for assisting the Club with this story.



From left: Dion Brumfield, Custodian, 1 year, Club Member; and Dwayne Rochett, Sr. Custodian, 3 years.



Emorette Hinton, Purchasing Maintenance, 3 years, Club Member, owns Emorette's Unique Designs, which put the event together.



From left: Daniel Hillman, Billings and Grants, 2 years, Club Member; and Lyretta Johnson, Sr. Clerk Typist, 5 years.



From left: Encarna Scott, CE Associate II, 17 years; Hassena Khan, Sr. Clerk Typist, 6 years; and Jerry Hernandez, Sanitary Engineer, 37 years.



Back: Cynthia Jackson, Sr. Clerk Typist, 18 years. Front, from left: Juanita Anderson, Sr. Clerk Typist, 30 years; Rita Robinson, Director of the Bureau of Sanitation, Club Board Member; Michelle McElroy Wicks, 13 years, Club Member; and Dee Hines, Principal Clerk, 6 years.



Rodrix Jennings, Management Assistant, 1 year, Club Member.



From left: Hugo Rujales, Wastewater Treatment Electrician, 1 year, Club Member; and Robert Jones, Wastewater Treatment Electrician, 1 year, Club Member.



From left: Bounsom Sananikoni, Systems Programmer, 12 years; and Ken Iseri, Management Assistant, 5 years.



Back, from left: Marvell Zachery, Pipefitter, 13 years, Club Member; and Sugar Daddy, Painter, 20 years. Front: Earl Mallet, Mechanical Helper, 17 years; Anthony Jones, Wastewater Treatment Mechanic, 18 years, Club Member; and Carvella Woodward, Heavy Truck Operator, 25 years.

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Two riders arriving at Santa Clarita.



Marty Rios, President of the Choir Boys.



Bikers visiting the hospital.



Marty Rios and his bike in a pediatric ward.



The Choirboys Motorcycle Club.



Ray Reynoso (a.k.a. Santa), founder of the Toy Run.



Eloy Flores and his wife, Martha.



Christie, Santa (a.k.a. Ray Reynoso) and patients.

## Holiday Hog Heaven

### ■ DWP employees and two motorcycle clubs have a Toy Run for charity.

Story by Cheryl Power, DWP, Club Rep; Photos provided by Cheryl Power

DWP — On Dec. 3, DWP employees, with assistance from The Geezers Motorcycle Club held their third annual Toy Run to benefit the children of Los Angeles Harbor U.C.L.A. Medical Center. The Toy Run is held annually on the first Sunday in December.

Hundreds of bikers attend this event each year. The Toy Run's founders are Ray Reynoso, DWP, and Steve Thompson, Retired DWP. Ray had been active in numerous toy runs for different organizations; he began thinking that, since the DWP has so many riders, a toy run could be organized to meet the needs of a hospital in the surrounding area. Ray started to contact hospitals, and quickly found one that fit the bill.

Ray and Steve spread the word, and the first DWP Toy Run was born in 2004. Ray purchased a Santa Claus outfit and has dressed as Santa right from the start. The first year, 2004, the 50/50 raffle was won by Tom Diaz (DWP). Tom, without thinking twice, donated the money to the kids at the hospital. Steve Thompson, co-founder is retired now, but stays active and still supports the Toy Run. Steve travels from Lake Havasu, Ariz., to participate.

The second year of the Toy Run, the Geezers Motorcycle Club jumped in and volunteered to help. The Geezers Club is an informal club with riders' ages between 21 and 67. The club formed four years ago.

Each year the Toy Run attracts more and more riders; this year the Choir Boys were out in number. The Choir Boys are avid active and retired law enforcement officers who enjoy riding their Harleys. The club was founded in 1971, and named after the Joseph Wambaugh novel, The Choirboys.

There were three meeting spots for the Toy Run: one in Riverside,

one in Santa Clarita, and the main location in the City of Industry. Riders from Riverside and Santa Clarita converged at the City of Industry location, so all the bikers could ride en masse to the hospital.

This year, the severe Santa Ana winds kept some riders from participating from the San Fernando Valley, Santa Clarita, and the Lancaster/Palmdale areas. But it didn't put a damper on the fun once they riders reached City of Industry. The annual raffle featured many great prizes.

Next year's toy Run will be held on Dec. 2. It is always the first Sunday in December.

If you are a City Employee, the Employees of DWP and the Geezers welcome you to join!

To learn more about the Geezers Motorcycle Club visit their Website at [www.geezersmc.com](http://www.geezersmc.com)

To learn more about the Choir Boys Motorcycle Club and their ride for fallen officers each September, please visit their Website at [www.choirboysregion1.com](http://www.choirboysregion1.com)



Lynn Kadesh, Geezers Motorcycle Club.



Woody and Tom Diaz.



Marty Rios in the children's ward on his bike.



Passing down the toys, hand by hand.



The line of the bikes at the hospital.



Ray Reynoso and Hector Valez (the 5050 raffle winner).



Cheryl Power, DWP, with a pile of toys.



Michelle Hebron and Cristie Suzukwawa, hospital administrators.



Ed Hartz, Retired, DWP.



The 1966 DWP Kenworth Show Truck.



A few of the raffle prizes.

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# The City Parties!



From left: Ana Laura Mayorga and her husband, Sgt. Gabriel Mayorga, Club Member.



From left: Michael Hwang, Police Officer; and Maggie Chang, guest.



From left: Javier Llanos, Police Officer, and his wife, Rachel.



From left: Hector Graciano, Sr. Lead Officer, Club Member, and his wife, Diana.



Standing, from left: Janet Ramirez, guest; and Isabel Vasquez, Clerk Typist. Seated: Nasario Vasquez, guest; Adriana Vasquez, Clerk Typist, Club Member; and Bernardo Vasquez, guest.

## A Safety Holiday

### ■ Office of Public Safety has its holiday party.

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

**GENERAL SERVICES** — The new Office of Public Safety within General Services hosted its holiday party Dec. 2 at the San Antonio Winery downtown.

Clerk Typist Kidd Wong entertained by singing "O Holy Night" and "Silent Night."

Many thanks to Chief Gary S. Newton, Lydia Marquez and Lt. Wong for their assistance.



Chief Gary Newton welcomes attendees and reflects on his last four years. "What a difference a year makes," he said.



From left: May, Ester and Kidd Wong, Clerk Typist, Club Member.



From left: Dominick Geary, guest; Blanca Araujo, Clerk Typist, Club Member; Rosio Zapata, guest; and Karin Suyu, guest



From left: Phil Graciano, Police Officer, Club Member, with his wife, Gina.



From left: Shannon Jackson, guest, with Sgt. Kevin Ahlemeir.



From left: Guadalupe Abarca, guest, with Sgt. Maria Abarra, and her husband, Francisco Rojas.



Adriana Vasquez, Clerk Typist, Club Member, with Kidd Wong, Clerk Typist, Club Member, sings "Silent Night."



From left: Q. Espinoza, Clerk Typist, Club Member; and Robert Ceja, guest.



From left: Frank Crescenzo, Security Officer; daughter, Magdalena, 6; Maria Crescenzo, LAPD Officer; and son Frank Jr., 4.



Standing, from left: Cindy Mendez, guest; Lt. Wong, Club Member; and Lydia Marquez, Secretary, Club Member. Seated: Lupe Plaza, guest.



Capt. Perez, Club Member.



From left: Maria and Capt. Richard Musquiz, Club Member.



A guided wine tour.

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# The City Parties!



From left: Amner Contreras, Public Safety Officer, Club Member; and Alfredo Garcia, Detention Officer at 77th Jail Division.



From left: Lael and John Shea, Director of Security Services, OPS Convention Center Section.



The children from the neighborhood John Ritter Elementary surrounding Santa.

## 22 Years of Toys

### ■ Southern Parking Enforcement Office hosted a day with Santa, for neighborhood kids.

sizes. To help Santa, the Traffic Officers and other employees each adopt one of the children; each employee must provide a warm winter jacket for their child.

The Traffic Officer Chapter donates items to the event, and all else is donated by the staff. The kids get to meet Santa, enjoy pizza and entertainment, all provided by City Employees.

This is sponsored by the Southern Parking Enforcement Office personnel, but over the years others from other Enforcement Offices and the LAPD have participated, too.

The Club congratulates all who participated in this worthwhile event, and especially thanks Traffic Officer Berdena Garrett for her assistance.

**TRANSPORTATION** — For the 22nd year, the southern Transportation office hosted a very special visit from Santa for neighborhood kids.

This year, the youngsters came from John Ritter Elementary. Each received multiple gifts from Santa and coordinated through Santa's helpers at the Traffic Office. This year marked the largest group of children in attendance - 32. Lunch was also provided, as was Christmas music by Retired Traffic Sgt. Al Luevano, who has been part of the event since day one. Also playing a role since the beginning was Officer Lois Thomas.

The event started in 1985, when the South Office sponsored a Christmas party for the House of Uhuru, a home for battered women and their children. About nine years ago the shelter stopped housing the children, so the office started adopting nearby schools. The school selects the children and provides the office with names, ages and



Ret. Traffic Sgt. Al Luevano has been a part of the event since its inception in 1985. In the past, he has played Santa. This year, he provided entertainment.



Standing, from left: Amanda Skorniakoff, guest; Ryan Bleecker, Security Officer; Rose Morales, guest; and Joseph Orlanes, Police Officer. Seated: Alex Diaz Valle, Police Officer, 6 years, Club Member, with his wife, Gladys.



From left: Charlotte Hagos, Police Officer; Joe Perez, Police Officer.



Frank Pazasis, Director of Security Technologies, Club Member.



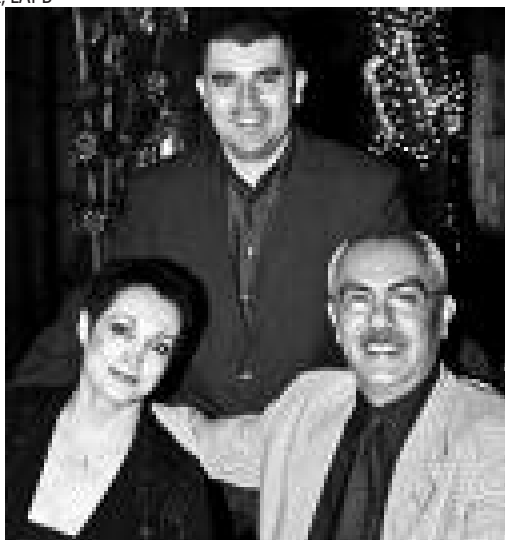
From left: Gerardo Rodriguez, Street Services Investigator, Club Member; Rozana Castro, OPS Security; and Jose Gutierrez, LAPD Officer.



Kidd Wong, Clerk Typist, Club Member, with his solo of "O Holy Night."



From left: Lisa Micheli, guest; and Chief Gary Newton.

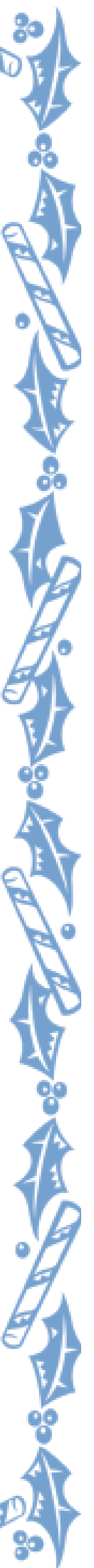


Standing: Elmer Moreno, Security Officer, Convention Center. Seated, from left: Alice Teran, guest; and Sgt. David Lopez, 10 years, Club Member.



Kneeling, from left: Pamela Dortch-Lee, Henry Corrales, Natalie-Bailey-Gray and Arlecia Clay. Standing: Estell Ezell, R.C. Smith, Lois Thomas, Barbara Bowers, Ida Byas, Berdena Garrett, Carolyn Walton-Joseph, Sandra Pollard and Donna Jones.

Stay tuned for Part II of Alive's holiday party coverage in the February issue.



# Is 2007 the Year You're Promoted?

## ■ Club Member offers 10 tips to assist you in getting that promotion.

By Yvonne Liu, Personnel Analyst II, Finance, Club Member

**FINANCE** — Is getting a promotion one of your New Year resolutions?

It offers many opportunities for pay-grade advancements and promotions. It is never too early to start preparing for your next promotion. Your preparation is key for a growing career in Los Angeles, no matter in which department you work. Even if you are a new hire to the City, you can start learning about your classification and your career ladder for future Civil Service exam opportunities. The following is a list of ideas to get you started and it is intended as a complementary component to your studying and learning about the Employee Handbook, the Civil Service Rules, and Personnel Policies (all available at Personnel Department's Intranet: <http://per.ci.la.ca.us/> under Documents), and the City Charter (available at City Clerk's website: <http://lacity.org/NXT/gateway.dll?f=templates&fn=default.htm>) and Your Government at a Glance (also City Clerk's website: <http://city-clerk.lacity.org/cps/pdf/govtglnc.pdf>).

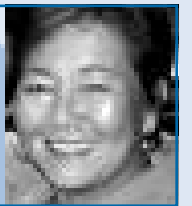
1. **Review your classification specification.**  
If you don't know what that is, enter your classification code or classification title at: <http://www.lacity.org/per/perspec.htm>  
See how much of your class specification you can perform and look for opportunities to learn those skills you have not mastered.
2. **Check out your Career Ladder at Personnel Department's Intranet:**  
<http://www.lacity.org/per/eo/career/CareerLadder.htm>  
Although the career ladder is not an exhaustive list of your career possibilities in the City, it gives you the basic steps of the next qualifying exam where you may focus your promotional exam preparation.
3. **Monitor your attendance.**  
Be sure that you are not frequently using emergency vacation or excessive sick time. If you are taking a longer family or medical leave, apply for FMLA with your supervisor so that your sick time will not be counted against you.
4. **Update your resume.**  
To catch grammatical or format errors, have someone else review it. Make sure that your resume answers mainly the same questions as Page 2 of the Departmental Application. Need a Departmental Application? Go to <http://per.ci.la.ca.us/Forms/DeptApp.pdf>

5. **Brush up on your computer skills.**  
Advance your skills in Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access and even Groupwise usage. These tools are used to improve communication and produce reports in every City department. Practice computer programs for projects in your community involvement, PTA projects or for your home business. Take weekend or night classes if necessary.
6. **Submit copies of your certificates, awards, diplomas and proofs of training for filing in your personnel folder.**
7. **Make sure that your personnel folder includes all evaluations.**  
Call your Personnel Services Section to schedule a time to review your own folder.
8. **Attend Personnel Department trainings and intradepartmental trainings.**  
For a list of courses at the Personnel Department, go to <http://www.lacity.org/per/Training.htm>. Sign up with your supervisor for a class that will enhance your skills.
9. **Improve your public speaking and interview skills.**  
Join a Toastmasters Club near your work or your home. This is the best way you can incrementally improve a skill. A Toastmasters membership will help you organize your thoughts, practice leadership skills, and overcome the fear of public speaking.
10. **Schedule a Career Counseling appointment with Personnel Department's Employee Development Section at (213) 473-4555.**



## WORKING MATTERS

by JACKIE DAVID, Public Information, Public Works



### Some Thoughts to Ponder for 2007

■ Every single New Year brings with it advice and resolutions. I've opted to stay away from that this time around and instead share with you a few great words of wisdom to reflect upon as we begin our tomorrow now.



"A single conversation with a wise man is better than ten years of study."

— Chinese Proverb

"Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself."

— Tolstoy

"Wisest is he who knows what he does not know."

— Plato

"Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could; some blunders and absurdities have crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; you shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered in your old nonsense."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Forget past mistakes. Forget failures. Forget everything except what you're going to do now and do it."

— William Durant

"Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm."

— Winston Churchill

"Science, my lad, is made up of mistakes, but they are mistakes which it is useful to make, because they lead little by little to the truth."

— Jules Verne

"Continuous effort — not strength or intelligence — is the key to unlocking our potential."

— Winston Churchill

"Talents are common, everyone has them — but rare is the courage to follow our talents where they lead."

— Anonymous

"If you hear a voice within you say, 'You cannot paint,' then by all means paint, and that voice will be silenced."

— Vincent Van Gogh

"Always listen to the experts. They'll tell you what can't be done and why. Then do it."

— Robert Heinlein

"I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand."

— Confucius

"Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you too can become great."

— Mark Twain

"There are costs and risks to a program of action, but they are far less than the long range risks and costs of comfortable inaction."

— John F. Kennedy

"What then is the right way to live? Life should be lived as play."

— Plato

"Choose a job you love and you will never have to work a day in your life."

— Confucius

"The worst days of those who enjoy what they do, are better than the best days of those who don't."

— E. James Robn

"We are prone to judge success by the index of our salaries or the size of our automobiles rather than by the quality of our service and relationship to mankind."

— Martin Luther King Jr.

"All you need in this life is ignorance and confidence; then success is sure."

— Mark Twain

"Dream lofty dreams, and as you dream, so shall you become. Your vision is the promise of what you shall one day be; your ideal is the prophecy of what you shall at last unveil."

— James Allen

"The strongest oak tree of the forest is not the one that is protected from the storm and hidden from the sun. It's the one that stands in the open where it is compelled to struggle for its existence against the winds and rains and the scorching sun."

— Napoleon Hill

"Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground."

— Unknown

"Here's to the crazy ones. The misfits. The rebels. The troublemakers. The round heads in the square holes. The ones who see things differently. They're not fond of rules, and they have no respect for the status quo. You can quote them, disagree with them, glorify or vilify them. But the only thing you can't do is ignore them. Because they change things. They push the human race forward. And while some may see them as the crazy ones, we see genius. Because the people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones who do."

— The "Think Different" ad campaign for Apple Computers

"Here is the test to find whether your mission on earth is finished: If you're alive, it isn't."

— Richard Bach

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Steve McDiffett, LAFCU's President/CEO (center), accepted a "Commander's Award" from two United States Marines who represented the Toys for Tots program; the award recognized the credit union for "outstanding achievement in support of this program." Joining them are LAFCU employees' Toys for Tots team members (from left) MaryAnn Orozco, Daisy Arce-Edwards, Peter Rodriguez, Ofelia Arzoumanian, Veronica Diaz, Blair Fuentes, Team Captain Sandra Rollerson, Pat Davis-Garbutt and Katie Tran.

## LAFCU: Toys for Tots

### ■ Credit Union collects more than 900 toys.

LAFCU — The Los Angeles Federal Credit Union (LAFCU) collected more 900 toys (a record!) in its annual Toys for Tots toy drive.

The year 2006 drive ended Dec. 14 with LAFCU employees and members helping make the holiday wishes of deserving Los Angeles-area children come true.

The Toys for Tots Foundation, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit charity, has been a tradition of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves since 1947. Since their inception, they have delivered more than 231 mil-

lion toys to 116 million children, and its main goal is to provide happiness and hope to disadvantaged children who might otherwise be overlooked during the holidays.

LAFCU membership is open to active and retired employees, and active volunteers of Los Angeles City, and employees of approved companies, Select Employee Groups and Associations, members of the Los Angeles Charitable Association, Inc., and their immediate family members, and anyone living in the same household. You must be a member of LAFCU to obtain credit or use its services. For more information, visit [www.lafcu.org](http://www.lafcu.org) or call toll-free (877) 695-2328 (MY LAFCU).

## LAFCU Election Meeting Announced

Los Angeles Federal Credit Union's annual meeting for 2007 is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27.

The meeting will be held at the credit union's Los Angeles Mall branch, 201 N. Los Angeles Street, Space 201, in downtown Los Angeles.

Annual status reports to members will be presented by our Board of Directors' Chairperson and Treasurer, the Chairpersons of the Supervisory and Credit Committees, and LAFCU's President/CEO. Results of the annual Board election will also be announced, and copies of the "Year 2006 Annual Report" will be available.

For the year 2007, Board of Directors' offices 1, 2 and 3 are up for election with terms of three (3) years each. The incumbents are: Office 1: Jack Mathews; Office 2: Jerry Waggoner; and Office 3: Roslyn Carter-Phillips.

This year, each position will be automatically re-elected due to acclamation, since no challengers submitted a completed petition, statement and list of qualifications by the Nov. 20 deadline. Because of this, no ballots will be mailed for this election.

Nominations for Board vacancies are made by a Nominating Committee, or by petition. This year, the three incumbents were nominated by the

Nominating Committee, and each nomination was accompanied by a signed statement from the nominee stating that he/she was agreeable to the nomination and would serve if elected.

Appointment(s) will be made by the Board of Directors to two Board committees for the terms scheduled to expire, and each term is three years: the Supervisory Committee is responsible for the internal auditing of LAFCU, and the Credit Committee is responsible for meeting at least weekly to evaluate member loan requests. Members interested in serving on either Committee must send a letter of application and information concerning any related experience to LAFCU, Attention: President/CEO, by Feb. 23. Letters of application or resumes of applicants not selected will remain on file for two years for consideration in the event of a vacancy.

An important consideration and qualification for Board positions is the willingness to volunteer time for service to LAFCU and its members.



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# In Event of Disaster



## ■ Housing and Public Works train their staffs to be ready for disasters.

**HOUSING, PUBLIC WORKS** — The Housing Department Code Enforcement Unit and the Public Works Contract Administration training sections completed five days of Post Disaster Safety Assessment Evaluator Training in late November.

The departments are pleased with what they are accomplished in a collaborative effort, and are the first to have a fully trained staff of evaluators recognized by the State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

The Post-Disaster Safety Assessment Program is an all-hazard program, not just earthquake-specific. The program is designed to assist disaster victims to move more quickly into recovery by rapidly determining which buildings are safe enough for immediate re-occupancy. The process of evaluating structures is based on the process and procedures described in the Applied Technology Council publication ATC-20 Procedures for Post-earthquake Safety Evaluation of Buildings.

The Post Disaster Assessment training took place at the Marvin Braude Building in Van Nuys.



From left: Jorge De La Torre, Reid Daub, Lee Clifton, James Feagin, Richard Bennett and Wayne Durand.



From left: Engineer Morales; Capt. Tombrello; Apparatus Operator Cline; and Engineer Heredia.



Maurine Tombrello, wife of Capt. Tombrello of Fire Station 10.

# Blood for Tom

## ■ Firefighters give blood to help Capt. II Tom Dowling.

Story and photos by Beverly Haro, Club Counselor

**FIRE DEPT.** — The Fire Dept. held a blood drive and bone marrow donor registration Nov. 16 at the Fire Academy.

The drive was in honor of Capt. II Tom Dowling, whom, according to a Fire Dept. flyer, is battling cancer and soon will need a bone marrow transplant.

"Tom is a very well respected firefighter with an extensive firefighting background working at the most challenging assignments in the City for the past 29.5 years," the brochure states. "He is assigned to Fire Station 10 near the Convention Center. Tom also served as the Vice President and President of the Los Angeles Firemen's Relief Association, where he unselfishly served LAFD members and their families in the most difficult of times."

The Club's best wishes to Tom and his family as he battles for his health.



Firefighters sign up to donate blood.



From left: Capt. Andrade, Fire Station 3; Capt. Grijalva, Fire Station 3; and Bill Whitney, Battalion I Cert Coordinator.

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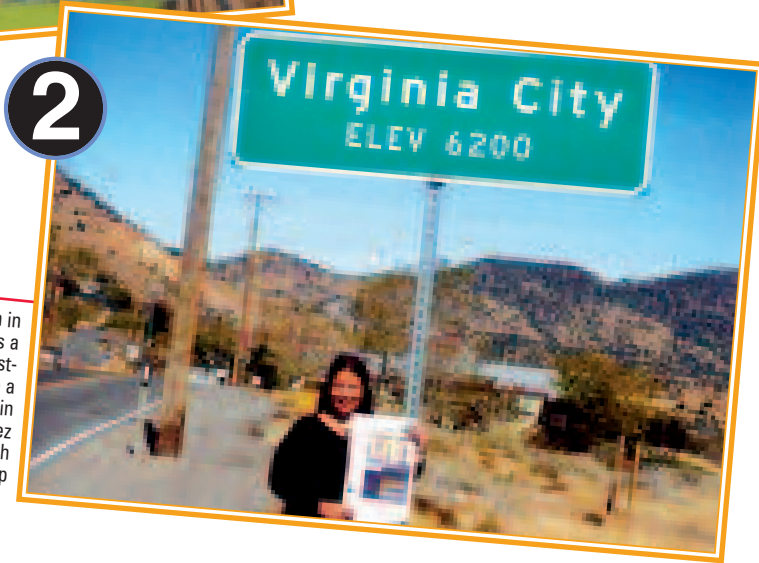
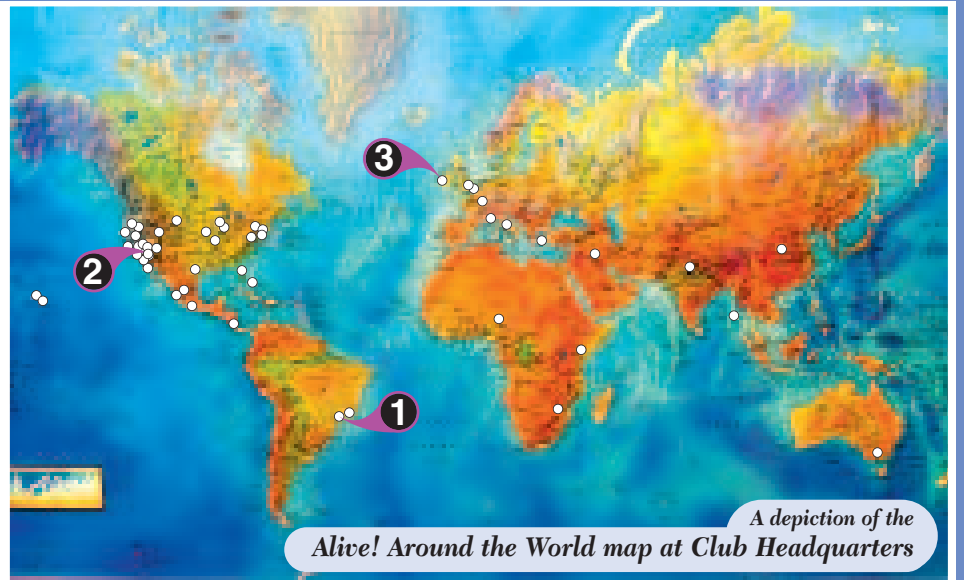
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"Pictured in the background is Sugarloaf Mountain, Brazil." – Renate Siskind, DWP



"Here is a picture taken in Virginia City, Nev. It is a ghost town that is a must-see. They also have a casino there and a train tour." – Alicia Marquez DWP CSR/Metro Branch Floater, Club Rep



*Alive!* editor John Burnes holds his copy of *Alive!* in front of the Spanish Arch, built in 1584, on the very cold, wet and windy harbor of Galway, Ireland. The river in the background is the Corrib where it meets the sea; the neighborhood on the other side of the river is the world-famous Claddagh.

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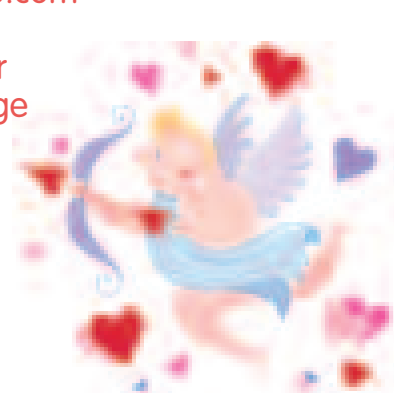


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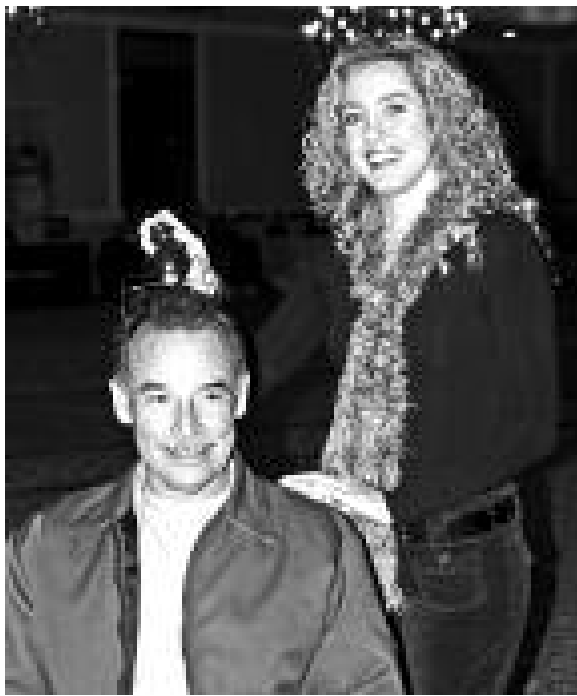
# A Healthy Van Nuys

## ■ Van Nuys Airport hosts a Health Expo.

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

**AIRPORTS** — The Van Nuys Airport Health Expo took place Nov. 30 at the Airtel Plaza Hotel. Several exhibitors took part in the expo to provide airport employees information.

Free screenings were also available including blood sugar, bone density, skin sun damage and blood pressure, and free massages. The Club provided Club and insurance information to all airport employees.



George Campos, Van Nuys Sign Painter, and Michelle Jones.



From left: Van Nuys Airport Guides Lynda Green, Angie Thornton and Jan Goforth.



Brian Wreesman, Van Nuys Airport, gets his eyes checked.

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# ENTERTAINMENT ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Reviews by Fellow Club Members

## DVD Reviews

A new feature of *Alive!* Send us your DVD reviews. 100 Words or Fewer! If we print your review, we will send you a \$10 coupon for Blockbuster.



### Billy Elliot (2000)

Rated PG

**My Score: 4.5 (out of 5)**

Billy Elliot, played by Jamie Bell, is not just a story about a talented boy who develops a passion for ballet. It is a wonderfully rich story about the relationships between a father and a son, an older brother and a younger brother, and a teacher and a pupil. I can't say that this movie will make you sign your son up for ballet, but it will at least make you less fearful if he enjoys it more than football. All in all, an excellent DVD rental!

— Yvonne Liu, Finance



### Kiss Kiss Bang Bang (2005)

Rated R

**My Score: 3.5 (out of 5)**

Robert Downey Jr. plays Harry Lockhart, a thief in New York City who winds up in the plush, party central in glitzy part of Los Angeles. It is a dark, lonely story of life in a false, made-up city where the exotic, erotic party world hides two bodies and a murder mystery. Val Kilmer plays his unlikely partner and an enjoyable character to watch. There are some unbelievable scenes that make you wonder what else could happen.

Yvonne Liu, Finance



### The Innocents (1961)

**My Score: 4 (out of 5)**

A good old-fashioned ghost story. Deborah Kerr plays a young Governess hired by a wealthy man to care for his orphaned niece and nephew. It seems the previous caretaker tragically died. That should have been her first clue! He lives in London, while the children have the run of his huge estate in the country with a few servants. The mood of this film is creepy as ghosts begin to appear. The two children behave eerily too, especially in a chilling scene of hide and go seek. Why do they have to hide in the attic? Anyway, this movie is in black and white, which adds to the spookiness.

— Dan Basilgo, LAPD

### DVD Reviews:

- Reviews will be published on a space-available and subject-appropriate basis.
- Make sure the DVD is still in general release
- Review a DVD from any era that you think will be of interest to Club audiences
- Keep it to 100 words or fewer
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### Inside Man

Rated R

**My Score: 3.5 (out of 5)**

A surprisingly well made thriller about a "supposed" bank robbery gone wrong. Director Spike Lee takes a departure from his usual fare and directs a tight story, where everyone tries their best to outsmart each other.

Denzel Washington plays a no-nonsense hostage negotiator who attempts to stay ahead of Clive Owen, mastermind of the robbery. He also contends with a power broker played by Jodie Foster with political connections of her own. She as well has inside information about the heist. Willem Dafoe and Christopher Plummer co-star in this entertaining flick.

Dan Basilgo, LAPD

### What the #\$\*! Do We Know? (2004)

Unrated

**My Score: 3 (out of 5)**

According to this movie, not as much as we think! This is a movie that is hard to categorize. One part of the movie is a documentary dealing with the age-old question: Why are we here? As well as quantum physics and its unseen impact in our daily lives. Many experts were interviewed from the disciplines of physics, science, theology, philosophy and so on. Sound a bit too heady? Don't worry, the other part of the movie is how all these influences affect Amanda, played by Marlee Matlin, and the world around her.

Some of it was difficult to wrap my brain around, but it did help me gain a different perspective on life.

— Dan Basilgo, LAPD

## Book Reviews

### A Salty Piece of Land

Jimmy Buffett

Back Bay Books; Little, Brown & Co; 460 Pages  
**My Score: 5 (out of 5)**

Wow! Jimmy Buffett writes novels? I didn't know that.

Hardly surprising since I know so little about him... I liked it! It is a fun romp in the salty waters of the Caribbean! The book reminds me a bit of Tom Robbins, just less so. A Salty Piece of Land is a fanciful, farcical read that is still cohesive and coherent. I enjoyed it, particularly the ending. Though it isn't an unexpected ending, it was well done and full of the past, present and future for the characters. Thanks, Jimmy.

— Barbara Johnson, Club Rep, LAFD

### Bel Canto

Ann Patchett

Perennial; Harper Collins Publishers; 318 pages  
**My Score: 5 (out of 5)**

Lyrical! The story is opened with a song, and throughout, music exists, persists and drives the story onward in a loving and lavish way. In Bel Canto, people are asked what we have, what is of importance when what we value most, our freedom, is removed from us.

I highly recommend this book. I found it hard to put down, once begun. What an interesting story, gathering and galvanizing force is presented here within the confines of art, politics, human nature and nurture. A must read!

— Barbara Johnson, Club Rep, LAFD

### Fly Girl

Omar Tyree

Simon & Schuster; 477 pages

**My Score: 5 (out of 5)**

An "urban classic novel," it says. Then it opens with this quote from the book: "Don't give them nothin' unless they got something to give you... what you do is get a nice-looking nut dude with some money and romance his ass. If you can get somethin' without doing anything, then do it. But if you can't, then make sure you play with his mind real good before you do..."

I had no idea what I was getting into reading this book. A slice of life I didn't live, another way of living and being? It is fascinating, fabulous, slick, sick, and sad all together. A good read. But, at 13?

— Barbara Johnson, Club Rep, LAFD

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## MOVIE REVIEWS



### Flags of Our Fathers

Rated R

**My Score: 3 (out of 5)**

This movie was a tribute to the men who died on Iwo Jima. The story was told of the men who planted the flag and the famous picture shown all over the world. It was a little confusing at times because it jumped from the storyteller to the past. Since I did not know the story of Iwo Jima, it was very educational. Like D-Day, many men died on the beaches. The movie was very bloody and graphic, so don't take the children. If you see the movie, stay for all of the credits; they show real photographs of the soldiers.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD



### Fast Food Nation

Rated R

**My score 5 of 5**

Go see this movie. Don't care what other people think of this movie; just go. The acting is okay, the writing is okay, the cinematography is okay, but—the story sings, or cries, as it were. We are living in a time where we need to make choices. The lives of others, animal, vegetable and mineral inclusive, are affected by our decisions and actions. We need to educate ourselves on the ramifications of said decisions and choices. Although, to not act is a choice in itself, it is a poor one.

— Barbara Johnson, LAFD

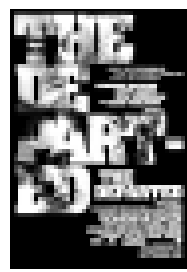
### Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan

Rated R

**My Score: 2 (out of 5)**

Sacha Baron Cohen plays a Kazakhstani TV talking head Borat, who lands in NYC on a documentary assignment to learn about the USA. However, his true intention for making the journey from NYC to LA is to pursue Pamela Anderson as his wife. This movie goes beyond being an extended Candid Camera prank on the Americans. I was disappointed that his behavior was so crude, vulgar and asinine that makes him unbelievably subhuman as a foreigner. On the plus side, the movie showed mainly a favorable side of unsuspecting Americans being cordial, helpful and accepting of this offensive caricature of a foreigner.

— Yvonne Liu, Office of Finance



### The Departed

Rated R

**My Score: 4 (out of 5)**

Director Martin Scorsese once again explores organized crime in America. This time it is Boston and the story has a twist. Leonardo DiCaprio plays Billy Costigan, recruited by the Boston police to go undercover and infiltrate the Irish Gang. Mafia boss, Jack Nicholson, at the same time has groomed Colin Sullivan (Matt Damon) since childhood to infiltrate the police force. This movie is filled with surprises and intensity, as each side tries to find out who the "rat" is before the other. Nicholson is his usual untamable self. DiCaprio and Damon stand out as the troubled informants. Be warned of excess violence, but hey it is Scorsese.

— Dan Basilgo, LAPD



### Déjà Vu

Rated PG-13

**My Score: 4 (out of 5)**

A sense of déjà vu unexpectedly guides agent Doug Carlin (Denzel Washington) through an investigation. He is called in to recover evidence after a bomb sets in New Orleans. He discovers that what most people believe is only in their heads is actually something far more powerful. This movie is great for people who like to watch the Science Channel and Denzel. The two together is awesome. His leading lady reminds me of Halle Berry — very pretty and can hold her own with Denzel.

— Ruth Chaney, LAPD

### The Departed

Rated R

**My Score: 4 (out of 5)**

This was a very good movie. The cast was excellent: Jack Nicholson, Leonardo DiCaprio, Mark Walberg, Matt Damon and Alec Baldwin. I guess I liked the movie because it was about the good cops catching the bad cops. It was very suspenseful and you really wanted to figure out what was going to happen next. The movie had twists so you will have to see if for yourself. Do not take the kids; a little too bloody and with foul language.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

### Stranger than Fiction

Rated PG-13

**My Score: 5 (out of 5)**

I liked this movie, and it is a "movie." It is clever and original. No special effects and no bigger-than-life chase scenes. Once you go with the premise, that somehow the writer is writing Will Ferrell's life, you are good to go.

This movie had an old-fashioned feel, though it is set in the present. It isn't so much an escape movie as it is a thinking and peaceful movie. I don't mean to discourage people from seeing it based on that comment, for it isn't a "chick flick" any more than it wouldn't be a man's movie because nothing and/or nobody getting blown up. Go see it and just enjoy.

— Barbara Johnson, LAFD

### Deck the Halls

Rated PG

**My Score: 3 (out of 5)**

Deck the Halls is a nice movie, nothing flashy (pun intended), except for the lights. Everyone does a good job, and the movie has even greater potential than it delivered, but it is good. For all the things that I could say weren't the best, it is still worth watching, and maybe even watching again and again. The men don't get too intense in their rivalry, and the women don't have one. The kids are fine, and the town is neither too much nor too little. Not a Christmas classic, but a nice Christmas tale anyway.

— Barbara Johnson, LAFD

### Casino Royale

Rated PG-13

**My Score: 4 (out of 5)**

James Bond's (Daniel Craig) mission leads him to Le Chiffre (Mads Mikkelsen), banker to the world's terrorists. To stop him, Bond must beat Le Chiffre in a poker game at the Casino Royale. This movie reminds me of the original Bond movies with Sean Connery. Action, action, action. There is never a dull moment, and Daniel Craig is great to look at.

— Ruth Chaney, LAPD

### Casino Royale

Rated PG-13

**My Score: 4 (out of 5)**

Bond is back and he is leaner and meaner. Daniel Craig brings a more dangerous characterization of James Bond to the screen. Gone is the suave and debonair Bond, replaced with a secret agent who means business. He's not quite as comfortable in a tux and could care less if his martini is shaken or stirred. Eva Green is the latest Bond girl, but this lady has brains and steals Bond's heart. Great action sequences, especially an exciting foot chase at the construction site. It's a new era for 007!

— Dan Basilgo, LAPD

### Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause

Rated G

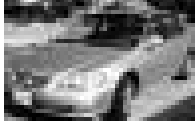
**My Score: 3 (out of 5)**

I didn't really care for this installment of the Santa Clause franchise. It wasn't bad, per sé, but it didn't seem as sweet as the other two. Number 3 is about Jack Frost and his take on the whole Santa scene, as well as Mrs. Claus' parents and the whole secret keeping of Santa. Call me jaded, but maybe it seemed a little too close to reality with the commercialism of the season and the pressures of family and the like. I prefer my Santa stories candy cane sweet. Older kids might like it, but I'd wait for the DVD.

— Barbara Johnson, LAFD

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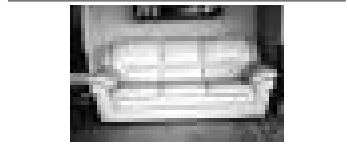
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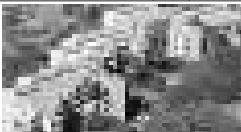
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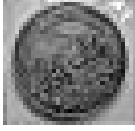
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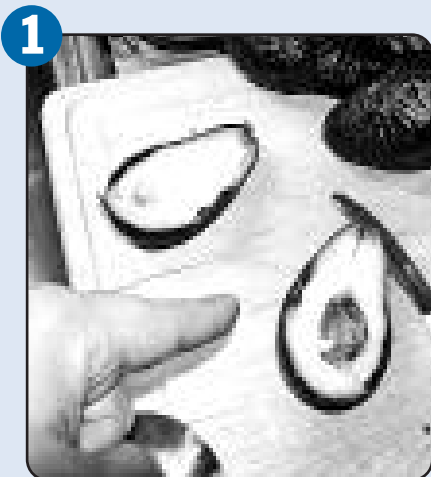


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## It's Avocado Season

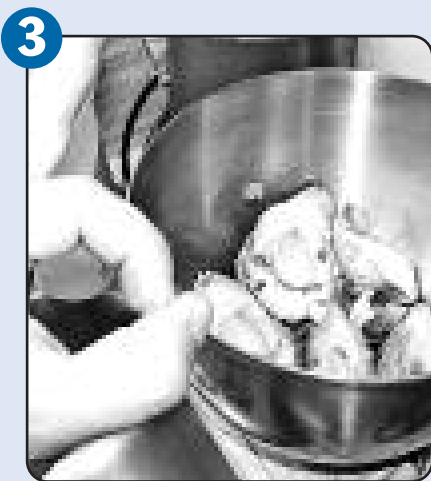
### DIRECTIONS:



1 Halve the Hass avocados with a knife.



2 Remove the seed and use a spoon to carve out the avocado flesh from the skin.



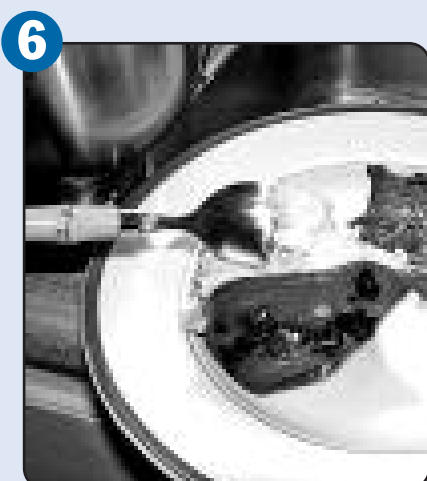
3 Place the avocado fruit in a mixing bowl.



4 Add all of your goat cheese into the bowl, along with the salt, pepper, parsley and dill weed and mix in your mixer; mashing and mixing by hand is okay.



5 Add half a lime or all of it, depending on your tart flavor preference. The lime also serves as a preservative if you have any leftover mixture.

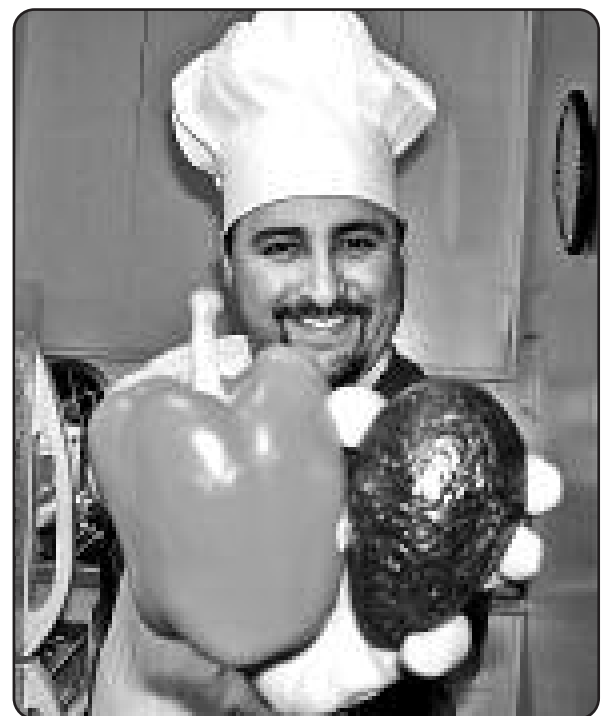


6 Spoon the avocado and goat cheese mixture into the cavities of the red peppers.

This is the time of year when my Dad's avocado orchards are crammed with Hass and Fuerte avocados hanging from the leafy green branches of the trees. Believe it or not, there are about 1,000 varieties of avocados in the world, but the most widely popular in the United States is Hass for its firm texture and balanced oil flavors. It's perfect for making guacamole. Additionally, there are reports from the avocado industry that the month that surpasses all others for avocado consumption is January. Why? Super Bowl finger foods like chips and salsa with guacamole have a lot to do with it.

The red pepper stuffed avocado and goat cheese recipe is a quick and delicious dish that is a perfect appetizer or side dish but can be used as the main dish as well. You can certainly roast your red peppers on the grill, but you can also save time by buying them at most grocery stores. They're usually found in clear glass containers. Use ripe avocados – the way to know is by the skin color. It should be dark, and the fruit should give way to gentle pressure.

Given that the Super Bowl is coming up soon, you can even mix the avocado and goat cheese and put it in a bowl with a bag of chips for a great twist to the traditional chips and guacamole. I'll be trying this out for the game. Enjoy and Happy New Year!



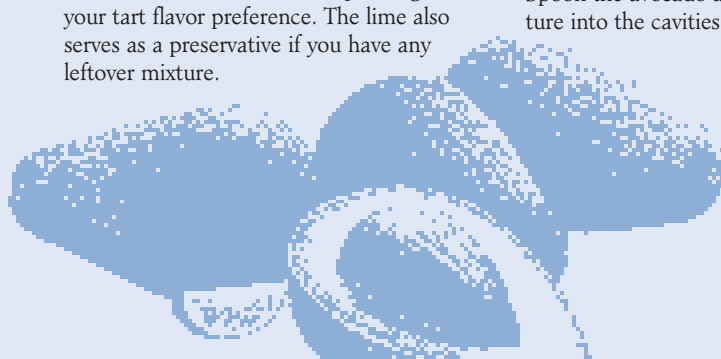
### Roasted Red Pepper Stuffed with Avocado Goat Cheese

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 ripe Hass avocados
- 2 to 3 roasted red peppers
- Goat cheese: about 11 ounces
- Salt and pepper, to taste.
- 1 tablespoon parsley
- 1 tablespoon dill weed
- 1 lime



7 Plate and garnish with some extra parsley. It's time to eat!









# CLUB GIFTS

## FOR YOUR SWEETIE

### CITY OF LOS ANGELES T-SHIRTS

Unisex T-shirts  
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL, XXXL, XXXXL**

Long Sleeve T-shirts also available in Navy Blue and Black at \$15 per shirt. ITEM: #T1500



**Member Price:**  
**\$12**  
 per shirt\*

**Non-Member Price:**  
 \$20 per shirt  
 \*Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:



Indigo Blue  
 ITEM: #T1000

### DEPARTMENT OF WATER & POWER T-SHIRTS

Unisex T-shirts Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**

**Member Price:**  
**\$12**  
 per shirt\*

**Non-Member Price:**  
 \$20 per shirt  
 \*Plus tax and shipping



Available Colors:



ITEM: #T2002WP



Available Colors:



ITEM: #T2001WP

### CITY GIRL "CLASSIC" T-SHIRTS



**Member Price:**  
**\$12**  
 per shirt\*

**Non-Member Price:**  
 \$20 per shirt  
 \*Plus tax and shipping

Sizes: **S M L XL**

Available Colors:



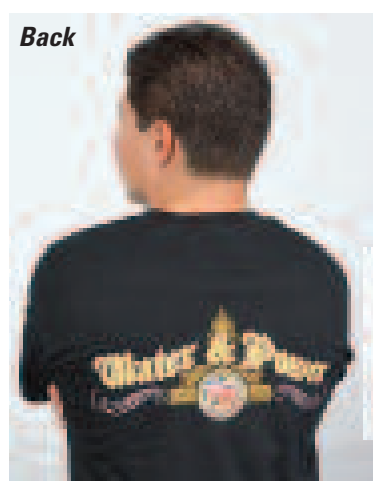
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 ITEM: #T-W1000



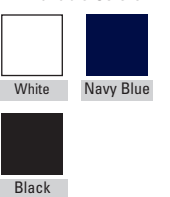
Available Colors:



ITEM: #T2003WP



Available Colors:



ITEM: #T2000WP

### CITY GIRL "RETRO" T-SHIRTS



**Member Price:**  
**\$12**  
 per shirt\*

**Non-Member Price:**  
 \$20 per shirt  
 \*Plus tax and shipping

Sizes: **S M L XL**

Available Colors:



Caribbean Blue  
 ITEM: #T-W2000

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Each custom made "City Bear" stands 10" tall and is dressed in meticulously detailed and accurate uniforms.

Size: **10" high**

• Stand not included.

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Sanitation Department  
 ITEM #BBOS



DWP  
 ITEM #BDWP



General Services  
 ITEM #BGSD



Department of Transportation  
 ITEM #BDOT

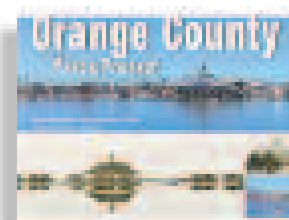
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Club Discount Price.....\$25 (\$32.95 Retail)

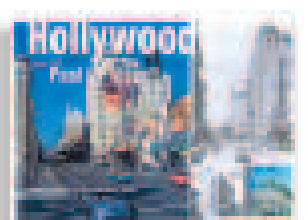
An excellent review of what these areas looked like in their humble beginnings compared to the present day. Photographs by the world famous George Ross Jezek.



Los Angeles,  
 Views of the Past & Present  
 ITEM: #B1488



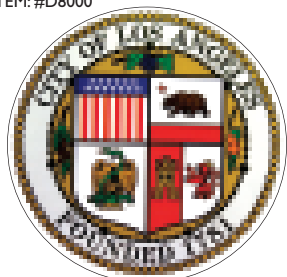
Orange County,  
 Views of the Past & Present  
 ITEM: #B1544



Hollywood,  
 Views of the Past & Present  
 ITEM: #B1659

### CITY SEAL WINDOW DECAL

ITEM: #D8000



Durable full color printing on clear plastic with long lasting adhesive.

Size: 3" Diameter  
 Price: **\$2 Each**

### CITY SEAL CLOCK



Black ITEM: #C8000  
 Maroon (shown) ITEM: #C8001  
 White ITEM: #C8002  
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Size: 12" Diameter  
 Battery operated (AA)  
 Price: **\$12 Each**

### IMPORTANT ORDERING INFORMATION

Ordering something for your sweetie? Order online ([www.cityemployeesclub.com](http://www.cityemployeesclub.com)) by 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, and specify overnight shipping for delivery by Tuesday, Feb. 13 (just in time for Valentine's Day, Feb. 14). (You'll need to create an account, if you haven't already done so, to log in.) Or come to Club Headquarters up until Feb. 14 (during normal business hours) to pick up the perfect Valentine's Day gift for your City Sweetie. (Take the DASH - it's easy!)



# CLUB GIFTS

FOR YOUR SWEETIE

## DIVER WATCHES WITH CITY SEAL



Mens Large Seal, Stainless Steel Band  
ITEM: #VVS2500  
PRICE: \$55.00

Mens Large Seal, Leather Band  
ITEM: #VVL2600  
PRICE: \$45.00

Mens Small Seal, Stainless Steel Band  
ITEM: #VVS2501  
PRICE: \$55.00

Mens Small Seal, Leather Band  
ITEM: #VVL2601  
PRICE: \$45.00

These watches have been meticulously crafted using only high-quality quartz movements. These new diver watches, above, are made from solid stainless steel and genuine leather.

FOR FASTEST SERVICE AND DELIVERY  
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Solid wood with satin lining  
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## High quality embroidered ball caps!

### LOS ANGELES CITY DEPARTMENT HATS

Recreation & Parks  
NAVY: #H1993  
BLACK: #H1992  
PRICE: \$10.00



Public Works  
NAVY: #H2001  
BLACK: #H2002  
PRICE: \$10.00



Transportation  
NAVY: #H2003  
BLACK: #H2004  
PRICE: \$10.00



Bureau of Sanitation  
NAVY: #H1995  
BLACK: #H1998  
FOREST GREEN: #H1996  
PRICE: \$10.00



Harbor  
NAVY: #H2005  
BLACK: #H2006  
PRICE: \$10.00



General Services  
NAVY: #H1999  
BLACK: #H2000  
PRICE: \$10.00



Water & Power  
NAVY: #H1997  
BLACK: #H1998  
PRICE: \$10.00



Retiree  
BLACK: #H2007  
PRICE: \$10.00



Member Price: **\$10** per hat\*

\*Plus tax and shipping

### CITY SEAL HATS

City Seal  
NAVY: #H1628  
PRICE: \$10.00



City Seal  
BLACK: #H1987  
PRICE: \$10.00



City Seal  
KHAKE: #H1988  
PRICE: \$10.00



City Seal  
ORANGE: #H1661  
PRICE: \$10.00



### CITY SEAL HATS WITH SCRIPT

Seal w/Script  
NAVY: #H1989  
PRICE: \$10.00



Seal w/Script  
BLACK: #H1613  
PRICE: \$10.00



Seal w/Script  
KHAKE: #H1991  
PRICE: \$10.00



Seal w/Script  
ORANGE: #H1990  
PRICE: \$10.00



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### ONLINE

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and click on "Ticket Express"



### PHONE

(888) 777-1744

### FAX

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### MAIL

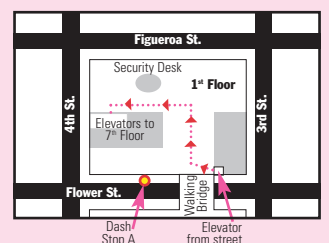
Complete the order form to and mail to:

**Ticket Guy**  
City Employees Club of Los Angeles  
350 S. Figueroa St., Ste. 700  
Los Angeles, CA 90071

### PICK-UP

350 South Figueroa St. Suite 700

Take the Dash "A" Route and get off at the World Trade Center stop. Take the outside elevator to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Go west into the building and then make a left. Take the main elevators to the 7th floor.



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