

## John Hawkins, Club Creator, Takes Top Job

■ Hawkins named CEO of the Club and renews the group's service to City employees.

John Hawkins, whose father was a civil servant, has been named permanent chief executive officer of the Club by the Club's Board of Directors. The appointment was announced by Michael Biagi, Vice Chairman of the Club board.



John Hawkins, CEO, City Employees Club of Los Angeles

Hawkins became Club CEO in late June. He had been interim CEO and, before that, the Club's chief operating officer.

Two years ago, as COO of LACEA,

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## ClubFest 2004 Means More Room, More Food, Fun ... and Club Apparel!

■ Third annual event grows to meet demand ... but remains comfortable, accessible and fun.

Ready for a second great swimming pool? Another hot dog bar, more carnival booths, more face painters, a bungee run, another air pillow, human spheres ... and Club hats and ClubFest shirts for sale?

That's ClubFest 2004, set for Sunday, Oct. 3, at Calamigos Ranch in the hills overlooking Malibu.



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The China Shipping Terminal at the Port of Los Angeles showing the *Xin Yang Zhou*, the first AMP vessel to call at the port.

# Employee Innovation

■ Larry Keller, Port Executive Director, leads the team that produced the world's first system to power cargo ships in dock. Team includes Harbor, DWP, Building and Safety.

On June 21, with hundreds of environmentalists, engineers, elected officials and community members looking on, Mayor Jim Hahn officially opened the world's first Alternative Maritime Power (AMP) container terminal, the Berth 100 China Shipping terminal, at the Port of Los Angeles.

In a nutshell, the Port of LA sends power via cable to the big ships docked in port, allowing them to shut down their engines and reducing pollution significantly. Simple. Challenging. Innovative. And highly successful.

"This unprecedented technology will make Los Angeles' environment healthier by eliminating

tons of pollution each day," Mayor Hahn said. "When I took office back in 2001, I said there would be no net increase in emissions at the Port. AMP is a large part of how we're keeping that pledge."

AMP involves fitting the wharf with electricity, supplied by the DWP, converting the electricity to a voltage compatible to the ship through a transformer, and then plugging in the ship to the clean electrical power instead of its diesel engine while the ship is "hoteling" at dock.

Through this process, more than one ton of smog-forming NOx and 87 lbs. of particulate matter in the air is removed from the air each day the ship is utilizing AMP. "This is a historic day—not just for the communities of Wilmington and San Pedro, but for all of Los Angeles," said Councilwoman Janice Hahn. "It may seem like a small task—plugging in just one ship. But, a fact that I like to remind people of is that, with every AMP ship that is

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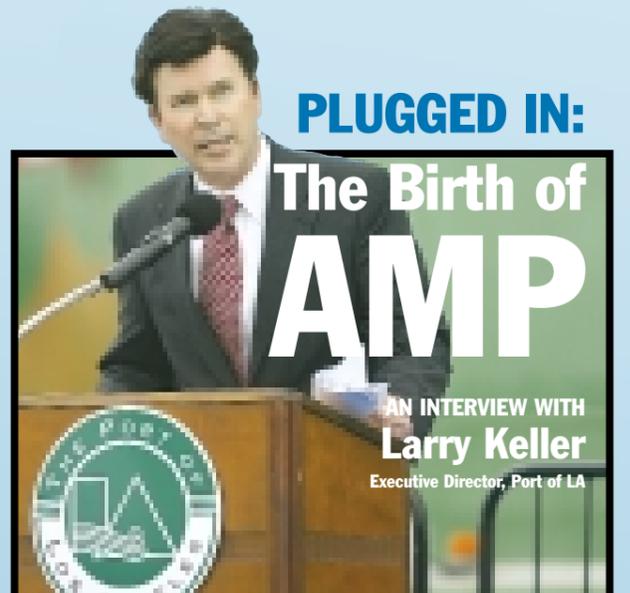


## PLUGGED IN:

# The Birth of AMP

AN INTERVIEW WITH Larry Keller

Executive Director, Port of LA



In his office overlooking the Port of LA, Executive Director Larry Keller talked about how AMP came about, and the team of dedicated City employees who helped him make it happen.

Recently, *Alive!* interviewed Keller to document the historic development. Here is a condensed version of that interview.

**Alive!:** How did AMP come about? This is the first time in history, right?

**Larry Keller:** You're right, this is the first time in history a cargo ship has ever been plugged in. And it's really important to note that it's a total team effort. I'm not just saying that.

A dozen years ago or so when I was in the shipping industry and this proposal came around from AQMD, we all absolutely said it wouldn't work from a variety of points of view: safety, the ability to move the ship, just the impracticality of what was being proposed at the time with bringing high voltage onboard the ships and the lack of technology and thought that had gone into it.

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by **John Hawkins**  
 CEO, The Club



## Harbor Story Shows City Employees Are Truly World Class

When challenges arise, you can bet that your fellow City employees will put their heads together to find a solution ... and sometimes even make history. Make sure you read Part I of how the Harbor Department worked with the DWP and Building and Safety to outfit the first container ship in the world with electric shore power. It's a story of perseverance and ingenuity that will make you proud to be a member of the City family.

On a side note, Robert Larios (aka: Chef Larios) and I were at the Council Chambers several weeks ago. What started out as a normal day at City Hall (is that possible?) turned into a City employee recognition spree. Our cameras and pens kicked into overtime as we captured celebrations for Irv Blumenfeld and Lupe Terronez. See their stories for all the details.

Look over at the next page and you'll see some "interesting" letters to the editor. Hey, if you have something to say send it our way. Let your voice be heard about any topic! And keep turning the pages, there's much more to discover, including your fellow employees running the Convention Center who are featured as the Department of the Month; the Stentorians; the good folks who donated to the City Hall Blood Drive; Captain Smith's "Code 3" team that took first place in the Mud Run at Camp Pendleton; the proud sons and daughters who recently graduated; and so much more.

Remember, our job at the Club is to celebrate the lives of you, the City employee. Give us a call whenever you become aware of one of your fellow City employees doing something of note. We have been known to drive many miles and work odd hours to capture special events that celebrate the lives and work of City employees.

Take care and have an excellent August!

— John  
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Look for new services and products to be added soon!



## Club Card

• Show your card and save at Club Partner businesses throughout Los Angeles.

# Get Ready for Fun, Food and Prizes at This Year's ClubFest 2004

## ClubFest

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Tickets are on sale now. Call the Club, or ask your counselor.

"We're adding more features and more room to this year's ClubFest," says Club CEO John Hawkins. "The response last year was amazing, and truly gratifying. More people want to participate, so we're opening up more room at Calamigos. That means a second great swimming pool, more food, more fun.

"It's really important that we have enough room to spread out, relax and have fun," Hawkins says. "That's what ClubFest 2004 will be."

This year's ClubFest will have different start times. Opening time this year is 11:30 a.m. ClubFest will conclude at 4:30 p.m. The barbecue lunch time has also been changed. Lunch will be available from noon to 2 p.m.

More tickets are being sold, but that increase will more than be offset with the additional space and features.

Also, in response to popular demand, the Club will sell Club hats and ClubFest shirts, so you can proudly display your Club pride.

Early ticket purchasers get a discount on tickets, so order early. If you buy your tickets between now and Aug. 31, here are the prices:

- \$5 for Club members and children
- \$10 for adults who are not Club members

As of Sept. 1, the cost goes up to \$10 per person, for everyone. Tickets cannot be guaranteed after Sept. 15. Tickets to Calamigos Ranch are valued at more than \$35 per person, so the Club is passing on to you a significant discount. That's a Club trademark!

Tickets may be purchased by Club members only, who are welcome to bring their friends and family. Everyone must have a ticket.

"We're selling a lot of tickets already for ClubFest," says the Club's Ticket Guy, Navin Cotton. "Don't wait. Keep me busy; call me before the price goes up at the end of August."

Buy your tickets today for ClubFest 2004!



### Registration Information

**What:** ClubFest 2004

**Where:** Calamigos Ranch, above Malibu

**When:** 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday, Oct. 3

**Who:** Club members, their friends and their immediate families only.

**Capacity:** 2,500 total

**Cost:** \$5 for Club members, \$10 each for other adult guests (13 and older), \$5 each for children 12 and under; free for children 3 and younger.

**Sign up early:** All admission prices rise \$10 on Sept. 1.

**How to purchase tickets:** Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets are available through your Club Counselor or at the Club Office, World Trade Center, 350 S. Figueroa St. Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071, (800) 464-0452.

**No tickets will be available the day of the event. All tickets must be purchased in advance.**

*Note: The Club will do everything it can to fill your order, but it cannot be responsible for lost or misdirected mail.*

### Check out the fantastic things you'll be able to do at ClubFest 2004:

#### Food

All you can eat, served from covered wagons, giant cast-iron kettles and six-foot iron grills

- Shredded roast beef smothered in barbecue sauce
- French rolls
- Barbecued chicken
- Fresh grilled corn
- Hot dog bars with chili and all the fixings
- Potato salad
- Crispy California garden salad
- Seasonal fruit salad
- Unlimited soda, lemonade, iced tea and coffee

- Unlimited popcorn
- Unlimited ice cream bars, Popsicles and juice bars

#### Fun

- Human Spheres
- Horseshoes
- Ping-pong
- Bungee Run
- Carnival Booths
- Paddle boats
- Swimming pools with lifeguards
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Moonbounce
- Prize bingo (adult and children)
- A clown
- Coloring activities for the kids
- Music
- Dunk tank
- Face painters
- Petting zoo
- Foam machine
- Hayrides
- "Sumo" wrestling
- Giant inflatable water slide
- Pony rides
- Merry-go-round
- Puppet show

#### Raffles

- Enter to win amazing prizes!

### Calamigos Ranch: Happy Trails!



There is nothing like Calamigos Ranch in all of Southern California: It's 120 acres (that's as much as Disneyland) of open space and comfortable facilities made just for good food, lots of activities, and great family fun. It's the perfect place to get away from the hustle and bustle of the city for an afternoon.

Nestled into the hills above Malibu, Calamigos Ranch has been family-owned for decades. It's the perfect place for Club families to come and have and have a great time.

**Wanna be heard?** Let us know how much you're looking forward to ClubFest 2004: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

# Members Speak Out

## Where Are the Washingtons, Jeffersons And Lincolns in This Year's Election?

Voting for the right presidential candidate has never been as difficult as [for] this year's candidates. The reason? I don't believe any of them are qualified to be president of this great nation. To be president of this great nation, you have to be a great leader. I see mediocrity not greatness. What happened to the Washingtons, the Jeffersons, the Lincolns, or the Roosevelts as presidents? Is political corruption and bureaucracy so rampant that the best persons for the job are thrown to the political wolves, never to succeed? And if they do rise the political ladder, is it after they sell their souls to the political machines? If this is the case, I'm not voting anymore.

— James Kapel, Club Member

## He Thinks City Employees Should Take Better Advantage of the Letters Section

I'm happy that the City allows for a place that employees can express their thoughts on anything and have the opportunity to have those thoughts shared in *Alive!* City employees should use this forum more often, and I'm going to spread the word to my colleagues about it.

Thanks, City Employees Club.

— Jaime Gabaldon, Club Member

## Club Member Has Bone of Contention With Current Owners of L.A. Dodgers

I have to get this off my chest, and I do it because one of your Counselors came to our yard and said that this is the place where City employees can be heard. Here it goes.

I have always been a Dodger fan, since the days of Fernando Valenzuela and the 1981 World Series Team. I have been disappointed and elated as the years have gone by with the Dodgers. These days I feel frustration. Not with the team, but with the ownership. The McCourts are more like McCrooks. I believe that they will take this team on the wrong path. As the months go by, they will trade key players, and probably fire one of the most competent Dodger coaches since Tommy Lasorda in Jim Tracy. As long as the McCourts are in charge, we will never see a championship Dodger team.

— Rick Myers, Club Member



## LAPD Works to Reduce Crime; Council Does its Part by Outlawing ... Silly String?

The City Council just passed a City ordinance to make silly string spray illegal in the Los Angeles city limits. They have reports that indicate that the use of these spray cans promote criminal activity, especially during holidays such as Halloween and New Years.

Does the City Council have anything better to do? Let's see. First, according to the LAPD crime and arrest comparison report, crime has decreased in all areas except for a 3 percent increase in homicides. Additionally, total violent crimes have been reduced over the year by about 15 percent. These are significant reductions, which have something to do with the police department escalating their presence on the streets and making more arrests.

It appears as though the City is trying to help to contain crime by doing its part by passing ordinances like the possession of silly string spray.

— Julie Monroe, Club Member

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## Stentorians

### LAFD's Stentorians to Pay Tribute to Fallen Black Firefighters With March

■ **Event to be held Aug. 4.**

Paying homage to fallen black firefighters past and present, more than 400 firefighters from around the world wearing dress uniforms plan to march in military-style formation on the streets of Los Angeles.

This historic march is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Wed., Aug. 4, starting at Leimert Park and proceeding northbound on Crenshaw Blvd and ending at the steps of the West Angeles Cathedral at 3660 S. Crenshaw Blvd. A memorial service honoring fallen comrades will take

place immediately after the march.

The event will attract firefighters from as far away as London.

The Stentorians of the Los Angeles City and County fire departments is playing host to the march. The Stentorians are the local chapters of the IABPF and are commemorating the 50th anniversary of their organizations, which were established to fight segregation and injustices against black firefighters.

The convention, of which the march is a part, is sponsored by L.A. County Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Council members Jan Perry, Bernard Parks, Martin Ludlow and Alex Padilla, County Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, and a number of corporations.

For more information about the convention, activities or interviews, contact City Stentorian President Armando Hogan at (310) 666-1061.

The Stentorians of the LAFD plans to hold a march honoring fallen black firefighters.



## 'Keeping the Fire Burning for Justice'

The Stentorians organization was founded in 1954 by African American Firefighters of the LAFD. Their purpose and goals were to band together and address the discrimination and segregation challenges in the City's Fire Department. The name Stentorians was selected for its appropriateness from the word Stentor, a Greek Herald described in the *Iliad* as having the voice of 50 men, extremely loud and powerful, audible and expressing a very forceful sound.

The Stentorians began to gain members from the Los Angeles County Fire Department as African Americans slowly began to be hired in the early 1950s. Today, the Stentorians' membership consists of more than 500 men and women, both active and retired, sworn and non-sworn throughout Southern California. The Stentorians belong to the International Association of Black Professional Firefighters, a worldwide organization of which the Stentorians are charter members.

In 1991, the Stentorians restructured and formed two chapters, the Los Angeles City and Los Angeles County Chapter. This restructuring was due to the increased involvement of each organization within their respective departments. Both organizations still remain close and continue to perform their community service endeavors jointly.

Today, the Stentorians functions as a community-based and fraternal organization for its membership, families and the general population throughout the greater Los Angeles region. Many of the traditions started many years ago are continued today: functions including the annual dinner and dance, promotional and recognition ceremony, summer BBQ and Christmas Eve toy drive. Over the years, the Stentorians has progressed into a well-noted and respected fire service association in Los Angeles.

The Stentorians occupy as its office and training facility the old Los Angeles City Fire station 46, one of the first stations integrated by the LAFD in 1955. The building is named in honor of Arnett Hartsfield and Van Davis, both former firefighters from the City and County Fire Departments, respectfully. These men were truly pioneers during the civil rights era for fairness and equality in the fire service.



## Steve Peters Retires

### From City Attorney Office After 29 Years



The Man of the Hour, retiree Steve Peters, 29 years.

By Liz Montes,  
Club Counselor

Stephen Peters retired from the City Attorney's Office after 29 years as the chief investigator for the Claims Section. A retirement luncheon was held June 24

at Taix Restaurant on Sunset Boulevard. More than 200 people attended.

The LAPD, LAFD, the City Clerk Dept., the Mayor's Office and the City Attorney's Office presented Steve with various plaques for his many years.

Steve is an avid bicycle rider and plans to spend much of his time traveling on his bike. He is also considering competing in the Tour de France! He is happily married to his wife, Ellen. They have two daughters, Rachel and Erica.

On behalf of the Club, I congratulate you, Steve, on your great service to the City.



From left: Robert Arevalo, Supervision Deputy Attorney, 23 years; with Steve Peters.



From left: Mike Carey, City Clerk, 36 years, with Steve Peters.



From left: Rowena Workman, Executive Secretary III, 16 years; and Grace Stinson, Legal Secretary, 19 years.



From left: Jennifer Kessler, LAPD, 9 years; and Jorge Ramon, LAPD, 20 years.



From left: Wiberta Richardson, Supervision Deputy Attorney, 13 years; and Garry Geuss, Supervising Attorney, 15 years.



From left: Bonnie Boone, Legal Secretary, 16 years; Melinda Crowe, Legal Secretary, 19 years; and Eva Farlow-Malbrough, Legal Secretary, 19 years.



From left: Wilberta Richardson, Supervision Deputy Attorney, 13 years; and Katherine Hamilton, Chief of Appellate Branch, 25 years.



Vartan Ter-Ghevobian, Paralegal II, 6 years.



From left: Gwyn Hill, Clerk, 17 years; Rosa Shiner; Lisa Hughes, Legal Secretary, 15 years; Stephanie Webb, Senior Clerk, 16 years; and Tammy Mar, Senior Legal Clerk, 17 years.

Political Forum



## In Battle for the NFL, Coliseum Pulls Out in Front

by Bernard C. Parks Councilman, District 8

It's that time of year again. Football season is approaching, and many of you are asking, will Los Angeles ever have an NFL football team again? Will the NFL return to one of the most historic sports venues in the world: The Coliseum? And, if the NFL returns, can it return without reaching deeply into taxpayers' pocketbooks? I'm very proud to say the answer to all three questions is: Yes!

Because of the importance to fans and our City's economy, I made the return of the NFL one of my top priorities, after being elected in 2003. The privately funded Coliseum Plan has gained steam with endorsements from the L.A. City Council, the Coliseum Commission and the Ad Hoc Stadium Committee. Despite mounting support, there were still hurdles. The failure to get a team in 1999 led to some far-fetched myths about the stadium and its surrounding area, which some believed was too crime-ridden or downtrodden to draw the NFL's interest. And, if that weren't enough, we had competitors. Pasadena's Rose Bowl and a site still yet to be constructed in Carson were also in the running and by all accounts, miles ahead of the Coliseum.

After being declared dead by several of our local sports reporters and other so-called experts, the Coliseum climbed past the other two prospective sites to become number one in the race to get an NFL franchise. One of the first major steps was the completion of the mandatory Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The EIR is a document designed to inform public agency decision-makers and residents of the significant environmental effect of a project. Meanwhile, Pasadena and Carson are still in the starting blocks in the one-and-a-half to two-year EIR process.

The next move was even more monumental: The NFL confirmed its growing interest in the Coliseum by presenting the Coliseum Commission with a term sheet in May. The



The Los Angeles Coliseum

Coliseum is the only site that has received a term sheet from the NFL, setting the stage for what will be a very important negotiation process.

Though the effort to return NFL football to the Coliseum has gained a lot of ground in a short time, it is by no means complete. The responsibility of getting a deal done lies completely in the hands of the Coliseum Commission. And, as president of the Commission, it's a responsibility I gladly accept.

See you at the game!

### Council District 8 includes these communities:

- Baldwin Hills
- Baldwin Vista
- West Adams
- Leimert Park
- Vermont Knolls
- Hyde Park
- Angeles Mesa
- Marlton Square
- South Los Angeles

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## Mayor 'Keeps Things Moving' With 75 Major Intersection Improvements

Mayor Jim Hahn announced July 6 the completion of improvements to 75 of the City's worst intersections and the start of improvements to the next 25. The projects are part of Mayor Hahn's Traffic Safety and Operational Improvement Program, which enhances 25 priority intersections each year to ease traffic congestion and improve motorist and pedestrian safety. This fourth phase of 25 improvements follows 75 traffic safety improvements that have been implemented over the past three years.

"One of my top priorities is to promote driver and pedestrian safety and improve traffic conditions by reducing traffic congestion and improving traffic safety throughout the City," he said. "To help us meet that goal, we are fixing 25 of the worst intersections each year. I am pleased to announce that we have completed 75 intersections across the City and are here today to announce the next 25 improvements."

Improvements to the City's 25 worst intersections include new traffic signals, smart pedestrian crossings, left turn arrows and new left- or right-turn lane additions.

"Almost 1 out of every 5 crashes that happens on Los Angeles streets occurs due to a failure to yield on a left or U-turn. The improvements on Mayor Hahn's Top 25 list will go a long

way toward reducing that statistic," said Wayne Tanda, general manager of the Department of Transportation. The Venice and La Brea intersection, site of the announcement's press conference, was selected because of the high traffic volume and accident reports. Approximately 96,000 cars pass through this intersection each day. The most recent accident information shows eight left-turn accidents in the latest 18-month period in addition to many rear-end accidents and long delays at this busy signal location.

"The new left turn signals at the intersection of Venice and La Brea will promote driver and pedestrian safety, improve traffic conditions and make driving a more pleasant experience for the thousands of vehicles, bus patrons and pedestrians who pass through this intersection daily," Mayor Hahn added.

The first phase of Mayor Hahn's Traffic Safety and Operational Improvement Program began in summer 2001. This year, Mayor Hahn will continue to make improving the city's 25 worst intersections a priority to ensure the Department of Transportation designs and installs the improvements by the end of June 2005. DOT estimates the cost of the improvements will be approximately \$1 million.

## Phase IV Projects:

### VALLEY:

1. Coldwater Canyon Drive at Mulholland Drive, Left-Turn Arrow Project, Studio City
2. Laurel Canyon Boulevard at Mulholland Drive, Left-Turn Arrow Project, Studio City
3. Platt Avenue at Haynes Street, New Traffic Signal Project, Woodland Hills
4. Parthenia Street at Orion Avenue, Smart Pedestrian Warning Project, North Hills
5. Sherman Way at Kester Avenue, Left-Turn Arrow Project, Van Nuys
6. Sunland Boulevard at Fenwick Street, Left-Turn Arrow Project, Sunland
7. Tampa Avenue at Plummer Street, Left-Turn Arrow Project, Northridge
8. Valley Circle Boulevard at Calabasas Road, Right-Turn Lane Project, Woodland Hills
9. Vineland Avenue at Magnolia Boulevard, Left-Turn Arrow Project, North Hollywood

### WEST:

10. Beverly Boulevard at Formosa Avenue, Smart Pedestrian Warning Project, Park La Brea
11. Inglewood Boulevard at Allin Street, New Traffic Signal Project, Mar Vista
12. Wilshire Boulevard at Bundy Avenue, Left-Turn Arrow Project, West Los Angeles

### EAST

13. State Street at Bridge Street, Smart Pedestrian Warning Project, Boyle Heights
14. Indiana Street at Percy Street, New Traffic Signal Project, Boyle Heights

### CENTRAL:

15. Daly Street and North Broadway, Left-Turn Arrow Project, Lincoln Heights
16. Los Angeles Street and Winston Street, New Traffic Signal Project, Downtown
17. Hill Street between Temple Street and Ord Street, New Midblock Traffic Signal Project, Chinatown
18. San Fernando Road at Fletcher Drive, Left-Turn Arrow Project, Glassell Park
19. Venice Boulevard at La Brea Avenue, Left-Turn Arrow Project, Mid-City
20. Western at 37th Place, Smart Pedestrian Warning Project, Jefferson Park
21. Sixth Street between Park View Street and Alvarado Street, Left-Turn Lane Project, Westlake
22. Gower Street between Melrose Avenue and Willoughby Avenue, Left-Turn Lane Project, Hollywood

### SOUTH:

23. First Street between Meyler Street and Western Ave, Left-Turn Lane, Traffic Calming Project, San Pedro
24. Gaffey Street/Palos Verdes Drive at Anaheim Street, Left-Turn Arrow Project, Harbor City
25. Normandie Avenue at 59th Street, Smart Pedestrian Warning Project, South Los Angeles

# American Heroes Air Show at Hansen Dam Is Tribute to Enforcement Officers, Services

by Beverly Haro, Club Counselor

The American Heroes Air Show, held July 17 at the Hansen Dam Recreation Complex, featured vintage police, fire and emergency vehicles on display, and helicopters performing exciting flight demonstrations. Featured helicopters were from fire departments, law enforcement, the military and various media.

There were static displays, a career fair, and many other features for the public and City employees.

Thanks to the LAFD, the LAPD, the Mayor's office and Rec and Parks for helping produce the air show.

Here are photos (taken by the Club's Summy Lam) of the exciting event.



Helicopters on display at the American Hero Air Show.



Special awards and recognitions were presented by Mayor James Hahn at the event.



LAFD Air Support Helicopter taking off to help fight the Santa Clarita fire.



Vintage fire engines on display.



LAFD Station 71 Shift B, from left: Firefighter/Paramedic Truman Van Dyke, 30 years; and Capt./Paramedic Kevin Nida, 24 years.



An aerial view of the initial stages of the Santa Clarita Fire just north of the event.



The LAPD Air Support Division, from left: Lance Ordin, Reserve Officer, 6 years; and Gilbert Compose, Command Pilot, 23 years.



LAPD recruiters, from left: Officer Horton, 13 years; and Officer Hajewski, 21 years.



Special awards and recognitions were presented by Mayor James Hahn at the event.



Park Ranger Ybarra, 14 years.



Park Ranger Ybarra, 14 years; and DOT Sergeant Curtin, 18 years.

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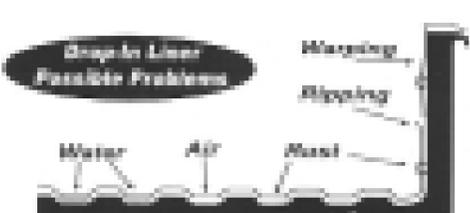
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Helicopters on display at the American Hero Air Show.



Helicopters on display at the American Hero Air Show.



From left: Art Lopez; and Azelia, Adam and Andrew, with father Manny Romero, General Services, 5 years.



Mike Frassrand, ITA, 14 years.



LAFD Station 89 Shift A, from left: Captain Clemens, 25 years; Engineer Dave Randolph 15 years; Firefighter Demott, 15 years; and Firefighter Fusillo, 4 years.

# Competition Heats Up At Harbor Flight Golf Tournament

■ Club donates prizes for longtime golf league.

By Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

At last report, the Harbor Flight golf league was halfway through its summer competition, and the action is heating up at the Harbor Park Golf Course.

Al Takii, a retired Harbor Employee and "night flight" captain, describes it.

"The three Harbor Area leagues have started their summer golf competition play. The flights consist of City employees, active and retired, plus

a few golfers who are associated with the City.

"This Competition spans over 2 decades of competitive play. Forty-eight golfers this year will compete in the Harbor Area at the Harbor Park Golf Course to become their respective champions in their flights. The veteran flight captains running things are: Monday night league: Harry Yamatsuka; Tuesday night league: Mark Rose; and Wednesday night league, myself.

"This is the first year the All City Employees Golf Club is not involved in the competition. Saving the day is the City Employees Club of Los Angeles, which is providing golf ball awards to the Harbor flights this year."

Have fun, guys!



Week 11 Results, from left: Brian Chuc, Homer Lowe, Bob Almond, John Walker, Sirlord Morse, Steve Imparato, Bill Tilley, Mark Rose, Tuesday Night Flight Captain Butch McBlaine, Gary Cardamone, Ray Tanner and Boyd Bostre. Missing are Andy Hipper, John Lemos, Gil Flores and Stu Susswain.



Summer Group, front row, kneeling, from left: Harry Yamatsuka, Monday Night Flight Captain Henry Martinez, Gil Alberio, Tom Asuncion Jr., Steve Renteria and Pablo Ninofranco. Back row: James Davis, Dino Burelli, Rich Molony, Earl Clark, Mike Renteria, Matt Dzida, Ron Reddick and Andy Hippert. Not pictured: David Walsh Jr.



Front row, kneeling, from left: Martin Lovato, Tony Renteria, Rhonda Uyemura and Al Takii, Wednesday Night Flight Captain. Middle row, standing: Bruce McPheeters and Ron Sakoda. Back row, standing: Andy Hippert, Albert Robles, Dave Chrisman, Glenn Hirano, Rica Viola, Dennis Ogren and Don Rice.



From left: Sgt. Jeff Bert; Sgt. Dan Gonzalez; Capt. Andrew J. Smith; PSR Carlos Mejia; and PSR Dan Basilgo.

# LAPD Slogs Through Challenging Mud Run — and Takes First Place

By Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

The team titled LAPD Code 3 took first place overall in the Public Safety Boots and Utilities category at the annual Mud Run, a fun and grueling event.

The Mud Run is a challenging 10-K run with hills, tire obstacles, low sand crawl, river crossings, two five-foot walls with mud on both sides, tunnel crawl, slippery hill climb, and the final 30-foot mud pit. Along the course there was six water points with personnel staged at each.

The race was held June 6 at Lake O'Neil at Camp Pendleton.

Participants can race individually, within an age division, or as a member of a five-person team. (The LAPD Communications crew raced as part of a five-person team.) The Boots and Utilities category requires regulation military boots and utility trousers.

This is the fourth year that Captain Andrew J. Smith has lead the team.

Congratulations to the team!



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# Retirees NEWS

## Retiree Hotlines

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

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

**City Retirement Counselors:**

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

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

## For Retirees

By Phil Skarin, RLACEI Publicity Chair

### Membership NEWS

In 1995, **Allen Beaufait** celebrated his 70th birthday by riding his bicycle from his home in Sequim, Wash., across the United States. He got as far as Wisconsin, but vowed that someday he would complete the cross-country trek. Well, in June, aged 79, with a brand-new pacemaker (on his heart, not the bike), he completed the final 1,100 miles from Wisconsin to Boston. Wow! He'd like to hear from his former engineering co-workers. Write him at 131 Timothy Lane, Sequim, WA 98382, or call (360) 681-7647 ...

**Tremaine Trenair** was elected to the City Council in Powhattan, La. He also works at an alligator farm giving tours ...

**Jess Bailey** and his wife, Marie, are heading to New Brunswick in their motor home. In the winter they head for Baja ...

**Ken Smuland** writes from Palm Desert: "I have retired as vice president of ALMAR, Ltd., which owned and operated large marinas in California, Washington and Cabo San Lucas. I am now fully retired" ...

**Ben Pratt** and his wife celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary in June. His secret is to listen attentively to whatever she says ...

**Gerald Takaki** has participated in several Century (100 mile) bicycle rides recently ...

**Mel Rosenberg** writes a regular column for the Communicator, published by the Librarians Guild of the Los Angeles Public Library. He sent me a copy, which told of a recent week he spent in Paris.

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



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- how you treat and respect the beauty and wonders of our natural environment
- how you practice your religious faith.

People will read what you write, whether it's truthful or faulty. I hope that I'll be proud to add to my library, a copy of the Gospel According to You!

## Healthcare Plan Might Cost Less; RLACEI Website Up and Clicking



**Ed Harding,**  
RLACEI President

**Ed Harding,** RLACEI President, urges all retirees to call one of the officers now to make reservations for our annual Retirees Picnic Thursday, August 12 (not Tuesday as I incorrectly reported in July). It is at the Grace E. Simons Lodge at 1025 Elysian Park Drive, L.A. 90012.

A map is in the Summer RLACEI newsletter.

Jerry Qonsel, GM of the Checker Cab Co. is providing a courtesy cab to take people from the parking area to the lodge. It is free! The picnic hours are from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Americo Garza, Picnic Chair, has arranged a great BBQ meal, catered by Chris & Pitts. There will be door prizes and live entertainment.

Our annual Corporation Meeting and Elections will be Thursday, October 14, at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center. The offices of 2nd vice presidents and four directors will be elected. If you want to be considered for offices in the future, send a statement of qualifications to David Wilkins at 1000, Fairview Ave., Apt. 5, Arcadia, CA 91007.

**Legislative Update:** Ken Spiker, our elected representative to the LACERS Board of Directors and chairman of LACERS Benefits and Administration Committee, reports that the Committee is in the process of reviewing all of the bid proposals submitted in response to the Health Care Request for Proposal (RFP) released in February. Thus far, based on the bids received, it appears that health care costs in 2005 will be lower than the current year and existing coverages and benefits will be preserved. One other positive outcome of the RFP process is that the LACERS health care plans are very competitive and thus compare favorably to the employee plans at the City and County of Los Angeles, and similar public retiree plans nationwide. The health care providers that remain in the process for further evaluation include: Blue Cross, PacifiCare, Health Net, Kaiser, SCAN, Safeguard and United Condordia.

Ken reports that the improved economy has certainly had a positive impact on the retirement fund. The fund has regained more than 90 percent of the losses incurred in the last five years. Some of the key LACERS statistics are as follows:

1. Total value of the fund as of April 30, 2004	<b>\$7,585,100,000</b>
2. Number of retiree checks issued monthly	<b>14,157</b>
3. Average retiree monthly allowance	<b>\$2,291.55</b>
4. Average retiree age	<b>71.42</b>
5. Average number of years served	<b>26.91</b>

Medicare Prescription Drug Discount Cards are now available to be purchased through Medicare-approved vendors. However, if you are receiving health benefits through a LACERS health plan, you should not buy a card without knowing what risks it might cause to your health plan. Read the information sheets recently mailed to you by LACERS.

The L.A. Federal Credit Union has made available a Family Legal Access Plan for \$9.95 per month. Contact them for more info.

## Coming events:

### Aug. 12 – Annual Retirees Picnic

- Retired L.A. City Employees, Inc.
- Thursday, Aug. 12 • 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Grace E. Simons Lodge  
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**Oct. 14** – Annual Corporation Meeting & Elections

**Dec. 9** – Christmas Party.

Hal Danowitz announced that we now have our own website. Visit [www.rlacei.com](http://www.rlacei.com) to find the latest retirement news. Please give it a try and let Hal know what can be done to improve it.

Poets, there are valuable prizes to be given to everyone who sends in a poem for the tenth annual Retirees' Poetry Contest. Poems can be of any style or subject or length; there are separate categories for members and spouses. **Send a typed copy to Phil Skarin at 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411 by Oct. 1.**

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# Rec & Parks's Lotus Festival Encourages Sharing of Asian, Pacific Island Cultures

By Jorge Suarez, Club Counselor

The Lotus Festival in Echo Park, sponsored by Rec and Parks, brought together crowds from nearly every culture in Los Angeles. Its stated goal is "to develop, promote and create an atmosphere of understanding in which Asian and Pacific Islander communities in Southern California are brought together for two days of cultural sharing, to preserve and enlighten the public with a sampling of distinctly different and unique Asian and Pacific Islander customs and traditions in the arts, music, dance, drama and food; and to provide a fun and enjoyable festival for the entire family."

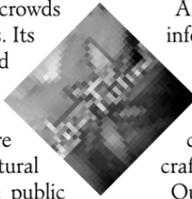
Flower Island. A health fair featured free screenings, information and referrals.

An international marketplace offered a variety of Asian and Pacific Islander items for sale, including clothing, jewelry, artwork, hand-made crafts, incense, body oils and much more.

Queens and princesses representing their local communities wore traditional native dress.

Dragon Boat Races were held both days. Thanks to Rec and Parks for sponsoring a great festival!

Here are photos from the event.



The Lotus Festival, held in conjunction with the traditional time of the blooming of the lotus flower) was held July 10 and 11.

The festival included live music, dance and entertainment from a variety of performers representing many of the diverse countries of Asia and the Pacific Islands. This year's highlighted culture was Malaysia. A fabulous fireworks final over Echo Park Lake concluded the day's activities at 9 p.m., with Taiko drummers playing the background.

Artisans-at-work were on hand to demonstrate their skills on the beautifully decorated



A boat at the Lotus Festival.



LA's Finest taking care of Lotus Festival.



Dan Hammett, Sr. Rec Director II, 15 years.



From left: Esequiel Esquivel, Gardener/Caretaker, Recreation and Parks - MacArthur Park; and Art Reyes, Gardener/Caretaker, Recreation and Parks - MacArthur Park.



LA's Finest taking care of the Lotus Festival.



Pete Nishimura, Rec Coordinator, 2 years.



Baya Louie, Rec Coordinator, 3 years.



From left: Bladimir Campos, Advanced Technologies Group, Department of Public Works - Bureau of Sanitation; and Marshall Lowe, Public Information Officer, Department of Public Works.



Cesar Ramirez, Rec Coordinator, 4 years.



Charles Juzang, Rec Leader I, 1 year.



Shavonne Espinoza, Patrol Guard, 5 years.



Robert Perea, Gardener/Caretaker, Rec and Parks.



Elaine Piha, Rec Assistant, 1 month.



From left: Barbara Arnold, Director III, Recreation and Parks; and Keith Barbour, Recreation Coordinator, Recreation and Parks.



Kim Weldon, Rec Assistant, 1 month.

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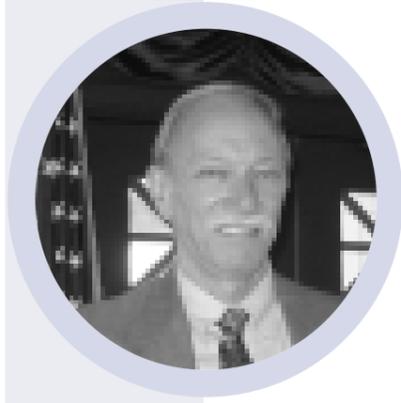
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# After Working Together in City for 17 Years, Blumenfelds Retire ... With Separate Parties

By Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

After working together for more than a quarter century, Irv and Judythe Blumenfeld retired from great careers in the City: Irv from ITA (as a Communications Electrician) and Judythe from

the DWP (as a Management Analyst II). Irv's retirement reception was held June 24 in the Tom Bradley Room at City Hall. Both Irv and Judythe are great Club members.

Both are from Pittsburgh and have been married for 39 years. We wish them the best! Here are photos from the two luncheons:

Irv Blumenfeld



From left: Irv Blumenfeld, Retiree and Club Member; and Victor Marrero, President of Local 45.



From left: Kathy Mixon, GSD; Irv Blumenfeld, Retiree; and Andrea Chisholm, GSD.



From left: Dee Hines, General Services Special Events; Irv Blumenfeld, Retiree; and Judythe Blumenfeld, Retiree.



From left: James Williams, Planning Dept.; Joni Garcia, Planning Dept.; Irv Blumenfeld, Retiree; Kathy Delle Donne, Tarzana Neighborhood Council; and Amanda Alvizures, Planning.



The "Consul Audio Group," from left: Irv Blumenfeld, Retiree; Ken Moody, ITA; Steve Toby, ITA; and Russ Bellenot, Communications Electrician Supervisor.



From left: Souheil Helou, ITA Channel 35; Irv Blumenfeld, Retiree; and Francisco Montano, ITA Channel 35.



From left: Dave Lear, ITA; Irv Blumenfeld, Retiree; and Peter Benjamins, Sr. Communications Supervisor.



The "Consul Audio Group," from left: Irv Blumenfeld, Retiree; Ken Moody, ITA; Steve Toby, ITA; and Russ Bellenot, Communications Electrician Supervisor.



From left: Gary Sunkin, Retired City Employee; Paul Gibbons, ITA; Ron Curry, LAPD Sgt. at Arms; and Randy Seden, ITA.



From left: Irv Blumenfeld, Retiree; Thera Bradshaw, Acting GM, ITA; and Roger Fernandez, Director, Legislative Affairs.



From left: Irv Blumenfeld, Retiree; and Thera Bradshaw, Acting GM, ITA, presenting him a Certificate of Appreciation and Commendation.



The Communications Electrician Supervisor presents a plaque to Irv on behalf of the Consul Audio Group.



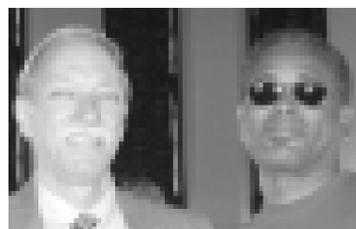
From left: Irv Blumenfeld, Retiree; Ilene Shapiro, City Clerk; and David Malin, Port of LA.



From left: John White, City Clerk; Irv Blumenfeld, Retiree; and Alan Alietti, City Clerk.



From left: Greg Adams, ITA; Greg May, ITA; Irv Blumenfeld, Retiree; John Worthy, Channel 35 ITA; and Ken Alexander, ITA.



From left: Irv Blumenfeld, Retiree; and Camilo Chilcott, Channel 35 ITA.



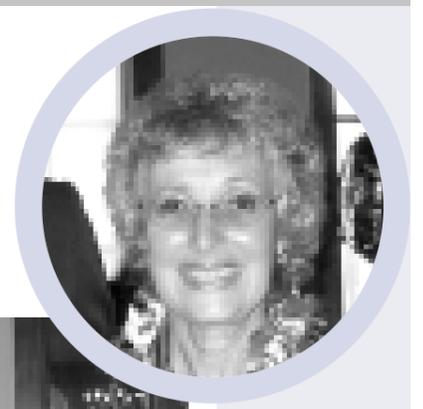
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Irv and Judythe Blumenfeld.



Cake!



From left: Judythe Blumenfeld, retiree; and Janet Krick, DWP.

# Judythe Blumenfeld



From left: Felicia Garrison, DWP; Melanie Burnley, DWP; and Eileen Lau, DWP.



From left: Bob Belmonte, DWP; Patricia Pizzo, DWP; Angelito Reyes, DWP; and Jai Rao, DWP.



From left: Samantha Blumenfeld, daughter-in-law; David Blumenfeld, son; and Jo Ann Bambridge, friend from Port of LA.



From left: Sig Menendez, DWP; Michael Nikaido, DWP; Larry Ho, DWP; and Jack Samara, DWP.



From left: Brenda Kydd, DWP; Patti David, DWP; Kathy Hashiguchi, Rec & Parks; and Lolly Jeffreys, DWP.



From left: Samantha Blumenfeld, daughter-in-law; David Blumenfeld, son; Curtis Smith, DWP; and Katie Fujii, DWP.



The organizers of the luncheon, from left: Leticia Yapana, DWP; Jane Rector, DWP; and Susan Higa, DWP (Judythe's supervisor).



From left: Ed Alcantara, DWP; Sally Guerrero, DWP; Melita Cruz, DWP; and Billy Jung, DWP.



David Pardave, DWP, speaking on behalf of Ken Weber.



From left: Sharon Wong, DWP; Robert Lum, DWP; Michael Mundo, DWP; and Dennis Meister, DWP.



From left: David Pardave, DWP; Isaac Tasinga, DWP; Gloria Villagran, DWP; Maggie Martin, DWP; and Letty Rodriguez, DWP.



From left: Philip Pate, DWP; Lupe Gonzalez, DWP; Dora Maese, DWP; Irma Munoz, DWP; and Carlo Fuentes, DWP.



From left: Gene Garland, DWP; Tom Horne, DWP; Victor Yasuhara, DWP; and Jonathan Boyce, DWP.



The family, from left: Judythe Blumenfeld, retiree; Irv Blumenfeld, retiree; Samantha Blumenfeld, daughter-in-law; and David Blumenfeld, son.



From left: Jeff Liatti, DWP; Diana Padilla, DWP; En Alirez, DWP; and David Pardave, DWP.



From left: Ken Prescott, DWP; Kathleen Montes, DWP; Cruz Gomez, DWP; and John Mc Mahon, DWP.



From left: Flossie Taylor, DWP; Karen Castro, DWP; Bennette Castro, DWP; Bobby Fierro, DWP; and Judy Fierro, DWP.



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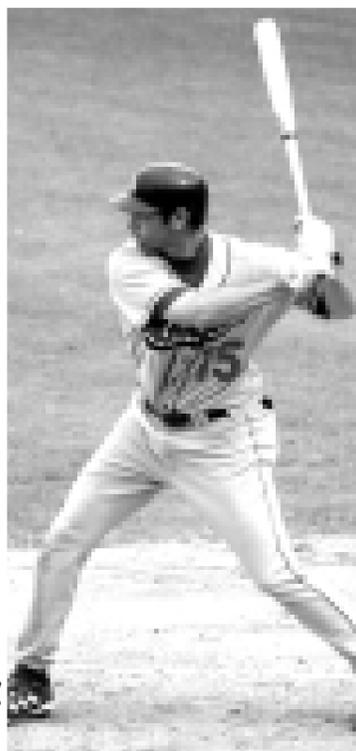
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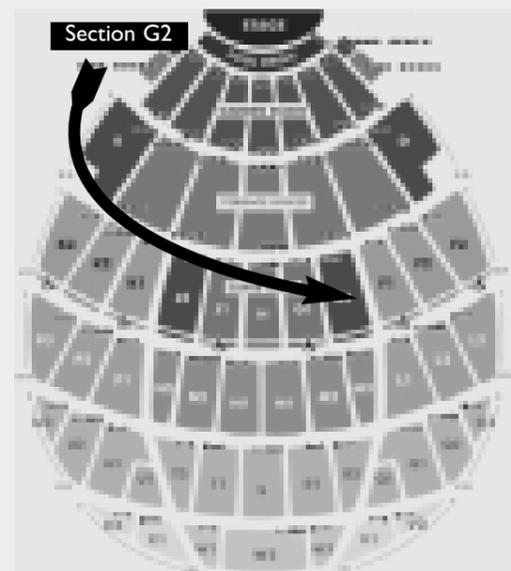
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DEPARTMENT NEWS: ANIMAL SERVICES

# Animal Services Shelters Are Now Accepting Payment by Credit Card

Los Angeles Animal Services now accepts credit cards from the public. Credits cards accepted at City Shelters and the Administration Office include Mastercard, Visa, American Express, Discover and debit cards with credit card logos on them. Credit cards cannot be accepted at Mobile Pet Adoption events or at special events.

"We at L.A. Animal Services are customer oriented and hope that this added service will make it even easier for our customers and our rescue groups to adopt our homeless animals as well as take advantage of the other services we offer," said L.A. Animal Services General Manager Sharon Morris. "This is all part and parcel of our overall goal to provide quality service to our customers and find good homes for our animals," she added.

L.A. Animal Services is one of the largest organizations in the nation that rescues, houses and cares for some 70,000 lost and abandoned animals annually, enforces animal-related laws and acts to prevent cruelty to animals.

L.A. Animal Services has six shelters that can be reached by calling the 24-hour automated line: (888) 4LA-PET [(888) 452-7381]. TTY Hearing Impaired: (877) 875-8205.



### Here's a list of Animal Services shelters:

SHELTER	ADDRESS
North Central	3201 Lacy Street, Los Angeles
South Los Angeles	3320 West 36th Street, Los Angeles
Harbor	735 Battery Street, San Pedro
West Los Angeles	11950 Missouri Ave., Los Angeles
East Valley	13131 Sherman Way, North Hollywood
West Valley	20655 Plummer St., Chatsworth

### Shelter hours:

Sunday:	11 a.m. – 5 p.m. (during daylight savings time period)
Monday	Closed
Tue. – Sat.	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

\* Service for emergencies are available 24 hours a day.  
\* Animals are accepted 24 hours a day.

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

# The Pet Club

## Beware of Rattlesnakes; Their Bite Can Hurt You

To those of you who enjoy the outdoors with activity like camping or hiking or to those of you who like something more sedate at home like gardening or lying by a pool amidst California's flora, here is an important message: We are in the middle of rattlesnake season, so keep those ears perked for the sound or rattles or, in some cases where rattlesnakes have lost their rattles, keep an eye out. Rattlesnakes are out there and you need to be aware.

Rattlesnakes are found throughout Southern California. In fact, they are the only reptiles that are native to Southern California that are considered to be dangerous to humans.

The Western Rattlesnake, locally called

the Southern Pacific Rattlesnake, is the species you will most likely encounter. Its head is shaped like a triangle and the pupils of its eyes are elliptical instead of round. The tip of its tail has a series of rings that shake against each other, called the "rattle."

Rattlesnakes are born in the spring and sleep in the winter. They can climb walls and trees and often sun themselves on rocks or ledges during the day. They hide in warm places such as in woodpiles or animal burrows, underneath logs or rocks, and in rubbish piles or under cars. They hunt for food at night.

Rattlesnakes kill their prey by injecting poison or venom through their fangs. A bite from a baby rattlesnake can be very dangerous, as a baby snake is more likely to inject all of its venom when it bites.

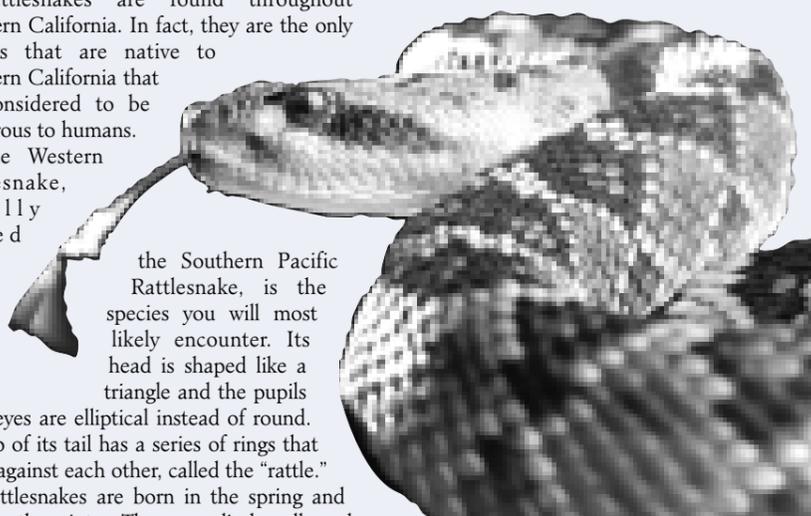
Symptoms of a rattlesnake bite include tingling of the lips, face, fingers and toes. Severe bites may cause shock, bleeding, kidney failure, difficulty breathing and paralysis. Venom can also damage blood vessels and cause bleeding. There is an antidote for rattlesnake bites and most people recover after treatment. However, all snakebites require immediate medical attention.

### Here are a few Rattlesnake Bite Prevention Tips:

- Examine your yard before you allow your children or pets to go out in it. (You've really got to find the time to do this, especially if you have an outdoor play area near or around a lot of vegetation.)
- Mow your lawn. Clear weeds, brush and tall grass.
- Remove trash, debris, lumber, brush, rock piles or anything that might afford shade or hiding places for a rattlesnake.
- Keep your hands and feet out of areas you can't see. (Now, is that practical advice or what?)
- Wear thick leather boots before you go out into tall grass.
- Leave snakes alone. (Duh!)
- If you see a snake, do not disturb it. Move away slowly. Call you nearest Animal Care and Control Center to remove the snake.
- Never handle a live rattlesnake. (Unless you want to feel some real pain.)
- Do not pick firewood from a woodpile with

your bare hands. Instead, use a long stick to break firewood loose from the pile.

- Keep away from the head of a DEAD snake. Reflex muscle actions may cause a bite for up to an hour after the snake dies – even if its head is cut. (That means that if you step on a dead rattlesnake head and puncture yourself with its fangs, the venom will still shoot into you, and that is not a good thing.)



### L.A. Animal Services offers the following first aid suggestions for rattlesnake bites:

- Get the victim away from the snake.
- Call 9-1-1- *immediately* or, if a phone is inaccessible, *immediately* get medical help and take the victim to the nearest hospital.
- Immobilize the bitten area and keep it lower than the heart.
- If the bite is on a hand or arm, remove all jewelry and tight clothing. Put the victim's arm in a sling at waist-level, with fingers straight out.
- Keep the victim as calm as possible. Have the victim avoid as much movement as possible. Reassure the victim. Most victims will be very fearful and will need to be comforted and calmed.
- Do not give the victim alcohol, coffee or any medication.
- Do not apply a tourniquet (it will cut off circulation to the victim's limb and can cause the victim to lose the limb).
- Do not put heat or ice on the wound.
- Do not try to suck out the venom. (That's only done in "macho" movies because if you try to suck out the venom, guess where it's going?)
- Do not cut into the bite area. (Another "macho" movie thing here.)

We can all take comfort in statistics: Numbers show that a typical rattlesnake bite victim in Southern California isn't a 10-year-old kid snooping under rocks but a drunk young man deciding he is macho enough to catch or feed a rattler. I think that's because all of us, even kids, have some common sense that says: If it doesn't look friendly, stay away.

Here's a practical mantra that works for all: keep safe with mutual distance respect for all wildlife.

Have a safe summer!

### Send Questions

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

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



# Moving?



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

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BY Michelle Moreno, City Events Guru

# Michelle on the Move

# EVENTS

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## Japan, Africa, Greece, Germany Come To LA as Late Summer Festivals Reign

Hello folks! Welcome back to Events 411! Your guide to great times in L.A.!

Hey, have you checked out the Ticket Guy's great deals in this issue? He has everything from movies to theme parks (Legoland tickets are even less!) to jazz festivals and much more, so go check it out! But before you do, check out the cool events on this page.

Did you manage to attend some of the great events that I mentioned in last month's issue? I sure hope you did. I know I have enjoyed myself at several of the Pershing Square concerts – it's always great to see City employees have fun and boogie down to eclectic tunes during their lunch break. Who knew you could get such great entertainment in L.A.—for free!

Well guess what ... there are even more events out there that don't burn a hole in your wallet, so bring out your date book and jot them down because it's a time for festivals, fairs and celebration!

I have four words for you: Japan, Africa, Greece and Germany. No, this isn't a geography quiz, it's a list of cultural themes for several events going on throughout the City. If you haven't traveled to these places, or if you have and would like to reminisce, you can do so at these very cool festivals. There's food, entertainment, dancing, and several other things going on at each one, so check them out.

Also, don't forget the Los Angeles County Fair is just around the corner. It's known as the granddaddy of all Southland county fairs, so make sure you attend this fun event.

Lastly, L.A. is having another birthday. Yup, it's time to celebrate L.A.'s 223rd anniversary, so what better way to do it than at the Placita Olvera with food, exhibits and great entertainment.

Well, that it is from me for now. It's time for Michelle on the Move to be on the move, so enjoy the rest of the summer and I'll see you around L.A. If you see me enjoying one of the many events, make sure to stop by and say hello.

If you know of any events occurring in the Los Angeles, please send them in: michelleonthe-move@cityemployeesclub.com

**Know of any great City events? Let me know!**

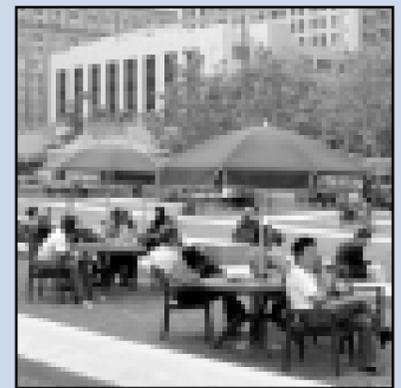
I'll be happy to include your event in my monthly column. (Listings are limited to City events, with an emphasis(although not exclusively) on families. Make sure to include dates, times, locations, costs (if any) and contact information. Email me at: MichelleOnTheMove@cityemployeesclub.com or call me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



Michelle on the Move ... at last month's Lotus Festival.



The '80s Allstars at a recent Pershing Square concert.



The crowd enjoying a Pershing Square concert.

## August

Please note that some events run through September

### 64th Annual Nisei Week Japanese Festival

Come and celebrate in one of the oldest Japanese American festivals. Visit the Website for event, time and cost information.

Date: August 7 - 15  
Time: Varies  
Site: Varies  
Cost: Varies  
More info: www.niseiweek.org

### 24th Annual Sunset Junction Street Faire

Celebrate the diversity of Los Angeles with food, entertainment and a whole lot of fun at one of the largest street fairs in the city.

Date(s): August 21 and 22  
Time: 10 a.m. – 11 p.m. (Sat.), 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. (Sun.)  
Site: 3600 to 4400 blocks of Sunset Boulevard (Silverlake area)  
Cost: \$7 donation  
More info: (323) 661-7771 or www.sunsetjunction.org

### 19th Annual Los Angeles African Marketplace and Cultural Faire & Children's Village African Festival

Bring the family for a day of fun and education.

Date(s): August 21, 22, 28 and 29  
Time: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.  
Site: Exposition Park, 3939 S. Figueroa St.  
Cost: \$6 for adults, \$3 for seniors and children under 10 accompanied by an adult  
More info: 323-734-1164 or www.africanmarketplace.org



### Learn How to Fish at the Cabrillo Beach Pier

Bring the kids for a day of fishing. Kids, ages 8 and up, will learn how to rig lines, tie hooks, how to bait, and cast their rods. Call for reservations.

Date(s): Monday thru Friday, August  
Time: 9 a.m. – noon and 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
Site: Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park, 25820 S Vermont Ave, Harbor City  
Cost: \$5, cost includes equipment and bait.  
More info: (310) 548-7728



### Pershing Square Summer Concert Series

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

Date(s): July through late September  
Time: Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon– 2 p.m.  
Third Sunday of each month: 3 p.m.– 5 p.m.  
Site: Pershing Square, 532 South Olive Street, Downtown L.A.  
Cost: Free  
More info: (888) 527-2757 or www.laparks.org/pershingsquare/pershing.htm

### Grand Performances

Enjoy award-winning performances for free during lunch or under the Downtown L.A. night sky.

Date(s): July through October  
Time: Fridays: noon and 8 p.m.  
Saturdays: 8 p.m.  
Site: California Plaza, 350 S. Grand Ave., Downtown L.A.  
Cost: Free  
More info: (213) 687-2159 or www.grandperformances.org

## September

### Los Angeles City's Birthday Celebration

Happy Birthday L.A.! Come and celebrate the 223rd anniversary of the founding of Los Angeles with historic re-enactments, artisan demonstration, exhibits, food and entertainment.

Date: September 4  
Site: El Pueblo Historical Monument, Placita Olvera, 125 Paseo de La Plaza  
Time: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
More info: (213) 628-1274 or www.cityofla.org/elp



### L.A. Greek Fest 2004

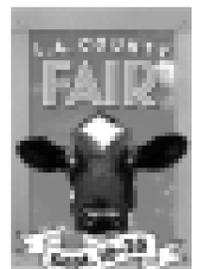
Ya Sas! Come and enjoy Greek food, fun, and lots of dancing. OPA!

Date(s): September 10 – 12  
Time: Fri: 5 - 11 p.m.  
Sat: 11a.m. – 11 p.m.  
Sun: 11 a.m. – 10 p.m.  
Site: St. Sophia Cathedral  
1324 S. Normandie Ave., Los Angeles  
Cost: Free on Friday, \$3 for general admission, Free for 12 and under  
Go to Website for a coupon for free admission on Sat. and Sun.  
More info: (323) 737-2424 or www.lagreekfest.com

### Los Angeles County Fair

Bring your family and friends and enjoy a day at the famous L.A. County Fair.

Date(s): September 10 – 26  
Time: Mon-Thurs: 11 a.m.-10 p.m.  
Fri: 11 a.m.-midnight  
Sat: 10 a.m.-midnight  
Sun.: 10 a.m.-10 p.m.  
Site: Pomona Fairplex  
1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona  
Cost: Varies: Free - \$35, see Website for details  
More info: (909) 623-3111 or www.lacountyfair.com



### Oktoberfest

Guten tag! If you can't go to Germany, bring Germany to you. Enjoy a day of German food, drink, and entertainment.

Date(s): Sept. 11 – Oct. 31  
Time: Fri - 6:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. (21years and older only)  
Sat: 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. (21years and older only)  
Sun: Noon to 7 p.m. (Family Day)  
Site: Alpine Village  
833 W. Torrance Blvd., Torrance  
Cost: \$5 Fri. and Sat.; \$4 for Sun, Free for children under 12 with adult.  
More info: 310-327-4384 or www.alpinevillage.net



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# Laura Robles Retires From LAPD After 39 Years of Service

by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor



Laura Robles, Retiree

The LAPD's Metro Communications Division threw a retirement reception for Laura Robles during the division's morning roll call July 9.

Many thanks to Lt. Gloria Vargas for putting together this bio for Laura:

"After 36 years of dedicated service to the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Police Department, Police Service Representative Laura Robles is retiring. She began her career with the Police Department on July 29, 1968, with a mere salary of \$464 a month. Police Service Representative Robles worked as a Radio-Telephone Operator, was promoted to Police Service Representative on January 25, 1981, and then to Senior Police Service Representative on August 2, 1982.

"From the very beginning, during the early stages of her career, she was described in her

yearly evaluations as an excellent operator, one of the best Communications Division had to offer. Even under the most adverse conditions, she performed well under pressure during emergency situations.

"On several occasions, Robles was commended by her subordinates for her great compassion and sensitivity during emotional crises. She offered support to her employees and was constantly attentive throughout their painful ordeals and difficult times.

"In September 1984, she was selected by her peers as one of the best overall employees in Communications Division, based upon her work knowledge, interpersonal skills and dedicated service. She received a Special Award from the Southern California Motion Picture Association for this honor. In 2002, she was selected by her peers as the Supervisor of the Year

"Laura Robles will truly be missed. Laura, we thank you for your commitment to Communication Division and the citizens of Los Angeles."

Congratulations, Laura, on a well-deserved retirement.



The welcome sign.



From left: Laura Robles, Retiree, with Sharon Papa, Assistant Chief, LAPD.



From left: Laura Robles, Retiree, with Police Chief William J. Bratton.



From left: Azadeh Famili, LAPD, and Laura Robles, Retiree.



From left: Laura Robles, Retiree, with Cathy Sotos, Sr. PSR. "She was my mentor," Cathy said.



From left: Captain Mike Downing, LAPD, with Laura Robles, Retiree.



From left: Berta Ugas, Sr. PSR, and Laura Robles, Retiree.



From left: Captain Mike Downing, LAPD; Captain Andrew J. Smith, LAPD Communications; Laura Robles, Retiree; Captain Keith Bushey; and Captain Tammy Tatreau.



From left: Laura Robles, Retiree; John Phillips, Sr. PSR II Valley; and Cathy Bushey, Sr. PSR.



From left: Kazuye Muranaka, Clerk; Laura Robles, Retiree; Felisa Villalobos, Sr. Clerk Typist; and Yolanda Bunn, PSR III.



From left: Charyl Thompson, PSR II; Laura Robles, Retiree; Ricci Cureton, PSR III; and Karen Aponete, PSR II.



Crowd reacts to Laura's comments.



From left: Daniel Saxton, son of Cathy Bushey; Victor Moreno-Robles, son of Anthony Moreno; and Anthony Moreno, PSR III.

## 'Lupe' Terronez, Cultural Affairs, To Retire; Honored by City Council

By Jorge Suarez, Club Counselor

On June 25, Eusevio Guadalupe "Lupe" Terronez, a 37-year veteran of the City's Cultural Affairs Dept., was given special recognition for his creative and dedicated service to the City through the Cultural Affairs Dept.

"Lupe is an excellent drawer, especially of characters," says his good friend, Tom Meyer.

"And the walking canes that he makes are the best I have ever seen."

Alive! joins with the City Council in recognizing the great work done by Lupe. Congratulations, and enjoy your well-deserved retirement.



From left: Councilmen Tom LaBonge and Tony Cardenas pay tribute to Lupe Terronez in City Council chambers.

# Summer Means Graduations!

In the last issue of Alive!, we asked Club members to submit photos of those in their immediate family who graduated this summer. Alive! is proud to present these, and we congratulate everyone in the Club family who graduated. It's a big step toward the future!

If there are more, feel free to submit them, and we'll print them in a future issue. Remember, make sure to let us know the name of the graduate, the school you graduated from, and the name of the parent(s). They deserve recognition, too.

## Da'Nene Beckum

Graduated from Azusa Pacific University with a GPA of 3.71, earning a Bachelor's degree in social work. Her honors include:

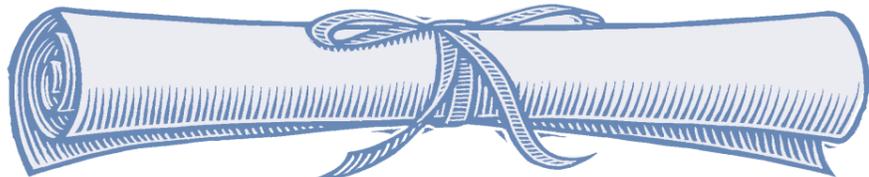
- Cum Laude Latin Honors
- Dean's List (8 consecutive semesters)
- Phi Alpha National Social Work Honors Society
- APU Pew Scholar Society
- Selected for National Dean's List

Her mother is Sgt. Donetta Beckum on the DOT's Residential Task Force.

Da'Nene has been accepted into the UCLA School of Public Policy and Social Research, Department of Social Work and will begin in the fall to pursue her Master of Social Work degree.

"I thank God and my family for helping me to be successful in my academic endeavors thus far," she says.

Wow, congratulations, Da'Nene. And kudos to your mom, too.



## Amy Vigil

Graduated from San Diego State University with a Bachelor's degree in arts/social science, with a minor in political science. She has been accepted into the San Diego State University Credential Program in the fall.

Amy's mom is Linda Vigil, the assistant chief Wharfinger for the Port of Los Angeles. Linda Vigil has worked for the City for 33 years.

Congratulations, Amy! And good job, indeed, Linda.

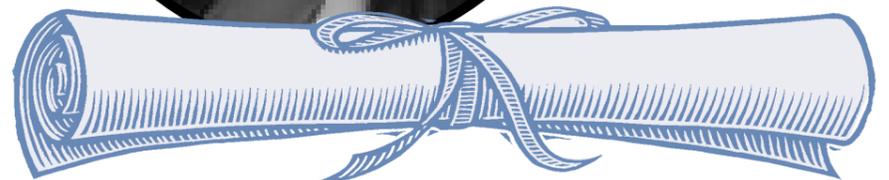


## Krystle A. Garcia

Graduated from Wilson High School in Hacienda Heights. She was the Homecoming Queen there.

Congratulations, Krystle!

*[Krystle, write us back and let us know whether it's one of your parents who belongs to the Club, or maybe someone else ... they deserve a shout out, too. Let us know, and we'll be glad to print their names in the next issue.—Ed.]*

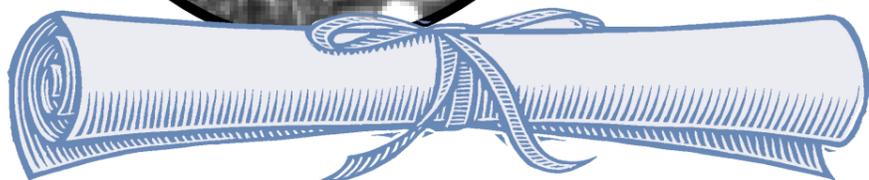


## Vanessa Thomas

Graduated from Manual Arts High School and has received a scholarship from L.A. Trade Technical College.

Good going, Vanessa!

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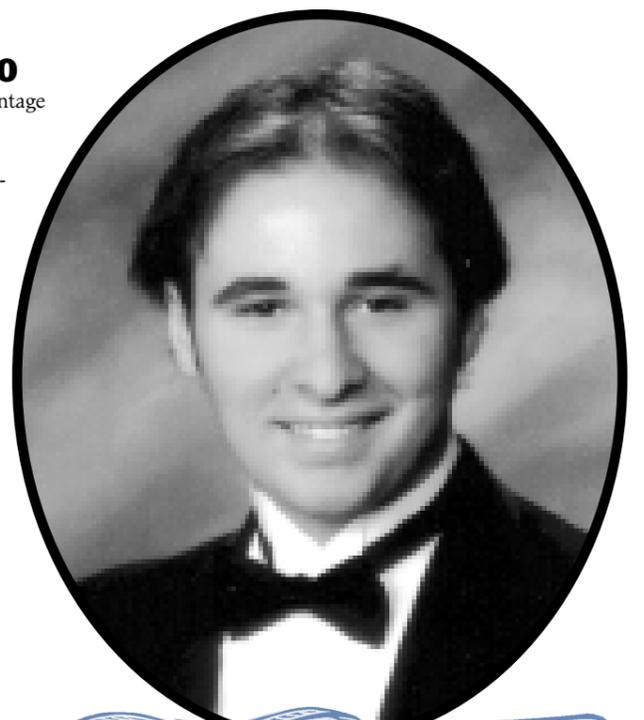


## Johnny Dermo

Graduated from Advantage Preparatory School in Sunland and expects to work and attend a community college.

His father is John Dermo, a street sweeper at the Sunland Yard.

Good going, Father and Son Dermo!



# LADWP Dedicates New Water System at Griffith Park as Fire Season Approaches

■ **LAFD helicopters helped to demonstrate improved capabilities.**

As summer approaches and the demand for water increases, City officials on June 10 dedicated the new Griffith Park Water System that will ensure a reliable supply of high quality water for one of the world's most popular parks. The new system becomes operational in time to provide fire protection to the park and its surrounding areas during the Southland's fire season.

City Councilman Tom LaBonge was joined by the DWP, Rec and Parks, the LAFD, the Griffith Park Resource Board and the Los Feliz Improvement Association in dedicating the new water system and turning it over to the DWP from Rec and Parks. DWP designed, built, and will own and operate the new system.

"We've anticipated this day for decades when we would have a state-of-the-art water delivery service for Griffith Park," said Councilmember Tom LaBonge. "Now, if we have a fire, we'll have

and deficient supply for fire fighting that was caused by undersized or corroded water mains and an inability to refill storage tanks at the park.

"The new water system at Griffith Park is the result of a collaboration between city officials, city departments and neighborhood associations," Mayor Hahn said. "Working together, we developed a system that promotes public safety, protects the park and preserves a wonderful system for visitors and local residents."

"This project took some time to accomplish but it is a natural fit for the DWP to be responsible for operating and maintaining the water system at Griffith Park," said Frank Salas, DWP acting general manager. "The new system is the result of a successful joint effort between City departments and the community, and I believe it is something we owe to the residents and businesses surrounding Griffith Park and to the park's visitors and staff."

"The successful completion of this vital water project allows our department confidence in our efforts to maintain and safeguard this great urban park for generations to come," said Jon Kirk Mukri, General Manager, Rec and Parks.

The Griffith Park water system was independently built and was owned and operated by Recreation and Parks. It was the largest water system in the city that was not operated by DWP. With some of its water tanks dating as far back as 1928, the antiquated system was in constant need of repair. The system's deterioration made the park susceptible to water quality problems, deficient pressure for fire fighting and insufficient supply. As the park's cultural facilities, amenities and number of visitors increased, its water system proved to be insufficient.

The inadequacy of the Griffith Park's water system and the threat of compromised fire protection for the park and nearby residents and businesses became a growing concern for city leaders. Chief Legislative Officer Ron Deaton and the late City Councilman John Ferraro

actively pursued the refurbishing of the park's water system to meet state drinking water standards and to provide a more reliable source of water.

Following City leadership on this project, a joint task force was formed. It was comprised of the DWP, Rec and Parks, and the LAFD, along with the Los Feliz Improvement Association.

The joint committee approved and endorsed LADWP's plan to reconstruct Griffith Park's water system and strengthen both the park's and DWP's system with a re-worked design. The plan also called for turning over ownership and management of the system to DWP.

DWP began the \$35 million reconstruction project in 1998 by installing approximately 95,000 linear feet of distribution pipes, 185 fire hydrants and one new water tank – the Los Feliz Tank. The utility is currently designing the rehabilitation of the Zoo Pump Station, which is expected to be constructed beginning next year. The plans also call for LADWP to replace Travel Town and Crystal Springs Pump Stations, build two new tanks and booster pump stations, rehabilitate two existing tanks and install an additional 25,000 feet of pipe at the park.

Griffith Park, donated to the citizens of Los Angeles, in 1896 by Griffith J. Griffith, has more than 10 million visitors each year. The park is home to the world-famous Griffith Observatory, the Los Angeles Zoo, the Los Angeles Equestrian Center, Autry Museum of Western Heritage, the Greek Theater and the Travel Town Museum. It is the birthplace of the municipal golf course systems in the nation, and encompasses 4200 acres of hillsides, greenbelts and trails. For more information on the park, visit [laparks.org/grifmet/Griffith.htm](http://laparks.org/grifmet/Griffith.htm).

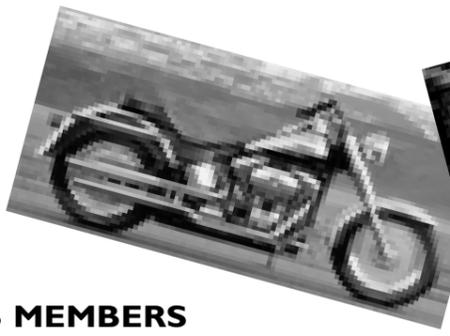
The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power was established more than a century ago to provide water and electricity to the city's businesses and residents. For more information, visit [www.ladwp.com](http://www.ladwp.com).

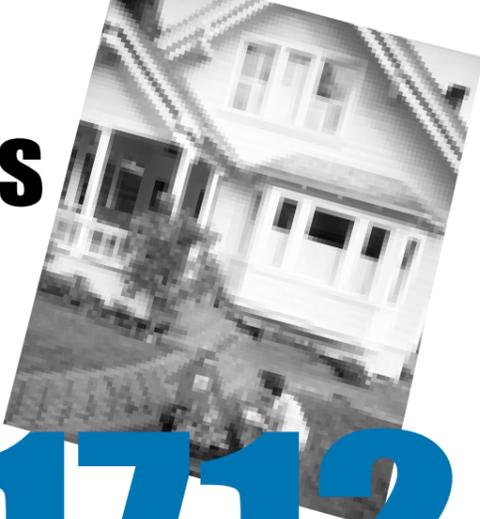


more than sufficient water supplies and pressure – an issue before this project was completed – and far superior capabilities to deliver water on a regular basis for irrigation and other park purposes."

To emphasize the new system's increased reliability for fire protection, the LAFD demonstrated a helicopter water drop during the dedication ceremony. DWP's water system will remedy the problem of low water pressure





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# Ground Broken for New LAFD Air Facility as Van Nuys Airport Salutes Air Support, Rescue

by Liz Montes, Club Counselor

Van Nuys Airport hosted a free community open house from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 26. Public service and vintage aircraft were on display, airfield bus tours were given and Mayor Jim Hahn was there to present the new \$33 million, 15-acre Van Nuys Air Operations and Maintenance Facility.

The event's theme, "A Salute to Air Support and Rescue," will honor the LAFD's helicopter pilots, including those who battled last year's

California wildfires. Mayor Jim Hahn, Councilmember Tony Cardenas and LAFD Chief William Bamattre attended and gave brief speeches during the opening ceremony. They also broke ground for the development of the new \$33 million, 15-acre Van Nuys Air Operations and Maintenance Facility at the airport.

Many vintage aircraft were on exhibit, including the B-17 Aluminum Overcast, a vintage bomber that flew hundreds of WWII missions.



Mayor Hahn and others prepare to break the dirt for the new LAFD Air Operations Facility



Helicopter on exhibit



Sergio Guzman, Los Angeles Fire Department, 5 years.



Alfonso Lagos, Airport Police K9 Unit, 5 years, with Tosca, Alfonso's partner.



From left: William Cordero, Airport Police, 7 years; and son Liam.



From left: Tom King, Airport Police, 7 months; and Julio Perez, Airport Police, 7 months.



From left: Modesto Neberez, Maintenance Department, 23 years; Russell Tinoyan, Maintenance Department, 1 year.



A vintage airplane on exhibit.



The opening ceremony.



Jesus Rodriguez, LAFD, 5 months.



From left: Gary Ohare, Maintenance Department, 23 years; and Bill Stock, Maintenance Department, 5 years.



From left: Norm Ino, Airport Police, 2 years; Shawn Smith, Airport Police, 3 years; Iris Godov, Airport Police, 3 years; and Winston Griffin, Airport Police, 1 year.



Speeches during the opening ceremonies.



Airplanes on exhibit.



Mayor Hahn listens to speeches



Airport Police answering visitors' questions.



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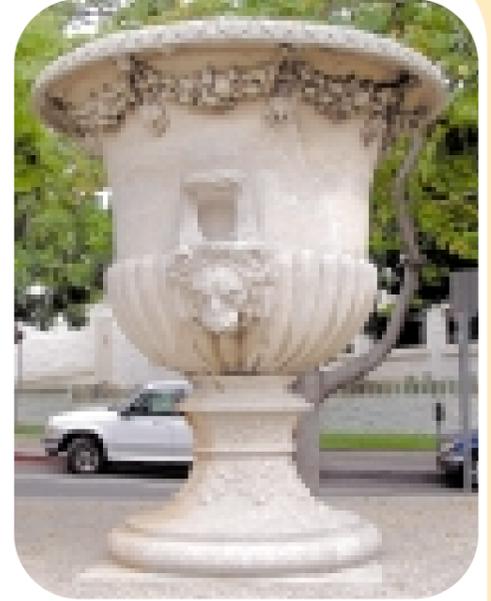
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# Where in LA?

## New Photo ... Great Prize

We received lots of great responses to the Where in L.A. contest last month. Apparently this one was easy. We wish you could all win!

For August, we're changing the prize. How about winning a \$50 gift certificate to Trader Joe's? Excellent, you say? All you have to do is send in a correct and substantial answer (in your own words) to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com, and you could win!



### Contest Rules:

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

## What is this? Where is this?

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

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

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

### The winner to last month's contest is: Monica Aleman of Councilman Ed Reyes' office. Good job, Monica!



Here is Monica's response:

It's the "Robert J. Stevenson Fountain by JHoward Troller, Hanns Scharff, Tom Van Sant, 1974. Los Angeles Mall.

"Howard Troller placed a circular fountain in the landscape plans for the lower level of the North Mall. Hanns Scharff developed the concept of jets of water directed into a central drain by 32 curved channels. Scharff made several models before constructing a full-size section of the fountain in his studio to test the water flow, and also designed the tile and color patterns for the bottom of the fountain.

"William Stockwell hired Tom Van Sant to design a sculptured form. His first proposal, a pole capped with a figure sprayed with water, was rejected by the Municipal Arts Commission because of apparent similarities to Prometheus at Rockefeller Center. The Commission later approved the vertical steel pillar covered with brown, beige, tan, gold, black and white ceramic tiles. Birds above each of three hands in the upper half display the Chinese proverb, 'The way to hold a bird is with an open hand.'

"In 1976, two years after it was constructed, the fountain was dedicated to former Los Angeles

City Councilman Robert J. Stevenson (1915-75). Born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Stevenson was a news editor and broadcaster for CBS radio, and field deputy for two City Councilmen before his election to the City Council in 1969. As a Councilman, he supported a ban on offshore drilling, changes in handling rape victims and measures prohibiting discrimination against homosexuals.

"Tom Van Sant (b. 1931) was born in Los Angeles. After receiving his B.A. degree from Stanford, he attended the Otis Art Institute, where he received his M.F.A. Van Sant has executed murals and sculpture in Southern California as well as in several Asian countries. In recent years, Van Sant has been involved in the GeoSphere Project, which will produce an accurate and accessible interactive portrait of the earth.

"Hanns Scharff (1907-89), born in Germany, received his art training in Leipzig. In 1948, Scharff immigrated to the United States and settled in New York City. After moving to Los Angeles in 1956, he completed projects at the California State Capitol in Sacramento and at Disney World and Epcot in Orlando, Florida. Scharff's other work in Los Angeles can be seen at numerous Baptist churches, the Braille Institute and in fountains at UCLA."

### Here are others who got it right:

- Ken Moody
- Gloria Eclipse
- Hector Graciano,
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# John Hawkins named CEO of the Club

## Hawkins

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the parent organization of the Club, he created and launched the Club, developing and rolling out the group as you know it today: great benefits; ticket discounts; Alive!, which emphasizes the good news of City employees; powerful insurance programs; ClubFest; and renewed energy and service.

"My father was a firearms examiner for the County Sheriff's Department," John says. "I know first-hand what it means to dedicate your life to civil service. That's the spirit of the Club, and I'm happy to be able to serve City employees to the best of my ability."

John Hawkins, husband to Kelley Hawkins and father of three, was born and raised in Los Angeles and now lives in Granada Hills. He received his Bachelor's degree in psychology and marketing from the University of Southern California, and his MBA from Pepperdine University.

"I look forward to continuing to serve our members—and all City employees," he says. "With the Club's highly trained and dedicated staff, and the Club's excellent and responsive board, the Club is an awesome team."

A distinguished veteran, John spent four years in the United States Navy, driving submarines in both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. He was honorably discharged in 1987 and earned the U.S. Navy Achievement Medal from the

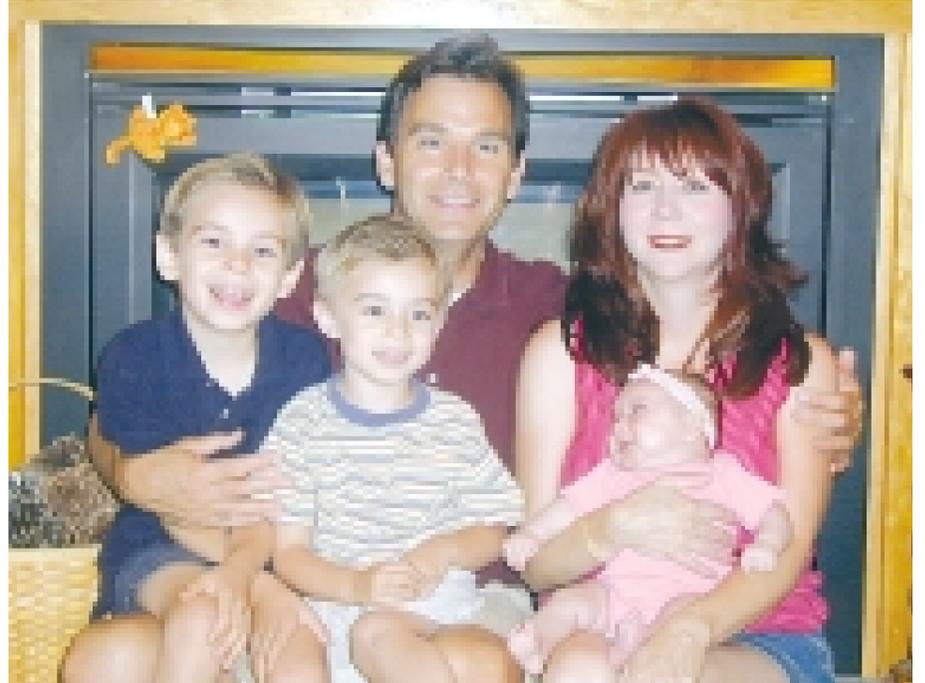
Secretary of the Navy, the Navy Expeditionary Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, a Submarine "Dolphins" designation, a Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon and a Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

In 2002, as COO, he looked at the current situation of the Los Angeles City Employees Association (LACEA), founded in 1928, and decided it needed new energy, new life and new direction. With a strong interest in giving back and keen real-life experience in insurance programs, John came up with the Club concept: tremendous benefits and value for a small and honest fee, combined with a newspaper to recognize all the good work that City employees put in day after day, stories that other news organizations were ignoring.

"It struck me that no one else had really thought of the City as one big family," he says. "Lots of departments were publishing their own newsletters, and doing a nice job of it. But who was covering everybody?"

"I wondered if people in the LAPD and the DOT stopped to think that they were working hard for the same cause. And the same with the DWP and Harbor. All the departments, really, including the Mayor's office and the Council chambers. That could be the unique driving force behind the Club—recognizing the hard work everyone does, and recognizing it in a way that made everybody realize we're all in this together."

The LACEA board backed him on his initiative, and the Club—and the *Alive!* newspaper—were born in October 2002. Initially published at 16 pages, *Alive!* quickly doubled in size and now



John Hawkins, CEO, the Club (center) with his wife Kelley and children (from left), Noah (7-1/2), Isaiah (4), and Hannah (2 mo.).

frequently grows larger than that. "Proof positive," John says, "that we were right. There were great stories to tell, and people were hungry for it."

"After we featured the L.A. Zoo as our department of the month, we understand the employees there had an autograph party, to sign each other's copies," John recalls. "I can't tell you

how great that made us feel."

Club numbers continue to grow, as evidenced in the monthly new members list in this newspaper.

"Nothing pleases me more than to lead the Club into its bright future, serving those who serve the City."

## A New Contest for Club Members!

# WIN!



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- We're setting a deadline of Oct. 1. But if it's a big success, we'll extend it throughout the year.

*Have a great vacation; travel safely, and make sure to bring Alive! with you.*

## — PART 2 of 2 —



Firefighter/paramedics take care of an injured passenger of an automobile after it overturned on the freeway.

## There When You Need Them: A Detailed History of the City's Emergency Medical Services

### ■ LAFD provides an overview of its Emergency Medical Services.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The following history was written by LAFD Captain II/Paramedic Bill Wells and distributed through the LAFD's Yahoo listserve. Alive! thanks the LAFD and Capt. Wells for this excellent communication service.*

*Capt. Wells has more than 30 years' experience as an Ambulance Driver, Paramedic, EMS Supervisor and Paramedic Captain with the Los Angeles Fire Department. He also served as past president of United Paramedics of Los Angeles. For the past six years Captain Wells has worked at Fire Department Headquarters in the Planning Section overseeing the creation and implementation of the EMS Plan you will read about below.*

#### An EMS Crisis

In September 2000, local newspaper headlines were declaring a paramedic staffing crisis in the City of Los Angeles. The LAFD had over 100 paramedic vacancies for its 447 paramedic positions on fire engines and ambulances. Firefighter-Paramedics were working excessive and forced overtime to maintain the constant staffing of the resources. Paramedic response times in over a dozen neighborhoods averaged nearly ten minutes. The workload of over one-third of the rescue ambulances, including 22 paramedic ambulances, exceeded the Department's recommended workload guidelines of 350 responses per month.

Firefighter-Paramedics were decertifying and requesting to get off the busy paramedic ambulances and back onto fire companies. The Board of Fire Commissioners conducted four public meetings to study the paramedic staffing problems. City officials, Fire Department management, union leaders, firefighter-paramedics, and members of the medical community participated at the meetings and offered solutions.

Within four months, the Fire Department had a plan.

#### The LAFD EMS Resource Deployment Plan

In January 2001, faced with mounting EMS problems, Fire Chief William R. Bamattre introduced a five-year Emergency Medical Services Resource Deployment Plan (EMS Plan). The EMS Plan addressed the Fire Chief's goals of increasing paramedic coverage, improving overall EMS service delivery, and providing a better

working environment through reducing workload.

#### What Would It Do?

The EMS Plan would manage the significant number of new paramedics, deployment of additional EMS resources, and expansion of EMS field supervision. The five-year Plan would increase the number of paramedics and resources to meet the following objectives:

- Paramedic resource at every fire station
- Ambulance at every fire station
- EMS Captains in every Battalion
- Additional paramedic ambulances to provide workload relief for busy units
- Additional paramedic assessment engines for paramedic personnel rotation

The EMS Plan was endorsed and approved by the Mayor in January 2001. The EMS Plan included hiring and training 500 new paramedics over the next five years and increased EMS field supervision, resource deployment plans and workload relief plans.

During the first year of the EMS Plan (2001/02):

- Hired 145 new paramedics
- Hired four nurse educators to instruct paramedic continuing education
- Revised EMS dispatch protocols
- Trained LAFD uniformed dispatchers to the National Academy EMD standards

By the end of the first year, the total number of ambulances increased from 83 to 98, the number of paramedic ambulances increased from 56 to 67, the total number of paramedic units increased from 84 to 98, and the number of EMS Captains on-duty increased from 6 to 12.

#### Call Volume Up, Yet Response Time Down

Paramedic response times decreased from an average of 7.2 minutes to 6.9 minutes Citywide. The number of paramedic ambulances exceeding the workload limit was dramatically reduced from 22 to just 3. The number of fire stations where the firefighter-paramedics could rotate between the paramedic ambulance and the fire company

was increased from 4 to 8. The total number of EMS incidents for the year increased 5 percent from 261,619 in 2000-01 to 274,341 in 2001-02.

#### The Tide Has Turned

By the end of the second year, the total number of ambulances increased from 98 to 115, the number of paramedic ambulances increased from 67 to 72, the total number of paramedic units increased from 98 to 114, and the number of EMS Captains on-duty increased from 12 to 16.

Paramedic response times decreased from an average of 6.9 minutes to 6.8 minutes Citywide.

#### More Options, More Calls, More Success

The number of fire stations where the firefighter-paramedics could rotate between the paramedic ambulance and the fire company was increased from 8 to 15. The total number of EMS incidents increased by 2 percent from 274,341 to 280,395.

In April 2003, the Department successfully achieved one of the EMS Plan's objectives by deploying at least one paramedic resource in every fire station district in the City.

In June 2003, the Department achieved another objective by deploying EMS captains in every one of the 16 geographic Battalions, thereby improving EMS supervision, training and management of field personnel. The EMS captains were assigned to the platoon-duty Battalion Commanders in their respective Battalions.

#### Where We Are Today

As of May 2, 2004, the total number of ambulances remains at 115, the number of paramedic ambulances has increased from 72 to 75, the total number of paramedic units has increased from 114 to 120, and the number of EMS Captains on-duty remains at 16.

Paramedic response times are projected to decrease from an average of 6.8 minutes to 6.7 minutes Citywide this year. The number of fire stations where the firefighter-paramedics could rotate between the paramedic ambulance and the fire company has increased from 15 to 26.

Budgetary approval from the City Council



The EMS works hard for the safety of Los Angeles.

and the Mayor was required for each year of the five-year EMS Plan.

#### Communication and Teamwork

Fire Chief William R. Bamattre initiated a labor-management executive committee to prioritize, market, and ultimately gain approval of each year's budget request. The labor-management executive committee consisted of members of the Fire Commission, Fire Department management, the firefighters' union (United Firefighters of Los Angeles City Local 112), and the fire chief officers' association (Los Angeles City Chief Officers Association).

#### EMS Plan Success

Chief Bamattre, and the men and women of the LAFD are pleased with the results of the EMS Plan. Paramedic personnel shortages are a thing of the past, paramedic attrition has been reduced from 15 percent to 8 percent annually, paramedic response times have been reduced in nearly every neighborhood of the City, the number of citizen complaints has been reduced, the number of patient lawsuits has virtually been eliminated, the revenue from ambulance transports has increased to more than \$44 million annually, and the number of firefighters volunteering to attend paramedic school continues to grow.

#### The Bottom Line

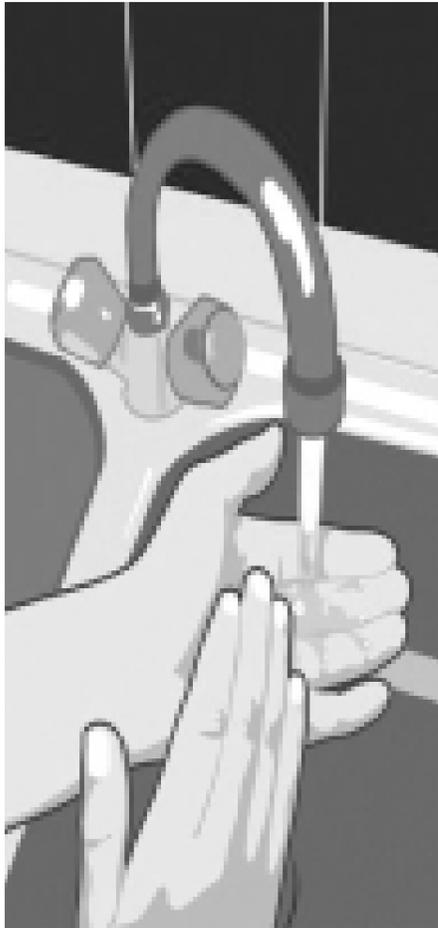
The people who live, work and play in the City of Los Angeles are benefiting from the successful implementation of the LAFD five-year EMS Plan.

Currently, the Department has 115 rescue ambulances (75 paramedic and 40 BLS), 3 Paramedic Engines, 35 Paramedic Assessment Engines, 6 Paramedic Assessment Light Forces, 1 Paramedic Air Ambulance, 61 BLS Engines, 43 BLS Light Forces, 5 BLS Fireboats, and 16 EMS Battalion Captains on duty 24 hours a day. Each and every one of these resources are but a 9-1-1 phone call away!



The City is in good hands with the EMS.

# Newsbriefs



## WATER BOND MEASURE:

Councilmembers Jack Weiss, Eric Garcetti, Jan Perry and Ed Reyes applauded the Los Angeles City Council's unanimous vote July 7 to advance a proposal that would invest hundreds of millions of dollars in protecting the waterways and beaches of Los Angeles. The Council voted 12-0 to instruct the City Legislative Analyst and the City Attorney to draft a bond measure that can be placed on the November 2004 ballot. The measure would raise bond funds to pay for the City's compliance with the stringent federal Clean Water Act requirements, which protect Angelenos' recreational bodies of water from harmful pollutants, including trash, toxins and bacteria. After fighting these regulations in court for several years with limited success, the city has turned to the hard work of cleaning up its waterways and complying with the Act. "The proposed bond is the first step to ensure that residents of Los Angeles will continue to have clean water," said Councilmember Jack Weiss. "It will protect the Santa Monica Bay, the Los Angeles River watershed, and our area lakes and parks."

Los Angeles must comply with the mandates of the federal Clean Water Act, which require the City to address the large volume of trash and other pollutants that wash off City streets and enter the rivers and the Santa Monica Bay. The mandates break down into 67 Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs), each of which limits the amounts of particular pollutants that can be found in the city's waterways. The exact number for each TMDL requires deep scientific study; the dry-weather bacteria TMDL took several years to develop and the nitrogen TMDL is nearly complete. The city has until September 2006 to reduce trash by 20%, and until the year 2015 to eliminate trash completely. Projects envisioned under this bond measure include grassy parks that naturally filter storm water in a rainstorm, catch basin inserts that stop trash from reaching the waterways, and the simple but effective protection of more frequent street cleaning. The issuance would raise \$500 million plus a fee that amounts to 5 percent of the construction costs of the various water protection projects. ■

## NEW CENTRAL AREA DIRECTOR:

Mayor Jim Hahn announced July 15 the appointment of Michelle Fleenor as Central Area Director for the Office of the Mayor. "Michelle brings a great deal of public and private sector experience to the job. She has worked in the central area for the past three years and will continue to do good work in the community," Mayor Hahn said.

Fleenor recently served under Councilmember Tom LaBonge as a field deputy, representing the Councilmember at business, community and government events. She advised the Councilmember on district and citywide legislation and quality of life issues. She has also served on the boards of several Los Angeles organizations including the Los Angeles Fire Department Historical Society, the Runyon Canyon Resource Board and the Hollywood Community Police Advisory Board. Fleenor graduated from Pepperdine University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management.

## PORT SAFETY BOATS

As part of its approach to continually update the Port of Los Angeles' comprehensive security plan, the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners unanimously approved a contract with SAFETM (Secure Around Flotation Equipped) Boats International for two, state-of-the-art Port Police patrol boats, used to protect and maintain the Port's borders and boost water-side security. The SAFETM boats will cost approximately \$800,000 and are funded in part by the Transportation Security Administration's latest round of federal grants.

The boats feature full, 31- and 36-foot cabins and a lightweight construction that allows a faster response time. "Adding the SAFETM Boats will provide uniformity with current Coast Guard maritime safety and security teams," said George Cummings, the Port's Director of Homeland Security. "These modern boats uphold our integrated approach to security operations within the Port of Los Angeles."

The two rapid-response SAFETM Boats will be used to patrol the Port's 3300 acres of water,

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## ■ Port Sets Plan in Place to Achieve Mayor's No Net-Increase Pledge

The Port of Los Angeles July 7 released a baseline-setting air emissions inventory and a comprehensive plan for achieving Mayor Jim Hahn's goal of no net increase in air emissions at the Port.

"We've set the bar high and we intend to live up to the challenge," the Mayor said. "Three years ago, I said there will be no net increase in air emissions at the Port, and today we are taking a great step forward in ensuring that pledge is fulfilled. We now have a baseline to judge our progress and a plan to go forward."

The baseline air emissions inventory captures the specifics of the emissions in the air as of 2001. The emissions inventoried include nitrous oxide, total organic gases, carbon monoxide, particulate matter less than 10 microns, particulate matter less than 2.5 microns, and sulfur dioxide. Using a comprehensive activity-based approach, the inventory focuses on five emissions sources: ocean-going vessels, harbor craft, off-road cargo handling equipment, railroad locomotives, and on-road heavy-duty vehicles.

"Our communities are not against growth at the port, but we cannot sacrifice clean air for that growth," said Harbor area Councilwoman Janice Hahn. "With this report, we now have a standard by which we can hold the port accountable. We are one step closer to having both a port that is the thriving economic engine for the region, and also having healthy Harbor area communities."

With the results of the Air Emissions Inventory in place, the Port was able to create a plan for air emissions reductions going into the future. To complete the no net-increase plan, several assumptions about future conditions had to be made. Projections on air emissions reductions measures and technologies were made as well as projections on Port development and growth. Opting to present a scenario that is most realistic, the Port included optimistic growth figures while taking a more conservative view of future air emissions regulations impacts and ongoing programs.

Working closely with the Port was the Port Community Advisory Committee's Air Quality Subcommittee. This group of volunteers spent time going over the scope and methodology of the study and provided valuable input from the community point of view.

The Port of Los Angeles, through its Environmental Management Division, has implemented a comprehensive program of environmental initiatives covering air quality, water quality, wildlife conservation and terminal operations.

## ■ Port of Los Angeles Named Best North American Seaport

In May, more than 13,000 readers of cargo trade magazine CargoNews were polled to select the top seaport in North America, and the Port of Los Angeles was named the winner. Announced at the Shipper's Choice Awards on May 12, the Port of Los Angeles was selected over finalists Port of Long Beach and Port of New York/New Jersey for the top honor.

"The Port and City of Los Angeles are proud to receive this award," said Mayor Jim Hahn. "It is especially gratifying to be named best seaport in North America by the shippers themselves, those who truly know what world class means."

"It is truly an honor to receive this prestigious award," said Larry Keller, executive director of the Port of Los Angeles. "The Port is committed to listening and responding to our customers, and this award says loud and clear that the industry appreciates the work of the people at the Port of Los Angeles."

The Shipper's Choice Awards are part of the Annual Asian Freight and Supply Chain Awards. This year's awards were presented in Shanghai. CargoNews is published from Hong Kong and has been publishing for 28 years.

# AMP Powers the Port

## Interview

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When this came our way and we looked at this as an opportunity, we embraced it.

The port is growing somewhere on average between 6 and 10 percent a year, and that means more arrivals of ships, more trucks, more yard equipment working and that type of thing, and we just scratched our heads and said oh boy, this is really going to be tough if this is how we are going to conduct our business from now on. But we got really good people on the engineering side, the environmental side, the marketing side and we went to work on this.

Don't forget, we had this old background where we had all gotten up and fought it previously and said it was not going to work and all that, but I think once we began talking to the shipping companies, they realized that there are impacts, they're global and some of it isn't easy. Our team put together a workshop where we brought in the best minds on this and said what would this look like and, to their credit, the shipping companies brought in their chief engineers and some of their captains and some of their designers, from all over the world, Asia, Europe, etc. ... they flew them here and we kind of just talked about the world as it looked today and what business could look like in Los Angeles in this area here. I'm not sure we came to any immediate conclusions that this was going to work, but some people are more receptive than others, and that was kind of a beginning. That was a huge beginning.

When I was in the Navy, I remember pulling into foreign ports on carriers and standing in my skivvies taking a shower, and all of a sudden these people came snaking down through the corridors with these [huge power lines], saying, "Excuse me... out of the way sailors, you know we have to hook up your ship." That's kind of the initiation as you pull into port and all these workers come piling onboard the ship with waterlines and everything and it's really something. We couldn't think of AMP in the same way; obviously this solution has to be more elegant.

**Alive!:** Why did you focus on container ships, not necessarily any ship?

**Keller:** Well for us it was China Shipping because it was closest to the community. It is just on the other side of the bridge. There had to be a first somewhere and we knew that this was the technology we wanted to do. China Shipping, a relatively new company, they are about four years old, they have a true CEO, somebody who makes decisions there and if it had to be any company, this was the right company. You could go to see them and these guys were working away trying to figure out what a design would look like. I met with their president here in the United States and he says you know, I can't commit a ship to you, you've going to have to go to Asia if you want a commitment on this thing.

So as it happened, that was April 2003 and there was the SARS thing going on in Asia at that time so I said oh well, it's now or never, so I got on a airplane and flew over there. After I got my temperature taken about 300 times, I finally saw Captain Li [Kelin], and he knew what I was coming for. We exchanged some niceties and I said, well Captain Li, we really need to talk about AMP at this point, our guys are ready, they have been talking to your folks, but we don't have any ships. So we need a ship, we need to AMP a ship. We need to show it can be done.

All of his people said, "We don't think it's a really good idea," they were all sitting there shaking their heads. I said, what is the objection, and



Larry Keller, Executive Director, Port of LA

he said, "I don't want high voltage coming over the rail." We went back and forth, and I said, "What is your ship generating?" and he said, "440." I said, "If we could supply 440 to the ship, what would you think?" He says, "You could do that?" He says okay, we'll give you a ship, we'll give you a ship.

By dinner that night he wanted to sign an agreement that we would do this. I called the Mayor's office and they said, "Why don't

you see if you could get a second ship?"

We were having a couple of drinks together, so I said, "As grateful as we are, I know you are building four of this class of ship, what's the chance of getting another one?"

"Geez, you guys never stop," he said. I mean, this is business in Asia, where you build relationships as best as you can but you can't do anything unless you have a relationship. So he made a couple of phone calls and he said, "Keller, only because you came during this time of trouble for us [the SARS scare], will I do it."

**Alive!:** How difficult was it to design?

**Keller:** Everything moves on a terminal. When the ship is in, everything is moving, and the terminal operators said sure as shooting, nobody is going to intend this to happen, but somebody is gonna hit that [electrical transformer/cable rig] and there will be a disaster. We really had to [consider] all kinds of variations of how we could work this, putting the transformer up on the ship ... nope, they didn't want that, either, because that still meant we had high voltage going over the rail. This isn't an elegant system that we have down there [now] but it's a first.

As I got back, we put the team together and they were on a plane to Shanghai in 10 days.

**Alive!:** City employees actually flew to Asia to make this happen?

**Keller:** No other way would it have happened, no other way. If the team would have said, "No, I don't want to fly," or "I'm not going, I gotta get my shoe laces changed," or "I got tickets to a ballgame," or "my passport has expired," it wouldn't have happened.

*End of Part One.*

### Next time:

- The difficulty of making AMP work.
- The Port of LA Electrical Shop Weighs In.
- The other City departments who proved critical.

### At the June 21st AMP Ceremony:



At the AMP ceremony, from left: Officer Ryan Strauss, Port of Los Angeles; and Officer Imoto, Port of Los Angeles.



At the AMP ceremony, from left: Sheila Gonzales, Public Affairs; and Rachel Campbell, Public Affairs.



At the AMP ceremony, from left: Todd McElhane, Paint Supervisor; Charles Miller, Heavy Equipment Mechanic; Joseph Foreman, Electrician; Azad Michitarian, Electrician; and Rene Rodriguez, Acting Carpenter Supervisor.



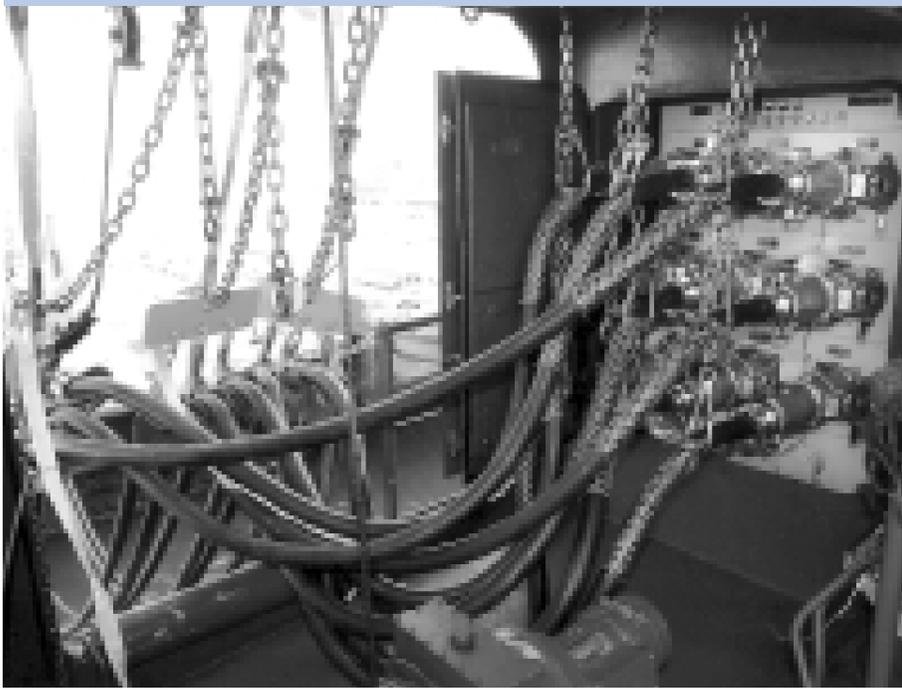
At the AMP ceremony, from left: Officer Tom Yamamoto, K-9 Unit, Port of Los Angeles; and Officer Eddie Hernandez, Port of Los Angeles.



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## Port of LA Achieves World's First Innovation

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China Shipping is the first Port customer to commit to AMP technology and played a crucial role in developing the project. Six additional Port customers have signed Memorandums of Understanding to study the use of AMP at their terminals, and other ports around the world are clamoring after the technology.

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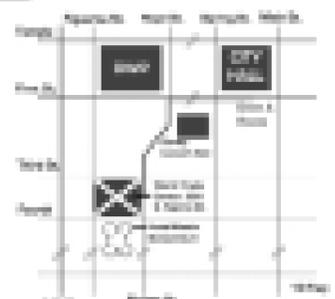
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Our thoughts and condolences are with the family and friends of the following current and retired City employees who have passed away:

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Joseph Aust	Public Works	12
Carol Babakhani	Neighborhood Services	18
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Henry Dehnen	General Services	31
George Delianedis	Social Services	29
Jaime Domingo	Public Works	11
Louis Edmondson	Building and Safety	30
Stanley Ford	Harbor	8
Ronald Funk	Public Works	9
Freddy Gant	Public Works	31
Curtis Garcia	Airports	9
Nathaniel Garrett	Public Works	22
Ernest Headley	Rec and Parks	13
Jay Hinds	Building and Safety	16
Cornelius Jenkins	LAPD	30
Henry Keith	Public Works	22
Arthur Kociencki	Harbor	40
Viola Krahn	City Attorney	5
Patricia Lacour	Public Works	14
Fred Lustado	Harbor	11
Edward Merrill	Public Works	27
Cecil Morris	Building and Safety	16
Forrest Parker	Building and Safety	29
William Reppe	Animal Services	21
Catherine Ridgley	Harbor	26
Robert Sias	Community Development	42
Charles Smith	Public Works	36
Deane Terry	Transportation	28
Melvin Thompkins	LAPD	22
Robert White	Gen. Services	7
Burnette Williams	Public Works	28
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Doris Woodward	LAPD	22

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Aurelio Albaisa	Transportation Engineer (Transportation)	36
Leslie Au	Airport Safety Officer (Airports)	34
Jeanne Austin	Clerk (LAPD)	36
Ronald Berenson	Sr. Street Use Inspector (Public Works)	35
Joseph Bieniasz	Civil Engineer Draft Tech (Rec and Parks)	32
Irving Blumenfeld	Communication Electrician (ITA)	17
Suzette Camacho	Sr. Traffic Supervisor (Transportation)	30
William Christiansen	Sr. Electrician (Harbor)	15
Walter Clark	Director of Housing (Housing)	30
Charles Coleman	Traffic Sign Painter (Transportation)	18
Alan Conn	Admin. Asst. (Rec and Parks)	12
Alfonso Constantino	Sr. Tax Auditor (Finance)	17
Alfred Cooper	Sr. Clerk (LAFD)	40
Charles Davis	Instrument Mech. (Public Works)	26
Frank Drobny	Civil Eng. Associate (Public Works)	40
Leroy Dunson	Street Use Inspector (Public Works)	33
Lance Dwyer	Mech. Repair (Harbor)	26
Joseph Encinas	Maintenance and Construction Helper (Harbor)	14
Ralph Esparza	Asst. General Manager (Housing)	30
Calvin Frazier	Light Equipment Operator (Rec and Parks)	22
Richard Garland	Custodial Services Attendant (Airports)	32
Dorthea Gibson	Dep. City Atty. (City Atty.)	30
Roger Ham	Chief Information Officer (LAPD)	4
Carol Hidders	Sr. Clerk Typist (LAPD)	21
Phillip Hoffman	Communications Electrician (ITA)	19
William Jenson	Equip. Mechanic (Gen. Services)	30
Steven Jimenez	Gardener Caretaker (Rec and Parks)	32
Warren Kidd	Refuse Collection Truck Operator (Public Works)	32
Alisa Kramer	Sr. Systems Analyst (LAPD)	20
Timothy L'Amoureux	Programmer/Analyst (ITA)	30
Christopher Lai	Wastewater Trmt. Operator (Public Works)	15
Bobbi Lockwood	Gardener Caretaker (Rec and Parks)	17
Heriberto Lopez	Crossing Guard (Transportation)	5
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Edward Valenzuela	Carpenter (Gen. Services)	27
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**Justin**, born October 21, 2003 to **Christine Baggelaar**, Loan Officer with the Police and Fire Home Program.



**Dillon Jacob Erickson**, born May 29 to **Terry and Carrie Erickson**. Terry Erickson Jr. is an equipment operator at Owens Valley.

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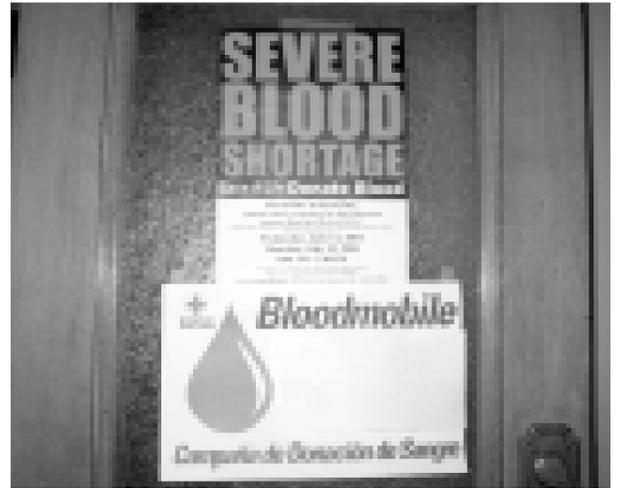
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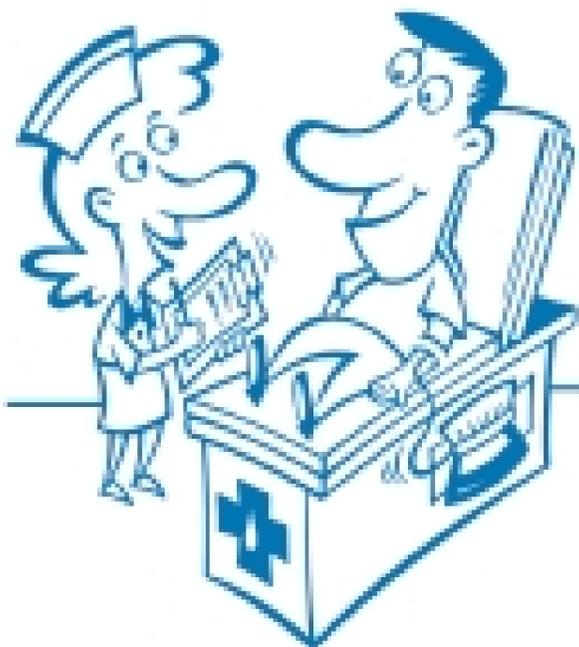
Front: Mark Nakata, DOT, 3 years; Back: Fabien Cheng, Street Lighting, 4 years.



An American Red Cross Blood Drive poster.



From left: Erica Hightower and Maricela Renteria, of the American Red Cross.



# Red Cross Draws Blood at City Hall...For Good Cause

More than 200 City employees donated blood at City Hall's Red Cross Blood Drive July 14 and 15. The event benefited the American Red Cross.

City employees were given an hour of paid time to donate blood at their work location, and received a gift certificate for a free pint of ice cream from Baskin Robbins. Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Jack Weiss and Wendy Greuel took time out of their schedules to donate blood. The event was held in City Hall's fourth floor Media Room.

Here are photos of the event.



Councilmembers Wendy Greuel and Greig Smith.



City employees waiting to give blood.



City employees waiting to give blood.



Councilmember Jack Weiss.



City employees enjoying snacks after donating blood.



Councilman Tom LaBonge.



City employees enjoying their snacks after donating blood.



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## Pigskin Time Means Open the Tailgate and *Down the Hatch!*

■ **Let the games begin! And I'm not talking about the Olympics. I'm talking about the upcoming college and professional football seasons.**

The football players have spent months lifting weights, spending long, grueling hours at training camps, and developing bodies and minds. They do this to face what is to come from ferociously fan-filled stadiums, horrendous weather conditions and the agony of defeat. Fans watch their favorite games at home, and those who tailgate in nearby stadium parking lots do so just to grab the sounds of competition roaring out of the brims of stadiums.

Much like the football players, millions of fans spent their months lifting weights so that they could easily transport oversized ribeye steaks and marinated chicken breasts from the refrigerators to the grills. Fans have spent many grueling hours lifting those barbecue forks and tongs – developing their bodies and minds. They do this to face what is to come: tailgate food!

But before you adorn yourself with your chef uniform, there are a few things that you need to know before you head outside with your delectable football foods. Do these few things and everyone will have a grand day of football gazing and grazing. Don't and you and all who follow you to the grill will have endured something no football player could prepare to defeat. The melodic thuds of the Stanford marching band you say? No, it's the painful experiences of food-borne illnesses.

The only way to beat it is to make sure it doesn't happen from the start. Preparation is key. Here are a few tips how:

1. The microorganisms that cause food poisoning thrive at temperatures between 40

degrees and 140 degrees F. Don't leave prepared foods in that danger zone more than two hours. When the outdoor temperature rises above 90 degrees F, the time limit is one hour. Discard any leftovers.

2. Wait until just before leaving home to pack chilled foods in an insulated cooler, and make sure you have plenty of ice or ice packs to surround them.

3. Take two coolers — one for drinks, the other for perishable foods. That way, warm air won't reach the perishables each time someone reaches for a beverage.



4. In hot weather, keep the cooler in the air-conditioned passenger compartment of the car, not in the trunk. At the tailgate, set the cooler in the shade.

5. Wash your hands before and after handling food. Soap and hot

water are ideal; bring along a jug of water, a bar of soap, and paper towels, in case none are available at the tailgate site. Disposable moist towelettes are an easy-to-carry alternative.

6. Wrap uncooked chicken and meats in separate tightly sealed bags or containers, and put them in the bottom of the cooler. Cook them within one hour of leaving home.

7. When grilling, use a meat thermometer to be sure meats and poultry reach a safe temperature. Cook chicken breasts to 170 degrees F; other poultry to 180 degrees F; beef, lamb, and veal steaks and roasts to 145 degrees F for medium-rare and 160 degrees F for well done.

Here are some of my favorite tailgate recipes. Enjoy, and may the best tailgate feast win!

### Hook'em Horns Black Olive Dip

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 large can pitted black olives
- 2 large tomatoes, chopped
- 3-4 green onions, chopped
- 3-4 jalapeno peppers, seeded and chopped
- 3 T. olive oil
- 1 1/2 T. vinegar
- 1 clove garlic or 1 t. garlic salt or powder
- Salt and pepper to taste

#### DIRECTIONS

Chop green onions and tomatoes by hand. Chop olives, jalapeno and garlic in food processor. Mix together. Let stand 3-4 hours before serving. Drain juice. Serve with tostada chips.



### Titan's Bourbon Chicken

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1-1/2 lbs. chicken breast halves, boneless and skinless
- 2 T. olive oil
- 2 T. Dijon mustard
- 1/4 C. bourbon whiskey
- 2 T. red wine vinegar
- 2 T. Worcestershire sauce
- 2 T. soy sauce
- 1/4 C. brown sugar
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- Sea salt
- Black pepper

#### DIRECTIONS

Combine olive oil and next 8 ingredients. Add chicken, cover and refrigerate for minimum of 2 hours, and preferably overnight. Remove chicken from marinade. Discard marinade. Place chicken on grill over medium heat. Grill uncovered for 15-20 minutes, turning once.



### Cheese Head Halftime Dip

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 clove garlic, peeled
- 1 8-oz. package light cream cheese
- 3 oz. (1 1/2 cups) sun-dried tomatoes, rehydrated (cover with boiling water for 2 minutes and drain)
- 3 teaspoons pesto, prepared or homemade
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Crackers

#### DIRECTIONS

Chop garlic in the food processor. Add cream cheese, tomatoes, pesto and Parmesan. Process until well combined. Transfer to a serving dish and sprinkle with additional Parmesan if desired. Serve with assorted crackers.

Makes 10 servings.



### Fighting Irish Spinach Dip

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained
- 1 container (16 ounces) sour cream
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 package (1.4 ounces) vegetable soup recipe mix
- 1 can (8 ounces) water chestnuts, drained and chopped (optional)
- 3 green onions, chopped
- 2 cups shredded Swiss cheese
- 1 round loaf bread, rye or plain

#### DIRECTIONS

In a medium bowl, stir together spinach, sour cream, mayonnaise, soup mix, water chestnuts (if using), green onions and cheese. Mix well. Cover and chill 2 hours.

Before serving, cut top of bread, removing bread from center to form bowl for dip. Reserve crusty lid from bread. Spoon dip into hollowed bread and use lid to cover.

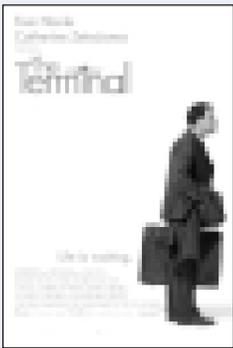


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#### The Terminal

The movie is not only entertaining, but gives you the nostalgia of who you are and where you came from. It makes one appreciate what we always take for granted, and that is the love of our country.

When I saw this movie, I have no idea that it would be make laugh and cry, and wants to be adventurous. Yes, that was what the message of the movie to me. I really travel a lot; I found Tom Hanks' role in this movie to be a real heartwarming, sincere person whose love for his father prevailed, among other things. Ms. Catherine Zeta-Jones as a flight attendant leading a double life is down-to-earth and fun-loving, although the other characters are excellent.

New York City's JFK airport is a believable location for this movie, and I recommend this movie!

— Leticia Yapana, DWP



#### I, Robot: Two Club Views

Let's just say, Will Smith is back. He has done it again.

Will plays Detective Spooner. He is worried that robots, a common household item in the year 2035, might be more human than we think. The robots must obey the three laws, and one particular robot seems to have done otherwise. Bridget Moynahan plays the doctor who must choose between her job and ridding the earth of a robot that has committed murder, or following the gut instinct of her good friend, Det. Spooner, who may be losing his mind.

Put on your seatbelt because this sci-fi action thriller is sure to have you on the edge of your seat the entire time with lots of twists and turns in the plot.

— Marviana Jones, Public Works

Will Smith is back and better than ever with another save the world summer movie. Smith is a police detective in Chicago, in the year 2035. Robots are everywhere and in most all households. A new model robot comes out to replace all others. Unfortunately, there is a slight problem with them! Can Big Willie save the world again?

There are some great scenes here and a good story. I do recommend the movie for all.

— G. Seltzer, DWP

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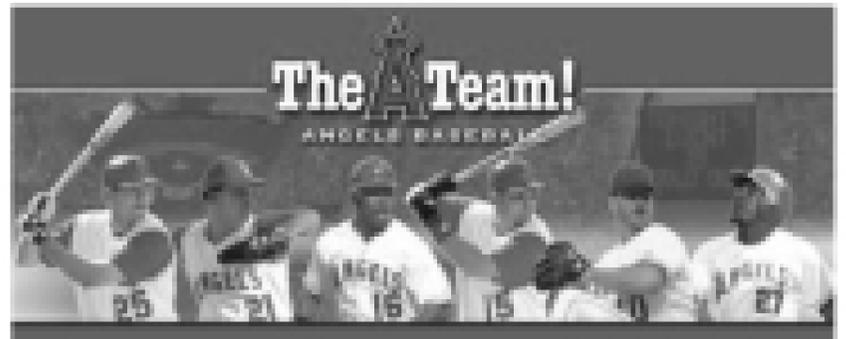
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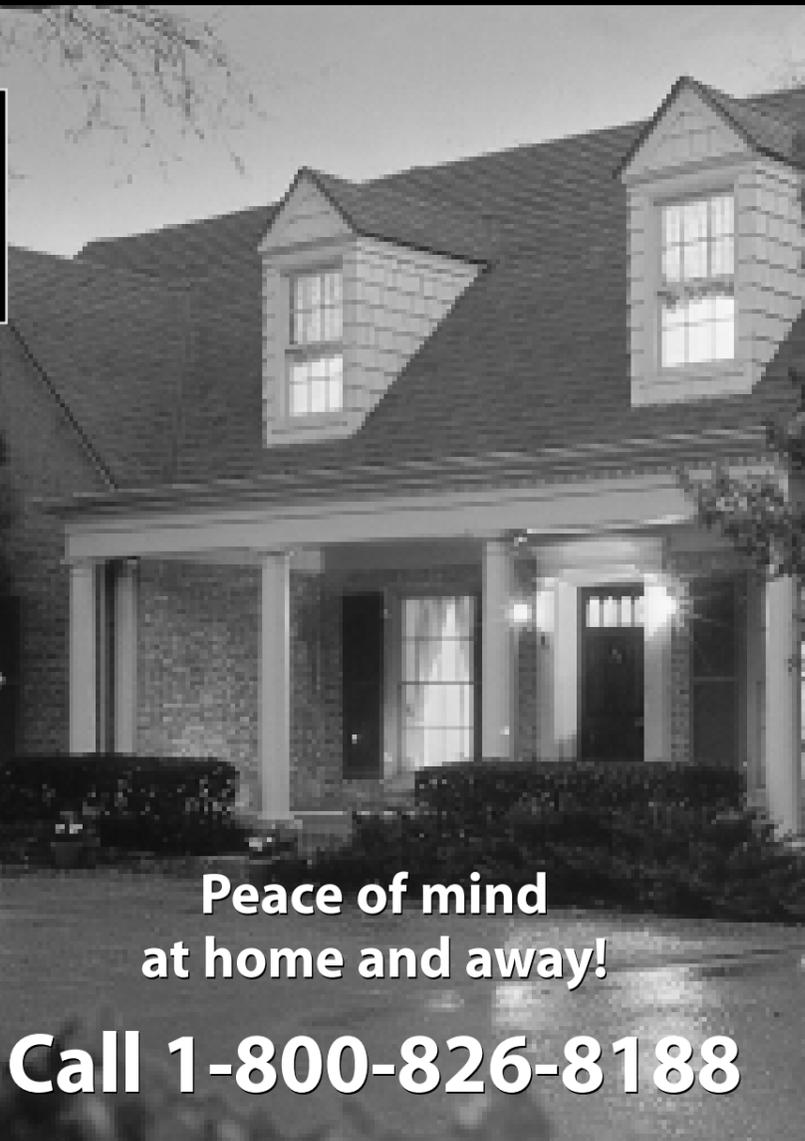
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