

## The City Digs It!

■ Completion of East Central Interceptor is a major achievement for Public Works and a great day for the future of Los Angeles. Other departments share the high-fives.

Story and photos by Robert Larios, Club Operations Manager

You might not see it. But, now completed, it will serve the City for decades to come.

On Sept. 30, Public Works officially commissioned the new East Central Interceptor Sewer (ECIS), an 11.2-mile conduit deep under the streets of the City. Desperately needed to replace

The ECIS tunnel-boring machine at Arlington Ave. and Exposition Blvd.



the City's aging infrastructure, the ECIS is a triumph for Public Works and other supporting departments, including the City Council, the Mayor's Office, Transportation and the Bureaus of Engineering,

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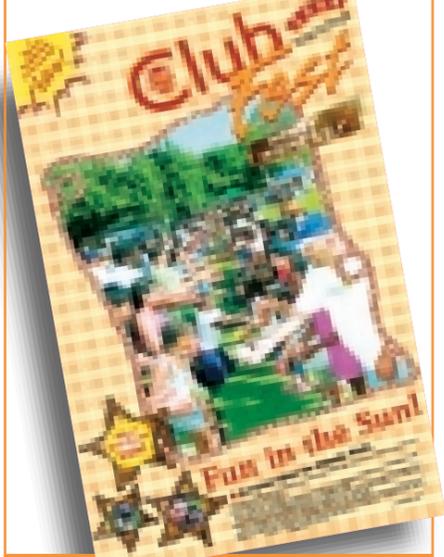


**"I am going to splurge at a spa!"**

— Maria Romasanta  
Fiber Optic Enterprise, DWP  
Club Board Member

# \$1 Million ... Back at You!

## Special Section! ClubFest 2004



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18 years



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Find out what these and other Club members are planning to do with their refunds (See page 3).

■ It's refund check time again! The Club gets ready to return more than \$1 million in refunds, the most ever. Are you eligible?

### \$1 million back!

It's refund check time, and early next month, the Club will be distributing refund checks to more than 8,000 Club members who held Life, Spouse Life and Dependent Life Insurance through the Club.

The \$1 million payout is the most ever refunded by the Club.

"The Club is proud to return refunds to our members who hold life insurance," said Club CEO John Hawkins. "We are known for many things, but the check refund is one of our most popular programs, understandably."

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by **Brian Trent**  
 CFO, The Club



## Insurance Pays Off For Club Members

Will you be receiving your Refund Check next month?

You most likely will if you are an active City or DWP employee and are enrolled in our group-rated term life insurance!

Most Club Members who have purchased term life insurance through the Club will be receiving their share of more than \$1 million in refunds when the Club counselors distribute the Refund Check in the first two weeks of December.

It's one of the things the Club is known for. ClubFest and the ticket discounts are relatively new and gaining popularity fast, for sure. But the Club has distributed a check refund in 74 of the last 76 years. I think that's impressive! I hope you do, too.

The Club takes managing your money seriously. You work hard for it. You take steps to protect your loved ones. We honor that commitment and hard work. And we're happy to return to you the portion we didn't use to meet the claims.

We are also very happy that the Club is becoming known for this very newspaper, *Alive!* Check out the big ClubFest special section in this month's issue.

The holidays are coming, so make sure to read about upcoming events throughout the paper, including in Chef Larios's column, in Michelle on the Move, and elsewhere.

Read *Alive!* to help plan your holidays. And use that Refund Check to help pay for them! You won't get the check if you don't enroll. So why not protect your family and likely get some money back at the end of next year? Talk to your Counselor today! See back page of *Alive!* to find your counselor.

Happy  
 Thanksgiving,  
 everyone.



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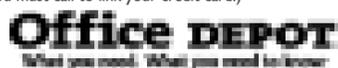
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Check out a full list on page 42!

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# Million Dollar Refund Is On Its Way!

## What Are You Gonna Do With Your Refund?

■ There are just as many  
uses as there are recipients.  
What are you going to do with yours?

"I'm taking my babies  
to the movies."

— **Brenda Walker, CSR,**  
11 years



"I am going to take my  
son to the movies."

— **Christina Kusch,**  
Management Analyst, 19 years



"I am going to put it away  
in my kids' savings."

— **Mary Ann Torres, Sr. Clerk**  
Typist, 5 years



"I'm going to save it for my IRA!"

— **Jose Gil DeLeon,**  
Security Officer, 4 years



"I am going to use my refund  
on Christmas presents."

— **Charlie Seals, Security Officer**



"I am going to take my family  
out to dinner."

— **Ralph Ronda, Senior Elevator**  
Mechanic, 18 years



"I am going to go to  
Disneyland."

— **Alex Rosales, Customer Service**  
Representative, 11 years



"I am going to give it to my wife."

— **Efrain Guerra, PSO, 30 years**



"I'm going to the movies."

— **Walter Leverett, 4 years**



"What a wonderful gift for the  
holidays! I get a nice check  
from my life insurance plan  
with the Club. I'm so glad to  
see the Club pulling through  
again in the clutch. It really  
pays to be a Club member."

— **Eva Farlow, City Attorney's Office**



## Refund Check

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Our life insurance plans are great — you can protect your family, and at the end of the year, get a refund back. Members who enroll in these plans end up winning twice. If you aren't enrolled, why not?"

The Club has refunded life insurance funds in 74 of its 76 years.

How much will your refund be? If you are enrolled in the program, your refund should amount to approximately 23 percent of our Life, Spouse Life and Dependent Life premiums paid in the accounting period from Aug. 1, 2003, through July 31, 2004.

Check distribution will start Dec. 7 and 8. If you're enrolled in the program, please make sure the Club has your proper mailing address in case we miss you at work. A phone number where you can be contacted is very useful.

So why are you getting a refund check? And why are you getting so much money back? "Basically, very few people died this year," explained Club CFO Brian Trent. "And the ones who did unfortunately die did not have large amounts of coverage. Fortunately for your loved ones sake most of you lived another year. When you all live a bit longer, your Plan expenses are lower. Your Club (LACEA) Plan with U.S. Life is 'Experience Rated.' In other words, the premiums not needed for claims and expenses are returned to you."

Check refunds are not guaranteed every year. "People die, sometimes in numbers that are not statistically likely yet still possible," Trent said. "Club Members have received a refund check in 74 out of our 76 years."

"Remember, we are not just the refund check people," Hawkins said. "Sure, it's great to get a check back. But you can also save every day on our discount tickets. And if you have an insurance question, we have the most helpful Counselors out there to assist you."

For those of you wondering about the specifics, here they are: \$4,371,092.56 of eligible premium @ 23 percent return equals \$1,005,351.29 refund to 8,082 eligible members as of Oct. 18.

"If you're getting a refund check, spend it wisely!" Hawkins said. "But if not, why not? Enroll today for consideration next year."

## Life Insurance From the Club: Great Plans to Fit Your Needs

■ Protect your family ... and get  
in line for next year's possible  
check refund, today!

If you haven't already, you, too, can take advantage of the Club's great end-of-the-year check refund program, and help protect your family at the same time.

The Club's life insurance plan is a Group Rated "Term Life" product. It is underwritten by AIG, a company that is rated A+ (Superior) by A.M. Best, the leading rating organization that gives an independent opinion, based on a comprehensive quantitative and qualitative evaluation of a company's balance sheet strength, operating performance and business profile.

City employees and their spouses can purchase insurance in \$10,000 increments up to \$300,000, depending on eligibility.

Here's how the refund check program works: Once all claims and expenses are paid, the Club divides up any money that's left over and gives it back to members with policies in force (retiree life insurance excluded). Amazing, isn't it?

Your Club Life insurance is portable, so if you leave the City/DWP workforce before age 60, your coverage can go with you. After 60, you are eligible for Club Retiree Life coverage.

Cover your spouse any time, even if you are not a member. Even if you stay with the Flex plan. You can get coverage up to \$300,000—much higher than many other plan maximums. The coverage amount isn't tied to yours. And your spouse is eligible for a refund check, too.

Cover your kids, too! Just \$1.20 bi-weekly covers all your dependents for \$10,000 each.

So don't miss out: Cover your family, and, with next year's probable refund check, you can cover some of your holiday 2005 purchases with cash back from the Club. Talk to your Club Counselor today.



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# LETTERS to the Editor

## Weblog Tells Insider Stories of City Hall, Is Insightful, Comical\*

Thought your readers might be interested in a published article by the Daily News last week. Apparently there is a City Hall blog (what's a blog you ask? Here's how [www.askjeeves.com](http://www.askjeeves.com) defines one: "a shared on-line journal where people can post diary entries about their personal experiences and hobbies.")

The Daily news describes the City Hall blog this way: "Written by City Hall insiders, promises to expose the secrets for all to see. And whether or not the blog lives up to its hype, perhaps it will inspire other City employees to start whistle-blowing sites of their own." So, I decided to check it out for myself. It's very interesting and insightful, even comical. Type this in your browser to see it for yourself: <http://fourthfloor.square-space.com/4th-floor-blog/>

— **Jimmy Tomlin, Club Member**

\*Editor's Note: Since this letter was submitted, the City Hall blog has been shut down.

## ClubFest 2004 Was an Excellent Day to Celebrate City Employees

We over here at the Fire Dept would just like to let you know that Clubfest 2004 was terrific. We are still recovering today from all the fun, food, games and prizes that were available. We had a great time and are looking forward to next year. Several of us had a lot of family members with us who had a great time as well and do not have the ability to express how much fun they had, but ClubFest rocks! And we can't wait until next year. Our children could not believe that they could just run free and have a good time, but that's what they did and came back "suds full of fun."

Once again the Employees Club has pulled off a spectacular event. And we over here at the Fire Dept. are looking forward to many more.

— **Tasha Muldrew, LAFD EMS Billing Unit**

Yesterday's picnic was great. Thanks again to all who worked so hard to make this a successful event. What a treat for me and my family.

— **Rosie Delgado, ITA**

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# Sewer Line Completion a Triumph for City Workers

## Sewer Project

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Sanitation and Contract Administration.

The commissioning ceremony was held Sept. 30 at 7th Street and Los Angeles River on the east side of Downtown LA. The ECIS project was the second largest single public works contract in the history of Los Angeles.

The ECIS, which extends 11.2 miles from the Los Angeles River to Culver City (with the flow continuing on to the Hyperion Water Treatment Plant in Playa del Rey), in effect creates one of the largest rivers in the state winding right through the middle of South Los Angeles, but few will ever notice it. The ECIS flows at an average of 70 feet underground as it carries up to 230 million gallons per day of wastewater toward the City's main treatment plant near El Segundo. And it's expected to help carry the City's increasing sewer burden for another hundred years. Without it, Los Angeles would have been limited by its dated sewer system. The pipeline itself is made of steel 11 feet in diameter, lined with PVC pipe. The balanced-pressure digging avoided surface disruptions.

Construction of the ECIS was completed in an astounding three-and-a-half years. Planning, environmental studies and a difficult approval process began in the mid-1990s. Through the years, countless city officials were involved: without their hard work, the ECIS could not have been completed.

The project used 350 miners working underground, more than a thousand others in above-ground jobs, and four highly sophisticated tunnel-boring machines. It was built on time and under budget.

ECIS, which will eliminate wastewater overflows during heavy rains and sewer odors that have plagued some Los Angeles neighborhoods, is one of a series of new sewer projects designed to greatly expand and upgrade the City's sewer system. ECIS replaces the 80-year-old North Outfall Sewer (NOS) that overflowed during the El Nino storms of 1998 and triggered wastewater spills in the southern and northeast areas of the city.

ECIS, which has been designed and constructed to have a useful service life of at least 100 years, was formally commissioned at an event attended by City officials and community leaders at an ECIS site at Mission Road and Jesse Street in central Los Angeles. The commissioning ceremony was presided over by Board of Public Works President Valerie Lynne Shaw.

Shaw pointed out that ECIS is the City's largest public works project since the expansion and upgrade of the Hyperion Wastewater Treatment plant, which was completed in 1998 at a cost of \$1.6 billion to create a world-class full secondary treatment facility.

ECIS, which is a line 11 feet in diameter, begins at Mission Road and Jesse Street in central Los Angeles. ECIS then proceeds westward for 11.2 miles, mostly beneath Exposition Boulevard, to approximately La Cienega Boulevard where it turns south, crosses into Culver City and connects with the North Outfall Relief Sewer (NORS), which was completed in the 1990s.

The tunnel for ECIS was dug at depths of 50 to 70 feet or more by four boring machines -- each 300 feet long and weighing more than a diesel locomotive -- that operated totally underground. The boring machines were lowered into place at construction shafts at Mission Road and Jesse Street, Grand Avenue and Exposition Boulevard, and La Cienega Boulevard and Jefferson Boulevard. Dirt excavated by the laser-guided boring machines was transported down the tunnel on rail cars to one of the shafts, then lifted to the surface and hauled away. Pre-cast concrete pipe segments were lowered down the shafts, put into place and grouted. Each pipe segment weighs 45 tons. The boring machines operated 18 to 24 hours a day for three years to get the project completed.

More than 1,100 people, including 350 miners in the tunnel, worked on the project, which was launched in February 2001. Encouraged by Shaw, the Project Labor Agreement sought out and trained new workers from the project area, as well as the rest of Los Angeles. "A total of 330 local workers were hired and trained by the Electrical and Building Trades unions representing project employees," said Shaw, who added that "nearly half of the new workers resided within the zip code areas along the ECIS route."

The project, which was completed three weeks ahead of the mandated deadline of Aug. 29, was carried out by the joint venture group Kenny



A group photo of many of the City employees who participated in the East Central Interceptor Sewer System construction project.

Construction Co./Shea/Traylor/Frontier-Kemp and supervised by the Los Angeles City Department of Public Works Bureau of Engineering and Bureau of Contract Administration. Now completed, ECIS is being operated by the Department of Public Works Bureau of Sanitation as part of the City's wastewater collection system. The 230 million gallons of wastewater conveyed by ECIS each day goes to the City's Hyperion Treatment Plant in Playa del Rey.

Another major new sewer under construction nearby is the Northeast Interceptor Sewer (NEIS) which will connect with ECIS at Jesse and Mission. NEIS has a scheduled completion date of June of next year. NEIS, a \$180 million project, will extend about six miles from Jesse and Mission northward to San Fernando Road and Cazador Avenue where it will link up with the Eagle Rock Interceptor Sewer (ERIS), another project under construction.

The NEIS tunnel is eight feet in diameter, and is being excavated by subterranean boring equipment about 100 feet below ground. Along most of its route, NEIS follows San Fernando Road. Over 80 percent of the new tunnel has already been excavated.

The Eagle Rock Interceptor Sewer (ERIS) is a \$21 million project scheduled for completion in January, 2006. The contractor for ERIS, Colich Construction, uses micro-tunneling and trenching to build the new pipeline that will extend for about three miles stretching northward from San Fernando Road and Eagle Rock Boulevard and branching to end at two locations -- Eagle Rock Boulevard and Fairpark Avenue in the vicinity of Avenue 51 and York Boulevard. The ERIS pipelines are between 12 inches and 45 inches in diameter. ERIS is designed to prevent wastewater spills like the ones that occurred in Eagle Rock during the record-breaking storms in 1998.

ECIS, NEIS and ERIS, all three of which are expected to be completed under budget, are part of an ongoing \$2 billion, 10-year sewer renewal and upgrade program being carried out by the Department of Public Works.

The City operates and maintains the largest wastewater collection system in the nation, serving more than four million people within a 550 square-mile service area. The City's collection system consists of more than 6,500 miles of sewers, 140,000 maintenance holes, and 46 sewage-pumping plants. In addition, the City's system outlets more than 600,000 private sewer connections totaling more than 11,000 miles.

The Club sincerely congratulates all the City workers who made the dream of a better Los Angeles come through. Congratulations!



From left: Matt Stevens, Engineering Surveyor, LSA, 5 years; Carlos Castillo, LSA, 13 years; Rob Salerno, FEA, 4 years; Mark Santistevan, Party Chief, 15 years; Maks Kindig, Survey Party Chief, 4.5 years; and Eric Gilbertson, Survey Party Chief II, 10 years.



From left: Eric Keller, Civil Engineer, Harbor, 15 years, worked at Contract Administration when this project started and wanted to celebrate the completion with his former colleagues; and Carlos Tirres, Construction Inspector Contract Administration, 15 years.



From left: Kent Welling, Bureau of Engineering, Research Engineer, 15 years, and Fuh-Shing Pan, Civil Engineering Associate IV, Bureau of Engineering, 17 years, made the hydraulic molding and research models for the project.



Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer, said: "It took hundreds of City employees from many City divisions to make this project completion possible."



Deputy Mayor Brian Williams addresses the crowd during the midday ceremony.



Roland Luna: ITA-Channel 35 cameraman, 7 years.



John Reamer, the newly installed General Manager of Public Works, enjoys the festivities.



Sami Wassef, Transportation Engineer, DOT, 20 years of service, said that DOT made sure the street and people were safe during the construction.



Paul Morrison, LSA, 10 years, was inadvertently left out from the group picture and got a photo all to himself.

# Going Hog Wild!

Story and photos by Bev Haro, Club Counselor

## ■ LAFD Harley group rides in charity event.

The Fire Hogs, the LAFD's Harley-Davidson group, hosted a Hog's Breath BBQ Sept. 25. The event began with the Fire Hogs meeting at

the Bartel's Harley-Davidson in Marina del Rey to register for the event. At 11 a.m. the group rode from Marina del Rey to the Long Beach Queen Mary Event Park for a barbecue. All proceeds gained from the event, including registration and entrance fees, went to the Widows, Orphans, and Disabled Firemen's Fund.

Members of the LAFD and Transportation helped organize things and keep things safe the day of the event in Marina del Rey.

Good job, Hogs!



Ron Maga, Engineer at FS 96, 21 years.



Joe T., Fire Station 64, 27 years.



Fire Hogs bikes lined up at the Queen Mary Event Park.



From left: Mike Kammerer, vice president of the Fire Hogs; Colten Willey; Jimmy and Diane Doburn; and Greg Porter.



More Fire Hogs arrive.



John Rejendez (Fire Station 27), 15.5 years with friends.



From left: Carl Pace; Heath Goff, Engineer at FS 20; and Leon Brown.



From left: Carl Pace; Heath Goff, Engineer at FS 20; and Leon Brown.



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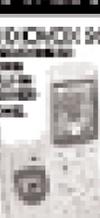
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# Who Sits on Commissions?

■ In response to audits of Airports, DWP and Harbor, City Controller Laura Chick creates database to assess commission rosters. Patterns are revealing.



Laura Chick, City Controller

Calling for a "new expansion of representation on our City Commissions," City Controller Laura Chick announced the creation of the first-ever online City Commission Database, which she expects to unveil this month.

"In June, I made an open call for women across Los Angeles to apply for City Commissions. [Recently] I gave the mayor the 17 resumes I received in that effort. But appointing more women to City Commissions is only part of the solution. We must do more to appoint people from all parts of our City, reflecting our great diversity," she said.

"Los Angeles's citizen commission form of government can be one of our great strengths. We also know that it can be a weakness, as we have found in my audits of the Airport, Water and Power, and Port," she said.

Compiled from public records captured by the City Clerk's Office, the Controller's Database shows that there is a great disparity between men and women, for example, on the three proprietary commissions: six men and one woman on the Airport Commission, three men and two women on the DWP Commission, and four men and one woman on the Port of Los Angeles Commission.

As described by Chick, the most striking revelation is the great disparity of appointments among Council Districts. The greatest number of Commissioners come from Council District Five, which includes communities including Holmby Hills and Bel Air. The most underrepresented district is District Six in the mid-San Fernando Valley, which includes Van Nuys and North Hills.

"This database is an additional way in which I am making the city of Los Angeles more transparent to the people," Chick continued. "This tells an important story, one that has been part of a longtime culture of the way the City does business. Opening up these Commissions will help us achieve the full promise of public involvement and deliver a truly representative form of citizen government," Chick said.

The Controller's City Commission Database is expected to be launched at the beginning of November.



# Harbor Generates Fun

■ DWP's Harbor Generating Station holds annual picnic.

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

DWP's Harbor Generating Station held its tenth annual employee picnic Sept. 18 at the Harbor Pistol Range in San Pedro.

About 70 DWP employees attended with their families and friends. They enjoyed barbecue ribs, chicken, hot dogs and hamburgers. There were games for the children and lots of raffle prizes were given out at the end of the day. The band Broken Moon, led by Club member Dennis Dorsey, volunteered to perform at the picnic.

Thanks go to the organizers and to Club Member Mary Mallory for inviting us.



Broken Moon Members, from left: Michele Bara; Dennis Dorsey, DWP; Richard Bara; Veronica Little; and James Sagun.



From left: Yvonne and John Blansfield.



From left: Dionandre Stevenson, DWP, 1 month, with wife Debra; and Erica Stevenson.



Lonnie Reyes; Linh Thai; Can Nguyen, DWP, 20 years; and Lawrence Fugee, DWP, 32 years.



Broken Moon



From left: Greg Nazarian, DWP, 25 years; John Toeble, DWP, 25 years; and Patrick Sanchez, DWP, 4 years.



Children enjoying the festivities.



From left: Mostafa Haji, DWP, 15 years; and Gordon Murphy, DWP retiree.



From left: Carla Carrillo with son Sean on lap; Bianca Carrillo; and Phillip Carrillo, DWP, 5 years.



John Vallow, DWP, 31 years, with wife Annette.



Front row: Madeline; and Erika. From left: Wade Allen; Michelle Flagg; Doriane Allen; and Lenny Reed, DWP, 23 years.



From left: George Cobian, DWP, 23 years; Megan Suarez, DWP, 4 years; Zachary (holding son); and David Suarez, DWP, 3 years. Front row: Noah.



DWP employees with friends and family at the employee picnic.



Shirley Gaskins, DWP, 11 years.



Lawrence Fugee with granddaughter Dahjane.



John Nance.



Left side: Linne Chu. Right side, from back: Peter Chu, DWP, 4 years; and Leo Chu.

## The Sweet, Remarkable 'Ma'dear'

### ■ The City loses Animal Services Commissioner Helen Ann Johnson, who died Sept. 28.

By Jackie David, Public Information Director, Animal Services



She was born in a little town in Louisiana Nov. 2, 1930, the youngest of six children born to the late Jesse Sr. and Garnie Atkins. Her name was Helen Ann Atkins and she was destined for greatness.

Helen Ann Atkins' life was one full of uphill

challenges – challenges that molded her into one of the City's ever-so-humble and ever-so-great movers and shakers.

In 1952, Helen Ann married Douglas Johnson. They raised three daughters: the late Connie Mitchell, Thenor Lynn and Nikki Lavette. They moved to Los Angeles, where Helen Ann retired as a beautician.

Helen Ann became a local activist for the community she loved. She was member to a host of groups in South Los Angeles, amazing her community and her City with her energy and commitment. She was a Commissioner at L.A. Animal Services. She had the ear of the City's mayors and councilmembers.

People said that if anyone could get Los Angeles City parks cleaned up, Helen Ann could. She did. People said that if anyone could drag the mayor down to the corner of Florence Avenue to look at a flooded area, Helen Ann could. She did. People said that if anyone could get the name "South Central Los Angeles" changed to "South Los Angeles," Helen Ann could. She did. People said that if anyone could stand up to an ugly and terrorizing Animal Rights Group, Helen Ann could. She did.

The City of Los Angeles lost sweet Helen Ann Johnson Sept. 28.

On Oct. 6, people lined up at the Calvary Baptist Church in Santa Monica to bid farewell to one of L.A.'s best.

Former L.A. City Mayor Richard Riordan affectionately spoke of Helen Ann to the crowd gathered at the church: "She physically dragged me to Florence Avenue to show me a flooded area and said, 'Now, do you suppose people in Brentwood have this?'" He called her a "goddess." The former Mayor also recalled how she made it a project to clean up and beautify all City parks – beginning with the one in her neighborhood – and how she made him do it.

Mayor Jim Hahn, who stayed the entire morning at the funeral, also spoke ever so fondly and affectionately of Helen Ann, talking about how if anyone could get anything done, it would be Helen Ann. He spoke of her great servitude and of her dignity.

Councilmember Jan Perry choked back tears as she spoke of this feisty yet ever-so-humble woman whose years were dedicated to serving her community. She brought a chuckle when she recalled that if Helen Ann asked you to do something, you had better do it – or have a good back up plan if you planned to say "no." And even that might not work. She also recalled what a great cook Helen Ann was: how she baked the best coconut pies and how former Councilmember Nate Holden humbly visited Helen Ann just to ask for her coconut pies.

Men and women, young and old, all stood up to tell their story. Those close to Helen Ann called her "Ma'dear." One after the other talked about how you had better do what "Ma'dear" asked or you would get a "whooping." They talked about how, if you ever needed anything, anything at all, "Ma'dear" would be there for you. She cooked and she fed. If you had no food, she would see to it that you and your family would have your food. Yet, Helen Ann always told those who came to her that "a man who doesn't work, doesn't eat."

Everyone wanted to be part of Helen Ann's family – black, white, yellow, young, old, middle-aged, rich, poor, famous or not – it didn't matter. Everyone wanted to share that if anyone was important to Helen Ann, they were. Everyone wanted to lay claim to being her daughter, her son, her grandson, her granddaughter, and her dearest friend.

A gentleman gathered the courage to stand up and speak and this is what he said: "When I was down and out, Helen Ann was there for me. She fed me. She took care of me. She made me feel like the most important person in the world. I'm not even black, I'm Mexican ... and I'm her family." The church crowd smiled with understanding. "I will always, always honor her memory and make sure that people don't forget who 'Ma'dear' was."

That is the way this humble woman from humble beginnings moved and swayed Los Angeles with her baked pies and meals, her kindnesses, her nourishment of her fellow-beings' body and soul.

Whence cometh this remarkable woman who had the gift to respond to greatness, who knew the magic and secret of servitude, who understood it was a holy duty to bake her pies and nourish her kindred folk? Whence cometh this greatness cloaked in humility? This greatness was borne out of pain and understanding and steadfast courage to always be true to yourself and to others; to acknowledge with your life that we all are valuable no matter the color, the creed, the position, the title. This greatness was borne out of gentility, and kindness, servitude and dignity ... a greatness that Helen Ann Johnson truly exemplified as only she could in her own unique remarkable way.

Thank you Helen Ann. Thank you "Ma'dear." We will miss you

## New Animal Svs. GM

### ■ Guerdon Stuckey comes from Maryland to head department that's been in the news. Focus group helps in selection process.

On Sept. 27, Guerdon Stuckey was appointed to be the new General Manager of Animal Services by Mayor Jim Hahn.

Stuckey replaces Sharon Morris, who was appointed interim general manager after the departure of Jerry Greenwalt earlier this year.

"I am looking forward to welcoming Guerdon Stuckey as general manager of the Animal Services Department," the mayor said. "Guerdon's credentials and skills as a top-notch manager are exactly what the department needs to get itself back on track. I have great confidence in the experience and ability that Guerdon brings to the position – especially his experience in turning around troubled city departments."

"I am so pleased to join the City of Los Angeles as the new general manager of the Animal Services Department," Stuckey said. "The key to this job will be getting to know the community, the issues and the staff and making sure to address the particular concerns of each group."

The general manager for Animal Services oversees the department's six shelters located throughout Los Angeles, enforces animal-related laws and acts to prevent cruelty to animals. Since the start of his administration, Mayor Hahn has announced the City's commitment to a no-kill policy for all adoptable animals by 2008 and introduced the Spaymobile, which provides thousands of free and subsidized surgeries to pets in low-income areas.

Mayor Hahn created a multi-step process to find the new general manager. First, Mayor Hahn asked animal organizations in Los Angeles to come together in a focus group to develop a list of desired qualities in the next general manager. The focus group developed a job description that heavily emphasized strong management and communication skills. That job description was sent out nationwide and brought in more than 70 applicants for the position.

Mayor Hahn then appointed a smaller group of animal experts to form a search committee,

chaired by Madeline Bernstein, president of SPCA LA, to review all the applications and narrow the group down to 16 of the strongest candidates, who then went through the first round of interviews. The search committee sent a limited number of those candidates to the Mayor's office for final interviews conducted by Mayor Hahn, members of the City council and labor representatives. Mayor Hahn made the final decision in mid-September.

Stuckey was the director of neighborhood and community services for the City of Rockville, Maryland. Previously, he served as the assistant to the city manager for neighborhood services and assistant to the president of the Urban League in Charlotte, North Carolina.

"Guerdon has been an extremely important part of our management team," said Catherine Tuck Parrish, Rockville's acting city manager. "He has helped organize the divisions of our Department of Neighborhood and Community Services and brought outstanding leadership and new ideas to Rockville. All of the people he worked with will miss the enthusiasm he brought to our city."

"What the Department of Animal Services needs, above all else, is a great manager who can lead the organization down the right path. I have no doubt that Guerdon is that leader," said Mayor Hahn. "His extensive experience managing municipal organizations is exactly what we looked for in the new general manager."

"I had an opportunity to meet briefly with Mr. Stuckey and review his impressive work history. I look forward to working with him to improve the department's operations, employee morale and implementing policies, such as low kill/no kill," said Councilwoman Cindy Miscikowski.

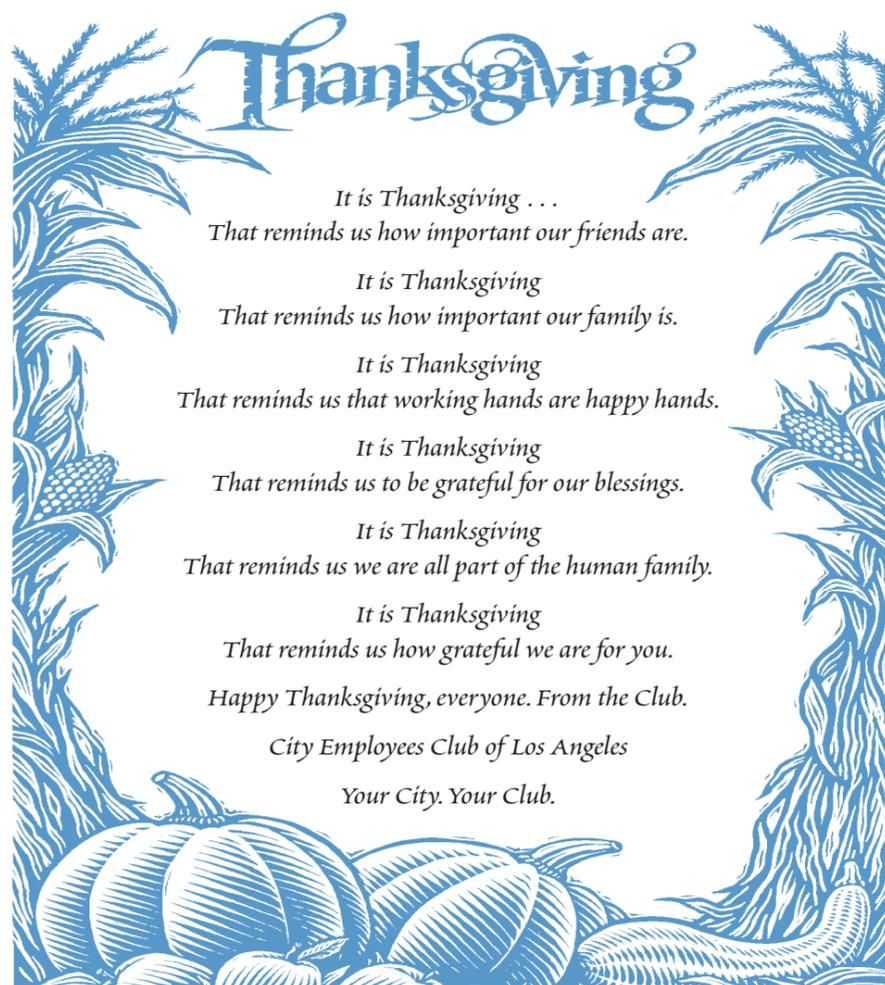
"Clearly, with Guerdon Stuckey's wide range of expertise and passion for the position, I am confident that he is the right person to effectuate a positive change for the department and the stray animals in this city," said Bernstein.

Stuckey graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park, with a Bachelor's degree in personnel and labor relations and received his Master's degree in public administration from the University of North Carolina, Charlotte.

The appointment is subject to approval by the City Council.



Guerdon Stuckey, General Manager of Animal Services



## Thanksgiving

It is Thanksgiving . . .  
That reminds us how important our friends are.

It is Thanksgiving  
That reminds us how important our family is.

It is Thanksgiving  
That reminds us that working hands are happy hands.

It is Thanksgiving  
That reminds us to be grateful for our blessings.

It is Thanksgiving  
That reminds us we are all part of the human family.

It is Thanksgiving  
That reminds us how grateful we are for you.

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone. From the Club.

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In the public service trailer were (from left): LAFD Chief William Bamattre and actors Joaquin Phoenix and John Travolta.

## Big-Screen Hero

### ■ LAFD Chief Bill Bamattre films a movie trailer with John Travolta and Joaquin Phoenix on smoke detector safety.

Joined by two recognizable friends of the LAFD—actors John Travolta and Joaquin Phoenix, currently starring in the feature film Ladder 49, Bamattre shares an important reminder for us all.

If you have a fast Internet connection, you can view the safety trailer online. To view the video now, simply follow the Windows Media or QuickTime links on the LAFD Home Page: <http://www.lafd.org>

Good job, Chief!

In October, cinema attendees across North America viewed a special Fire Prevention Week message from Los Angeles Fire Chief Bill Bamattre, reminding everyone of the safety of home smoke detectors.

# ALL IN A Day's Work

## Living History

■ Club member Vicki Chan is still going strong after 41 years with the City.



Vicki Chan, City Attorney's office, 41 years.

Story and photo by Robert Larios, Club Operations Manager

"City employees have it easy today," laughs Vicki Chan, still employed after 41 years with the department where she started: the City Attorney.

"I remember when everything was typed by typewriter, not computer," she explains from her desk in City Hall East. "Letters had to be perfect. If we made any mistakes, we'd have to start over."

"And no one does dictation like it was done before. It's a lost art."

A lot has changed since Vicki started under then-City Attorney Roger Armberg. She is thought to be the only City Attorney employee still working, who worked during his tenure. She has worked for five different City Attorneys.

She started as a secretary in the liability division. She then transferred into the tax and permit division, later renamed General Counsel. She stayed there for 39 years.

One of Vicki's most admired supervisors was Tom Bonaventura, who was head of the Tax Permit/General Counsel section before retiring about six years ago. Vicki worked approxi-

mately 20 years under Bonaventura. One the biggest projects working with Bonaventura was the 1984 Olympics; she was involved with the City contracts and the Coliseum with the Olympic Committee.

She is now in the Economic Development section. Although she believes the invention of the computer is wonderful, "People have lost the personal contact with email communication," she laments. "Communication was done by telephone, and paper letters and voice mail existed only in the form of someone writing down a message for the recipient."

"And people no longer call each other as Mister or Missus. We go by a person's first name in most cases. It has become less formal and more casual in our mannerisms."

She also feels that people were friendlier. "It seems that everyone is in a rush to get nowhere and everywhere," she says.

And the Angelino accent has changed in the last 41 years, she adds. She also notes that the City has more female attorneys today than when she started.

Though she is the party planner at the office, bringing her home recipes for the staff like her famous potato chip cookies, she also helps plan retirement parties and going-away events.

She loves modern jazz and Latin music, along with all kinds of foods. She likes to experiment with new foods.

She travels quite a bit and loves cruises. And she often goes to the Far East and Europe. Her husband is retired from Caltrans. She has two children, Vincent and Jennier.

Any thoughts on retiring soon? "Who knows," she says. "I'm one of the last of the very experienced City employees because many of my friends have retired already. But working makes me feel young, and I love to work. People are nice and the benefits are great."

"Life as a city employee has been incredible. It has always been fun to deal with City business. It helps to know what is going in City Hall."

In her career with the City Attorney's Office, she was involved in countless lawsuits for the city. "Even in the most difficult of time, I loved it because I got a chance to learn about the people around me."

Any wisdom you could give to city employees? "In the City, unlike in private industry, all you have to do to make your career last is go with the flow and do your best."

## Seaton Interim GM

The Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners Sept. 29 unanimously approved the appointment of Bruce E. Seaton to the position of interim executive director for the Port of Los Angeles while a search is being conducted to fill the chief executive vacancy.

Seaton will oversee the day-to-day operations and internal management of the nation's number one container port following the resignation of Larry A. Keller on Sept. 17. Seaton most recently served as Port chief operating officer, a position he held since December 1998.

"The Board applauds Mr. Bruce E. Seaton



for stepping up and taking the helm while the Port repositions itself during this transition period," said Harbor Commission President Nicholas Tonsich. "He's a natural leader."

A 25-year veteran at the Port of Los Angeles, Seaton rose through the engineering ranks, ultimately becoming chief harbor engineer and director of construction management in 1989.

Seaton is a Wilmington native and is a registered engineer in the State of California. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from California State University, Long Beach.



## Ice Time Is Nice Time Downtown

Thanks to Rec and Parks and Councilwoman Jan Perry, the Southland's largest outdoor skating rink, Downtown on Ice, opens for its seventh stellar holiday season Nov. 17, for skating through Jan. 17 at Pershing Square, 532 South Olive St. Nestled among the City's towering skyscrapers and historic landmarks with revelers gliding under the sun and stars, it serves as the City of Angels' own Rockefeller Center of the West coast.

Offering a low admission price of just \$6 per skating session and \$2 for skate rental, the rink is open seven days a week (including holidays), and made possible by sponsorship from Rec and Parks, and Councilmember Jan Perry (9th District).

Downtown on Ice also boasts a free holiday musical concert series and numerous special events, including "Lazers on Ice" Dec. 3-5, the "Winter Holiday Festival" Dec. 10-12, a special "Disney On Ice" sneak preview performance Jan. 11, and more.

The facility is easily accessible via the Golden State 5, Hollywood 101 and Harbor 110 Freeways, or by bus (5th and Olive), and the Metro Red Line (Pershing Square Station at Hill Street). Discounted rates for convenient underground parking with validation make it the downtown destination for winter fun.

For more information, call (213) 847-4970 or log on to [www.laparks.org](http://www.laparks.org) and go to Directory of Services, then click on Pershing Square. Or call (888) LA-PARKS (527-2757).

### Downtown on Ice at Pershing Square

Nov. 17 through Jan. 17  
532 South Olive St.

(across from the Millennium Biltmore Hotel)

#### Hours:

General schedule: Mon - Thurs, noon - 9 p.m.  
Fri - Sun, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Dec. 17-Jan. 9: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
(every day)

(Open all holidays; special hours apply)

Admission: One hour sessions: \$6  
Skate rental: \$2

Family/group discounts are available.

Parking: Pershing Square validated underground parking Monday through Friday before 5 p.m. is \$6. After 5 p.m. is \$5. Weekends \$4.

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## It's Holiday Time!

Alive! wants to go to your office holiday party!

Is your office having a holiday party? Let us know, and we'll do our best to publish a small story and photos from your celebration!

We know there are many, many parties already scheduled, and we'll do our best to get to as many as we can. So please let us know.

Contact your Club Counselor. Look on the back page of this issue of Alive! to identify your Counselor.

See you at the party!

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# Biggest Plug-in Yet



■ Harbor's innovative AMP project, chronicled in *Alive!* recently, sees participation by the largest ships yet.

The Harbor's innovative AMP program, which allows container ships to plug into shore power rather than run their engines and create pollution, has recently logged its biggest ship to plug in.

The Alternative Maritime Power (AMP) program has saved more than 100 tons of ship exhaust from entering the L.A. basin since its July launch.

The largest AMP-outfitted China Shipping container ship to date steamed into the Port of Los Angeles last month, switching off its diesel exhaust-emitting engines and plugging in to clean electric power at the Port's Alternative Maritime Power source at Berth 100. The 5600 TEU (20-foot equivalent unit) Xin Fu Ahou is the fifth China Shipping vessel to call on the Port and tap into the AMP electrical power source instead of burning fuel.

Alternative Maritime Power technology prevents one ton of nitrous oxide (NOx) and particulate matter from entering into the local envi-

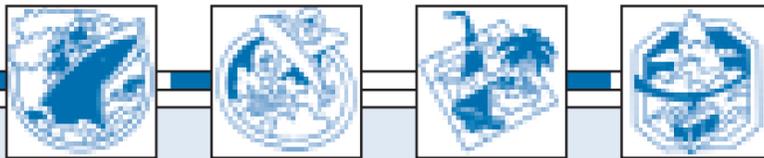
ronment each day the ship is docked.

"This is exactly the scenario we envisioned for AMP'd vessels at the Port of Los Angeles," said Mayor Jim Hahn. "Vessel after vessel arriving at the Port and plugging into clean power while off- and on-loading cargo, and not releasing pollutants into the air. AMP is key to the Port's efforts to meet my 'no net increase' pledge. China Shipping has been a great partner in the AMP program, and we're looking forward to working with our other shipping lines to AMP more vessels and terminals."

Since July, AMP'd China Shipping vessels have made more than 20 ship calls utilizing AMP power at the berth, preventing the discharge of more than 100 tons of emissions into the Los Angeles Basin. The Port of Los Angeles is currently the only port in the world utilizing AMP for container ships.

The Port of Los Angeles is America's premier port. As the leading container port in the nation and a critical hub in the international supply chain, the Port generates thousands of stable, well paying jobs. It has also placed a high priority on smart growth initiatives combined with high security, environmental stewardship and community outreach. The Port of Los Angeles is a proprietary, self-supporting department of your great City of Los Angeles.

## OFFICIAL CLUB PARTNER



# Travel Talk

by Tony Adler, President, Cruise and Resort, Inc. Club Travel Partner



## You Work Hard, So Play!

■ New travel column gives you ideas for relaxing, having fun and seeing the world—on a budget.

Hello Club members!

We are honored that Cruise and Resort, Inc., has been chosen as the Club partner for travel. Each month we will focus on a few travel bargains and tips. Just remember that we are a valuable resource for planning travel, and we welcome the opportunity to work with you.

I know you all work hard. That's the trademark of a City employee. You deserve to have fun and rejuvenate yourself. That means travel, and that's where I come in.

I look forward to bringing you new and exciting travel ideas every month in my column here in *Alive!* So let's get started!

**Cruises:** In Los Angeles, we have several excellent ships to choose from. Most one-week cruises sail from L.A. to the Mexican Riviera, which includes Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlán and Cabo San Lucas. NCL has just introduced a new eight-night cruise on a faster ship that includes Acapulco and Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo and skips Mazatlán.

Rates on the one-week cruises from Los Angeles can be as low as \$599 per person, depending on the time of year. Add a window or balcony and expect to spend at least a few hundred dollars more. It is pretty much like a resort hotel: the better your room, the more you pay. Still it is quite a bargain when you consider what is included – the cruise, the ports, your meals onboard, and lots of entertainment possibilities.

The Caribbean also offers a variety of exciting cruises from Florida, Texas and New Orleans. The actual discounted cruise rates are similar to the Mexican Riviera cruises, but the air transportation pushes your total costs up about another \$300 to \$400 per person. Still, if you haven't been to the Caribbean recently, this is the best way to go. No constant packing and unpacking. The brand new Caribbean Princess offers lots of new bells and whistles, including evening movies by the pool.

**Pros:** New ships – a bargain when you consider how much is included – travel to exotic locations without having to fly there; lots of activities for families and extended families.

**Cons:** Limited destinations available from Los Angeles.

**Tips:** Let us compare rates on a few different ships for you. If you are flexible between Princess, Carnival and NCL out of Los Angeles, sometimes you can save even more money. Also consider special sailings to Hawaii and holiday sailings on ultra-luxury vessels. Most of the Alaska cruises do sell out. Make plans now for next summer while the early booking bonuses are available.

**Hawaii:** Hawaii is a wonderful tropical year-round destination from the West Coast. It is just so easy to get there! There are countless recreation possibilities including some of the best golf courses in the world. Finally, with recent security concerns, many people want to stay in the United States.

It is important to think of Hawaii as much more than Oahu and Honolulu. If you do visit Oahu, be sure to venture to the art galleries and village atmosphere of the North Shore. On the way, stop at the Dole Pineapple Plantation. Sure it is touristy, but it is also quite interesting and a lot of fun.

On Maui, the Wailea side has the best weather. There are several great resorts including the Grand Wailea, Four Seasons, Fairmont Kea Lani and Marriott. On the other side of the island, we recommend the Hyatt Regency as the best property in Kaanapali.

On Kauai, our first choice is always the Hyatt Regency at Poipu Beach. This is a vacation paradise you will remember forever. Spectacular beaches, beautiful grounds with graceful swans roaming, and one of my all-time favorite golf courses.

The big island of Hawaii is the driest of the Hawaiian Islands. There are fine resorts literally carved from the lava not far from the Kona airport. Among the most famous are the Mauna Kea, Mauna Lani and Four Seasons. Come to this island for golf and visits to Volcano National Park. If you are lucky, you will see fiery eruptions that appear almost too close for comfort.

**Pros:** Easy access from the West Coast; spectacular hotels and resorts in a clean and tropical environment ; numerous sightseeing and recreation opportunities.

**Cons:** Some of the hotels can be a bit pricey.

**Tips:** Save money by having our specialists arrange your vacation with one of our top tour companies. Don't be confused by the word 'tour.' We are not talking about bus rides and city tours. In this case, it is just your air, hotel and car rentals that are included. We use our buying power to provide you with tour company bulk rates. You save money on all the components, and have access to the best rooms at the finest properties. We can set you up with a multi-island experience that goes far beyond the ordinary, often for less money than people spend for much less.

**More Ideas:** Consider some of the all-inclusive resorts in Jamaica and the Bahamas. Try the Grand Lido for super luxury vacations for adults at very reasonable prices. The Breezes resorts are more moderate and more suited for families. The Hedonism resorts are ...well, wild and hedonistic. These are sort of like cruise vacations on land. In fact, if you have cruised in the last year, we have been authorized to offer you an additional discount to try one of these fun-filled resorts.

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# ITA Has Lunch

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

## ■ ITA throws employee luncheon in Griffith Park.

Seasons were just on the verge of changing from summer to fall when the Information Technology Agency's Social Committee recently hosted its department-wide outdoor event entitled *Lunch in the Park*, Sept. 23 in the Crystal Springs picnic area of Griffith Park. For roughly 350 of ITA's staff, this was a welcome opportunity to socialize with one another in a relaxed setting and enjoy a sumptuous meal with chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, pasta and potato salad, fruit salad, green salad, salsa and chips, sodas and a variety of pastries. There was no shortage of savory items from which to choose.

In addition, guests enjoyed a number of games and activities including volleyball, bingo, a water balloon toss and a tug-of-war, as well as a discussion of this year's productivity awards.

The event was concluded with a drawing for door prizes, with an Xbox game system donated by the City Employees Club being given away as the grand prize. The Club had a table to meet members old and new, and also donated movie tickets and a See's gift certificate for bingo.

The Club thanks ITA and Club members Thera Bradshaw and Peggie Kirkpatrick for inviting us and assisting with this story.



The ITA Employee Luncheon 2004.



CIO Thera Bradshaw, Club Member, welcomes the crowd.



From left: Anita Lee, ITA; Hoa Nguyen, ITA; and Emily Tran, ITA.



Luis Rodriguez, ITA, won the X-box provided by Club.



Left side, from left: Eloisa Razon, ITA; Wilmore Villanueva, ITA; and Wendell Villanueva, 1 year old. Right side, from left: Sheeba Varughese, ITA, and spouse Leah.



From left: Jinjin Hantragoon, ITA; Emily Tam, ITA; and Amy Lin, ITA.



From left: Annamae Peji, ITA; Judy Chu, ITA; Tam Vo, ITA; Nee Truong, ITA; Nee Truong, ITA, Club Member; and Pom Leawprasert, ITA.



From left: Yvette McFrazier, bingo winner, ITA, Club Member; and Peggie Kirkpatrick, ITA, Club Member.



From left: Joey Tu, ITA; Mark Ishii, ITA; Jon Hoang, ITA; Brian Biggs, ITA, Club Member; and Steve Garrison, ITA, Club Member.



From left: Gene Gamachi, ITA, Club Member; and Maryan Abbassi, who announces winner of the CD door prize.



Left side, from left: Mike Lee, ITA, and Bob Gillette. Right side: Watana Panutai, ITA, Club Member; Thu Ngo, ITA, Club Member; and Thomas Lee, ITA.



From left: Jackie Tran, ITA; Jina Payba, ITA; and Ralph Bocchetti, ITA.



From left: Leon Leung, ITA; Kim Amancio, ITA; Yosu Armandin, ITA; and Angelique Bullock, ITA.



From left: Gladys Monroe, ITA, Club Member; and Rob Collier, ITA.



From left: Dave Chan, ITA; Ernest Banh, ITA; Jonathan Hart, ITA; and Lonney Ferguson, ITA.



From left: Lawrence Montoya, ITA, Club Member; Victor Marreno, ITA; Tun Aung, ITA; and Rito Cisneros, ITA, Club Member.



The ITA Social Committee, the brainchild of former CIO Liza Lowery.



The tug-o-war.



The water balloon toss.



From left: Vicky Ngo, ITA; Anne Phu, ITA; Binh Vuong, ITA; Diana Nguyen, ITA; and Tam Phu, ITA



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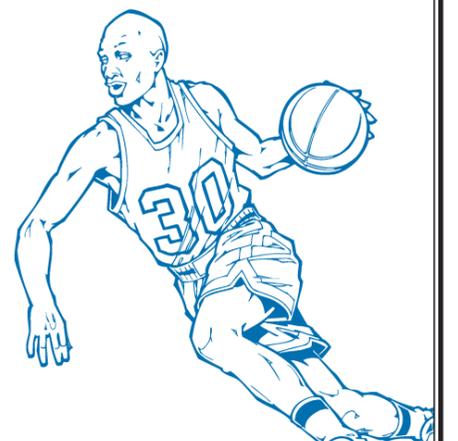
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# All Dolled Up



Club member Cheryl Power in the middle of her Barbie room, holding the crown jewel in her collection, an original Number One from 1959.

■ Club member Cheryl Power, DWP, is one of the country's premier Barbie collectors.

For Cheryl Power, it's all about the childhood memories. What was once lost, has now been found. And then some.

"I came home from school one day, and my grandmother had given away all my Barbie stuff," Cheryl says, surrounded by Barbie magazines and photos. "She said I was too old to play with Barbie dolls."

But they hadn't really been given away. Just stored away, out of the reach of young Cheryl, who's now a meter reader in the Truesdale Street/Sun Valley DWP office.

"Then, back in 1990, the trunk with all my Barbies was found in the attic of the family home. I opened up the trunk, and it was like a trip down memory lane. The dolls, the clothing, the little accessories, they were all there. Immediately I put the clothing back on the little hangers and hung them up in the doll trunks."

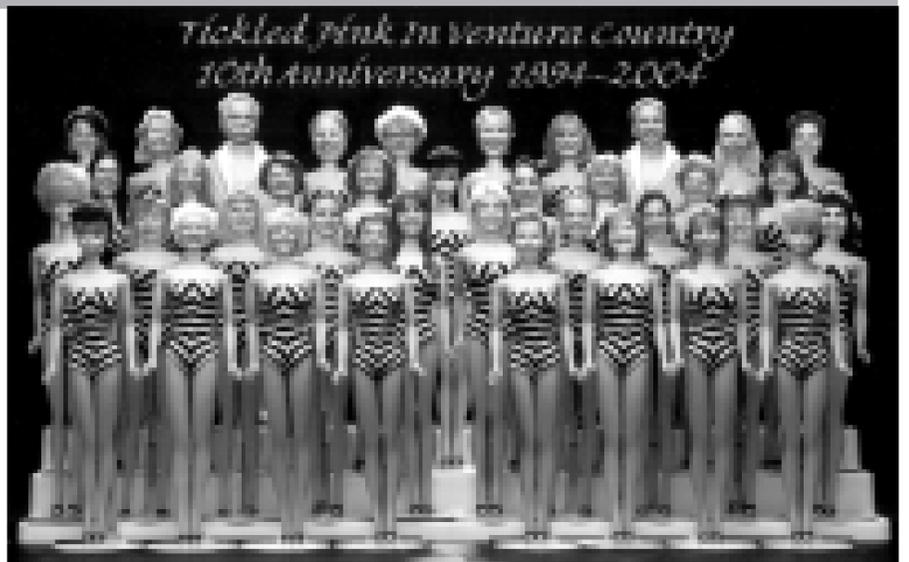
From that grew an obsession that rages on to this day, with eBay packages arriving and departing, collector magazines piling up, Barbie clubs joined, conventions (about one a year) and publicity events attended, and a Barbie Room overflowing with vintage ephemera.

And it all stems from her very first Barbie, a Number One, to those in the know.

"It was the very first series," she said. "My dad bought it for me at the Tinkerbell shop in Disneyland in 1959," the year Barbie came to be.

Does she still have it? "No, I don't. It was well-loved."

But it has been replaced: At a Barbie convention (a "Festival") in Orlando in 1994, she found another Number One, complete with the box and all the accessories, and the price was



Cheryl's Barbie Club, the Ticked Pink Barbie Club of Ventura County. This image courtesy of the Ticked Pink club, photograph by Rebecca Lynne.

right. So it came home with her.

Her mint-condition Number One, the gold standard of Barbie collecting, remains her most valuable treasure and one that she keeps in a safe away from her home with the other extremely-valuable, including several Number Threes, a Side Part American Girl (you know you love Barbie if you know what that means), and other vintage collectibles. While her collection spans the entire Barbie era, the vast majority of her stash is considered "vintage," or, more specifically, the era in which she grew up, 1959-66. She has more than 300 dolls ("easy," she says) including Barbies, Kens, Midges, Skippers and a few reproduction lines, and surely thousands of collateral pieces. She doesn't collect the play line, which is intended for children. She goes after only the swanky Collector's Series and the ultra-swanky Silkstone Series, both aimed at adults. ("Barbie and Ken might have just broken up, according to Mattel," she says, referring to a recent "news announcement" from the maker of Barbie. "But they will always be together in the Collector's Series," she says. "Ken is the ultimate accessory to Barbie.")

"I can look at an outfit and remember my mother and father buying it for me," Cheryl explains. "I can remember where I was, when it was, when I received it."

"I can remember the last piece of clothing given to me as a child. It was a Matinee Fashion, a red linen suit. My mother gave it to me when I went up to visit her in Santa Barbara. I looked in the trunk, but it wasn't there. I had to buy it on the secondary market. I found it at a convention in 1997."

"When I opened the trunk in 1990, there were some pieces missing that had most likely been sucked up by the Hoover vacuum cleaner 40 years ago," she explains. "So I went out to just complete some of the outfits and ... heh heh heh, here we are."

"Fifteen years after first opening the trunk, my collection is still growing. It's an investment I get to enjoy." She knows about how much her collection is worth, but it remains her secret, at least for now.

Is there anything left for her to discover?

"Oh, sure," she says. "Mattel at the time licensed so many Barbie products to so many companies. Just when I think I have everything, I find something on eBay that I've never seen. I can always find something that interests me, but I can't afford it. Barbie is why I have a day job!"

Which would be her favorite?

"I guess my newest acquisition would be my favorite, whatever that happens to be," she says. "Although the Number Threes would have to be my favorites, I guess. They have that little,

demure look. I just love that."

At work in the Truesdale office, she is well known for her Barbie obsession. Her office space is decorated with all things Barbie, the backside of her ID card has a photo of Barbie as a DWP employee, and people in the office even bring her little outfits from time to time.

"Not long ago, a co-worker told me he was watching a documentary about Barbie on TV, and wondering if I had ever seen it. Then he told that, 15 minutes later, he saw me on the program! And I said, 'What were you doing watching Barbie for 15 minutes?' He had no answer."

Cheryl doesn't know of any other City employee or Club member with a similarly strong passion for all things Barbie. But if you're at all interested, or you have something you might want to sell, you can e-mail her at cherylinla2@yahoo.com

What about a DWP Meter Reader Ken? Does she own that?

"No," she laughed. "But that would be great if they made that, wouldn't it? A Ken with little blue shorts and a yellow shirt. That would be a cute one!"

"I'd love to see a Tom Cruise Ken, from any of his movies. I don't care which one. I just love Tom Cruise."

Is it a good hobby?

"Well, I think you have to have some bond with the doll," she says. "Or a love of fashion. But it's a fun hobby, with lots of nice people."

"I collect for the love of the doll. It's that simple."



Even Cheryl's car proudly proclaims her as an official Barbie nut.



Cheryl's Barbie room. Photograph by Cheryl's friend, Chris.

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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 (membership)	(323) 728-4930
• 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

# Officers Say 'Aye'

**Retirement group holds annual officer induction ceremony.**

*By Phil Skarin, RLACEI Publicity Chair*



**Ed Harding,**  
RLACEI President

Ed Harding, RLACEI president, reports: "Our Annual Meeting and Elections are now history. I want to thank the members who had enough confidence in me and my fellow officers to re-elect us for another term of office. We'll continue to work hard for you to justify your faith in us.

"This was the first Annual Meeting in 20 years without Larry Jones, our late past president. Filling his shoes has been a tough job."

Ed was referring to the recent RLACEI annual meeting and ceremony to induct new officers.

Ed also reported: "I attended a meeting of the Retired Fire and Police Association Oct. 6 at the Simons Lodge. They had an attorney who told of changes in the Workers Compensation laws that will make for a tougher review of requests."

**New address?:**  
**If you change your address, notify Helen Salgado, Membership Chair at 5423 Dewar St., Los Angeles CA 90022, Phone 323- 728-4930. Also notify LACERS.**

**RLACEI Website:**  
**Hal Danowitz asks you to visit our Website at www.rlacei.com to find the latest retirement news. It will be updated regularly.**

## Membership NEWS

**Al Jue** ([323] 463-6480) is trying to locate **Martin Glazner**, a former co-worker. Al plays poker weekly with **John Iwamiya** and **Terry Wong**.

**Bob Wilkinson** and his wife took a 17-day cruise to Scotland, Iceland, Greenland and Nova Scotia.

**Fred Hoepner** has composed some pieces that have been recorded on CD: Romances in Ragtime (flute & piano) and River Buffs (piano). If you would like to order one, call Fred for info, (818) 249-8914.

**Elliott Adelman** recommends the Elderhostel program if you are looking for new opportunities to travel, learn, sightsee and/or engage in recreational activities at reasonable costs. There are four categories of programs, each with its own catalog: Domestic (U.S. and Canada); Elderhostel Abroad (the rest of the world); Elderhostel Afloat (ships,

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**Hynda Rudd**, former City Archivist, is the project director of an ambitious project to narrate the history of Los Angeles city government that is close to completion. Sponsored by the Los Angeles City Historical Society, the 22 chapters examine all aspects of the City. The senior editor is **Tom Sitton**, historian at the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History.

## Coming events:

**Thursday, Dec. 9**

**Christmas Party**  
at the Grace E. Simons Lodge

**Tuesday, June 14, 2005**

**Retirees Golf Classic**  
More info to come

### Readers respond:

Jane Hanson, Hemet: "Your writings have been so inspiring."

Del Grubbs, Morro Bay. "I enjoy your column"

Carol Volpe, San Dimas: "Thank you for your Thought for the day."

**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 phone (818) 784-0130 or fax (818)906-3722**

**I would like to hear some news about John Lemons, Don Tillman, Margie Anselmo and others.**



### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

#### *A Thanksgiving for Giving*

*At Thanksgiving time we usually give thanks for our blessings, such as food, shelter, friends and good health. But, why can't we use this time to be thankful for all the things we are able to give to others.*

*We can give our time and companionship to the lonely trust and confidence to those who need support, wisdom and knowledge to those who are searching comfort to those in pain*

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**Phil Skarin**



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# New Officers Installed



New Officers, from left: Jack Mathews, Helen Salgado, Dave Wilkins, Ken Spiker, Ed Harding (President) and Jerry Bardwell.

## ■ RLACEI retirement group has annual meeting, installs new officers.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

On Oct. 14 at the Sherman Oaks/Van Nuys Senior Center, the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc., held its annual general meeting and installation of officers.

Various items pertaining to the general robustness of the organization were also discussed.

The Club was happy to donate several gift certificates/cards for Vons, Ralphs and Albertsons.

Congratulations on another great year, RLACEI!



From left: David Port, Retired General Services Print Shop, with his wife, Barbara.



From left: Clif Cannon, LAFUCU Board member; and Tony Alvarez, Retired General Services Parking Manager.



Beverly and Joe Etheredge, Retired LAX, Club Member.



From left: Lee Kebler, Director of the Los Angeles Retired Fire & Police Association, Inc., and Gary Mattingly, General Manager of the Department of Fire & Police Pensions.



From left: Hynda Rudd, Retired City Clerk, and Mim and Ray Norman, Retired City Planning, Club Member.



Cleone Vrabel, Retired LAPD, and her husband, Michael.



Mico Rousso, Retired Public Works Engineering, Club Member, proudly holds his \$50 Ralphs Gift Card courtesy of the City Employees Club. With Mico is Leo Rosen, Retired Public Works Engineering, Club Member.



Ken Spiker talks about the retiree investment plan.



From left: James H. Smith, Retired Survey Division; Icle Davis, Retired Public Works Management Employee Services; Dora Smith, James' wife; Olivia Galvin, Retired City Clerk; and Helen Salgado, RLACEI Membership Chair Person.



From left: Hazel McIntosh, Retired, Department of Aging; and Robert Wilkinson, Retired, City Council, First Vice President



Ed Harding, RLACEI President, Club Member, welcomes the attendees.



Samdra Dyson, LACERS, talks about SCAN.



Phil Skarin, Club member, reads the poetry contest winners.



From left: John Peebles, Retired, Rec and Parks; Jinny Peebles, Retired Librarian; and John Busbey, Retired Rec and Parks.



Norman Rosen.



From left: Roger Baldacci, Retired, Contract Administration, and Evelyn Akerman, Retired Public Works, at the registration table



Marty Goodman, VP Marketing, LAFUCU.

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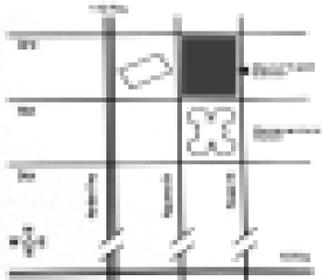
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3. Winning responses will be determined by official Club personnel. All decisions will be final.
4. The contest is all in good fun. The Club cannot be responsible for delays in delivering *Alive!* or for delays in the transmission of responses.

**Special Guest Judge:**



**Jackie David of Animal Services!**

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

# The Pet Club



## Heroes Quiet, Unsung and Brave

They are, to me and to many who know them well, the City's quiet, unsung and yet bravest heroes. Armed only with a stick and rope, they literally place their lives on the line every single day to protect the animals and citizens of Los Angeles and almost never receive acknowledgement for their heroism and bravery. If anything (and this really maddens me), people actually have the nerve to call them "dog catchers." *Dog catchers?*



I am talking about the City of Los Angeles' Animal Control Officers. Yes, they are officers and deserve just as much respect if not more than any officer out there. Just like police officers they get to issue citations, serve warrants and make arrests. Just like police officers, they conduct investigations and file reports and show up and testify before judges and juries. Just like firefighters, they too take many chances with their own lives to save animals and people.

Here's a difficult one for them to swallow. You are watching TV. You see a horse down. You see a Fire Department helicopter and bright Fire Department jackets. What do you assume? Naturally, that the heroes down there, doing the dirty work, are LAFD. Well, not so. Like I said, they are hardly ever mentioned for their heroism because the Department does not have the resources for bright jackets touting "Animal Control Officer." And so these officers, having toiled and worked in the mud for hours to save a horse, watch the news as firefighters once again receive the credit. How difficult do you suppose that is for them?

Want to talk about bravery? Well, here it is. Like police officers, Animal Control Officers put their lives on the line every single day and, guess what? They don't have the luxury of carrying a gun on their person and they do not have the luxury of backup and they do not have the protection of full Peace Officer Status. They sure don't have the luxury of receiving commensurate pay for putting their lives on the line, either. Yet, it is their job to enforce State and City ordinances dealing with the care, treatment, licensing and impounding of animals in the City. I'm not just talking about dogs and cats. I'm also talking about indigenous and non-indigenous wildlife – including predatory wildlife like coyotes and bobcats and mountain lions and snakes. Would you have the nerve to do this?

Picture this situation. You are told to save a raccoon on a building ledge 12 stories high. You go up with a rope and a stick. Someone holds onto your belt as you reach over the ledge to save this animal. Why? It's your job and it's expected of you. The sheriff holding onto your belt as you lean over the 12-story ledge tells you you're crazy. You have to admit ... maybe ... after all, your life is literally in his hands. If he



lets go of your belt, you're dead. Yet you get the job done. This is a true story.

Here's another one. You are told to go deep into gang territory to impound a dangerous animal belonging to a gang-banger who happens to be on parole. You are alone. You have a rope and a stick. You knock on the door and are confronted by yours truly and his buddies. How much nerve do you suppose you'd have to stand there and tell them you need to impound their animal?

During day shift, L.A. Animal Services has an average of 15 Animal Control Officers to respond to a City of almost 4 million residents and covering 470 square miles - that translates into one Animal Control Officer per 250,000 residents. On swing shift, we have one Animal Control Officer per 1.8 million residents.

How about this one? Neighbors complain there is a pack of dangerous dogs. You go in, armed with your rope and stick, and find yourself surrounded by a pack of snarling pit bulls. Got nerve?

How brave can you be with only a stick and rope? How about going into a dark alley alone, with no backup?

Why aren't Animal Control Officers afforded full peace officer status? Why, when we are talking about public health and safety, is the Animal Control Officer's health and safety not paramount? If you hurt an officer with full peace officer status, you will have a high price to pay. Not so with your Animal Control Officer.

I hope I got my point across for the life-saving work these quiet unsung heroes do. They are heroes – every single day – and should you ever run into one of them, please, let them know you appreciate them. It's the least we all can do

### 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](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)



# Boosters Play Golf

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor  
Photos by Arlene Herrero and Robert Larios, Club Operations Manager

## Central City Police Boosters throws annual golf tournament.

On Thursday, Sept. 23, the Central Area Police Boosters threw its seventh annual golf tournament to raise funds in support of neighborhood programs. Afterward was the awards ceremony.

According to Captain Rubert, 18 police officers participated. This was the greatest number of LAPD participant they have had since the tournament began.

The tournament was held at the California Country Club in Whittier. The Club thanks the Central City Police Boosters for their invitation.



Third place trophy winner received this.



First place and reigning champions with a score of 65.



Andy Monsue, Detective, 30 years.



Sgt. Brad Wise, 16 years.



Jim Rubert, Captain, 34 years.



Captain Rubert thanks the Club for participating along with everyone else who participated.



Training Officer Malone, 20 years.



Bob Palacios, Police Officer III, 16 years.



Tom Hyde, President, Central City Police Boosters.



Sgt. Rick Sanchez, 22 years.



Robert Nelson, Police Officer III, 23 years.



F. Dennewitz, Police Officer, 1 year.



Dan Gonzales, Police Officer III, 8 years.



Sgt. Jerry Chaney, 14 years.



Sgt. A. Walker, 15 years.



Lee Carter, Commanding Officer, Deputy Chief, 30 years.



Michael Godinez, friend.



Khang Tran, Capital Group.



David Wietrich, IGC.



Sats Uyeda, friend.



Keith Lenoue, father of officer.



Steve Griffin, Detective, 20 years.



Henry Leong, friend.



Oscar Chacon, friend.



Butch Lenoue, friend/brother of officer.



Jeff Miller, friend.



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Tom Magdelino, Chief Engineer, IGC.



Brian Kito, friend



Tony Gonzalez, Police Officer III, 15 years.



Kevin Schmitz, Manager of Midnight Mission.



John Lenoue, brother of officer.



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Thomas Canne, friend from Hawaii.



From left: Greg Montecino, friend; and Erick Kinoshita, friend.



Steve Sauer, Police Commission Hearing Officer, 3 years.



Closest to the pin (5th hole) winner: \$100 from 50/50 was David Ige.



Closest to the pin (17th hole) winner: Eric Needleman.



Longest drive winner John Malone.



Closest to the pin (10th hole, Club sponsored) winner (\$100 Golfsmith gift certificate) was Bob Taylor.



Diamond Sponsor: Jewelry Center, Bob Taylor.



From left: Irma Foster, Police Officer, 9 years; Nery Buenavidez, volunteer; Daisy Barajas, volunteer; and Cecilia Tatum, Central Police Station, 4 years.



Closest to the pin (2nd hole) winner: John Lenge.



Bob Taylor, Security Director, Sponsor for IGC.



Ron Tanaka, friend



Second place team trophy winner.



3rd place team trophy winner was Captain Rubert's team.



From left: Jim Lenoue, Police Officer, 8 years; Dave Chapnen, Police Officer, 4 years; Marcos Villanueva, Police Officer, 3 years; and Pernel Taylor, Police Officer, 8 years.

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## 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: Nov. 12. See complete list of rules at bottom right. ■ 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).

### 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.

The winner to last month's contest is: **Violeta Castro, Office of the City Attorney, Victim Assistance Program. Congratulations, Violeta!**

### Here is her response:



#### Frank Putnam Flint Fountain

It is located at First and Temple streets, the Frank Putnam Flint Fountain on the south lawn, was dedicated to Senator Frank Putnam Flint (after whom Flintridge is named), 1862-1929, in memory of his effort and commitment to provide Los Angeles with

an unlimited water supply. However, rather than commemorating Flint's contributions to the City, the monument, with its stained surface, rusted pipes, dry pool and deterioration, is more appropriately a reminder that seeking an unlimited supply of water for one group will ultimately mean a lack of water for any group.

Frank Putnam Flint (1862-1929) served as Assistant U.S. Attorney during the McKinley administration. As a United States Senator (1905-1911), he played a crucial role in obtaining federal support for the Owens Valley water project. Responding to a bill introduced by Flint that would have sold public lands in the Owens Valley to Los Angeles for \$1.25 an acre, Congressman Sylvester C. Smith of Inyo

County proposed that water be distributed first to residents of Owens Valley, and then to Los Angeles for household use only. The large landowners in the San Fernando Valley, who planned to use the water for agriculture, strongly opposed the Congressman's amendment. After leaving the Senate, Flint served on the Panama Canal Commission, and at the time of his death, was involved in negotiations that ultimately brought water to Los Angeles from the Colorado River.

Three months after Flint died, the Flint Memorial Association was formed to raise funds through public subscription for a memorial fountain. However, the Commission tentatively approved the design with the proviso that

a pool be added to the First Street side of the memorial. Flint's wife and children joined the Commission in attaching a medallion on one side of the fountain. However, in the mid-1990's, the unique medallions were stolen by vandals.

### Others who got it right:

- Paul Munz, Bureau of Engineering
- Pamela Dacoff, Fire and Police Pensions
- John Mireles, General Services
- Cristina Paneno, LAPD
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## Romp With Rudolph

■ Zoo celebrates the holidays in conjunction with Festival of Lights.

The LA Zoo's annual Reindeer Romp has a lot of new features this year: new location, new nighttime hours and new festivities.

This year's Reindeer Romp—and Reindeer Romp Under the Stars— adds to the holidays with reindeer "living" in a Santa toy workshop; musical entertainment; and Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa crafts.

The Zoo's celebration is also a natural end for those who enjoy the nocturnal Festival of Lights, sponsored by the DWP. Now, with the Zoo's nighttime holiday hours, you can enjoy the Festival of Lights and then continue on right to the Zoo's festivities.

The Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens will celebrate the holidays with an expanded Reindeer Romp to take place in the new entrance complex. Evening visitors who take a tram, walk or drive through the DWP's Festival of Lights will be able to enjoy more holiday festivities by visiting the Zoo's new entrance complex. Reindeer Romp Under the Stars will be free (5 to 9 p.m.) to visitors. Strolling entertainment, holiday music, reindeer, interactive shows, and crafts will entertain the entire family. Food will be sold, and the Zoo's gift stores will be open.

During the day, there will be reindeer sightings daily.

The L.A. Zoo and Botanical Gardens is located in Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura and Golden State Freeways. Daytime admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 2 to 12. Reindeer Romp Under the Stars is free and takes place in the new entry complex only.

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# Fire on the Water

■ LAFD's marine operations are an important part of City safety.

By LAFD Assistant Chief John D. Badgett

Many of you are aware that the City of Los Angeles recently spent nearly \$12 million to purchase four world-class fireboats as replacements for their aging predecessors.

One of these, new Fireboat 2, is recognized worldwide as the most powerful fireboat in service today. Later in this story, I'll address what the City got for its money, and why these boats are so uniquely capable to perform their duties.

However, before we get there, have you ever wondered why the City would spend this much money to replace four fireboats, especially in an era of declining tax revenue, and competing demands for funding?

Let's take a quick and somewhat broad look at the Port of Los Angeles, and what it means to the overall health of the City.

The Port of Los Angeles, known as POLA, covers a total of about 8,000 acres of area, including 43 miles of waterfront. It houses 27 terminals, numerous subsurface pipelines carrying various petrochemical products, recreational facilities, ecological preserves and even restricted areas for endangered bird species.

The terminals process a wide range of goods that arrive in diverse forms including containers of various sizes, liquid, dry and mixed (or break) bulk commodities, and many makes of automobiles. In addition, the cruise ship terminal services 12 cruise lines that carry approximately one million travelers per year, and there are slips for approximately 6,000 pleasure boats of various sizes.

The port is a global trading area, and it is the primary entry point in the United States for goods from the Pacific Rim. Ships from all areas of the world routinely call on the port including vessels from Denmark, Japan, Mexico, China, South America, South Korea, Southeast Asia, Taiwan, The United Kingdom and Vietnam.

As you can see, the port is a gateway to the world, and a major relay center for international cargoes. The Port of Los Angeles is the number one container port in the United States, handling

approximately six million TEUs (20-foot equivalent) annually. It is number eight in the world, and if combined with the neighboring Port of Long Beach, the two become the third busiest container port in the world behind Hong Kong and Singapore. With the advent of even larger container ships, and our port's ability to receive them, the volume through the port was projected to nearly double between 1998 and 2010, and it's on track to achieve those projections.

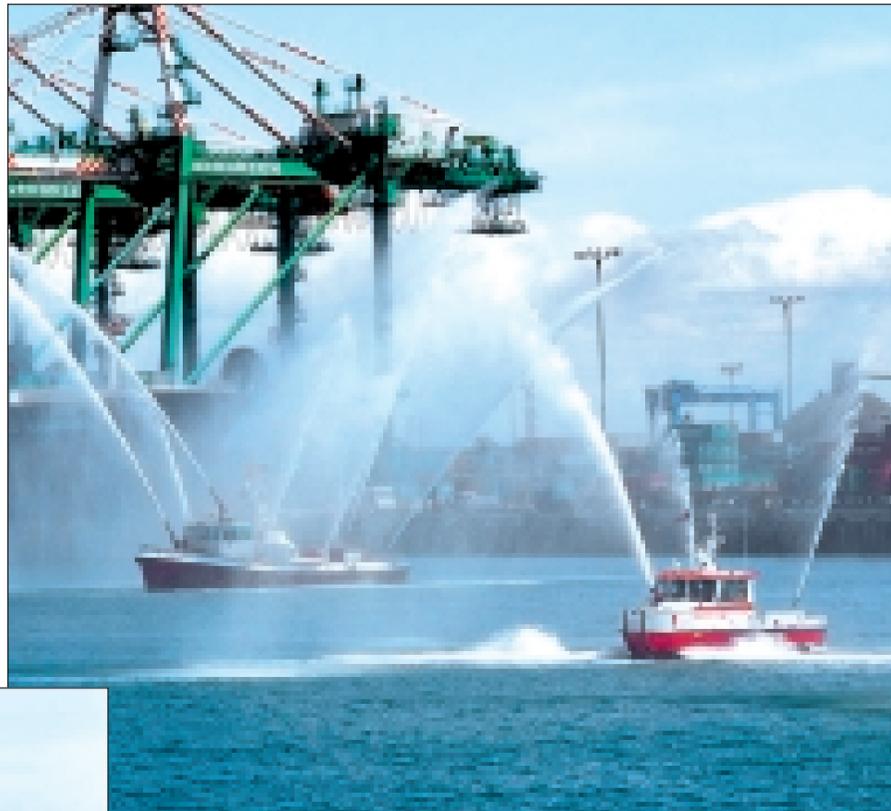
An incredible amount of infrastructure enhancement has taken place in the last few years to ensure that the port maintains its ability to attract commerce to this area.

Some of these may be familiar to you and others may not.

A few major examples are the construction of



"Piers" 300 and 400. Each site is a major landfill in the port. Pier 300 is approximately 300 acres in size, and pier 400 is approximately 600 acres in size. Both have created additional container terminals where there was once only water. Pier 400 by itself is the largest container terminal in the world, and it's smaller neighbor, pier 300, is the largest dedicated container terminal in North



America. In addition, the 20-mile long, \$2.4 billion Alameda Corridor Project was designed and built to provide enhanced train access directly to the ships and their cargoes, and terminates at the water's edge.

As a result of the combined efforts of the Port and its tenants, the Port's "economic engine" causes goods valued at more than \$104 billion dollars, to pass over the wharves of Los Angeles.

This port activity impacts nearly 260,000 jobs in Southern California, (that's one in 24), and nearly a million jobs nationwide.

Now, in perspective, the purchase of modern, highly capable fireboats to help keep the port operating and safe from fires, and other types of incidents starts to look like good business.

So, with your new port expertise, what kind of Fireboats would you buy to protect this unique infrastructure, and where would you go to get them?

Since August 1909, members of the LAFD have asked themselves this question. Back then, when the communities of Wilmington and San Pedro were annexed to the City, the LAFD inherited a new marine responsibility. The City and its Fire Department initially answered this question by contracting for the services of two tugboats that had a level of Firefighting capability. These boats were normally staffed by their civilian crews, but Firefighters were placed on board when needed.

In 1915, the LAFD purchased its first purpose built Fireboat; a 20-foot vessel called the *Aeolian*. As the challenges in the Port grew, and the LAFD became increasingly engaged in port fire protection, the types and capabilities of the fireboats also grew. Until April 12, 2003, our existing fleet of fireboats consisted of three 34 foot, 1000 gpm "small boats," and two large boats.

Fireboat 2, the venerable *Ralph J. Scott*, built in 1925 was our largest at 105 feet long, and capable of approximately 18,600 gpm.

Fireboat 4, the *Bethel F. Gifford*, built in 1962 and capable of approximately 9000 gpm was, and remains, our second largest boat at 76 feet long.

These vessels were all considered extremely capable when they were put in service, and due primarily to various ideas for ongoing improvement, and the high level of care that they received from their crews, they remained effective much longer than their designers could have anticipated. The *Ralph J. Scott* even became the oldest front line fireboat in the United States.

Fireboat 4, the *Bethel F. Gifford*, remains in service, highly capable, and is expected to continue as such for many years to come. In fact, in many ways it exemplifies the ongoing evolution of our fireboat fleet.

Fireboat 4 was built with a very limited firefighting foam capability, however after recent design modifications, it now carries a state-of-the-art foam system and 2,000 gallons of foam concentrate. The boat was also recently re-powered, which has added the muscle for it to continue in its place as an exceptionally capable marine firefighting tool.

However, as the recently retired fireboats once replaced others, our newest fireboats are taking the heights. The new boats are the result of a ten-year joint effort project between the Fire

Department and the Port of Los Angeles.

It began with a focused needs assessment. This process researched the current and projected future port protection role of the Fire Service in the port area, including the possibility of responding beyond the Port's limits as needed. The Port's hazards, potential, and expansion projects were studied in close detail. The entire port area was divided into hazard types, and then further refined into specific target hazards. The target hazards were then measured for fire flow, fire stream reach, potential firefighting foam requirements, alternate water source needs and a wide range of other criteria. Once this was accomplished, the data was compared against our existing fireboat capabilities, and the potential for enhancement, or reduction was carefully studied. On completion, a list of equipment and capabilities required to address the Port's needs was developed.

This list included items such as firefighting foam capacities and flow rates, on board EMS facilities, SCUBA program needs, towing capabilities, improvised water supply ability and many, many others.

Once all of these issues were addressed, the platform that would best carry the equipment and address our delivery requirements was researched. Among the top priorities for the new boat were overall strength, longevity, technological superiority, and a wide range of enhanced capabilities. Ultimately, marine architects and other specialists were hired to formally develop the Department's specifications, and the new large and small boats became a reality.

New Fireboat 2 was built at the Nichols Brothers Boat Yard in Washington State. This builder is one of the best in the country for vessels of this size, and was chosen because of their experience building large fireboats and tractor tugs. The tractor tug design was chosen due to its tried and true reputation in the workboat industry. The three new small fireboats are identical to each other, and were built by Kvichak Marine Industries in Seattle. This boat builder is also one of the best in the country, and has a great deal of experience building mid-sized patrol and fireboats.

The Department's new fleet of fireboats was built to proudly serve the citizens of Los Angeles, and the commercial port, for generations to come. We fully expect that firefighters who are yet to be hired by the LAFD will be long retired before these new fireboats are introduced to their replacements, many years in the future.

This essay was first distributed via the LAFD's online listserve. All photos with the exception of the photo of Fireboat 2 on the ground are copyright Don Winslow and are used here gratefully with his permission. The photo of Fireboat 2 on the ground is courtesy Nichols Shipbuilders, the company that built the boat.

Chief Badgett, a 31-year veteran of the Los Angeles Fire Department is presently Division Commander of Division II "A" Platoon, serving the Southern end of our City. Chief Badgett has had extensive experience in Harbor operations having been assigned as a Battalion Chief to the Harbor and San Pedro area of Los Angeles.

If you'd like to read more of Chief Badgett's overview of our 21st century marine operations, including photos and a side-by-side comparison of new and old LAFD Fireboats, please visit: <http://www.lafd.org/firewatch2004-3.pdf>

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# The Benefits of LAX

By Liz Montes, Club Counselor

Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager

## ■ Airports holds first employee benefit fair at LAX.

The Airports Department held its first Employee Benefit Fair Sept. 28 at the LAX Construction and Maintenance lunchroom. Deitra Barnett and Gerald Tuskes, who work for

LAX, coordinated the event.

More than 400 people attended the fair, exceeding expectations. Fair participants included Blue Cross, Delta, Met Life, Prudential Life, Kaiser Permanente, Deferred Compensation and many others

The Club thanks Deitra for inviting us!



From left: Belinda Brandon, Custodial Supervisor, 18 years; Mania Romas, Recycling, 20 years; and Rosairo Anyara, Custodial, 7 years.



LAX employees asking questions about their benefits.



From left: Madlen Ter-Galstyan, Human Resources, 5 months; and Wendy Butts, Los Angeles Conservation Corps Development Director.



From left: Maintenance Laborers Don Martinez and Ramon Barraza.



From left: Julie Magana, Sr. Clerk Typist, 4 years; and Linda Richardson, Management Aide, 26 years.



From left: Helen Georgeson, Manager Analyst II, 8 years; and Robbye Howard, Senior Clerk Typist, 30 years.



Airport employees asking questions at the various exhibit tables.



Liz Montes, Club Counselor, assisting Airport employees.



Liz Montes, Club Counselor, assisting Airport employees.



From left: Deitra Barnett, Management Analyst II, 10 years, Benefit Fair Coordinator; and Gerald Tuskes, Management Analyst, Benefit Fair Coordinator.



From left: Henry Victor, Deferred Compensation, answering an employee's questions.



LAX employees learning about their benefits.



From left: Willa Steward, Bus Operations, 7.5 years; and Edna Johnson, Bus Operations, 7.5 years.



Sitting: Julie Wallace, Cruise and Resort Club Partner, helping out an airport employee.



From left: Tim Fitch, Maintenance and Construction Helper, 6 years; and Cesar Banuelos, Cement Finisher, 8 years.



From left: Meaghan Langlois, 15 years; and Dennis Green, Sr. Management Analyst, 29 years.



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# Valley Traffic Tees It Up

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

## Valley Traffic Adviser Council has annual golf tournament to 'save lives.'

On Oct. 15 at the Knollwood Country Club, the Valley Traffic Adviser Council (VTAC) held its third annual golf tournament.

The theme of the tournament was "still saving lives." Its purpose was to raise funds and support VTAC.

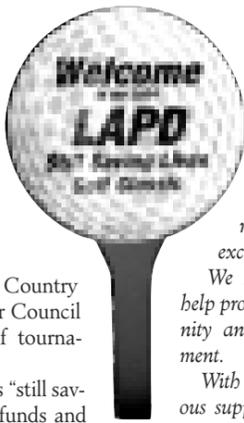
A letter inside the program helped explain the purpose:

"Dear VTAC supporters,

It is a great honor to have you participate in our third annual VTAC golf tournament.

Traffic issues affect everyone. The mission of the Valley Traffic Advisory Council is to provide support to Valley Traffic Division to maximize related issues and concerns in the San Fernando Valley.

Our non-profit organization heightens community awareness of traffic safety in the San Fernando Valley. We provide traffic safety and educational tools and supplies to enlighten our youth regarding driving under the influence, bicycle safety, street racing and pedestrian crossing safety to name a few. We have a



child safety seat inspection, installation and giveaway program. We also provide needed equipment to aid in the apprehension and prosecution of drunk drivers.

We recognize outstanding citizens and prominent businesspeople who support our life-saving efforts. We also recognize officers who have demonstrated exceptional service to our community.

We have general membership meetings that help promote communication between the community and the police department.

With your continued generous support, we can work in partnership to save lives and make the streets of San Fernando Valley safer.

—Ed Cholakian, Chairman, VTAC"

It was Club's first year to participate in such a worthwhile cause, and we look forward to next year's tournament.

The Club would like to offer thanks to the VTAC for inviting us to their tournament, and to LAPD Officer Jim Panek specifically.



The first place trophy.



The welcoming banner.



Ed Cholakian, Chairman of Valley Traffic Advisory Council, thanks everyone for participating.



The information board.



Sgt. Roger Archambault, Valley Traffic Division, was the Master of Ceremonies.



From left: Todd Bilbo, LAPD Officer, 11 years, and Roger Archambault, LAPD Sgt., 28 years; staffed the raffle table.



From left: Mitsi Grasso, Luther Lutz, Tony Razo and Michael Apodaca, representing LAPPL.



From left: Jim Panek, Tournament Organizer, with Deputy Chief Roy Burgman.



From left: Officer Jim Panek, Tournament Organizer, and Captain Greg Meyer.



From left: R. Lee Ermey, actor, with Officer Jim Panek, LAPD, Tournament Organizer.



First-place team, from left: Fred Meck, LAPD Sgt.; Brian Meck, LAPD Officer; Ed Wheelis, LAPD Sgt.; and Eric Wheelis, LAPD Officer. Third-place team, not pictured: Jay Bender, Highland Stucco; Dave Wilke, Highland Stucco; Mike Wilke, Highland Stucco; and David Wilke, Highland Stucco.



From left: Connie Silber, Valley Traffic Division; Felicia Mcadams, Valley Traffic Division; and Melissa Rossin, Valley Traffic Division, performing player registration.



From left: Jeff Conway, Devonshire PALS; Dick Beltran, Devonshire PALS; Phil Le Boueff, LAPD Officer; and Steve Gottschalk, LAPD Sergeant.



From left: Gary Dale, Office Depot; John Viramontes, Office Depot; and Gary Mickelsen, Office Depot.



From left: Kurt Garcia, LAPD Officer; Harry Van Vorst, LAPD Officer; and Rich Todd, LAPD Officer.



From left: Luz Montero, Valley Traffic, and Jim Panek, LAPD Traffic Officer and Tournament Organizer, check golfers in.



From left: Matt Bielski, VTD Officer, representing Bielski Real Estate Services; Steve Slinsky, VTD Officer, representing Bielski Real Estate Services; Steve Johnson, VTD Officer, representing Bielski Real Estate Services; and Todd Bilbo, VTD Officer, representing Bielski Real Estate Services.



From left: Jim Kelly, Keyes Motors; Chip Beck, Keyes Motors; Larry Taylor, Keyes Motors; and Ryan Albert, Keyes Motors.



From left: Joe Curreri, Command Officers Association, LAPD Captain; Steve Whitelaw, LAPD West Valley; and Bill Sweet, Command Officers Association, LAPD Captain. Not pictured: Mary Grady, Command Officers Association, LAPD.



From left: Margot Armbruster, LAPD Guest; Andrew Baldonado, LAPD Guest; and Ron Coleman, LAPD Guest. \*Not pictured Sharyn Buck, Parker Center LAPD Captain.



Second-place team, from left: John Macrae, LAPD North Hollywood; Al Cortez, LAPD North Hollywood; Tony Martinez, LAPD North Hollywood; and Paul Andrews, LAPD North Hollywood.



From left: Boyd Flinders, Herb Prinz, Bill Wilkinson and Joe Dunnigan, representing Lakeside Golf Club.



From left: Kevin Mansfield, NSB Associates, Inc.; Glenn Freeman, NSB Associates, Inc.; Greg Meyer, LAPD Captain Van Nuys, sponsored by NSB Associates, Inc.; and Geoff Taylor, LAPD Lieutenant, sponsored by NSB Associates, Inc.



From left: Michael Muller, Michael Levin Trading Co.; Bill Lawrence, Michael Levin Trading Co.; Norm Kellems, LAPD Officer; and R. Lee Ermey, actor.



From left: Walter Fantasia, Sam Grandmason, Michael Alexander and Chan Umbarger, representing Arroyo Building Materials.



The buffet dinner banquet.

# Goodbye, Elsie



Story by Bev Haro, Club Counselor  
Photos by Summy Lam, Club IT Coordinator

## ■ Club Member Elsie Reiley dances into retirement after 24 years.

"Wasn't that a great party? I am still sore from all the dancing!" That's how Elsie Reiley will remember her retirement party. She leaves the City after 24 years, first with the LAPD and finally with the DEP.

Her party was held Sept. 26 in Glendale. She has one son, Billy, 21. "I hope he'll be a City employee real soon."

She's enjoying her new life in Henderson, Nev., with her three dogs Tippy, Silver and Penny. Her retirement plans include traveling to Greece in the first week of November, and visiting Puerto Rico for New Year's. She volunteers her time at her parish, St. Francis of Assisi, and plans to volunteer at her local hospital, St. Rose Dominican.

The Club thanks Elsie for inviting us to her retirement party, and wishes her all the best in her retirement.



Elsie Reiley poses with family.



From left: Heather Fritch, Utility Administrator, 27 years; Gracely Bui, Management Analyst, 12 years; Linda Custis, Sr. Clerk Typist, 18 years; Elsie Reiley; and Tim Spinn, Commercial Service Supervisor, 15 years.



Elsie Reiley poses with family members including her nephew and son.



Gary and Millie Padillo, friends of Elsie since 1981.



From left: Lilly Calvache, Principal Clerk Utility, 24 years; and Michelle Nagin, Director of Human Resources, 34 years.



Elsie Reiley and friends.



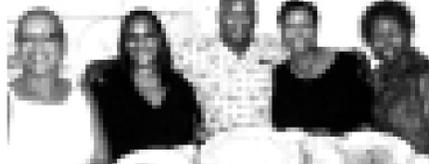
From left: Tina Echavarria, Utility Service Manager, 24 years; and Patti Martin, Utility Service Manager, 37 years.



From left: Diana Scott, Utility Service Manager, 39 years; and Rhonda Surles, Field Service Rep, 19 years.



From left: Michael Bickerstaff; and Monica Bickerstaff, Management Assistant, 20 years.



From left: Madora Sanders, Assistant Branch Manager, 31 years; Brenda Baldwin, Branch Manager for Watts Customer Service Center, 20 years; David Jones, Field Services Rep, 21 years; Synthia Gordon, Principal Clerk Utility, 17 years; and Darla Adeoye, Customer Service Rep, 18 years.



Back row, from left: Jackie Adams, mother of Tori McNeel; Liamore Adams, Lead Customer Service Rep, 21 years. Seated: Rewanda Mason McGee, Sr. Customer Service Rep, 31 years; Pearl Adams, grandmother to Tori McNeel; Tori McNeel, Conservation Rep, 18 years; and Faye Cartwright, Lead Customer Rep, 30 years.



From left: Frank Diaz, DWP Revenue Security, 17 years; and Elizabeth Diaz, Customer Service Rep Lincoln Heights, 8 years.



Pamela Washington, Assistant Branch Manager at JFB, 16 years.



Justin Powels, Sr. Clerk Typist, 3 years; and Odell Mathieu, Assistant Director of Customer Service, 35 years.



From left: Jose Gomez Jr., Customer Service Rep, 5 years; Letty Ortiz, Police Dispatcher, 12 years; Maryann Arevalo, Customer Service Rep, 16 years; and Vincent Oliva, Commercial Service Supervisor, 19 years.



From left: Brenda Nunley, Commercial Service Supervisor, 26 years; Toni Johnson, Customer Service Instructor, 16 years; Lillian Trice, Commercial Service Supervisor, 21 years; and Terri Dubinsky, Commercial Service Supervisor, 29 years.



From left: Ruben Chacon, Sr. Commercial Field Rep, 24 years; Melani Chacon, Management Analyst II Sanitation, 22 years; Cecilia Hernandez, Customer Service Supervisor, 32.5 years; and Richard Hernandez, Systems Analyst II, 27 years.



Ryan Osborne (at far right), Storekeeper for Water Quality Lab in Pasadena, 2 years, and friends.



Gladys Avina from the Slauson Customer Service Branch, 7 years.



Adell Brown, Data Processing Technician, 16 years.



From left: Dora Wong, Utility Services Manager and Executive over the Customer Service Centers, 40 years; and Betty Carleton, Assistant Director of Customer Service, 30 years.



From left: Eddie, Elsie's nephew; Elsie Reiley; and Billy, Elsie's son.

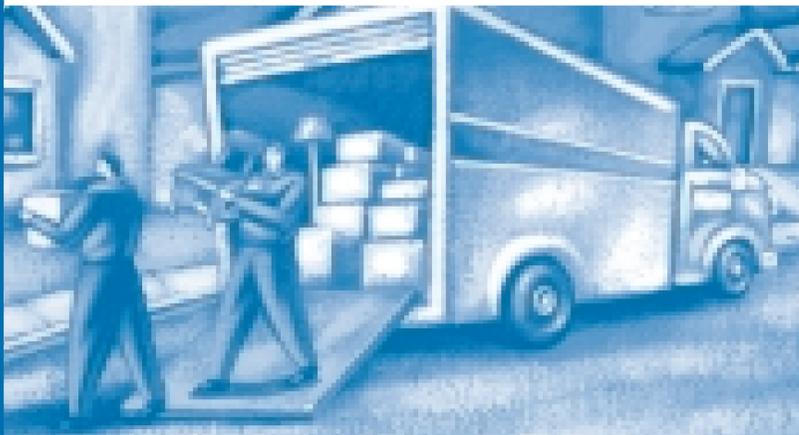


Odell Mathieu, Assistant Director of Customer Service, 35 years, with Elsie Reiley



From left: Bernice Barajas, Customer Service Rep, 5 years; Elsie Reiley; and LaTanya Carson, Customer Service Supervisor, 8 years.

# 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:

**The Club**  
**World Trade Center**  
**350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90071**

# Happy Birthday, Ann



By Robert Larios, Club Operations Manager



Ann Woodmore

Ann Woodmore, Club member and Sr. Clerk Typist, DWP, was treated to a small birthday party Sept. 28 at the Ferraro office building.

Some of the staff at the DWP Payroll Department took her to the Pacific Dining car for a food-tastic meal. She isn't big on parties so staff got her balloons and a card as well.

Happy Birthday, Ann! Many, many more.



BY Michelle Moreno, City Events Guru

# Michelle on the Move

## EVENTS 411

what's happening ? what's happening ?

# November

\*Please note that some events run through December

## Nov. Means Holiday Start, Three Stooges

Hello folks! Welcome back to Events 411. I hope you had a fun and safe Halloween.

Did you attend ClubFest? I hope you had a great time; I know I did! Some of you might have seen me as you walked in. I was the one using the cup as a megaphone; boy did I lose my voice by the end of the day.

So now that Halloween has passed us, it is time to welcome the Holiday season. Yes, it's time for those family get-togethers where you share news, memories, food and, if you're like my family, a few headaches, too! So to get you through those headache moments, there are some great events going on in the City, so check them out.

First off, the L.A. Zoo is having free nights at the Zoo. Bring family, friends, loved ones and share a great night under the stars while enjoying the holiday lights, the reindeer, hot chocolate, and smores ... yum! But before you go to the Zoo, check out the Griffith Park Light Festival – a mile-long stretch of holiday displays that, by lucky coincidence, leads you straight to the Zoo.

If you need an escape on Thanksgiving weekend, the Alex Theatre is hosting a Three Stooges Big Screen Event. If you're a fan of the Stooges, you'll enjoy experiencing their comedy on the big screen... and you don't have to worry about commercials. Speaking of film, the American Film Institute is hosting its annual film festival. Come and choose from more than 100 international films ... talk about a large selection!

Also be sure to check out the annual Pasadena Doo-Dah parade. This wacky parade is great fun for everyone.

Lastly, for those motorcycle enthusiasts, Harley-Davidson of Glendale is hosting its annual fundraiser benefiting several great charities. If you love to ride and want to help out those less fortunate, be sure to take part in this.

Once again, I must be on the move. I hope you enjoyed this month's Events 411 and be sure to check out the December issue where I'll give you a list of great holiday events. I hope to see you around the City! Happy Thanksgiving!

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



Michelle on the Move at the adopt-a-beach cleanup day in San Pedro Sept. 18.

For more events around the city, visit these websites: [www.experiencela.com](http://www.experiencela.com), [www.laweekly.com](http://www.laweekly.com), [www.culturela.org](http://www.culturela.org)

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](mailto:MichelleOnTheMove@cityemployeesclub.com) or call me at (800) 464-0452.



### Los Angeles Storytelling Festival

Come and listen to some of the greatest storytellers in Los Angeles. Events include workshops, story swaps and concerts.

Date(s): Nov. 6  
Time: 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.  
Site: USC Davidson Conference Center, 3415 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles  
Cost: All day: \$10/children, \$25/seniors, \$40/adults  
Individual sessions: \$5/children, \$10/seniors, \$15/adults  
More info: (310) 457-2385 or [www.lastorytellingfestival.com](http://www.lastorytellingfestival.com)

### AFI Fest 2004: Los Angeles International Film Festival

The American Film Institute is hosting the longest running film festival in Los Angeles with more than 100 international films.

Date(s): Nov. 4-14  
Time: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Nov. 4  
11 a.m. – 8 p.m., Nov. 5 – 13  
11 a.m. – 8 p.m., Nov. 14  
Site: ArLight Hollywood, 6360 Sunset Blvd. at Ivar, Hollywood  
Cost: \$7 and up – call or visit website for more details  
More info: (866) AFI-FEST or [www.afi.com](http://www.afi.com)



### Loveride 21 – Harley-Davidson of Glendale

Experience what event organizers call the world's largest motorcycle-fundraising tour. Participants will travel 50 miles to Castaic Lake Park for a concert, a trade show and a barbecue lunch. Funds benefit several charities.

Date(s): Nov. 14  
Time: Begins: 9:30 a.m.  
Fri: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Site: Harley-Davidson of Glendale, 3717 San Fernando Rd., Glendale  
Cost: \$55 and up – see website for more info. Register online or by phone  
More info: (818) 246-5618 or [www.loveride.org](http://www.loveride.org)



### Downtown on Ice

A winter wonderland in Los Angeles! Bring family and friends for a day of ice skating and live music.

Date(s): Nov. 18 – Jan. 17  
Time: Mon.-Thurs.: noon – 9 p.m.  
Fri.-Sun: 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.  
Site: Pershing Square, 532 South Olive St., Downtown L.A.  
Cost: \$9/hour  
More info: (888) 527-2757 or [www.laparks.org/pershingsquare/pershing.htm](http://www.laparks.org/pershingsquare/pershing.htm)  
Sponsor: Department of Recreation and Parks



### Public Star Parties at Griffith Observatory

Bring family and friends for a day of stargazing, planet watching and astronomy education!

Date(s): Nov. 20  
Time: 2 – 10 p.m.  
Site: Griffith Observatory Satellite, Northeast corner of Griffith Park, Los Angeles  
Cost: Free  
More info: (323) 664-1181 or [www.griffithobs.org](http://www.griffithobs.org)  
City Sponsor: Department of Recreation and Parks

### Annual Pasadena Doo-Dah Parade

Bring the family and enjoy live entertainment at this annual wacky and weird parade.

Date(s): Nov. 21  
Time: Begins 11:30 a.m.  
Site: Raymond and Colorado Boulevards, Pasadena  
Cost: Free  
More info: (626) 440-7379 or [www.pasadenadoodahparade.com](http://www.pasadenadoodahparade.com)



### Annual Griffith Park Light Festival

Bring the family for a mile-long stretch of seasonal light displays. You can drive or walk.

Date(s): Nov. 24 – Dec. 26  
Time: 5 – 10 p.m.  
Site: Griffith Park, along Crystal Springs Drive, Los Angeles  
Cost: Free  
More info: (213) 367-4211 or [www.laparks.org](http://www.laparks.org)  
City Sponsor: Department of Water and Power



### Reindeer Romp at the L.A. Zoo

Bring the family to Santa's Workshop and meet the Reindeer at the L.A. Zoo.

Just added this year: free evening events where you can enjoy the reindeer, holiday lights, food carts with hot chocolate, smores, roasted chestnuts and much, much more!

Days at Reindeer Romp:  
Date(s): Nov. 26 – Jan. 2  
Time: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Site: Los Angeles Zoo, 5333 Zoo Drive, Los Angeles  
Cost: \$10/adults, \$7/seniors, \$5/children (ages 2 to 12), free for children under 2  
Get your \$2 off adult or \$1 off child's price coupons at Club headquarters  
Free at night (5-9 p.m.): Reindeer Romp Under the Stars. Dates: Nov. 26 – 28, Dec. 3-5, 10 – 12, 17-23, 26 – 30  
More info: 323-644-4200 or [www.lazoo.org](http://www.lazoo.org)  
City Sponsor: Los Angeles Zoo



### Annual Three Stooges Big Screen Event

Hey Mo! See the Three Stooges on the big screen! If you're a Three Stooges fan, you'll have a great time at this event.

Date(s): Nov. 27  
Time: 2 – 8 p.m.  
Site: Alex Theatre, 216 Brand Blvd., Glendale  
Cost: \$13.50/general, \$9.50/kids 12 and under, \$7/seniors and AFS members  
More info: (818) 754-8250 or [www.alexfilmsociety.org](http://www.alexfilmsociety.org)



# December

### Harvest Festival

Enjoy America's oldest and largest touring crafts marketplace.

Date(s): Dec. 3 - 5  
Time: Fri: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Sat: 10 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Sun: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Site: Pomona Fairplex, 1101 W McKinley Ave., Pomona  
Cost: \$8.50/general, \$7.50/senior, \$4.50/children (6-12)  
More info: (800) 321-1213 or [www.harvestfestival.com](http://www.harvestfestival.com)



### 42nd Annual Marina del Rey Holiday Boat Parade

Bring the family and experience what organizers call the second largest boat parade on the West coast.

Date(s): Dec. 11  
Time: 6 – 8 p.m. (fireworks at 5:55 p.m.)  
Site: Burton Chace Park and Fisherman's Village, Marina del Rey  
Cost: Free to observe  
More info: (310) 670-7130 or [www.mdrboatparade.org](http://www.mdrboatparade.org)



### Public Star Parties at Griffith Observatory

Bring family and friends for a day of stargazing, planet watching and astronomy education

Date(s): Dec. 18  
Time: 2 – 10 p.m.  
Site: Griffith Observatory Satellite, northeast corner of Griffith Park, Los Angeles  
Cost: Free  
More info: (323) 664-1181 or [www.griffithobs.org](http://www.griffithobs.org)  
City Sponsor: Department of Recreation and Parks



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# Rhyme and Reason

■ RLACEI names winners in its annual poetry contest.

The RLACEI (Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc.) holds an annual poetry contest for its members, and their spouses. With so many submissions, it must have been hard for contest organizer Phil Skarin to decide.

But he did.

Below are some of the winners from both the member and the spouse categories.

Congratulations to the winners!

## RLACEI Poetry Contest Winners!

### ODE TO THE COTTONWOOD

She ushers April in, dressed in skimpy lime,  
showing off her limbs so lithe,  
waving budded arms in breezes blithe,  
making promises in pantomime.  
Buds open up to summer's formal sheen  
of full blown majesty in emerald green.

Summer brings a blizzard of a million tiny seeds  
floating down on gossamer parachutes,  
until the ground is white with feathery snow.  
Children dance around and gather up the loot,  
in small handfuls to take home and make  
wee pillows with cotton-down and calico.

The preview is over.

The main feature about to begin!  
Amp up the volume now and listen to  
the music of the churning winds of fall.  
Frost touches her and right on cue  
she dances out the finest act of all.

Donned in flaming bullion thread  
she tosses gold doubloons upon the ground.  
Leaves ruffle up each gilded edge,  
swishing, fluttering, piling into mounds,  
and snickering at the nakedness  
of branches overhead.

Frances A. Cota  
December 2, 1999

### Pavement Breaker

If rhythmic thumping you should hear,  
A pavement breaker may be near:  
Chuh-bump! Chuh-bump! Chuh-bump! Chuh-bump!  
A pavement breaker may be near.  
I ride the rig, and guide the ram,  
For I the operator am;  
My teeth shook loose, an eye fell out,  
The other one will too, no doubt.  
Such money as my labor brings,  
Is spent for me on many things;  
I pay for schools all over town,  
I pay when students tear them down,  
I pay for jailing nuts, and then,  
For courts to turn them loose again,  
I pay to send our wealth abroad,  
I pay for corporation fraud,  
The whole damn world I pay to sneer  
At every thing that I hold dear.  
When Time has won, I guess I'll pay  
Some gink to take my home away,  
And when he has the clothes I've worn,  
I'll naked be as I was born.  
Chuh-bump! Chuh-bump! Chuh-bump! Chuh-bump!  
Naked I'll be as I was born.

Carleton H. Ralston

### The Big Dipper

O beautiful  
Big bowl of blessings, -  
Pouring out upon all mankind,  
I thank our loving Creator  
For placing you above us  
To remind us  
Of the source and nature  
Of all blessedness and peace,  
And of the forever fact  
That good is the reality  
of existence, -  
From eternity to eternity, -  
Pouring out continually  
Upon all mankind.  
This celestial sight  
Is a vision of loveliness  
That reassures me, -  
Day and night.  
O, thank God, -  
The Giver of all good!

Jane Huelster Hanson  
Written 3-30-2004

### ODE TO SENIOR UNIVERSITY

THE LIGHT OF MY LIFE WENT OUT ONE DAY  
THE GLOW GONE FOREVERMORE

I LOST THE WARMTH OF THAT PRECIOUS SMILE,  
GONE TO A FARAWAY SHORE.

A DOOR TO HAPPINESS CLOSED FOR ME  
I RETREATED WITH A WOUNDED CORE

I KNEW THAT IT WAS I, MYSELF,  
WHO MUST OPEN THAT CLOSED UP DOOR.  
WITH TREPIDATION AND FEAR, UNSURE OF MYSELF  
I STEPPED INTO THE DARK I ABHOR

AS THE DARKNESS CLEARED  
I CAME TO KNOW THAT THE SUN COULD SHINE AGAIN  
I COULD FIND A GLOW TO LIVE MY LIFE;  
WISDOM COULD BE ATTAINED

IN THIS WONDERFUL PLACE  
I KNEW I COULD FACE WHAT I MUST  
WISDOM SUSTAINS.

THE GLOW HAS RETURNED  
DIMMED BY MY LOSS-BUT  
BRIGHT IN SPITE OF MY PAIN

LEE DE BORD 2004

### We Are Blessed

I woke up in the morning, there is sunshine on my face.

The sky is blue, the air is clear, it's like no other place.

It's a little bit of heaven in the greatest land on earth.

I gotta tell you, brother, we are blessed.

To live here in America is a blessing all it's own,

The freedoms we enjoy in our church and in our home.

To salute our flag and tell the world "It is in God we trust,"

I gotta tell you, brother, we are blessed.

Our soldiers and our sailors, our air force and marines

Are fighting to protect our land and save our liberties

And when this war is over and our forces safe at home,

We'll be shouting from the rooftop, "We are blessed!"

So if you're feeling down and think the world  
has passed you by,

Or if the pressures of the day, make you want to cry,

I've got a message just for you, look up to the sky. . .

And remember to thank God that we are blessed

— Kenneth Smuland

I HAD A TALK WITH GOD TONIGHT  
AND I ASKED HIM IF I WAS RIGHT  
IN WANTING YOU AND LOVING YOU  
AND WANTING YOU TO LOVE ME TOO.  
HE SAID IF I WAS SINCERE  
IN THE LOVE I SOUGHT FROM YOU, MY DEAR  
THAT I SHOULD SEEK IT,  
SO YOU SEE  
I'M GLAD WE TALKED..... GOD AND ME.

I ASKED GOD IF HE WOULD SEE  
THAT YOU WERE SAVED JUST FOR ME  
HE SAID THAT HE WOULD DO HIS BEST  
SO HE'S WATCHING YOU, I GUESS  
BUT HE WON'T TELL ME IF YOU ERR  
AND IF HE DID, I WOULDN'T CARE  
AS YOU'RE AS SWEET AS YOU CAN BE  
AND WE LOVE YOU..... GOD AND ME.

IN OUR TALK.....GOD AND ME  
DECIDED I WAS MEANT TO BE  
JUST FOR YOU AND YOU ALONE  
SO ALL MY OTHER CARES HAVE FLOWN  
AND NOW IN LOVELY THOUGHTS I DWELL  
WISHING FROM A WISHING WELL  
THAT YOU WERE HERE OR I WAS THERE  
ALL ALONE--JUST WE THREE  
WONDERFUL YOU, AND GOD AND ME.

LOVE  
V E Evelyn Akerman

# Life's Important Moments

# Share your moments!

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



## In Memoriam

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

NAME	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE	NAME	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE
<b>Active</b>					
Dexter Carr	DWP	Not reported	Shadrick Mays	Convention Center	16
Robert de Jesus	DWP	Not reported	Luther McKinney	DWP	28
Mark de los Santos	Not reported	Not reported	Tom McLaughlin	DWP	34
Mofied Elmasry	Not reported	Not reported	June Messick	DWP	36
Dennis Jardin	DWP	Not reported	Pauline Mitchell	DWP	13
Juan Mota	Not reported	Not reported	Urban Moor	DWP	36
Benjamin Silva	Not reported	Not reported	Johnny Moore	Rec and Parks	18
<b>Retired</b>					
Luis Arcay	DWP	7	Carlito Monido	DWP	13
Lourdes Bando	Controller's Office	25	Lebori Monteleone	DWP	36
Melvin Beck	DWP	43	William Murphy	DWP	32
Arthur Bosley	DWP	26	GL Niederdeppe	DWP	41
Wallace Bowlin	DWP	36	Petra Nievez	Rec and Parks	14
Fred Brown	DWP	33	Arthur Page	DWP	32
Alexander Bruce	Harbor	27	Robert Parrish	DWP	15
Inez Cederland	Council	14	Elizandro Perez	Public Works	20
LL Charlesworth	DWP	27	Rafael Quiroz	DWP	28
Roy Church	Public Works	32	Henry Renfroe	DWP	23
Harvey Claybrook	DWP	29	Warren Rodgers	Public Works	19
Howard Curry	DWP	25	Cecil Ruston	DWP	28
Sylvia del Monte	DWP	16	Bruce Schmul	DWP	8
Granderson Diggs	DWP	26	Timothy Seals	DWP	27
Ronald Duncan	DWP	35	Alvin Shepard	Public Works	20
Claude Egan	Cultural Affairs	26	Robert Sieg	DWP	23
Robert Ellis	DWP	26	Louis Soeder	DWP	26
Augustine Estrada	DWP	35	Charles Teach	LAFD	20
Phillip Fibish	Public Works	14	Teotimo Tostado	DWP	30
Louise Fletcher	Rec and Parks	25	Lavern Tuttle	DWP	16
Madelyn Gagnon	Not reported	31	Elmo Walker	Public Works	25
Isiah Gates	Public Works	25	Buckley Walsh	DWP	35
William Geter	DWP	22	Grant Webb	LAFD	29
Edward Graves	Public Works	30	Elijah White	Public Works	30
M. Henderson	LAPD	16	Benjamin Wilbur	DWP	10
Bill Hulsey	DWP	23	Walter Weiriel	DWP	22
Naylor Jones	DWP	42	Edward Williams	Rec and Parks	21
Frank Juarez	Rec and Parks	20	Roy Wittouck	Public Works	21
Earnie Langston	DWP	20			
Mabel Lawyer	Library	21			
Edwilson Leaks	Public Works	25			
Hong Lee	DWP	31			
Albert Leon	Public Works	14			
Robert Luce	DWP	30			
Sherman Manley	Public Works	9			
Lawrence Mariner	DWP	39			
Paul Marler	Public Works	22			
Oliver Martin	DWP	31			

**In Memoriam:** We receive this information directly from the City and the DWP. But send us the name of the deceased, and we'll print the notice. Send in a photo of the deceased, too, if you have one, and include your phone number. Send to [moments@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:moments@cityemployeesclub.com).

## Just Married? or Had a Baby?

### We Have a Gift for You!

City employees and/or Club members: Did you just get married? ... had a baby? Congratulations!

If you send in a wedding photo or a baby photo to *Alive!* along with some basic information (who, when, where, your job titles), we'll be happy to run an announcement.

If it's a wedding, The Club will send you the book **Our Honeymoon: A Record Book About Our Wild Ride** free as our wedding gift! The book is a record keeper and photo album all in one.

**FREE GIFT!**

If it's a birth, The Club will send you the book **My Life as a Baby** free as our baby gift! It highlights the baby's first year, from the baby's point of view, with space for all the important information and lots of photos.

Don't delay. Send in those pictures and information to [moments@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:moments@cityemployeesclub.com)



## Weddings

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



## Births

**Births:** Send us the following information: full name of the newborn, date of birth, name of parents, job title of the parent(s) who work(s) for the City or the DWP, your phone number and a baby photo. Send to [moments@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:moments@cityemployeesclub.com)



## Club Graduation

*Alive!* is delighted to continue publishing graduation photos of Club members and their children. Have a photo of a recent graduation? Send it in to *Alive!* Graduations, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071.

**Private Brandon J. Grey**, son of Principal Clerk and Club Member **Angelia Gray**, Mail Services, graduated from the U.S. Army's Boot Camp at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, in September.

Private Gray enlisted with the United States Army while still in high school and reported for training immediately following his graduation from Morningside High School.

He will complete his job training at Fort Eustis, Virginia, this month. He plans to enroll in college after this. He'll be stationed in Long Beach.

Congratulations Brandon and Angelia!



## Retirements

NAME	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE
Aleya Bashar	Chemist (Public Works)	14
Bernadita Castro	DWP Not reported	
Robert Clayton	Clerk Typist (Rec and Parks)	11
John de Pompa	DWP Not reported	
Fernando Estrada	DWP Not reported	
Martha Estrada	DWP Not reported	
Robert Gibson	Crossing Guard (Trans.)	3
Justo Guerra	DWP Not reported	
Alvina Gunzman	Management Asst. (Public Works)	30
Lee Hintlian	Council Aide (Council)	28
Mack Hinton	DWP Not reported	
Francisco King	DWP Not reported	
Mary Kotzman	Assistant GM (ITA)	35
Kevork Kuyumjian	Sr. Systems Analyst (Controller)	33
Daniel Martinez	DWP Not reported	
Yolanda Montes	DWP Not reported	
Eugene Myers	DWP Not reported	
Susan Parks	DWP Not reported	
Otis Pierce	DWP Not reported	
Steven Poulos	DWP Not reported	
Barbara Ramsdell	Clerk Typist (LAPD)	19
Elsie Reiley	DWP Not reported	
James Reed	Civil Engineer (Harbor)	40
Morley Schlank	DWP Not reported	
Harold Skinner	Supervisor (Gen. Services)	29
Stanley Skrocki	DWP Not reported	
Rene Soto	DWP Not reported	
Marsha Stone	Sr. Management Analyst (Housing)	30
Edith Tabb	Clerk Typist (Library)	3
Zeno Veal Rec.	Director (Rec and Parks)	30
Timothy Watanabe	Emergency Prep. Coordinator (Airports)	31
Michael Wooden	Rec. Supervisor (Rec and Parks)	32

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## New Members

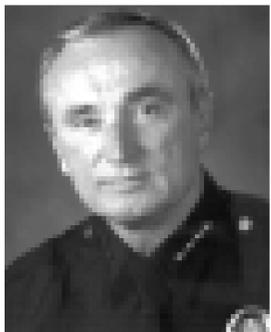
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# Welcome New Members!

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# Half-Cent: Big Difference

The following is LAPD Chief William Bratton's monthly message distributed in early October via the department's online listserv.



Greetings from the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department. The following is the monthly update for October 2004. We hope you find the information useful. You are encouraged to continue to visit our website at [www.lapdonline.org](http://www.lapdonline.org) as it has grown to over 10,000 pages since its inception in 1998.

We are also interested in hearing from you to find out how we can improve the Los Angeles Police Department website. A brief survey has been posted on our website, and the information received from those participating will be considered as we revise LAPDOnline. By taking a few minutes to fill out the survey, your input will help us improve and refine our online services. Your cooperation is deeply appreciated.

### Chief's Message

The retooling and refocusing of the Los Angeles Police Department since my appointment in October 2002 has shown that the men and women of this Department can and have made a significant impact on the quality of life in this City. Through focus, innovation, perseverance, but mostly through plain hard work, they have been responsible for eliminating LA's dubious title as "murder capital of the nation" and have moved us toward the Mayor's ultimate goal of being the safest big city in the nation.

In less than two years they have helped transform this Department into a lean, efficient and focused crime-fighting team. The LAPD is prepared to reclaim its stature as the world's premiere law enforcement organization. The only obstacle that stands in our way is the need for additional resources, namely more cops on the streets and more technology.

In the past several months, I have made mention of Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca's efforts to find a permanent source of public safety funding for all law enforcement agencies in the County. The LA County Board of Supervisors agreed to put a half-cent sales tax initiative on the Nov. 2 ballot. I want to use this article to educate you on the impact the initiative, now called Measure A, would have on this Department. I am not asking for a yes or no vote, nor am I asking you to campaign for or against this initiative. I am, however, providing you with information to educate you on an initiative that could have a tremendous impact on every employee in this Department, every resident in this City, and every resident in Los Angeles County.

The passage of Measure A would mean the City of Los Angeles would receive approximately \$168 million a year, out of the total estimated \$500 million generated annually for all law enforcement agencies in the County. These funds would be dedicated specifically for law enforcement, violence prevention programs and the hiring of more staff for the LA County District Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office and the Probation Department.

Built into the initiative are provisions that allow for any annual surpluses to be redirected back into police and sheriff budgets the following year. This new revenue could not be used to replace existing funding, and additional protections written into Measure A include independent financial and performance audits, ensuring that these funds would only be used for law enforcement.

In terms of dollars translating into resources for this Department, Measure A would allow for a net gain of 1,260 police officers and 128 civilian support personnel for the City of Los Angeles, over a gearing-up period of roughly five years. Added to our current sworn strength of roughly 9,200 that would mean a total of 10,460 officers. The additional 1,260 police officers would be assigned to the field at the geographic Areas throughout the City.

The gearing-up period is the time it will take to identify, screen, hire, and train new recruits, and Recruitment and Training Divisions' ability to respond to a rather large influx of new personnel. These two divisions would not only be dealing with the activities surrounding the new hires brought about by this initiative, but also with the routine activities of replacing the roughly 350 to 400 retirees the Department sees each year.

During the gearing-up period, the Department could use any remaining funds not used for hiring personnel to fund overtime assignments specific to patrol and crime suppression in the geographic Areas, at the discretion of Area Captains. The remaining funds could also be used to purchase technology and equipment, such as vehicles, computers and radios, to support the new hires. Outside the \$168 million allocated to the City of Los Angeles, 15 percent of the total estimated \$500 million raised by the County is earmarked for outreach intervention programs, addressing such issues as child abuse, domestic violence, graffiti, and youth violence.

It will require a two-thirds majority vote for Measure A to pass. While a survey conducted in early August of 1,000 randomly selected County voters shows there is support for the measure, there are those who oppose it. Measure A is an increase in the sales tax, which means the average resident in the County of Los Angeles will pay an additional forty to

\$65 more in sales tax each year. Those polled in the initial survey were asked: "Should the Countywide sales tax be increased by one-half cent?"

Initial responses, were 57 percent "yes" and 32 percent "no." After hearing the arguments for Measure A, 68 percent responded "yes" and 26 percent responded "no." Of the 32 percent initially opposed to the measure, the increase in taxes was the key reason for their opposition.

The formula is simple, more law enforcement officers equals less crime. That formula worked in both New York and Boston. With more officers, the tipping point was reached. In both cities, there were sustained dramatic drops in both violent and quality of life crimes. Now it is up to the voters of Los Angeles County.

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# Talking Turkey

## ■ Thanksgiving inspires Club Members to submit their recipes.

Traffic jams, congested supermarkets, and a copious sum of people flying to their favorite Thanksgiving retreats are all part of the custom this time of the year. The smells of canned yams, warm pumpkin pie and cooked turkey are some of the foods that are delightfully embedded into the American psyche (as well as our stomachs), at least during November.

I know there are several City employees who agree, including April Broussard, Sherry Cox, Toni Chagolla, Lourdes Lozano, Marviana Jones, Valorie Keys and Nyra Smith. These City employees work for the Bureau of Sanitation. It must be a pre-requisite to be cooks before City employees get hired there because the members have provided the Club with excellent recipes.

I sure hope everyone enjoys their Thanksgiving holiday, but sometimes food-borne illnesses take over the Thanksgiving festivities. I would not do my job as Chef Larios if I didn't talk about food safety. Here are a few tips to follow to help prevent the trip to the doctor by you and anyone else during the holiday.

To thaw a frozen turkey, the best bet is to begin thawing it in your refrigerator a few days before you begin to cook your turkey. Do not thaw at room temperature or else you will have a turkey pre-seasoned with bacteria that can render even the strongest of men, weak and in pain.

When cooking a whole turkey, follow the cooking instructions carefully. Purchase a quality meat thermometer for use when determining internal poultry temperature. Get a quality meat thermometer to confirm internal turkey temperature. If a turkey is not properly cooked internally, the turkey could still harbor bacteria.

Always wash hands thoroughly after every time you handle the turkey. Wash down all surface areas that came into contact with the turkey like your cutting boards.

Happy Thanksgiving, everybody!



Recipes on  
**TARGET!**

Last month, *Alive!* invited Club members to send in their favorite holiday recipes. So, let's hear it for members at the Bureau of Sanitation — April Broussard, Sherry Cox, Toni Chagolla, Lourdes Lozano, Marviana Jones, Valorie Keys and Nyra Smith — who answered the call. Thanks for contributing, ladies! We'll be sending those certificates out very soon.

## Sherry's Spicy Green Beans

### INGREDIENTS

- 3 large cans or 1 large bag of string beans, drained
- 1 teaspoon curry powder
- 1 smoked turkey leg or wing
- 1/2 cup of butter
- 1/2 cup of onion chopped
- 1 teaspoon of seasoned salt
- 1 teaspoon of garlic salt
- 1 teaspoon of pepper
- 1 teaspoon of cayenne pepper
- 2 cups chopped russet potato



### DIRECTIONS

Place water and meat in pot and boil. Turn to medium heat. Add vegetables and remaining ingredients and let the ingredients cook for 30 minutes. Place the temperature on low and let simmer another 30 minutes stirring occasionally. Season to taste.

Serve in a casserole dish.

By Sherry Cox,  
West LA Sanitation



## Titillating Jalapeno-Cheese Dip

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 bell pepper, chopped
- 1/2 onion, chopped
- 3-4 (3 of a stalk) celery, chopped
- 1 large tomato, seeded and chopped
- 1 2 lb. box of Velveeta cheese
- 4-5 Jalapenos, canned (use as many as you want for taste), diced



### DIRECTIONS

Put chopped bell pepper, celery, onion and a half-cup of water in a non-stick saucepot, and sauté until they are soft; don't overcook. Drain any water that is in the pot, then cut up the cheese into big pieces. Put the cheese into the pot and stir until it is all melted; keep stirring, or it may burn and stick to the bottom of the pot. When it is melted to a sauce, put in the chopped, seeded tomatoes (if you don't seed them, it will make the dip watery) and the jalapenos. Stir.

Serve with tortilla strips /corn chips.

By Toni Chagolla,  
West LA Sanitation



## Val's Voluptuous Peach Cobbler

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 large can of Sliced Peaches
- 1 stick of butter or margarine
- 1 1/2 cups of granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoon of vanilla flavor
- 1 1/2 teaspoon of cinnamon
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 box of pie crust mix – follow the directions to make the pie crust



### DIRECTIONS

Drain and mix peaches, butter, sugars, vanilla, and cinnamon in a large oven pot, and bring to a boil.

Roll the pie crust into 2 sheets. Place one roll at the bottom of the dish. Pour ingredients into the dish. Then place the second roll of crust to cover the dish, or cut it into strips and place over the peach mixture.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Cook until golden brown approximately 1 hour. Brush crust with butter. Best served with vanilla ice cream.

By Valorie Keys,  
West Valley Sanitation



## Marviana's Marvelous Lamb Chops

### INGREDIENTS

- 6 lamb chops
- 1 cup onions chopped
- 1 clove of garlic chopped
- 2 teaspoon garlic salt
- 2 teaspoon pepper
- 3 tablespoon flour
- 1 cup water



### DIRECTIONS

Clean meat thoroughly. Place meat in dish, sprinkle seasonings and garlic on both sides. Broil each side of the meat for five minutes or until golden brown. Turn oven to 350. Mix flour, water and onions and pour over meat. Let meat bake for 30-45 until meat is well and gravy is thick.

By Marviana Jones,  
West LA Sanitation



## April's All-Star Macaroni

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine
- 1 small package of cream cheese
- 1 small can cream of chicken soup
- 1 small bag of macaroni shells
- 1 pound of mild cheddar shredded



### DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Boil and drain pasta. Mix butter and cream cheese in pasta. Add soup to mixture. Place mixture in a casserole dish. Add cheese on top of mixture. Bake until cheese is melted.

Serve hot.

By April Broussard,  
West LA Sanitation



## Lourde's Luscious Spanish Rice

Courtesy of Cheryl Power, DWP

### INGREDIENTS

- 3 cups of rice
- 1 clove of garlic
- 1 whole onion
- 3 tablespoon of cooking oil
- 1 tablespoon chicken bouillon
- 12 ounces of tomato sauce
- 4 cups water



### DIRECTIONS

Wash rice thoroughly. Place rice, onion, garlic and oil in pot until medium brown. Add water, let boil. Turn fire down to low and add bouillon and tomato sauce in pot. Let cook for 15 to 20 minutes.

Sauce will dissipate. Serve in a casserole dish.

By Lourdes Lozano,  
West LA Sanitation



## Cheesy Mash Potatoes

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 to 2 1/4 pounds baby Yukon gold potatoes
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 2 cups shredded cheddar
- 3 tablespoons chives, chopped or snipped
- Salt and black pepper



### DIRECTIONS

Cut potatoes in half and place in a pot. Cover with water and bring to a boil. Work on other dishes while you are waiting for the water to boil.

When water boils, add the potatoes and some salt, 2 big pinches, and boil for 10 minutes or until tender. Drain and return potatoes to the hot pot. Smash potatoes with masher and combine with sour cream and cheese. When cheese melts into potatoes, add chives and salt and pepper and re-smash. Taste the potatoes and adjust seasonings.

By Nyra Smith,  
Sanitation



## Newsbrief



### SILVER LAKE RESERVOIR

The City of Los Angeles Departments of Public Works (DPW) and Water and Power (LADWP) hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for the Silver Lake Reservoir Street Improvement Project Oct. 8. The event took place at the Northeast side of Silver Lake Reservoir, corner of Tesla and Armstrong Avenues. Assembly Majority Leader Dario Frommer, 43rd District, joined City Councilmembers Tom LaBonge, District 4; Eric Garcetti, District 13; and other civic and community leaders at the ceremony to break ground and observe the start of phase 1 of the project's Master Plan Implementation.

When completed in May 2005, the project will provide a pedestrian walkway to improve pedestrian safety around the reservoir, as well as landscaping, new fencing and other street improvements adjacent to the reservoir. The DPW Bureau of Engineering and the LADWP have worked mutually with community groups, elected officials and numerous local and state agencies on the project. Collaborators include the City Council Offices of Tom LaBonge and Eric Garcetti; the Silver Lake Residents Association; and the Citizens to Save Silver Lake Reservoir.

DWP initiated the project in October 2002, and received a \$2.3 million grant, secured by Assembly Majority Leader Frommer, from the state's Natural Resources Infrastructure Fund. The grant funded planning, design, and project management, based on the Silver Lake Master Plan. The Bureau of Engineering's Capital Improvement Expenditure Program provided \$1.9 million in additional funding.

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# Critic's Corner What I Saw

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## Cellular

Loved it. Chris Evans, by answering a random cellular phone call and not knowing who is at the other end, is asked for help. He is asked to help Kim Basinger who was kidnapped.

Not knowing what's ahead for him, he stays on the line with her throughout the whole ordeal. He tries to get help from the police but has not luck. He engages in various situations that almost cost him his life.

I loved every minute. I recommend it. Go watch it!

— Ana Carrasco, LAPD



## Shark Tale

The animation and color are great. The music is very good. The cast is great. The story is good.

Will Smith is the voice of Oscar, a small fish who becomes a big-time celebrity after taking credit for the death of a shark. This shark was the son of the Mob boss and now he is after Oscar. The other son is asking Oscar to help him disappear, because he does not want to take over the family business. It's a cute movie and for all ages. But do not expect this to be as good as *Finding Nemo*, not even close.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP



## Wimbledon

Paul Bettany plays a low ranked tennis player on the verge of retiring from competition and taking a pro job at a local country club. He then meets top ranking tennis player Kirsten Dunst and finds new passion for the sport.

This is an excellent movie. A great chick flick/date movie. Even if you don't care for tennis, which I do not, you will enjoy this movie. This is one I would see again. For teens and up.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP



## Ladder 49

*Ladder 49* tells the complete story of fireman, the reality of a firefighter's job. Firefighter Jack Morrison (Joaquin Phoenix) is trapped in a burning building, and throughout the movie, you are sent in time to view his career when he first was a rookie firefighter, to the first time he went from hosing down fires, to his first outings with his future wife, to rescuing a man, to the birth of his first child, and to his successful achievement. John Travolta turns in a fine performance as Captain Mike Kennedy, head of Engine 33, Ladder 49, and father figure to Jack.

There is something for everyone in this movie: a little comedy, romance, action and emotional tearjerking moments that will keep your attention. This movie gives some credit

to guys who risk their lives every day for us without making them seem larger than life. It's a great story of friendship, courage, character, heroism, and self-sacrifice.

— Gwen Lew, DWP Owens Valley



## Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow

The previews to this movie made it look like it was going to be a good movie. Sky Captain is Joe Sullivan (Jude Law), who flies a vintage plane modified for aquabatics. His plane's number is h11-od, which makes more sense upside down, as does Ace reporter Polly Perkins (Gwyneth Paltrow). Scientists have been disappearing, and Polly is trying to figure it all out. One day, giant flying robots land in the city, stealing from power plants to get "supplies." Sky Captain is recruited to find out why and who is behind the operation and Polly, his ex-girlfriend, demands clearance because she knows some things about the mystery that he doesn't know. The two have learned that a brilliant German scientist, Dr. Totenkopf, the creator of the secret experiment, is behind the annihilation of the Earth with his army of robots. Their investigation leads them to far reaching exotic worldwide locations.

I thought this movie was too hokey. I was expecting something like Roger Rabbit or Bugs Bunny or some other Looney Tune to show up. Wait for the DVD or video to see this one.

— Gwen Lew, DWP Owens Valley



## Taxi

Taxi was surprisingly funny. It starts with Queen Latifah working as a speedy messenger, one of the best in her group. Latifah works hard and gets her taxi license, which she dreamed of. Latifah's taxi was upgraded and was able to transform from a regular taxi to a racing taxi.

While working as a taxi driver she encounters eager customers who want to get to their destination fast, and Latifah could get them there in no time.

One of her customers (Jimmy Fallon) is a bumbling cop who always was at the wrong place and wrong time. Latifah and Fallon get together and work together to catch a band of Brazilian bank robbers who amazingly looked like supermodels not like crooks, and were amazing drivers.

Queen Latifah and her sassy comedy and facial expressions make the movie very funny.

— Ana Carrasco, LAPD



## The Forgotten

*The Forgotten* is about a mother named Telly whose little boy was killed in a plane crash. She is trying to overcome her grief by seeing a psychologist. The doctor and husband notice the progress and reveals that she never

had a child and it was just her imagination.

She goes through an emotional roller coaster and is unable to believe her husband or doctor as she searches for answers. Telly meets a man who convinces him that his daughter really existed, too. They both work together to search for answers and find their children.

This movie is a thriller and will cause you to jump and laugh occasionally. *The Forgotten* has a good story line, and really good special effects. This movie is suited for teenagers and adults.

— Marviana Jones, Sanitation



## Garden State

This was a wonderful movie! It's a romantic dark comedy about a young man who is a struggling actor waiting tables. He returns home for the first time in nine years to attend the funeral of his paraplegic mother who has committed suicide. While he is visiting he runs in to old friends who haven't changed and he meets a girl (Natalie Portman) who becomes his love interest.

This is a story about a young man's journey of self discovery and his dealing with his dysfunctional family. The movie was very well written and acted out! It was hilarious but at times tear-jerking. I must say it was a very eccentric movie where you didn't know where it was going at times but it was easy to connect with. I recommend seeing *Garden State!*

— Stacey Gordon,

Councilman Tom LaBonge's Office



## The Last Shot

Alex Baldwin stars as a FBI agent who poses as a movie producer with the idea of pretending to make a movie in order to entrap the mob in shady dealings. During his search for a script, he meets Matthew Broderick and discovers he has written a movie. He hires Matthew to direct the movie, which unbeknownst to him is not real.

The movie was based on a true story and is very well done. Alex and Matthew make a great pair! It is an enjoyable comedy/drama and good for teens and up. Toni Collette and Calista Flockhart also star.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP



## Mr. 3000

Bernie Mac stars as Stan Ross, a retired baseball player who retired right after getting his 3,000th hit. A successful businessman with one thing missing, he wants to be in the Hall of Fame. After rigging some publicity, he is about to be inducted into the Hall, but it is discovered that three of his hits were duplicates, so he really only has 2,997. Because his former team is in a slump, they allow him to come back and try and get those three hits.

# Critic's Corner What I Read

Read a great book lately? Tell your fellow Club members about it! Send in a paragraph or two about the book, plus the title, author, genre, number of pages and the publisher. Send them to: [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)



## The Root of All Evil

Joylynn M. Jossel  
Fiction  
St. Martin's 2004, 315 pages

Klarke Taylor plays a single divorcee whose husband, Harris, betrayed her by sleeping with his own so-called "cousin" Tionne. Klarke then takes on the responsibility as a single parent after she engages in a quick marriage to a gentleman named Rawlins.

In the attempt to live a secure life, Klarke plots to date and marry a well-off writer named Reo Laroque. After months of dating and a marriage, Reo learns that he's fathered a child by his ex-girlfriend Meka. Out of resentment, Meka drops of the child one day and she receives a devastating phone call one day that the child has drowned in the pool. There are other characters in the novel who are significant to the story, and those plots are also interesting.

This novel deals with single parenting, money, love, deception and decision-making. This is a good read for the mature adult. Stay tuned for the sequel, *When Souls Mate*.

— Marviana Jones, Sanitation



## Sam's Letters to Jennifer

James Patterson  
Fiction  
Little Brown & Co.  
263 pages

This is the story of Jennifer, who runs to be by the side of her dying grandmother (Sam) and discovers letters she has written about her unhappy marriage and a love affair. In reading these letters, Jennifer sees her grandmother in a different light and is able to recover from her husband's death and find happiness in a relationship with a childhood friend.

I enjoyed reading this book. It reminded me a lot of *The Bridges of Madison County*. It exposes the inner feelings of women in relationships and that seldom get explored. It is a borderline love story/self-discovery story. It's a woman who realizes she had more in common with her grandmother than she thought, and by reading about her grandmother's pain and happiness she is able to discover her own happiness.

— Lisa M. Flenoury, LAPD



## The South Beach Diet

Arthur S. Agatston, M.D.  
Health and Nutrition  
Rodale Press, 320 pages

This book describes a three-step process: detox, controlling portions, and maintaining to change the way you eat and live. It describes and gives lessons on the importance of exercising and knowing what you are eating. It promotes good fats and good carbs by using the glycemic index. There are recipes, and it serves as a reference guide. By following the steps, it could result in a healthier life.

This book is another weight loss guide. It is designed for a person who has serious weight or health issues. It is a process of drastically changing your way of life, possibly resulting in weight loss. It helps you to understand that dieting is a way of life, not just a temporary solution to a life-long problem.

— Lisa M. Flenoury, LAPD



## Running the Show Like the Big Chicks, Girl Boss

Stacy Kravetz  
Self-Help for Young Girls  
Girl Press, 98 pages

This book introduces young girls to the business world. It covers what they need to know about business, how to start a business, ideas for businesses, marketing and getting noticed, money, and an advice section from young girls who have started their business. There are also a few questionnaires that help you assess your strengths and weaknesses in areas, and references to different websites to get you started.

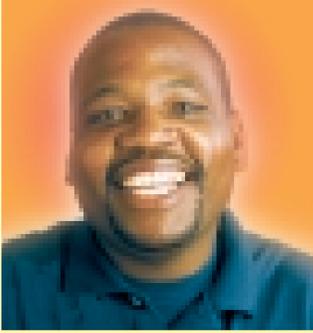
I enjoyed reading this book with my daughter. It has great motivating ideas for girls who have a craft, great idea, or invention that would be successful if marketed, or just someone trying to find their niche. It gives you the basis to get started. This book is easy reading, and does not try to sell you anything.

The best lesson we learned is that the most important part of starting a business is to be courageous and believe in yourself. This is a great birthday or holiday gift for girls ages third grade and up.

— Lisa M. Flenoury, LAPD



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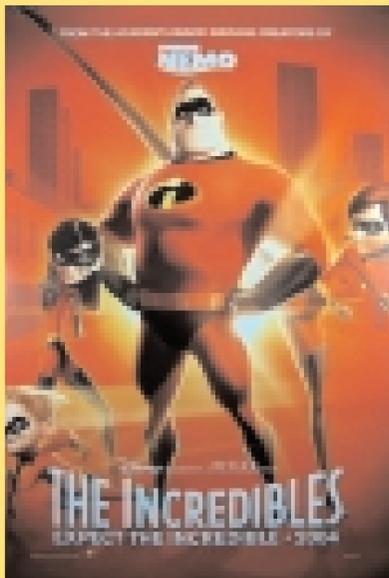
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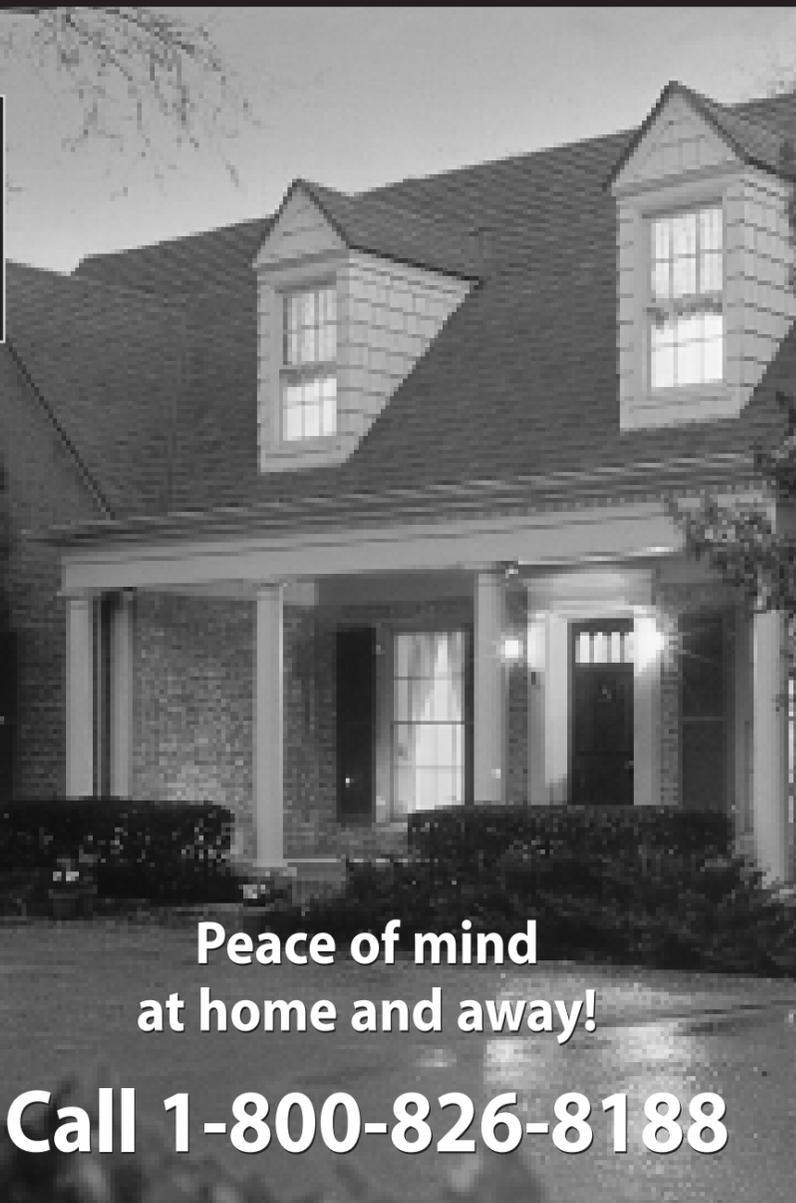
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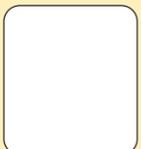
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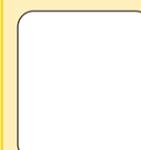
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