

Friends Recall Tommy Scott, True City Hero

■ **LAX Police Officer pays ultimate price in protecting airport.**

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



Tommy Edward Scott
1969 - 2005

AIRPORT DEPT. — Friends, family and coworkers have been sharing with *Alive!* their memories and thoughts on the passing of Officer Tommy Edward Scott, longtime City employee.

Tommy was killed while attempting to diffuse a situation involving an automobile on Lincoln Boulevard April 29. He was attending to his sworn duty, protecting the airport. At press time, a suspect is in custody.

He was the first Airport Police officer killed in the line of duty in the 59-year history of the Airport Police force.

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Villaraigosa In; Airport Police Stay Independent

■ **Citywide runoff election May 17 lifts Councilman to the Mayor's Office. Also, LAPD will not take over airport police duties.**

CITY CLERK — In the end, it was a landslide victory for Antonio Villaraigosa, former City Councilman who was elected the next mayor of Los Angeles in a runoff election May 17.



Antonio Villaraigosa,
Mayor-Elect

At press time, with more than 98 percent of precincts reporting, District 14 Councilmember Villaraigosa became mayor-elect after defeating incumbent Los Angeles Mayor James Hahn by more than 17 points. In so

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Frank Borden (above) holds the brick he purchased in memory of his father, who also worked for the LAFD. The brick paver program is helping to fund the Fallen Firefighters Memorial, depicted below.

A computer-generated rendering of the Fallen Firefighters Memorial, now being built. At left is Old Fire Station 27. Here is a glimpse of the statues already completed.

■ **Firefighters respond when the City needs them. Now they need City employees to support Fallen Firefighters Memorial. Consider purchasing a brick paver.**

"I'm a born optimist," said Frank Borden, Retired LAFD Assistant Fire Chief and current project coordinator for the Fallen Firefighters Memorial. "I've never said it can't be done. I know we will finish this. It's just a matter of when."

Frank isn't kidding about the optimist part. As he spoke, contractors were filling the first forms with concrete.

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



June Alive! Is All About City Family

Whether I read about Frank Borden on the front cover or the 0 heartfelt memorials inside, or note that this is the biggest issue of *Alive!* ever, I come to the same conclusion: The Club really is all about the City family.

First, we're proud to publish tributes to fallen City family members Tommy Edward Scott, Rene Flores and Rick Garris. Several Club Members asked us to produce the tributes, as no one else had done it. They were right: Creating the tributes was the right thing to do.

Secondly, Frank Borden of the Fire Dept. really needs the City family. He's building the Fallen Firefighters Memorial and needs people to buy bricks to help fund the memorial. Read the front-page story and consider helping Frank. Several members of the Club have done so already. Consider by buying a brick, either by yourself or by getting your co-workers to pool their money together. I'm going to buy one and have the names of my kids engraved on it so they'll always be able to go to the memorial to "find their brick."

This is our biggest issue yet! Check out the picture, featuring (from left) Club staffers Arlene Herrero, Angel Gomez and Robert Larios, with editor John Burnes, looking over the proofs. Nothing honors the incredible City family better than *Alive!* – this issue features the faces of more than 1,500 City workers! There is no lack of good news and great stories that involve City employees from all departments.



I want to thank a few people, too:

- The more than 90 Club Members who entered the Adult Coloring Contest;
- Harold Johnson, Airport Dept., for telling us the stories of his great co-workers;
- Leo Martinez at the North Central Sanitation Yard for his help;
- Sal Miranda for his enthusiasm at the East Valley Sanitation Yard Open House;
- Tonja Bellard for her suggestion about the tributes; and
- Linda Burks for correctly identifying the Ticket Guy.

Finally, Happy Father's Day!

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We have a winner... and lots of great images!

Start snapping today, and send us your best results! Three winners will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Safeway.

NEXT DEADLINE: June 12
Read the rules below, and happy snapping!

This month's winner:
JIMMY LEE, CDD

This month's winning photograph was taken by Jimmy Lee, CDD. This is his description:

While vacationing in Mammoth Lakes, my daughter Kaitlyn built snowmen dolls. She didn't have Barbies, so she had to improvise."

She did a great job, Jimmy. And so did you. Congratulations!



Also submitting winning entries:



Hearst Castle.

— James Francis

I took this picture of my husband, Cornelius, and sons, Monty and Deonte, while we were on an African safari (just joking). Actually, this photo was taken last summer at Legoland. I purchased the tickets through the Club, and we enjoyed every minute of it.

— Linda Burks, Public Works



Rules:

- The contest is open to all Club members in good standing. Non-members are welcome to submit, but only Club members are eligible to win the monthly prize.
- If your photograph does not win, you are welcome to re-submit.
- Winners are chosen by Club staff. All decisions will be final.
- You must certify (if asked) that you indeed took the picture. No ringers!
- Photos can be submitted either on paper or digitally. Please don't send both.
- If you want your print photo returned, please write your name, address and phone number on the back of your photo.

- Photos can be of any subject matter: vacation, portraits, families, landscapes, still lifes, pets, etc. Subject matter must be appropriate for *Alive!*
- Paper prints can be mailed to: Picture Perfect Contest, *Alive!*, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071
- Digital photos optimally should be between 100K and 2 megabytes in size and may be e-mailed to: pictureperfect@cityemployeesclub.com
- The contest is all in good fun! The Club cannot be responsible for delays in delivering *Alive!*, or for delays in the transmission of responses.

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Helen Lee, Department of Aging, 3 years.

Be Prepared

■ Several City departments come together for Emergency Preparedness Fair in San Pedro.

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

EMER. PREPAREDNESS — The City sponsored the 14th Annual Emergency Preparedness Fair April 16 at the Ports O'Call in San Pedro. The event, titled "Prepare to Survive," was free to the public to educate them on how to prepare their home and business for emergencies. Free emergency kits were given, prizes and emergency preparedness literature.

Participating departments included Emergency Preparedness, LAFD, LAPD, Building and Safety, DWP, Disability, Housing, Community Redevelopment Agency, Aging, Animal Services, Public Works and Transportation.

Congratulations to all for an excellent and important event.



An Emergency Preparedness sign.



Back row: Loretta Brazil, DWP, 12 years. Front, from left: Leslie Mirseyedi, DWP, 28 years; Russell Pierson, DWP, 14 years; and Michele Wilson, DWP, 16 years.



From left: Jennifer Boscoe, LAFD, 19 years; Susan Jensen, LAFD, 18 years; and Don Forrest, Retired, LAFD.



Diane Wren, Community Redevelopment Agency, 26 years.
Myra Matinez, ITA, 2 years.
Pam Cummings, Emergency Preparedness Department, 17 years.



From left: Joe Zabalza, LAFD, 27 years; Frank Gutierrez, LAFD, 24 years; Terry Cashman, LAFD, 1.5 years; and Darius Cunnigan, LAFD, 5 years.



From left: Kevin McCloskey, Port of LA Police, 4 years; Dan Dayton, Port of LA Police, 3 years; Sgt. Michael Capodanno, 12 years; and Carl Abajian, Volunteer, 7 years. Front row: Julian Godoy.



From left: Tommy Plummer, Transportation, 31 years; Marco Arroyo, Transportation, 2 years; and Aram Sahakian, Transportation, 15 years.



From left: Sgt. Michael Lockett, LAPD, 20 years; and Thomas Rogers, LAPD, 22 years.



Gilbert Pedroza, Street Services, 31 years.

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David Malin, Port of Los Angeles, 15 years.



Charity Anderson, Animal Services Special Operations.



From left: Alan Galiano, Engineering, 5 years; and Jerry Lagunzad, Engineering.



From left: Ron Cunningham, Housing, 18 years; and Calvin Oglesby, Housing, 30 years.



From left: Lacheryl Bell, Emergency Preparedness Department, 6 years; and Hans Christian Ipsen, Emergency Preparedness Department, 7 years.



From left: Jan Olsen, CERT Program, and Linda Gutierrez, LAFD, 2 years.



From left: Paul Wong, Building and Safety, 30 years; and Joann Troncale, Building and Safety, 19 years.



From left: Clinton Tsurui, Street Lighting, 15 years; and Raed Aboulhosh, Street Lighting, 5 years.



From left: Leticia Velez, Sign Language Interpreter; and Ralph Acona, Department on Disability, 11 years.

Fairway to Fun

■ The Club sponsors Building and Safety's 19th annual golf tournament.

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

BUILDING AND SAFETY — The 19th annual Building and Safety golf tournament, benefiting the March of Dimes, took place April 18 at the Porter Valley Country Club. Most of the players and hole sponsors continued their support by donating and attending the event, just as they have for about two decades. There were 162 paid players with about 143 in attendance. The majority of players are employees of Building and Safety.

This was the Club's second year participating; the Club was a Platinum Sponsor and also sponsored the "closest to the pin" contest on the third hole, where Club personnel welcomed the golfers and took their picture for *Alive!* Golfers were also given additional goodies including Club logo golf balls and tees.

The check-in and registration occurred at 8 a.m. with almost everyone arriving early. A Continental breakfast was served all morning in the bar and lounge. Hole and cart assignments and free gifts of Building and Safety embroidered hats and California Pizza Kitchen (CPK) hats were distributed, and all of the auction prizes were displayed in the parking lot. In addition, there were four hole-in-one vehicles displayed. Employees of Building and Safety, CPK and Hooters Family Restaurants helped with the registration process, which included selling the many contests and auction tickets. Contests included the hole in one, closest to the pin at two locations, longest drive, most accurate drive, and remaining pink ball. Each paid off in cash or prizes.

Each hole had at least three signs displayed of the names of the sponsors supporting those holes. At Hole 3, the City Employees Club set up a display and distributed a free sleeve of balls, tees and took photos of the many foursomes. The car deal-

erships that provided the hole-in-one vehicles also provided many other perspective prizes for the potential hole-in-one winner, and these were displayed at each of those designated holes with other grandiose signs.

During play, Building and Safety had their troops serving as "Hole Watchers" to verify any of the hole-in-one balls. And wouldn't you know it, in the early morning, Mario Mendoza got the hole in one at Hole 12 for a new Cadillac CTS. You should have heard the screaming. It set the pace for the rest of the day. During the afternoon, the players consumed 500 hot dogs and many cases of various refreshments.

The evening was filled with a wonderful banquet of steak and chicken with all the trimmings. During the feast, the auctioning of the prizes and the presenting of the trophies for the first, second and third place foursome teams took place. The prizes and cash for the other contests were presented to those winners also. Additional awards of thanks, accolades, and recognition were also given to those sponsors who were in attendance. A special presentation was given to Ted Marko in recognition of his constant and continuing contributions as founder and supporter of the tournament.

This tournament was one of the best Building and Safety has ever had. It is a direct result of the coordination and effort of many of your co-workers who put forth an extra effort to make this the spectacular it became. Thanks to Susie Adamian, Kim Arther, Deniesha Brown, Carol Brinkman, Bill Clark, Jackie Gomez, Raul Gras, Lettie Gregory, Johnny Joe, Jerry Martinez, Deanna Romey (CPK), Ed Sanchez, Larry Soskin, Bob Steinbach, Bob Thompson, Tatia Wade, Dan Wray, Corrie Wise (CPK) and Esther "Dead Eye" Ybarra.

The monies raised during this event constitute the single largest donation to the combined charity monies assembled from all of the various fundraisers throughout the department. The Club thanks each of you for keeping up the tradition in everyone's effort to help save babies.

Additional information for this story was provided by Bob Steinbach and Richard Fortman.



From left: Councilman Tony Cardenas; Rusty Peck, Cosco Fire Protection; Terry Flinn, Cosco Fire Protection; and Young Cho, Core Realty Center.



The tee sign at Hole 3.



A Porter Valley sign.



From left: Jamie Canez, Permit Expediting; Mike Arredondo, Permit Expediting; Mario Mendoza, Permit Expediting, Retired CAO; and John Vasquez, Building and Safety, Club Member.



Mario Mendoza, the hole-in-one contest winner at Hole 12. Mario won a 2005 Cadillac.



The 2005 Cadillac CTS won by Mario Mendoza.



From left: Phil Trafton, Donald F. Dickerson & Assoc.; Dave Lara, Building and Safety, Club Member; and Tom McCaslin, Donald F. Dickerson & Assoc.



From left: Kevin Sower, Dept. of Aging, with guests Tim Sower, Jose Chavez and Victor Garza.



From left: Harrison Gray, The Auto Gallery; Chip Beck, Rydell's Automotive Group; Ben Resnik, JMB&M LLP; and Mitch Englander, Councilmember Greig Smith's office, Club Member.



From left: Ron Combs, Street Maintenance; John Sapone, Street Maintenance, Club Member; Bill Robertson, Street Maintenance, Club Member; and Mark Simon, Street Maintenance, Club Member.



From left: Vic Penera, Retired, Building and Safety; Richard Holquin, Retired, Building and Safety; Horace Lumpkin, Retired, Building and Safety, Club Member; and Kyle Penera, guest.



From left: Bill Zimmer, Building and Safety, with guests Michelle Coltrain, Mike Medina and Craig Stone.



From left: Rob Gullixson, Building and Safety; Richard Gullixson, guest; and Andrew Kennedy, guest.



From left: Bob Steinbach, Building and Safety, Club Member; Ed Sanchez, Building and Safety; Dave Keim, Building and Safety; and Mike Lee, Building and Safety, Club Member.



From left: Gabriel Linares, Building and Safety; Jameson Lee, Building and Safety; Martin Fragoso, Building and Safety; Fidencio Madero, Building and Safety.



From left: Steve Timm, Armbruster & Goldsmith; Tom Clark, Armbruster & Goldsmith; Charlie Mims, Contract Admin.; and Greg Symonds, Armbruster & Goldsmith.



From left: Raul Gras, Building and Safety Wilshire; Don Mestayer, Building and Safety Van Nuys; Steve Archer, Building and Safety Wilshire; and Michael Martin, Building and Safety Metro, Club Member.



From left: Pat Kelly, Building and Safety; Marvin Godfrey, Building and Safety, Club Member; Cameron Grey, Building and Safety; and Larry Bradbury, guest.



From left: Gary Toon, Building and Safety Van Nuys; Cory Toon, guest; and Roger Woodland, Building and Safety Wilshire, Club Member.



From left: Alan Hanson, Simpson Strongtie; Jon Gaw, Simpson Strongtie; Todd Borzi, Building and Safety, Club Member; and Walk Shishim, Retired, Building and Safety.



From left: Bernard Anderson, Building and Safety, Club Member; Roger Sjudid, Building and Safety; and John Brumfield, Retired, Public Works.



From left: April Markham, guest; Geoff Folker, guest; Aaron Frei, guest; and Wade Markham, Building and Safety, Club Member.



From left: Larry Isidro, Building and Safety, with guests Dave Franco, Dan Romandi and Josh Bailey.



Assisting in check-in were, from left, Deniesha Brown, Clerk Typist, Building and Safety, 2 years; and Tatia Wade, Clerk Typist, Building and Safety, 10 years.



A few of the event organizers, back row, from left: Richard Fortman, Building and Safety; Garth Pillsbury, Building and Safety, Club Member; and Robert Thompson, Building and Safety. Front: Johnny Joe, Building and Safety; Ester Ybarra, Building and Safety; and Susie Adamian, Building and Safety.



Cars were prizes for the hole-in-one contests.



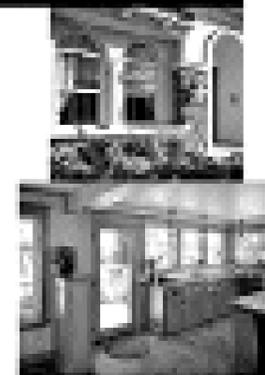
The car won by Mario Mendoza.

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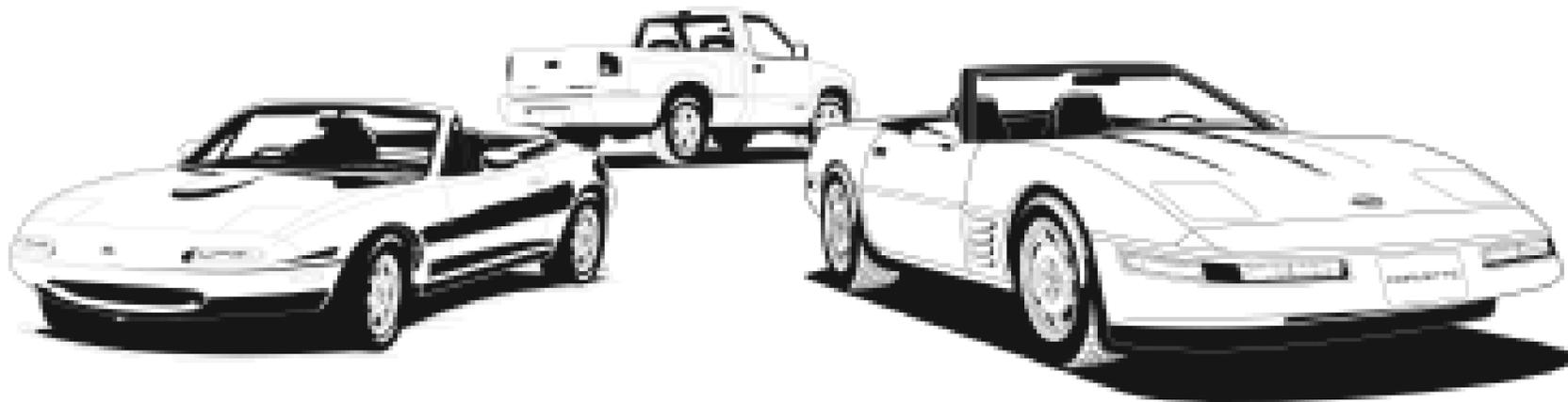
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From left: Officer Doug Datria, Special Opps Support, 15 years, and Det. Bob Dinlocker, 15 years, were classmates at the Police Academy. Det. Dinlocker explained that there are 35 divers that make up the Underwater Dive Unit for the entire City.

Experiencing the LAPD

■ LAPD in San Pedro hosts block party for area youths.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

Photos by Arlene Herrero and Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

POLICE DEPT. — On April 7, the LAPD gave Harbor-area youths and their families a chance to see how the department's specialized units – up close.

In conjunction with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Los Angeles Harbor, the LAPD in San Pedro hosted an LAPD Experience block party for the Harbor area youths in front of the San Pedro Boys and Girls Club on S. Cabrillo Avenue in San Pedro. This allowed Harbor Area youths and their families to see up close LAPD's specialized units, including the department's Bomb Squad, Explorer Unit, the Dive Unit and Equestrian Unit.

Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Mike Lansing and LAPD's Harbor Division Commanding Officer Patrick Gannon produced the event to increase the positive visibility of LAPD among youths, build and foster a stronger relationship with today's youths, encourage trust and familiarity with the LAPD and teach youths not to be afraid of police officers. Families were encouraged to attend this event with their children.

One of the officers taking part was Joe Buscaino, who grew up in San Pedro and participated in the San Pedro Boys and Girls Club himself, so he was excited to be taking part in the LAPD Experience block party.

The Club thanks Officer Buscaino and Capt. Andrew Smith for their assistance, and for the LAPD Public Information office for providing the details.



Officer Doug Datria holding Angel Jr. Gomez (son of Club Member Services Manager, Angel Gomez).



Kids crowd around the helicopter.



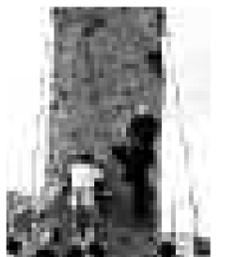
Matteo, 2, with his dad, Officer Joe Basciano.



Officer Bennyworth, Metro Mounted Unit, Club Member and "Lewis the Mule" cartoonist, along with Skip. From left: Stephanie and Daisy, both 9.



LAFD Fire Inspector Alan K. Babin, 17 years, was on hand to make sure the helicopter landed safely on Daniels Field.



Another Boys and Girls Club Staff vs. City Employees Club Member & LAPD Capt. Andrew J. Smith.



Andros the Robot, which originated from Tennessee, according to Officer Randy Becker.



On bike: Officer Erickson, Harbor Division, 8 years, with Jay Staub, ARINC.



From left: Officer Randy Becker, North East Bomb Squad, 38 years; and Officer Hennigan, North East Bomb Squad, 17 years. They said that that they average 1100 calls a year, 36 percent of which are actually explosive-related.



Officer Hennigan shows how the remote robot is operated.



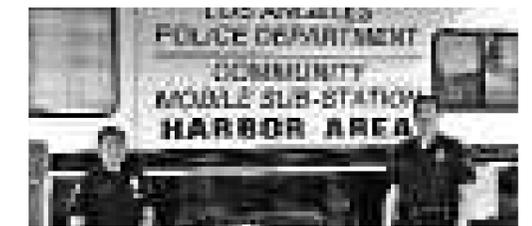
Officer Vincent, Metro Mounted Unit with Doc Preston, 15 years old.



From left: Paulette Fistikoglu, San Pedro Police Academy Magnet School; Brandon Hoscher, a student at San Pedro Police Academy Magnet School; and Officer Michael Pounds, San Pedro Station, 8.5 years.



An LAPD helicopter landing at Daniels Field.



From left: Senior Lead Officer Dumaplin, Harbor Station, 10.5 years; and Senior Lead Officer Casey, Harbor Station, 16 years.



From left: Sgt. Dennis, Community Policing at Parker Center, with Kianna, 7, enjoying her cotton candy.



DARE Officer Wright, Juvenile Division Operations Section, 16 years.



Officer Hennigan looks on as the young man attempts to carry the vest that the Bomb Squad uses. The vest weighs 85 pounds.



Isaac, 12, with Officer Jason Chappel, Tactical Flight Officer, Air Support, 6.5 years.



From left: K9 Officer Wade, Metro Division, 19 years, with his partner Lux, who is 4 years old.



Everyone in awe at seeing the horses.



From left: Officer Randy Becker, North East Bomb Squad, 38 years; and Officer Hennigan, North East Bomb Squad, 17 years. They said that that they average 1100 calls a year, 36 percent of which are actually explosive-related.



Back, from left: Natrese Thomas, PSR II, Club Member; and Marisol Vielma, PSR II, Club Member. Front: Keyla, 8, and Jewell, 7. Perhaps they might be future Police Service Representatives.



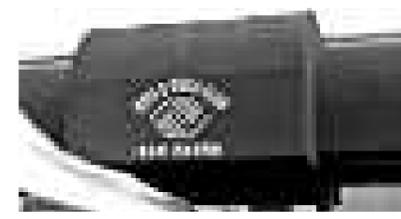
From left: Officer Pinel, Metro, 18 years; Officer Martinez, Metro, 16 years, at the SWAT table.



A radio-controlled robot used to check under vehicles.



Officer Joe Buscaino, Community Policing Unit, 8 years, on "cotton candy detail."



Welcome to the block party.



From left: Sgt. Doug Abney, Air Support, 29 years, with Raymond, 14.



From left: Mike Lansing, Executive Director, Boys and Girl's Club of San Pedro, with Officer Joe Buscaino.



Boys and Girls Club Staff vs. LAPD Officer Dumaplin.

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Tommy Edward Scott's Life

Officer Scott joined the Airport police Oct. 7, 2001, graduating from Rio Hondo Police Academy Feb. 21, 2002. He had followed friends into law enforcement and chose airport policing because, as he wrote on his application, he wanted to be a part of a "dedicated team that watched over each other" and was passionate about assisting people who found themselves in difficult situations. He wanted a dynamic environment where every day posed challenges that would help him grow professionally, so that one day he could become a role model for others, according to those who knew him.

Scott was born in Los Angeles on May 30, 1969, to Hubert and Nettie Louise Scott. He was younger brother to Hubert Cornell Scott Jr. He attended Vermont Elementary School and earned money by mowing lawns and washing cars. At Foshay Junior High School, he played pickup basketball, football and baseball. At Dorsey High School, Scott excelled in swimming and the swimming coach hired him as an assistant.

Scott joined Rec and Parks as a lifeguard in 1986. He was promoted to aquatics supervisor at the Celes King facility. After the swimming pool closed each day, neighborhood parents were grateful that Scott volunteered to tutor their children in math. He attended college for a while, but discontinued when his mother passed away in 1990.

After the death of his mother, Scott grew closer to his father, now a retired aerospace worker. His father was concerned when Scott announced he wanted to become an Airport Police Officer. But, his father was confident that his two sons had been prepared well to lead productive and happy lives. Reflecting on his son's sacrifice, Mr. Scott said, "Very often a good person gives up his life so others may live. They often do more in death than when they're living."

Officer Scott's funeral was held May 6 in the Cathedral of Our Lady, Queen of the Angels downtown because of its large capacity. Pastor William Epps, Officer Scott's pastor at Second Baptist Church, Los Angeles, presided over both the funeral service and at the burial at Forest Lawn Cemetery/Hollywood Hills that followed.

The Club offers its condolences, thoughts and prayers to the family, friends and co-workers of Officer Tommy Edward Scott.



TOMMY

I wept such a raging river on the day of your passing.
Mixed with tears of so many others,
that river became a sea.
And even though you and I were not blood-related,
you will now and forever be a brother to me.

I was so proud to walk by your side
and call you a "partner."
I'll miss your altruism, smiles
and presence...24/7.
And the only reason we are not patrolling together,
is that God hand-picked an Angel...
to protect those in Heaven.

-JAMS

The above poem was written by Airport Police Sgt. Joaquin Mendez (featured on the cover of the April issue of Alive!) in honor of his late friend, Tommy Edward Scott.

Tributes

One academy instructor found Scott "to have the best attitude of the class" and "constantly motivating his fellow cadets with words and actions."

Supervising officers admired his ability to solicit the cooperation of thousands of passengers during airport emergencies. With a calming demeanor, a genuine smile, and always sensitive to passengers' needs, Scott often could be seen patiently dealing with angry passengers. He was popular with airline employees in the terminals he patrolled, where he greeted many of them on a first-name basis.

Airport police officers found Scott diligent, reliable and helpful - an officer who was not afraid to get involved and supported fellow officers. Scott seemed to flourish in the close-knit environment of the Airport Police. Working at Los Angeles International Airport allowed Scott to interact with hundreds of people every day.

Airport Police Chief Bernard Wilson described Scott as "the face of Airport Police as it should be. He was an outstanding officer, who quickly was promoted to field training officer and a role model for other officers".

Curtis Sherman, 39, a close friend of Tommy's since their mid-20s when they met while working at Rec and Parks, recalled Scott as a man "with a huge heart. He cared deeply for people, including total strangers. And if you were one of his friends, he was your guardian angel."

Sherman recalled that while driving with Scott, he might see someone stranded on the road. "Tommy would stop the car or make me stop. He would get out of the car on rainy, stormy days, get me to help him push the car to the side of the road, call for help, and then wait with the driver for tow truck. Sometimes these cars would break down in unsafe areas, and he wanted to make sure that person was safe. Sometimes we would stay with that person for more than an hour until the tow truck arrived."

Laughing, Sherman said, "We did this five or six times a year!"

Airport Police Officer Christopher Johnson, 37, also met Scott in 1986, when the two served as lifeguards in Rec and Parks and volunteered for several years in rescuing people and animals that fell into West San Fernando Valley reservoirs. Scott also volunteered as a Red Cross instructor in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.

Johnson said that one thing that many of the Airport Police officers have already begun to miss "Tommy's genuine smile and the freshness in the way he lit up a room when he entered."

"The entire airport community is shocked and saddened by the loss of a dedicated member of the Airport Police Force," said Cheryl K. Peterson, president of the Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners. "Our thoughts, love and prayers are with the family of Tommy Scott in these trying times. This is a great loss for his family, the LAX Police Department and the entire Los Angeles aviation community."

Los Angeles World Airports Executive Director Kim Day said, "Officer Scott was a very professional, capable and respected police officer who was well-liked by everyone at the airport. As we try to come to terms with this loss, our thoughts turn to the many remarkable men and women who choose to dedicate their lives in law enforcement service in Los Angeles and throughout our country."

"Officer Scott was one of the most respected and admired officers on our force," said Airport Police Chief Bernard Wilson. "He presented the face of Airport Police as it should be. He was an outstanding officer who advanced quickly to become a field training officer and a role model for other officers."

Ofcr. Tommy Edward Scott 1969 - 2005



Paying respects to Officer Tommy Edward Scott.



Pallbearers bear the proud but sad duty.



Officers stand in formation outside the main entrance to the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels downtown.

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Housing Has a Picnic

■ Housing hosts picnic for its employees.

Story and photos by Liz Montes, Club Counselor

HOUSING DEPT. — The Housing Dept. threw its annual employee picnic April 30 at Elysian Park. All LAHD employees, their families and friends were invited to attend the festive event. They enjoyed an all-you-can-eat BBQ, games, sporting events and free prizes. Stephen Cross, Personnel Analyst, organized the event and helped make the event a big success.

Special thanks goes to Stephen Cross for inviting the Club to the picnic.



Rick Zaragoza; Diana; and Maria Martinez, Clerk Typist, 2.5 years.



Flor Esguerra, Manager Analyst, 21 years; Tiena Hall, Director, 30 years; and Marilyn Navarra, RCS, 17 years.



"Games Guru," 7 years, Management Analyst II.



Victor Takayama, Sr. Inspector, 17 years, with Kevin.



From left: Roxanne Cross; Stephen Cross, Personnel Analyst; and Francisca Iglesias.



Phil Meyerson, 23 years.



Alfonso Perez, Personnel Director, 6 years.



Lee Clifton, Inspector, 24 years.



Back row, from left: Doug Smith, HRP Manager, 29 years; Peter Havas, Financial Development Officer, 10 years; Russel Fujii, Management Assistant, 1.5 years; and Lynn Hansen, Assistant General Manager, 7 months. Front: Karen Manley with Alexandra.



Front row, from left: Willie Andrews, Sr. Inspector, 10 years; Simeon Andrews, Willie's son; and David Whitehurst, Sr. Inspector, 5.5 years. Back: Maria and Daniel Snyder, Principal Inspector, 20 years.



From left: Scott Herbek, Inspector, 6 years; Mirta Ocana, Deputy Director, 4 years; Mercedes Marquez, General Manager, 1 year; Chris Hatzikian, Inspector, 6 years; Lee Bruce, Inspector, 3 years; and Mary Bruce, Lee's daughter.

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Rick Garris' Life

My brother Ricardo ("Big Rick") Garris was born June 27, 1955, to Willie F. Garris of Charlotte, N.C., and the late Helen W. Garris of St. Augustine Fla.

As a child, Rick loved to play jokes on his unsuspecting friends, especially me, his sister Karen, who was often the butt of his jokes. For example, he told me I had won a contest, called a taxi to take me to CBS Studios and told me to call him when I arrived. Boy did I feel stupid when I arrived at the studios and no one knew who I was! Of course when I called him he laughed so hard I had to start laughing.

He would mail invitations to my friends to attend a party that no one in the family knew about, sent my picture to men in prison (I was quite popular with the inmates), signed me up for numerous clubs or events without my consent (including the bird watchers, Special Olympics, 20-mile hikes), and he used my name to pledge millions of dollars to charities. One charity was so impressed with my pledge they sent a TV crew to our house to interview me! Of course Rick laughed and ran out of the house, leaving my parents to smooth things out.

Rick attended Morningside High School, where he was an outstanding football player and received a scholarship to play football in college. However his career in sports was sidelined when he broke his leg in several places. After he graduated in 1973, he attended El Camino Junior College but spent more time watching girls than going to class. Rick began his career with the City in 1980, first with DWP and later with the Public Works. He married Yvette Williams in 1983.

He received several awards for his service to the City: a Directors Award of Appreciation issued by the Public Works Bureau of Street Services in 2001; Outstanding Customer Service Awards issued by the Bureau of Street Services in 1999, 2001 and 2003; and many others.

Rick's lifelong love for motorcycles, fast cars and racing bikes began as a child while camping with his family who enjoyed riding minibikes, hiking and fishing. While camping at Salton Sea, Rick talked our parents into renting minibikes. I was supposed to have the first turn, but Rick took one look at that bike, knocked me and my little dog off, jumped on the bike and rode it as fast as he could. He returned two hours later when the gas tank was empty!

Rick loved sports, especially boxing. He knew more about the boxers than their own family. He carefully analyzed each fight and would challenge anyone to prove him wrong. Rick would bet on anything from who could eat the most chicken wings to who had the biggest head. His last passion was NASCAR; he went to a race and was hooked.

He loved to have a good time and spend time with good friends and family. He had more friends than anyone I knew. I once asked him why he was in the same position for so many years. He said it's simple. "I love my job and the guys on my crew," he said. "We are not just co-workers, we are family and friends, I really love those guys. I love working with them and I love going to work each day. Love and laughter that is what life is about."

Rick's fun-loving, easy-going manner, mischievous smile and infectious laugh will truly be missed. There will always be a missing part in my life, but I will always be blessed because I could not have prayed for a better big brother who had such a passion for life and was so compassionate to others. I will truly miss my only brother.

— Contributed by Karen Garris, Rick's sister



Ricardo Garris 1955 - 2005

The Club pays tribute to Rick Garris, who made the ultimate sacrifice for his dedication to City service. Rick was killed along with his co-worker Rene Flores Feb. 24 while on duty.

Here are tributes to "Big Rick" from family and friends.



Tributes

"Big Rick" and Rene, on to greener pastures. We will miss you both.
— *Bela Gyimesi*

"Big Rick," you were the bright sun to shine for me when I thought it was going to be a gloomy day. You will be truly missed, but we will meet again.
— *Shelly Wilkes-Bradley*

With tears we enter each day knowing that Rick Garris' and Rene Flores' voices will never again be vibrating our ears. I have lost two of my greatest friends, but they have given me much more with the love of their families becoming one with our family at the Bureau.

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I shall always miss them, never forget them and forever love them.
— *Bennie Williams*

"Big Rick:" Strong, talented, devoted, humorous, kind, my friend. His life is one that will be missed, but not forgotten.
— *Bob Garcia*

There are but a few landmarks in one's life that will never be forgotten - Rene and Rick are two of them.
— *Dennis Weber, Division Manger, Special Projects Division*

To speak of Rick and Rene is to recognize two individuals whose commitment to their work and fellow crew members was unquestioned. They were collectively and separately two of the finest people I have ever had the opportunity to know and work with. No matter what challenges came their way, they and the guys with Bridge Crew #165 approached every situation with a resolve to attain their goals. That comes from a mindset that they were all part of the finest crew that Special Projects Division has stepping up to the line each day! After sharing in the grief of losing two of our best with their families, co-workers and friends, we can all say with pride that we were blessed to have them as part of our lives as long as we did. We miss them!
— *Dean Harding*

Rene and Rick were special, kind, caring and cheerful, as well as dedicated, accountable, dependable and responsible friends!
— *Neil Lienhard, Senior Mechanic, Lot Cleaning Division*

Rick was a co-worker and friend. His insight on boxing I will miss.
— *Rudy Aguillar*

Rick was a man who, if he saw that you were down, he would do his best to raise your spirits. One of the best motorcycles rides I ever took was with Rene.
— *Pat Singleton*

Rick was willing to do whatever it took and gladly, always with a smile and a joke. Rick and Rene are deeply missed and will always be in my thoughts.
— *Rick Croymans*

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Year of the Finn

■ LAFD honors Club Member Capt. James Finn as Firefighters of the Year. Fighters Memorial is his passion.

Story by Bev Haro, Club Counselor
Photos by Sammy Lam,
Club IT Business Analyst

FIRE DEPT. — Capt. James Finn was honored as the LAFD Firefighter of the Year at the Department's 38th annual Luncheon, held April 15 at the Omni Hotel. The award, honoring Capt. Finn for his 37 years of dedicated service, is sponsored by the Los Angeles City Firefighters Association.

Captain I Finn, a new Club Member, was nominated by Mark Ryan, a Staff Assistant. Mark had to know the Captain for only five years to find out why James Finn is worthy of the esteemed award. Mark and his fellow firefighters surprised Captain Finn with a brand new television.

Gary Johnson, President of the Firefighters Association, was the Master of Ceremonies. Councilman Dennis Zine and Councilman Tom LaBonge attended the event along with LAFD Chief William Bammatre. Members of Captain Finn's family, including his wife, Jeannie; daughter,

Jennifer; and brother, Bill; were also present. Several past recipients of the award were also present. In fact, two of them attended elementary school with Captain Finn.

Capt. Finn is a lifelong resident of Los Angeles. He spent six years in the Marine Corps, achieving the title of Staff Sergeant. He joined the LAFD in February 1968. He married his high school sweetheart, Jeannie, and has been married for 35 years. They have one daughter, Jennifer.

Capt. Finn has volunteered countless community service hours to various causes. He was an LAFD mentor for children at risk. In 2004 he was chosen as the volunteer of the year for the LAFD historical society. On Saturdays you can usually find him working at the LAFD museum, unless of course he's working at Fire Station 29. He has spent more than 600 hours researching and compiling accurate information on Fallen Firefighters for the memorial.

He acknowledges that the Fallen Firefighters Memorial is his passion. He is involved with Friends of Fire Station 29. When Captain Finn spoke, he encouraged everyone to choose one of the many great organizations available and volunteer.



Gary Johnson, President, L.A. City Firefighter's Association, presents the Firefighter of the Year award.



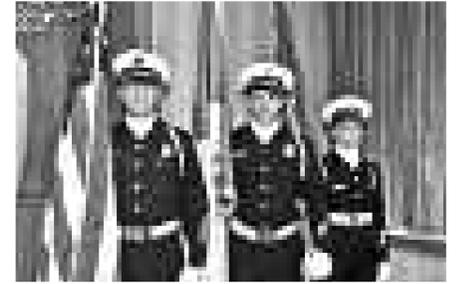
Kevin Nida, President, L.A. State Firefighter's Association, presents Capt. Finn with an award.



The Finns: Jeannie, Jim and Jennifer.



From left: Robert De Feo, 1999 Recipient of Firefighter of the Year Award, with Roger G. Gillis, 2000 Recipient of Firefighter of the Year Award.



From left: Apparatus Operator Santiago, FS 90, 30 years; Engineer Quintana, FS 19, 18 years; and Kathleen White, Inspector II, Engineering Unit, 25 years



Staff from the Fire Chief's Office.



Staff from the Fire Chief's Office.



Captain Finn receives a very impressive plaque.



Councilman Tom LaBonge and Capt. Jim Finn join in.



From left: LAFD Chief William Bammatre with Capt. Jim Finn.



From left: Captain Al Abarca, 27 years, with Marie Abarca.



Tom LaBonge presents bread to Capt. Finn.



From left: Engineer Dan Zabala, FS 29C, 11 years, with David Stroud, Engineer.



Mark Ryan, Staff Assistant, FS 29, Battalion 11, 15 years, with Shannon Ryan.



Capt. James Finn receives an award from Fire Station 29.



Dana Laine, Retired Captain, 26 years, with Norma Laine, Retired Chief of Operations, Department of Airports, 36 years.



From left: Battalion Chief Thomas, 25 years, with Battalion Chief Yoder, 32 years.



Roger DeFeo congratulates Capt. Finn.



Firefighter of the Year Past Recipients in attendance were (in order of the year in which they were awarded): 1970 Bill Goss, 1977 Don Beaver, 1981 Rudy Concha, 1982 William Dahlquist, 1983 Sam Ortega, 1984 Lyle Hall, 1989 Barney Nipp, 1990 Scotty Lenz, 1991 William Finn, 1992 Dennis Willahan, 1993 Terry Tuzzolino, 1994 Ralph Rodriguez, 1996 John Squire, 1997 John White, 1999 Robert J. De Feo, 2000 Roger G. Gillis, 2001 Patrick M. Shanley, 2003 Jesus S. Pasos



Firefighters of Fire Station 29 and Capt. Finn and family join in for group photo with the Captain's new television.



From left: Ralph Terrazas, Battalion Chief; Lydia Luna, Sr. Clerk Typist; Elizabeth De Anda, Clerk Typist, 25 years; and Captain Carlos Calvillo.

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Rene Flores' Life

Rene Flores was born May 16, 1950, to Rachel Robles Flores and Jesus "Henry" Flores. Rene had four brothers and two sisters: Abram, Oscar, Frank, Alex, Christina and Sylvia.

He grew up in Los Angeles. In 1970 he bought his first Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

Soon after he bought it though, the throttle got stuck while he was riding; he hit a fence and broke his leg. That same year he was drafted in the Army, and married Sissy Campbell. He was stationed in Fort Louis where his first child, Jason, was born. Rene was later stationed in Fort Sam Houston, Tex.

After he was discharged from the Army in 1972, he and his family moved back home to Los Angeles. In 1973 his second child, DeAnna, was born. He continued to ride his motorcycle and soon acquired a boat that he, his family and friends would use on camping trips, water skiing and scuba diving.

He worked for Eklund, a maintenance company, which his best friend Dennis' father owned. Rene and Sissy divorced in 1978. He soon met Dzidra Fomenko and they married in 1980. Dzidra had three children from a previous marriage, and Rene helped her raise them.

His career with the City began in 1983. In 1985 he had his third and last child, a daughter named Renee. He and his family spent lots of time camping, going to the lake, water skiing, scuba diving and riding dirt bikes. Rene and Dzidra divorced in 1998. After the divorce he immersed himself in his work and took many classes and tests to further his career. However he remained a family-oriented person, spending lots of time with his elderly mother, taking her to lunch and dinner, grocery shopping and doctor appointments. He also enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren. His first granddaughter Irene was born in 1991; a second grandchild, Jason, was born in 1997.

In 2003 his youngest daughter Renee graduated from high school and went on to PCC to follow in her older sister's footsteps to be a registered nurse. Rene was pleased and strongly encouraged her to go on to college. His last granddaughter, Katie, was born in 2003 and he was in the delivery room to watch her come into the world. He was very honored to be able to be a part of that experience.

He loved to garden and enjoyed spending time with his family, which included barbecues almost every weekend, and camping at Lake Buena Vista every Fourth of July. Birthdays were very special occasions and included dinner at the birthday boy's or girl's choice of restaurant, cocktails, cake and lots of laughs.

The last five years have been the best that we have had with our father; we had great communication, lots of fun and laughs, and we spent at least once a week having dinner, or barbecue together.

Rene met Marie Casteneda a few years ago and began dating in April 2004; they became engaged in November 2004 and were planning on marrying in 2005. We were planning our family summer vacation to Hawaii. Rene looked forward to retirement, watching his children and grandchildren grow and enjoying all his hobbies: riding his Harley, camping and boating, gardening, barbecuing, fishing, scuba diving, and just having a good time. He just enjoyed life. Our father was a great son, brother, father, grandfather and friend. He will be greatly missed.

Here are a few of his honors while working for the City:

Outstanding Customer Service recognition letters in 2003 and 2004; an Employee Suggestion Award in 1994; an Employee Recognition Award in 1987; Letters of Appreciation in 1995, 1999 and 2003; two City Council Letters of Appreciation in 2003; a Certificate of Commendation from the Board of Public Works in 2002; a Certificate of Commendation from the Bureau of Street Services in 2003; and others.



Rene Flores

1950 - 2005

The Club pays tribute to Rene Flores, who made the ultimate sacrifice for his dedication to City service. Rene was killed along with his co-worker Rick Garris Feb. 24 while on duty.

Here are tributes to Rene from family and friends.



Rene Flores and Marie Casteneda, his fiancée at the time of his death.



Rene during his military service.

**Tributes**

"Big Rick" and Rene, on to greener pastures; we will miss you both.

— *Bela Gyimesi*

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— *Shelly Wilkes-Bradley*

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— *Bennie Williams*

Rene Flores, truly a hard-working, dedicated employee and family man, and a true friend.

— *Bob Garcia*

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— *Dennis Weber, Division Manager, Special Projects Division*

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— *Dean Harding*

Rene and Rick were special, kind, caring and cheerful, as well as dedicated, accountable, dependable and responsible friends!

— *Neil Lienhard, Senior Mechanic, Lot Cleaning Division*

Rene has been a City employee for many years with his job at the top of his list of priorities. He was a dedicated employee who was an example to all.

— *Rick Croymans*

Rene, it was always a pleasure to work with you, and you leave behind a legacy of strong, loving children who represent the best of who you were.

— *Tonja Bellard*

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Retirees NEWS

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For Retirees *By Phil Skarin, RLACEI Publicity Chair*

MEMBER NEWS

Ken Kochakji has run in 14 marathon races, including the recent L.A. Marathon ...

Beatrice Silverberg and her husband, **Henry**, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary June 17. Call them at (818) 995-0899 to wish them well.

Fred Hoeptner and his wife, **Judy**, traveled to Seattle to attend a Jazz Festival. While there they got together with **Hilton "Pat" Brodie** and his wife, **Aileen**, for a dinner party, then the next day on a ferry ride to the Bouchart Gardens in Victoria, Canada. Fred and Pat are fellow musicians.

Bob Packard does consulting for the Plate Boundary Observatory Project, locating sites where GPS instruments will gather data on the motions of the Pacific and North American Plates.

Sam Furuta and his wife, **Karen**, spent their 25th Anniversary in February on the Mexican Riviera.

If you have news about retirement activities that you'd like to share, call Phil Skarin at (818) 784-0130, or write to 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411 or fax (818) 906-3722.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Walls are often thought of as part of a structure that provide support for a roof or a floor above, or separate one room from another.

But, there are other kinds of walls we can build, such as walls that lend support to people who are burdened with heavy loads and walls that provide them with safety and protection.

There are also walls that we erect to separate us from people who have different religious or political views, are of a different ancestry or are ill or handicapped.

So, when you are building walls, try to build walls that provide support, not separation.

- Phil Skarin



Spouse Policy Hasn't Changed, But Death Benefit Might Rise



Ed Harding,
RLACEI President

By Phil Skarin, Publicity Chair, RLACEI

Ed Harding, RLACEI President, reports: "As you know, you must have been married at least one year prior to retiring so that your wife can receive retirement benefits. I must have received 30 or 40 letters asking that their present wife be covered, although they were married after the retiree refund.

"Some of the retirees' first wives either died or they were divorced, and some of them took a reduced pension to give their wives greater coverage. The C.A.O. stated that when the retiree retires, he makes a contract that covered him and his qualifying wife, and we cannot go back and change it. Those that took a reduced pension must continue with the amount although the wife they covered is no longer living.

"At the last general meeting we had in April, at

the Van Nuys Senior Citizens Center, 95 members attended, even though only 30 called to make reservations for lunch. It is very difficult to order lunch when only 30 percent of those who attend call to make a reservation. Please call a week ahead to reserve a lunch at our August Picnic and October Meeting. Please."

Legislative Update: Ken Spiker, our elected Commissioner to the LACERS Board of Directors, reports that the Cost of Living adjustment was approved at the last Board of Directors meeting. The adjustment will be effective July 1 (CPI = 3.3 percent). Those who retired prior to July 1, 2004, will receive the +3.0 percent and can bank .3 percent for each full month of retirement completed by July 1, 2005.

Ken also reports that the LACERS Board of Directors unanimously approved the funeral expense allowance increase from \$2,500 to \$5,000. The consultant had reported the increase will cost the fund \$1 million. The Board's action will go to the Mayor and City Council for consideration. Ken hopes for approval this time, since

State and Los Angeles County employees already have the \$5,000 allowance.

Retirees writing and/or phoning City Officials to show their support would be appreciated.

News and Notes: The deadline has passed to enter our Annual Retirees Golf Classic June 14 at the Alhambra Golf Course. However, if you have been asleep or away on vacation, call Phil Skarin at (818) 784-0130 to see if he can squeeze you in. Thanks to these prize sponsors: LAFCU, the City Employees Club, ACEBSA, Bob Okuda, Tom Stemnock, Phil Skarin, and Brad Smith. (He will custom-make a driver as a prize) ... Congratulations to the L.A. Federal Credit Union for earning a five-star "Superior" rating again from a credit rating firm. Chuck Rubin has been appointed to the Board of Directors, replacing Robert Malagon, who resigned after serving the credit union for 32 years ... Hal Danowitz asks you to visit our Website at www.rlacei.com to find out the latest retirement news.

Upcoming events:

- **Aug. 11** – Picnic at the Grace E. Simons Lodge;
- **Oct. 6** – Annual Corporation Meeting and Elections at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center
- **Dec. 8** – Christmas Party at the Grace E. Simons Lodge.

Retiree Notes:

Poetry Contest: The Eleventh Annual Retirees Poetry Contest will be held this year. Poems can be any style or length or subject that will be of interest to retirees. There will be separate categories for members and spouses. Send your typed entries to Phil Skarin at 5301 Norwich Ave., by Oct. 1. Everyone will win.

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Thanking Civilians

■ LAFD holds appreciation luncheon for civilian employees.



Lori Kwiatkowski, Chair of LAFD Civilian Employee Recognition Committee.

Story by Bev Haro, Club Counselor
Photos by Robert Larios, Club Operations Director

FIRE DEPT. — The LAFD thanked its very important civilian employees at an award luncheon May 4 at the LAPD Police Academy Club Gymnasium.

The Club helped sponsor this excellent recognition program. We thank Club Member Lori Kwiatkowski, Chair of the LAFD Civilian Luncheon Recognition Committee, for her assistance.

The members of the Civilian Employee Recognition Committee were Betty Bonada, Ed Chua, Caroline Decosto, Ray Lussier, Battalion Chief Felix Norman, Larry Smith and Susie Stiles.

Here are the award winners.



Employee of the Year Presented to Kathleen Evansen, Senior Systems Analyst I

Kathy has spent her nearly 36 years with the LAFD.

Back in June 1969, Kathy joined the department as a clerk stenographer in the Bureau of Fire Prevention and Public Safety, and in 1971 she was promoted to Senior Clerk Stenographer while remaining with the bureau.

In 1982, Kathy transferred to Management information Systems. In 1985, she was promoted to Systems Specialist I; two years later, to systems specialist II; and in November 1998, she was promoted to Senior Systems Analyst I.

Kathy holds the distinction of being the LAFD civilian employee with the second highest seniority ranking.

Kathy is assigned to the dispatch systems support unit. In this capacity, she is primarily responsible for the support of the 911 emergency dispatch hardware and software in O.C.D. to ensure that the 911 system is operational every hour of every day.

In addition, Kathy regularly interacts with police and I.T.A. staff regarding dispatch operation issues, and she is a member of N.E.N.A., the National Emergency Number Association.

Another of Kathy's critical responsibilities is coordinating the quarterly testing of the backup 9-1-1 dispatch center housed at Fire Station 108. She develops scripts and coordinates the testing of the backup center's hardware, software and communications capabilities.



From left: Chief William Bamatre with Kathleen Evansen.



Employee of the Year Presented to Sonya Flint, Secretary

Sonya Flint is a 22-year City employee who started with the City in November 1982 as a clerk typist. Sonya's original appointment was to the LAPD's office of the Chief of Police.

She then was promoted to the Planning Department, board of zoning appeals, as a senior clerk typist in January 1985. Five years later, she transferred to Cultural Affairs. In August 1999, Sonya transferred to the LAFD's Personnel Service Section.

Sonya was promoted to Secretary in September 2001 in the Bureau of Training and Risk Management, where she provides administrative assistance to the Bureau Office and, specifically, to one of the newest community outreach programs of the department — the volunteer program.

With her skills in database development and program organization, the volunteer program has grown from 40 members to more than 522. One of Sonya's many duties is to provide a report to the Mayor's office volunteer corps every month.

She donates her own time to raise funds for important causes and special events, including assisting the Stentorians with the Leroy Mcknight Wake Golf Classic, and she also participates in March of Dimes fundraisers. In addition, Sonya is the department's Daffodil Days representative and has helped raise thousands of dollars for the American Cancer Society.



From left: Chief William Bamatre and Sonya Flint, Club Member.



Certificates of Special Recognition Presented to:

Dennis L. Clyde, for his duties as Senior Automotive Supervisor in the Maintenance Section of the Supply and Maintenance Division.

Raymond A. Lussier, in recognition of his outstanding service and organizational abilities that have contributed to the efficient operation of the Triple and Aerial Shops of the Supply and Maintenance Division.

Arman Serobyany, in recognition of the exceptional skills and outstanding attitude that he has



Arman Serobyany

demonstrated in the Light Vehicle Shop of the Supply and Maintenance Division.

Nam Nguyen, for his duties with the LAFD Management Information Systems, in recognition for the multitude of complex projects he successfully completed. His expert development of computer programs and efficient installation of computers, printers, peripherals and servers have facilitated and expedited the sharing of critical information. His creation of Websites for tracking injury investigations, training activities, Workers' Compensation



Nam Nguyen



Fire Chief's Award of Excellence Presented to John Alvarez, Welder

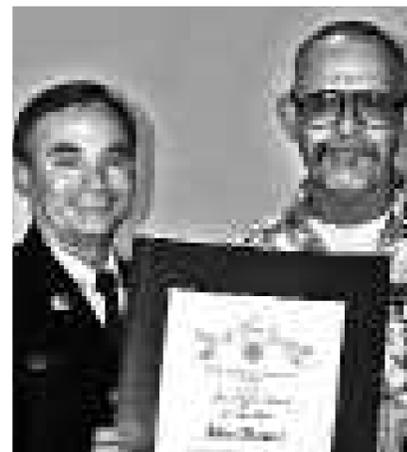
This award is bestowed upon a civilian member who utilizes unique, special talents or skills separate from their Civil Service classification — for the benefit of the Department. This is only the second time this award has been given.



John Alvarez, Club Member.

John Alvarez began his career with the LAFD May 27, 1986, when he was appointed to the position of welder. John has been asked to utilize his artistic talents and achievements of the department and its members.

John has created many pieces of truly magnificent artwork. Some of the more creative examples of his artwork were welding a steel rose, drawing life size cartoon characters, and designing a firefighter climbing a ladder in a 3-D perspective. He painted the wall mural in the Bureau of Support Services Office.



From left: Chief William Bamatre with John Alvarez.



Fire Chief's Group Award of Excellence Presented to Sandra Ocon and Edna Bernal, LAFD Budget Team

This award is given to a group of 10 fewer civilian members who collectively provided outstanding service to the Department by completion of a specific project.

Crucial to Sandra's and Edna's success each year is communicating with department staff on new budget procedures and with department management on establishing the coming year's priorities.

This past year was an exceptionally challenging one in which deadlines were advanced by more than a month, in addition to new procedures and practices being added to the process.

Sandra Ocon began her City career as a management assistant with the Community Development Department in 1993. From 1995 through 1998, she promoted to Management Analyst I and II while working for the LAPD.

She transferred to the LAFD's budget unit in October 1998 and has been deeply involved in the past seven budgets. In May 2001, she promoted to senior Personnel Analyst I, and continues to work on the budget. In addition, Sandra is responsible for all claim reimbursements related to Major fires, floods, and natural disasters.

Edna Bernal is a 17-year City employee who worked for Animal Services, City Attorney, Fire & Police Pensions, LAPD and DWP before joining the LAFD in August 2003. She is the management analyst II in the budget unit.



Chief William Bamatre with Sandra Ocon and Edna Bernal.



Employee of the Year Presented to Ryan Spohr, Mechanical Helper

Ryan Spohr started with the LAFD in March 1999 as a mechanical helper at the downtown shops.

As a mechanical helper, his primary duties are to assist mechanics with needed repairs and maintenance. He maintained and repaired all types of equipment from sedans and pickup trucks to triples trucks, and heavy-duty construction equipment.

In addition to Ryan's meticulous work habits, he takes the initiative to organize and re-order shop supplies as needed.

As an example, in November 2004, he coordinated a very successful field trip to Fire Station 88 and the Valley Repair Shop for a special education class from El Camino High School.

He has his EMT certification and is working to become a firefighter with the LAFD.



Ryan Spohr



From left: Chief William Bamatre with Ryan Spohr.



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Nam Nguyen

numbers, and Firefighter time commitment has greatly benefited the department by streamlining effort and staff hours.

The Administrative Unit of the Bureau of Fire Prevention and Public Safety's Technical Section, for its lead role in the implementation of the Unified Program's new data management system, which will greatly improve the management of data and financial accounting. The unit's diligent efforts and supervision of the Underground Storage Tank Unit's massive scanning project will result in more effi-



Daniel Tinajero

cient service to the public and will save the department more than \$1 million. Daniel Tinajero represented the Administrative Unit.

Marianne Miglin received a Certificate of Special Recognition at the LAFD Civilian Luncheon May 4. Marianne works at the LAFD Valley Industrial Unit. At press time, *Alive!* was unable to obtain information about Marianne's accomplishments, which we are sure are impressive.

Alive! congratulates Marianne for her recognition. If we obtain the information in the future, we'll publish it.



Marianne Miglin



Olvera Street is 75

■ Olvera Street celebrates its 75th anniversary.

Story and photos by Michelle Moreno, Club Events Guru

EL PUEBLO DEPT. — Known as one of the oldest streets in Los Angeles, Olvera Street celebrated its 75th Anniversary April 16-18 with a weekend filled with a parade, live music and dancing, workshops and an exhibition showcasing the history of the historic area.

The Club congratulates El Pueblo and its new General Manager, Rushmore Cervantes, on the great weekend.

Here's to another 75 years!



Rushmore Cervantes, General Manager, El Pueblo.



Tyrone Tagle, Museum Guide, discusses the history of Olvera Street with visitors.



Parade participants.



The LAFD participates in the parade.



Laquon D. Cunningham, Vocational Worker I, Gen. Services.



Elmo Gambarana, Tour Guide, El Pueblo, 14 years.



From left: Mary Louise Uranga, Volunteer, Las Angelitas del Pueblo; and Alicia V. Brown, Volunteer, Las Angelitas del Pueblo.



Richard Ferrante, Greeter, El Pueblo.



From left: Ron Haywood, Traffic Officer II, Hollywood Division; and Richard Corralez, Traffic Officer II, Hollywood Division.



From left: Martha Vasquez, Olvera Street Merchant, with Phil Orozco, Management Analyst II, El Pueblo.

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Bigger Budget for L.A.?

■ Mayor Hahn proposes a more robust budget. It awaits approval by City Council.

Most likely due to the recovering economy, Mayor Jim Hahn has proposed a \$5.95 billion budget for the next fiscal year that would expand the LAPD (long a goal of the Hahn administration), take care of neglected potholes and otherwise rough paving, and add after-school programs. The City Ethics Commission would see a double-digit increase in funding to boost its oversight of public officials.

The proposed budget of \$5.95 billion would be an increase of more than 10 percent over the current budget.

The larger budget reportedly is possible because of increased revenue from hotel bed taxes and property taxes, among other taxes.

But some critics say the proposed budget also borrows from the City's reserve fund, more than in previous years.

The LA's Best after-school program would be expanded by eight schools to cover 138 campuses. And the DWP would transfer \$190 million to the City's general fund in the proposed budget.

Also prominent in the proposed budget is funds to hire and train 720 police officers. The LAFD would also be funded to hire 120 more firefighters and pay for paramedic-staffed ambulances at each fire station.

The budget would also address needs in the City Attorney's office for anti-gang measures, light rail expansion, cultural and tourism initiatives and assistance for Animal Services to help its efforts to reduce the stray dog and cat population.

At press time, the budget proposal was being considered by the City Council, which had until June 1 to revise it and send it back to the mayor, whomever that would be, depending on mayoral election results from the primary runoff May 17.

The budget proposal can be viewed online at <http://www.lacity.org/mayor/budget>.

Budget?

Ask the Workers

■ SIEU offers money-saving ideas from the City workers.

On April 15, SEIU Local 347 hand-delivered the Union's comprehensive budget submission to the City's City Administrative



Officer, the President of the City Council, the Chair of the Council's Budget & Finance Committee, and the Mayor summarizing two years of ideas and proposals from Los Angeles City workers that could save the City money, generate additional revenue, enhance or improve municipal services, or solve an administrative, managerial, or operational problem in one of 43 City departments.

The ideas collected from 10,000 frontline workers, if fully implemented, could net an estimated \$58.31 million in cost savings and could generate approximately \$38.3 million in additional revenue. In addition, the workers' ideas propose countless ways of improving, enhancing, or expanding city services.

Here is a sampling of ideas generated by City employees:

- The City's workforce is over-managed and over-administered. By comprehensively evaluating staffing patterns throughout the City, management could begin to save millions this and in subsequent years by simply not adding administrative and/or managerial staff without prudent reason.
- Consolidations and mergers of departments and functions are still worth evaluating; politicians must be willing to make tough decisions when these decisions make sense and in no way harm the functions ostensibly served.
- Solving the City's "shadow IT" problem could generate savings in the tens of millions over the immediate and coming years.
- This year, the City will see savings of greater than \$17 million in anticipated workers' compensation costs. In 2004, there were 700 fewer on-the-job injuries than there had been the year before. The savings realized this year were based on steps taken beginning seven years ago.
- Utilize inspectors and other workers to enforce business tax compliance.
- Fully support and implement animal licensing canvassing program.
- Add Traffic Officers to implement innovative programs to improve services including Gridlock Enforcement, the citywide implementation of the Stolen Vehicle Recovery pilot, and the testing of a new Non-Injury Accident Report program.
- Explore the reinstatement of the previously successful Traffic Officer Incentive Program previously credited with improvements in productivity of 23 percent.
- Adopt a budget proposal submitted by the Public Links Golf Association and the Municipal Golf Association to maximize golf play and to generate additional revenue; establish golf enterprise fund for full accountability.

SEIU Local 347 represents 10,000 LA City workers, including LA's trash men, street services and tree workers, parks, airport, zoo, and harbor workers, traffic officers, custodians, and parking meter technicians, skilled craftsmen including mechanics, welders, and machinists, in all City departments, jailers and property officers in the LAPD, equipment operators, wastewater treatment and collection workers and countless other front-line workers throughout Los Angeles.



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Voter Turnout Low, But Votes Villaraigosa In

Election

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doing, Villaraigosa becomes the first L.A. mayor of Latino descent since the pioneer days.

"I want to thank the people of Los Angeles for putting their trust in me," Villaraigosa said as he claimed victory at midnight. "The results of this election say it more eloquently than I ever could. We are all Angelenos tonight. It doesn't matter whether you grew up on the Eastside or the Westside. It doesn't matter whether you go to work in a fancy car, or in a bus."

"I stand here today because people believe in me. And I want you to know I believe in you as well."

Villaraigosa and Hahn first ran against each other for the Mayor's seat in 2001, when Hahn won. This time out, it was the other way around.

Villaraigosa becomes the City's last Latino mayor since Cristobal Aguilar, who left office in 1872 when Los Angeles was little more than a frontier outpost of 6,000 people.

In other important election news for City employees, Proposition A (Removal of Restrictions on Reorganization of Security and Law Enforcement Authority at the City's Airport Facilities) was going down to defeat. That proposition would have changed the City charter to allow the LAPD to take control over policing at the City's airports, including LAX. With more than 98 percent of precincts reporting, voters overwhelmingly defeated that measure by almost 30 percentage points.

In Council District 11, the only Council district election on the ballot (all others were resolved during the primary elections in March), cable TV executive Bill Rosendahl was defeating Flora Gil Krisloff by more than 13 percentage points. Many political analysts determined that the District 11 issues involved development in the area; congested traffic; and how best to modernize LAX, which falls in that Council District.

Rosendahl replaces Cindy Miscikowski, who could not run due to term limits.

Overall, voter turnout was reported by the City Clerk's Office to be approximately 30 percent.

The Club congratulates Villaraigosa and Rosendahl, and those who supported keeping the Airport Police independent, and encourages bridge-building for a better City.

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Airport Police Officer Eleanor Traylor receives her commendation from the California Highway Patrol. From left: Los Angeles Airport Police Captain Greg Staar, Los Angeles Airport Police Officer Eleanor Traylor, California Highway Patrol Captain Calvin Aubrey and Los Angeles Airport Police Chief Bernard Wilson.

■ Airport Police Officer Eleanor Traylor commended for exceptional performance.

AIRPORT DEPT. — Officer Eleanor Traylor was awarded a Commander's Certificate of Commendation April 20 by the California Highway Patrol in recognition of exceptional per-

formance when she aided a CHP officer needing assistance. While awaiting back-up Dec. 19, a lone uniformed CHP officer became involved in a struggle near the intersection of 96th Street and Normandie Avenue with a combative and physically imposing individual armed with a metal pole and blocking traffic. While many people watched, the CHP officer wrestled for several minutes with the 6-foot-3-inch, 230-pound suspect. Officer Traylor was off-duty and leaving church services when she saw the struggle and ran to assist.

"I saw the officer needed help," said Traylor, who kicked off her Sunday shoes and helped take

Commended for Heroism

control of the suspect. The suspect was taken into custody and the CHP officer was uninjured.

"On behalf of the California Highway Patrol and its men and women of the West Los Angeles Area, I commend you for your dedication to protecting our community and a job well done," said CHP Captain Calvin Aubrey. "With distinction, you have ethically and professionally provided a high quality of safety, service and security to the people of California."

Traylor joined the City of Los Angeles 30 years ago as a clerk typist, transferring to Los Angeles World Airports in 1976. She became a Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) security officer in 1978, an LAX special officer in 1980, and an LAX police officer in 1981.

Congratulations from the Club, Eleanor! Your commendation is well deserved.

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Thankz ... With a Z

■ Councilman and Club Member Dennis Zine hands out his third annual Z Awards.

Story by Bev Haro, Club Counselor
Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

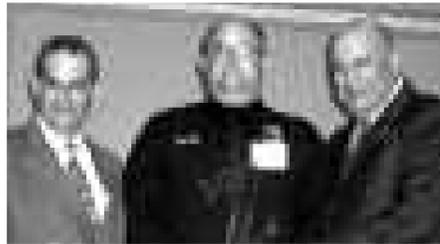
CITY COUNCIL — Councilman and Club Member Dennis Zine so appreciates government workers who are dedicated to their service that he gives out his own awards, at a big luncheon.

This year's ceremony was held April 21 at the Warner Center Marriott in Woodland Hills. Councilman Dennis Zine gives out his Z Awards to recognize the hard work that government employees do in his Third District and throughout the community. He gives the awards to people who went "above and beyond the call of duty in providing excellent service and improving the quality of our day to day lives," he wrote in the program.

Here are some details of this year's winners.

Jim Callison, LAFD

- An L.A. City Paramedic for 17 years
- Cross-trained in 1997 for Firefighter position
- During his City career has become certified CPR Instructor, Hazardous Materials Technician, Paramedic Preceptor, and Scuba Divemaster
- Married to Barbara and is father of four children



From left: Rickey Gelb, Gelb Enterprises; James Callison, LAFD Firefighter/ Paramedic; and Councilman Dennis Zine.



Don Cocek, Deputy City Attorney

- Began working in City Attorney's Office in 1986
- Responsible for a variety of cases, including: zoning and building code violations; illegally posted signs; illegal street vendors; environmental protection cases involving endangered and protected species; water pollution and oil spills; consumer protection case involving false advertising, identity theft, unlicensed contractors, auto dealers, doctors, dentists, nurses, and veterinarians; failure to pay City and state taxes; and health and fire code violations
- Prosecuted more animal abuse cases than any other prosecutor in the country
- A computer programmer, he designed and developed the case management system that runs the criminal branch of the City Attorney's office



Councilman Dennis Zine; Don Cocek, Deputy City Attorney; and Rickey Gelb.

Ofcr. Gregory Fuqua, LAPD/Valley Traffic

- Joined LAPD in 1993
- Was a patrol and foot-beat officer and was selected to work the Vice Unit
- In 2000 completed the Department's Motor School and was assigned to Valley Traffic Division's Drunken Driving Enforcement Team
- Averages more than 300 DUI arrests a year
- In 2002 made more than 400 arrests
- Also LAPD's most active drug recognition expert



From left: Councilman Dennis Zine; Officer Gregory Fuqua, LAPD; and Rickey Gelb.



Peter Kurt, Investigator, Street Service Enforcement, Public Works

- Started out as Station Officer with LAPD, Valley Jail Division
- Worked as Traffic Officer and was promoted to "acting" supervisor of the Valley Abandoned Car Detail
- In 1995 was promoted to Sr. Traffic Officer
- In 1997 was promoted to Public Works, Bureau of Street Maintenance and Street Use Inspection as an Inspector
- Now he is District Inspector assigned to West Valley and Devonshire Areas



Councilman Dennis Zine; Investigator Peter Kurt, Street Services Enforcement; and Rickey Gelb



Members of the LAFD.

Officer Norman Peters, LAPD

He serves the West Valley community as a Gang Enforcement Detail (GEC) Officer. For more than a year, he worked to develop laws that would prohibit gang members from loitering in parks and in other public places. He routinely provides expert court testimony, assists detectives in the identification of gang members, and trains other officers on the behavior of his assigned gang.



Councilman Dennis Zine; Norm Peters, LAPD; and Rickey Gelb.



Firefighter Russell Rawls, LAFD

He began his career as a firefighter for the county and joined the LAFD as a firefighter. He was certified as a Paramedic in 1990. Firefighter Rawls has been a volunteer with the LAFD's School Outreach Program, giving fire safety presentations at elementary schools and he has assisted Scouts in earning merit badges in first aid.



Rickey Gelb; Russell Rawls, LAFD Firefighter; and Councilman Dennis Zine.

Officer Leland Tang, California Highway Patrol

- Joined CHP in 1994
- Was involved in recruitment and traffic safety presentations at some local area schools
- Was named Public Affairs Officer for the West Valley Area
- Is involved in safety campaigns and created the first-ever Child Seat Safety program
- Obtained the Child Seat Safety Technician certificate in 2001
- Helped develop the Los Angeles Unified School District's Safe School Task Force



Rickey Gelb; Officer Leland Tang; and Councilman Dennis Zine.



Councilman Dennis Zine with Jan Sobel, co-chair of the Luncheon Committee.



Members of the LAPD.



Cinco in the Harbor

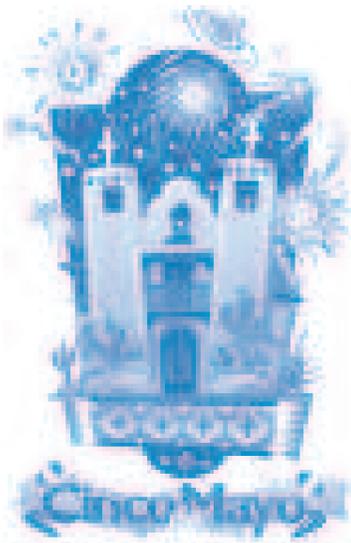
Harbor Dept. Employees Club celebrates Cinco de Mayo.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor
Photos by Michelle Moreno, Club Events Guru

HARBOR DEPT. — The Harbor Dept. Employees Club threw a Cinco de Mayo Fiesta for employees on May 5 (naturally) on the patio of the Harbor Administration Building.

The City Employees Club donated door prizes for the event, which serves as an annual appreciation day.

The Club thanks Rene Rodriguez, Holly Carlson and Mimi Gutierrez for their assistance.



From left: Rosemary Osuna, Guest; Minerva "Mimi" Gutierrez, Civil Engineer Associate, Club Member; Jill Jeffries, Programmer Analyst; Hank Jeffries, guest; and Carmen S. Boqnot, Architectural Associate, Club Member.



From left: Guests Georgia Wilkinson, Barbara Wilkinson, B.J. Zulian and Reina Zulian.



Demetrios Zaferes, Architectural Section Head, 16 years, wins a watch from the Club.



Club Member Mimi Gutierrez wins a watch from the Club.



Joanna Rios, Student Worker, 3 years, wins a \$50 Nordstrom gift card from the Club.



From left: Patti Duchesne, Clerk Typist, 30 years; Bob Duchesne, guest; and Tom Griego, Deputy City Attorney, 20 years, Club Member.



From left: Ruben Delagarza, guest; Ben Ortiz, Office of Finance, Club Member; Maria Paredes, Office of the City Attorney; and Marino Paredes, Harbor Department.



From left: Trisha Karmelich, Secretary; Rachel Campbell, Public Relations Specialist II; Dan Knott, Harbor Planner, Club Member; and Danette Nappi, Secretary.



Club Member Rhonda Wheelwright, Secretary, 15 years, wins a \$50 Shell Gas gift card from the Club.



From left: Rene Rodriguez, President, Harbor Department Employees Club; and Mimi Gutierrez, Treasurer, Harbor Department Employees Club.



From left: Boyd Bostreb, Architectural Associate, Club Member; Jaime Munos, Construction Manager; Librada Martinez, DWP Civil Engineering Associate; Emil Zordilla, Architectural Associate, Club Member; and Tom Asuncion, Architectural Associate, Club Member.



From left: Jamie Ruther, guest; Todd Ruther, Construction Manager, 1 year; John Kostrencich, Personal Assistant to Bruce Seaton (and aspiring comedian); and Julie Huerta, Student Worker, 1 year.



From left: Gloria Javier, guest; Martha Torres-Street, guest; Katrina Schutte, Management Analyst, 3 years; Enedina Rodriguez, Clerk Typist, 1 year; and Francisco Rodriguez, guest.



From left: Brian Correra, Student Engineer; and Andrew Lopez, Student Worker.



From left: Guests Carol Tela and Brian Brown.



From left: Manuel Ysaia Jr., guest; Javier Yi, guest; and Antonio Alvarado, Security Officer, 6 years.



From left: Jamie Ruther, guest; Todd Ruther, Construction Manager, 1 year; John Kostrencich, Personal Assistant to Bruce Seaton (and aspiring comedian); and Julie Huerta, Student Worker, 1 year.



From left: Dave McKenna, Assistant City Attorney, 26 years, Club Member; Patsy Nunez, DWP Troubleboard Operations, 25 years; Yolanda Mativa, Senior Clerk Typist, 16 years; and Beth Poole, consultant.



From left: Teama Galloway, guest; and Albert Galloway, Labor, 5 years.



From left: Guests Azucena Rodriguez, Sara Rodriguez and Alex Ortiz.



From left: Margaret Hernandez, Director, Contract and Processing, 23 years, with guests Jacqueline Padilla and Gilbert Hernandez.



From left: Kenneth Ragland, Environmental Specialist, 5 years, Club Member; and Cathy Ragland, guest.



Vince Jackson, Senior Heavy Duty Mechanic, 10 years, Club Member.



From left: Norah Garcia, Consultant; Oscar Smith, Police Officer, 32 years, Club Member; and Stacey Hashimoto, Management Analyst, 4 years, Club Member.



Councilwoman Janice Hahn, Louise Frankel, Gary Lee Moore and other officials.

Firehouse Going Up

■ Ground is broken for new fire station in San Pedro.

Story and photos by Bev Haro, Club Counselor

FIRE DEPT. — The LAFD broke ground May 2 on Fire Station 36 on N. Gaffey Street in San Pedro, to be constructed under Proposition F funds.

This area has not had a fire station since July 1, 1972. That fire station is still standing but now serves the City of San Pedro as a historical museum. The resources at Fire Station 85 and Fire Station 112 currently cover the area. However, due to the distance the firefighters need to travel, current emergency response times in this area

are substantially above the Fire Department Citywide goal of five minutes at least 90 per cent of the time, according to officials.

The service district population for San Pedro is projected to increase by 22.3 percent to nearly 90,000 residents by 2010. Resource workloads for this station are projected to increase by more than 12 percent in the same period. The district that the new Fire/ Paramedic station will cover is predominantly residential, with oil refineries and harbor waterfront.

Fire Station 36 will house a single Engine Company, a Rescue Ambulance and a medical Captain for a total staff of four firefighters and three paramedics.

Congratulations, LAFD!



Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer, Bureau of Engineering.



Councilwoman Janice Hahn, District 15.



Louise Frankel, Commissioner, Board of Fire Commissioners.



Site Plan for Fire Station 36.



Ray Olsen, Battalion Chief, LAFD.



William Bamatre, Fire Chief, LAFD.



The Fire Company that will be housed at the new station.



Spectators at the event.



Future FS 35 Firefighters and Paramedics.



Employees from PublicWorks.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, Oct. 2.

Club Fest 2005 is Coming!

Get your calendars out and put a big "X" over Sunday, Oct. 2: It's ClubFest time again! And we'll be back at Calamigos Ranch, in the hills overlooking Malibu.

This year, it's going to be even more incredible. ClubFest will feature entertainment by your fellow City employees. We're still putting it all together, but we'll have more to tell you in a month or so.

We are calling those physically up to the challenge to participate in the amazing Club Race. (SEE THE AD ON PAGE 23)

And that's additional to the usual ClubFest spectaculars: lots of great food; fun activities; bingo; water balloon and egg tosses; unlimited soft drinks and ice cream treats; a raffle with valuable prizes; and best of all, the opportunity to kick back with your family and Club friends, and celebrate the great things about being a member of the Club!

Stay tuned for more information. But, in the meantime, mark those calendars!

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Picnic With a Purpose

■ **Building and Safety hosts employee picnic as a benefit for March of Dimes.**

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

BLDG. AND SAFETY — It's been a tradition of more than 20 years for Building and Safety to hold its annual employee picnic during the March of Dimes Walk at Crystal Springs in Griffith Park. This year's event took place April 30.

A car show was also part of the event (see related story). Funds raised from the car show were also included in the fundraising effort for the March of Dimes. The Club was again the proud

trophy sponsor of the car show (see the car show story for winner details).

The Employee of the Year Award was presented to Mui Lai, Sr. Clerk Typist. Along with her Employee of the Year certificate, she was awarded \$1,000 by General Manager Andrew Adelman.

There was lots of good food and music, a magic show, Polynesian dancers and a martial arts exhibit to entertain everyone young and old. More than 350 people attended.

Congratulations to everyone involved for a great afternoon. (And thanks to James Boller, Jeff Folin and Preston Meyer for their assistance.)



General Manager Andrew Adelman joins in the dancing



Mui Lai, Employee of the Year



From left: Bob Steinbach, Assistant Bureau Chief, 20 years, Club Member, with his wife, Doreen.



Martial Arts Exhibition



From left: Jesse, 5 years old, and Bill Stutsman, Structural Engineering Associate, 20 years.



General Manager Andrew Adelman announces the Employee of the Year.



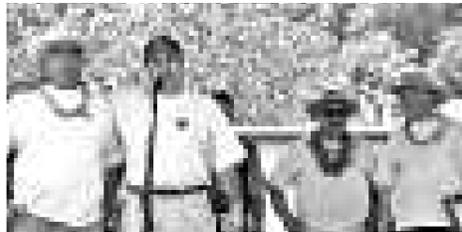
From left: Guests Wes and Joan Moreno.



Mui Lay, Sr. Clerk Typist, 15 years, and Nikki Girmay, Geologist, 15 years.



From left: Lorenza Cooper, City Attorney, 15 years, and Michael Cooper, Sr. Inspector, 16 years.



Raul Gras and Andrew Adelman proudly announce the number of shirts sold for March of Dimes. Raul was given a new title by Andrew Adelman — PPO, or "Permanent Picnic Organizer."



Teresa Viray, Clerk Typist, 25 years.



Jim Ashby, Sr. Building Mechanical Inspector, 25 years, Club Member.



Some of the March of Dimes coordinators, from left: Frank Lara; Rebecca Zamorano; Jesse Acosta, Club Member; and Traci Stalling, Club Member.



From left: Rick Bocek, Sr. Inspector, 18 years; and Dave Keim, Code Enforcement Bureau Chief, 28 years.



Polynesian Dancing



This happy bunch cooked some wonderful food. Standing, from left: Jeff Folin; Fred Bland, Building Inspector; Bob Bland, Building Inspector; Roger Woodland, Building Inspector, Club Member; Paul Becker, Building Inspector; Richard Simons, Building Inspector; Mike Dixon, Sr. Building Inspector. Front: Louie Botticella, Sr. Building Inspector, Club Member.



Left side: Joe Acevedo Jr., Building Mechanical Inspector, 33 years. Right side, from left: Joe Acevedo Sr., Retired City Employee after 33 years of City Service, Club Member, and his wife, Beatrice.



From left: Cody Nuckols, Building Mechanical Inspector, 2.5 years, with his wife, Mary Shannon, and son, Sam Nuckols.



Back, from left: Jennifer and Andrew Adelman, Building and Safety General Manager. Front: Ashlyn, 11 years old, and Carrie, 11 years old.



From left: Bob Dun, Building and Safety, 6.5 years, with Sherry Hanna, guest.



From left: Frank Rojas, Structural Engineering Associate II, 16.5 years; Laura Rojas, guest; and dog Liela.



Music kept everyone entertained.



Back, from left: Guests June Lopes and Veralynn Leos. Front: Krystine, 4 years old; and Krystal, 5 years old.



Back, from left: Sa and Faith Maulupe, Sr. Clerk Typist, 5 years, Club Member. Front: Popo, 3 years old; Nina, 4 years old; Danielle, 5 years old.



Standing: David Grunwald, guest. Seated: Marilyn Grunwald, VP of Disability Access Appeals Commission, Building and Safety.



From left: Letty Aquino, guest; Lena Rico, wife; and Semeon Rico, Chief Electrical Engineer, 29 years.



Mui Lai pictured with her daughters and niece.



Standing, from left: Kimberly Barrales, granddaughter; AJ Jaramillo, Principal Building Inspector, 33 years, Club Member; and Lou Barrales, guest. Seated: Rosemarie Jaramillo, wife; Angela Barrales; and Drew Barrales, 9 years old.



From left: Aarin Wheeler, guest, with Bruce Wheeler, Sr. Clerk Typist, 10 years.



From left: Debbie Herd, wife; Brooke Herd, 10 years old; and Andrew Herd, Sr. System Analyst, 16 years.



From left: Inge Alzner, guest; Gabriella Selcedo, 19 months; Christy Alzner, Accounting Clerk, 10 years, Club Member; Bill Alzner, guest; and Daniell Selcedo, 19 months.



From left: Dennis Delgado, Building Inspector, 2.5 years, and his wife, Lorna Delgado.

Hot Wheels

■ Building and Safety hosts its annual car show benefit.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor
Photos by Arlene Herrero and Garth Pillsbury, Building and Safety, Club Member

BLDG. AND SAFETY — It was cool wheels, fancy paint jobs and vintage rides as Building and Safety held its annual Car Show April 30 in Griffith Park.

The event also incorporated an employee picnic and the presenting of the Employee Award of the Year.

The event was a benefit for the March of Dimes. This is the second time that the Club participated as the event trophy sponsor. Six trophies were awarded: Best of Show for first place, and five for vehicle class: Motorcycle, Hot Rod/Custom, Imports, Original/Restored Stock, and Special Interest.

Best of Show winner was Mike Lee. Best Restored winner as Dominic Daneri. Best Custom was Richard Escobedo. Best Import winner was Dave Keim. Best Motorcycle winner was Daniel Zolnikov.

The Club thanks James Boller, Jeff Folin, Preston Meyer, Garth Pillsbury and Raul Gras for their assistance.



Richard Escobedo with the Best Custom trophy for his 1956 Ford F-150 pickup.



Dominic Daneri, winner of the Best Restored trophy, with his 1963 Buick Riviera.



Mike Lee with the "Best of Show" trophy for his 1955 Chevrolet.



Dominic Daneri with his "Best Restored" trophy, and his daughter, Monica.



A Corvette and a Porsche Boxter.



A 1955 Chevy.



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A 1956 Ford F-150.



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- The first team to finish wins \$200.
- Teams will be given tasks to perform.
- The race will be 45 to 60 minutes long.
- Teams will consist of two adults (18 and older).

- Check-in is at 10:30 a.m. Race will commence at 11 a.m.
- At least one team member must be a Club member in good standing.
- Participants will be given a complimentary ClubFest shirt after the contest.

- Please note that there will be swimming, running and eating contests involved.
- Participants must purchase tickets to attend ClubFest. There is no extra fee.
- Note: Due to physical activity involved, participants will be required to sign a liability waiver at ClubFest.

Entry Form

We are up to the challenge! Enter us for the First Amazing Club Race, as part of ClubFest 2005.

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Harbor Tees It Up

Harbor Employees Club hosts golf tourney.

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

HARBOR DEPT. — The Harbor Dept. Employees Club hosted its Golf Classic April 1 at the Links at Victoria, Carson.

This was the last year of participation (before retirement) for Pablo Ninofranco, who just retired after 31 years of service to the City. (His retirement party story is elsewhere in this issue of *Alive!*).

This is the Club's third Harbor golf tournament sponsorship. The Club sponsored the Hole 5 Closest to the Pin contest, a \$100 gift card to GolfSmith.



Here are the winners:

Individuals:

Closest to the Pin:

Hole 5 (\$100 GolfSmith Gift Check):
Gary Cardamone

Hole 8 (\$50):
Sirlord Morse

Hole 14 (\$50 Trader Joe's gift card):
Albert Robles

Hole 16 (\$50):
Joe Manlove

Longest Drive, Male (\$25 certificate, Sacred Grounds):
Sirlord Morse

Los Gross, Male (\$25 Trader Joe's certificate):
81, Harry Yamatsuka

Team Competition (\$260)

Team (B): Harry Yamatsuka, Albert Robles, David Chrisman, Pablo Ninofranco, Gary Welding, Emil Zorilla, John Cameron, Rica Viola, Al Takii, Tyrone Vickers, Stu Susswain, Butch McBlaine, Bob Henry

Special thanks to Martin Lovato for inviting the Club, and to Pablo Ninofranco for his assistance.



From left: Dennis Ogren; Rica Viola, Club Member; Butch McBlaine, Retired Harbor Employee; and Stu Suswain, LAX.



Welcome to the event.



From left: Pablo Ninofranco, Club Member; Tyler Sparks; and Young Park.



From left: Sirlord Morse, Club Member; Gary Welding; Tom Theprasit, Club Member; and Jesse Urquidi.



From left: Brian Chuc, Club Member; Jin Kim, Club Member; Mark Rose, Club Member; and Steve Imparato.



From left: Bob Henry, Club Member; Gil Flores; Lou Arreola, Retiree; and Earl Clark, Club Member.



From left: Boyd Bostre, Club Member; Disdado Garin; Emil Zorilla, Club Member; and Ton Asuncion, Club Member.



From left: Guests Percy Mason, Al Curley and Tyrone Vickers with Alan Mayse, C&M.



From left: Chris Foley, Club Member; Edward Kim, Club Member; Gabriel Silva; and Wendy Cartmill, guest.



From left: Al Guerrero, Port Police, Club Member; Bill Fletcher, Port Police; Dan Alemon, Port Police, Club Member; and Mike Godword, Port Police.



From left: Mike Rubino, Club Member; Jeff Lee; John Cameron; and Joe Manlove.



From left: Dennis Ogren; Rica Viola, Club Member; Butch McBlaine, Retired Harbor Employee; and Stu Suswain, LAX.



From left: Al Takii; Albert Robles; Martin Lovato, Club Member; and Don Rice.



From left: Bruce McPheeters, Dave Sutton, Gary Cardamone and Ron Kennedy.



From left: Mike Vele, Gil Arelano, Harry Yamatsuka and Ron

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Dispatchers Week

■ Once again, the Club takes advantage of National Dispatchers Week to get up early, stay up late and highlight the City's 911 dispatchers.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor. Photos by Arlene Herrero, Robert Larios, Club Operations Director, and Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

POLICE DEPT. — Happy National Dispatchers Week 2005!

In mid-April, the Club helped celebrate National Dispatchers Week by visiting with as many of the City's dispatchers as we could manage.

The voices of the people on the other end of the 911 calls belong to the Police Service Representatives (PSRs) of the LAPD. And all these fine folks were the focus of the local observance of National Dispatchers Week at the Metropolitan Dispatch Center and the Valley Dispatch Center, which opened last year.

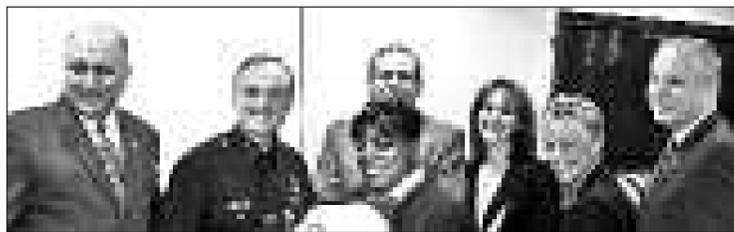
The LAPD Communications Division has approximately more than 650 PSRs. The Metropolitan and Valley centers are the busiest in California. In 2003, the PSRs answered more than 3.3 million calls for service, and the average operator can take anywhere from 150 to 250 calls per shift. They do it without glory or fanfare. But National Dispatchers Week changes that.



From left: Councilman Dennis P. Zine, District 3; Captain Andrew J. Smith, Commanding Officer, Central Community Police Station, Club Member; LAPD Chief William J. Bratton; Peter Di Carlo, Assistant Commanding Officer, Information and Communications Services Bureau; Assistant Chief Sharon Papa, Club Member; Councilman Greig Smith, District 12, Club Member; and Captain Sharyn Buck, Commanding Officer, Communications Division. Capt. Smith was thanked by his colleagues for his dedication as Commanding Officer for Communications Division from 2002 to 2005.



From left: Ardon Manuel, PSR III Instructor, 13 years, Club Member; and Tami Sotomayor, PSR Trainee, 5 months, Club Member.
From left: Liza Ornelas, Secretary to Captain Buck, Club Member; Ruby Bravo, Sr. Clerk Typist; Yvette Bentley, Sr. PSR, 17 years, Club Member; and Lt. Mealey.



From left: Councilman Dennis P. Zine, District 3; LAPD Chief William J. Bratton; Councilman Greig Smith, District 12, Club Member; Assistant Chief Sharon Papa, Club Member; Captain Sharyn Buck, Commanding Officer, Communications Division; Councilman Tom LaBonge, District 4, Club Member. Front: Michelle Willis, PSR, Club Member.



Karen Koukal, PSR III Instructor, 11 years.



Shenita Easter, PSR III Instructor, 8 years, Club Member.



From left: LAPD Chief William J. Bratton; and Megan Peer, PSR, Club Member. Megan also was awarded the Dispatcher of the Year 2005 Award by the California Public Safety Radio Association (CPRA).



From left: Dorian Erby, PSR II, 4 years; Celia McGregor, PSR II, 3.5 years; and Latrice Jones, PSR II, 3 years, Club Member. The Club thanks Dorian, Celia and Latrice for giving us such a great tour of the Metro facility.

Metro Division, 7 a.m.



From left: Dorine Thomas, Sr. PSR I, 20 years, Club Member; Laura Cruz, PSR III Instructor, 10 years; and Margaret Peters, Sr. PSR I, 16 years, Club Member.



A candid moment shared by Anita Whited and LAPD Chief William J. Bratton as they listed the many accomplishments of MVP Anita Whited.



From left: Donna Millender, PSR III Instructor, 20 years, Club Member; and Betty Clark-Cryer, PSR II, 36 years, Club Member.



Dina Ramirez, PSR III, 6 years, Club Member.



From left: Councilman Dennis P. Zine, District 3; LAPD Chief William J. Bratton; Councilman Greig Smith, District 12, Club Member; Assistant Chief Sharon Papa, Club Member; Peter Di Carlo, Assistant Commanding Officer, Information and Communications Services Bureau; Captain Sharyn Buck, Commanding Officer, Communications Division. Front: Anita Whited, Sr. PSR, Club Member.



D'Arcy Schroeder, PSR II, 2 years, Club Member.



From left: Rosa Mendoza, PSR III, 11 years; Jill Woo, Sr. PSR I, 16 years, Club Member; Anthony Moreno, PSR III, 20 years; Tashanda Fredrick, PSR III, 10 years, Club Member; and Melody Cardenas, PSR III, 12 years.



Christina Solis, PSR II, 2 years.



The PSR MVPs for 2005. Back, from left: Councilman Dennis P. Zine, District 3; Councilman Tom LaBonge, District 4, Club Member; and Councilman Greig Smith, District 12, Club Member. Front: Anita Whited, Sr. PSR, Club Member; Maria Quintero, PSR, Club Member; Michelle Willis, PSR, Club Member; Megan Peer, PSR, Club Member; Daphne Howard, PSR, Club Member.



From left: Jennifer Chavis, PSR I, 2 years; Gloria Goode, PSR II, 21 years, Club Member; and Monika Scott, PSR II, 8 years, Club Member.



Adam Pivec, PSR II, 2 years.



Latrice Earl, PSR III Instructor, 17 years, Club Member.



Keisha Brooks, PSR II, 3 years.



Dan Basiglio, PSR III, 9 years, Club Member.



Stephanie Gilder, PSR II, 31 years, Club Member.



Caroline Graf Von Lang Kammerer, PSR III, 8 years, Club Member.



Cynthia Lutzenberger, PSR II, 3 years, Club Member.



Sophia Ponce de Leon, PSR III Instructor, 19 years.



Berta Ugas, Sr. PSR I, 15 years.



Tom Lam, PSR II, 6 years, Club Member.



Kim Antol, Sr. PSR I, 19.5 years.

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Metro Division, 7 a.m.



From left: Councilman Dennis P. Zine, District 3; LAPD Chief William J. Bratton, Councilman Greig Smith, District 12, Club Member; Assistant Chief Sharon Papa, Club Member; and Peter Di Carlo, Assistant Commanding Officer, Information and Communications Services Bureau. Front: Daphne Howard, PSR MVP.



From left: Councilman Dennis P. Zine, District 3; LAPD Chief William J. Bratton, Councilman Greig Smith, District 12, Club Member; Assistant Chief Sharon Papa, Club Member; Peter Di Carlo, Assistant Commanding Officer, Information and Communications Services Bureau; Captain Sharyn Buck, Commanding Officer, Communications Division. Front: Maria Quintero, PSR, Club Member.

9-1-1 EMERGENCY



From left: Brandi Holley, PSR Trainee, 5 months, Club Member; Sylvia Robinson, PSR III Instructor, 10 years, Club Member.



Chiwanda Foster, PSR III Instructor, 7 years, Club Member.



Seanean Durden, PSR III Instructor, 15 years, Club Member.



From left: Norma Montano, PSR II, 5 years, Club Member; and Teresa Kachirisky, PSR II, 6 years, Club Member.



Lydia Aceves, PSR II, 14 years.



Torrie Perkins, PSR III Instructor, 16 years.



Past and present Captains smile for *Alive!* The Club wishes both Captains well in their next command. From left: Captain Andrew J. Smith, Commanding Officer, Central Community Police Station, Club Member; and Captain Sharyn Buck, Commanding Officer, Communications Division.



Celia Barrios, PSR I, 19 months.



From left: Yvette Salazar, PSR III Instructor, 10.5 years, Club Member; Elizabeth Naraindas, PSR Trainee, 5 months.



Debbie Chaney, PSR II, 10 years.



Charlene Johnson, PSR Instructor, 11 years.



From left: Diane Boose, PSR III Instructor, 15 years; Kim Seals, PSR I, Trainee, 1 year, Club Member.

Five Receive Commendations as Part of National Dispatchers Week

During the week, five PSRs were singled out as Most Valuable PSRs. They were: Megan Peer, Anita Whited, Maria Quintero, Michelle Willis and Daphne Howard. Here are excerpts from their commendations:

Anita Whited

Anita Whited has been employed by the LAPD since January 1990. In March 1999 she was promoted to Senior Police Service Representative.

Anita has demonstrated the knowledge of policies and procedures of Communications Division. Anita has repeatedly demonstrated that divisional rules and policies can be applied professionally, courteously and politely. During her roll call trainings, her vivacious, upbeat personality makes every such session entertaining as well as enlightening.

Anita also has led the Division's Baker-to-Vegas running team. She continually facilitates training events within and outside the Division.

Anita always seeks information to advance her capacity and effectiveness as a supervisor. She engages sources outside the Department to better herself as an employee, as a supervisor, and as a person.

The Los Angeles City Council joins the friends, family and Communications Division, LAPD, to recognize Anita Whited as Senior MVP.

events, Hollywood Area Station Liaison Program, Area Command Coordinator for Southwest and 77th Area Stations, Communications Division Shots Fired Task Force on New Years Eve, the Democratic National Convention Command Post, and Baker to Vegas.

Her humanitarian efforts include donating blood to individuals stricken with grave illnesses. For the last seven years during her sister's illness, Michelle has had full legal custody of three nephews, ages 11, 13 and 14. Also, she collected women's clothing for the Odyssey House Shelter.

The Los Angeles City Council joins the friends, family and the PM Watch of Communications Division, LAPD, to recognize Michelle Willis as one of their Most Valuable PSRs.

A PSR Thank You

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Of the job we do
But we send them the police
Because that's what we're paid to do.
We smile when the phone rings &
Sometimes grumble when we're done
But depending on the PR
We're glad we were the one.
The one to answer the call
To help someone get the police
Or assist that cranky PR
Who wants the Chief of Police.
Never losing sight of that PR with the Bait
Making every effort to avoid a 128.
There has to be something
That feels good inside of you
Because why else,
Would you do what you do.
It's not all about the money
It's the service you provide
That gives you
That warm feeling deep inside
So because you're good at what it is you do
And sometimes a Thank You
Is what helps to get you through
I say Thank You on behalf of that PR
Because while helping others
Our blessings will go far.
THANK YOU!*

— By PSR Glenda Richardson

Daphne Howard

Daphne Howard has worked for the City for 21 years. She began her career as a Station Officer at Jail Division. In 1994 Daphne was appointed to Police Service Representative. Through traumatic events she routinely demonstrated professionalism and dedication to citizens and sworn officer in the field.

In July 2002, Daphne was appointed PSR Instructor. She has received numerous commendations for her exemplary service and was commended for her dedication while dispatching a 911 call that resulted in a felony arrest warrant.

Daphne enjoys traveling and reading. She is a part-time student and a mother of three. Daphne's most rewarding part of being a PSR is the ability to help citizens and co-workers in their time of need.

The Los Angeles City Council joins the friends, family and the AM Watch of Communications Division, LAPD, to recognize Daphne Howard as one of their Most Valuable PSRs.

Megan Peer

Megan Peer has worked for the City for 14 years. She has been a Police Service Representative with the LAPD during her entire City career. As an RTOTO she helped with the monitoring

and assessing of new trainees.

Her yearly rating reflects professional demeanor, courteous attitude and commitment to leadership. Megan has received numerous commendations for professionalism. During the Democratic National Convention, Megan was instrumental in assisting the Director of Emergency Operations in collecting, monitoring and eventually deploying the resources of the LAPD to problem spots throughout the City.

She is certified by the LAFD in the City Employee Emergency Response Team. CERT training prepares her to help neighbors and coworkers during a catastrophic disaster.

She has been married for 14 years and has a daughter, Cabrina, 5. Off duty, Megan enjoys sailing and spending time with her family.

Megan was selected as Dispatcher of the Year for 2005 by the California Public Safety Radio Association (CPRA). She was also honored April 14 at the 17th annual Telecommunications Awards Banquet as Dispatcher of the Year.

Maria Quintero

Maria Quintero has been employed by the City since February 1996. She has been a Police Service Representative (PSR) with the LAPD during her entire City career. As an RTOTO she has helped with the monitoring and assessing of new trainees.

Maria demonstrates her flexibility and willingness to work any assignment. She has received several commendations for professionalism. In June 2000, Lakers fans were celebrating outside the Staples Center, and violence erupted. Maria was commended for her teamwork, dedication to duty and contribution to the LAPD officers handling the unusual occurrence. She has also received a commendation for not using any sick time in 2004.

She has completed a 26.2-mile run in the Los Angeles Marathon and has run on the Communications Division Baker to Vegas running team. She has been married for 15 years and has two children, Alyssa Marie, 14, and Anthony, 12.

She consistently provides feedback and support to trainees and other instructors in all areas of the job. Her calm demeanor and positive impact on her co-workers have gained her the respect she deserves at the dispatch centers.

The Los Angeles City Council joins the friends, family and the Day Watch of Communications Division, LAPD, to recognize Maria Quintero as one of their Most Valuable PSRs.

Michelle Willis

Michelle Willis began her career with the City in February 1986, as a Clerk Typist with the DWP. In February 1987, she was promoted to Police Service Representative with the LAPD, Communications Division. Her assignments include, but are not limited to, Bureau Communications Coordinator as of 1990, a member of the Time Keeping Audit Cadre since 1996 and an instructor for entry level PSRs.

Michelle has participated in the following activities: Communications Division Community Relations Unit

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Back, from left: Debbie Willits, Sr. PSR, 24 years, Club Member; and Marie Mardesich, Sr. PSR II, 23 years, Club Member. Seated: April Hof, Sr. PSR, 9 years.



Robert Lopez, PSR, 1.3 years.



Dori Adler, PSR III, 16 years.



Eleitino Tuiasosopo, PSR, 7 years.



Lynette Pitts, PSR III, 5.8 years, Club Member.



Mellonease Wharton, PSR, 26 years.

Valley Dispatch Center, 12:30 a.m.



Brandon Simpson, PSR, 2 years.



Kim Calloway, PSR II, 2 years, Club Member.



Nicole Campbell, PSR II, 2.5 years, Club Member



Andrea Esquivel, PSR I, 1.5 years, Club Member.



Mikal Yusuf, PSR I, 18 months.



From left: Araceli Ayala, PSR III Instructor, 6 years; and Gloria Martinez, PSR Trainee, 3 months.



Robert Giesser, PSR III, 5 years, Club Member.



Laronda Humphrey, PSR I, 18 months.

DISPATCH



Thanks, Krishunda, for being our tour guide. From left: Krishunda Wallace, PSR II, 10 years, Club Member; and Angel Gomez, Club Member Service Supervisor.



From left: Sandra Pollard, Sr. PSR I, 26 years, Club Member; Lisa Smock, Sr. PSR I, 14.5 years; Annie Auzenne, Sr. PSR II, 28 years; and Yul Johnson, Sr. PSR I, 16.3 years. (Check out the time behind them; the Club really was there early!)



Celeste Iles, PSR II, 11 years, Club Member.



Andrew Montenegro, son, with Yvette Ponde de Leon, PSR III, 9 years. What a trouper for Andrew to stay with his mom during her shift.



Cheryl Chillis, PSR, 15 years.

Metro Dispatch Center, 12:30 a.m.



Back: Julia Cesena, PSR III, 8 years, Club Member. Seated: Riza Bailey, PSR II, 2 years.



Daphne Howard, PSR III, 22 years, Club Member.



Valerie Mokricky, PSR II, 10 years.



Phyllis Lewis, PSR II, 22 years, Club Member.



From left: Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager, listens in on calls with PSR Julia Cesena.



Sharon Dormitorio, PSR I, 20 months.



Norma Nichols, PSR II, 8 years.



Linda Sandefur, PSR III, 18 years.



Verlene Triplett, PSR II, 15 years, Club Member.



Yesenia Medina, PSR II, 5 years, Club Member.



The Department Command Post. Back, from left: Officer Kim, 10 years; Officer Dirksen, 9 years; PSR II Oliver, 6 years; and Sgt. Windham, 18 years. Front: Tonya Davis, PSR III, 15 years, Club Member.

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Eric Askew, PSR III, 14 years.



Karen Brents, PSR III, 16 years, Club Member.



Shuntee Nathan, PSR III, 9 years, Club Member.



Felix Rodriguez, PSR III, 17 years, Club Member.



Freneisha Clark, PSR II, 13 years, Club Member.

Valley Dispatch Center, 12:30 a.m.



Gricelda Aceves, PSR II, 3 years, Club Member.



Cynthia Lam, PSR III Instructor, 6 years, Club Member.



Paulette Stanton, PSR III, 17 years, Club Member.



Robert Beaucage, PSR III, 6 years.



Carmen Shannon, PSR III, 24 years, Club Member.



Monica Delatorre, PSR III, 9 years.



Dawne Ross, PSR I, 6 months.



Naomi Alexander, PSR III, 20 years, Club Member.



Sandra McDowell, PSR II, 2 years.



Anthony Rivers, PSR III, 9 years.

Metro Dispatch Center, 8 p.m.



From left: Terry Price, PSR II, 4 years, with Deborah Edgar, Sergeant, 18 years.



From left: Renee Anderson, PSR III, 9 years; Lee Masters, Sr. PSR, 16 years; and Carol Shott, Sr. PSR, 16 years.



From left: Stefanie Roberson, PSR III, 8 years, with Marsha Myers, PSR III, 11 years.



From left: Georgina Griego, PSR III, 9 years; Renee Anderson, PSR III, 9 years, and Eleonor Medina, PSR III, 8 years.



From left: Toni Mc Donald-Tabor, PSR III, 20 years; and Lee Masters, Sr. PSR, 16 years.



Dawn Ross, PSR I, 1 year.



Mike McGowen, PSR II, 2 years (and second generation PSR).



Valerie Cobington, PSR III, 15 years.



Shawn Tinson, PSR II, 2 years.



Randi Miller, PSR III, 8 years.



Oscar Berumen, PSR II, 4 years, a Spanish-speaking PSR.



Dulce Lope, PSR II, 2 years.

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Terry Price, PSR II, 4 years.



Debbie Barrios, PSR II, 2 years.



Adam Timm, PSR II, 2 years.

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Valley Dispatch Center, 10 a.m.



Lidia Marcial, PSR II, 3 years.



Sandra Rennie, Sr. PSR I, 17 years, Club Member.



Sylvia Mills, PSR II, 21 months.



From left: Marco Mendoza, PSR II, Community Relations, 4 years; Kim Gallardo, PSR II, 4.5 years, Club Member; Pat Liskee, PSR II, 4 years; Ann Medina, PSR II, 11 years; and Theresa Bui, PSR II, 3 years, Club Member.



From Left: Sgt. Dempsey, 15 years; and Desiree Tobin, PSR III, 7 years.



Rachelle Williamson, PSR I, 1.5 years.



Dana Bowden, PSR III, 8 years, Club Member.



Deanna Avery, PSR II, 3.5 years.



Judy Ruiz, PSR III, 31 years, Club Member.



Claudia Montes, PSR II, 5 years.



From left: Lt. Stan Ludwig, Club Member; and Wanda Williams, PSR II, 19 years.



Erika Delgadillo, PSR II, 3 years, at a standing console.



From left: Iris Sanchez, PSR; and Mary Fishkin, Police & Fire Financial, Club Partner. The Club thanks Iris for giving Mary a tour of the Metro Facility, and gives special thanks to our Police & Fire Club Partner for providing Stonefire Grill gift certificates for National Dispatcher's Week.



Steve Mc Keehan, PSR I, 18 months.



Jessica Okuma, PSR II, 5 years.



Caressa Andreas, PSR I, 1.5 years.



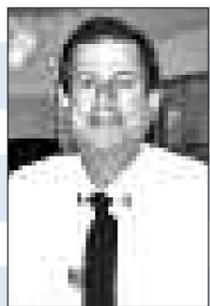
From left: Jim Fortney; Sid Sarfanty; Theresa Bui, PSR II, 3 years, Club Member; Maryellen Wicks; and Bob Wicks. Front: Fran Sarfanty, whose daughter-in-law is a PSR. Theresa Bui was the tour guide.



Kelli Whitaker, PSR I, 1.5 years.



Lourdes Varas, PSR II, 10.5 years, Club Member.



Steven Kuhan, Sr. PSR I, 20 years.



Maria Moreno, PSR I, 1.5 years.



From left: Ann Medina, PSR II, 11 yrs; and Sgt. Bill Justice, Valley Traffic, 31 years.



Michelle Hollinshead, PSR II, 10 years.



From Left: Sgt. Dempsey, 15 years; and Desiree Tobin, PSR III, 7 years.



Lori Powell, PSR III, 7 years.



Ruth Chaney, Sr. Clerk Typist, 5 years, Club Member.



From left: Cheryl Fair, PSR III, Instructor, 20 years; and Gari Magistrado, PSR I Trainee, 5.5 months, Club Member.



Lisa Hadsell, PSR II, 3.5 years, Club Member.

9-1-1 EMERGENCY

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The Honeymooners

WORKING MATTERS

by JACKIE DAVID, Public Information Director, Public Safety Division, Personnel



— PART 1 OF 2 —
To be continued in July.

The First Step to Becoming a Firefighter

Do you ever notice how physically fit our firefighters are? Take a good look. You must admit they exude confidence and look great (both male and female) in their neatly pressed uniforms: white starched shirts, shoulders out, stomachs in and a strong sense of dignity and pride in who they are and what they do – and why not? They are testament to what all of us can be and what we can do not only in terms of physical fitness and discipline but also in terms of what being a hero or heroine is all about.

These are the men and women who fight fires, conduct search and rescue, and provide emergency medical services. They inspect buildings and property to ensure compliance with fire codes and do what it takes to prevent fires. Some take extra training to be able to provide paramedic services as well.

So, what makes a firefighter? What does it take to perform this physically demanding work? If you or someone you know wanted to become a firefighter, what would be the first step?

It's called CPAT – the Candidate Physical Abilities Test.

Before you can even apply to be a firefighter, you must have a CPAT card to show you are physically fit to perform firefighter duties. This is a new minimum requirement. You must also:

- be at least 18 years old at the time of application;
- have a U.S. high school diploma or G.E.D. equivalent, or a California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE) certificate;
- complete a Preliminary Background Application as part of the application process at the time of filing; and
- have a valid California driver's license at the time of appointment.

The City does not administer the Candidate Physical Abilities Test. Rather, CPAT is administered by independent testing centers in Southern California. These testing centers charge you approximately \$150 to pay for registration, orientation, printed material and the actual test. If you pass, the testing center will issue you a CPAT card. This card will be valid for one year.

How difficult is it to earn a CPAT card? You decide. Below is a list and description of the individual tests that comprise CPAT.

To start off, you will be required to wear a 50-pound vest throughout the entire testing period. This extra weight simulates the weight of a self-contained breathing apparatus and firefighter protective clothing.

Once you're wearing the extra 50 pounds, you will be required to complete all of the exercises or events listed below. You will have a maximum of 10 minutes and 20 seconds to complete all tests (combined) as you walk from one test to the next!

Event 1: Stair Climb

This event is designed to simulate the critical task of climbing stairs in full protective clothing and carrying firefighter equipment. For starters, additional 12.5 pound weights will be placed on your shoulders (on top of the 50-pound vest you are already wearing). You are now carrying an extra 75 pounds of weight as you step onto a Stepmill. This is a treadmill with stairs – like an escalator. You will be given 20 seconds to warm up and get familiar with the Stepmill. There are no rest periods. Once the timer starts, you must walk the Stepmill for three minutes and at a rate of 60 steps per minute. (This test has me huffing and puffing just thinking about it.)

Event 2: Hose Drag

This event simulates dragging an uncharged hose line from a fire apparatus to the fire occupancy and pulling the hose around obstacles. You are required to do some of this while remaining stationary and kneeling on one knee.

Event 3: Equipment Carry

As the name implies, this task involves removing power tools from a fire apparatus, carrying them to an emergency scene and then returning the equipment to the fire apparatus. The power tools used for this event are two saws. You're not allowed to drop equipment; i.e., you drop a saw or two and you're out!

Event 4: Ladder Raise and Extension

This simulates placing a ground ladder at a fire structure, extending the ladder to a roof or window and then lowering the fly section of the ladder in a controlled fashion. You will be asked to do just that.

Event 5: Forcible Entry

This simulates the task of using force to open a locked door or to breach a wall. You will be given a 10-pound sledgehammer with which to strike a measuring device in the target area. You keep pounding away until a buzzer (attached to the target area) is activated. (If I were asked to pick one task, this is the one I would select. Think of the pent-up stress you could relieve. Come to think of it, just picking up that sledgehammer could mess my back up even more ... hmmm ... maybe not.)

Event 6: Search

Looking at the enclosed search maze used for this event reminded me of watching a rat crawl through something similar. The tunnel maze used for this event is about three feet high, four feet wide and around 64 feet long. It's got two 90-degree turns and it's pitch-black inside the maze. Once inside, you must navigate around, over and under obstacles – including areas that may narrow. Not to worry; trainers will monitor your movement through the maze just to make sure you're okay. There are escape hatches though in case you need out – now!

Event 7: Rescue

A 165-pound mannequin is used for this exercise, which simulates removing a victim or injured partner from a fire scene. So, here's how it goes: The mannequin has a harness. You grab the harness, drag the dummy 35 feet, make a 180-degree turn and then drag it back another 35 feet to starting point. (I took a physical agility test for LAPD a long, long, long time ago, and this was my downfall. I just could not drag that 165-pound dummy more than a few feet!)

Event 8: Ceiling Breach and Pull

This event simulates the task of breaching and pulling down a ceiling to check for fire extension. To complete this test you must remove a pike pole from a bracket and place the tip of the pole on a painted area of a hinged door in the ceiling. You must then push up the 60-pound hinge door three times. Then, you take that same pike pole, hook it to an 80-pound ceiling device and pull down on the pole five times. You repeat this process four times. (No dropping poles either. You drop once and you are warned. You drop twice and you're out!)

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Bye to Daisy

■ Daisy Sacro retires after 27 years of City service.

Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor
Photos courtesy Daisy Sacro

CONTROLLER — Friends, family and co-workers bid adieu to Daisy Sacro at a retirement party April 29 held at the Omni Hotel downtown. She retires as a Fiscal Systems Specialist.

During her retirement, Daisy plans to create a 2005 yearbook celebrating the lives of City employees. We can't wait to see it, Daisy!

Congratulations, Daisy. Have a great retirement.



Back row, from left: Noemi Cuevas, Mei Yee, Melba Talise, Dorothy Tamashiro, Cecilia Wong, Rose Reyes, Annie Vuong, Shirley Tan, Ninfa Malabayoc and Don Wong. Front: Daisy Sacro.



From left: Ed Figueroa, Daisy Sacro, Ben Sacro and Delia Figueroa.



From left: Carolyn Ellis, Hal Ellis and Daisy Sacro.



From left: Shirley Tan and Daisy Sacro.

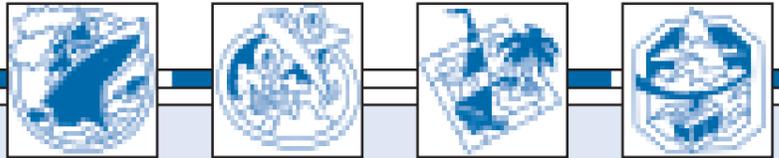


Back row, from left: Rose Reyes, Nhuy Tonnu, Richard Harada, Loann Pham, Vicky Santiago, Rashad Mfume and Jean Devera. Front: Arlette Davis, Rio Broussard-Williams and Mar Ondoy.



From left: Trinnie Panlilio, Myrna Ledesma, Daisy Sacro, Helen Tsan and Sylvia Whelan.

OFFICIAL CLUB PARTNER



TravelTalk



Planning the Perfect Meeting

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

Did you know that your Club partner for travel is also one of Los Angeles' premier meeting planners? It is true, and it can be very beneficial to you and your office or division. Planning and setup fees are substantially reduced for Club members.

Cruise and Resort, Inc., can assist in planning meetings from 8 to 5,000, or more. We make the process fun! We respond to your needs and to your "dreams and wishes." Our company has handled many meetings, retreats and incentive trips for sports teams, radio stations, law firms, medical groups and charitable organizations. We use top hotels and resorts all around the world, and we are doing an increasing number of meetings at sea. We also arrange the air transportation if needed, along with land transportation and private tours.

Hawaii is our most popular outbound destination. We do inbound meetings right here at hotels and resorts in the Los Angeles and Orange County areas. We handle all aspects of the event planning and execution so it can be truly enjoyed by the attendees.

What could possibly go wrong?

Many people think that meeting and event planning is rather simple. Sometimes it is simple, but it can also be a disaster. We have had to bail others out when things went wrong. Typical challenges we have encountered include airline, hotel and motor coach strikes, hurricanes, plumbing disasters (I'll spare you the details of that one), overbooking, underbooking, and chefs disappearing before preparing the meal for their guests. As anybody who travels knows, things don't always go exactly as planned. The difference here is that it is much more difficult for a large group to just "go with the flow" and adapt to the changes. Part of our job is to cover the variables so there is less likelihood for unexpected changes. The other part of our job is to properly communicate when plans are altered so that any inconvenience is avoided. Along the way, we handle the stress and negotiations so you don't have to.

Phase 1: The Basics

Our initial questions consist of the following:

When, where, how many, and where will they be coming from? The more specific you are with your requirements, the easier it is for us to get started compiling relevant information. Some people come to our offices in Sherman Oaks to go over the details. We have a Starbucks right here to keep you supplied with caffeine. Sometimes we visit you to experience the culture you are trying to replicate for the meeting. Other times, all arrangements are conducted via telephone and e-mail.

Phase 2: The Plan

Once we have conducted the research, given you a smorgasbord of choices and our personal recommendations, we begin putting the pieces of the puzzle together. During this phase we reserve the airline seats, hotel rooms, motor coach transportation, spa appointments, golf times

and guest speakers. We also finalize the menus for any dining functions. All costs and fees are clearly outlined so you know what you are getting and how much it will cost. We also discuss what role our company will have in the entire process. Some organizations prefer us to handle all details with onsite representation, while others choose to provide their own onsite representative from their company.

Phase 3: Execution

We try to make the entire process go smoothly for our clients. To accomplish that goal, we organize all the many elements of the meeting/convention/event and prepare a detailed itinerary. It is essentially the roadmap for how things "should" go. We also prepare an alternate roadmap for when things do not go as

planned. Being prepared for the unexpected separates the good meeting planners from the amateurs. We frequently have our representatives attend large meetings so they can re-check and verify reservations and specific details with the contracted companies. Essentially, we catch most supplier errors before they

affect your guests. About a year ago, we had a plane full of corporate guests and families arriving in Honolulu for a meeting. We were to have each guest greeted with an "Aloha" and flower lei. Despite promises and contracts, we found out one-half hour prior to our guests' arrival that the company that was supposed to be there with 82 leis had only 65 leis. Although they were sorry about their mistake, that was all they could offer. Our representative scrambled inside the terminal with every other greeting company to come up with the 17 additional leis. Our clients didn't have any disappointed guests and we were able to avoid a big problem from ever becoming a problem at all.

Phase 3: The Extras

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Perfect Attendance



Lunch with all the fixings.

■ Harbor shows its appreciation for employees with perfect attendance.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor
Photos by Robert Larios, Club Marketing Director

HARBOR DEPT. — One hundred and fifty-seven Harbor employees had a perfect attendance record in 2004, so the department showed its appreciation with a luncheon April 19 at the newly restored Pt. Fermin Lighthouse.

The Club provided prizes for the attendees. John Hawkins, Club CEO, and I drew the following five names as prize winners:

- Harry Wilson, Human Resources (portable DVD player)
- Kurt Ramirez, Construction (City logo watch)
- Kathy Short, City Attorney (City logo watch)
- Dora McClendon, Information Systems (City logo watch)
- Carlos Qunitana, Engineering (City logo watch)

The names of eight employees were drawn by Stacey Jones, Director of Engineering Development, as winners of \$500:

- Jennifer Reyes, Risk Management
- Dolores Canez, Engineering
- Minerva Gutierrez, Engineering
- Frank Albers, C&M
- Barry O'Conner, C&M
- Michael Graychik, Port Police
- Jeff Leong, Planning and Research
- Chrystal Gilliam, City Attorney

Also, the department's medical services provider, Western Medical Group, donated four sets of Dodgers tickets with parking. The winners were selected by Dr. Paz Eliat and Gloria Dowling-Sierra:

- Darren McClung, Construction
- Jessica Bautista, Port Pilots
- Hassan Jamalzadeh, Engineering
- Stephen Hanger, C&M

Eight employees were recognized for achieving ten consecutive years of perfect attendance:

- Dolores Canez, Engineering
- Martin D. Chavez, Human Resources
- Gary Gardner, Information Systems
- William Houser, Construction
- Ebrahim Khalvati, Engineering
- Mort Rowghani, Engineering
- Shou Yu Shao, Construction
- Kathy Short, City Attorney



Bruce E. Seaton, Interim Executive Director, racked up 24 years of consecutive perfect attendance.

After lunch, employees toured the newly restored Pt. Fermin Lighthouse, which the Port of Los Angeles provided funding support. Many employees made the trek all the way to the top of the lighthouse where they were treated to spectacular coastline views overlooking the San Pedro Bay.

The Club thanks Martin D. Chavez and Rose Kinoshita for their assistance in preparing this article.



The winners of the prizes donated by the Club, from left: Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor, John Hawkins, Club CEO; Dora McClendon; Kathy Short; Kurt Ramirez; Harry Wilson; Carlos Quintana; and Martin D. Chavez.



Dodger Tickets winners donated by Western Medical were, from left: Dr. Eilat, Western Medical; Steven Hanger; Jessica Bautista-Torres; Darren McClung; Gloria Dowling-Sierra; and Martin D. Chavez.



Martin Chavez looks on as Club Counselor Arlene Herrero prepares the prizes donated by the City Employees Club of Los Angeles.



From left: Norman Arikawa, Chief Accountant, 37 years, Club Member; and Ismael Arriola, Sr. Accountant, 11 years, Club Member.



From left: Steve Hanger, Machinist, 23 years; Jose Rivera, Welder, 3 years, Club Member; and Mark Weisenberger, Storekeeper, 16 years.



From left: Eric Doucette, Storekeeper II, 15 years; and Chuck Smith, Mechanical Repair General Supervisor, 23 years.



From left: Captain Tray, Port Police, 21 years; Lt. Rosario, Port Police, 19 years; and Officer Yocham, Port Police, 5 years.



From left: Kedren Pilgram, Clerk, 5 years, Club Member; and Harry Wilson, Sr. Personnel Analyst, 24 years.



Gary Virgil, Electrician, 4 years.



Dora McClendon, Club Watch winner.



Kathy Short receives his 10 years Perfect Attendance jacket.



From left: Dr. Eilat, Western Medical; and Gloria Dowling-Sierra, Western Medical.



From left: Cliff Okamoto, Masonry Worker, 30 years; Holly Carlson, Sr. Clerk Typist, 22 years, Club Member; and Todd McElhaney, Paint Supervisor, 17 years.



From left: Dora McClendon, Sr. Clerk Typist, 30-plus years, Club Member; and Gary Gardner, Sr. Computer Operator II, 16 years, Club Member.



From left: Darren McClung, Land Survey Assistant, 17 years; Virgil Torres, Land Survey Assistant, 16 years, Club Member; and Bent Christiansen, Chief Port Pilot, 7 years.



Standing, from left: Tony Gioiello, Chief Harbor Engineer, 24 years; and Mario Almanza, Marketing Manager, 18 years. Seated: Rhonda Wheelwright, Secretary, 15 years, Club Member; and Michael Di Bernardo, Director of Planning & Research, 2.5 years.



From left: John Snyder, Survey Supervisor, 20 years; Kurt Ramirez, Survey Party Chief, 19 years; and Bill Houser, Survey Party Chief, 25 years, Club Member



From left: Bill Hill, Procurement Supervisor, 15.5 years; Bill Stel, Container Crane Mechanic, 12 years, Club Member; and Mike Sharp, Heavy Equipment Mechanic, 12 years.



Martin D. Chavez receives his 10 years Perfect Attendance jacket.

Ebrahim Khalvati receives his 10 years Perfect Attendance jacket.



From left: John Humphrey, Motor Sweeper Operator, 16 years, Club Member; Frank Rendon, Equipment Operator, 14 years, Club Member; Frank Albers, Sr. MA, 24 years; and Charles Giles, Maintenance Laborer, 5 years.



From left: Patti Duchesne, Clerk Typist, 30 years; Angela Birkenbach, Chief Wharfinger, 31 years, Club Member; Bob Henry, Retired, 35 years of City Service, Club Member; Stacey Jones, Director of Engineering Development, 23 years; and Patricia Perka, Executive Secretary, 29.5 years.



From left: Richard Joe, Electrical Engineering Associate IV, 20 years; Demetrios Zaferes, Architectural Section Head, 15 years; Pons Rongavilla, Building Mechanic Associate III, 15 years; and Roy Benjamins, Sr. Drafting Tech, 25 years, Club Member.



From left: Christine Men, Principal Accountant, 17.5 years; Sally Tomboc, Sr. Accountant, 16 years, Club Member; and Soheila Sajadian, Financial Manager, 22 months.



From left: Richard Manz, Sr. Construction Inspector, 5 years; Teresa Henkhaus, Sr. Construction Inspector, 2 years, Club Member; and Jack Clay, Sr. Construction Inspector, 14 years.

HERE IS THE LIST OF ALL THOSE RECOGNIZED FOR HAVING PERFECT ATTENDANCE:

24 Years

Bruce Seaton

22 Years

Norman Arikawa
Leo Stekkinger

18 Years

Leonard Mace

15 Years

JoAnn Esparza
Dora McClendon
Alberto Rosario

14 Years

Emilio Macias
John Snyder

12 Years

Richard Joe
Barbara Lee
Ralph Tracy

11 Years

Roy Benjamins
Boyd Bostre
James Kapel
Todd McElhaney
Masa Morimoto
Julia Nagano
Rocki Walker

10 Years

Dolores Canez
Martin D. Chavez
Gary Gardner
William Houser
Ebrahim Khalvati
Mort Rowghani
Shou Yu Shao
Kathy Short

9 Years

Anthony Gioiello
George Ivcevic
Clifford Okamoto

Kurt Ramirez

8 Years

Patti Duchesne
Christine Men
Rosa Reynoso
Shaun Shahrestani

7 Years

Jeffrey Lee
Dave McKenna
Dagoberto Samaniego
Sally Tomboc

6 Years

Chris Bobo
Bent Christiansen
John Dwyer
James McDaniel
Virgilio Torres

5 Years

Ismael Arriola
Angela Birkenbach
Carmen Bognot
Holly Carlson
Stacey Jones
Rickey Kirk
Gary McAngus
Michael Rubino
Linda Vigil
Hak Ning Wong

4 Years

Mario Almanza
Steve Baker
Michelle Gill
Stephen Hanger
Bob Henry
Kenneth Huerta
Ping Lit
Glen Little
Alan Mayse
Patricia Perka
Carlos Quintana
Ponce Rongavilla

Charles Smith

William Stel
Du Tran
David Walsh

3 Years

Ray Aliviado
Thomas Asuncion
Danilo Domingo
Tom Estrada
Regina Grant
Oscar Insong
Lajuan Kennedy
John Kostrencich
Frank Rendon
Brenda Richardson
Enoch Samuel
Michael Sharp
Mark Weisenberger
William Yocham

2 Years

Ralph Appy
Jessica Bautista Torres
David Bickel
Eric Caris
Jack Chang
Christopher Chase
Richard Crowley
John Curry
Michael DiBernardo
David Flinn
Ron Groves
Sue Hayter
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Darren McClung
James Morgan
Jennifer Mosher
Joannie Mukai

Barry O'Conner

Steven Otera
Peter Ouk
Douglas Rill
Tom Russell
I Ju Su
Kelvin Wei
Tom Yamamoto
Patricia York
Demetrios Zaferes

1 Year

Frank Albers
John Betz
Jack Clay
Daniel Dayton
Kerry Dematos
Eric Doucette
Manuel Esparza
Charles Giles
Emma Gonzalez
Stacey Hashimoto
John Humphrey
Paul Irving
Paul Johansen
Matthew Koerber
Holly Lawson
Zizhan Liu
Adrian Lopez
Martin Maher
Richard Manz
Richard Mattison
Robert Myers
Jaime Navarro
Izorrie Petrus
Stewart Renner
Jennifer Reyes
Jose Rivera
Carlos Rodriguez
Mark Rose
Edward Royles
Sohelia Sajadian
David Shieh
Rick Sun
Rowland Tatum
Marcel Van Dijk
Gary Virgil



From left: Mort Rowghani, Harbor Engineer, 25 years; John Kostrencich, Principal Construction Inspector, 29 years; Shaun Shahrestani, Chief Engineer, 22 years; and Mark Rose, Civil Engineer, 11 years, Club Member.



From left: Shou-Yu Shao, Tester Engineering Associate, 27 years; Peter Ouk, Engineering Associate, 11 years; and Carlos Quintana, CE Associate, 15.5 years.



Du Tran, Mechanical Engineering Associate III, 18 years, Club Member; Zizhan Liu, Civil Drafting Tech, 2 years; Jurica Ivcevic, Civil Drafting Tech, 23 years, Club Member; and Jack Chang, CE Associate, 13 years.



From left: James Kapel, Assistant City Attorney, 29.5 years, Club Member; Kathy Short, Sr. Legal Assistant, 30.5 years; Christopher Bobo, Deputy City Attorney, 16 years, Club Member; and Martin D. Chavez, HR Development Officer, Club Member.



From left: Pink Lit, Civil Engineering Associate, 18 years; Boyd Bostre, Architect, 28 years, Club Member; Joannie Mukai, Director of Construction & Maintenance, Club Board Member; and Ed Little, Sr. Roofer, 9 years.



Gary Gardner receives his 10 years Perfect Attendance jacket.



Stacey Jones draws the eight lucky \$500 winners.



Mort Rowghani receives his 10 years Perfect Attendance jacket.



From left: Stacey Jones, Frank Albares and Martin D. Chavez.



Kathy Short, Club watch winner. The watch will go well with her new jacket.



From left: Hassan Jamalzaeeh, Civil Engineer Drafting Tech, 21 years; Tom Asuncion, Architect Associate, 21 years; Club Member; and Ron Groves, Civil Engineer, 20 years.



Kurt Ramirez, Club watch winner.



From left: David Shieh, Construction Inspector, 3.3 years, Club Member; Lisa Jimenez, Lighthouse Volunteer; Julian Jimenez, Lighthouse Volunteer; and Dave Bickel, Sr. Construction Inspector, 17 years.



From left: Ebrahim Khalvati, Civil Engineer Associate II, 19 years; and Pat York, Secretary, 20 years.



Rowland Tatum; Garage Attendant, 3 years.



Shou Yu Shao receives his 10 years Perfect Attendance jacket.



Jessica Bautista-Torres, Port Pilot Dispatcher, 10 years, Club Member.

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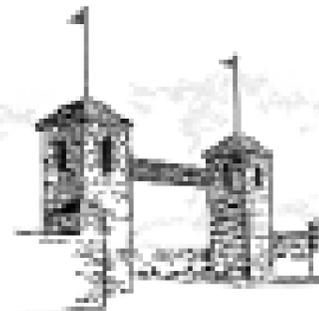
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Zoo Gets Earthy

■ Zoo holds Earth Day Expo.

Story and photos by Michelle Moreno, Club Events Guru

L.A. ZOO — The Los Angeles Zoo celebrated its annual Earth Day Expo April 23-24. Festivities began with the Zoo receiving the 2004 Waste Reduction Awards Program “WRAP of the Year” honor by the California Integrated Waste Management Board. The Zoo is credited with being able to recycle 74 percent of its waste – a great achievement indeed.

Other activities included several workshops, information booths, live entertainment and the appearance of the Zoo’s most popular recycling mascot, Rascal the Recycling Raccoon.

The Club congratulates the Zoo on its excellent recycling track record.



Coral Barreiro, Education Specialist, L.A. Zoo; Rascal the Recycling Raccoon; and Boris Berganza, Volunteer, L.A. Zoo.



Councilmember Tom LaBonge discusses the importance of recycling.



From left: Ed Campbell, Customer Relations Field Representative, Bureau of Sanitation; Michael Crossley, Senior Management Analyst, Bureau of Sanitation; and Jose Garcia, Superintendent, Customer Call Center, Bureau of Sanitation.



From left: Gail Dwyer, Public Relations Manager, L.A. Zoo; and Denise Verret, Assistant General Manager, L.A. Zoo.



Gloria Rodriguez, Utility Marketing Representative, DWP.



Mitch McKnight, Firefighter/Lead Instructor, LAFD Community Emergency Response Team.

Baby, Baby

Photos courtesy the L.A. Zoo.

The LA Zoo featured many of its baby animals last month as part of a “Everybody Loves a Baby” promotion where admission discounts were given for those who presented their baby picture.

Here are some photos from the Zoo’s baby promotion that *Alive!* thought you might enjoy:





HEY, Graduates!

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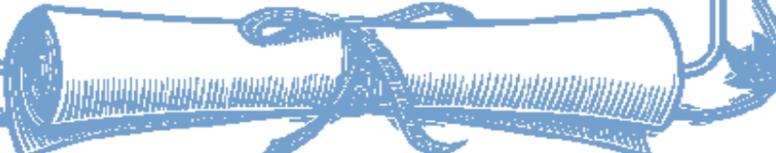
- The name of the graduate.
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- Their future plans (briefly)
- The name and department of the Club member they're related to (and how they're related)



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If you have a paper print, send a duplicate (we prefer you not send the original) to:
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Promotions



Club Member **Vince Jackson**, Harbor Department, promoted to **Senior Heavy Duty Mechanic**. He's been a City Employee for 10 years.



Capt. Sharyn Buck, promoted to **Captain III** and is the new Commanding Officer of LAPD Communications Division, from Captain II, Juvenile Division.



Club Member **Jessica Bautista-Torres**, promoted to **Port Pilot Dispatcher** from Sr. Clerk Typist III. She has been a City Employee for 10 years.

Retirements

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

NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	#YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	#YEARS
Albert Acuesta	Build. Operating Engr.	Airports	19	Peggy Lunsford	Sr. Traffic Supervisor	Transportation	26
Alfonso Alba	Light Equip. Operator	Zoo	17	Purificacion Manalo	Civil Engr. Draft Tech.	Public Works	25
Armando Alba	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.	Gen. Services	35	Betty McCrillis	Sr. Security Officer	Convention Center	17
Shirley Alexander	Clerk Typist	LAPD	25	William McCleish	Harbor Engineer	Harbor	34
Patsie Angelo	Chief Clerk	Personnel	30	Paul Mejia	Motor Sweeper Operator	Public Works	21
Abel Arredondo	Equip. Mechanic	Gen. Services	19	Molly Meraz	Sr. Clerk Typist	Finance	15
Tun Aung	Dir., Comm. Services	ITA	31	Gary Miller	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	Finance	10
Richard Bacon	Cement Finisher Worker	Rec and Parks	22	Harold Motley	Wastewater Treatment Operator	Public Works	34
Thaddeus Ballew	Sr. Gardener	Rec and Parks	38	Gary Murakami	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	City Clerk	32
Bernard Barrett	Ch. Mgmt. Analyst	Public Works	36	Ko Nakamura	Engr. Designer	Public Works	31
Vicki Bingaman	Animal Keeper	Zoo	18	Maria Nava	Sr. Clerk Stenographer	Public Works	36
James Bonville	Dir., Fleet Services	Gen. Services	27	Edward Navarro	General Manager	El Pueblo	1
Mariacinta Burgos	Librarian	Library	33	Jung O'Connor	Airport Guide	Airports	10
Cruz Campos	Constr. Equip. Serv. Worker	Gen. Services	12	Moriyasu Oda	Sr. Systems Analyst	LAFD	35
Eusebio Cardenas	Street. Mt. Worker	Public Works	29	John Ortiz	Special Officer	Airports	31
Irving Carrier	Street Maint. Supt.	Public Works	41	Fred Overstreet	Sr. Survey Supervisor	Public Works	40
Ronald Chamberlain	Refuse Collection Supv.	Public Works	35	George Pallas	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	CDD	40
Julian Chavez	Ref. Coll. Truck Operator	Public Works	18	John Perica	Assoc. Zoning Admin.	City Planning	34
Judith Close	Clerk Typist	Library	11	Kenneth Perry	Sr. Plumbing Inspector	Building & Safety	18
Rita Cooper	Secretary	LAFD	25	Sharon Perry	Sr. Building Mech. Inspector	Building & Safety	16
Walker Crump	Traffic Officer	Transportation	35	Donald Pinkney	Tree Surgeon Asst.	Public Works	31
Henry Ellis	Carpenter	Gen. Services	30	Francine Pradia	Dep. City Atty.	City Attorney	32
Rosemary Finch	Forensic Prnt. Specialist	LAPD	29	Alverna Ray	Management Analyst	LAPD	36
Priscilla Flores	Secretary	Public Works	17	Kenneth Reeser	Roofer Supvr.	Gen. Services	30
William Foster	Sr. Build. Inspector	Bldg. and Safety	31	Brenda Richmond	Sr. Clerk Typist	CDD	30
Richard Gallegos	Management Analyst	CDD	21	Charles Ridgeway	Sr. Librarian	Library	30
Helen Ganner	Crossing Guard	Transportation	10	Ronald Rini	Detention Officer	LAPD	11
Albert Garcia	Signal Systems Supt.	Transportation	40	Sidney Robinson	Property Manager	Harbor	37
Elficer Garcia	Fiscal Systems Spec.	Controllor	25	Zenaida Serrano	Secretary	Building & Safety	21
John Garcia	Air Cond. Tech. Adviser	Gen. Services	33	Dennis Shannon	Street Maintenance Worker	Public Works	34
Alfred German	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	22	Yi Jue Shao	Wastewater Manager	Public Works	20
Ronald Gray	Equip. Operator	Public Works	36	William Skiles	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	Public Works	34
Martin Grossman	Improv. Bond Coordinator	Public Works	37	Stanley Slavin	Clerk Typist	Animal Services	25
Robert Hamby	Equip. Mechanic	Gen. Services	38	Louis Sloan	Const. and Maint. Supv.	Zoo	25
Patricia Hegwood	Comm. Operator	Transportation	30	Leo Stekkinger	Port Police Officer	Harbor	37
Joyce Hernandez	Info. Systems Oper. Mgr.	ITA	30	Joe Stevenson	Equip. Operator	Public Works	33
Paul Hernandez	Tree Surgeon	Public Works	15	Cynthia Taylor	Sr. Security Officer	LAPD	30
Joe Hughes	Sr. Building Mech. Inspector	Building and Safety	34	Lawrence Tirre	Sr. Detention Officer	LAPD	38
Thomas Hutton	Equip. Mechanic	Gen. Services	18	Dedra True Scheib	Ch. Tax and Permit Div.	Office of Finance	31
Jim Iwaki Pr.	Accountant	CDD	31	Margaret Tyler	Sr. Systems Analyst	Harbor	13
Henry Jacobs	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	17	Paul Vanos	Sr. Electrical Inspector	Public Works	17
Mary Keating	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	28	Maria Vasquez	Pr. Clerk	Building & Safety	28
Gregory Kendrick	Maint. & Construction Helper	Airports	11	Robin Weiser	Legal Secretary	City Attorney	33
Willie Kendricks	Eng. Associate	Public Works	19	Jacquion Wells Johnson	Sr. Clerk Typist	Gen. Services	30
Elester Lee	Security Officer	Gen. Services	30	Dale Whitehouse	Air Cond. Mech. Supervisor	Airports	30
Erlinda Lim	Accounting Clerk	Transportation	30	Carol Williams	Ch. Personnel Analyst	Personnel	30
Colleen Long	Exec. Secretary	ITA	25	Carolyn Williams	Management Analyst	CDD	10
Andrzej Lowkis	Emerg. Preparedness Coordinator	Emerg. Preparedness	19	Major Woodard	Intermed. Wastewater Trmt. Oper.	Public Works	33
Leonisa Luistro	Management Analyst	CDD	21	Richard Yrineo	Equip. Operator	Public Works	35

Club Graduations

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.



Patty Larios graduated *cum laude* in May from Cal State San Marcos with a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology and criminal justice. She will begin her career in criminal investigation and research with a police department in San Diego County. "Congratulations Patty. Great work, and I wish you much continued success! —Your brother, Robert."

Patty is the sister of Club Marketing Director **Robert Larios**.

Send in your graduation pictures!



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	DEPT.	# YEARS
Active		
Cynthia Almeida	LAPD	1
James Burnette	ITA	4
Robert England	Building & Safety	18
Daniel Kelly	DWP	23
Darlene Mack	DWP	12
James Pettengill	DWP	23
Gregory Roberts	Transportation	4
Joaquin Roco	Public Works	19
Leon Savage	Transportation	7
Jacinta Shah	Public Works	17
Dennis Silgen	LAFD	Not Disclosed
Anita Wedlow	DWP	23
Daniel Williamson	Housing	14

Retired		
Ignacio Alarcon	Rec and Parks	29
Milton Ammons	Transportation	25
David Arbini	Gen. Services	18
Joseph Arceneaux	DWP	21
Oscar Auerbach	DWP	10
Jenny Avalos	LAPD	20
Dorothy Banks	Rec and Parks	7
Billy Benson	Public Works	21
Agnes Biley	DWP	31
James Brice	DWP	30
Daniel Cacho	DWP	25
Frederick Caldwell	Airports	19
James Carter	Rec and Parks	22
Julius Crowder	DWP	28
John Daly	City Attorney	16
Thomas Davidson	Rec and Parks	37
David Der Avedisian	DWP	42
Heinie Dervin	DWP	29
Patrick Doherty	DWP	43
Robert Draves	DWP	20
George Dunn	Harbor	31
Gertrude Eilerson	DWP	26
James Freas	DWP	5
Leona Friedman	City Clerk	30
Stanley Gallon	DWP	42
Metra Galloway	Library	34

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.

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.



Roy and Gina Burke. Roy works for Rec and Parks.



Mr. and Mrs. Tim Lao were married in Hawaii. Tim works for the Bureau of Engineering, Public Works.



A photo of our very own **Navin Cotton**, aka Ticket Guy and his lovely wife **Angela**. Congratulations to both of you. Navin and Angela were married March 5, in Los Angeles. Navin had this to say: "He who findeth a wife, findeth a good thing and obtains favor from God."

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



Matthew Emilio Solis, born March 17 to **Lisa and Steven Solis**. Lisa is a Customer Service Rep with the DWP.

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New Members

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

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| Sheree Adams | Maria Depaz | Teresa Kachirisky | Luke Ray |
| John Afford | Dorthea Devilla | Lance Kawakami | Scott Read |
| Alma Aguilar | Veronica Diaz | Vashawn Kimble | Jose Reyes |
| Rosario Aguilar | Rene Dillion | Clifford King | Joe Richard |
| Armando Alba | George Dominguez | Michael Koire | Olga Rivera |
| Sofia Alday | Cheryl Downey | John Koppelman | Rachelle Roberts |
| Jeremy Aldridge | Gregory Doyle | Tom Lam | Andrew Robinson |
| Bettina Allen | Seanean Durden | Chi Lam | Henry Romero |
| Cecil Anderson | James Eller | Wendy Lamas | Ariel Rosales |
| Angelique Anderson | Marinella Esguerra | Meighan Langlois | Halima Ross |
| Andrew Anderson | Gabriel Esteveane | Monica Lara | Daisy Sacro |
| Manuela Arellano | Bismarck Estrada | Emily Lau | Lupe Salazar |
| Armando Argueta Sr. | James Finn | Valerie Lawrence | Leonides Samaniego |
| Armando Arredondo | Michelle Flanagan | Goran Lazarevic | Beverly Samuel |
| Sharon Arterberry | Norman Floyd | Christine Leung | Nereida Santiago |
| Eden Austrin | Julio Franco | Johnnie Levario | Concepcion Sarmiento |
| James Baker | Gregory Frazier | Guadalupe Leyva | Darcy Schroeder |
| Celia Barrios | Daniel Frias | Hua Ling | Michael Scolaro |
| Fernando Barrios | Ana Fuentes | Armando Liwanag Jr. | Kim Seals |
| Almary Bass | Albert Garcia | Lorna Lloyd | Juliet Segee |
| Franki Becerra | Kurt Garcia | Gaston Lopez | Alex Serna Sr. |
| Ralph Beckman Jr. | Carlos Garcia | Tony Lopez Jr. | Wyretta Sexton |
| Michael Beltran | Liliana Garcia | Tish Lorenzana | James Shaw |
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| Tamara Brown | Marcela Gonzalez | David Medina | John Stratton |
| Esther Brownlee | Alicia Gonzalez | Sergio Melendez | Selena Strong |
| Larry Brumett | Glen Granger | Scott Melendres | Charlotte Tan |
| Ralph Burquist | Janice Guevara | Molly Meraz | Henry Thompson |
| Leticia Caldera | Allen Guidry | Edna Meraz | Howard Tien |
| Theresa Carter | Andy Guillen | Marion Merriweather | Lawrence Tirre |
| LaGenia Carter | Taneshia Guillory | Shawn Meyer | Cathy Tompkins |
| LaFayette Carter III | Thelma Gunasekara | Arthur Mitcham | Francis Tugal |
| John Carton | Jamie Gutierrez | Caydene Monk | Louisa Tung |
| Anita Casey | Arinda Gutierrez | Olivia Moreno | Martin Valadez |
| Jose Castro | Angela Hall | Marcia Murcia | Randy Valle |
| Jacqueline Castro | Robert Hamby | James Myles | Ramon Vargas |
| John Cavanagh | Nathaniel Hampton | Douglas Naranjo | Hong Linh Vo |
| Heywood Chang | Jason Haney | Shuntee Nathan | Jay Walker |
| Francis Chuatoco | Pamela Hardy | Maria Nava | Krishunda Wallace |
| Clarence Clegg | Ebony Harper | Noemi Navarro | Kelly Wallace |
| Aurora Coleman | Karen Heard | Joseph Noh | Megan Walters |
| Otis Coleman | Erin Henning | Chukwuji Nwajei | Shu Fan Wei |
| Maria Conchas | Robert Henry | Gustavo Olmedo | Natalie Whisenton |
| Ramon Cordova | Victor Hernandez | David Ortiz | Louis Whitlock |
| Catherine Cornelius | Jonathan Hershey | Manuel Ortiz | Margaret Whittiker |
| Claudia Coronel | James Hill | Dale Osborne | Jenelle Williams |
| Bennio Cortez | Greg Hill | Fred Overstreet | Jeremy Wolfson |
| Ronnita Couch | Lisa Hogland | Veronica Padilla | Venelin Yanakieff |
| John Craig | Tanya Hollingsworth | Elizabeth Pailares | Jared Yochum |
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CLUB PHOTO FEATURE

"Hi, my husband Burt Logan went to Iraq for his second tour. He is with the 621st Air Mobility Operations Group. Here is a photo just before he left. He is saying so long to our son, Evan."
— Jill Logan, DOT

"My husband, Tony Flores, is in Gulfport, Miss., at the National Guard's Gulfport Readiness Center. He is an Air National Guard member, Senior Airman. You are missed by us all!"
— Norma Flores, LAFD, with Joey and Baby Tina

"Here is a photo of my sister, Capt. Lynne Waynetta, in Afghanistan. She is in the lower left. She is with from the 376th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron and flew an all-female-crew KC-135 Stratotanker air refueling mission over Afghanistan Jan. 31."
— Ricky Waynetta, GSD

The Club in the Armed Forces

If you have a family member in the military and would like to honor them in *Alive!*, please send in a photo and include their name, their branch of military service, where they're stationed, your City department, and any other information about them that you would like to include, to:

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350 S. Figueroa St. Suite 700
Los Angeles, CA 90071

Honor Those Who Serve

Keeping 'em Sky High

■ Gen. Services says thanks to Balboa helicopter repair shop.

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



GEN. SERVICES — On April 20, Gen. Services held an appreciation lunch for the Balboa helicopter repair shop.

The event showed the department's appreciation for the hard work of the helicopter mechanics, and also to award two Helicopter Maintenance Awards. The award winners were Wacharin Kaewboonmee and Dave Mason. The Club donated door prizes for the event. Special thanks go to Josh Esquivel for inviting the Club.

Congratulations to the winners.



The Balboa helicopter maintenance shop personnel.



From left: Leonard Walker, Equipment Superintendent; and Wacharin Kaewboonmee, Helicopter Mechanic. Kaewboonmee was awarded the Helicopter Maintenance Award. Not pictured: the second award recipient Dave Mason.



Reid Schaefer proudly holds his portable DVD player that he won during the drawing courtesy the Club.



Sgt. Mark Williams, LAPD Maintenance SPUR, 31 years.



Doug Yeretian, Helicopter Maintenance Supervisor 1, 25 years.



Wacharin Kaewboonmee, Helicopter Mechanic.



Leonard Walker, Equipment Superintendent, 25 years.



Virgie Ball, Custodian Supervisor, 28 years. Virgie supervises the cleaning for the Balboa Shop.



Reid Schaefer, Helicopter Mechanic Supervisor 1, 18 years.



Dave Smith, Helicopter Mechanic, 13 years.



Rob Walker, Helicopter Mechanic, 10 years, Club Member.



Jeff Easom, Helicopter Mechanic, 1 month.



Ed Hukoveh, ITA, 9 years. He won a Club hat drawing.



Kent Hester, Helicopter Mechanic, 7 years, Club Member.



Janet Gnerlich, Sr. Clerk Typist, 24 years, Club Member.



Tony Pircey, Helicopter Mechanic, 7 years.



Daniel Vlahos, Helicopter Mechanic, 4 years, Club Member.



Paul Stanton, Helicopter Mechanic, 5 years, Club Member.



Janet Gnerlich, winner of a Club hat drawing.



Angel Colong, Helicopter Mechanic, 2 years Club Member.



Julio Alecio, Helicopter Mechanic, 2 years Club Member.



Doug A. Postal, Helicopter Mechanic, 2 months.



Mike Bridge, Helicopter Mechanic, 6 months.



Richard Hughes, Helicopter Mechanic, 5 months.

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History Comes Alive!

Tales From the City Archives



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

Was Fred Eaton the 'Real' Father of LA's Aqueduct?

■ Who was more responsible for the L.A. Aqueduct, Fred Eaton or William Mulholland?

While writing last month's issue on the past Mayors of Los Angeles, I kept finding more and more interesting information about Mayor Frederick S. Eaton. It became obvious that this man impacted Los Angeles in so many ways, that he deserved an article for himself. So here is Mr. Eaton's story.

Fred Eaton was born in Los Angeles in September 1855. He was the sixth American child born in the City. His father was Judge Benjamin S. Eaton, who migrated with his wife, Helena Hayes Eaton, in 1849 from New England. Young Eaton was born in an adobe building, on what is now the intersection of First and Spring Streets. Later, this building became the first City jail. Conflicting stories note that the Eatons, who were considered high society at that time, lived on what was then known as "up on the hill," on Fort Moore, that now houses the current Board of Education.

The future Mayor was educated in Los Angeles area public schools. Later, he attended Santa Clara College. From the time Eaton was young, he had been interested in civil engineering, where he focused on the discipline toward gaining his higher education degree. During that time period, Fred Eaton also worked for the City as a surveyor and engineer. This time period for the City was a transitional era between Spanish and American traditions.

At the ripe old age of 14, in 1869, youthful Frederick entered a citywide competition to assist in reconstructing the Old Plaza, formerly the town square, near Olvera Street. He won the \$100 prize for his drawings of original designs. These drawings were later generally adapted in the Old Plaza area when the City was reconstructed. Remnants of the past designs can still be seen today.



Fred Eaton

Fred Eaton persisted through his entire life to be dedicated to the City, as well as contributing to the development of this future megalopolis. In 1885, he was appointed City Surveyor and Engineer, where he was partially responsible for mapping and establishing City property. This was a one-year term; eventually the term City Surveyor was abolished. During the years 1889-90 he was appointed



The Old Plaza, formerly the town square near Olvera Street, in 1869, as partially designed by Fred Eaton.

City Engineer. During this active period, Eaton designed a sewer system, the precursor and core of today's contemporary system. He was also the chief engineer for the Los Angeles Railway Company. He built the first electric railway in the City, which was one of the first attempts for this new type of transportation in the nation.

In time Fred Eaton became the superintendent of a privately owned Los Angeles Water Company. This company often doubled as the first volunteer fire department back in the 1870s. Fred Eaton was one of the robust firefighter enthusiasts. This company was an evolution that grew out of dire needs of constant and consistent water for the citizens of Los Angeles. A larger-than-life relationship developed out of this company that would eventually change the far-reaching literal, political and economic landscape for the City of Los Angeles. The names of the two "Giants" were Fred Eaton and William Mulholland.

Water, or lack of it, in Los Angeles was always the main topic of concern since incor-

poration of the City in 1850. Such was the case when Frederick S. Eaton ran for mayor in 1898. His platform revolved around bringing water to Los Angeles from sources beyond the currently used water of the Los Angeles river. In 1892, Eaton traveled north more than 200 miles to Inyo County, specifically the Owens Valley, where the limitless snow water would flow into the Owens River. With the eye of an engineer, the future Mayor brought to the citizenry the idea, the vision of transporting water from the Owens River to Los Angeles. He won the ticket because of these incredible concepts.

For years Eaton and Mulholland disagreed about the L.A. River's capability to provide water to the ever-growing Los Angeles population. Mulholland, who had been a relative newcomer to the City, claimed that the river would provide water for another 50 years. Eaton, a native, explained what would happen with the event of a drought. After a decade of water deprivation, Mulholland finally understood Eaton's point of view.

Mayor Eaton was in office from 1898 to 1900. The new century in Los Angeles saw an increase of the population to 100,000. Water, once again, was the focus of the mindset of the local populace. San Pedro, after much heated discussion and debate, became a modern Los Angeles harbor. The Los Angeles City Water Company had been privately owned since 1868. With the expiration of the lease in 1898, City officials fought to return the water to a publicly run system. The proprietors argued to preserve their position as owners of the City's water. But, after much negotiations and a heated and contested bond election, the water rights were, once again, returned to the City for \$2 million in 1902.

Upon retiring from formal civic duty after 1900, Fred Eaton continued his dedication to bringing water from the north to Los Angeles. In 1902 he worked in association with William Mulholland, who was then the chief engineer for the Los Angeles City Water Works, a precursor to Public Works Bureau of Aqueduct, a precursor to the DWP. Sadly, Eaton and Mulholland had a number of disagreements that continued for years. But that is a story that deserves its own article.

At the same time, Fred Eaton moved from Los Angeles to Long Valley in Mono County, where he had a ranch. In 1906 he incorporated 12,000 acres in what would eventually be called the Eaton Land and Cattle Company. In time, the City acquired the Eaton ranch properties to use as extension for water development. All the while, he continued to work with the most important federal, state, county and City individuals relating to



William Mulholland

water reclamation.

Frederick S. Eaton passed away in 1934 at the age of 78 at the home of one of his children. He supposedly died bankrupt from many issues relating to the Owens Valley project. That, too, is worthy of another article.

Finally, it has been known for years that the Public Works regarded Fred Eaton as the "Father of the Los Angeles Aqueduct," while William Mulholland was given that reverential title by the DWP. Either way, we Los Angelenos owe a great debt of gratitude to these two giants. For as historians have noted over the years, "Los Angeles was the most improbable city without water," or, "Los Angeles is a city in spite of itself without water..."

Photos are from the Security Pacific Collection, Los Angeles Public Library Photo Archive, courtesy Carolyn Cole, Director



The Owens River in 1912.

Ontario Says Thanks

■ Ontario Airport hosts an employee appreciation day.

Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor

Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager



AIRPORT DEPT. — Ontario International Airport held its fourth annual Employee Appreciation Day April 14 in the Maintenance yard. AAE organized the event, and everyone in attendance enjoyed good food, raffle prizes and entertainment.

Airport employees demonstrated their talents in the first Talent Show. AAE Vice President Leatrice Pickens opened the show by singing a song. AAE worked very hard to make the event a big success.

The Club was happy to donate prizes for the raffle.



Club Partners Amanda Cortez, Crusberg Decker and Julie Wallace, Cruise and Resort.



Back row, from left: James Cadena and Carlos Cadena, Club Member, 28 years. Front: Baby Cadena and Suzy Cadena.



From left: James Rudy, Club Member, 35 years; Steve Briones, Club Member, 7 years; Jesse Galvez, 7 years; Roy Clayborne, 27 years; and Greg Howard, Club Member, 30 years.



Tony Aleman, Club Member, shows off his talents.



From left: Fred Gallegos, Club Member, 7 years; Jimmy Serrano, Club Member, 15 years; and Alex Lemos, Club Member, 18 years.



Rosa Velez, Club Member, wins 2 Disneyland tickets from the Club.



From left: Jimmy Sparks, Club Member, 15 years; Ralph Morones, Club Member, 32 years; and Bryan Jackson, Club Member, 9 years.



Gary Daniels, 7 years.



Stan Rogers, 10 years.



Leatrice Pickens, Club Member, sings a song for the crowd.



From left: Jose Renderos, 3 years, and Salvador Angeles, 8 years.



From left: Connie Gomez, Club Member, 2 years; Ed Medina, Club Member, 6 years; Jeff Mararac, Club Member, 2 years; and Jeff Mararac Jr.



From left: Howard Horning, Club Member, 6 years; Victor Acedo, 5 years; George Fernandez, Club Member, 16 years; Daniel Bassett, Club Member, 18 years; and Barry Coleman, Club Member, 16 years.



From left: Jose Delira, 2 years; Efre Charles, 6.5 years; Johana Diaz, 2 years; and Ricardo Jimenez, Club Member, 4 years.



Front row, from left: Marilyn Wells, Club Member, 24 years; and Carla Hall, Club Member, 7 years. Back: Robert Chillous, Club Member, 12 years; Marilyn Payne, 18 years; and Patsy Clark-Black, 28 years.



Connie Gomez, Club Member, 2 years; and Rocky Duarte, Club Member, 17 years.



From left: Collin Concepcion, Club Member, 10 years; and Juan Reza, Club Member, 10 years.



From left: Diane Gilmartin, Club Member, 26 years; Alex Lemos, Club Member, 18 years; George Fernandez, Club Member, 16 years; and Barry Coleman, Club Member, 16 years.



From left: LaTanya Hypolite, Club Member, 15 years; Lori Coleman, 16 years; and Linda Brown, Club Member, 17 years.



From left: Mike Biagi, Club Member, 18 years; Bill Bruce, Club Member, 35 years; and Tony Kallemegn, 17 years.



From left: Kyama Cunninyan, 4 years; David Pro, Club Member, 17 years; Carlos Cadena, Club Member, 29 years; Genevieve Jackson, Club Member, 5 years; and Keith McClure, Club Member, 23 years.



From left: Robert Perez, 13 years; Todd Stone, 3 years; Lisa Yancey, Club Member, 5 years; Jose Renderos, 2 years; and John Hong, 1.5 years.



Back row, from left: Ray Guzman, 10 years; and Roger Salvador, Club Member, 5 years. Front: Efrain Navarro, Club Member, 5 years; and Miguel De La Parra, Club Member, 2 years.



From left: Delbert Patschull, Club Member, 25 years; Bertha Vega, Club Member, 20 years; Norma Teixeira, 12 years; and Rotundra Greene, Club Member, 18 years.

Party for Pablo

■ Longtime Club member Pablo Ninofranco retires after 31 years of City service.

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

HARBOR DEPT. — Friends, family and co-workers at the Harbor Dept. threw Pablo Ninofranco a party to mark his retirement after 31 years of City service April 5 at Rafaelo's Italian Restaurant.

The Club was there, too, as Pablo has been a Club member since 1979. John Hawkins, Club CEO, gave Pablo a Club golf jacket as a retirement gift. It marked the first time John Hawkins has given a retirement gift, he said. This was a small token of the Club's appreciation for Pablo's continued support and dedication. He believed in the Club so much so that he has and continues to get his fellow colleagues excited in joining and learning of the benefits the Club provides. Pablo plans on remaining a Club member in his retirement. Great move, Pablo!

Pablo's wife, Josie, retired last year. They are expecting their first grandchild (girl) in the sum-

mer. Pablo and Josie will enjoy a cruise to the Panama Canal and then to the Philippines.

Below is the presentation of Pablo's career, provided by Ray Alieiado, who hosted the luncheon.

Pablo Ninofranco Career Presentation

"Pablo started with the City 31 years ago as an Electrical Engineering Assistant in 1974 with the DWP. After a few years, he transferred to the Building Department. He worked as an electrical plan checker for several years and transferred to the Waste Water Division because of the wonderful people one meets across the counter. They always had nice things to say like:

'This is stupid.'
'Why do I need to have to get a permit?'

'Why don't you go back where you came from?'

'The City only wants my money.'

'Why don't you stand up when I'm talking to you?'

'Of course, there were nicer things that were said that can't be mentioned.'

'At the Waste Water Division, Pablo acquired the

knowledge and skill to accept and give out crap. One needs to learn fast in that division, for it's pretty tough to stand ankle deep in that stuff. After working in that kind of environment and



Pablo Ninofranco with his daughter, daughter-in-law, wife and sons. From left: Phyllis, Melissa, Joe, Pablo, Josie and John.

becoming immune to the odor for five years, he became bored and transferred to the Harbor Department, where he found the water to be clear and the ideal location and environment to work in. It is also while working at the Port that he discovered the benefits of a cruise vacation and he has gone on a few of them.

"During his years at the Harbor, the Department has grown ten-fold from the first Harbor deepening to the current one and the building of Pier 400. He has personally been involved with many of the wharves, buildings, backland and terminal projects that have taken place over the years. He has contributed greatly to the permit process that we as a Department

need to undergo. He has contributed and made the electrical section a better design group by his presence and expertise.

"Pablo, you will be missed and your work ethics, experience, vibrant personality and friendship will be a void in the Engineering Division."

Congratulations, Pablo. Enjoy your life as a retired Club member!

The Club thanks Sirlord Morse, Christina Sar, Geraldine Yu, Ray Alieiado and Martin Lovato for contributing to this story.



From left: Dina Aryan-Zahlan, Engineering; Donna Enfiajian, Construction; Carmen Bognot, Engineering, Club Member; and Boyd Bostre, Engineering, Club Member.



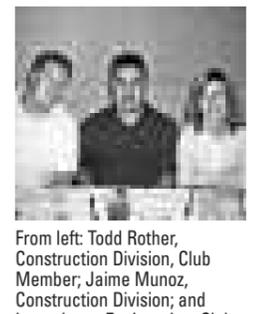
From left: Jack Chang, Construction; Terry Keating, Engineering, Club Member; Ping Lit, C&M; Dennis Ogren, C&M; and Rica Viola, Property Management, Club Member.



Sirlord Morse presents Pablo a T-shirt containing a few of the many pictures that were found around Pablo's office.



From left: Pons Rongavilla, Engineering; Ken Sy, guest; Dennis Kisner, guest; Vahik Haddadian, Electrical Engineering Supervisor; and Yong Park, guest.



From left: Todd Rother, Construction Division, Club Member; Jaime Munoz, Construction Division; and Laura Leon, Engineering, Club Member.



Ramir, Pablo's youngest brother, presents him a gift on behalf of the Ninofranco family.



John Hawkins, Club CEO, presented Pablo the first Club golf jacket. This was the first ever given to a Club Member, according to John.



Club CEO John Hawkins congratulates Pablo on his retirement.



From left: Guillermo Martinez, Engineering; Sue Lai, Engineering; and Mimi Gutierrez, Engineering, Club Member.



Pablo is escorted in.



From left: Christine Honeybone, Engineering; Adrienne Fedrick, Engineering; Geraldine Yu, Engineering; Christina Sar, Engineering; and Ray Alviado, Engineering, Club Member.



Prashant Konareddy from the Harbor Department Employee Club presented Pablo a check.



Pablo's supervisor, Vahik Haddadian, presents a gift on behalf of his department.



Standing, from left: Zizhan Liu, Engineering; Chinh Le, Engineering, Club Member; and John Posadas, guest. Seated: Robel Afewerki, Engineering, Club Member, and Ron Groves, Engineering.



From left: Velinda Meza, Electrical Engineering; Emil Zordilla, Architect, Club Member; Joanna Rios, Engineering; and Sharon Tatel, Engineering, Club Member.



From left: Barry Harbayan, Electrical, Club Member; Chaouki Aboulhossn, Electrical; Mike Gasper, guest; and James Davis, Construction.



A well-wisher says farewell.



Standing, from left: Ramir Ninofranco, Pablo's younger brother; Joe Ninofranco, Pablo's oldest son; and John Ninofranco, Pablo's youngest son. Seated: Melissa Ninofranco, Pablo's daughter-in-law; Phyllis Ninofranco, Pablo's daughter; and Josie Ninofranco, Pablo's wife.



From left: Disdado Garin, Engineering; To Markotic, Engineering, Club Member; Jurica Ivcevic, Engineering, Club Member; Jim Kinkor, Retired Engineering; and Carlos Baldenegro, Engineering.



From left: Prashant Konareddy, Engineering, Club Member; Tamura Fatherree, Engineering; and Lisa Roberts, Engineering.



Pablo looks surprised as he enters the banquet room and sees his friends and family gathered in his honor.



Pablo is presented with the Angels' Gate replica. The "actual" will be presented to him at a later time as it was kept away to keep Pablo unaware of the surprise luncheon.



From left: Enedina Rodriguez, Engineering; Roy Benjamins, Engineering, Club Member; Stacey Hashimoto, Engineering, Club Member; Jessie Palicte, Retired Engineering, Club Member; and Zeny Lerma, Retired Engineering.



From left: Myrna Diaz, Accounting, Club Member; Sally Tomboc, Treasury, Club Member; Ismael Arriola, Accounting, Club Member; and Amando Parreno, Accounting.



From left: Jose Lopez, Engineering; Angel Lim, Engineering; Peter Ouk, Construction; and Tom Asuncion, Engineering, Club Member.



From left: John Ibrahim, Engineering; Jin Kim, Engineering, Club Member; Chris Grossi, Engineering; Chuong Le, Engineering, Club Member; and Carlos Quintana, Engineering.

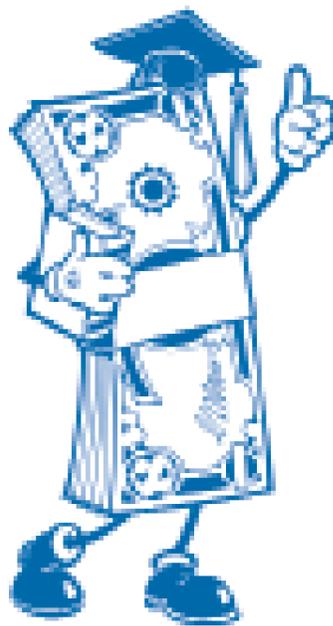


From left: Demetrios Zaferes, Engineering; John Hawkins, Club CEO; Robert Zmuda, Engineering; and David Walsh, Engineering.



From left: Du Tran, Engineering, Club Member; Emilio Macias, Engineering, Club Member; Angie Nguyen, Engineering; Christine Nguyen, Engineering; and Henry Martinez, Engineering.

R E M I N D E R !



Scholarship

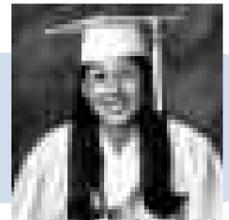
DEADLINE: JULY 1

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

Applications are now being accepted for the Club's annual scholarship program. The program is open to all college-age Club members or their children enrolled in a full-time college program, or to be enrolled in a full-time college program in fall 2005.

Three scholarships are expected to be awarded: one at \$3,000 and two at \$1,000 each.

Please note the early deadline: It's two weeks earlier this year.



Winner of the Club Scholarship last year was Jessica Moncayo, daughter of Cynthia Beltran, an employee in Housing, and a 29-year veteran of the City. Jessica is an excellent student at Loyola Marymount University in Westchester.

Here are the details:

- All Club members and children of Club members under the age 21 are eligible to apply. Club members must be in good standing.
- The successful candidate must attend an accredited four-year college or University full time school in the fall semester 2004. Current high school seniors matriculating to a four-year school in fall 2004 are eligible.
- Candidates will be judged for academic excellence, community service and financial need.
- Three (3) scholarships are expected to be awarded, one for \$3,000 and two for \$1,000 (each).
- Deadline for application: 5 p.m. July 1, 2005. All applications must be physically in the Club office at that time to be eligible. Sorry, but the Club is not responsible for delays in delivery.
- Decisions will be made by Club personnel and will be considered final.
- Application packages are available online (www.cityemployeesclub.com/Scholar.asp) or in person at the Club headquarters, 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071.

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BY Michelle Moreno, City Events Guru

Michelle on the Move

EVENTS 411

what's happening ? what's happening ?

Of Shakespeare, Fathers and a Bang-up Fourth

Hello folks!

Welcome back to Events 411! I hope you had a wonderful May. Did you take your mom out for a fantastic Mother's Day? If you didn't, is she still speaking to you? Just kidding; I'm sure she's still speaking to you. What about Memorial Day weekend? Did you have a great and relaxing time? Don't you just love three-day weekends? I know I certainly do. It's so wonderful to have an extra day of fun, and speaking of fun, boy do we have tons of great events going on.

First off, Venice is celebrating its centennial. There are many great activities going on in June and July to honor this special occasion, such as the annual Carnevale. If you want to see some crazy and unique costumes, this is definitely the

place to be. If you want to see more funny costumes, then why not check out a Shakespeare play. There are several opportunities to enjoy Shakespeare underneath the stars in San Pedro or Barnsdall Park – and free! Gentlemen, this would be a great opportunity to plan a picnic for your special someone.



Also, don't forget that Father's Day is coming up soon. If you don't have any plans yet, there's a great event for dads in Exposition Park, "Real Men Cook – Father's Day Celebration." Bring your dad to experience tons of food and meet some cool celebrities.

Another important event not to forget is Independence Day. Yes, it's almost time for the Fourth of July! (Another three-day weekend.) It's time for fireworks, barbecues, picnics, and lots of fun. If you don't have any plans, check out the great events I managed to find. However you celebrate your Independence Day, just remember to be safe and have fun.

Well that's it from me. I thank you for taking the time to read Events 411 and I wish you a wonderful month full of fun times and great memories. See ya around the City!

If you know of any events occurring in the Los Angeles or have any opinions or suggestions on the events listed, please send them in: michelleonthemove@cityemployeesclub.com

For more information about events around Los Angeles, visit these Websites:

- www.culturela.org
- www.experiencela.com
- www.losangelesalmanac.com
- www.laweekly.com
- www.olvera-street.com

Know of any great City events? Let me know!

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

June *Please note some event run through July

Pershing Square Summer Concert Series
Enjoy a series of free concerts held at Pershing Square during your lunchtime or on a Sunday afternoon.
Date(s): June through late September
Time: Tues./Thurs. noon – 2 p.m.
Third Sunday of each month: 3 – 5 p.m.
Site: Pershing Square, 532 South Olive St., Downtown L.A.
Cost: Free
More Info: (888) 527-2757 or www.laparks.org/pershingsquare/pershing.htm

Annual Shakespeare by the Sea Presentation
Enjoy the works of Shakespeare under the night sky.
Date: Mid-June through mid-July
Thursdays through Saturdays
Time: 7:30 p.m. (pre-show) and 8 p.m. (show)
Site: Point Fermin Park, 807 Paseo Del Mar, San Pedro
Cost: Free
More Info: (888) 527-2757 or www.shakespearebythesea.org

Meet the Grunion (Open Season)
Come watch the silvery fish come up on the beach to spawn. Don't forget to bring a bucket, flashlight and warm clothing. (Day is subject to change, please call or visit Website to confirm)
Date: June 8, 10:25 p.m.-12:25 a.m. (Grunion Run)
Date: June 22, 10:40 p.m.-12:40 a.m. (Grunion Run)
Time: 8 p.m. (Aquarium Opens)
9 p.m. (Auditorium Program Begins)
Site: Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, 3720 Stephen White Dr., San Pedro
Cost: \$5/adults, \$1/seniors and children (fee for Aquarium)
Free (Grunion Run)
More info: (310) 548-7562 or www.cabrilloaqa.org
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35th Annual Los Angeles LGBT Pride Festival and Parade in West Hollywood
Celebrate National Gay Pride Month at this weekend festival filled with live entertainment, a parade, food and much more. The Mayor's Volunteers Corps is looking for volunteers. If you are interested, please call or visit the website.
Date: June 17 – July 2, Fridays and Saturdays
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Site: Barnsdall Park Great Lawn
4800 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood
Cost: Free
More info: (818) 710-6306 or http://www.independentshakespeare.com/2005/2005.html

Free Shakespeare in Barnsdall Park 2005
If you're a fan of Shakespeare and would like to see Hamlet while having a picnic under the stars, this event is for you.
Date(s): June 17 – July 2, Fridays and Saturdays
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Site: Barnsdall Park Great Lawn
4800 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood
Cost: Free
More info: (818) 710-6306 or http://www.independentshakespeare.com/2005/2005.html

Los Angeles Film Festival
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Site: Various locations in Hollywood; call or visit Website
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Pershing Square Summer Concert Series
Date(s): June 11 – 12
Time: 10 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Site: West Hollywood Park, San Vicente Boulevard between Santa Monica Boulevard and Melrose Avenue
Cost: \$15
More info: (323) 969-8302 or www.lapride.org
Sponsor: Mayor's Office

LAFD Fire Hogs Memorial Poker Run
Come and bring your bike or just enjoy a luncheon with live entertainment. "Open to all riders, no matter what you ride!" (Website) Either way, it's for a great cause. Proceeds go to the Widows, Orphans, & Disabled Fireman's Fund.
Date(s): June 12
Time: 8:30 a.m. (registration begins)
9:30 a.m. run begins
2:30 p.m. luncheon begins
Site: Run begins at 1355 N. Cahuenga Blvd., Hollywood
Luncheon is at Canyon Club, 28912 Roadside Dr., Agoura
Cost: \$35/rider, \$20/extra rider – includes run and luncheon
\$10 – Luncheon only
More info: (805) 527-0028 or www.firehogs.org
Sponsor: LAFD Fire Hogs

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Chinese Food Festival
Are you a fan of Chinese food and culture? If so, you definitely need to come to this festival. It's a weekend of exhibits, cooking demonstrations and a whole lot of food. Tickets include three tastings for adults and two for children.
Date(s): June 18 – 19
Time: Sat: 2 – 8 p.m.
Sun: 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Site: North Broadway and College Street, Chinatown, Los Angeles
Cost: \$8/adult, \$4/child (5-12), \$6/senior, free/child (4 and under)
\$2 off the ticket price, to be redeemed at the festival entrance with proof of transit ridership to the festival.
More info: (213) 680-0243 or www.chinesefoodfestivala.com

Real Men Cook – Father's Day Celebration
Don't have an idea for Father's Day? Well here's a great one! "Join us June 19 for the most delicious and fun-filled Father's Day event ever, featuring real men. This food-tasting event featuring more than 100 different dishes for guests to sample and a fun-filled family celebration. Once you enter, everything to eat and drink is free!" (Website) See Website for lots more details.
Date(s): June 19
Time: 3 – 6 p.m.
Site: Exposition Park
3980 S. Menlo Ave., Los Angeles
Cost: Presale: \$15/adult, \$8/child (3-11); purchase at local Ralphs
Event day: \$25/adult, \$15/child (3-11)
More info: www.realmencook.com then go to Los Angeles

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Celebrate the Venice Centennial by attending this event. "Carnevale is alive and well and celebrated on the streets of Venice, with fire eaters, outrageous costumes, local and regional musical acts, and all the party and fun that goes with any great carnival celebration." (Website)
Date(s): June 25
Time: Noon – 10 p.m.
Site: Venice Beach
Cost: Free
More info: www.venicecentennial.com

30th Annual Irish Fair and Music Festival
Come and celebrate the Irish culture w/ live entertainment, dancing and more.
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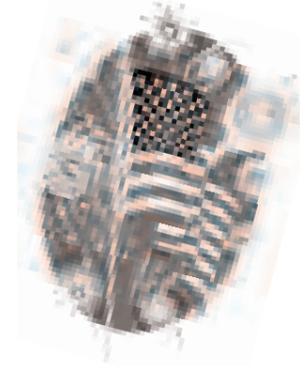
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Come and see the biggest reenactment show and living history event in Los Angeles.
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A Walk in the Park

■ Club's Ticket Guy and Events Guru are all ears as they preview Disneyland's 50th anniversary season. Don't miss out; use your Club discount.

Story by Michelle Moreno,
Club Events Guru
Photos by Navin Cotton,
Club Ticket Guy

Hey folks! The Ticket Guy and I were lucky enough to be invited to a press sneak preview of Disneyland's 50th Anniversary Celebration May 4, and boy did we have a great time.

The day began with a great new parade, "Parade of Dreams," commemorating several classic Disney films. There were lots of awesome floats, great performers

and cool special effects. It really was amazing and luckily we managed to see it twice. We also rode the newest ride to the park, the Buzz Lightyear Astro Blasters, which is an interactive adventure that allows you to zap targets and rack up points. I admit, I wasn't as good as the Ticket Guy on this one – he managed to reach Level 4 and I only got up to 3. (Frankly I think he might have cheated but don't tell him I said this.) The coolest part of this ride is that it allows you to e-mail a picture of you and your score to anyone.

Other additions to Disneyland range from the beautiful renovation of the Sleeping Beauty Castle; the addition of gold, gold and more gold; several cool photo collages; a special fireworks show; and much more! So be sure to experience this new adventure and more importantly get your discount tickets at Club Headquarters.



Mickey and Minnie Mouse.



The Events Guru and the Ticket Guy posing with Mickey Mouse.



A float depicting Ursula, the sea witch in The Little Mermaid.

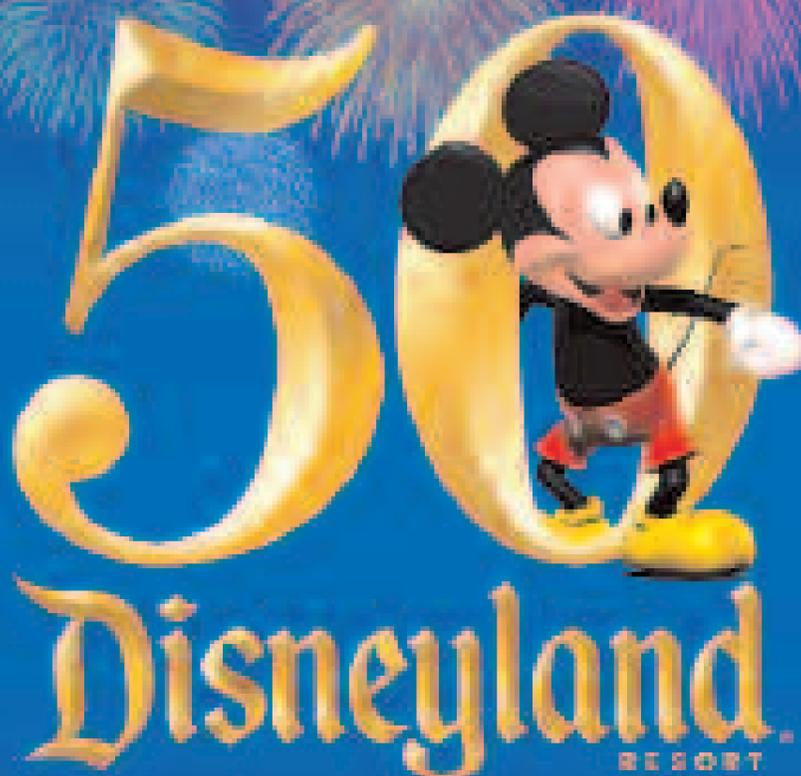


A float depicting The Lion King.



The Events Guru and the Ticket Guy enjoying a day at "work."

A Grand Finale From Start to Finish.



You're invited to the Happiest Homecoming On Earth, the biggest celebration ever in honor of our 50th Anniversary. With all-new attractions, shows and parades, this is one celebration you won't want to miss!

For more information, visit our website, www.disneyland.com, or call 714-781-4637. Tickets are available for purchase from May 10th through September 15th. Club members receive a 10% discount on all ticket purchases. Club members only. © 2005 Disney.

Touching Down

■ **Helicopter Maintenance Test Pilot David Gomez retires from Gen. Services after almost 29 years of service.**

Story and photos by Robert Larios, Club Marketing Director

GEN. SERVICES DEPT. — David Gomez, a helicopter maintenance test pilot with Gen. Services, enjoyed a retirement party at Fleet Services City Heliport in Van Nuys.

David retires after more than 28 years of service at the City heliport in Van Nuys.

Incredibly tasty tacos were the main course for lunch at the event. Many of his colleagues from Gen. Services, as well as helicopter pilots from the LAPD Anaheim Police Department flew in for the festivities.

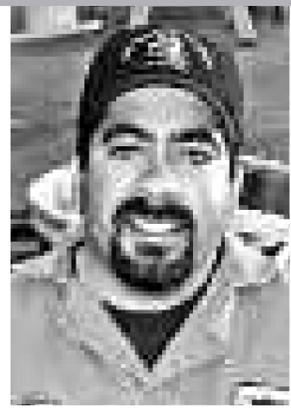
David expects to travel quite a bit from Moorpark to Big Bear as well as golfing and spending time with grandchildren.



David Gomez, Maintenance Test Pilot, 28 1/2 years.



Joe Fossilman, Supervisor, 22 years.



Angel Colon, Helicopter Mechanic, 2 years.



Matt Dickinson, Helicopter Mechanic, 4 years.



William Cowheh, Pilot, Anaheim PD, 25 years.



Jaime Marin, LAPD, 13 years.



Dave Honeywell, Supervisor, 16 years.

Congratulations, David!



Sergeant Mel Stevenson, LAPD, 25 years.



Maria Gomez, David's wife.



Bob Dillon, Helicopter Mechanic, 2 years.



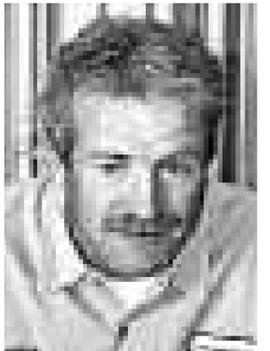
Bill Hume, Helicopter Mechanic, 13 years.



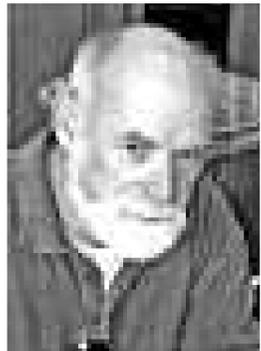
Doug Postal, Supervisor, 6 1/2 years.



Rich Use, Helicopter Mechanic, 5 years.



Will Lindsey, Helicopter Mechanic, 13 years.



Bill Allender, Retired, 24 years.



Janet Gnerlich, Sr. Clerk Typist, 24 years.



Vince Garcia, Helicopter Mechanic, 4 years.



Dave Smith, Helicopter Mechanic, 12 years.



Mike Bridge, Helicopter Mechanic, 6 months.



Paul Stanton, Helicopter Mechanic, 5 years.



Lieutenant Dwight Grosley, 24 years.



Leon Grieve, Retired, 24 years.



Bruce Posten, Helicopter Mechanic/Safety Officer, 25 1/3 years.



Ian Blackwood, Avionics Specialist, 8 months.



Tony Piercy, Helicopter Mechanic, 6 1/2 years.



Douglas Yeretizian, Helicopter Mechanic Supervisor I, 25 years.



Julio Alecio, Helicopter Mechanic, 16 months.



Lieutenant Rick Smith, LAPD, 24 years.



Sergeant Mark Williams, LAPD, 32 years.



Daniel Johnson, LAPD, 23 years.



Kevin Gropp, Helicopter Mechanic, 13 years.



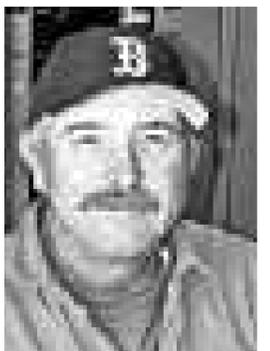
Ron Stowell, Helicopter Mechanic, 2 years.



Ben Bertrand, Helicopter Mechanic, 5 1/2 years.



Paul Fox, Helicopter Mechanic Supervisor II, 24 years.



Mike Pattison, Helicopter Mechanic, 25 years.

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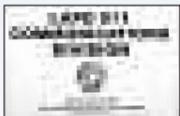
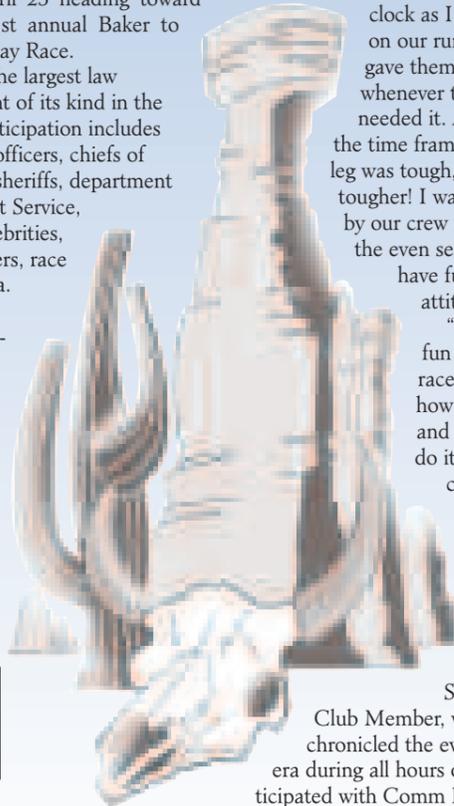
■ **LAPD team takes on the challenging 120-mile Baker to Vegas footrace.**

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor
Photos by Arlene Herrero and Daniel Wang

POLICE DEPT. — And they're off!
Brave members of the team from the LAPD took off from Baker April 23 heading toward Vegas as part of the 21st annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay Race.

The race has become the largest law enforcement athletic event of its kind in the world, organizers say. Participation includes 10,000 law enforcement officers, chiefs of police, agents-in-charge, sheriffs, department heads, the FBI, the Secret Service, DEA, military police, celebrities, dignitaries, family members, race sponsors, press and media.

The race attracts more than 220 teams representing law enforcement and judicial systems from throughout the United States and around the world. Teams who have participated in the race have traveled from as far as Great Britain, Germany, Australia and Canada.



Vehicle magnets.

"I am a first-time support person for Baker to Vegas, and the event and weekend in Vegas was a fabulous experience for me," said Deby Herdrich, PSR II. "I went to support a particular runner [John Craig] on Leg 16. Anita Whited and Dan Basilgo were nice enough to accommodate me by assigning me his leg as the follow vehicle along with three other runners.

"I worked with two other dispatcher/friends Pam Liske and Jacqui Dreben. Jacqui was the driver and Pam worked the time

clock as I cheered on our runners and gave them water whenever they needed it. Although the time frame for our leg was tough, our runners were tougher! I was thoroughly impressed by our crew in particular. We took the even serious but also went to have fun and I believe that attitude prevailed.

"In fact, we had so much fun that at the end of the race when we talked about how we felt, we all [runners and support] said that we'd do it again next year, same crew, same leg! I'm still in awe of all the runners and support for this event and look forward to being a part of it for many years to come."

Cathy Sotos, Support member and Club Member, was a trooper as she chronicled the event with her video camera during all hours of the race. "I have participated with Comm Division's team for 14 years, and



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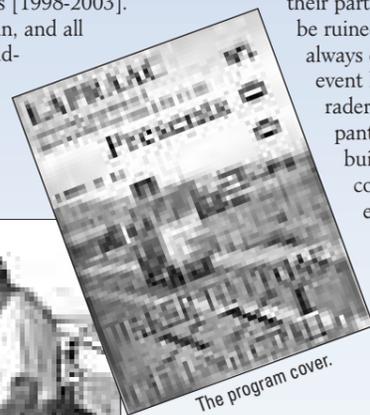
Slow and steady.

was the team captain for five years [1998-2003].

"I am so proud of Anita and Dan, and all the runners and support. Their leadership and motivational skills were evidenced by the team's great improvement.

"This is a massive undertaking, and if just one person doesn't do

their part, the whole thing could be ruined for the entire team. I've always enjoyed the fact that this event builds a strong camaraderie among the participants. The teamwork involved builds friendships and allows coworkers to get to know each other better in a social setting outside the workplace."



The program cover.



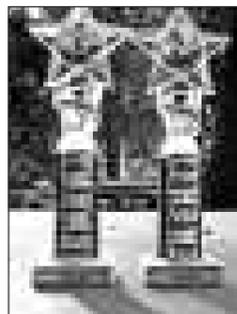
Runners sign in prior to the race.

GET SET...

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Runners in the back and support on the front; looks like they are ready to go.



On cake patrol are, from left, Erika Bert, 7; Emily Chacon, 7; Ivy Bert, 6; and Nicholas Chavez, 7.

Each runner received one of these trophies.



The famous thermometer at Baker, Calif.



From left: Amy Tariq, Support, Club Member (in her "superstar" pose); Sunita Pidech, Support, Club Member; and Robin Nash, Support, Club Member.



Robyn Frazier catches Adam on the side as Angelina takes off.



Team 180, LAPD North Hollywood.

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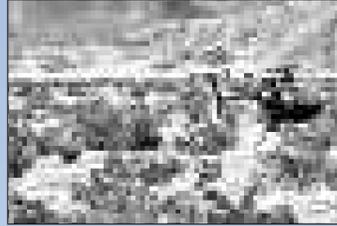
Capt. Smith on Leg 3.



The start line.



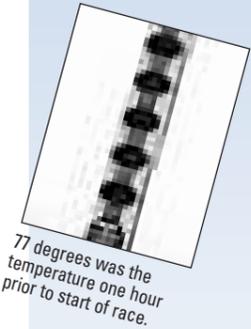
Supplies for the shuttle van. It may look like junk food, but as Anita Whited mentioned at the team meeting, "Dig deep inside; this is a treasure bag full of essentials needed come race day."



A helicopter is ready for an airlift.



Final instructions are given to the runners.



77 degrees was the temperature one hour prior to start of race.

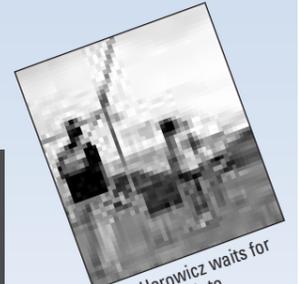


Off they go!

...AND THEY'RE OFF!



Hilton, the host hotel for the Baker to Vegas run.



John Horowicz waits for Captain Smith to approach.



From left: Quincy Mirage, Stage 5 Runner, Debbie Ramsey, Alternate Runner, Club Member; Louie Cuevas, Support; Blanche Bell, Support, Club Member; and Leeza Phaneuf, Support.



From left: Teresa Kachirisky, FollowVehicle, Club Member; Norma Montano, Follow Vehicle, Club Member; Lorena Garcia-Sanchez, Follow Vehicle, Club Member; and Berta Ugas, Support.



Chuck Foote, Race Founder, runs for the Old Blue Team.



Back: support. Front: runners.

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Club-Sponsored Team Makes Great Showing

The City Employees Club sponsored Team 125, the team from LAPD Communications Division. The team placed 10 runners overall in their category of Invitational Mix without incurring any penalties.

According to Team Co-Captain Dan Basiglio, here is a comparison of the team's goals going into the race, and then the team's results.

Goals Before the Race:

- Total team time:** 17 hours, 12 minutes
- Expected finish time:** 8:12 a.m.
- Overall placement:** Under 100
- Category Placement:** Closer to first place
- Team mantra:** "Bring back Baker to Vegas Cup for '05"

Team Finish Results:

- Total team time:** 17 hours, 17 minutes
- Finished time:** 8:17 a.m.
- Overall placement:** 117 (out of 214 teams)
- Category Placement:** 10th place out of 27 teams
- Team mantra:** "Brought back Baker to Vegas Cup in '05"

Here is a brief description of the race legs (1 most difficult, 20 least difficult) and the LAPD team member who ran that leg:

- Stage 1** (5.7 miles, difficulty 19) Runner: Adam Timm.
- Stage 2** (4.7 miles, difficulty 20). Runner: Angelina Ortega.
- Stage 3** (8.2 miles, difficulty 1). Runner: Capt. Andrew J. Smith.
- Stage 4** (5.1 miles, difficulty 5). Runner: John Horowicz.
- Stage 5** (6 miles, difficulty 18). Runner: Alni Mirage (a.k.a. Quincy).
- Stage 6** (6.1 miles, difficulty 11). Runner: Lt. Stand Ludwig.
- Stage 7** (6.2 miles, difficulty 4). Runner: Carlos Mejia.
- Stage 8** (7.3 miles, difficulty 2). Runner: Sgt. Jeff Bert.
- Stage 9** (6.8 miles, difficulty 10). Runner: Veronica Padilla.
- Stage 10** (5.8 miles, difficulty 17). Runner: Lourdes Varas.
- Stage 11** (5.3 miles, difficulty 16). Runner: Sharon Dormitorio.
- Stage 12** (4.7 miles, difficulty 14). Runner: Eddie Gomez.
- Stage 13** (7 miles, difficulty 7). Runner: Captain Scott Kroeber.

- Stage 14** (5.4 miles, difficulty 8). Runner: Gricelda Aceves.
- Stage 15** (5.7 miles, difficulty 6). Runner: Dan Basiglio, Team Co-Captain.
- Stage 16** (5 miles, difficulty 3). Runner: John Craig.
- Stage 17** (6.8 miles, difficulty 15). Runner: Angela Tumbiero.
- Stage 18** (6.7 miles, difficulty 13). Runner: Anita Whited, Team Captain.
- Stage 19** (5.8 miles, difficulty 12). Runner: Maria Coronado.
- Stage 20** (5.7 miles, difficulty 9). Runner: CT Feng.

Next Year

Can they improve their performance for next year? "This year was a challenge in getting our runners in the competitive spirit," said Dan Basiglio, Stage 15 Runner and Club Member. "We wanted to make sure that our team was consistent with one of LAPD's core values: 'quality through continuous improvement.'

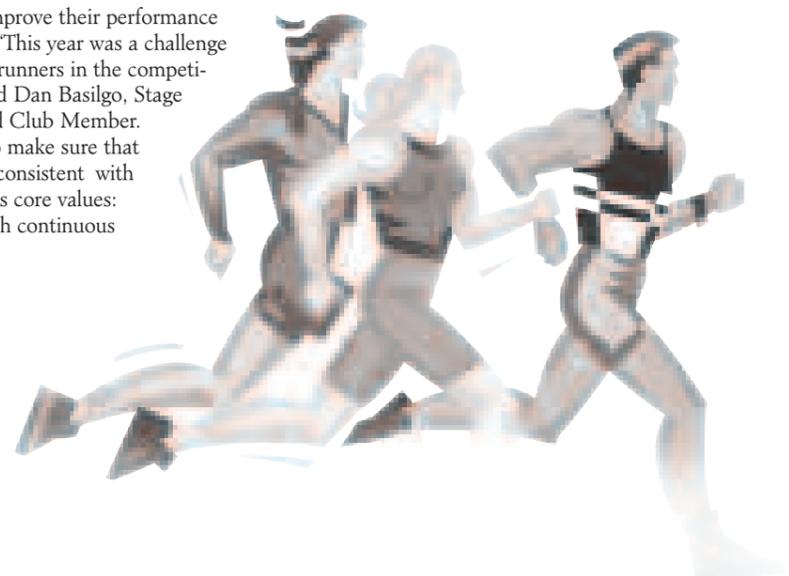
"As we continue to train to achieve the highest level of quality, we hope to set an example by leading our Communications Division team to another success in 2006. We will foster competition, dedication, and excellence but mostly building excitement and ensuring a lot of fun in every aspect of Baker to Vegas from training, fundraising and camaraderie."

The Race was founded by LAPD Officers Chuck Foote and Larry Moore in 1985. Back then, the race was composed of 19 teams of law enforcement officers who braved the harsh Mojave Desert to prove which team was up to the "challenge" and would come away the winner of the Challenge Cup.

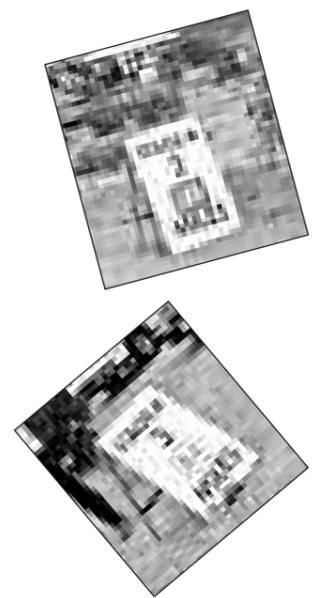
Shown on the next few pages are photos of the LAPD team (and others) as they braved the 120-mile, 20-stage foot race.

The Club thanks Anita Whited, Dan Basiglio and Jim Katapodis for their assistance.

Congratulations to all who braved this incredible event!



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5.7 miles to go.



Tanisha Guillory, Support, Club Member.



Lilly Gomez, Support.



Christopher Hardy, Support.



Angela Tumbiero, Stage 17 Runner.



John Horowicz, Stage 5 Runner, Club Member.



Veronica Padilla, Stage 9 Runner.



Dan Basilgo, Stage 15 Runner, B2V Team Co-Captain, Club Member.



Lt. Stad Ludwig, Stage 6 Runner, Club Member.



Cathy Sotos, Support, Club Member.



Jeff Brown, Support. He hopes to run next year.



Quincy Mirage on Leg 5 is closely monitored by his follow vehicle.



All vehicles involved in the race must be identified with their team number or suffer a penalty on their team.

CONGRATULATIONS



From left: Adam Timm, Leg 1 runner; Anita Whited, Team Captain; Jim Katapodis, LAPRAAC; and Dan Basilgo, Team Co-Captain.



From left: Elizabeth Meza, Shuttle; Cherie Parker, Alternate Runner, Club Member.



John Horowicz, after finishing Leg 5, is joined by his wife, Kathy.



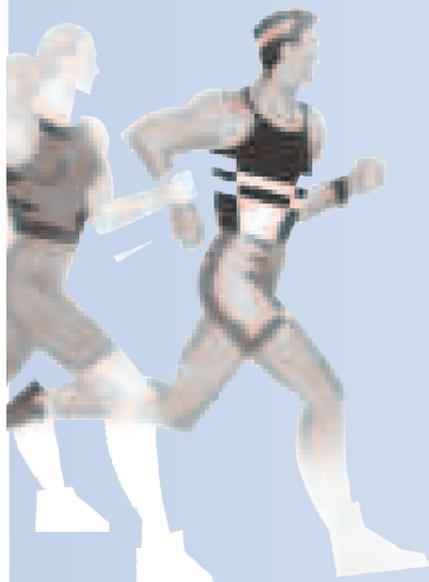
Back: support. Front: runners.



Stage 4.



From left: Dan Basilgo, Team Co-Captain; Jeanie Whited; Anita Whited, Team Captain; Adam Timm, Leg 1 runner; Angelina Ortega, Leg 2 runner; Robyn Frazier, Runner Catcher; and Margaret Peters, Shuttle.



“The race has become the largest law enforcement athletic event of its kind in the world”



Back, from left: Stephany Williams, Follow Vehicle, Club Member; and Freneshia Clark, Follow Vehicle, Club Member. Front: Shemeikaa Wagstaff, Shuttle, Club Member.



From left: Maggie, daughter of Capt. Debra McCarthy; Capt. Debra McCarthy, Commanding Officer, Rampart Community Police Station; Sgt. Jeff Bert, Leg 8; and Capt. Andrew Smith, Leg 3, Club Member.

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From left: Jeff Brown, Shuttle Support, Augie Serna, DWP, Catcher; Kim Serna, 21 years, Support, Club Member; Carlos Mejia, Leg 7 runner, Club Member.



Lt. Ludwig begins his leg as the darkness falls.



Team 125 LAPD Communications, CT Feng.



Adam Timm, Leg 1 Runner, holds up the official race baton.



"Newbies" in the Follow Vehicle. Inside are Norma, Lorena and Teresa.



Angelina Ortega on Leg 2 waits for the baton.



Lt. Stan Ludwig and son Jake wait for Leg 6 to begin.



Team 180 LAPD N. Hollywood Area.



Team 62 LAPD Rampart Area, from left: Police Officer Michael Jones, 16 years; Officer Herman Van Twist, 9 years.



Angelina Ortega, Stage 2 Runner, Club Member.



Eddie Gomez, Stage 12 Runner, Club Member.



Adam Timm, Stage 1 Runner.



Maria Coronado, Stage 19 Runner.



Lourdes Varas, Stage 10 Runner, Club Member.



Carlos Mejia, Stage 7 Runner, Club Member.



Jackie Dreben, Support.



Anita Whited, Stage 18 Runner, B2V Team Captain, Club Member.



Pam Liske, Support.



Deby Herdrich, PSR II.

RUNNERS!



Thumbs up for this runner.



Runners gather around, awaiting for their baton.



A team effort!



The LAPD Women's Team.

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From left: Gricelda Aceves, Anita Whited, Deby Herdrich and John Craig.



From left: Margaret Peters, Support for the Past 13 years, Club Member; and Kim Moore-Serna, Support, Club Member.

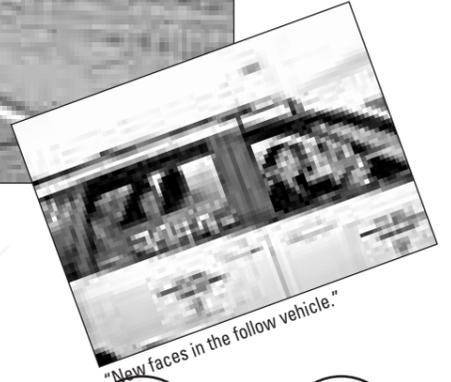


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*The teamwork involved builds friendships and allows coworkers to get to know each other better in a social setting outside the workplace—***CATHY SOTOS, SUPPORT MEMBER AND CLUB MEMBER**



The LAPD N. Hollywood team.



Team 96's follow vehicle.



Shawnie Livera, Support, Club Member.



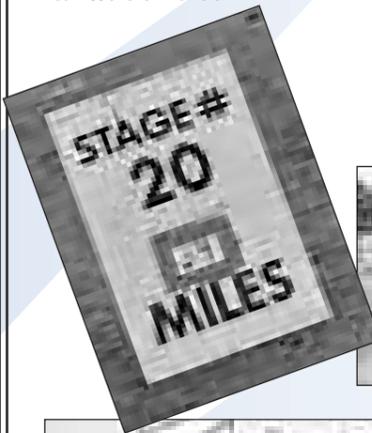
Captain Scott Kroeber, Stage 13 Runner.



Robin Frazier, Support, Club Member.



The finish line.



The LAPD Retired Team.



Club Counselor Arlene Herrero congratulates the team.



LAPD Recruitment booth, from left: Officer Frank Preciado, 8 years; Officer Michelle Howell, 15 years; and Siamone Banghraxay, 7.5 years.



Fellow team members were there to cheer on CT Feng as he made his way to the finish line.



The LAPD Color Guard marches in.



The LAPD Hollenbeck Team.



Team 156 LAPD Hollywood Area.



A runner from LAPD Hollenbeck approaches the finish line.



A Runner from LAPD West Valley Station approaches the finish line.



Team 28 LAPD Retired.



Team 29 LAPD Training Division.



Team 126 LAPD Metro Black.



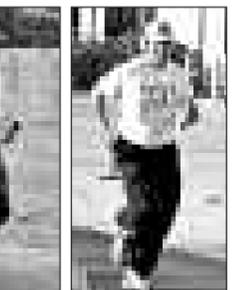
Team 62 LAPD Rampart Area.



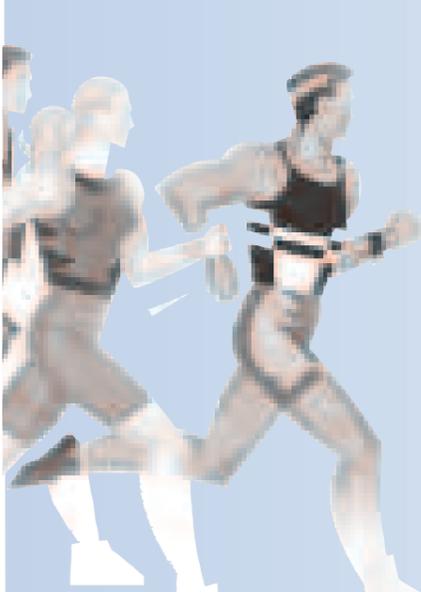
Team 96, LAPD Harbor "Sharks."



The LAPD West Valley Station Team.



Principal Detention Officer Juan Aragon, 77th Jail, Team 217 LAPD Jail Division, approaches the finish line.



The stage 6 sign.



Back, from left: Sgt. Jeff Bert and Lt. Stan Ludwig. Front: Dan Basilgo, Team Co-Captain; Angelica Ortega; John Craig; Blanche Bell; Maria Coronado; Carlos Mejia; CT Feng; and Anita Whited, Team Captain.

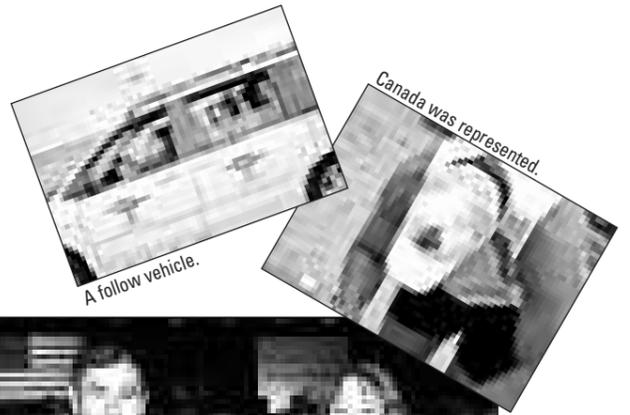
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At the evening awards ceremony, some supporters and runners take a moment to enjoy their victory.



Blanch Bell proudly holds her certificate of appreciation and commemorative race pin. From left: Lt. Ludwig, Club Member; and Blanche Bell, Club Member.



From left: Dan Basiglio and Anita Whited proudly holds the plaque and mug won by their team.



Matt Gilbert, Support.



Lisa Hadsell, Support, Club Member.



Ann Medina, Support.



CT Feng, Stage 20 Runner (anchor of the leg).



Nicole Salls, Support.



Sandie Rennie, Support, Club Member. Sandie staffed the video team with Cathy Sotos.



The LAPD Harbor "Sharks."



Back, from left: Eddie Gomez, John Craig (who claims that he had such an excellent time that he has already volunteered to run next year); and CT Feng. Front: Carlos Mejia, Lourdes Varas, Anita Whited and Dan Basiglio.



From left: Gricelda Aceves, Anita Whited and Lourdes Varas.



Margaret Peters (left) receives her certificate of appreciation and commemorative pin from Anita Whited.



John Horowicz on Leg 5.



Catcher Chris Hardy made sure CT Feng was okay after a tough run to the finish line.



From left: Emily Chacon, 7, and Xenia Varas, 8, with their mom, Lourdes Varas.



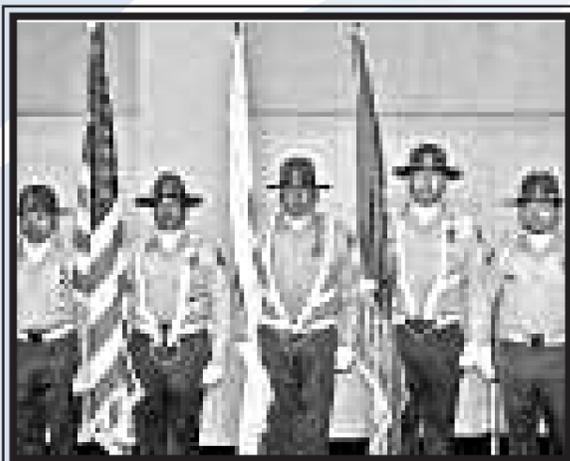
Club Counselor Arlene Herrero is taken by surprise as she accepts an award, a Challenge mug and a commemorative baton on behalf of the City Employees Club of Los Angeles. The Club was a proud sponsor of the Baker to Vegas LAPD Communication Division Team 125.



Jeff Brown, after catching Quincey.



Team Photo with support in the back and runners in front.



The LA County Police Color Guard, from left: Sgt. Felix Huezo; Officer Rashaad Gilbert; Officer Juan Camacho; Officer Segundo Siguenas; and Officer Manuel Saldivar.

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Sahara
PG-13 (some violence)
Teenagers and older
My Score: 8 (out of 10)

This is an action-packed movie, and the 127 minutes go by quick. Sahara reminds me of the Indiana Jones movies.

Matthew McConaughey plays an explorer looking for a lost treasure in the deserts of West Africa. Steve Zahn plays McConaughey's partner and he is very funny throughout the movie. Penelope Cruz plays a United Nations doctor who is continually being saved by McConaughey. The legend is that the lost treasure is on an old Civil War ship. McConaughey and Zahn trek through the desert on camels, cars and a broken-down plane, until they finally find the lost treasure. William H. Macy is also in the movie.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

Sahara

My Score: 9 (out of 10)

This has all the right ingredients for a box office hit. This "Indiana Jones" type of movie has it all ... action/adventure, a little romance and comedy. Matthew McConaughey stars as an ex-Navy Seal turned treasure hunter, searching for an undiscovered Civil War-era battleship, crosses paths with Penelope Cruz, a World Health Organization doctor racing to stop a plague. You'll enjoy the great chemistry between the actors as their quests intertwine in the Sahara desert. I highly recommend this movie for teens and older (PG-13 for intense action).

— Chuck Beas, DWP



Fever Pitch
PG-13
General audiences
My Score: 8+ (out of 10)

This is a romantic comedy starring Drew Barrymore and Jimmy Fallon. Fallon is a school-teacher who takes some

of his top students on a field trip to Barrymore's business. Fallon and Barrymore begin dating, but problems develop because Fallon is such a Boston Red Sox fan. The movie shows a lot of Red Sox baseball footage, and if you're a baseball fan you don't want to miss it. The movie is slapstick funny and does have a good love story message.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

Fever Pitch

My Score: 6 (out of 10)

Fever Pitch is a light entertaining romantic comedy. Drew Barrymore and Jimmy Fallon show good chemistry on the screen. Ben (Fallon) is a teacher on a field trip with his students when he meets Lindsey (Barrymore). She doesn't want to go out with him since he's only a teacher, not making big bucks. She is very career-driven, waiting to get the big promotion. Their relationship grows during the winter season, but come spring, Lindsey finds out that Ben has another mistress — the Boston Red Sox. Ben is a die-hard fan. Can love survive when the woman is not particularly sports-obsessed? Go see the movie.

— Gwen Lew, DWP



Beauty Shop
PG-13 (language and sexual content)
Teenagers and older
My Score: 6 (out of 10)

I thought this movie would have been funnier. Unfortunately a lot of the funny scenes were shown on the commercials and previews. Queen Latifah plays a beautician who is working for a high-end beauty salon owned by Kevin Bacon. Bacon is funny as a beauty salon owner. He does a great job of getting into his character. Latifah leaves Bacon's shop and opens her own shop in another part of town. Some of Latifah's clients

are Andie MacDowell, Alicia Silverstone and Della Reese, and they are all funny. Officer Jamie McBride, Devonshire Division, LAPD, plays a detective. The movie has fun with what happens when women get together to have their hair done and the funny interactions between the beauticians.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD



Crash
R
Teenagers (with parents) and older
My Score: 10 (out of 10)

Crash is an excellent film depicting the stories of multiple characters whose lives, and life events, are intertwined, most of the time unbeknownst to them. The movie opens at the end scene, a car crash, hinting at a mystery that the viewing audience spends most of the time trying to figure out. Don Cheadle and Matt Dillon are members of the LAPD who are each investigating various crimes, and who each have unique roles in the lives of the crash participants. This film had me sitting on the edge of my seat, and doing what I dislike most about some moviegoers — talking to my seatmate, saying, "Ooh no, what do you think is going to happen?" and "Did you see that?" The ensemble cast was great — rapper Ludacris, veteran actress Beverly Todd, favorites Sandra Bullock, Jennifer Esposito, Terrance Howard and Thandie Newton, up-and-coming Nona Gaye, and a surprisingly serious Brendan Fraser round out a wealth of talent whose experience and creativity will make this movie a must for an DVD collector.

— Carmen Steward, Treasurer's Office



Monster-in-Law
My Score: 10 (out of 10)

Jennifer Lopez stars as Charlie, who meets and falls in love with Michael Vartans (from TV's Alias) character, Kevin. After dating for about three months, he brings Charlie

to meet his mother Viola, played brilliantly by Jane Fonda. Viola had recently lost her television job and had a nervous breakdown. After being released, her assistant, played by Wanda Sykes, who is absolutely hilarious, is told by Viola that she decides to spend more time with her son. Just her and her son! Just then she receives a phone call from her son letting her know he was coming to visit her and bringing his girlfriend. This news does not make her very happy. When they come, Kevin, a surgeon, proposes to Charlie, a temp. Viola goes nuts and the fun really begins. I think the movie will be enjoyed by teens and up. Broadway legend Elaine Stritch makes a short appearance in the movie. I watched Ebert and Roper both give thumbs down to this movie and criticized Jane Fonda for making a comeback after 15 years and choosing this movie. I thought Jane looked beautiful and did a fantastic job. I cannot remember when I laughed so much! I loved the movie and recommend it to all that love silly, corny, fun comedy. Also, I cannot remember hearing so much clapping after a movie. I give the movie a 10.0.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

Monster-in-Law

My Score: 9.95 (out of 10)

It's a story about a surgeon named Kevin (Michael Vartan) who meets a beautiful woman named Charlotte/Charlie (Jennifer Lopez) who is a temp worker doing various jobs, including dog walking. They fall in love and move into his house. Kevin then asks Charlie to marry him, right in front of his mother, Viola (Jane Fonda). Viola, who was fired from her job as a television interviewer to a much younger woman and now fears losing her son, so she with the help of her personal assistant (Wanda Sykes) plans to break them up. The first thing she does is pretend to have a set back and her "Doctor" tells them she should have company, so Kevin and Charlotte invite her to move in with them. While Kevin goes out of town, Viola tries to drive Charlie nuts. But when two of Charlie's

friends come over and snoop in Viola's room (because of her celebrity status), they discover what Viola is doing. So now, Charlie turns the tables on Viola. The movie is a hoot! The cast is perfect. Lots of laugh-out-loud scenes. I do recommend this movie.

— Brenda Mitchell, DWP



Millions
PG
General audiences
My Score: 8 (out of 10)

Ever wonder what you would do if a million dollars dropped out of the sky and into your lap? Well, that's the dilemma that

happens to a boy named Damien and his older brother Anthony after just having moved into their new home with their recently widowed father. Damien sets up his own playhouse made from moving boxes right next to the railroad tracks. After the death of his mother, he takes on a peculiar fascination with Christian saints. One day as he is inside his playhouse, St. Clare suddenly appears out of nowhere. After a very funny chat, she tells him to look outside of his makeshift window only to have a huge bag of money crash into the boxes. What happens next is how the two brothers decide the money should be used. The movie really takes off when an ominous stranger appears in their neighborhood looking for the bag of money. It is a clever, sentimental, suspenseful and inspiring story. As Damien, Alex Etel is adorable. This is a British film and is currently in limited release but worth finding. It is a gem of a movie!

— Dan Basiglio, LAPD



The Amityville Horror
R
Not for those who scare easily
My Score: 5 (out of 10)

This movie can definitely be saved for a video or DVD. The actors in this movie I do not think are very well known, Ryan Reynolds and Melissa George. This movie is based on the book The Amityville Horror. A family buys a home where a prior mass murder had occurred. The house is possessed and the ghosts terrorize the family. This movie is your typical horror movie, things jumping out to scare you.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD



A Lot Like Love
PG-13 (some sex and nudity)
Teenagers and above
My Score: 4 (out of 10)

Well, I would not even wait for this movie to come out on DVD or video. This was a

romance/comedy starring Ashton Kutcher and Amanda Peet. Kutcher and Peet meet on an airplane flight from Los Angeles to New York. They really get to know each other, if you know what I mean. The movie goes down hill from there. Kutcher and Peet meet off and on after getting out of other relationships. They end up together. This movie was painfully slow. There were a few funny scenes, but definitely not enough to carry this movie. My score is a generous 4 out of 10 (the 4 is for the nice scenery in New York and San Francisco).

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD



The Interpreter
PG-13
Teenagers and above
My Score: 7 (out of 10)

The United Nations has been in the news for sometime. Now, it provides the backdrop to this current genre of political intrigue. Nicole Kidman

plays Silvia Broome, an interpreter at the U.N. She speaks the language of a fictional African country. One evening, she returns to the translation booth to pick up personal items she had left behind. Suddenly she hears what sounds like a possible assassination plot through the speakers. Fearing that she has been spotted, she makes a mad dash out of the building. Sean Penn plays Tobin Keller, a U.S. Secret Service agent assigned to question Silvia. Agent Keller must determine whether her claim is legitimate while coordinating the security of U.N. As the movie progresses, he finds out more of her secrets. This is a smart and intelligent film that keeps you riveted to the story as it unfolds. Penn and Kidman give subtle and believable performances. Filmed on location at various sections in the United Nations building adds to the suspense and authenticity of this movie.

— Dan Basiglio, LAPD

MOVIE AND BOOK REVIEW GUIDELINES

■ WANT TO WRITE A MOVIE OR BOOK REVIEW?

Alive! loves reviews. And if we publish your review, we'll send you a pair of movie tickets (for movie reviews) or a reader's gift certificate (for books).

We're getting lots of reviews, so please follow these guidelines. Reviews that follow these guidelines will have a higher chance of being printed:

- 1) Give us your name and your City Department. If you're retired, let us know.
- 2) Make sure the movie you're reviewing is still in general circulation, or that the book is available for purchase or library checkout.
- 3) Reviews should be between 100 and 250 words each.
- 4) Movies to be reviewed should be rated G, PG, PG 13 or R. Books should be appropriate for *Alive!*
- 5) Before you begin your review, give us the following information:

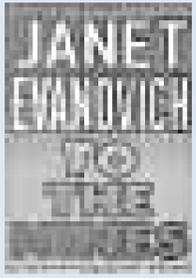
- FOR MOVIES:
 - Movie Name
 - Movie Rating (G, PG, PG-13 or R)
 - Appropriate Age: Adults, Adults and Teens, or Family
 - Your Rating (on a scale of 1 to 10, ten being highest)

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- Book Title
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 - Number of Pages
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 - Your Rating (on a scale of 1 to 10, ten being highest)
- 6) When you write your review, use this structure: a quick opening line or two to catch the interest of the reader; a brief plot summary; and then your reaction to the movie or book. Note: Please don't reveal any plot points from about halfway through the movie (or book) to the end. People want to experience them for themselves!
 - 7) *Alive!* welcomes all submissions, but only Club Members and their families are eligible for free movie tickets or gift certificates.
 - 8) Please spell-check and grammar-check your submissions.
 - 9) Have fun!
 - 10) Submit your review to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

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 your reviews to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



To the Nines
Janet Evanovich
St. Martin's Press
341 pages
Modern Mystery/Fiction
Adults
My Score: 7 or 8 (out of 10)

This is another funny book in the Stephanie Plum/Bounty Hunter Extraordinaire series, number nine to be exact. All are worth reading. They are set in Trenton, N.J., about thirty-something bounty hunter Stephanie Plum, who just happened upon the job because her slimy cousin "Vinny" Plum owns the business, and Stephanie needs to pay her rent. Of her job, Stephanie says, "I have a lot more luck than skill."

Ms. Plum's sidekick is Lula, "a plus-size black woman in a size-seven white world and Lula's had a lot of practice at pulling attitude." Her current boyfriend is a sexy Trenton cop named Joe Morelli who used to think "a long-term commitment [is] 20 minutes," and her family, well, they are just plain crazy! Round this out with the mysterious "Ranger," the bounty hunter with a questionable past, who sometimes works with Ms. Plum and with whom they share a mutual attraction, and you are pretty much up to speed.

To the Nines follows the elusive Mr. Singh who has skipped on his bond and gone missing. Through twisted plot changes and comical scenes we follow Ms. Plum through a deadly maze of chance which goes from New Jersey to Las Vegas and back, all the while getting more and more quirky and ultimately charming for its endearing portrait of family life and relationships of all sorts.

— Barbara Johnson, Personnel



Nights in Rodanthe
Nicholas Sparks
Warner Books
222 pages
Romantic Fiction
Adults
My Score: 8 (out of 10)

"It's high tide, or didn't you notice?"

Nicholas Sparks is the author of *The Notebook*, *Message in a Bottle* and *A Walk to Remember*, among others. Needless to say, *Nights in Rodanthe* will pull on your heart-strings.

We begin the story of Adrienne Willis, a sixty-ish mother, reflecting on her life and the life of her daughter Amanda. Amanda has suffered a loss and is not dealing well with it. Adrienne thinks it is time for her daughter to hear a story of her mothers in the hope that her daughter will soon be whole again.

Adrienne muses that her children see her as "... kind and predictable, sweet and stable ... easier ... to think their mom was more sedate than daring ... than someone with experiences that would surprise them."

So begins Adrienne's accounting of the nights she spent in the small coastal town of Rodanthe in North Carolina. Divorced with three children to take care of when the opportunity comes to watch a friend's inn. With only one guest, a Dr. Paul Flanner, it was supposed to be an uneventful time for her to relax and rejuvenate ...

"Adrienne thumbed through the other contents, removing what she needed for her talk with Amanda ... she slid the remaining items into the bottom drawer, knowing there was no need for Amanda to see those things."

"Adrienne stood from the bed and smoothed her skirt. Her daughter would be arriving shortly."

— Barbara Johnson, Personnel



Catnap, A Midnight Louie Mystery
Carole Nelson Douglas
TOR Books
235 pages
Detective Mystery
Teens and Adults
My Score: 6 (out of 10)

Catnap is a cute and funny book. A cat named Midnight Louie tells the story. It is set in Las Vegas, and Midnight Louie is the "cat" about town. "Now Las Vegas is a 24-hour town and I am a 24-hour kind of guy ... it is in my veins, Vegas. I know every back alley. Vegas is people on the take, people on the make, people just out to have a good time ..."

Midnight Louie discovers a corpse in the Las Vegas Convention Center and bids himself the "unofficial house detective," and it works once you get the rhythm down. Enter Temple Barr, the PR person at the Convention Center. She chases Midnight Louie through the American Booksellers Convention and rather unceremoniously discovers the body also.

It is a rather delightful book even if you aren't a cat lover. Through many twists, turns and tribulations, the mystery is solved. The story is clever and charming with some fascinating characters. It is a nice ending, done well, exciting, and seems very "Las Vegas" somehow.

— Barbara Johnson, Personnel



Desperate Measures
Kate Wilhelm
Mira Books
441 pages
Trial Suspense
Adult
My Score: 7 (out of 10)

Desperate Measures is a courtroom drama. In a somewhat implausible

way it pits father against daughter, the same father who taught his daughter everything she knows about defense law. But the story is interesting and has something to say about religious extremes, parental control, and bigotry of the physically deformed.

A "God-fearing" farmer is dead and suspicion falls on a "hideously" deformed neighbor, thus is the brunt of the story. Intertwined are the relationships between the farmer: his family, the deformed neighbor, the town; the relationships between the deformed boy, his parents, his therapist, and how he copes; and lastly, the relationships between the two attorneys, father and daughter, and those whom they work for and with.

If it sounds confusing, it isn't in the book. I found it both heartening and disheartening at times. It is a story about all of us in some ways, and how we relate to each other. It moves quickly and smoothly keeping you involved without becoming too predictable. A good read.

— Barbara Johnson, Personnel

Newsbrief



DWP VOLUNTEERISM

The DWP and 12 of its employees were honored recently with the President's Volunteer Service Awards by the Los Angeles Unified School District during special ceremonies to recognize businesses, nonprofit organizations, governmental agencies and individual volunteer efforts partnering with schools.

The DWP was specifically cited for close involvement with 14 schools through the adopt-a-school program and for its regional sponsorship of the annual Science Bowl high school academic competition.

"We are gratified to be recognized by the President, his Council on Service and Civic Engagement and the school district for our work with schools, teachers and students. Our educational partnerships are essential components of our community outreach efforts which demonstrate the Department and our employees' sincere concern for the betterment of the city in which we live and work," said General Manager Ronald Deaton.

Specific activities in the adopt-a-school program include Pen Pal Programs, in which employees and students write to one another; literacy reading programs, involving DWP employees reading and mentoring individual students and classes; and Attendance Incentive Program, where prizes are provided to students with perfect or improved attendance. Each school is adopted by a different DWP business unit, group or facility.

The World According to Lewis the Mule by Matt Bennyworth

Cartoon Corner



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ADULT COLORING CONTEST

**1st
WINNER!**



Marieta M. Chong
Office of Finance

**Move Over, Kids,
Here Come the Adults**

■ **Adult Coloring Contest a big hit.**

Our coloring contest for children has naturally been a big hit. Every three months or so, since *Alive!* was recreated almost three years ago, we've run coloring contests for kids, and received a great response.

But when *Alive!* announced its very first coloring contest for adults several months ago, frankly, there were skeptics. Some people didn't believe we were serious.

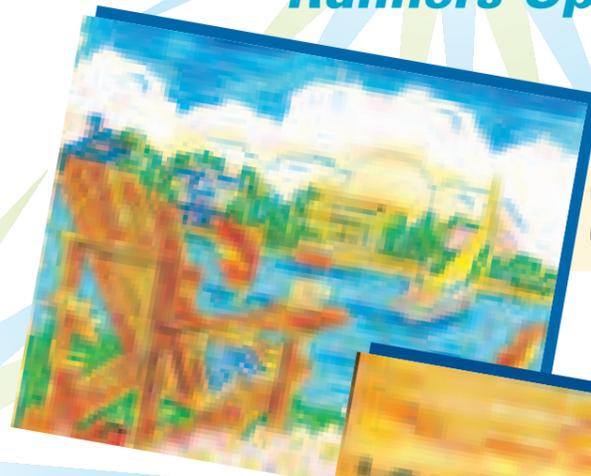
No more. We are delighted to receive more than 90 responses! And from a wide range of workers, too. Lawyers. Welders. Clerks. Typists. Sanitation workers. Retirees. First-year employees. Everyone, it seems, loves to color. Maybe needs to color.

We are especially honored to receive an entry from 90-year-old Club Member Cecilia Harrison, Retired Sr. Auto Records Supervisor, LAPD. Great job, Cecilia!

We have learned that creativity and fun are necessary components of a life well lived. And we are happy to have given you the chance to show your stuff.

On the left is the winner of the first *Alive!* Adult Coloring Contest, plus four runners-up shown below. There were some truly awesome entries. Always remember to include fun in your life; expect another contest soon.

Runners Up:



Gus Avila,
Child Care Assoc. II



Victor Lopez,
Rec Assistant II



Jack Rich Jr.,
Bureau of Sanitation



Michael Zepeda,
Bureau of Sanitation

Honorable Mention:

Christiann Adtkins
Jenny Arzarte
Art Cano
Patrick Donatien
Jeff Mararc
Patricia Montano
Alicia Pinedo
Renee Ramirez
Edwina Valencia
Bonita Calloway-Smith

LAPD Comm.
Rec & Parks
Retired
Retiree
Airports
Water Utility
Police Dept
Fire Dept
Library Dept
DWP

Other Entries

John Aiken
Catalina Alvarado
Gilberto Barrera
Corey Berman
Terrance A. Black
Genoveva Bonilla
Kizzy L. Bryant
Holly Carlson
Frank Cervantes
Maria Cervantes
Marieta M. Chong
Edwina Chism
Norma Cibrían
Tony Chung
Rosemarie Codero
Ernesto Diaz
Ilda Diaz
Myrna Diaz
William G. De Prez
Anthony Deharo
John Dermo
Felicia Donatien
Dalan Dutson
Eva Farlow-Malbrough
Lynem E. Fowler
James S. Francis
Francisco Garcia
Leonor Gardere
Keisha Gill
LaSann Gilyard
Michelle Goss
Lori W. Griner
Wesslyn Hamilton

Traffic Officer II
Detention Officer
Library
Program Manager
DWP
Transportation
Security Officer
Harbor Dept.
Equipment Operator
Clerk Typist LAPD
Office of Finance
Transportation
Crossing Guard
Gen Ser. - Fleet
Engineering Dept
Harbor Dept
Library
Harbor Dept
Retired
Sanitation
Street Services
Spouse Retiree
Journeyman/Lineman
Legal Secretary III
Ontario Airports
Custodian
Traffic Officer II
Systems Analyst II
Airport Police
General Service
Rec & Parks
Traffic Officer-Valley
Police Discovery

Gayle Hara
Cecilia A. Harrison
Adrienne Henry
Tania Henriquez
Michelle R. Jones
Myndah L. Jennings
Margo Kennedy
Alice Kirkland
Amalia Lava
Luciano Leon
Maria G. Lew
Cherie Lofing
Mark Lucero
Emil Martinez
Phyllis M. Massey
Cesar Mendoza
Maria Minor
Dynl Miranda
Arnold Moore
Drea Moss
Maria Negrete
Mario Ochoa
Alicia Pinedo
Fernando Raudales
Rosie A. Reyes
Edwin Realegeno
Earle Richardson
Rochelle Richarson
Marilou Romney
Bartolome L. Ronquillo
Shewalema Samson
Patrick A. Sanchez
Vernell Scott
Delia B. Sevilla
Emilio De J. Valenzuela
Enrique Villegas
Annette Van Koevering
Samantha Vera
Edwina Valencia
Lisa Weatherall-Howard
Nancy E. Wills
Johnney Williams
Sandra Williams
Sue M. Williams
Leticia G. Yapana
Michael Zepeda

City Attorney
Retiree
DOT Central Div.
Program Assistant II
Animal Services
DOT
Rec & Parks
Detention Officer
IT
DWP
Library
Harbor Dept.
Water Utility
Clerk Typist
Police Officer
General Services
H. D. Truck Operator
Public Works
DWP
LAPD Comm
LAPD Comm.
Animal Regulation
Police Dept.
Maint. Labor Crew
P. W. Sanitation
Rec & Parks
DWP Street Lighting
Custodian - GSD
LAPD
DWP
Transportation
Maintenance Welder
General Services
LAPD
DWP
General Services
Library
Ontario Airport
Library
Rec & Parks
DWP Retiree
Sanitation Dept
Retired
DWP
DWP
Sanitation



Winner
5 & under
YEARS OLD

Miranda Aguirre, 5
FAVORITE TV SHOW: Amanda Show • FAVORITE SNACK: Orange •
BEST FRIEND: Gadellia • WHY I WANT TO GO TO UNIVERSAL STUDIOS
HOLLYWOOD: It is fun to watch the shows.
PARENT: Mike Aguirre, Maintenance Laborer/B.O.S.S.



Winner
6 to 7
YEARS OLD

Melissa Lava, 7
• FAVORITE TV SHOW: Drake and Josh
• FAVORITE SNACK: Rice Krispies
• BEST FRIEND: Victoria
WHY I WANT TO GO TO UNIVERSAL STUDIOS
HOLLYWOOD: I want to learn how movies are made
• PARENT: Amalia Lava, Data Base Architect, ITA

Melissa Diaz, 10
FAVORITE TV SHOW: Fresh Prince of Bel Air • FAVORITE SNACK:
BBQ Flavored Potato Chips • BEST FRIEND: Michelle
• WHY I WANT TO GO TO UNIVERSAL STUDIOS HOLLYWOOD: I've only
been there once and because I loved it there. • PARENT: Myrna
Diaz, Principal Accountant, Harbor



Winner
8 to 10
YEARS OLD

Compiled by
Lupe Medina

Congratulations to the WINNERS!

of our Club Coloring Contest!

Congratulations to the winners of *Alive!*'s spring coloring contest. Everyone who turned in a design is a winner in our opinion! But our top three participants win four passes (each) to Universal Studios.

Look for our next contest in the July edition of *Alive!*

Honorable Mention

- Samantha Arriola, age 7, child of Roberto Arriola
- Stephanie Bonilla, age 9, child of Genoveva Bonilla
- Cristyna Cervantes, age 6, child of Frank Cevantes
- Adam Chacon, age 5, child of Hugo Chacon
- Karen Cruz, age 10, child of Mardoquero Cruz
- Matthew Cordero, age 7, child of Arturo Cordero
- Abegail Diaz, age 6, child of Myrna Diaz
- Francisco Diaz, age 7, child of Ilda Diaz
- Daniel De La Cruz, age 6, child of Lupe DeLa Cruz
- Domion Donatien, age 9, child of Patrick Donatien
- Delicia Donatien, age 10, child of Patrick Donatien
- Jackie Files, age 9, child of James Files
- Doshawn Franks, age 8, child of LaSann Gilyard
- Cheyenne Gonzales, age 9, child of Rodolfo Rios
- Larissa Hernandez, age 5, child of Enrique R. Villegas
- Adriana Henriquez, age 9, child of Tania Henriquez
- Camp Hillman, age 6, child of Steve Hillman
- Jessica Ho, age 8, child of Jung Ho
- Joshua Love, age 6, child of Michelle Gross
- Kylee Mendoza, age 5, child of Cesar Mendoza
- Zachery Miranda, age 9, child of Dynl Miranda
- Brandon McGill, age 9 1/2, child of Kimberly Perry
- Mychaela Moen, age 9, child of Brian Moen
- Zyan Payne, age 10, child of Enoch C. Murray
- Tiana Ramirez, age 9, child of Madeline Ramirez
- Selena Reyes, age 10, child of Alfredo Reyes
- Alyssa Reyes, age 8, child of Robert Reyes
- Alexander Realegeno, age 3, child of Edwin Realegeno
- Natalie Realegeno, age 6, child of Edwin Realegeno
- Ruth Samson, age 7, child of Shewalema Samson
- Tamia Tolson, age 8, child of Charvon Tolson
- Peter Trinh, age 6, child of Thai Trinh
- Kren Trinh, age 7, child of Thai Trinh
- Emily Valenzuela, age 4, child of Emilio Valenzuela
- Edwin Valencia, age 10, child of Edwina Valencia
- Joseph Vara, age 4, child of David Vara

Happy Father's Day

From all of us at the Club, to all the fathers, **HAVE A GREAT DAY!**

Here are the personal messages sent to *Alive!* by some very loving and grateful children who wanted to pay tribute to their DAD. **Enjoy!**



Pap, you know we love you with all our hearts. You've always been there for us. Daddy, you're number one! Te queremos mucho. Happy Father's Day. Love, Nan, Fernando, Nora, Nick, Nancy and Juan.
— Fernando Raudales, Street Services



Dad, thank you for your love, care and the continued support you have given me to follow my dreams! Driving and picking them up Frankie and Moi from school, taking them to doctor's appointments, and spoiling them behind my back is something not every kid has the pleasure to cherish! You're the greatest and best Dad and Grandpa anyone can ever have! Te queremos mucho!
— Tu hija, Leonor V. Garcia



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO THE BEST DAD AND HUSBAND IN THE WORLD!
— Love, Aramais (10), Michael(1) & Angela Bagmanian Recreation & Parks



To Earl Jr., LAPD Police Officer II (and Club Member), Happy Father's Day to the best father for my children I could ever hope for and a wonderful husband. Hope you enjoy your day. Your loving kids and wife
— Lynne, Airports (Ontario) Club Member; Shannon, 16; and Earl III, 20.



Happy Father's Day, Dad! We love you very much and thanks for all you do for our family.
— Love, Jesse and Sienna



Your greatness as a father has always been to teach your children that achieving a better life requires hard work, awareness and decisiveness with all opportunities that present themselves. Thank you, Pops. I love you very much.
— Your son, Robert. Rafael Larios is father of Robert Larios, Club Marketing Director.



Dad [Club Member Kurt Garcia], going skiing was the best day ever! We love you. Happy Father's Day. :~)
— Club Member Kurt Garcia



Daddy, here is the chance to let everyone know how much I love and appreciate you and how lucky I am to have you for my father.
— Lynne Wright, Ontario Airport



My father, Lee Cotton, is "the man with a million tools." He was the best man in my wedding. He is the very essence of a father, teacher, mentor and lastly friend. My character, demeanor, and my relationship with Jesus Christ (my father took the family to church eeeevverry Sunday growing up) is because of this man. Pops, I love you. Thank you for everything. You were the perfect example as the "head" of a family.
— Ticket Guy (Navin Cotton).



To Randy Whitehurst, Dad, Papa, Big Daddy ... Happy Father's Day. You are all of these things to us. We love you very much and appreciate all of the advice and help you give us. There are a bunch of us so we know you must be very busy.
— Love, Leslie, Sarah, Christopher, Brandon, Tyler, Shannon, Mikie, Jamie, Pat, Tina and Buddie.



Happy, Happy Father's Day, Juno [Cirilo "Juno" Galvan, DWP] ... and thank you for your outgoing and fun personality as well as the many fun outings you have taken us to in the past year!
— Frankie and Moi Galvan

Running the City



■ **Some DWP employees take part in the L.A. Marathon.**

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

DWP — Lots of DWP employees took part in the running – and biking – elements of the recent L.A. Marathon XX March 6 throughout the City. The bike ride was 20-plus miles, and the marathon was 26.2 miles.

The Club recognizes that there were probably many other City employees who participated in this great event; this story is just a partial (voluntary) list that Club members sent us. *Alive!* is very happy to publish this list and these photos; if there are other lists and/or photos out there of City employees participating in the most recent marathon or bike tour, send 'em in.

Thanks to Club Members Arfield Davis and Mary Ann Torres for allowing us to publish their photos. Here are the additional names of those who participated:

Bike Tour:

- Jae Song
- John Vasquez
- Pablo Montes
- Eleazar Ramirez
- Dung Vu
- Arfield Davis
- Mary Ann Torres
- Derrick Snearl
- Adam Deng
- Sue Song
- Jose Barragon
- Librada Martinez
- George Ruiz
- Hilda Alvarado

Marathon:

- Steven Ho

Congratulations to these, and all those others, who took part in the great L.A. Marathon and bike tour.



Arfield Davis, DWP, Club Member, proudly holds his medal after participating in the Acura L.A. Bike Tour XI.



Mary Ann Torres, DWP, Club Member, proudly holds her medal after finishing the Acura L.A. Bike Tour XI.

L.A. Natural History Museum In Need of Volunteer Docents

The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County seeks volunteer docents. It's a great opportunity with wonderfully satisfying returns! Give a little time as a museum docent and you just might inspire wonder in children, discover new knowledge for yourself, and share experiences with like-minded people.

During the school year, docents enhance the museum experience of school children by introducing them to the museum's wonderful exhibits in one or more of 15 science and history halls. The museum's collections include dinosaurs, Native American cultures, mammals, California history, gems and minerals, marine biology and more.

Extensive training (26 weeks) is provided. Commitment is four hours one day per week the first year, two hours per week the second year.

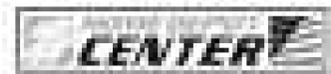
Added perks include lectures, luncheons, periodic visits to other museums and points of interest, and special museum events.



The museum is now accepting applications for its fall training class. Call (213) 763-3531 for additional information.

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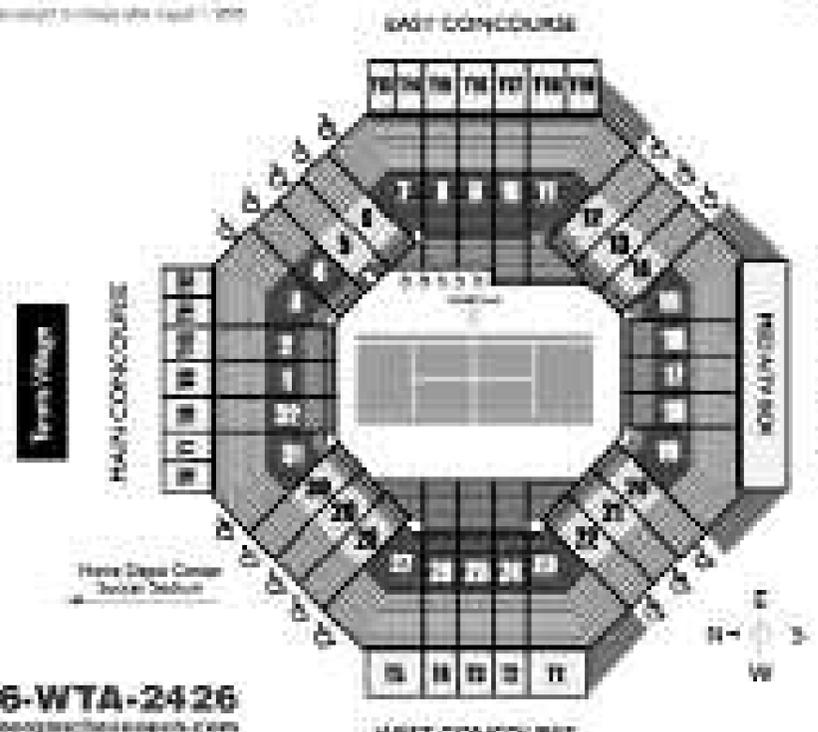
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CLUBS CLUB CLUB	\$500	\$111	\$111	\$111	\$111	\$111	\$111	\$111	\$111	\$111	\$111
FRONT ROW	\$750	\$111	\$111	\$111	\$111	\$111	\$111	\$111	\$111	\$111	\$111
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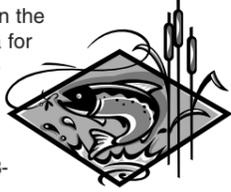
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Los Angeles Filipino Association of City Employees

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Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel

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Los Angeles City Employees Chicano Association (LACECA)

The Los Angeles City Employees Chicano Association (LACECA) was established in 1971 and was the first City recognized employee Affirmative Action Association.

Membership is open to anyone interested in supporting the goals and objectives of the organization. LACECA is dedicated to promoting equal employment



Jackie Zarate, President

opportunities in our workplace, City government and community. It sponsors and supports a variety of training events and seminars to assist employees in their career development. Meetings are usually held the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Personnel Department Building, 700 E. Temple Street. Contact Leonor Garcia, at (213) 847-2229, ext. 3 or write to LACECA, P.O. Box 53590, Los Angeles, CA 90053.

Note: On Saturday, Sept. 17, in recognition of Latino Heritage Month, LACECA will co-sponsor the dedication of an exhibit at the Drum Barracks Civil War Museum that will illuminate the role that Hispanics played in the Civil War. Look for more information on this excellent event in next month's *Alive!*

Affirmative Action Association for Women

Established by the City Council as the official representative for female City employees, the Affirmative Action Association for Women (AAAW) has been representing women for more than 25 years. The AAW is an employee advocate organization that gives particular attention to the advancement of women and minority employees of the City of Los Angeles. Its members, both male and female, serve on association, department, and Citywide committees that focus attention on personnel policies and practices and support a continuing commitment to equal employment opportunities as a basic principle of the City's merit system. Call (213) 847-AAAW, write to AAW, P.O. Box 53488, Los Angeles, CA 90053, or visit the Website at www.la-aaaw.org.

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AMP Moves Forward

Expanding the use of the world's first clean electrical power program for container ships at dock, the Port of Los Angeles began construction April 22 on a direct wharf plug-in system at Berths 212-216. Considered the "next generation" of the Alternative Maritime Power (AMP) program, ships calling at these berths will not use a barge conduit for connecting ships to shore side electrical power, like the system currently in use at Berth 100 in the Port. Ships will simply plug-in to an AMP outlet contained in the wharf itself. Each container ship plugged into the Port's AMP program saves one ton of Nitrogen Oxide (NOx) and particulate matter (PM) from entering the L.A. Basin per day.

Alive! has featured the AMP project several times over the past year.

"This port shares my commitment to clean air, responsible operations and industry-leading technology," said Los Angeles Mayor Jim Hahn. "Less than one year after we opened the world's first alternative maritime power container terminal, we've improved the design of this environmental technology. I am pleased that our customers are building and retrofitting more ships with AMP capabilities."

"When we plugged in the first AMP ship in the world at the port a year ago, a new precedent was set at the Port of Los Angeles; and the addition of these new AMP berths is yet another step toward having a thriving economic engine at the port, while also cleaning up our air and upholding the Mayor's pledge of 'no net increase' in air pollution," said Councilwoman Janice Hahn. "Each time we plug in a ship, we prevent the equivalent emissions as that generated by 16,000 truck trips from entering our air. We are making history at the port and the entire region will benefit," Councilwoman Hahn concluded. Construction of an electrical utility service substation, supplied by the City's Department of Water and Power, electrical switchgear, underground and under wharf conduit, cables and wharf-mounted flush AMP outlet vault are all needed to outfit the wharf with AMP. Construction will begin within the month and is expected to take six months to complete. Total cost is estimated at more than \$1 million.



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Celebrate Dads With Great City Recipes

Happy Father's Day and Flag Day! The summer heat is barreling towards us this month. Let's keep the stoves hot for this month's recipes from your City employees.

Try the Sesame Chicken Wings. Sandra Sanowski shares with us an old recipe that has been made in her family for almost 30 years. The Sanowski men of the family have enjoyed this dish for Father's Day for just as long. The recipe might be a little complicated, but just follow the directions and you will have one of the best recipes for chicken wings.

Gerald Gomez of Gen. Services has sent Flag Day Potatoes as his recipe in honor of Flag Day June 14. Gerald tells me that the trick to this recipe is to have fresh vegetables and have everything measured and prepared before you put it all together.

Burning Daddy Burgers by Tanaya Tomko is a classic easy-to-make dish that has incred-



Happy Father's Day!

ible flavor. This is a definite Dad favorite.

Dad's Zesty Grilled Corn is Reginald Horry's recipe, and let me say this one has a flavor that is unmatched by any corn recipes. It is even a great complement to Tanaya's burger recipe. Dads around the City should get a chance to savor it.

The rumor is that LAPD employees have secret recipes for great chili. But Michelle Longly hands over a near perfect recipe for ribeye steaks. Notice her recipe calls for

very simple ingredients. Believe it or not, many top steakhouses use simple recipes like Michelle's to make their great steaks.

Thanks go to all of the City employees who submitted their delicious recipes this month. I am sure that Father's Day and Flag Day will be extra special this year with the addition of these dishes. I am just salivating to see what kind of recipes I will receive for July.

Sesame Chicken Wings

— Sandra Sanowski, City Clerk

INGREDIENTS:

- 20 chicken wings (about four pounds)
- 2 tablespoons margarine or butter, melted
- 1 1/2 c Bisquick baking mix
- 1/2 cup sesame seeds
- 2 tablespoons paprika
- 1 1/2 teaspoons dry mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons milk



DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 425F.

Separate chicken wings at joints; discard tips.

Spread one tablespoon margarine in each of two 13 x 9 x 2-inch pans (something similar in size).

Beat eggs and milk with fork in the first bowl.

Mix Bisquick, sesame seeds, paprika, mustard and salt in the second bowl.

Soak chicken in egg mixture in first bowl, then coat chicken with sesame seed mixture in the second bowl.

Arrange close together in pans.

Drizzle the margarine/butter over chicken.

Bake uncovered 35 to 40 minutes or until brown and crisp.

Daddy O Ribeye — Michelle Longly, LAPD Clerk

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 ribeye steaks, at least one inch thick
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste



DIRECTIONS:

Trim the steaks of excess fat. Place on a large platter in one layer. Mix together the garlic and oil. Pour over the steaks, turning to coat both sides. Let set just until grill is heated. Season steaks with salt and pepper. Grill over high heat until desired doneness, about

four minutes per side for rare, depending on thickness. Remove from grill. Let rest about five minutes before serving.

Flag Day Potatoes — Gerald Gomez, Gen. Services

INGREDIENTS:

- 5 pounds potatoes, peeled
- 2-3 stalks celery, finely chopped
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar
- 1/4 cup cilantro, stemmed and chopped
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 6-8 hard-boiled eggs
- 3-4 ripe tomatoes, cut in wedges
- 1-2 cucumbers, cut in slices



DIRECTIONS:

Cut peeled potatoes into cubes and cook in boiling water until tender; do not overcook. Drain and cool slightly.

In a large bowl, combine all ingredients except tomatoes and cucumbers. Mix well to combine flavors. Arrange tomatoes and cucumbers on top. Cover and chill thoroughly before serving.

Serves 12-14

Burning Daddy Burgers

—Tanaya Tomko, Building and Safety

This is a great, easy burger recipe. The ground beef is combined with green chili peppers and beef bouillon. This makes them very moist and flavorful. Serve on hamburger buns with your favorite fixings. Prep time: approx. 15 minutes. Cook time: approx. 10 minutes. Ready in approx. 25 minutes.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 (4 ounce) can diced green chilies, drained
- 1 teaspoon beef bouillon granules
- 4 slices Monterey Jack cheese



DIRECTIONS:

Preheat grill for high heat.

In a medium bowl, mix the beef, diced green chilies and bouillon. Shape into 4 patties.

Lightly oil the grill grate. Grill patties five minutes per side, or until well done. Top each patty with cheese about two minutes prior to removing from grill.

Makes 4 servings.

Dad's Zesty Grilled Corn

—Reginald Horry, Sanitation

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/3 cup butter
- 2 tablespoons prepared mustard
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon lemon pepper
- 2 teaspoons prepared horseradish
- 6 ears fresh corn



DIRECTIONS:

Preheat grill for medium heat.

In a small saucepan, melt butter or margarine. Stir in mustard, horseradish, Worcestershire sauce and lemon pepper seasoning.

Place each ear of corn on a 13 x 12-inch piece of heavy-duty aluminum foil. Drizzle

with butter mixture. Wrap loosely, leaving space for the expansion of steam, and seal.

Grill over medium coals for 15 to 20 minutes, or until corn is tender. Small ears will take less time, and larger ears may take more. Carefully unwrap foil, and serve.

Accounting for Success

■ City accounting association holds conference on leadership.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor
Photos courtesy LAMAAA

The Los Angeles Municipal Accountants and Auditors Association (LAMAAA), a group of Los Angeles government-based accountants and auditors, held its "Managing for Success: Accounting and Auditing Leadership" March 10 in the auditorium of the John Ferraro Building, DWP.

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The event was to have LAMAAA members listen and learn new, exciting and innovation things for accountants and auditors, to learn of best practices both within government systems or in the private sector. Experts from outside companies served as most of the conference speakers.

Special guests included Margie Castro, Financial Systems Manager, DWP; Ronald Vasquez, CFO, DWP; Marcus Allen, Chief Deputy Controller, Controller's Office; Farid Saffar, Director of Auditing, Controller's Office;

Greg Mathews, Deputy Director of Auditing, Controller's Office; Faith Mok, CFO, Rec and Parks; Julia Kirwan, Executive Director, Mayor's OMB; Bill Lamb, Director of Financial Reporting, Controller's Office; Amy Robles, LAMAAA Board Officer; and Wane Jeerapaet, LAMAAA Chairperson.

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The Club thanks Martin Chavez of the Harbor Dept., for his assistance.



From left: Jerome Blair, guest; Lina Laurel, guest; Margie Castro, Financial Systems Manager, DWP, Club Member; and Zita Botaucio, DWP, Club Member.



Thanks, ladies, for checking everyone in.



From left: Zita Gotaucio, DWP, Club Member; Margie Castro, DWP, Club Member; Ronald Vasquez, DWP; Juanita Inton, Public Works; Perla Obal, DWP, Club Member; and Wane Jeerapaet, Housing.



Back: Craig Bloomquist, Director, Bureau of Accounting, Public Works. Front: Margie Castro, Financial Systems Manager, DWP, Club Member; Perla Obal, Utility Accountant, DWP, Club Member; Nimfa Malabuyoc, Assistant Director, Bureau of Accounting, Public Works.



From left: Margie Castro, Financial Systems Manager, DWP, Club Member; and Sher Shah, Finance Manager, Harbor.



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From left: Thelma Yee, DWP; and Margie Castro, Financial Systems Manager, DWP, Club Member.

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The winner of last month's contest is:

Angie de la Trinidad, who works in Ed Reyes' City Council office.



This month's photo is the Point Fermin Lighthouse, at S. Gaffey St. at 807 Paseo Del Mar, San Pedro 90731. It was built in 1874 with lumber from California redwoods and a Fresnel Lens brought around Cape Horn by sailing ships. For its time, this Victorian lighthouse was a palatial structure, crowned with a cupola fitted with a 2,100-candlepower light. Miss Mary L. Smith, the first, lighthouse keeper, lived with her sister, but they gave up the lonely occupation because

there were no other settlers nearer than Wilmington. In the 1880s, when Captain George Shaw was keeper, the lighthouse was the scene of many parties. In 1898, a petroleum vapor incandescent lamp was installed; then, in 1925, a new 6,600 candlepower electric light which projected a beam 22 miles out to sea. Because it did not have a fog-signaling apparatus, it was a one-keeper station until 1941 when all coastal lights were extinguished as protection against enemy attacks. The lens lantern and gallery were replaced by an ugly lookout shack, which remained for the next 30 years.

After the war, the light remained off, and radar and direction finders took over sentry and signaling duties. The structure fell into disuse and disrepair until a new lantern and gallery were built by volunteers, restoring it to its original charm just in time for a centennial celebration in 1974. Today, Point Fermin Lighthouse is one of San Pedro's most recognized landmarks and was used for the San Pedro Centennial logo. As the residence of the park superintendent, it is not open to the public. This graceful Victorian-style building surrounded by colorful flower gardens, is one to the oldest lighthouses on the west coast. It was built in 1874 and served as an aid to safe passage between the Channel Islands and into the harbor for nearly one hundred years. The land for the lighthouse was donated by Jose Diego Sepulveda.

So, if you have a free Sunday afternoon, I suggest a trip to San Pedro for a tour, offered from 1-4 p.m., with the last tour beginning at 3:30 p.m., to see this beautiful Los Angeles jewel.

Also submitting a correct answer:

Honorary mention goes to: **Ken Moody**, ITA; **Rommel Fabella**, LAPD; **Rozine Kalaidjian**, LAPD; **Amanda Alvizures**, Planning; **Christina Tabirara**, Controller; **John Phillips**, LAPD; **L'Keve Harris**, LAPD; and **Ratany Lorn**, Rec and Parks; **Renato Cervantes**, City Attorney's Office.

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.)
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Alive! Reviewers Hit the Amusement Park

Pictured above at Legoland near San Diego is the Cordero family, including "youngster" movie reviewers (front, from left) Christopher, 4, and Devyn, 7. With the two young writers are parents Joel and Catherine, who works for the LAPD. Catherine tells us the family purchased the Legoland tickets from the Club and received the discount. Smart move!

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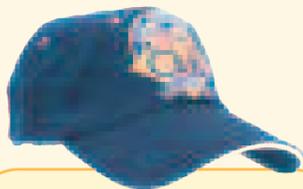


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