

Lewis Arrives at Zoo Amidst Building Boom

■ **New zoo director eager to oversee major construction projects at Griffith Park facility.**

It's a good thing John Lewis had a strong background in zoo construction projects when he was brought to the L.A. Zoo's top position by Mayor Jim Hahn July 1. Because that's what Lewis has in front of him: a myriad of construction projects to cost many millions of dollars, funded from taxpayer and private sources.

But he's ready.

"I took a look at the job here in Los Angeles, and I knew I could help," he said in an interview with *Alive!* "I had overseen \$20 million in



New L.A. Zoo Director, John R. Lewis, with one of his charges, a macaw.

capital developments [construction projects] at the John Ball Zoo in Grand Rapids, Mich.," where he came from. "So I was ready.

"There are so many opportunities here, in terms of animal programs and visitor services," he continued. "A big part of my job here is program analysis — taking a look at the services we are providing, and making sure they're effective.

"And finally, I want to make sure we use our staff in the best way we can to give the citizens

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Here Come The Checks!

■ **The Club's ready to deliver refund checks to more than 8,000 members, continuing its tradition of returning premiums back to its members.**

It's that time of year again, and the Club is ready to deliver. The Board of Directors for the Los Angeles City Employees Association, Inc./City Employees Club declared a 14 percent member life experience dividend August 21.

That means that actively employed members who hold term life insurance with the Club can expect to receive their

refund checks in September.

"We are more than happy to continue our tradition of returning excess premiums back to our members," said Brian Trent, the Club's chief financial officer. "We've held to that promise in 73 of our 75 years of existence."

In total, the Club will be returning **\$594,070.42** back to its members.

- Some 8,246 Club members will receive a refund check.
- The largest check issued to a Club member will be for \$1,094.77.
- The newest Club member to receive a check will be enriched by 17 cents.

Here's the schedule:

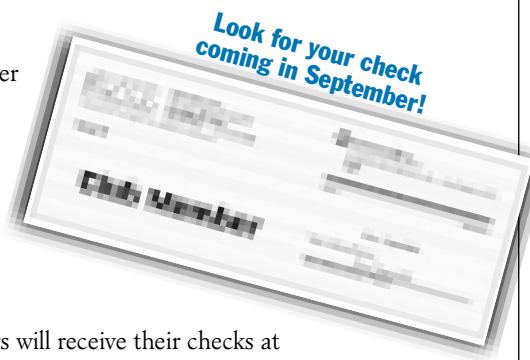
- Most active DWP members will receive their checks with their payroll Sept. 16.
- Most active City employee Club members will receive their checks at their worksite Sept. 17.

City employees who sign up now for Term Life Insurance will share in next year's anticipated refund, along with current members in good standing. The refund becomes available if there are any monies remaining after claims and operating expenses have been paid.

While a refund is not guaranteed, it has been given out in all but two years of the Club's existence. The Club was founded in 1928.

The refund is always a pleasant reminder of the benefits of Club membership.

Trent reminds Club members to make sure their checks don't get lost. Members who have recently moved or changed job locations should call the Club at (800) 464-0452 and update your Club information. 📄



ClubFest 2003: Now's Your Last Chance to Get In on the Fun

■ **Raffle items being added every day. Sign up now: No reservations will be accepted the day of the event.**

Don't wait any longer to sign up for the Club's best event of the year: ClubFest 2003, set for Sunday, Oct. 5, at Calamigos Ranch in the hills above Malibu.

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- Four roundtrip tickets wherever Southwest Airlines flies
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- Gift certificates to Big 5 Sporting Goods, Office Depot and Halie's Restaurant.

ClubFest 2003, the Club's annual family picnic for members and their families, is set for Sunday, Oct. 5, at Calamigos Ranch above Malibu. There will be lots of fresh air, green grass and sunshine for everyone. This year, it's Club members only, so it's going to be more comfortable, more relaxing ... and more about you.

There will be a small charge to attend ClubFest 2003 (prices are below). Each ticket has a value of \$35, but Club members will pay just \$4 (slightly more for members of the family). Take a look at some of the things that very small fee buys you:

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Los Angeles World Airports



Check Refunds, ClubFest Are on Their Way to You... So Be Ready

Well Club members, it's that time of the year again. The checks for your life insurance policy refunds are here and should be ready for disbursement on the 16th and 17th of September.

The good news, in many ways, is that the number of claims for life insurance policies was down to 74 for fiscal year July 2002 to June 2003, a 13 percent reduction from the previous fiscal year. In short, your refund amounts will be greater than last year's. The refunds are estimated at 14 percent of life premiums paid.

I would also like to also take this opportunity to thank all you Club members for signing up and using your Club cards. We now have 12,971 members as of the last count in July. That is quite an accomplishment considering that this is the Club's first year of operations.

The Club offers a myriad of savings oppor-

tunities for members, but my favorite is still the AMC Theatres tickets for \$5 each. Above all the savings we, The Club members, also get to participate and enjoy the merriment at the annual ClubFest. I do apologize for last year's overcrowding at the Los Angeles Zoo. What can I say, we made a "zoo out of the zoo." We did not anticipate the enormous attendance experienced that day.

Fortunately, this year Board Member David Muraoka has spent an inordinate amount of time on the preparation for ClubFest to ensure a pleasant experience for everyone. It will be held at the Calamigos Ranch in Malibu. Attendance for the upcoming event will be limited to Club members and their guest only. Please join us in the fun and camaraderie. I am looking forward to seeing you there on October 5th between 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 📅

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Here's a list of helpful telephone numbers for you:

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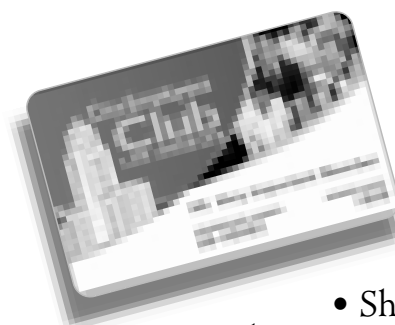
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Welcome to the Club!

■ **More than 25 members of the West Valley Sanitation Yard joined the Club in one fell swoop last month.**

Good going, West Valley! All of the benefits of Club membership are yours.

The West Valley Sanitation Yard is the most successful one-time sign-up in Club history. Adriana Nunez, a clerk typist, helped pull it together. Thanks, Adriana. 📄

Are you a member yet? Sign up today!



Four of the 25 employees at the West Valley Sanitation Yard who joined the Club are, from left: Adriana Nunez, Clerk Typist, 4 years; Terry Thomas, Refuse Collection Supervisor, 20 years; Mathella Adams, Clerk Typist, 3 years; and Anabel Duran, Clerk Typist, 4 years.

Members Speak Out



■ Club Member Catches A Couple of Errors

In the August 2003 issue you mentioned in the Political Forum section, that Councilmember Garcetti's district includes LAX, which it doesn't. Also you mentioned four new Councilmembers. We have five new ones (Antonio Villaraigosa, Martin Ludlow, Greig Smith, Bernard Parks and Tony Cardenas).

— Ken Moody, ITA

Thanks, Ken, for noticing. You are right on the first part; as for the second, we were talking about those who had been recently sworn into office. Councilman Parks had been sworn in several months earlier. But your point is well-taken. —Ed.

Correction: Due to a production error, two photos in last month's Department of the Month—LACERS—were misplaced. Below are the correct photos and cutlines. Thanks, LACERS; we appreciate your sense of humor!



FROM LEFT: Alex Rabrenovich, Communications, 12 years; James Acheron, Communications, 2 years; and Sandra L. Dyson, Chief Management Analyst, Health Benefits and Administrative Services, 28 years.



Eva Caraveo, Operations Special Projects, 8 years.



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- French rolls
- Barbecued chicken
- Fresh grilled corn
- Hot dog bar with chili and all the fixins
- Potato salad
- Crispy California garden salad
- Seasonal fruit salad

- Unlimited soda, lemonade, iced tea and coffee
- Unlimited popcorn
- Unlimited ice cream bars, Popsicles and juice bars

Entertainment

- Horseshoes
- Ping-pong
- Tetherball
- Paddle boats
- Swimming pool with lifeguard
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Moonbounce
- Prize bingo (adult and children)
- A clown
- Coloring activities for the kids
- Music
- Dunk tank
- Face painters
- Petting zoo
- Foam machine
- Hayrides
- "Sumo" wrestling
- The famous "Orbotron"
- Pony rides
- Merry-go-round
- Puppet show



Wanna be heard? Let us know how much you're looking forward to ClubFest 2003: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Register Today!

Registration information:

What: ClubFest 2003

Where: Calamigos Ranch, above Malibu

When: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5

Who: Club members and their immediate family only. Families will be limited to 5 members.

Cost: \$4 for Club members, \$7 each for other adult guests (13 and older), \$3 each for children 12 and under; free for children 3 and younger.

How to register: Registration forms will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Complete a registration form and mail it in or drop it off (with payment) at the Club Office, World Trade Center, 350 S. Figueroa St. Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071

Registration forms are available: at the Club office; at the Club's Website (www.cityemployeesclub.com) (Adobe Acrobat required for downloading); and in this issue of *Alive!*

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

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



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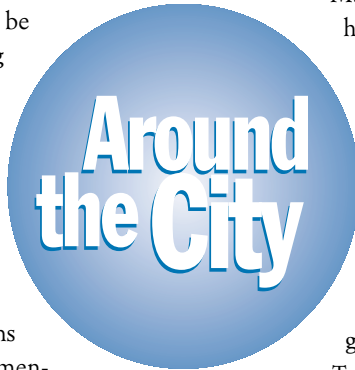
CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION



Mayor Jim Hahn has appointed Deputy Mayor Brian K. Williams as the interim direc-

tor of the Bureau of Contract Administration for the Department of Public Works. Williams will be responsible for ensuring that public improvements are constructed and administered to provide the greatest benefit to the public. He will also oversee the administration of subcontractor outreach programs for minority and women-owned businesses.

Williams is the deputy mayor for Environment, Transportation and Infrastructure. He will continue to serve in this position when a permanent Bureau of Contract Administration director is hired.



ADOPTABLE ANIMALS

Mayor Jim Hahn announced that he has set a goal of implementing a "no kill" policy for adoptable animals within the next five years. He also directed Department of Animal Services General Manager Jerry Greenwalt to meet with animal experts and humane groups to develop a plan within 90 days to meet that goal.

To implement the "no kill" policy, the humane community and residents will work together to provide multilingual education about pet care and placement for animal adoptions. Mayor Hahn also said that he expects to have eight new animal shelters opened by mid-2006, which would increase the city's capacity by 300 percent.



In June 2002, Mayor Hahn introduced the Spaymobile, a veterinary hospital on wheels that visits low-income areas and provides free sterilizations and surgeries to pets of qualified residents. Partnerships established with animal rescue groups and other organizations have also helped increase spays and neuters by 25 percent. In the last year, Los Angeles was able to provide more than 17,000 free and subsidized surgeries and over 18,000 animals were adopted through the Department of Animal Services public outreach effort.

For additional information regarding pet adoptions or services provided by the Department of Animal Services, please visit their website at www.LAAnimalServices.com.

EXTENDED HARBOR HOURS

At a round table meeting, Councilwoman Janice Hahn brought various port stakeholders together to discuss the implications of expanding the hours at the Port of Los Angeles. Attendees of this first-of-its-kind meeting included representatives of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, various port terminal operators, the Los Angeles



Harbor Commission, the Long Beach Harbor Commission, the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, the Port Community Advisory Committee, the trucking industry, the shipping industry and the communities surrounding the port. Everyone expressed support for expanded hours at the port.

The Councilwoman called the meeting to assist the Port of Los Angeles staff as it drafts a plan for opening the port terminals 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The plan is being drafted in response to a motion introduced by the Councilwoman in June. The plan is expected to be presented to the Harbor Commission and the City Council of Los Angeles in mid-September.

In leading the charge for expanded port hours, the Councilwoman has argued that traffic congestion on Harbor area streets, and the 110 and 710 freeways could be significantly relieved if cargo trucks were permitted to move cargo out of the port during off-peak hours. Currently, most terminal gates are open from about 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ■

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Political Forum



Being Born, Raised in the District Helps to Serve It

by **Antonio Villaraigosa, Councilmember, 14th District**

In my first 30 days in office, I've initiated a campaign to improve my district that will I think will reshape the future of the Eastside for decades to come.

I was born and raised in the area that I now represent, so I'm no stranger to many of the challenges faced by my constituents. I've made these part of my crusade to improve the overall quality of life for people in my district, particularly, the poor.

I am keenly aware of the need to increase public safety, create additional green spaces in high-density urban areas, address gang violence and the importance of youth intervention. I also know that to achieve many of our goals to ultimately provide a safer and cleaner environment for our children, we have to build community partnerships between government, law enforcement and residents to create a sense of pride and neighborhood ownership.

Indeed, public safety and environmental awareness are among some of the most important efforts I've championed and supported, not just during my recent electoral campaign, but also throughout my

Council District 14 includes these communities:

- East Los Angeles
- Northeast Los Angeles
- El Sereno
- Eagle Rock
- Highland Park
- Boyle Heights

career in the State Assembly. In fact, just before I was sworn into office, I organized more than 1000 volunteers throughout the 14th Council District to help clean up problem areas.

Whether the task involves securing cleaning efforts along Cesar Chavez Avenue, sponsoring a National Night Out Program throughout the district to promote a safer environment in the inner-city, addressing transportation or infrastructure issues, or supporting a bill that would provide everyone in the state with a drivers' licenses, I want to be involved.

Each month, Alive! invites political leaders to speak directly to City and DWP employees and retirees. Alive! brings you these views as a public service. The opinions of those on this monthly column are independent of Alive! and the City Employees Club of Los Angeles.



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Kennard to Resign as Head of LAWA; Day Takes Over in Interim Position

Los Angeles World Airports Executive Director Lydia Kennard, who managed the City's airports through the daunting post-Sept. 11 challenges, announced August 14 that she would leave her post in the fall to be able to spend more time finding employment in the private sector.

Mayor James Hahn named Deputy Executive Director Kim Day as Interim Executive Director of the department. Day has been a deputy executive director responsible for facility and space planning, design, engineering, and construction and maintenance at all four LAWA airports since November 1999.

The transition comes at a critical time at LAWA, as security issues continue to complicate the aviation industry, and as Mayor Hahn's multi-billion-dollar plans to modernize LAX begin to gather steam and work their way through City government.

"I want everyone in the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) family to be the first to know

of my decision to leave my position as Executive Director this fall," Kennard wrote in a memo to her LAWA employees. "I have decided to consider new and exciting opportunities in the private sector after nearly a decade with LAWA. I have informed Mayor Hahn and the Board of Airport Commissioners of my decision and pledged to work closely with them on a seamless transition of leadership. I am sure you can appreciate how difficult it would be for me to spend



Lydia Kennard, former Executive Director, LAWA



Kim Day, Interim Executive Director, LAWA

the considerable amount of time required to evaluate my professional options while facing the demands of my current role at LAWA.

"Working at LAWA since 1994 has been a challenging yet tremendously rewarding experience," her memo continued. "The main reason I have enjoyed it so much is because of the many great people at LAWA who make up what I truly believe is the finest airport system team in the nation. I am very proud of this team and all we have accomplished. As I look

back on my time at LAWA and consider the 75-year history of our department and the centennial of flight, I feel very confident about how well our system of airports is positioned for the future.

"Mayor Hahn has been most gracious and supportive of my decision to return to the private sector, and I will be available to assist him in any way."

"I am pleased that Kim Day has agreed to serve as interim executive director after a suitable transition period with Lydia Kennard," Hahn said. "[Day] is eminently qualified to maintain the momentum and management focus at our airports as we continue to pursue our plans to develop a truly regional approach to meeting aviation demand in Southern California."

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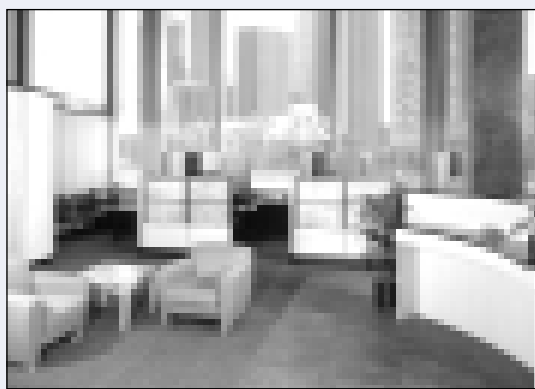
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special vehicle, and send their kids to college. It has extended loans to make the rent when a member was short of funds, or to put a new roof on a house before the next winter storm. The credit union was the place where countless Department of Water and Power employees turned to solve life's financial challenges.

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Water and Power Community Credit



Kayleen Leone, Senior Vice President, Member Services, Water & Power Community Credit Union

Union is dedicated to strengthening the communities where City employees and members work and live. WPCCU staff performs volunteer work for many organizations throughout Southern California, and it forms strategic relationships with local and global human-services organizations to maximize effective-

ness. WPCCU focuses on building positive relationships, linking with community causes and programs to enhance the quality of life in the community.

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Lewis: Snakes, Lizards Guy

New Zoo Director

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of Los Angeles good products and services."

It's all part of the advancement of the Griffith Park facility – and of all zoos in general.

"Zoos have really been undergoing strong change," he continued. "There's an emphasis on showing animals in a more natural setting. It's just more educational that way. Education and conservation gives our visitors a strong sense of what the animals really are."

"Here at the L.A. Zoo, we're building for the future, and we're going to be doing it over the next several years. We're upgrading the grounds and walkways, the animal habitats and the educational facilities for our guests. Also, we're making the grounds more functional for our staff, and we're building for the continued comfort of the animals."

"A big challenge is keeping the Zoo open and friendly during renovation. And I think we're doing that."

The upgrading of the Zoo involves fundraising, in addition to the public funds the Zoo has already received [see this month's Department of the Month feature for more information on public funding]. "I'm working with the Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association and its work with corporate, philanthropic and foundational support."

"I help assure citizens that we are good caretakers of their donations."

How did he come to be the director of a major zoo?

"I've always been interested in animals," he said. "I was always the guy on the block with snakes and lizards. I was a pre-vet [the veterinarian version of pre-med] and I worked for a veterinarian in Monroe, La. Through him I got my first job at the Louisiana Purchase Gardens and Zoo there, working with primates. I immediately applied what I was learning in school to a real zoo environment."

He moved up quickly, with a stop at a zoo in Minnesota as its animal curator before running the zoo in Grand Rapids in 1986. He is well-credentialed: In 2001, in addition to performing his duties in Michigan, he was named president of the board of directors of the American Zoo and Aquarium Association, which he held until last year. The AZA is the leading zoological organization in the United States.

But now he's an employee of the City of Los Angeles.

"As I went through all the processing of becoming a City employee, they gave me a very warm welcome. It's been very positive."

"I hope that all the City employees come by and visit. They should really take advantage of the great aspects of living in Los Angeles." ■

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LAX, Ontario Employees Have Fun at Annual Picnics

■ Hundreds of employees of LAX and Ontario airports gathered for their annual picnics, staying cool, eating well and having lots of fun.

The Ontario picnic was held August 2 at Red Hill Park in Rancho Cucamonga. The LAX picnic was held August 9 at Westchester Park in Westchester. Both picnics were sponsored by the Association of Airport Employees (AAE).

Prizes were given away. Some of the winners are pictured below.

The Club would like to thank AAE President and Club member Leatrice Pickens for the invitation to attend, and AAE Vice President Jimmy Sparks (and the crew: Lori and Diana) for going out of their way to make the Club's visit a good one. 🍷

Ontario Airport Prize Winners



Barry and Lori Coleman won dinner for two at Wild Bills. Barry, an A&C mechanic, and Lori, a senior clerk typist, have 13 years of service each.



Lisa Yencey, Carpenter, 2.5 years, won two Los Angeles County Fair tickets.



Grand Prize Winner: Dorla Baptist, a gardener/caretaker, 24 years. She won two Wild Rivers tickets, four movie passes and two VIP Improv tickets.



Congratulations to Leah Ruiz, 6, who won the Hello Kitty portable CD player. She is accompanied by Jeff Mararac and Raydeen Guzman, Custodial Section, 3 months.

LAX Prize Winners



Constance Brooks, Custodial Section, 7 years, won dinner for two at Wild Bill's.



Lorenzo Maldonado won tickets to the San Diego Zoo.



Bertha Vega, Clerk Typist, 18 years, won two San Diego Wild Animal Park tickets.

NOT PICTURED: Susan Leanos, Custodial Section, 6 months, won four passes for the Long Beach Aquarium; Avis K. Powell, Department of Transportation, 15 years, won two Los Angeles County Fair tickets; and Ed Bowers, Street Cleaning Crew, 15 years, won the grand prize of four Disneyland passes.

New Club Benefit Eases Car Ownership Costs

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Annual Jazz, Drumming Festivals Return to Watts Towers in Sept.

■ The City's Cultural Affairs Dept. is sponsoring two music events at Watts Towers this month.

22nd Annual Watts Towers Day of the Drum Festival

— A daylong celebration featuring international percussion: Latin, Japanese, African, Jazz, Native American, and other drummers. Ongoing tours of the Watts Towers are available.

September 27
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Watts Towers Art Center
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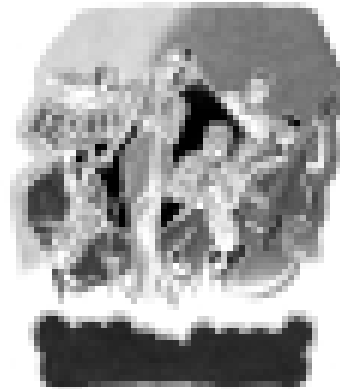


27th Annual Simon Rodia Watts Towers Jazz Festival

— The city's first Jazz festival features performances from both established and emerging musicians from the area. The festival pays tribute to the roots of Jazz in Gospel and Blues, and takes it to the avant garde and the Latin Jazz scene. Ongoing tours of the Watts Towers are available.

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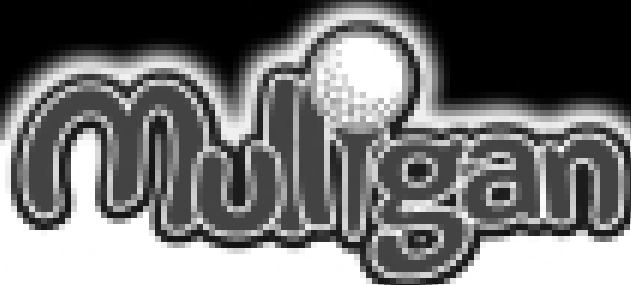
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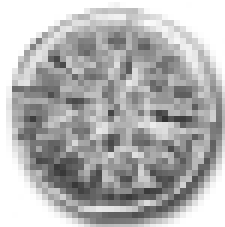
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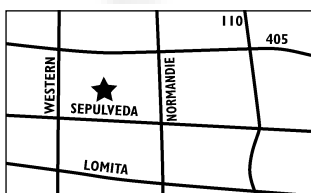
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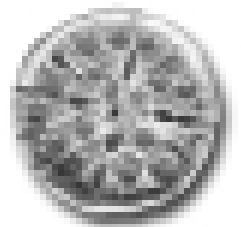


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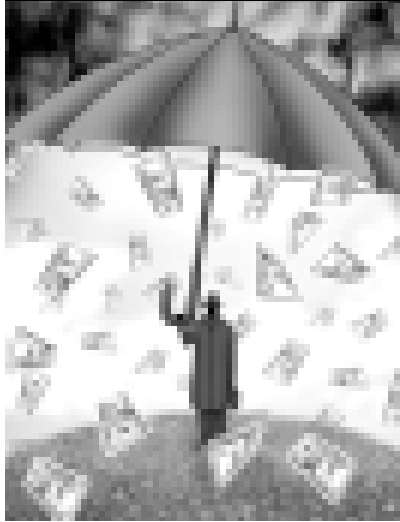
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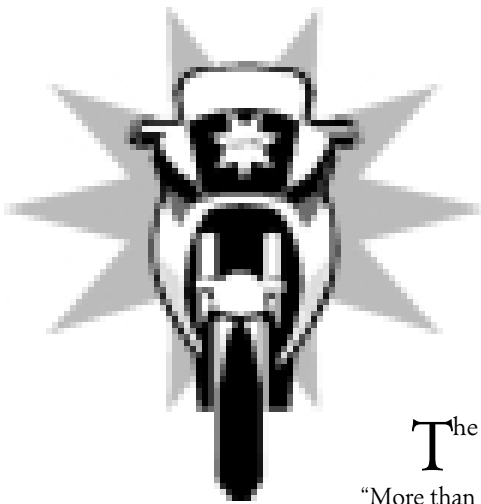
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LAPD Boosters Cycle Ride Raises \$6,700 for Charity

■ More than 100 riders participated in the first Central City Police Boosters Charity Motorcycle Ride Sunday, Aug. 3.

The ride started at the Police Academy in Elysian Park.

"More than 100 riders participated in the scenic ride through Los Angeles," said LAPD Officer Marie Kardiban.

"Riders joined walk in participates for a fun-filled afternoon with festivities that included three bands from KLOS, a barbecue, prize give-a-ways, bike vendors and information booths from many city entities.

"The ride was a huge success for the first year raising about \$6,700 for the youth and crime prevention programs of the Los Angeles Police Department Central Community Police Station," she said.

"You won't want to miss next year's ride." 🏍️

Below are photos from the event:



Representing LAPD Communications and LAPD Recruitment were, from left: Officer Anthony Jackson, Latrice Jones, Officer Darryl Scales and Kathy Schamber.



From LAPD Central, from left: Officer Craig Rensch, Officer Larry Pratt and Danny Young, CPAB.



Representing SID Latent Prints were (from left) Alex R. Reutita and Jose Torres with his daughter, Samantha.



From Fire Station 20, from left: Blake Fair, George Clock, Sheldon Beverly and Don Witty.



Central Explorers, from left: Maria Gonzalez, Rebeca Martinez, Manuel Ramirez, Beatriz Batrez and Steve Candelario, adviser.



Central Traffic Division's Officer Randy Fontyn.



Representing SWAT, from left: Jeff Tepich and Wil Wong.



Jim Mc Laughlin, Bomb Squad Reserve Officer.



LAPD Volunteers, from left: Daisy Barajas and Patricia Bligen.



From left: Sgt. Greg Macias, Central Area Community Relations Office; Judy Rabineau, MICA; Denny Rabineau, MICA; Dennis Needleman, Eagles Nest Real Estate; Officer Marie Kardiban, Central Area Community Relations Office; and Steve Diner, Central Area Volunteer.



LAPD Central, from left: Officer Taylor, Cathy Susin, Officer Lenoue, Angie Anfuso and Priscilla Chavez.

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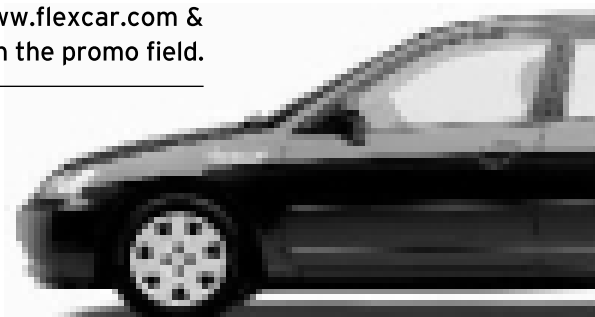
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Senator Betty Karnette presents Bob Henry with a Certificate of Commendation for the Port of Los Angeles Red Car Revival! From left: Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Larry Keller; Harbor Commissioner James Acevedo; Red Car Project Manager Bob Henry; Senator Betty Karnette; Harbor Commissioner Camilla Townsend Kocol; and Harbor Commissioner Thomas Warren.



Bob Henry, Red Car Project Manager.



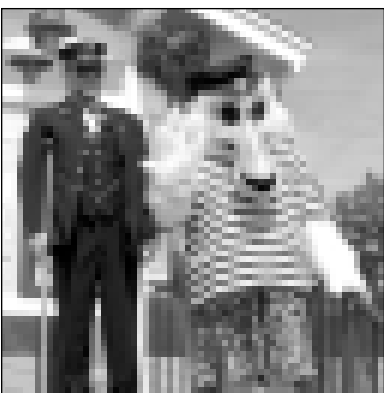
Red Car Project Manager Bob Henry, Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Larry Keller, Harbor Commissioner James Acevedo, Senator Debra Bowen, Harbor Commissioner Camilla Townsend Kocol and Harbor Commissioner Thomas Warren.



The Media Check-In Booth. From left: Rachel Campbell, Public Relations Specialist 2, 2 years; and Rica Viola Sr., MA1, 14 years.



From left: Gina Svicarovich, Student Worker, 2 years; and Angelina Duran, Student Worker, 2 years.



A conductor poses with Tom Estrada dressed as Pelican Pete.



The Red Car Gets on Track

■ Trolley line for citizens, tourists gets a rousing birth. It was built with pride by City employees.

On July 19 in the Port of Los Angeles, the City welcomed the full operation of its Waterfront Red Car Line during Red Car Revival!, a nostalgic event celebrating the inauguration of the historic Pacific Electric Red Cars.

The Port of Los Angeles resurrected a part of local history with the launch of the Red Cars, including a partial reinstatement of the former Pacific Electric San Pedro Line that dates back to the beginning of the 20th century. It's the first time in more than 40 years that Red Cars have run anywhere in Los Angeles.

The route encompasses a 1.5 mile rail line that connects the Los Angeles World Cruise Center with other attractions along the waterfront, such as the Los Angeles Maritime Museum and Ports

O' Call Village. The downtown station at Sixth Street and Harbor Boulevard stands where the old Pacific Electric San Pedro Depot stood years ago.

The line costs \$1 to ride; the pass is good all day (unlimited rides). Transfers to the San Pedro Electric Trolleys (with rubber tires) are free. Three cars are in operation. One is a refurbished original, and two are replicas.

Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays through Mondays. (The schedule is based on the calls of cruise ships.) The system will also be in operation on select Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays when ships are in port.

The original line to San Pedro was discontinued in 1958, and the entire system was closed three years later. 🚲



On this page are photos from the Red Car Revival! ceremony.



From left: the Honorable Tom LaBonge, Councilman, 4th District, City of Los Angeles; Bob Henry, Red Car Project Manager; and the Honorable Janice Hahn, Councilwoman, 15th District (Harbor), City of Los Angeles.



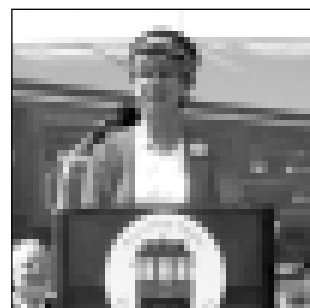
From left: Brandon Mathison, Student Intern, Environmental Management 1 year; and Natasha Zuvich, Student Intern, Environmental Management, 2 years.



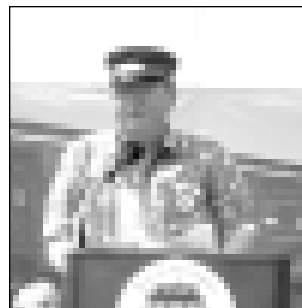
From left: Linda Vigil, Assistant Chief Wharfinger 33 years; Rick Kirk, Duplicating Machine Operator, 8 years, Regina Grant, Principal Clerk, 23 years; and Chelsea Boyd, Regina Grant's daughter.



From left: Michael Barnes, Senior Boat Operator, 6 years; Tom Estrada, "Pelican Pete;" and Rose Kinoshita, Graphics Assistant, 20 years.



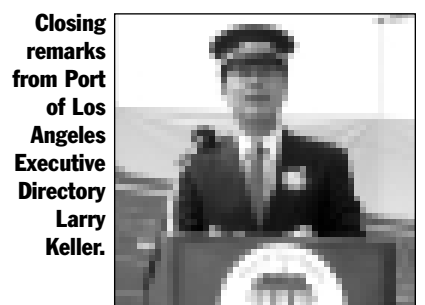
The Honorable Janice Hahn, Councilwoman, 15th District (Harbor), City of Los Angeles.



Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioner Thomas Warren.



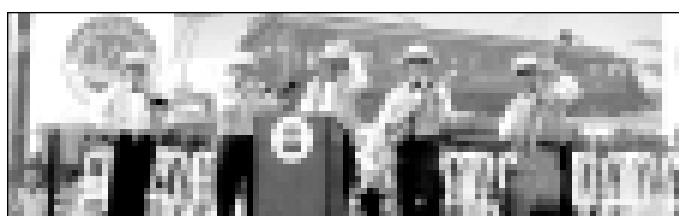
Doane Liu, Deputy Mayor for Operations.



Closing remarks from Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Larry Keller.



The Red Car Revival! ribbon-cutting ceremony. From left: State Senator Debra Bowen (face slightly covered by ribbon); Deputy Mayor Doane Liu; Councilwoman Janice Hahn; Harbor Commissioner Camilla Townsend Kocol; Harbor Commissioner James Acevedo; Senator Betty Karnette; Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Larry Keller; San Pedro Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Leslie Smith; and Red Car Project Manager Bob Henry. Harbor Commissioner Thomas Warren is standing behind Councilwoman Hahn.



Dixieland Band, the "Dixie Dazzle" plays for the crowd.



From left: Anthony DiTucci, Senior Boat Operator, 13 years; Danny Dundov, Student Worker, 3 years; and Paul Irving, Deck Hand, 2 years.



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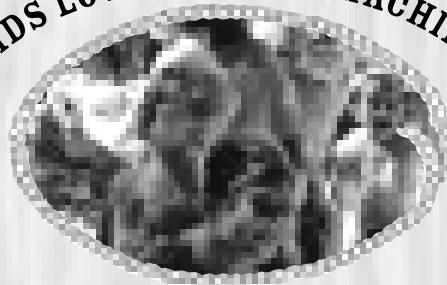
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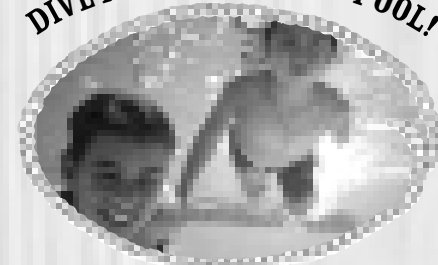
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Nelson Gray	Elevator Repair Supervisor (Gen. Services)	28
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David Rejino	Automotive Supervisor (Gen. Services)	38
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Dianne Tolbert	Council Aide (City Council)	34
Louis White	Council Aide (City Council)	16
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Elaine Zettler	Crossing Guard (Trans.)	6


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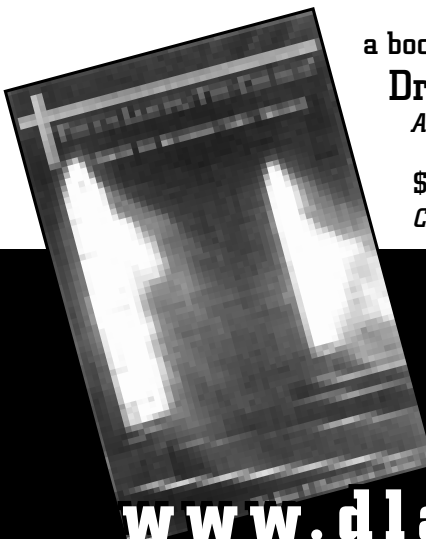


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Your L.A. Zoo and Botanical Gardens: Education, Conservation and Research

By John R. Lewis, Zoo Director

Every visit to the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens becomes a learning experience. There are the educational classes for children and the special events featuring various animals and holiday themes throughout the year. And, most importantly, the animal and botanical highlights are endless. Take a quick look at what your Zoo has for you.

More than 1.5 million children and adults visited the L.A. Zoo last year. This summer, 1,400 children attended ZooCamp classes including Wind and Wings, Egg Files and Creature Creativity, where they learned about animals while enjoying the fun of coming to the L.A. Zoo every day. More than 500 education volunteer docents make weekly commitments to share everything they know about animals with the multitude of schoolchildren who scramble off buses to spend a few hours at the Zoo.

A rare Sumatran rhinoceros took up residency at the Zoo in July. Born at the Cincinnati Zoo in 2001, he is the first Sumatran rhino in the world to be born in a zoo in 112 years. Only 300 of these rare animals are estimated to be alive in

the wild, which makes the cooperative rhino breeding program between the governments of Indonesia and Malaysia and a handful of U.S. zoos critically important to this animal's existence. Meanwhile, the Zoo's veterinarians work with human and animal medical organizations nationwide to combat West Nile virus and Exotic Newcastle Disease, both of which could devastate wildlife in their natural environment and at zoos if precautions are not taken.

Throughout the year, Zoo guests get to enjoy special events as part of a visit. Over the years, Big Bunny's Spring Fling and Boo at the Zoo have introduced hundreds of thousands of children to soft, furry bunnies and "creepy creatures" in a safe, affordable facility. And, L.A. residents who are members of the Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association (GLAZA) not only get into the Zoo free every day, but they get special invitations and discounts to many activities including the summer Music in the Zoo evenings.

The Zoo is a community resource—one that provides education, recreation, conservation and research. It is your Zoo, and it is always getting better. 🐾



John R. Lewis, Zoo Director, feeding a gerenuk, a type of antelope native to East Africa.



Members of the Zoo Security force, from left: Lorena De La Torre, Communications Operator, 9 years; Tom Anderson, Security Officer, 15 years; and Jose Orantes, Security Officer, 3 years.



Steve Tirotta, Lead Animal Keeper, 9 years.



Larry Mann, PR Assistant, 3 years.



Tor MacInnis, Gardener, 2 years.



Erin Fleming, Senior Animal Keeper, 5 years.



Sue Barker, Animal Keeper, 4 years.



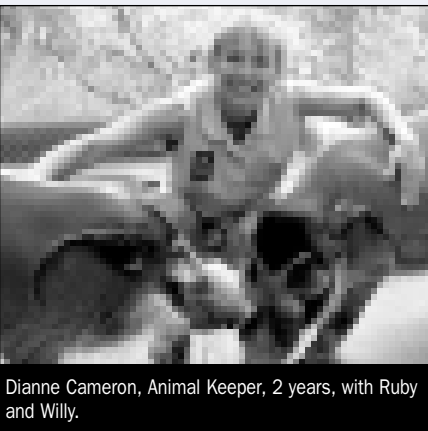
From left: Paul Jewell, Senior Animal Keeper, 25 years; and Carlos Rosales, Animal Keeper, 2 years.



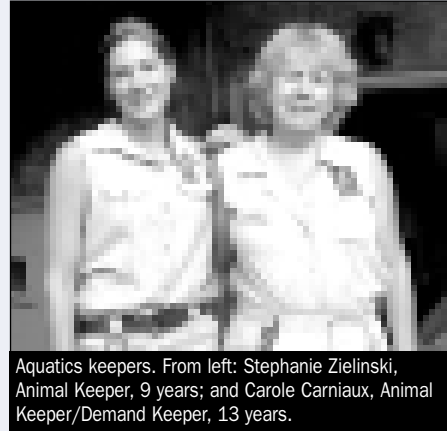
From left: Jeanette Tonies, Animal Keeper, Assisting Veterinarian, 19 years; Chandra David, Animal Keeper, 8 years; and Lory Palmer, Animal Keeper/Assisting Veterinarian, 7 years.



From left: Leslie Hayes, Clerk Typist 4 years; Vi Dang, Senior Clerk Typist, 13 years; and Dr. Cynthia Stringfield, Sr. Zoo Veterinarian, 10 years.



Dianne Cameron, Animal Keeper, 2 years, with Ruby and Willy.



Aquatics keepers. From left: Stephanie Zielinski, Animal Keeper, 9 years; and Carole Carniaux, Animal Keeper/Demand Keeper, 13 years.



Tim Oliver, Special Programs Assistant II, 7 years.



Oscar Castaneda, Custodial Service Attendant, 13 years.



Bear keeper: Nancy Thomas, Animal Keeper, 14 years.



Front row, from left: Riley Sloan, Construction Supervisor, 24 years; Tom Chmielewski, Welder, 4 years; Tom LoVullo, Building Trades Supervisor, 19 years; Juan Rubio, Plumber, 3 years; Armando Fimbres, Cement Finisher, 3 years; and Duane Palacio, Mechanical Construction Helper, 8 years. Back row, from left: Al Narvaez, Welder Supervisor, 38 years; Donald De Lay, Sheet Metal Worker, 3 years; and Douglas Goulet, Mechanical Construction Helper, 3 years.



Condor keepers. From left: Mike Maxcy, Principal Animal Keeper, 17 years; and Marti Jenkins, Animal Keeper, 3 years.



Emily Sipchen, Recreation Assistant, 3 months.

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Flamingo keeper: Cathy Christel, Animal Keeper, 24 years.



Sue Tisdell, Safety Coordinator, 11 years.



Anne La Rose, CASW II, 5 years.



From left: Tom Chmielewski, Zoo Welder, 4 years; and Miguel Palacios, Mechanical Construction Helper, 3 years.



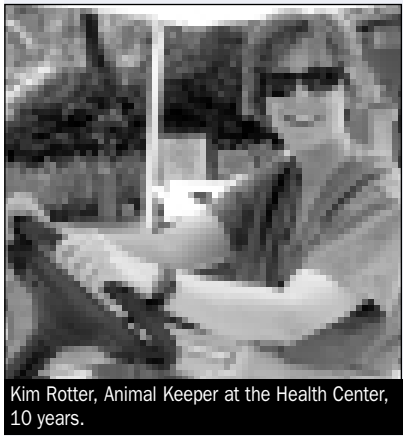
The Bird Show keepers. From left: Marilyn Arce, Animal Keeper, 3 years; and Laren Whittemore, Animal Keeper, 1 year.



From left: Karin Merit, Enrichment Coordinator, 3 years; Jennie Mc Nary, Curator of Mammals, 23 years.



Arlen Sturm, Trucot Operator, 14 years.



Kim Rotter, Animal Keeper at the Health Center, 10 years.



From left: Leslie Gordon, Enrichment Construction Coordinator, 1 year; and David Brane, Enrichment Intern, 1 year.



James Moore, Custodial Services Attendant, 2 years.



Kathy Nevins, Animal Keeper, 26 years.



Julia Martinez, Messenger, 2 years.



Front row, from left: Norma Guevara, Special Project Assistant, 3 years; Mike Campero, Gardener, 12 years; Brian Yamasaki, Gardener, 2 years; Ross Hendricks, Gardener/Caretaker, 2 years; and Robert Fujita, Gardener/Caretaker, 12 years. Back row: Abel Calderon, Equipment Operator, 16 years.

Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens

Opening Date: November 28, 1966

Leadership: John R. Lewis, Zoo Director

Location: 5333 Zoo Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027
Griffith Park at the intersection of the Golden State (5) and Ventura (134) freeways

Size: Zoo and support facilities: 80 acres **Parking lot:** 35 acres

Average Annual Attendance: 1.5 million visitors

Zoo Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; closed December 25
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. July and August

Public Information: (323) 644-4600 or www.lazoo.org

Admission:

Adults	\$9
Children (2 to 12)	\$4
Senior Citizens (65 & older)	\$6
Children (under 2)	Free
GLAZA members	Free

Parking: Free

Animal Collection: Visitors can view more than 1,200 mammals, birds, amphibians and reptiles representing more than 370 different species. The Los Angeles Zoo is divided into different specialty areas and has many animals and plants grouped according to their native continental region.

Exhibit Highlights: *Dragons of Komodo* is a new home for the Zoo's two endangered Komodo dragons.

Winnick Family Children's Zoo, which opened in August 2001, gives visitors the opportunity to have close contact with animals including goats.

Red Ape Rain Forest Visitors can immerse themselves in a replica of the orangutans' natural habitat.

Chimpanzees of Mahale Mountains Home to the Zoo's chimpanzee troop, the one-acre exhibit is designed to resemble the chimpanzees' habitat in Tanzania's Mahale Mountains in Africa.

Significance: The Los Angeles Zoo participates in more than 30 cooperative breeding programs for endangered species. Zoo-bred animals that have been returned to the wild include the Arabian oryx, golden lion tamarin, Bali mynah, California condor and Andean condor.

Unique Animals: Sumatran rhinoceros, crested capuchin monkeys, uakaries, ploughshare tortoises, Fiji Island crested iguanas, cape vultures, Chacoan peccaries, Komodo dragons, snow leopards and Sumatran tiger.

Education: One of the Zoo's primary missions is to create memorable experiences for visitors of all ages and inspire them to have a deeper understanding of and respect for wildlife. Tours for schoolchildren, classes for preschoolers and their parents, workshops and classroom materials for teachers, summer camp adventures for young children, and outreach programs that visit Los Angeles area classrooms are just a sampling of the educational activities.

Visitor Services: The Zoo provides services and retail operations, including all food service, catering, gift shops, and stroller and wheelchair rentals.

Volunteer: The volunteer program enables animal enthusiasts to assist with numerous tasks at the Zoo. The Los Angeles Zoo's docent program was first of its kind in the nation. The docent program offers classes each fall for adults and high school students for training in wildlife education and touring.

Zoo Membership Fees:

Individual	\$45
Couple	\$55
Family	\$65
Keepers Club	\$100
Contributor	\$150
Wildlife Associate	\$250
Conservation Circle	\$500

Benefits include receiving free admission to the Los Angeles Zoo, Zoo publications, invitations to annual events, free or discounted admission to more than 100 other zoos and aquariums in the United States, and a 10 percent discount in Zoo gift shops and restaurants.

Publications: ZOOSCAPE, monthly newspaper, ZOO VIEW, quarterly magazine

Management: The Zoo is owned and operated by the City of Los Angeles. Functioning as a Department of the City of Los Angeles, it is responsible for running the daily operations including animal care, education, public relations/marketing, project management, veterinary care, security, construction and grounds maintenance.

Support Organization: The Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association (GLAZA) is the fundraising arm of the Zoo and is responsible primarily for raising money and increasing membership. There are more than 47,000 member households and 1,000 volunteers.

Accreditation: The Los Angeles Zoo is accredited by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association. The Zoo participates in cooperative worldwide Species Survival Plan projects and is dedicated to the conservation of rare and endangered wildlife.



Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens

The L.A. Zoo: Building for the Future

In 1995, the Los Angeles Zoo initiated one of the most extensive and forward-looking programs in the zoo world today, a master plan designed to create expanded, naturalistic, state-of-the-art exhibits for the animals, to enhance viewing and educational opportunities for visitors, and to strengthen the Zoo's reputation as an international leader in the zoological community.

Chimpanzees of the Mahale Mountains, the Red Ape Rain Forest, the Animal Health and Conservation Center, the Winnick Family Children's Zoo and Muriel's Ranch Contact Area—all already completed—were actuated under the Master Plan. These dreams have come true with the help of public support combined with the generosity of a committed group of corporations, foundations, and individuals like you.

Here's a rundown of the Zoo's ongoing and future construction projects:

CAMPO GORILLA RESERVE

Campo Gorilla Reserve is being designed to respect the needs of gorillas, keepers and visitors alike. The exhibit is envisioned as an adventure that submerges visitors in the misty, tropical and mysterious environment of a West Central African rainforest. Campo Gorilla Reserve will replace the Zoo's existing trio of gorilla exhibits with two larger exhibits and a spacious, state-of-the-art holding area.

Innovative behavioral enrichment devices, as well as the extensive use of indigenous trees, plants and streams, will allow the gorillas to display their keen mental and physical skills. A series of observation areas will lead visitors through the exhibit and offer a variety of viewing opportunities. Informative signage throughout will educate visitors about the differences between gorilla species, poaching and other threats to gorillas. Given the success of Chimpanzees of Mahale Mountains and Red

Ape Rain Forest, the Zoo fully expects Campo Gorilla Reserve—the third and final phase of the Great Ape Forest—to generate avid public support and enthusiasm throughout Southern California.

CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY CENTER

As a major component of the Los Angeles Zoo's Master Plan, the Children's Discovery Center will stimulate awareness of the Zoo as a significant educational resource in Los Angeles. Prominently located at the entrance of the Zoo, the Children's Discovery Center will be the educational portal through which all Zoo visitors pass, and will offer an interactive educational environment for the more than 400,000 children who visit the Los Angeles Zoo each year. It will consist of modular learning rooms, the Bank of America Discovery Room featuring interactive exhibits, the 250-seat Witherbee Foundation Auditorium with audiovisual facilities, a bio-fact room and a teachers' resource room, a media center, animal outreach facilities, and expanded office space for the Zoo's Education staff, as well as distance learning facilities.



RAINFOREST OF THE AMERICAS

Rainforest of the Americas, a "rainforest immersion" exhibit, will allow visitors to wander the mist-shrouded forest floor—and walk along suspension bridges spanning the tree-tops. Real and simulated vegetation will wind its way through a lush forest comprised of waterfalls and meandering waterways. Spectacular vistas will allow visitors to view the animals from afar and up close. Mammals, reptiles, birds, and insects will be presented in seamless exhibits that protect the individual needs of each animal. The ability to roam amongst the different species will thrill visitors and help them to understand and appreciate the world these animals come from.



From left: Dave Costa, Sr. Gardener, 17 years; Eddie Garcia, Gardener/Caretaker, 3 years; Janica Jones, Horticulturist, 4 years; and Cruz Ortiz, Gardener/Caretaker, 3 years.



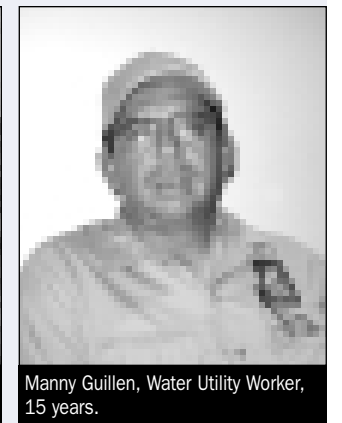
Dr. Cathleen Cox, Research Director, 22 years.



Marta Livingston, Receptionist, 14 years.



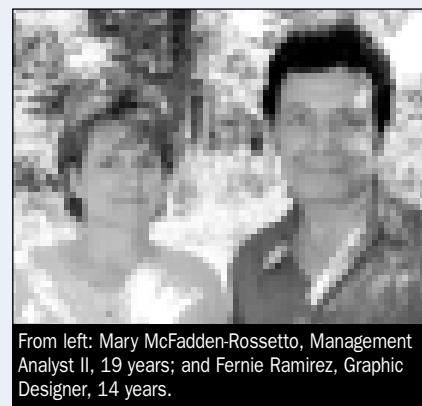
Debbie Sears, Animal Keeper, 7 years.



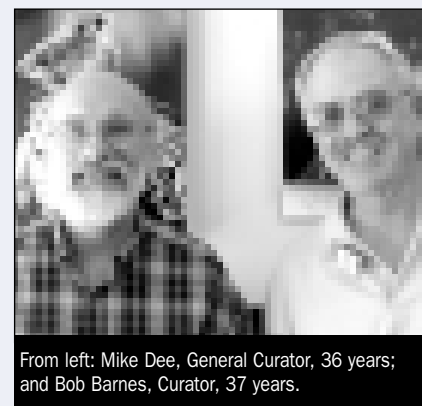
Manny Guillen, Water Utility Worker, 15 years.



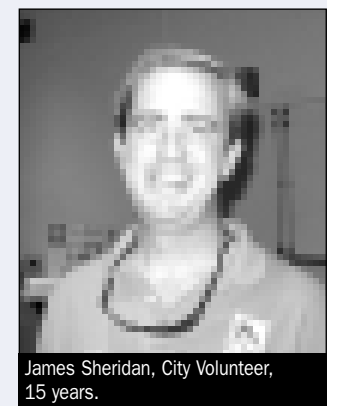
From left: Andy Louie, Senior Electrician, 23 years; Larry Alvarez, Building Repairman, 37 years; Larry Glover, Carpenter, 10 years; and Henry Hernandez, Mechanical Repair II, 17 years.



From left: Mary McFadden-Rossetto, Management Analyst II, 19 years; and Fernie Ramirez, Graphic Designer, 14 years.



From left: Mike Dee, General Curator, 36 years; and Bob Barnes, Curator, 37 years.



James Sheridan, City Volunteer, 15 years.



Apolinar Castro, Gardener/Caretaker, 15 years, Tony Mirabel, Gardener/Caretaker, 9 years; and Carlos Carrillo, Gardener/Caretaker, 15 years.



From left: Kersti Shea, Zoo Camp, 1 year; and Ellen Cox, Zoo Camp, 2 years.



Chimpanzee keepers. From left: Candace Scimenti, Animal Keeper, 5 years; and Tami Goodson, Animal Keeper, 19 years.



From left, Zoo Camp Counselors: Melina Wyatt; Celeste Kelleg; Emily Sipchen; Linda Lim, 1 year; Yaiza Magdalena, 2 years; and Ashley Sipchen.

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REPTILE AND INSECT HOUSE

Built in 1966, the Zoo's current reptile house is in an irreparable state. Despite this, it remains one of the most popular exhibits at the Los Angeles Zoo. Preliminary design plans for the new Reptile and Insect House—an adjunct to the Rainforest of the Americas exhibit—will include better care facilities and designs intended to augment and enhance the educational experience. The new facility will abandon the old picture-frame viewing windows in favor of diorama habitats that present the animals on more than one level, and allow visitors to view exhibits from several angles.

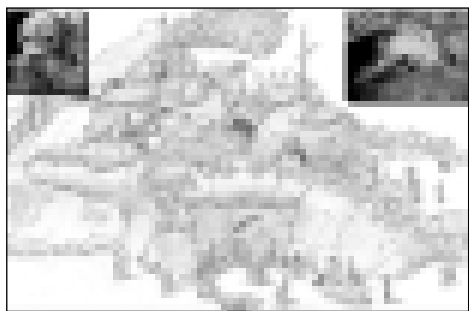
The Reptile and Insect House and Rainforest of the Americas will provide magnificent and complementary homes to the Los Angeles Zoo's outstanding reptile collection—one of the rarest among North American zoos as a result of a confiscation from a two-year sting operation headed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. USFWS officials intercepted a Malaysian smuggler's cache of Komodo dragons, Chinese alligators, false gavials, Burmese and star tortoises, and perhaps the rarest tortoise in the world, the ploughshare tortoise of Madagascar. Valued in excess of \$750,000, the entire confiscation was placed in the care of the Los Angeles Zoo because of the agency's high regard for our professional animal care staff and the quality of care provided.

ZOO ENTRY PLAZA

The new front entrance of the Los Angeles Zoo will present visitors with a dramatic, inviting and unifying foundation from which all Zoo visits will begin. The new Zoo Entry Plaza will incorporate a series of gardens that draws attention to the ecological and industrial milestones that mark the development of Southern California. Emphasizing important themes including climate, agriculture and water, the Entry Plaza will begin outside the Zoo's front gates, flow through to an Entry Courtyard, and culminate in Selig Plaza, which will feature the stone lion and elephant sculptures that once stood sentry at the old Selig Zoo in Lincoln Park. This combination of elements—plant and animal, art and nature—represents both the history of zoos in our city, and the wildlife that is indigenous to our state. Offering the native and the manufactured, the traditional and the new upon arrival at the Los Angeles Zoo will expand the visitor experience, and affirm the Los Angeles Zoo's position as a world-class institution.

SEA LION CLIFFS

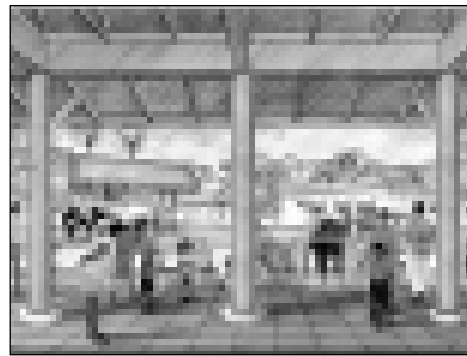
Sea Lion Cliffs will focus on the ecology of Southern California's rocky coast and near-shore waters. Our sea lions will be the first animals that visitors to the Los Angeles Zoo



encounter upon entry. The exhibit will feature California sea lions and harbor seals in a replicated rocky cove containing two large pools of water of varied depths, with three distinct viewing areas. The exhibit will provide visitors with both below and above-water views into

the habitat pools. Interpretive graphics will supplement docent-led activities that inform visitors about the behavior and adaptations of sea lions and harbor seals, as well as the ecosystem of California coastal waters. This expanded new saltwater exhibit will greatly enrich the quality of life for our sea lions.

PACHYDERM FOREST



Addressing the needs of our largest land mammals, the Pachyderm Forest will benefit our elephant, hippopotamus and rhinoceros collections. Upon its completion, these exhibits will set the standard for zoo management of these endangered species.

Phase One of Pachyderm Forest comprises 2.4 acres; an additional 2.1 acres will be developed during Phase Two.

• Phase One: Elephant Exhibit

Phase One of the Pachyderm Forest will accommodate our elephants' physical needs, including the construction of three interconnected exhibit yards that will allow rotation of the elephants from one area to the next. One yard will offer the elephants various opportunities for play, including creative playthings and musical instruments. The second will contain a bathing area with showers and sprayers, while the third will feature a long sandy stretch of land for running and digging.

Extensive landscaping will recreate the elephants' native habitats—there will be forests of tropical hardwoods, and lagoons and pools filled with soft river sand where the elephants can freely wade and bathe. Visitors will be able to see the elephants from many naturalistic locations, including beneath grass-roofed viewing shelters, and through glass walls that allow visitors to get right up close. Educational graphics will inform visitors about the unique characteristics of our elephants, as well as the problems they face in the wild. Phase One of the Pachyderm Forest will be complete in late 2004.

• Phase Two: Hippoquarium Exhibit

The second component, the hippopotamus exhibit, will be built adjacent to the elephant exhibit. Its keystone feature will be underwater viewing of the hippos, a "hippoquarium" that places visitors directly in a cut-away of a river where they can come nose-to-nose with the hippos. The water will be filled with brightly colored African cichlid fish. Immediately behind the hippoquarium will be a beach area where the hippos will eat, sleep and sunbathe as our magnificent elephants stroll past in the near distance.

Keepers will be able to rotate the animals throughout all exhibits that make up Pachyderm Forest, which will alleviate boredom in the animals and provide a variety of exercise opportunities. Graphic panels will be placed throughout the exhibit areas, in order to educate visitors on the lives of these behemoth and unique creatures. 🐘

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Beverly Haro,
Member Services Counselor

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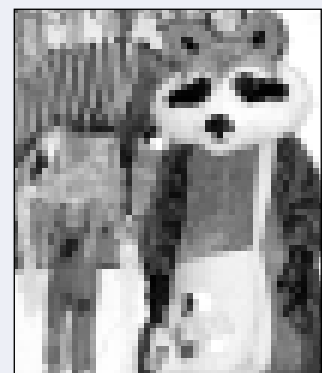
Dana Baker, Personnel Director,
16 years.



From left: Darryl Pon, Project Manager, 5 years; Neal Ward, Graphic Designer, 17 years; and Beige Berryman, Administration Support, 1 day.



From left: Darrel Jones, Painter, 19 years; Steve Blessing, Mechanical Repair II, 13 years; and Charles Andrews, Painter, 15 years.



Rascal the Recycling Raccoon,
3 years.



Front row, from left: Nina De Leon, Accountant, 3 years; Levie Van de Houten, Accountant Clerk, 2 years; and Carmela Espiritu, Fiscal Systems Specialist, 16 years. Back row, from left: Alice Poon, Accountant Clerk, 28 years; Vicki Hammond, Accountant clerk 37 years; and Cesar Cruz, Senior Accountant, 17 years.



Helene Jutras, Animal Keeper, 5 years.



From left: Jesus Ortiz, Senior Systems Analyst, 9 years; and Robert Rodriguez, 1 year.



From left: Brenda Aguirre, Park Services Attendant II, 6 years; Angie Medina, Park Services Attendant Assistant, 2 years; and Patricia Aceves, Park Services Attendant Assistant, 1 year. Sitting: Hilda Alvarado, Park Services Attendant II, 6 years.



Department of the Month

Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens



Zoo Camp Counselors. From left: Ivonne Budianto; Paula Stanley; Marc Perry; Canek Aguirre; and Jorge Martinez.



Orangutan keepers. From left: Rose-Marie Weisz, Animal Keeper, 14 years; and Yaiza Magdalena-Garren, Recreation Instructor, 2 years.



From left: John Gipson, Ticket Taker/Street Services, 7 years; Maggie Tovar, Park Services Attendant, 3 years; and Gustavo Herrera, Greater L.A. Zoo Association, Membership Ambassador, 2 years.



Barbara Bowen, Clerk Typist (PR Department), 6 years.



Marianne Fregoso, Division Secretary/General Curator Secretary, 19 years.



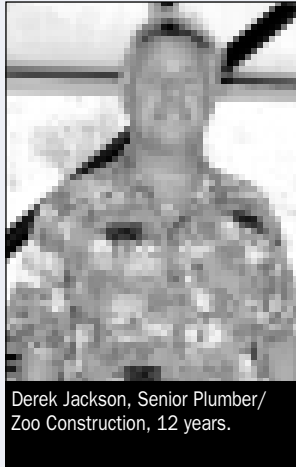
From left: Denise Tamura, Executive Secretary, 18 years; and Edwina Brown, Executive Secretary, 30 years.



Front row, from left: Sharon Coggin, Marketing Manager, 5 years; Lora LaMarca, Marketing and PR Director, 25 years; Judy Shay, PR Manager, 5 years; Ann Noble, Secretary, 15 years; and Gina Dartt, Promotions Coordinator, 1 year. Back row: Larry Mann, PR Assistant, 3 years.



Tad Motoyama, Zoo Photographer, 7 years.



Derek Jackson, Senior Plumber/Zoo Construction, 12 years.



From left: Julie Sweet, Registered Veterinary Technician; and Dr. Steven Klause, Veterinarian, 14 years, treating a patient (a coatimundi, a small mammal).



Betty Grieve, Registered Veterinarian Technician, 8 years.



Zoo Camp Counselors. From left: Heather Benado; Yejide Paris; Susanna Sanchez; and Shannon Stevens.



From left: Carolyn Shirk, Park Services Attendant; and Lance Bolan, Admissions, 21 years.



From left: Monique Matuska, Zoo Camp Recreational Instructor, 3 months; Joy Taylor, Zoo Camp Recreational Instructor; Cressa Moody, Zoo Camp Recreational Instructor, 1 year; and Amanda Coen, Recreational Instructor, 3 years.



Retirees NEWS

Retiree Hotlines

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

City Employees Retirement System: (213) 473-7200

City Retirement Counselors:

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

DWP Retirement Plan Office: (213) 367-1722

For Retirees

By Phil Skarin, RLACEI Publicity Chair

Retirement Negotiations With City Closed; Dental Subsidy Moving Along



Ed Harding,
RLACEI President

Ed Harding, RLACEI president, welcomed more than 200 members and guests to our barbecue picnic at the Grace E. Simons Lodge. He thanked all those who called to make reservations.

(MOU) between the City's unions and the City contained a provision to increase the retirement enhancement package from 2.16 percent a service to 2.36 percent per year. Other provisions would have provided a Health Benefit Subsidy for our disabled retirees. Union members did not meet the agreed-upon vote of 90 to 95 percent acceptance, thus negotiations on the passage have ceased.

Also, the October 2000 letter of intent regarding retroactive application of the MOU's provisions has expired. Those employees who retired after October 2000 will not receive the retirement adjustment many expected.

The ordinance now in place providing the 50/30 retirement window will expire Sept. 30. Those employees meeting this criteria will have to decide prior to that date whether to take advantage of this opportunity.

Ken reports that the LACERS Board's unanimous action to endorse a dental subsidy to our surviving spouses has been referred to the City Council, where he plans to encourage their adoption. 3,084 current members would be affected upon Council approval.

Poetry Contest: Our annual Poetry Contest deadline is coming up: October 1. Get your creative writings to Phil Skarin, chairman, at 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910. Poems can be of any style or length. There are separate categories for members and spouses, and more than \$100 in prizes. Everyone who participates is a winner!

Coming Events: Oct. 17: Annual meeting and elections at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center; and Dec. 11: Christmas Party and installation of officers at the Grace E. Simons Lodge. 🏠

Our next event will be the annual meeting and elections at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center. If you come at noon, you will be treated to a free lunch, courtesy of the RLACEI, but only if you make a reservation by calling one of the officers on the Retirees Help Line at least a week in advance.

Nominating chair Dave Wilkins will present a slate of nominees for first vice president and five directors of the executive board. Nominations can also be made from the floor. There will also be informative speakers, refreshments and valuable door prizes.

President Harding has been very busy attending breakfast meetings with Councilmembers Ed Reyes, Martin Ludlow and Jan Perry. He is trying to make them aware of the needs and concerns of retirees. He said that all of them are extremely knowledgeable and the City is fortunate to have people of their caliber helping to run the City.

Legislative Update: Ken Spiker, our legislative committee chairman and the elected member of LACERS Board of Administration, reports that the civilian retirement negotiations have been brought to a close.

The Memorandum of Understanding

Membership NEWS

■ **Robert Fairington** deserves some "kudos" for traveling the farthest to play in our golf tournament in June. He came from Oregon.

Next year, our retirees Golf Classic will be held Tuesday, June 15, at the Alhambra Golf Course again. Start planning now.

Joe Pecora supplements his retirement pay by working part-time as a security guard at the Getty. He will let us know of other opportunities there.

Steven Uranga, Rec and Parks, reports that his father, Librado, 85, passed away July 28. Librado retired in 1992 after 25 years in the Bureau of Street Maintenance.

Rachel "Mina" Canales-Meckle died June 5, 2002, of complications of diabetes. Her last assignment was as secretary to Chief of Detectives Thad Brown. She left in 1966. She leaves behind her husband Ed, a retired lieutenant at the LAPD; a son, Christopher; a sister, Henri; and countless friends. Ed said that many of her friends were unaware that she had passed.

SHARE YOUR NEWS: If you have any news about a retiree that you'd like to share, send it to Phil Skarin at 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, 91411.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Oct. 1- Deadline for Annual Poetry Contest
- Oct. 17 - Annual Corporation Meeting and Elections at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center
- Dec. 11 - Holiday Party and Installation of Officers, at Grace E. Simons Lodge, Elysian Park

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If you change your address, please notify Membership Chair Helen Salgado at 5423 Dewar St., Los Angeles, CA 90022. Phone: (323) 728-4930.

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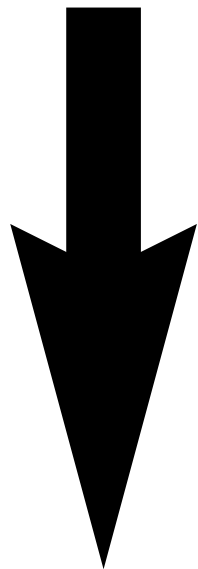
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World Trade Center
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Los Angeles, CA 90071

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The free "Access to Capital" will cover the following topics:

- Marketing
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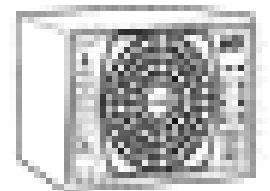
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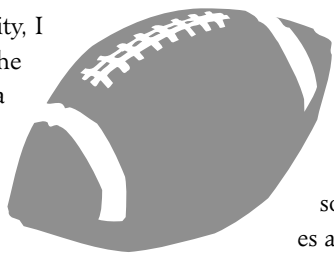
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If you would like your recipe published in the next issue of *Alive!*, you may fax your recipes to (213) 620-0388 or e-mail us at talkback@cityemployeesclub.com.

Three Cheers for the Games ... And the Snacks to Go With Them

Let the games begin!

September represents the first full month of the college and NFL football seasons. Some of you may be cringing at the prospect of the football season, since it may seem to be a marathon of games. Many would have you believe that when the football season starts, men across the nation are glued to the television with their pizza and beer, growling when they see a spectacular play or yelling at the top of their lungs until their voices are lost when a touchdown goes in their favor. Although that stereotype is perhaps close to reality, I am here to tell you that the football season represents a time when family and friends gather to cheer and raise their spirits. Not only that, but it is a time when some of the tastiest cooking ensues.



Take for example the **Burger Bacon Puppies**. This is a unique way to cook hamburger meat, bacon and hotdogs on the grill. You are wrapping and combining these ingredients to form a full flavored-tailgating, grilling dish that will make everyone who is watching the game stop and ask for more.

The **San Diego Salsa** is a quick and easy recipe that was given to me by a friend of mine who loves this salsa recipe when tailgating before a Chargers or San Diego State Aztec football game. Let me tell you, I have tried it and I couldn't believe how easy it was to make and how tasty it was. If you like it spicier, dice

up more jalapeños to kick it up. If it is too spicy, add more tomato with a little bit of sugar (I am serious about the sugar).

And continuing with the ingredient of jalapeños, I offer **Trojan Jalapeños**. This is another easy to make recipe and is even better over the grill.

Hot and Easy Wings are also a favorite pre-game meal that will knock the hats off anyone who tries them. The trick is in the marinade and if you wanted to, you could marinate other chicken pieces for grilling such as chicken breasts and drumsticks. When marinating the chicken, marinate it in the refrigerator and not at room temperature. Additionally, make sure you wash your hands and any surface that the chicken is exposed to, since chicken can so easily harbor food-borne illnesses and can be dangerous to humans.

With all of these spicy football and tailgating foods, it is time to share with you a one-of-a-kind thirst-quenching beverage that the whole family will enjoy. **Brainy Cardinal Punch** is a tasty drink that was brought to me by **Timothy with the Department of General Services**. He tells me that his brother-in-law is a Stanford graduate and would make this drink while tailgating before a Stanford football game. It takes a little patience to make this one, but it is worth taking the steps to make the drink.

Finally, keep sending me those recipes! I appreciate each and every one: cooking@cityemployeesclub.com

Trojan Jalapeños

INGREDIENTS

- 1/4 lb ground beef
- 10-12 popper size jalapeños
- small onion
- 1 lb. bacon
- 1lb. Monterey Jack cheese with jalapeños

DIRECTIONS

Chop onion and brown in small amount of oil. Add hamburger and brown and drain. Grate cheese and mix with hamburger. Cut top of jalapeños and core out the seeds. Slit down to 1/4 inch from bottom. Stuff with hamburger mixture. Wrap slice of bacon around popper. Stick with toothpick if necessary. Grill over coals until done.



San Diego Salsa

INGREDIENTS

- 4 cup chopped, peeled fresh tomatoes
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 2 to 4 jalapeño peppers, seeded and finely chopped
- 1 tbsp. oil
- 1 tbsp. vinegar
- 2 garlic cloves minced
- 1 tsp. cumin
- salt and pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS

In bowl, combine all ingredients and mix well. Let stand for about 2 hours. Serve at room temperature. Store in refrigerator.

Makes 3-4 cups



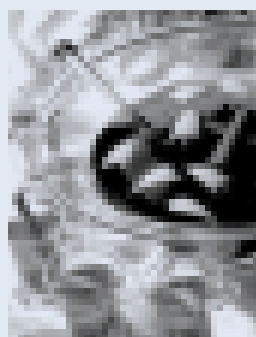
Brainy Cardinal Punch

Make two days in advance:

- Boil 2 cups water and 3 cups sugar, chill. This is your simple syrup! Pretty easy, huh?

Make one days in advance:

- Blend and freeze: one 46 oz. can unsweetened pineapple juice, one 12oz. can of frozen orange juice concentrate, 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice, and 3 bananas, ripe but not overripe.
- Just before serving: Combine with 4 qts. ginger ale
- Combine the entire simple syrup (the one you made with the water and sugar!)



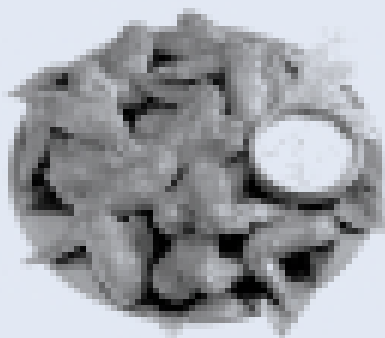
Hot And Easy Wings

INGREDIENTS

- Chicken wings
- 1 bottle of Zesty Italian Salad Dressing
- 1 Bottle of Louisiana Hot Sauce

DIRECTIONS

Marinate wings in Zesty Italian dressing overnight or several hours in the refrigerator, not at room temperature. Grill over medium coals slowly about 10 to 15 minutes. Take off grill, soak them with Louisiana Hot Sauce, put them back on grill another 5 to 10 minutes.



Burger Patty Puppies

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound of hamburger
- 1 pound of thin sliced bacon
- 8 hot dogs (the real deal, no cheap ones!)
- 4 slices of cheese (split in half)
- 1 egg
- Salt and pepper
- Garlic powder
- Paprika
- Parsley
- 16 toothpicks
- Tin foil wrap

DIRECTIONS

- Combine hamburger, egg and your spices/seasonings to taste and form 8 hamburger patties.
- Spread out your bacon with every two slices being about 2 inches apart.
- Slice each hot dog from end to end, not completely through, maybe half through the thickness of the dog and insert one half slice of the cheese into each dog.
- Place the dog on one side of the hamburger patty and carefully roll the dog while wrapping it with the patty.
- Place this carefully at the ends of your bacon, which should be spaced 2 inches apart... (2 slices of bacon per burger-dog), carefully roll and wrap the bacon. Secure bacon to each burger-dog with two toothpicks. NOTE: Leave each toothpick exposed on one side or the other in order to remove them after cooking.
- Wrap your burger-dogs with tin foil and place on grill over medium heat, but do not place directly over flame. Cook for half-hour and then carefully remove foil from burger-dogs. The juice will be hot: Be careful!
- Place burger dogs back onto grill for browning. This should take only a few minutes.

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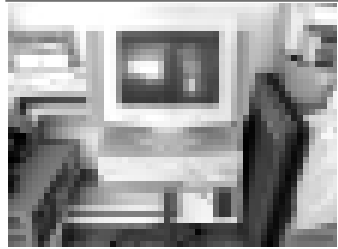
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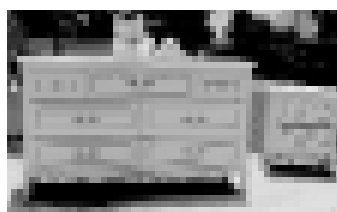
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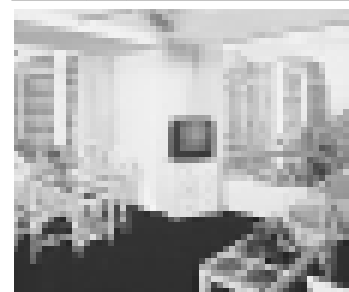
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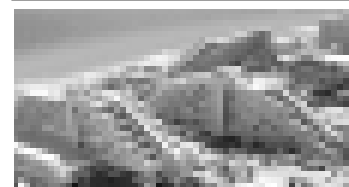
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Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blue



Reese Witherspoon is back and is cute as ever as Elle Woods, a Harvard Law graduate. In this sequel, Elle is planning her wedding and decides to invite the mother of her dog, Bruiser. After hiring a private detective, she locates the dog and finds out that she is a test dog for a local cosmetic company. This of course, outrages Elle, and she heads to Washington to get a law passed to prevent animal testing. Fun and laughs ensue as "Capitol Barbie" makes her way through the ropes and roadblocks of trying to get this bill passed.

And good news for Bruiser fans: He not only finds his mom, but also love in this movie. Several of your favorites from the first movie are back, along with Sally Field as the Congresswoman that Elle goes to work for and Bob Newhart, who plays her very politically smart doorman who helps her in her endeavors.

This movie is lighthearted, clean and very enjoyable. I hope there will be a third.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

Raising Helen

Raising Helen with Kate Hudson, Joan Cusack and Jon Corbett was a delightful family movie. It was funny, sad, cute and charming.

The story is about three sisters and a very tough decision on guardianship of three children. Kate is the youngest, Joan the middle sister. The older sister and her husband die in a car accident leaving three young children behind. Joan, the middle sister, has three children of her own and is the strict always-by-the-rules kind of mother. Kate the youngest sister is an impulsive, single free-spirited career-ambitious kind. The older sister, mother of three, had traits from both her sisters.

After the car accident the children needed a guardian. Their mother left a will behind and letters for each of the surviving sisters. Joan the middle sister was certain she would get the children because she was the responsible one and already a mother of three. Kate the youngest sister also thought that Joan would get the children. But Kate was in for a rude awakening. Her older sister entrusted her three children to Kate. To story goes on to depict how children can have a drastic change on your life and yet bring so much happiness from their existence. Kate was no longer able to keep up with her fast-paced job in being a fashion promoter. Her one-bedroom apartment was no longer big enough for four people. The challenge of motherhood was a trying one for Kate, but with the love and support from her sister Joan and the single and handsome pastor she met at the children's school, Kate was able to keep the children together and under her supervision.

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Spy Kids 3D: Game Over

The Toy Maker (Sylvester Stallone) invents a video game to take over the minds of children. The youngest member of the Cortez family, Juni (Daryl Sabara) is talked into coming out of retirement by the President (George Clooney) to shut down the game and to save his sister, Carmen (Alexa Vega), whose mind is already trapped inside the game. Entering the game on level 1, Juni must make his way to level 5 to shut the game down. With the help of some other kids and his grandfather (Ricardo Montalban) he struggles through several battles to make it to the final level. But will he succeed?



It was nice to see Sly in a crazy/comedic role (actually roles). And several other stars, like Antonio Banderas, Carla Gugino, Cheech Marin and Holland Taylor, make brief appearances.

But the movie is more for kids. Also, the combination of the cheap 3-D glasses that the theatre provided and the dark coloring of the movie gave me a headache. So for this movie, I say send the kids alone!

If you stay for the credits, you will see a few out-takes (something I always enjoy) and the original audition tapes for the two main kids.

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