LAHF Firefighter Jaime Foster
Dies In the Line of Duty

She is the first LAHF female firefighter to make the ultimate sacrifice.

Saturday, Aug. 14, Firefighter Jame L. Foster was killed in the line of duty after having assisted in the extinguishment of a residential structure fire located in the community of Encino.

On Saturday, Aug. 14, fire companies of Los Angeles Firefighters and one LAHF rescue ambulance responded to a reported structure fire at 5716 North Jamaican Ave. in Encino. The first company arrived quickly to report smoke showing from a one-story wood-frame and stucco single-family dwelling. Firefighters swiftly forced entry and using aggressive and well-coo-

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A Holiday Gift Returns

The Club’s famous refund checks will be distributed in December.

The disbursement of the Club’s life insurance refund checks has been moved back to December, the Club Board announced. The Club has distributed the checks in December for most of its 76 years. The schedule was altered the last few years.

The disbursement is expected to be one of the largest in recent times, according to Brian Trent, Club Chief Financial Officers. The exact amount and schedule of the disbursement will be announced next month.

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Every one is talking about ClubFest 2004.

This is your final chance to purchase tickets for ClubFest 2004, scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 3, at Calamigos Ranch overlooking the hills of Malibu.

No tickets will be sold at the door! For 2004, the Club has reserved more space and more activities. This is to accommodate more people, because demand has been strong. Still, admissions will be strictly limited to 3,000 people! Will you be one of them?

Listen to what people are saying about ClubFest 2004, coming up fast Oct. 3.

“This is just a great picnic,” said Charlotte Bullock, a Club member and Senior Clerk Typtat at LA. She was sitting at a picnic table in the comfortable shade with the self-described “Fab 3”—herself, Rose Delgado and Robin Cannon, a System Aid in IA and Club member.

“It’s great for families, great for everyone,” Charlotte continued. “It’s wonderful, the way it should be. Everyone is free to do what they want. Look at all those kids,” she said, indicating the hundreds of kids frolicking with the foam machine. “It’s all so carefree. ‘Nobody wants to go home.’

“I am getting very excited for this year’s ClubFest. It was so much fun last year, that my kids have been asking me about the next ClubFest all year long,” wrote Nancy Thomas of the DOT in a letter to the editor this month.

“I can’t wait!”

“On a scale of one to 10, it was a 10-plus,” said Tessimah Shackleford, a Club member and

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The Ultimate Picnic!

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A Family Picnic Like No Other

A summer slowly comes to a close, we already start missing all the elements this favored season brings. Ice cream cones dripping from the little hands of children. The refreshing spray of a sprinkler. The sound of laughter at a family picnic and the smell of barbecued chicken. I know I’ll miss all these things when summer is long past.

Wouldn’t it be nice to be able to experience some of these pleasures even after summer’s gone? Simply ask someone who attended ClubFest last year. They’re going back this year because all these things bring back memories of last year’s event. It brings every City department together for a day of fun, food and fond memories and creates memories that bring back summer for one more day. From the Airport, General Services, Building and Safety to the Harbor DWP, Fire and Police, many we’ve talked to are going to make ClubFest a yearly tradition. Remember to mark the date on your calendar, Sunday Oct. 3, and be prepared for that “Fourth of July” feeling.

Christmas, believe it or not, is right around the corner. Several years ago we advanced the annual life insurance refund distribution date from December up to September. However, many of you told us that you relied on the annual refund being in December because you used the refund money to buy holiday gifts for those special people in your life. Coupled with the fact that it made more sense logistically from our end, we decided to move it back to December. And best of all, we are anticipating the largest refund ever. We’ll let you know the exact amount in the October issue of Alive!

As many of us prepare to send our kids back to school, I can only help but think about the family of the fallen firefighter Jaime Foster, and my heart goes out to them. Please keep them in your prayers. Jaime was a fellow City employee who lost her life in the line of duty last month. Let’s remember her in our thoughts.

Member Benefits

As a member of the Club you have access to a host of valuable services and products:

Discount Tickets
• TICKET EXPRESS: Buy tickets by Phone, Mail, or Web site
• Theme parks and attractions (up to 70% off!)
• Movies - all major screens (up to 50% off!)
• Plays, musicals, the arts, sports events

Alive! Newspaper
• Back issues (up to 3 months)
• Free classifieds
• News that matters!
• Department of the Month
• Opinion column
• Movie reviews
• Organized Club information

Group Rated Insurance Products
• Term Life Insurance
• Long Term Disability
• Short Term Disability Insurance
• Long Term Care Insurance
• Cancer Insurance
• Group Rated Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance
• Group Rated Auto and Homeowners Insurance

Plus...
• The Famous “Refund Check” – 14% of premiums returned in 2003!
• Pet Insurance

More Benefits
• Legal Services Plan
• Free Notary Service
• Scholarships
• Contests, contests, contests!
• Travel Discounts
• Home Loans

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He Agrees: What Were Dodgers Thinking With the Recent Trades?

I am responding to the letter left by Rick Myers in the August issue of Alive! Like Myers, I have been a longtime Dodger fan. I am also not pleased with the Dodgers’ move by Frank McCourt. Myers speaks of the Dodgers trading key players and it happened. What were the Dodgers thinking when they traded Guillermo Mota, the pitcher with the lowest ERA in the National League and was the most sought-after pitcher in the Major Leagues because of his fantastic pitching as a closer leading up to Eric Gagne to save the games? What was the Dodgers front office thinking when they traded Paul Lo Duca, a two-time all star catcher with a 330 plus bat- ting average and was one of the captains of the Dodgers ball club? I just hope that whatever they were thinking that it puts the Dodgers deep into the post-sea- son at the very least.

Last thing: Don’t fire Jim Tracy, whatever you do, General Manager Paul DePodesta!

— Roger Leonard, DWP

She Enjoyed My Cinema Access, Club’s Movie Screening Benefit

Hi Ticket Guy, thank you very much. My sis- ter and I enjoyed the tickets at the Arclight theater. What an experience! We have never attended an advanced screening so far, this was a fun thing to do when you have the time. We will definitely do it again. It kept us in sus- pense up to a certain point and then, they would give you a clue to continue with the suspense and more surprises regarding the char- acters. I know the movie will do very well.

Thank again.

— Irma Mulac, DWP

[Editor’s note: Irma was referring to seeing The Manchurian Candidate as part of the Club’s My Cinema Access benefit Interest? Call the Ticket Guy (888) 464-4042.]

After First Office Depot Discount, He Really Recommends the Club

I just wanted to let everyone who reads the ALIVE! and who thinking about becoming a member of the Club that there is no reason to think about it. Just do it!

I will tell you who you get the best Citywide newspaper that keeps in touch with all your colleagues. Not only that but you get some great discounts that no other association or City group could provide. I just linked my credit card to the special Club Office Depot dis- count, and I saved more than I could have ever imagined. I would have paid $324 for office and school supplies, but when the Office Depot clerk swiped my card, it went down to $137! Holy savings, Batman!

The City Employees Club is the best thing that could have ever happened to City employ- ees.

— Raymond Lewis, Club Member

[Editor’s note: Glad you’re enjoying the benefit, Raymond! If readers haven’t joined the Club’s free Office Depot discount program, what are you waiting for? Look for the specific instructions in the story elsewhere in this issue of Alive!—Ed.]
Goodbye, Olivia

By Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

Beloved Club member Olivia Valenzuela retires from LAPD.

After 23 years of service, Clerk Typist Olivia Valenzuela retired from the LAPD with a luncheon Aug. 12. She has been a Club member for 22 of 23 of those years.

The luncheon was held in the Golden Ballroom of the New Otani Hotel downtown. It’s the very room Olivia has used to plan the first holiday joint celebration of the LAPD.

Her legacy will continue, as many of Olivia’s family members work for the Police Department or the City,” says Thom Brennan, the Personnel Division’s commanding officer.

April Richmond of the LAPD graciously provided the following information on Olivia:

Since being appointed on April 20, 1981, and assigned to the PM Correspondence Unit, Records Services Section, Clerk Typist Oliffe Valenzuela has demonstrated that she has the overall qualities that one would associate with a ‘dream’ employee.

She quickly became skilled in all the functions performed by the personnel in the Correspondence Unit and in particular, she became expert in handling the Police clearance desk. The person who is assigned to the Police clearance desk must have an understanding of the rules dictating the release of this information; she must be able to handle the public and present a good public relations image even in the face of angry and frustrated individuals who do not understand why they cannot get the service they are requesting.

Olivia also has the ability to converse with Spanish-speaking citizens who telephone or walk-in for service and or information. She was loaned to the Day Watch correspondence Unit due to the longterm illness of the person who is assigned to the Police clearance desk. She has willingly handled her home life and outside responsibilities to accommodate the unit in this crisis. In addition, she has taken on the responsibilities of being the relief supervisor. She remains calm and serene even though short deployment and work loads become too heavy to handle. She is a model of efficiency in her quiet way and is a boon to Records Services Section, which seems to have continuing shortages of personnel and a high rate of personnel turnover.

Olivia is the backbone of the unit and her dedication and loyalty prevents the unit from collapsing.

In 1983 she went back to Records and Identification. She took the initiative to train new employees and new supervisors; she always put forth extra effort when the Unit is short on personnel, she was a self-motivated employee.

In 1992 Olivia transferred to the Administrative Office of Personnel Division where her assignment of Divisional Timekeeper immediately excelled to her secondary role as secretary and sometimes even adjutant. To promote even greater accuracy in record keeping, Olivia instituted an incentive program. Any section with error-free records received a chile verde dinner. Errors dropped dramatically, and one section earned the prize. Olivia developed this skill for motivating people; hence the title ‘Social Director.’ She enjoyed remembering everyone’s birthday and made sure there was a cake and gift. Olivia was the ‘heart of morale’ in the Captain’s office. She enjoyed planning and carrying out retirement luncheons and divisional fundraising.

The Club wishes Olivia the very best of congratulations and a fantastic retirement. Stay in touch, Olivia!
Don’t Miss the Ultimate Picnic

ClubFest 2004

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retired DWP employee.

“You can’t beat it,” he continued. “We want to come back here [Calamigos Ranch] again next year. Please!”

You got it, Tecumseh!

Talk to your Club Counselor or call the Ticket Guy today. Don’t miss out!

Here’s the schedule:

Sunday, October 3, 2004, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

At Calamigos Ranch, above Malibu

BBQ Lunch - Noon to 2 p.m.

• Shredded Roast Beef covered in BBQ sauce served on French rolls. Calamigos BBQ Chicken, vegetarian Texas-style Chili, Iowa corn cob, lettuce, crispy California garden salad, seasonal fruit salad, rolls and butter

Hot dog and grilled corn bar - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• Hot dogs, chili, grilled corn on the cob

Refreshments available all day!

• Soft drinks, lemonade, iced tea and coffee, popcorn and assorted frozen novelties

• Some things you may want to bring: Beach/lawn chair, swim suits, towels and sunscreen lotion

• Please, no pets or outside alcoholic beverages.

Fun Things to Do:

• Air pillow, adult and children’s bingo, carnival booths, balloons, DJ’s, dunk tank, face painting, foam machines, hayrides, human spheres, bungee run, basketball, picnic games with prizes, pony rides, farm animals, puppet show, rainbow slip and slide, horse shoe, survivor challenge, Sumo wrestling, sand volleyball, giant inflatable slide, merry-go-round, softball/soccer field, paddle boating, swimming and ping-pong.

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3:30 p.m.

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Los Angeles

For further information, contact Anthony at 310-200-4189.
Congratulations to the WINNERS! of our Club Coloring Contest!

Congratulations to the winners of Alive’s summer coloring contest. Everyone who turned in a design is a winner in our opinion! But our top three participants win four passes (each) to LEGOLAND.

Look for our next contest in the October edition of Alive!

Honorable Mention

Sandra Orellana, 10
FAVORITE TV SHOW: Sponge Bob
FAVORITE SNACK: Hog Cheaters
BEST FRIEND: Kyle
WHY I WANT TO GO TO LEGOLAND: I would want to have fun with my family. I love so much.
PARENTS: William Orellana, Timely

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Welcome to the Port

By Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

Port of LA continues with its new employee orientation.

The Port of LA held another in its series of new employee orientations July 20, in the Harbor Administration Building.

The day included a boat tour of the harbor aboard the Angistor II.

As in past orientations, the City Employees Club hosted a Continental breakfast for the new and transfer employees.

Welcome to the Harbor, new employees!

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Refunds Will Come at Holiday Time

Refund Check

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“We the actual Plan Period for the Life Insurance Products (Member & Spouse), which the refund check is based upon, covers August 1 through July 31 of each year,” Trent explains. “Historically, the calculation of the Experience Rating Refund took at least two months. Add another two months to prepare checks and distribution procedures. Voila, a December refund.”

The past few years, Trent continues, the disbursement was moved forward two months, but that caused distribution errors, mostly lost or misdirected checks.

This way, the Board Of Directors, which ultimately determines the actual refund amount, does not feel rushed into a decision on limited information. It has time to assess the needs of the Association and Membership before the specific amount is declared,” he says.

“This year the Board has committed to giving back one of the largest refunds in recent times. The extra time will allow a thorough assessment of the Association’s finances so that every possible prudent dollar is given back to the membership.”

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John Curtin celebrates his 50th birthday.

Happy Birthday, John

Club member John Curtin turns 50 years old on September 9.
He has been working for the City for 18 years. John’s 16-year-old son is putting together a scrapbook of his dad’s appearances in Alive! Make sure you include this one!
Happy birthday, John. Many more.
LAFD’s Jaime Foster Dies While on Duty

Firefighter Jaime Foster eulogized at downtown cathedral.

Friends, family and firefighters from throughout the nation gathered Friday, Aug. 20, at the memorial service for fallen firefighter Jaime Foster at Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral downtown.

The service followed a traditional firefighter cortège and procession through downtown to the cathedral.

"Though she was with us only a short time, she will leave a lasting legacy," Fire Chief William Bamattre told those gathered at the cathedral, which seats 3,000 and was full.

"She is a hero in death, and she was a hero in life. She was the epitome of our motto — service without self."

Foster’s badge, No. 1021, was retired from service and presented to her mother, Gloria.

The day before, at the Fallen Firefighters Memorial groundbreaking ceremony held at the Fire Museum in Hollywood, she was remembered. Her name will be the 71st to be engraved on the memorial.

During the memorial ceremony at the cathedral, Mayor Jim Hahn described Foster as being "the total package."

"She gave everything she had in everything she did. One look at that picture of her smile tells you all you need to know of what kind of wonderful person she was."

LAFD Memorial Groundbreaking Honors Jaime Foster, Others

A special tribute was constructed Thursday, Aug. 19, in time for the groundbreaking ceremony at the LAFD Historical Museum in Hollywood. During the ceremony there was a moment of silence for Jaime. Guest speakers included Mayor Jim Hahn, Councilman Tom LaBonge, President of the Board of Fire Commissioners Jay Goodin, and LAFD Chief William Bamattre.

The family has requested that donations be made in Jaime Foster’s honor to the LAFD Historical Society – Fallen Firefighter Memorial.

LAFD Historical Society
Fallen Firefighter Memorial
1355 North Cahuenga Blvd
Hollywood, CA 90028

The Los Angeles Fire Department has received a tremendous outpouring of support during this difficult time. Your Firefighters wish to thank you and express our deepest appreciation for all the kind words and gestures that have been provided.
Bottom-Line Savings

Here’s a look at how much you can save with the Club’s Office Depot benefit.

Have you used your Office Depot discount yet? It’s free!

The Club offers office supplies discounts to all members. Just follow these steps:

1. Contact Ken Meyer or one of his staff by using the Club hotline: (818) 837-2524, or kmeyer@officedepot.com
2. Identify yourself as a Club member, and give him your Club ID number.
3. If he does not answer, leave a message and he or his staff will call you back.
4. Do not leave your credit card number on his answering machine.
5. When you talk to Ken or one of his staff, give him the number of the credit card you wish to link to the program. (You must use this card to receive the discount.)
6. Wait a day or two for your linked card to become active.
7. Start saving!

Here are some handy tips:

1. You must first register your credit card with Ken Meyer, as detailed above. You cannot register for this discount at a store.
2. This is not the “Advantage” program, which is for regular consumers. The Club discount is a special bulk purchasing discount and is not available to the general public. (You do not have to buy in bulk, you can buy as much or as little as you like. You get to take advantage of the buying power of the Club.)
3. Once you have registered, you do not need to show your Club card. Your Club card will not get you the discount — your linked credit card will get you the discount.
4. Local store managers will likely not have any knowledge of this discount and cannot help you get it. This program comes from the corporate level.
5. To get the discount, you must use the credit card you registered with the Office Depot system. The discount does not work with cash purchases, or with purchases made with any other credit card.
6. The key to knowing how much you save is to watch the cash register. At first it will display how much you would normally pay. A few moments after you swipe your registered credit card, a new total will be displayed. That new total will reflect your special Club discount.
7. Not all items are discounted, and some items are discounted more than others. There are tips in the main story for checking on items before you leave for a store.

Happy saving!

Sample Savings!

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Grounds for Joy
By Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

Club donates big coffee maker to West Valley Sanitation.

The Club, wanting to contribute to the drivers of the Valley Solid Resources Division of the Bureau of Sanitation, donated a commercial coffee maker.

The Club acted in response to a request by the West Valley yard: They needed a coffee maker, and the Club delivered it Aug. 8. Adriana Nunez, Clerk Typist and Club member, in June passed along to the Club the need for a coffee maker to accommodate the number of drivers who enjoy a nice cup of coffee to brighten their morning route.

After weeks of research, the Club found the Bunn Commercial coffee maker, which brews 3.8 gallons of “perfect” coffee per hour (approximately eight pots) and requires no plumbing (completely portable). It features all stainless steel construction and black décor. The Club also purchased three decanters and a supply of filters.

Enjoy your new coffee maker, compliments of the Club.

Haven House
Helping battered women and their children on their way towards a life free of violence.

We need your help to help save lives. You can help in so many ways: cash donations, clothing, food, volunteering. Every little bit helps more than you’d think. Every donation is greatly appreciated. No matter how much. Contact us today at 626.564.8880 to find out how you can help.

For more information on how to donate, please visit our website at www.havenhousesela.org or call us at (626) 564-8880.

If you or someone you know needs help, call us now at our 24-Hour Hotline at 1-866-663-2932.

Haven House is the oldest shelter of its kind in the United States, founded in 1964 to shelter families of violent alcoholics.

Our services include counseling services for women and children in residence and counseling for community clients who are not residents of the shelter:

- Emergency shelter, food and clothing
- Bilingual counseling services for both adults and children
- Assistance with finding permanent housing
- Assistance with finding employment
- Out and social services advocacy
- Assistance with getting welfare
- Legal assistance (TROs etc.)
- Medical services

Radio Show
By Robert Larios, Club Operations Manager

Radio personality congratulates Transportation crew.

“Chipmunk,” an on-air personality on radio station 100.3 FM The Beat, visited the crew at the Dept. of Transportation’s Valley Enforcement Area in North Hollywood July 21 to congratulate them on a job well done.

The deejay came in a radio station van and gave out food prizes, L.A. Sparks game tickets, movie tickets and other items. Here are some photos of the visit.
Employees are recognized for helping implement the street sign decal project highlighted in Alive! in May.

Those DOT employees who agreed to take on the special street sign sticker replacement program—and who made it a success—were recognized for their good work at a ceremony July 21 at the Western District Office Building.

Jimmy Price, Chief of Bureau of Parking Enforcement and Traffic Control, lead the recognition event. As featured in the May issue of Alive!, the DOT parking enforcement division had a big problem, and solved it in a unique way: More than 170,000 stickers affixed to parking regulation signs in the City had deteriorated, faded or just plain fell off their signs, making them ineffective at best or downright misleading at worst. The division was working on a solution that normally would have taken four years to complete.

But a television investigation, even though it was incorrect in stating that officers were writing bad tickets (it was the signs that were bad), accelerated the timetable. That’s when DOT Deputy Chief Rudy Carrasco changed the rules—City employees cooperated with unions and vendors to solve this problem once and for all, not in four years but in six weeks.

Traffic officers and street cleaners agreed to change their normal job duties and focus instead on replacing the bad street signs. “A number of DOT staff members voluntarily took on duties and tasks beyond their job descriptions to ensure the success of this effort,” said Wayne Tanda, GM of DOT. “The actions of DOT staff and the unions are simply extraordinary. And so is the level of cooperation and support of the Bureau of Street Services, led by its Director, Bill Robertson. This is a great example of how focusing on an outcome can shape our processes to get things done, versus letting existing processes dictate what cannot get done.”

“We commended you from the bottom of our hearts...it was a noble effort by all involved,” said Bureau of Parking Enforcement and Traffic Control Chief Jimmy L. Price.

Recognized officers enjoy the great food made and served by the sergeants and other upper management staff.

They Stuck to It

By Bev Haro, Club Counselor

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Health Care Providers List Approved by Committee

In a World of Uncertainty, We Can Offer You a Guarantee...

By Phil Skarin, RLACEI Publicity Chair

Join us at the Wednesday, Dec. 9 election of officers at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center, 5036 Van Nuys Blvd., Sherman Oaks. If you come at noon, you will receive a free chicken lunch, courtesy of RLACEI. Lunch reservations are required! Call one of the officers by Oct. 7.

Ed Harding, RLACEI President, invites all retirees and their spouses to attend our Annual Convention Meeting and Election of Officers at 1 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 14, at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center, 5036 Van Nuys Blvd., Sherman Oaks.

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Poetry Contest: Our tenth annual Poetry Contest deadline is Oct. 1. Send typed copies to Phil Skarin. Valuable prizes! Everyone wins! Any style, any length.

In this country of many freedoms,

The Freedom to Fail

In many different areas.

The more failures we will have,

The more things we try to do,

The more we will succeed.

The Freedom to Fail. —Phil Skarin
DWP Retirees Picnic Draws 900 To Rosemead from Several States

By Dolores Foley, President, DWP Retired Employees Association

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Retired Employees’ 51st annual Picnic and Reunion was held from 9 am to 3 pm Saturday, June 5, at The Meadows of Legg Lake in Rosemead.

Approximately 900 DWP retirees and guests attended the annual reunion picnic. Refreshments were served all day, and the lunch menu included hot dogs, barbequed chicken and ribs, potato salad, fresh fruit and ice cream. There was a clown to entertain the children with magic tricks and face painting, and bingo for the “grownups.” More than 100 door prizes were given away.

The weather was great, and retirees had a wonderful time visiting with old friends. Many retirees came from Northern California and from other states as far away as Texas.

Here are photos of the event.

‘Working for L.A.’

Many of the more than 900 who attended the DWP Retirees picnic got to view the DWP’s newest exhibit of its services, “We’re Working for L.A.”

Active employee and LADWP Speakers Bureau member Ben Wright greeted members of the board of the DWP Retired Employees’ Association when they visited the Department’s new comprehensive exhibit.

40% OFF
Discount given to all City, DWP, Fire and LAPD personnel.
John Reamer Appointed Contract Adm. Director

John L. Reamer Jr. has been appointed director of Public Works’ Bureau of Construction Administration. His appointment was made in July by Valerie Lynne Shaw, president of the Board of Public Works Commission.

In his new position, Reamer will also serve as City Inspector of Public Works, responsible for protecting the public interest in the construction of public facilities and improvements by ensuring that these projects are constructed and administered in accordance with the plans, specifications and all applicable laws. Reamer becomes one of two African Americans to head one of the five bureaus within the Department of Public Works, the City’s third largest department.

Commissioner Shaw described Reamer as “a dedicated, energetic, and astute manager who has outstanding leadership, organizational and human relations skills and who is committed to improving the quality of life and providing opportunities for the citizens of this City.”

“John has a track record of almost 20 years with this Department and is full of outstanding achievements and accomplishments,” she said. “Moreover, he further contributes to his community in his off-hours by participating in a long list of meaningful civic activities.”

“His commitment over the last 20 years to the City of Los Angeles and the Department of Public Works, along with his leadership and expertise, will serve him well in this new position,” said Mayor Jim Hahn.

Reamer has been a member of the Bureau of Contract Administration since 1988, beginning as assistant construction inspector II and, most recently, as chief construction inspector. He entered City service in 1985.

As chief construction inspector, Reamer managed the Bureau’s Wastewater Projects Construction Division. That division provides contract administration and construction management services for projects totaling more than $555 million.

“I have the privilege of serving with a group of dedicated professionals who are tasked with overseeing construction projects throughout the City,” Reamer said. “We have the distinct pleasure of contributing to the maintenance and improvement of the City’s infrastructure by ensuring quality construction.”

“We also serve as a communications link for the Department/City by interacting with home-owners, business owners and visitors to Los Angeles on a regular basis. We make sure projects are built correctly and with as little inconvenience to the public as possible.”

Reamer said that, in addition to these efforts, the Bureau administers minority, women and other business enterprise subcontractor outreach programs for the Department of Public Works.

It also oversees the equal employment opportunity/affirmative action program for City contracts, state and federal prevailing wage laws for public works construction contracts and provides citywide certification for minority, women, other and disadvantaged business enterprises.

Among his activities away from work, Reamer serves as senior pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Los Angeles and is president of the 86th Street Block Club.

The Bureau of Contract Administration is one of five bureaus within the Department of Public Works, which is managed by the Board of Public Works. The Department of Public Works is responsible for construction, renovation and operation of the City’s facilities and infrastructure.

City/County cultural Website is the dream project of a Club member.

ExperienceLA.com, the cultural events and transportation Website that is a joint venture between the City and County, turned one year old this summer and is a success.

The site is made possible by the Community Redevelopment Agency (CLARA), Cultural Affairs and the DWP, along with Los Angeles County, USC, Metro, the City of Long Beach, LA Inc. (the Convention and Visitors Bureau) and the City of Santa Monica.

It’s the brainchild of CLARA employee and longtime Club member Curtis Gibbs, who developed the concept and rounded up all of the funding and the partners, and then implemented the project.

For more than half a century, the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles (CLARA) has been Los Angeles’ public partner in housing, commercial, neighborhood and economic development. CLARA is dedicated to revitalizing, refurbishing, and renewing economically underserved areas of Los Angeles.

Since its creation in 1948, CLARA’s main task is to lend a hand to investors willing to take risks for a more vibrant city; to neighborhood residents with renewed aspirations for their communities; and to those in need who strive to take part in the city’s growing prosperity.

The CLARA collaborates with numerous city departments and other public agencies, especially the Housing and Community Development Departments and the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA). The Mayor’s Office and Council offices often facilitate this collaboration, lending an overall vision to this inter-departmental and inter-agency work.

Get a sampling of the best LA has to offer, and celebrate the successful project of a Club member at the same time! Go to ExperienceLA.com.
Cup Taketh Away

by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

The Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce held its golf tournament July 15 at the Navy Golf Course in Cypress.

The tournament provided the chance for Harbor and Port of Long Beach employees, along with neighboring businesses, to raise money for a scholarship fund. They also played for the rights to the tournament trophy! Unfortunately, the Port of Long Beach won.

Here is an excerpt from the Harbor Dept.’s newsletter:

"Sad, but true, the Port of Long Beach has finally stolen the Harbor Cup from the Port of Los Angeles.

After a seven-year winning streak at the Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce Golf Tournament, our friendly competitor snagged the Cup at the last second. Both ports were tied with a score of 13 under par, but on the most difficult hole, POLB birdied for the win, while POLA got par. Repeating us in this extremely close call were Mike Rubino and Mark Hansen of the Pilot Station. Also playing for POLA were Commissioner Nicholas Tonsich, Anthony Santich, Commission Officer David Walsh, Henry Martinez and Harry Yamatsuka, Engineering with Dennis Ogren, C&M, and Martin Lovato, Albert Robles and Dave Chrismas, C&M, with Engineering retiree Ron Sakoda.

"Watch it, Long Beach: We’re taking it back next year!"

The Club sponsored Hole 17. Closest to the pin won a $100 gift certificate to Golfsmith.

The Port of Long Beach Team.

The golf tournament sign.

The trophy.
LaBonge Says Thanks

By Liz Montes, Club Counselor

Council District 4 throws a thank-you barbecue for City employees.

Thursday, August 5, Councilmember Tom LaBonge and the staff of the Fourth District invited City employees to a barbecue at the Griffith Park Ranger Station.

More than 100 City employees from the Los Angeles Zoo, Recreation and Parks, Bureau of Street Lighting, LAPD and other departments enjoyed barbequed hamburgers, pasta, pizza and many other goodies.

Thanks for inviting the Club along, Councilman!

Here are photos of the event.

From left: Herman Landry, LAPD; Gene Boym, Rec and Parks; David Silverman, City Planning; and Jon Perica, City Planning.

From left: Mike Ybarra, LAPD; Tom LaBonge, Councilmember District 4; and Nick Aldana, LAPD.

From left: Irwin Chadash, Transportation; John Lewis, Los Angeles Zoo; Jeffrey Ziliotto, Street Lighting; and Chris Mosman, Street Lighting.

From left: John Olinger, Contract Administration; Ed Elbakyan, Street Lighting; and Art Newborn, Street Lighting.
Does your pet look like you?

**Bee Aware!**

**Don’t let your fun get stung: be careful.**

Summertime brings a lot of fun summer activities – swimming, biking, hiking, picnicking and just enjoying the outdoors. There are a lot of safety precautions to be aware of, and any good parent knows to read up on what to do just in case. I know that I, as a parent, cringe when I think about the kinds of trouble my kids and pets could get into as soon as I step away from the yard and so, to make myself feel a little better, I like to spend the last hours of the evening checking about what would my kids might do if this happened, or if they might ever find themselves in a given situation. Sometimes, I think I may overdo it but, as they say, better safe than sorry.

So, we’ve been talking about Africanized honey bees, more commonly referred to as “killer bees.” To my six-year-old Nikki and eight-year-old Stephen, “killer bees” sounds awsome and scary – something straight out of a movie that should be entitled Attack of the Killer Honey Bees and in line with Attack of the Killer Tomatoes. Oh yes, since the kids are so little, there’s this other topic that just popped into my head: Honey Bees Kill Winnie-the-Pooh.

All kidding set aside, though, the Africanized honey bee is one more thing that anyone enjoying the outdoors should be aware of. While it may be exaggerated, the Africanized honey bee’s “killer” reputation does have some basis in that there have been isolated instances where people and animals have been stung to death by them.

The Africanized honey bee (AHB) is closely related to and looks like the domestic honey bee used in crop pollination and honey production. The difference is in the fact that the domestic honey bee has been bred to produce honey and live in harmony with humans, in contrast with the AHB honey bee that is wild, less predictable, more defensive and has a quicker temperament. Africanized honey bees are more likely to snap at a threat at greater distances. They respond faster and sting in greater quantities.

Africanized honey bees swarm frequently to establish new nests. They will nest almost anywhere: in empty boxes, cans, buckets or other containers; in old tires, infrequently used vehicles; holes and cavities in fences, trees or the ground; and in sheds, garages and other outbuildings.

So here’s some good advice: “be aware” of your surroundings – you never know what could be buzzing overhead. Here are a few safety tips for all of us to keep in mind when enjoying the outdoors:

**Bee-patrol** your home. Check once or twice a week for bees entering or leaving the same area of your home or yard. Listen for the sound of bees in the air. Persistent buzzing may mean a hive or swarm is nearby.

**Bee-proof** your home. Remove possible nesting sites, such as cracks or holes in outside walls. Put screens on the tops of rainboxes. Remove piles of trash and junk. Call authorities or pest removal companies to remove nests or swarms.

**Bee-alert** Watch for numbers of bees flying around. Listen for buzzing sounds. If you encounter either, leave the area immediately. Before picking up a picnic site or setting up camp, scout the area for bees. Never allow young children to play in an area that has not been checked for bees.

**Bee smart** Never disturb a nest. Stay away from all bee swarms and colonies. Teach children to be cautious and respectful of all bees. Teach children how to respond if attacked. Develop a safety plan for your home and yard. Know where to run if attacked.

**Bee prepared.** If attacked: Run away! Go quickly to a safe area. Do not sit down. The movement will cause them to sting. Do not “freeze” in place.

**Bee stung?**

- Remove the stinger quickly and as soon as possible. This is in a sideways motion with a fingernail, card, cardboard or similar material.
- Wash the stung area with soap and water.
- Apply an ice pack or use sting-kill ointment.
- Do not remove the stinger, as it will square more venom in to the body.
- Do not try to pinch or pluck the stingers when removing the stinger, as it will square more venom in to the body.
- Do not cut the skin to try to suck venom or use a meat tenderizer on the wound as this could lead to an infection.

So now that you are a bee expert, and since we, in Los Angeles, often have summer extend into October, you’ll have another topic to discuss at your next barbecue. Also, should your children ever want a scary story, you can make up a story about losing honey bees. Pooh decided to grab some honey from a killer bee hive and then, very seriously, chat with his friends about what they might do just in case. After all, you never know.

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**Call the following numbers for information or help:**

(For immediate medical attention if stung numerous times or for any signs of swelling, difficulty breathing or allergic reaction, call 9-1-1.)

**BEE-Help** for general information and referrals:

(800) 996-CITY: To report hives or swarms of bees that are in a tree located in the public right of way. This is the number to L.A. City’s Public Works Bureau of Street Services Request section.

(310) 756-9838: To report a building manager, neighbor or homeowner who fails to address a bee problem. This is the number to L.A. City’s (Building) Code Enforcement.

**Local Pest Control:** For removal of all hives or swarms of bees on private property (call an exterminator).

To reach L.A’s Animal Care and Control Center (Shelter, call (888) 4LA-PE11 (1-888) 455-7811) [TTY Hearing Impaired: (877) 877-8205] or visit the web-site: www.LAAnimalServices.com.

**Special Guest Judge:**

Jackie David of Animal Services!

**Announcing: A New Club Contest**

**The Club Pet-Owner Look-Alike Contest**

**Win a prize!**

- Send in a photo of you and your look-alike pet. You could win a $50 gift certificate to Petco!
- Deadline: October 12. Results to appear in the November issue of Alleviate!
- Send in your photo now!
- Send digital photos to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com
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Come celebrate Mexican independence with food, entertainment, crafts and more.
September 16
Time: 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Place: Pueblo Heritage Museum, Pico Rivera, 126 Paseos De la Puente
Cost: Free
More info: (562) 620-1274 or www.chry.org/lp

L.A. Greek Fest 2004
Join us for fun, food and lots of dancing, Opa!
September 17 – 19
Time: Fri. 5 – 11 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m. – 11 p.m, Sun. 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Place: Springfield Officers’ Club
Cost: Free
More info: (213) 578-2424 or www.lagreekfest.com

Los Angeles County Fair
Bring the family! We’ll have fun and enjoy a day at the San Gabriel Valley’s County Fair.
September 24 – 26
Time: 10 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Place: Pomona Fair Park, 1331 W. Indiana Ave., Pomona
Cost: $5, Children under 12 Free
More info: (909) 823-3111 or wwwCountyFair.com

Oktober Fest
Come join us for German zumm! Bring German beer to your family during a day of German food, drink and entertainment.
September 24
Time: 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Place: Bavarian Beer Garden, 226 W. Sunset Blvd., Torrance
Cost: $9, Children under 12 Free
More info: (310) 527-4388 or wwwOktoberfestLA.com

31st Annual Los Angeles Korean Festival
Come celebrate the Korean culture with food and entertainment.
September 25
Time: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Place: Alpine Village
Cost: $5, Children under 12 Free
More info: (310) 441-0080 or wwwKoreanFest.com

23rd Annual Watts Towers Art Festival
Day of the Dead (Día de los Muertos)
November 2
Time: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Place: Watts Towers Art Complex
Cost: Free
More info: (323) 667-2000 or wwwwatts towers.org

Unity Fest 2004
Enjoy a day of celebration of Global, Latin American, Middle Eastern, Asian, European, Native American and Pacific African Villages.
October 16
Time: 10 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Place: Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum
Cost: Free
More info: (213) 859-3859 or wwwcoliseumla.com

KTLA Kids Day LA
A festival celebrating the kids of Los Angeles! There will be arts and crafts, games and food. Please note the walk time for details.
October 16
Time: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Place: Live Oak Community and Organizational Center
Cost: Free
More info: (323) 483-2376 or wwwKTLA.com

Dia de los Muertos at Hollywood Bowl
A Festival of the Dead...come and experience the somberness, darkness and beauty of these traditions, skull costumes and paintings. It’s truly a spooky yet exciting experience.
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Time: 4 – 11 p.m.
Place: Hollywood Bowl
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Fun at the Harbor

By Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

HDEC throws family picnic.

The Harbor Dept. Employees Club held its 2004 Employees Picnic Aug. 14 at the Harbor Pistol Range Picnic Area. Bruce Seaton, Harbor COO, signed up for the Club during the picnic. Welcome, Bruce!

The Club would like to thank Holly Carlson, HDEC, Secretary, and Rene Rodriguez, HDEC President, for inviting us. “I really wanted to thank Christine McMillan and Dave Chrisman for helping me out,” says Holly Carlson. “HDEC wanted to have an old-fashioned picnic where no one had to volunteer, and we could just have fun.”

The watermelon-eating contest. First place trophy was awarded to Cynthia Banks.

The ice cream cart was a big hit with the young and old.

Back, from left: Rica Viola, Property Manager, Club member; Mike Anderson, guest; and Pauline Ho, Pilot Station, 20 years. Seated: Guests Michelle Acosta and Nicole Zehner.

From left: Kristi Prentice, C&M Carpenter, 3 years; Club member; with wife Delmy, son Jahvon and daughter Janessa in the stroller.

Back, from left: Sandra Hashimoto, spouse, with Stacy Hashimoto, Engineering, 4 years, Club member. Front: Sons Ray and Grant Hashimoto.

This is the putting green contest. The putting green contest was popular with all ages.

From left: Tony Alvarado, Security Officer, 5 years; with wife, Lisa, and sons Michael and Daniel.

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From left: Margaret Hernandez, Director, Contracts and Purchasing, 25 years, Club member; with dog Chris and son Gilbert.

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Back, from left: Sara Alvarado, spouse, with Tony Alvarado, Security Officer, 5 years.

From left: Theresa Williams, spouse, and Tina Dominguez, guest. Right side: Son Li Rick Williams with Rick Williams, C&M Warehouse, 17 years, Club member.

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From left: Eric Bertone, relative of a Harbor employee.

The Picnic Organizer Team, from left: Christine McMillan; Dave Chrisman (former president of the HDEC); Holly Carlson, HDEC Secretary and first place trophy winner of “Who Wants to Be a Hundredaire.”

Back, from left: Dan Burnett, C&M MMC Helper, 14 years, Club member, with wife Trish and son Donald. Front: Daughter Sarah.

The Picnic Organizer Team, from left: Christine McMillan; Dave Chrisman (former president of the HDEC); Holly Carlson, HDEC Secretary and first place trophy winner of “Who Wants to Be a Hundredaire.”

Left side, from left: Keena Benedict, guest; QuShay Samuel, daughter; Eric Samuel Jr., son; Carol Samuel, wife; Eric Samuel Sr., C&M Carpenter, 7 years, Club member; and LK Samuel, brother. Right side: Sylvia Samuel, mother.

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From left: Kris Cristina, guest; Dave Cristina; C&M Carpenter Supervisor, 27 years, Club member; Dan Hargrove; C&M Plumber, 20 years, and Steve Hanger, C&M Machinist, 23 years, Club member.

From left: Dan Burnett, C&M MMC Helper, 14 years, Club member. Front: Sons Ray and Grant Hashimoto.

The putting green contest. The putting green contest was popular with all ages.

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Back, from left: Sara Alvarado, spouse, with Tony Alvarado, Security Officer, 5 years.

The ice cream cart was a big hit with the young and old.

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Eric Bartos, relief at a Hundred apes.

Son Justin with dad Al Gutierrez, C&M Helper, 4 years.

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Exit Laughing

By Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

Engineer and Club member Frank Bonoff retires from City after more than 38 years.

On Aug. 19 at the Brookside Country Club in Pasadena, Frank Bonoff was the man of the hour at a retirement luncheon in his honor. “Come join him at what could be the funniest retirement luncheon in City history!” the invitations said.

Frank has been a Club member since 1999.

Here is the City resolution produced in his honor:

Whereas, Frank V. Bonoff, Principal Civil Engineer and the Valley District Engineer for the Bureau of Engineering, is retiring on July 23, 2004, after serving the people of the City of Los Angeles with outstanding dedication for more than 38 years; and

Whereas, Frank’s grandquests settled in Los Angeles in 1938 and Frank is a second generation native Angeleno; and

Whereas, Frank graduated from Los Angeles High School in February 1962 and graduated from the University of California Los Angeles in June 1966 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering; and

Whereas, Frank started his Engineering career with a summer job with the City of Los Angeles in June 1965 as a Student Engineer with the Bureau of Sanitation at the Hydration Treatment Plant; and

Whereas, Frank in June 1966 was hired full-time as a Civil Engineering Assistant with Bureau of Engineering; Sewer Design Division; and

Whereas, Frank for the next 26 years rotated, transferred and promoted to the following offices in the Bureau of Engineering: Coordinating Division, Storm Drain Design Division, Utility and Estimating Division Central District, Waterway Systems Division, Hyperion Construction Division, Central District – Permit Processing, Engineering Assessment Division, and the combined Assessments and Permits Division; and

Whereas, Frank in October 1993 promoted to Principal Civil Engineer in the Development Service Division where he was known as ‘Engineer of Permits’ and in July 1997 transferred to the Valley District Office his current position as Valley District Engineer; and

Whereas, Frank is married to Susan Bonoff, who has worked for LAUSD for 34 years, and has two daughters, Stephanie a graduate of UCLA and Nicole who is attending Stanford; and

Whereas, Frank has worked on many special projects such as the Bus Shelter Program, Hyperion Recovery System (HERS), GM Plant Redevelopment, and Porter Ranch; has written numerous sections of the LAMC; was instrumental in revitalizing the Bureau of Engineering; campus recruiting program and laid the effort to free scores of new engineers; and is a member of ASCE, APWA, LAPEMA, and a former Governor of EAA; and

Whereas, Frank is known for his quick wit and sense of humor and has emceed numerous retirements and parties that featured his famous slide show; and

Whereas, Frank is known to have served the City through the years with dedicated service illustrated through hard work, pride, honesty, and professionalism, and after retirement intends to devote his time to consulting work, training his Portuguese Waterdog “Maddie,” traveling, reading, comedy writing and relating to the world renewed by Basement Bonoffeature. “Now therefore, be it resolved, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Council of the City of Los Angeles does hereby commend Frank V. Bonoff for his outstanding work for the City and extend to him and his family, the best wishes for a long and enjoyable retirement.”

Congratulations from the Club, Frank and Susan. And have a great retirement.
Get away from the hustle and bustle of the city. Join your family and coworkers at the sprawling Calamigos Ranch, in the mountains above Malibu for a day filled with fun and food for the whole family.

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3 Off the Street

By Bev Haro, Club Counselor

Three longtime employees retire from Street Services.

The Bureau of Street Services said goodbye to three longtime employees at a luncheon at noon July 22 at the East Valley Yard. Retiring were Richard Martinez, Mike Nelson and Mike Stevenson, each with 36 years of service.

The Bureau’s mission, as performed by the Lot Cleaning Division, is to improve and protect public health and safety as related to the existence of noxious vegetation, trash, debris and public nuisances on privately owned and publicly owned unimproved parcels controlled by the Board of Public Works. The Lot Cleaning Division eliminates visual blight and enhances environmental safety by cleaning and removing illegal dumped material, weeds, dirt and waste from areas outside of publicly dedicated right-of-way. The Bureau presented the three with awards. The Club congratulates all three for their extraordinary dedication to the City, and happy retirement!

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Got a Permit for That Buffalo?

Animal Services employee Julie Bastian never knows what her day will bring. But safety for the public and for the animals remains her highest priority.

“I will always remember the buffalo downtown,” says Julie Bastian, recalling her most unusual stories after five years of running the Animal Services Permit Division with Officer Clarence Clegg. “There was a six in the morning, for a commercial.”

That could be a real public safety issue, with buffalo running downtown! So I was theremonitoring it. But it ended up being good for the animals. Too, there wasn’t enough water, and I said, ‘We’ll end this.’ So they trucked in more water.

‘The producers’ just needed to be reminded.’

“ But the animals in the entertainment business tend to be well taken care of,” she explains. She and Officer Clegg are in the business of the animal business—making sure that animals that will take care of and managed within the law. That means she is deeply involved with pet shops, grooming parlors, kennels, boarding stables, riding academies, rodeos and animals used in the entertainment business.

“We make sure the animals are being treated properly. And because we are officially public safety officers, I am always on the lookout to make sure the public is being kept safe. Public safety is important to us.

That’s important, she says, because people don’t have a good sense of the power of exotic animals.

“I was monitoring a special event in front of the Virgin Megastore. It was the opening for a movie. The Mummy Returns. There were camels outside. It’s an amazing thing, telling people to stay away from the camels.

People believe what’s on TV is real. I would never walk up to a wild animal and try to pet it, but people were trying to get the camel. Why are you trying to pet an eight-foot-tall creature?” I asked them. Some of the animals I deal with can really harm me, or anybody. So while I have to protect the animals, I also have to protect the people, too.

She remembers the Mummy Returns event as another unusual experience.

“It seems the doorway at the Virgin Megastore was not big enough for the camels to enter the store,” she laughs. “So the animal handlers put three camels into a freight elevator. I walked up the stairs to meet the elevator at the top.

“Well, the door opens, and they’re not there! It was completely empty! How do you lose three camels in an elevator?“ she pleads.

Apparently, the handler discovered that three camels wouldn’t fit, so he gave up and walked them back to the loading area.

That might be the fun and unusual aspect of her job. But most of what she does involves working with small business.

“Trying to get people to comply with the law is probably the toughest challenge,” Julie explains. “Getting things labeled properly at pet stores, especially. We need to know what they have in the cage, and it has to be labeled. That seems like such a simple thing, but sometimes I have to take them to the City Attorney to force them to label their cages properly and to make sure they let me know who is buying exotic animals.

“It’s sure that I get to pet a pet store, and find that nothing needs to change. Almost always, something needs to be done. Even if it’s mine.”

Another major challenge is getting new stuff to City employees—getting everything done with a small staff and within budget.

“There are all these applications pending, but there are only two of us...” she says, her voice trailing off. “I’d like to get out of the office twice a year for spot checks, but now I get out maybe just once.

“We have such a skeletal staff, they just keep cutting our budget. Our work keeps going up, but we can do only so much.”

It also bothers her that Animal Services is not always recognized for the good work that it does.

“We’re part of the Dept. Air Rescue Team, or DART. We airlift horses when they fall down cliffs, for example.

We love working with the LAPD, even though they get most of the credit for those operations. Most people don’t realize that it’s me down the cliff, putting the harness on the horse.

And our Special Enforcement Unit, too. Julie continues, “All they do all day is catch dogs, preventing dogs from attacking people. That’s very important.”

Still, it has its joys.

“Every time we meet somebody we educate them. We even hand out coupons for spaying and neutering. We try to help as much as we can.”

And even though she spends a lot of time in the office, facilitating the permit process, she is always on call for animal rescue.

“I helped rescue a huge bull mastiff puppy once,” she remembers, “and the owner hugged me. I just love that. I made a difference.”

“I make a difference every day.”

Commission Approves Plan to Pick Up Stolen Vehicles

Quality and Productivity Commission approves DOT plan to use civilian traffic officers to pick up stolen vehicles.

The City of Los Angeles’ Quality and Productivity Commission announces its strong support and encouragement for a new pilot program to be addressed by the City Council Aug. 17. The program is aimed at freeing police officers for patrol activities. Set to begin on Oct. 1 in approximately half of the City’s civilian traffic officers instead of police officers will identify, retrieve and process stolen vehicles on LA streets.

This is exactly the kind of project our Commission sought out and pushed,” explained Quality and Productivity Commissioner Howard Ekerling. “The Department of Transportation embraced the idea, knowing that their workers are more likely than police officers to find a stolen vehicle while on patrol. They understand what wasted effort it is to go to these vehicles a parking ticket rather than working to get them back to their owners. And the Police Department realized how this would allow officers to devote more time to patrol, rather than waiting for a tow truck to impound a car. Everyone realized that recovered stolen vehicles will be returned more quickly to their owners.”

The Commission endorsed the effort during 2003 and has actively advocated for its implementation with managers of both the Department of Transportation and of the Los Angeles Police Department.

Concludes Quality & Productivity Commission President Julie Butcher: “This is a great idea. It frees up the City’s police officers to concentrate on police duties. Traffic officers spend their entire workday out on the streets of the City and are clearly more likely to find vehicles that are stolen. And when traffic officers come upon these vehicles, they are much more likely to still have their radius and titles intact. This is a way the City can increase service to its residents without adding a cent to the cost of services.”

The City Council was expected to approve the pilot on its regular agenda.

Latino Heritage at the Zoo

The L.A. Zoo will be celebrating Latino Heritage throughout the park with various ethnic activities for the entire family. Come watch colorful children’s dance groups, enjoy mariachi music, make festive crafts and learn interesting facts about the Zoo’s animals and plants from Latin America. Regularly scheduled piñata-breakings for children will result in moments of a day spent at the Zoo.

The festivities are scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 18 and 19, at the Zoo in Griffith Park.

For more information, visit the Zoo’s Website, www.lasoo.org, or call (323) 644-4200.

Twelve-year-old Coco DaHaro gets a close look at the San Esteban Island chuckwalla at the L.A. Zoo. The lizard is one of the animals that will be featured at the annual Latino Heritage Celebration.

ALL IN A Day’s Work

Animal Services Officer Julie Bastian sometimes deals with animals in the entertainment business, so she does alone, until Dakota the cheetah. Dakota’s owner was going through the application process. Some of the animals I deal with could harm me, but not Dakota,” Julie says. “She kept looking at my lips. And then she kissed me.”

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Bardon Motors On

By Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

33-year LAPD veteran retires.

At an Open House at the Police Academy Parade Field was held in honor of Paul Bardon, retiring after 33 years of City service. He retires as Director of Police Transportation II. Paul oversaw more than 4,500 vehicles, valued at more than $1 million, his successor, Neil Olson, tells us.

Here is Paul’s goodbye letter:

“As most of you know, July 24, 2004 will be my last day as part of Motor Transport Division (MTD). After 33 years, the time has come for me to retire. Mr. Neil Olson, Director of Police Transportation 1, will assume command of the division.

“When I first arrived in 1971, MTD was just beginning to solidify its reputation as a fine emergency fleet operation. The big three American manufacturers were just beginning to develop vehicles specifically for police use. Concepts such as standardized vehicle equipping, and standardized preventive maintenance schedules were the new thinking. Disk brakes, power steering and air conditioning were not yet standard equipment, standardized vehicle equipping, and standardized preventive maintenance schedules were the new thinking. Disk brakes, power steering and air conditioning were not yet standard equipment, and an electronic siren was high tech for patrol cars. It would take another 10 years before light bars, Mobile Data Terminals and hand-held radios would become the norm.

“The Department, and MTD, has certainly changed over the past 30 years. During the past few years there has been so much progress, so many accomplishments. Throughout the country, and in many foreign countries, MTD is recognized as a leader in police fleet management. All of you have contributed to the division’s success and each of you should be proud. The next period of change is currently being planned and years in the future many of you will be having the same thoughts as I do now.

“In looking back, I recognize how fortunate I was to be a member of this Department and a part of MTD. The small measure of success that I have enjoyed is due in large part to your efforts, and it is not possible for me to adequately express my gratitude. It has been my privilege and an honor to be MTD’s commanding officer. I will think of you often and remember you well.

“The Club congratulates Paul on his great service to the City, and wishes him a wonderful retirement. We also thank LAPD’s employee and Club member Dolly Sevilla for her assistance.

A custom-made ‘mini’ motorcycle was presented by the Central Facilities Motorcycle Shop.

Two of the more than 4,500 vehicles that Paul Bardon oversaw.

From left: Elsterer Pope, Assistant Chief and Club member; Mike DeBenedetti, First Assistant Chief, Paul Bardon’s wife Cathleen; LAPD Chief William J. Bratton, and Mike Hilmant, Deputy Chief, Special Operations Bureau, presented Paul Bardon, retires, proudly seated on his motorcycle.

LAPD Chief William Bratton gives his thank-you remarks to Paul Bardon, retiree.

Assistant Chief McDonnell, LAPD, offers thanks and congratulations to Paul Bardon, retiree.

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Joe Albright, Motor Officer TCS; and Dale Washburn, Motor Officer TCS.

From left: Don Brittingham, Retired, former COMTD; and Marty Meza, Equipment Mechanic.

Dolly Sevilla, Sr. Clerk Typist and Club member, presented a plaque to Paul Bardon, retiree.

Martin Yoon, Automotive Supervisor Central Facilities Auto Shop, presents a motor transport plaque to Paul Bardon, retiree.

Neil Olson, COMTD and Club member.

From left: Paul D. Bardon, retiree, and his successor, Neil Olson, COMTD, Club member.

From left: Sharon Papa, Assistant Chief and Club member; Jim Morris, Service Director with Crenshaw Ford; T-Rex, Fleet Director; and Robert Loya, Police Officer, LAPD Recruitment.

From left: Paul D. Bardon, retiree, and his successor, Neil Olson, COMTD, Club member.

From left: Gavin Stieglitz, Police Officer, LAPD Recruitment; and Robert Loya, Police Officer, LAPD Recruitment.

From left: Allan Garofalow, Acting Sr. Automotive Supervisor, Central Garage, presents Paul Bardon, retirees, with a City Council Resolution.

From left: Martin Stiglic, Police Officer, LAPD Recruitment; and Robert Loya, Police Officer, LAPD Recruitment.

From left: Dave Shibahara, Retired, former COMTD, and Paul Bardon, retiree, thanks everyone who attended.

From left: Shane Stiglic, Police Officer, LAPD Recruitment; and Robert Loya, Police Officer, LAPD Recruitment.

From left: Greens Foster, Equipment Mechanic and Club member; Robert Frutos, Police Officer Detective Support Division; Rami Davidyan, Equipment Mechanic; and Byron Tatsumi, Equipment Mechanic.

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From left: Mike Hilmant, Deputy Chief, Special Operations Bureau; Paul Bardon, retires; and Mike Hilmant, Deputy Chief, Special Operations Bureau; Paul Bardon, retires.
Valley Sanitation Yards Have Picnic For Employees to ‘Come Together’

By Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

The Valley Collection Division threw an employee picnic July 17 at Stonehurst Park in Sun Valley. The theme was “Coming Together as One,” as the picnic marked a coming together of the East and West Valley Yards. The goal was “to demonstrate to our employees that their hard work and dedication do not go unrecognized.”

Councilman Tony Cardenas of Council District 6 presented awards of appreciation to supervisors and drivers. Cardenas and his Council District co-sponsored the event. Other sponsors included Councilmembers Gerri Smith, Alex Padilla and Wendy Gruel; Community Recycling (John Richardson); Sun Valley Paper Stock (Leonard Lani); and your City Employees Club.

Mike Anderson of the East Valley did all the preparation and seasoning of the food for the barbecue. Excellent job, Mike!

The Club thanks the Valley Sanitation Yards for inviting us to the fun picnic. Here are photos of the event.
Swing-a-Thon!

By Robert Larios, Club Operations Manager

■ LAPD Centurions lose to NYPD, but it’s all for a good cause.

On July 24 at El Cariso County Park in Sylmar, baseball teams from the LAPD and the NYPD took to the field for some healthy competition — and some healthy inspiration for kids.

LAPD Officer Mike Scott, who coordinates the effort, says, “This is the biggest baseball festival ever for the kids in the LA community. We have baseball tickets, football and baseball celebrities, a birthday party for the kids. Our vision is to have LAPD and NYPD officers touch the lives of the kids in the communities that are struggling for inspiration and help them forget about the troubles in the streets and hopefully change and touch their lives.”

The 2004 edition of the Swing-a-Thon is the fourth. Present were Police Chief William J. Bratton; City Council President Alex Padilla; Councilmember Dennis Zine; County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavski; baseball legend Manny Mota; players from the Los Angeles Dodgers; former professional football players Rod Martin, Charles White and Anthony Davis, and other elected officials and celebrities.

Oh, by the way, the final score was NYPD 11, LAPD 4.

Event Coordinator Mike Scott says this is an event for the kids in the community.

From left: Officer Noel Magpoc, 7 years, West LA Division; Sgt. Mel Ariola, NYPD, 13.5 years; Officer Fernando Esquibel, LAPD, 4 years, with girlfriend Christina Zapata, and Officer Naya Candelon, NYPD, 1 year.

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From left: Officer Campbell, Rampart Division, 3 years, playing outfield; and Officer Mota, Hollywood Division, 3 years, playing catcher.

From left: Richard Lee, Public Works, Public Information Officer, 20 years.

From left: Officer McComa, Devonshire Division, 1 year; and Officer Oscar Bocanegra, West LA Division, 2 years service.

From left: Officer Campbell, Rampart Division, 3 years, playing outfield; and Officer Mota, Hollywood Division, 3 years, playing catcher.

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From left: Sgt. Jesus Vega, NYPD, 13 years.
New City Librarian

Fontayne Holmes is appointed to top library job.

On Aug. 17, Mayor Jim Hahn announced his appointment of Fontayne Holmes as City Librarian.

As director of the Los Angeles Public Library, Holmes will be responsible for the operations of a library system that includes the Central Library and 71 branches and will administer a $63 million operating budget.

“I am pleased that Fontayne has accepted the position of City Librarian of Los Angeles,” the mayor said. “The extraordinary management and leadership skills demonstrated throughout her career at the Los Angeles Public Library make Fontayne the perfect candidate to continue this institution’s transformation into one of the world’s great libraries. We’re very excited to begin a new chapter in the Los Angeles Public Library with Fontayne.”

The hallmark of Holmes’ career, which spans nearly 30 years at the Los Angeles Public Library, is her successful management of the largest library construction program in the nation. Began in 1989, the $317 million program has rebuilt or created 61 branches Citywide. Under Fontayne’s leadership, the program is ahead of schedule and under budget. Cost savings and efficiencies allowed additional libraries to be added to the original program, which is scheduled for completion next year.

“I am honored that Mayor Hahn has selected me to serve as City Librarian,” Holmes said. “The Los Angeles Public Library has become a model for other libraries around the world. thanks to our dedicated staff, the support of our elected officials and our millions of library users. I look forward to building on our strengths and further enhancing and expanding library services in every community in Los Angeles.”

Holmes succeeds Susan Kent, who will be retiring from the Los Angeles Public Library to become the Director and Chief Executive of Branches at the New York Public Library in September. Holmes currently serves as Assistant City Librarian. Previously she served as Assistant Director of Branches, Central Library Director, and Director of Library Facilities. She also served as City Librarian in South Pasadena.

Holmes graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from UCLA and received her Master’s degree from the UCLA Graduate School of Library and Information Science. The Los Angeles Public Library serves 3.8 million people – the largest population of any public library in the United States – through the Central Library, 71 branches and online services at www.lapl.org. Last year, 14 million people visited the library and checked out 35 million items, and the library’s Web site services were accessed more than 93 million times.

Holmes’ appointment is subject to confirmation by the City Council.

33-year veteran Marilyn Laney receives a resolution from the City Council.

Marilyn Laney, a 33-year veteran of City service, retired recently. She was presented with this resolution from Councilman Tom LaBonge in the Council headquarters.

Congratulations from the Club, Marilyn!

The resolution read:

WHEREAS, Marilyn Laney is retiring from the City of Los Angeles with more than 33 years of service as a dedicated employee; and
WHEREAS, Marilyn Laney began her career with the City on October 7, 1970, as a Clerk Typist in the Personnel Department; and
WHEREAS, Marilyn Laney was promoted to Commercial Service Representative with the Department of Water and Power in February 1966, and
WHEREAS, Marilyn Laney was promoted to Principal Clerk with the Office of the City Clerk, Tax & Permit Division’s Van Nuys Branch Office on November 5, 1989; and
WHEREAS, Marilyn Laney transferred to become supervisor of the TAPS Data Entry Unit of the Tax & Permit Division on August 20, 1990; and
WHEREAS, Marilyn Laney was mentored by Elias Martinez, City Clerk, on May 29, 1992, for implementing procedural changes which reduced the need for temporary workers by more than 70 percent, resulting in ongoing annual payroll savings of more than $129,000; and
WHEREAS, procedural changes made by Marilyn Laney resulted in meeting growing workloads and difficult deadlines, while simultaneously reducing the staffing of the TAPS Data Entry Unit from 9 permanent and 19 temporary workers to its current level of 8 permanent positions and 1 seasonal employee; and
WHEREAS, Marilyn Laney received the Office of Finance, Outstanding Service Award for 2003 on June 19, 2003, and
WHEREAS, Marilyn Laney’s leadership skills, knowledge and dedicated efforts during more than 33 years leading the TAPS Data Entry Unit were responsible for the successful processing of more than two million annual business tax renewals resulting in more than three billion dollars in timely revenue to the City; and
WHEREAS, Marilyn Laney has been found by each of her supervisors to be an outstanding employee with a great attitude and dedication to work, who is a fair and impartial supervisor, and willing to work beyond normal scheduled work hours to complete necessary tasks; “NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this resolution, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby commend Marilyn Laney for her dedication and for her outstanding contributions to the City of Los Angeles during her nearly 34 year career with the City and extend best wishes for a long and happy retirement.”

Fontayne Holmes

Marilyn Laney (left) receives her resolution from Councilman Tom LaBonge (right) with Jesse W. Laney, Marilyn’s husband (middle).

Marilyn Laney Retires

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WHEREAS, Marilyn Laney transferred to become supervisor of the TAPS Data Entry Unit of the Tax & Permit Division on August 20, 1990; and
WHEREAS, Marilyn Laney was mentored by Elias Martinez, City Clerk, on May 29, 1992, for implementing procedural changes which reduced the need for temporary workers by more than 70 percent, resulting in ongoing annual payroll savings of more than $129,000; and
WHEREAS, procedural changes made by Marilyn Laney resulted in meeting growing workloads and difficult deadlines, while simultaneously reducing the staffing of the TAPS Data Entry Unit from 9 permanent and 19 temporary workers to its current level of 8 permanent positions and 1 seasonal employee; and
WHEREAS, Marilyn Laney received the Office of Finance, Outstanding Service Award for 2003 on June 19, 2003, and
WHEREAS, Marilyn Laney’s leadership skills, knowledge and dedicated efforts during more than 33 years leading the TAPS Data Entry Unit were responsible for the successful processing of more than two million annual business tax renewals resulting in more than three billion dollars in timely revenue to the City; and
WHEREAS, Marilyn Laney has been found by each of her supervisors to be an outstanding employee with a great attitude and dedication to work, who is a fair and impartial supervisor, and willing to work beyond normal scheduled work hours to complete necessary tasks; “NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this resolution, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby commend Marilyn Laney for her dedication and for her outstanding contributions to the City of Los Angeles during her nearly 34 year career with the City and extend best wishes for a long and happy retirement.”
**Retirements**

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**Weddings**

**Just Married?**

We Have a Gift for You!

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

- If you send in a wedding photo to Alive! along with some basic information (name of bride, names of parents, date, job titles), we'll be happy to run an announcement.
- The Club will send you the book *Our Honeymoon: A Record Book About Our Wild Ride* as our wedding gift! The book is a record keeper and photo album all in one.

Don't delay. Send in those wedding pictures and information to moments@cityemployeesclub.com

**Births**

- **David Zhao Rousse** was born May 7 to Zoe and Mico Rouso.

**Had a Baby?**

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- The Club will send you the book *My Life as a Baby: You are our baby gift!*
- The book is a record keeper and photo album all in one. It highlights the baby’s first year, from the baby’s point of view, with space for all the important information and lots of photos. It’s a wonderful lifetime keepsake.

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**Weddings**

- **Brian and Beatrice Heath** were married on July 4. Brian is a building painter with 20 years of service at Ontario Airport. Congratulations!

**Births**

- **David Zhao Rousse** was born May 7 to Zoe and Mico Rouso. Mico is a Civil Engineer Assistant retired from Public Works Bureau of Engineering after 28 years of service. Congratulations, Mico and Zoe.

**Share your moments!**

Did you get married? Have a baby? Yay! Get a promotion? (Hooray!) Retire? (Ahhhh.) We want to hear from you. Share your news with the world! Send all notices and digital photos to: moments@cityemployeesclub.com

Send paper notices and print photos to: Alive! 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071

**Our Gift**

For a limited time, we are offering a FREE gift with your purchase! Get the book *Our Honeymoon: A Record Book About Our Wild Ride* as a wedding gift! The book is a record keeper and photo album all in one.

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**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 if you are a City employee and/or Club member. Include a photo, too, and we’ll try to print it.) Send it in! Send to moments@cityemployeesclub.com

**BIRTHS**

- Did you get married? Have a baby? (Yea!) Get a promotion? (Hooray!) Retire? (Ahhhh.) We want to hear from you.

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

**About Our Wild Ride**

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Norma Anderson        | John Gonzalez      | Armando Perez    |
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Estrella Arinldeaen   | Raul Gutierrez     | Robert Peterson  |
Louis Ballard Jr.     | Will Hamilton      | Donald Pinkney   |
Bryce Barnes          | Curtis Harris      | Cheryle Price    |
Lila Bedolla-Rivas    | Gerardo Hernandez  | Manuel Real      |
Armando Bencomo       | Yolanda Herron     | Todd Robertson   |
Lisa Blackburn        | LaTonya Higgins    | Todd Rother      |
Lodrick Blackmon      | Daniel Hinds       | Ivette Rubio     |
Irene Blandino        | Heida Hiraoka      | Oscar Ruivalca   |
Joann Boldware        | Frank Hong         | Louis Salazar    |
Era Bolton            | Louis Hook         | Victoria Santiago|
Steph Burkhart        | Jesse Huang        | Calvin Schlotzhu | Ralph Schwabe
Alfred Calderon       | Jacqueline Ingram  | Delfyri Sempels  |
Jose Canales          | Bryan Jackson      | Swam Seth        |
Daniel Canez          | Tyrone Jessamy     | Gary Shaw        |
Rolland Canno Jr.     | Wendy Johnson      | Clemon Shelton   |
Ignacio Castillo      | Constantino Jurado |                |
Sandy Castle          | Edna Kafelle       | James Sipio      |
Luis Ceballos         | Larry Keriggan     | Corazon Soriano  |
Eleanor Chang         | Chol Song Kim      | Michael Steven  |
Andy Chiu             | Greg Kung          | Byron Taylor     |
Johnny Clark           | Sonia Lajas        | Valerie Taylor-R  |
Walter Clarke         | Aaron Lewis        | Elizabeth Thacher|
Teri Conrad           | Armando Leyva      | Henry Tongsion   |
Don Conway            | Marc Lipton        | Bradley Torres   |
Lindsay Cork          | Joe Loiza          | Michael Tovias   |
Michael Cornelius     | Vincent Localio    | David Trombley   |
Cynthia Cruz          | Punta Lopez        | Noemy Tuerico    |
Mardoquco Cruz        | Joe Lopez          | Maria Valdivia   |
Delfin Dandal         | Vincent Lou        | Edwina Valancia  |
Rose Dandridge        | Eduardio Magos     | Val Vasquez      |
Charles Davis         | Brent Martens      | Nora Vasquez     |
Royce Davis           | Yvette Martin       | James Vaughn     |
Zelda Davis           | Robert Martinez    | Lynden Ventura   |
Robert Day            | Leopoldo Martinez  | Graciela Vera    |
Jose De La Torre      | Douglas Matthews   | Lucille Vestal   |
Cindy De Sa Valiente  | Emma McCarron      | Anicia Villerro  |
Henley Delonge        | Robert McCollins   | Bradley Walker   |
Michael Dibble        | Richard McCreary   | Wenny Washington |
Lisa Edwards          | Cuthberthe Meza    | Chris Ann Waters |
Gerome Engans         | Lydia Mijares      | Marilyn Webster  |
Laura Enriquez        | Kevin Moore        | Mark Willy       |
Marge Ericson         | Josephine Moreno   | Samantha Williams- |
Ralph Esparza         | Kokichi Nakazawa   | Watson          |
Floyd Finley          | Ryan Osborne       | Harry Wilson   |
William Forbes        | Joo Pak            | Xu Yang          |
Xuqing Fu             | Rommel Panillo     | Gabriela Zarate  |
Donna Gant            | Yuntao Peng        | Michael Zepeda  |

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.
LAX hosts annual picnic for its employees.

On Saturday August 7 at Westchester Park, LAWA threw its annual picnic for LAX employees. More than 200 Los Angeles World Airports employees with friends and family enjoyed the annual Association of Airport Employees Picnic.

Guests enjoyed barbequed hamburgers, ribs and hot dogs while relaxing in the park. Children enjoyed games, dancing, face painting and animal balloons.

Hundreds of raffle prizes were given away throughout the day, including bikes, televisions, kitchen accessories and Disneyland tickets. The City Employees Club donated a Game Cube to be raffled.

We thank the LAWA for inviting the Club to be a part of the fun picnic!

Here are some photos of the event.
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Cooperation brings City departments together to create true global innovation.

In last month’s Alive!, we published the first part of a long story about a truly innovative program led by the Harbor Department in partnership with the DWP, the Mayor’s Office, the City Council, Building and Safety, and others. The program, called AMP, brings shore power to cargo ships in dock, rather than having the ship generate its own power, usually by using diesel engines. This keeps nearby communities cleaner, and demonstrates the power of City employees working together.

When we left off, Larry Keller, executive director of the Harbor Dept., had talked about his extraordinary length the City employees must to develop the AMP system. In the conclusion to his interview, Alive!, Mr. Keller describes the cooperation that made the project happen: the fact that other ports want this technology, and the future of AMP. —Ed.


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Keller: Yes, this is an enterprise. Generally speaking, we can conceive a project, design it, build it and sit it down, you know, and it gets done here. There is a lot of job satisfaction for folks who work here because they can see something through from beginning to end. There are great City employees all over the place but a lot of them are dealing with processes. We kind of a landlord operation here and so we take a lot of pride and our people take a lot of pride, work gets done here too. It’s great.

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But the one thing that no one can argue with is that, no matter how you are generating your power, you are going to generate it more cleanly at a plant than you ever do with a ship. You just can’t clean up a ship’s emissions enough, so this is a big deal and in the end when somebody says, gee, every time you plug in a ship you are creating a new cloud of smog over the Grand Canyon, well, that may be the case, but the fact is that it is cleaner smog than the stuff that would be coming off that ship blowing out of the basin and going to the Grand Canyon.

Alive!: Does the City of Los Angeles own patents on this, or are patents pending on any of this?

Keller: Yes, we have applied for a patent for the Port of Los Angeles, and also we have a trade-mark on the Alternative Maritime Power.

Alive!: Who else was a part of this?

Keller: Well, Andrew Adelman [GM of Building and Safety] is probably one of the most fast-light-ed guys in the City Council and his people are fantastic and they’re always made themselves available to remove barriers to get things done.

I have to say our Board was entirely supportive, too. We’ve spent a lot of money on this one, and invention isn’t cheap. But no one was disappointed when the first line went in!

Alive!: Was the very first cargo ship to be hooked up?

Keller: This wasn’t the first ship we hooked up. It was the second one. China Shipping didn’t want any politicians, any press, on the first one because what if it didn’t work? But it did work the first time. We learned a lot about hooking up plugs on the first and how to do it better, but it did work the first time. Following the ship you guys saw the other day, two days later there was another one, which just kind of came and went. It hooked up and that ship had not been here before so you kind of go, does she have all the improvements, does she have all the enhancement, is it going to work? It did. This is exactly the right shipping company, exactly the right place and exactly the right team of our people to work to this and get this thing running.

I heard Captain Li say the other day, “I’m going to give you another 10 or 12 AMP ships.”

I mean it’s just huge, just huge. You don’t want to be the first to do anything, but once you are there, the folks are lining up at this point.

Alive!: Do they have the same issues on the other side of the ocean?

Keller: There are not many clear days in Shanghai and it’s not just because of weather, either. They have this proliferation of industry and cars and stuff, and we think that they may be the first foreign port that we hook up for AMP. We are going share these technologies with them. We got the China Shipping vessels coming in and from Shanghai, and others will follow. We think it’s going to be there. One of their questions is adequacy of power: Do they have enough power? A great deal of their power is generated with coal, and coal is an issue, but they have been working on mitigating that.

Alive!: Is the hookup complicated?

Keller: It’s relatively easy; the real problem is you have to make sure you can, and you have to make it easy for people to say yes.

When they asked, “What are you willing to do for us?” said, “Well, guys, do I have a deal for you: We are going to outfit your ship, and we are going to pay the difference and then use the savings to buy down the difference between diesel and electric, so what’s the downside?” There is no downside. If you don’t like what it’s like, you don’t have to have it. But if you sign up, you have a commitment.

We have signed up, we get the Evergreen guys talking about maybe 10 brand new ships that will be laid down in the yard here within a year or so.

If we can get one ship at each terminal a week, the benefits, environmentally, would be huge. If we can get two, hurray, three, hurray! Honestly, we’re on our way. 10 percent is probably not achievable because there are charter vessels and people fall off schedule and they do this kind of stuff, but in an imperfect world, this is as close to a perfect solution as you can get, it’s good stuff, really good stuff.

Alive!: Thanks for telling us the story.

Keller: Thanks for giving us the opportunity to help tell it. This is a big story and this is something all of us can really be proud of. It has been done for the first time in Los Angeles, by Los Angeles City employees working with other Los Angeles City employees, who fell in love with the idea and dared to dream. And here it is.

It’s not going to end here. These guys were wise to take out patents, but this is a technology that we will share with anybody in the world because the benefits are so huge. We have communities right here, we have communities over here, and I live downtown, so it matters. It really matters.

Alive!: Thanks again, Mr. Keller.

Keller: Thank you.

Michelle Moreno, the Club’s administrative assistant, contributed to this story.
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AMP Honor Roll

Here are the names of many of the City employees who helped make this world-first innovation possible:

Harbor:
Project Manager Sal Zambrano
Marketing: Eric Caris
Electrical Section: Valak Haddadian and Sirked Monse
Port Inspectors: David Ribkel and David Shieh

DWP:
Don Alexich
Mark Holland
Horace Rupp

Building and Safety:
Mike Lep
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Making the Night Safe  
By Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

LAPD Central Division sponsors National Night Out.

On Aug. 3, the LAPD Central Police Station co-sponsored a local observance of the National Night Out, an annual crime prevention campaign and urban walk sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW).

Capt. James Rupert and Blake Chow spearheaded the effort, which also included the Chinatown Public Safety Patrol and the Midnight Mission.

National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime, drug and violence prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Surrounding businesses came out to support the effort. There was also an Open House throughout the day and a free barbecue from noon to 7 p.m.

Gun locks were distributed, and child fingerprinting was done.

The Club thanks Officer Marie Kardiban for inviting us to this worthy event.

The entourage stops outside Pete's Café and Bar in downtown's Old Bank District.

From left: Captain James Rupert, Area Commanding Officer and Captain Blake Chow, Patrol Division Commanding Officer, hold the event sign.

Officer Candice Kandelaria and Edward Klevens, volunteer, cooking some delicious hot dogs, hot links and hamburgers.

Holding the banners were Leslie Garcia, Explorer, 1 month; Rodrigo Martinez, Explorer, 2.5 years; and Arnulfo Granados, Explorer, 2 years. The banner was donated by Estela Lopez, Central City Association East.

The event poster.

The event sign.
Union, City Reach Tentative Agreement On New Contract

On July 27, SEIU Local 347 and Los Angeles City management reached a tentative agreement on a new contract covering some 10,000 blue-collar frontline city workers, according to the union.

“The agreement we are submitting to our members to vote on shows respect for the folks who do the work,” said Chief Negotiator Julie Butcher. “We came to the table in the spirit of cooperation and good will. LA’s frontline blue-collar workers are proud of the work we do for the people of Los Angeles.”

According to the union, the tentative three-year contract accomplishes the union’s goals:

- Protecting city jobs and the services workers provide to the people of Los Angeles;
- Guaranteeing the continuation of employer-funded family health and welfare benefits;
- Winning justice for part-time workers who were being kept from working enough hours to earn and maintain employee-only benefits;
- Keeping public work public: Making sure that City work is done by City workers, not by private contractors.

“We worked with these 10,000 City workers to get a tentative deal that is fair, but recognizes that these are tough budget times and that we must make every taxpayer dollar work harder to provide the highest level of services to our neighborhoods,” said Mayor Jim Hahn.

Workers will defer their first wage increase until July 1, 2005, when they will receive a 2 percent raise. They will receive another 2 percent on July 1, 2006, and 2.25 percent on January 1, 2007.

According to the union, workers were determined to resolve a range of other issues. Rectifying injustices facing part-timers was a fundamental goal of these negotiations and was championed by the full bargaining team, despite the fact that all but three bargaining team members were full-time workers.

The union bargaining team consisted of 33 rank-and-file workers representing all of Local 347’s members in 11 City departments.

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Larry Keisner retired after 14 years of City service at the Bureau of Engineering. Although he worked for the City for 14 years, he has 38 years of surveying experience. Larry tells us he’s looking forward to traveling, working on his inventions, and just “plain old fun.” Sounds good to us!

Complementations, Larry. All the best, from the Club.

A New Contest for Club Members!

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Our very own David Jungpetchian, from JJLA Associates (the creators of Alive!), enjoying the sun and surf with his family recently in Nassau, Bahamas.

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Larry Keisner, Land Surveying Assistant, 14 years.

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Cooking with the Club
by our own
Robert Larios

Back to school means balancing tasty and nutritional school meals.

How hard is it to get the kids to eat a healthy breakfast and lunch during the school year? Depending on their ages and morning moods, we might be lucky to get a glass of orange juice and their multivitamin to our kids before they're running to school. Kids have different tastes. Some kids like cold cereal, some like hot, while others turn up their nose at any cereal and choose a donut or muffin.

How should parents struggle to find the balance for tasty and nutritious school lunches? One of the easiest ways to please the kids and meet the basic dietary guidelines is to make your youngest part of the planning and shopping. Within reason, try to accommodate their lunch requests, keeping nutrition guidelines in mind. Pre-made breakfast bars are another option. Read the labels for nutritional information.

A nutritious lunch doesn’t have to revolve around the traditional sandwich, though these were my favorite: consider different pita breads or tortilla wraps filled with favorite sandwich meat. Salads and chips, assorted puddles or veggie sticks with dip make a lunch box bonus sure to please most kids. Fun foods like gelatin desserts are good choices for the younger kids. Put a sliced banana and strawberries to give it the extra flavor. Here are some other tips for break-

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French toast is another quick and easy breakfast, and a sure kid-pleaser. Add a little cinnamon to the egg batter for variety. Try the French Toast Fingers recipe below.

Happy Back to School Time, everyone!

Spicy Apple Quesadilla

INGREDIENTS
• 2 flour tortillas
• 1/2 cup chunky apple sauce, divided
• 1/4 cup Monterrey Jack cheese, shredded
• 2 tablespoons vanilla yogurt, optional

DIRECTIONS
Preheat oven to 400°. Place one tortilla on an ungreased baking sheet. Spread half applesauce over tortilla; reserve half for baking. Sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon and serve with vanilla yogurt.

Robby’s Roast Beef Poor Boy Sandwich

INGREDIENTS
• 4 large flour tortillas
• 1/2 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
• 8 oz thinly sliced ham, or smoked turkey
• 1/2 cup shredded lettuce
• 1/2 cup thick beef gravy
• 1/2 cup diced tomatoes
• 1/2 cup thinly sliced celery
• Pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS
Split the French bread and warm for a few minutes in a hot oven (about 375 degrees). Spread the bottom piece of bread generously with mayonnaise, add desired salt and pepper, then layer with shredded lettuce, beef, gravy, and tomato slices. Cover and slice to serve.

Apple Cider Pancakes

INGREDIENTS
• 2 cups biscuit mix
• 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
• 1 egg
• 1 1/2 cups milk
• 1/4 cup apple (about 2 medium)—grated

Cider Sauce:
• 1 cup sugar
• 2 tablespoons cornstarch
• 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
• 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
• 2 cups apple cider
• 2 tablespoons lemon juice
• 1/4 cup butter or margarine

Pancake directions:
Beat biscuit mix, cinnamon, egg and milk with rotary beater until smooth. Stir in apples. Grease griddle if necessary and pour batter by 1/4-cup measure onto hot griddle. Bake until bubbles appear; turn and bake other side until golden brown. Serve with warm cider sauce; if desired, top with sour cream.

Yield: 16-4-inch pancakes.

Sauce directions:
In saucepan, mix sugar, cornstarch, cinnamon and nutmeg; stir in cider and lemon juice. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and boils. Boil and stir for 1 minute. Remove from heat and stir in butter.

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The Bourne Supremacy

Jason Bourne (Matt Damon) plays Jason in this sequel to The Bourne Identity. Bourne is again linked to some murders, and all of the evidence points to him. But this is where the story takes an interesting turn and Bourne is a little more confused as to who he is. The story begins as Bourne returns to France to attend a soccer game where he meets his childhood friend, M. (Jean Reno). Bourne has accomplished his goal of clearing his name and restoring his identity. The plot thickens when Bourne is hired to investigate a national security threat.

The Terminal

When Viktor (Tom Hanks) gets off the plane at JFK, he learns that his visa is canceled, his passport is suspended, and he is a citizen of nowhere. His country is going through a military coup. He is not allowed to leave the airport terminal until his country is recognized.

The Village

The story begins when the American government serif that a blind girl named Ivy

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The Spiderwick Chronicles

The Spiderwick Chronicles is a beautiful fantasy novel by the same director of the movie The Sixth Sense. It is a family friendly movie with the intriguing story of two children who move into a house that turns out to be inhabited by fairies and other magical creatures. The children discover a book that allows them to see these creatures, and they must learn to coexist with them.

The movie is set in the 1940s, and it features a young boy named C. S. Lewis, who is the author of the novel. The story follows C. S. Lewis as he explores a magical world filled with talking animals and mythical creatures. He is helped along his journey by a wise old owl and a furry bear.

The movie tells the story of a man named Paul, who has been granted the ability to see the past. Through his visions, he becomes aware of something terrible that has happened in the past, and he must confront it in order to prevent it from happening again. The story is a thought-provoking exploration of the power of memory and the importance of facing our past.

The last movie on this list is The Friendship, which is a beautiful and heartwarming story about a group of friends who have been together for many years. The movie is a tearjerker, and it will make you cry. It is a story about the power of friendship and the importance of being there for each other.

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Hey Club Members! Don’t forget about these great deals for September.

Knott’s Halloween Haunt
- Tickets will be available in mid-September
- Tickets are limited, call me (Ticket Guy) first for availability.

**LA County Fair** - September 10th through 26th
- $9.00 Adult (Any day)
- $5.00 Children (Any day)

**Dodger Tickets** - 1/2 price!
Special Half Price tickets for Club members for the following games:
- **Thursday** • September 9 • 7:10 pm
  Los Angeles Dodgers vs. Arizona Diamondbacks
- **Monday** • September 13 • 7:10 pm
  Los Angeles Dodgers vs. San Diego Padres
Inner Reserve Tickets, Reserve Level between bases
- Regular price: $17
- Club Member Discount Price: $8.50 each!

**Angels Tickets** - 1/2 price!
Special Half Price tickets for Club members for the following games:
- **Tuesday**, September 7, 2004 vs. Toronto Blue Jays 7:05PM
- **Sunday**, September 12, 2004 vs. Chicago White Sox 7:05PM
- **Tuesday**, September 21, 2004 vs. Seattle Mariners 7:05PM

Ordering tickets is quick and easy:
1. Log onto www.cityemployeesclub.com. Click on the link “Save with the Card.”
2. Click on the Angels Logo
3. Select the game you would like to purchase.
4. Click on Create an account
5. Enter Account ID: Angelsdiscount and Password: Alive
6. Then print your tickets directly from your computer and we will see you at Angel Stadium.
If you have any questions please call Navin Cotton “The Ticket Guy” (800) 464-0452 or Michael Sandoval with Angels Baseball at 714-940-2252.

**L.A. Sparks - Family 4-PAK**
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- 4 – Tickets (200 level, lower bowl seats)
- 4 – Regular Hot Dogs
- 4 – 24oz. Sodas
- 1 - Large Popcorn

Still Available 2004 Sparks Home Games:
- Friday Sept. 3 7:30 PM vs. Seattle Storm (Friday Night)
- September 9 7:30 PM vs. Detroit Shock 2004 WNBA Champion
- September 12 1:00 PM vs. Sacramento Monarchs (14th WbCm World Conf. Finalist)
- September 17 7:30 PM vs. Minnesota Lynx (2003 Playoff Team)

Contact Sparks Account Executive, Erica Woods, at (310) 426-6046 or by email at ewoods@la-sparks.com

Lakers and Clippers Tickets
Tentative Games:
- Houston vs. Clippers (November) • Lakers vs. Clippers (December) • Miami vs. Clippers (January) … and more to come!
These tickets are not available yet but as soon as they are I’ll publish it in this section of the Alive!
This is your chance to enjoy the entertainment options you love—all at discounted prices—as a benefit of membership in the Club.

We’ll send back your tickets by mail.

- ALL TICKETS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY. PRICES MAY CHANGE.
- DO NOT SEND CASH—ALL SALES FINAL—NO REFUNDS.
- When visiting Club offices, only the first 15-minutes of parking will be validated. The Club strongly encourages that members phone in orders before visiting our office.
- Orders will be processed as soon as received.
- Tickets must be mailed to your home address.
- City Employees Club of Los Angeles cannot be held responsible for money or tickets lost in the mail.
- For your convenience, the Club accepts VISA or MasterCard.
- Maximum 12 tickets per event/theatre/attraction per order.

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**Discount Tickets**

**by Mail, Phone, Web site & FAX**

Nadin Cotton, the “Ticket Guy”

You can call or email your comments, concerns: 
Email: ncotton@cityemployeesclub.com
Toll: (800) 464-0452

If any member is participating in any local theatre productions, sports events, or volunteer events, let me know and I’ll try to put an ad in next month’s issue.

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**Theme Parks / Attractions**

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**Discount Ticket Order Form**

**for City Employees Club of Los Angeles members.**

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**Member Information**

First Name _________________________

Home Address _________________________

City _________________________ State ____ Zip ______

Home Phone _________________________ Work Phone _________________________

Dentor’s Name _________________________

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**To Order:**

BY PHONE: (888) 777-1744

BY FAX: (213) 620-0398

BY WEB-SITE: Go to www.cityemployeesclub.com and click on Club Discounts.

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First Name _________________________

Home Address _________________________

City _________________________ State ____ Zip ______

Home Phone _________________________ Work Phone _________________________

Dentor’s Name _________________________

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**Payment**

- Check or Money Order enclosed (please paper clip to order form)
- Make all checks payable to the City Employees Club of Los Angeles

Credit Card

- Please charge $__________ (total from above form) to my credit card
- MasterCard
- VISA

No. Exp. _______ / _______

Cardholder Name _________________________

Cardholder Signature _______________

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Meet the Club Team

These are the faces behind the Club. Our staff is dedicated to helping our members receive the maximum benefit from their membership. If you have questions, concerns or suggestions about your Club, our counselors are ready to help.

Need help? Find your Counselor

When contacting the Club, ask for the counselor that handles your department.

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