



From left: LAPD Officer Marc Rubio, Metropolitan Division, with horse, Boomer; and LAPD Officer Chris Collier, Metropolitan Division, with horse, Zip.



From Left: Chief Gary Brennan, LAPD; Arlene Herrero, Member Services Counselor, City Employees Club; and Assistant Chief Jim McDonnell, LAPD.



LAPD Emerald Society.

Downtown Sees Green During Lunch Hour for St. Patrick's Day Parade

■ Club sponsors unit in annual festive event

Approximately 50 units marched, strolled, jiggled and rode through the sun-drenched streets of downtown for the fifth annual parade honoring St. Patrick's Day March 17.

The parade started at 11:30 a.m. at Fourth and Flower Streets, and ended at Fifth and Olive Streets.

City participants included the LAPD, the LAFD, City Council and other units. The LAFD, LAPD, Transportation and Street Services helped coordinate and manage the event.

Councilmembers Janice Hahn, Bernard Parks, Tom LaBonge, Dennis Zine, Alex Padilla, Antonio Villaraigosa and Eric Garcetti took part in the festivities. The parade's grand marshal was Assistant Chief Jim McDonnell of the LAPD.

Dignitaries included Finbar Hill, honorary consul of Ireland; Los Angeles Archdiocese Cardinal Roger Mahony; and actors Melissa Gilbert and Bruce Boxleitner.

Special thanks go to LAFD Capt. Richard Andrade, Fire Station 3, for his enthusiasm in organizing this event every year.

Here are photos of the event.



Celebrity Grand Marshals Melissa Gilbert and Bruce Boxleitner.



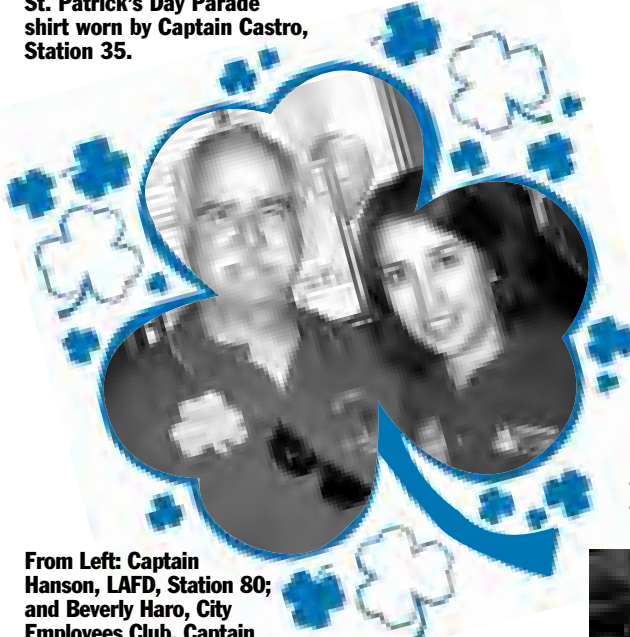
Los Angeles Fire Department St. Patrick's Day Parade shirt worn by Captain Castro, Station 35.



Sgt. Paula Kreefft, LAPD Metro Mounted Platoon, with horse, Tom.



M. Finbar Hill, Honorary Consul of Ireland.



From Left: Captain Hanson, LAFD, Station 80; and Beverly Haro, City Employees Club. Captain Hanson co-founded St. Patrick's Day Parade.



Rose Choychangthong, Traffic Officer, Dept. of Transportation.



LAFD Fire Station 19 (Brentwood) gave the Club an official "lift" for the parade. Here is the group (all from the Club unless otherwise specified): Navin Cotton ("The Ticket Guy"); Robert Larios; Alex Quintana, Fire Station 19; Bev Haro; Captain Jim Ruiz, Adam Mandelbaum and Marc Lundgren, Fire Station 19; Arlene Herrero; and Howard Pompel.



From left: Officer Ciaran Crawford, Long Beach Police Department; Assistant Chief and parade Grand Marshal Jim McDonnell, LAPD; Thomas H. Keleher, Director, Long Beach Police Officers Association; and Detective John McBride, Long Beach Police Department.



AON Risk Services.



LAFD Fire Hogs and Police Choir Boys motorcycle units.



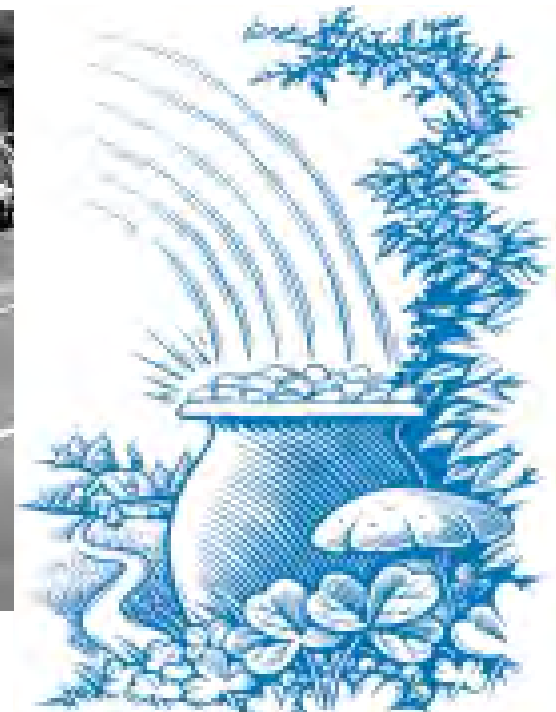
Grand Marshal, LAPD Assistant Chief Jim McDonnell.



From left: Philip Cloughesy, Vice President, Long Beach Police Officers Association; and Bill Hallett, Police III, LAPD.



Morningside High School Band mascot.





Lynwood High School Band.



Councilman Tom LaBonge.



City Employees Club.



Pat McOsker, President, United Firefighters, Local 112



Dave Lowe, President, L.A. Firefighters Relief Fund.



Public Works Street Services.



From left: Captain Blake Chow, LAPD Central Area; and Captain James A. Rubert, LAPD Central Area.



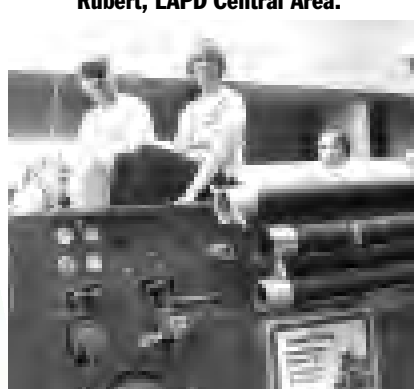
From Left: Councilman Bernard Parks; and Navin Cotton, Ticket Guy, City Employees Club.



Los Angeles Fire Department Historical Society.



Captain Andrade, Founder of the St. Patrick's Day Parade.



Councilwoman Janice Hahn.



Thompson School of Irish Dance.



Damien High School Band, LaVerne.



From left: Councilmen Eric Garcetti and Alex Padilla.



Councilman Antonio Villaraigosa.



LAFD Station 29



Los Angeles Irish Set Dancers.



Fr. Mike McCollough



Casey's Irish Bar and Grill.



The Wells Fargo Wagon.



Ms. Senior California and Sizzlin' Seniors in Motion.