

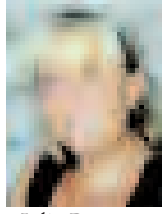
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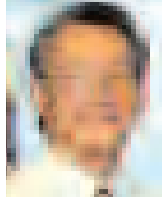
Three City Employees Laid to Rest

■ Three City employees perish, two in the recent Metrolink train collision and one while attending to a collapsed street during the recent rains.



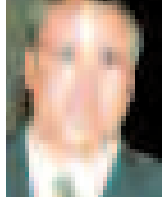
Julia Bennett

Julia Bennett, a Senior Clerk Typist with the LAFD, and Alfonso Caballero, an accountant with the Dept. of Aging, were among 11 killed when one Metrolink train smashed into an automobile obstructing the tracks, sending the train reeling into another Metrolink train in the early hours of Jan. 26.



Alfonso Caballero

In a separate incident, Rory Shaw, a Civil Engineering Associate with the Bureau of Engineering (Public Works), died when working to short up a large sinkhole in a street in Sunland Sunday night, Feb. 20.



Rory Shaw

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Airport employees donate \$6,570 in tools and cash for the victims of the global tsunami disaster.

Some 250 shovels, picks, axes, shoes, machetes, tarps, nylon ropes and flashlights with batteries were donated by Los Angeles World Airports employees Jan. 4 - 11.

The value of these construction-quality tools is estimated at \$5,000. LAWA employees donated an additional \$1,570 in checks. Coordinated by Airport Police, LAWA teamed with Operation USA, a Los Angeles-based relief organization, to target the collection of critically needed supplies for use in search and rescue efforts, for building immediate shelters for survivors, and for reconstruction efforts. United Airlines donated cargo space on one of its flights to take the tools to South Asia.

Los Angeles Airport Police Sgt. Joaquin Mendez, who coordinated the fundraising campaign with Senior Clerk Typist Claudia Coronel, said, "The need for aid is tremendous. We focused our efforts on critically needed supplies that will reach tsunami survivors and disaster recovery workers quickly. We are very proud of the response by LAWA employees to take the time to go out and buy the tools, as well as donate cash to purchase more tools." He added, "We collected more than \$1,000 a day in tools and cash during the week-long campaign."

Los Angeles Airport Police Sgt. Joaquin Mendez (right) and Senior Clerk Typist Claudia Coronel conduct inventory of 250 tools donated by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) employees Jan. 4-11 to help with tsunami recovery efforts. Photo by Pete Gara (DWP).

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