Close Shave!

■ St. Baldrick's event shaves the heads of the LAFD, LAPD... for a good cause.

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→aptain Waldie Brangham of Fire Station 89 Captain Walule Dianglain of All Captain and Sgt. William Doyle of the LAPD organized the St. Baldrick's event together. St. Baldrick's is an international day of voluntary head shaving for a good cause - fighting cancer via the CureSearch Children's Oncology Group. The event takes place on St. Patrick's Day every year. This year's event took place at the LAPD Police Academy garden area, where members of the LAFD and LAPD got their heads shaved and raised money via sponsorships.

It marked the third St. Baldrick's event for Brangham and Doyle.

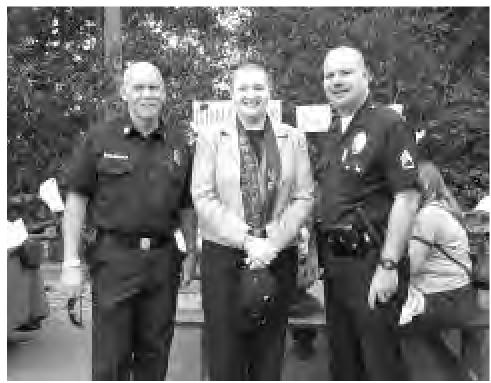
Patricia White, a Police Service Representative (Metro), was the top fundraiser. She raised \$3,615. The second place winner was Firefighter Danny Wu, who raised \$2,850. He tried to increase the donations in his name by offering to pay for dinner for the top donor. In third place was William Doyle, son of Sgt. Doyle, who raised \$1,920. People made donations to sponsor a "shavee" via the Website, stbaldricks.org, or in person at the event.

The City Employees Club sponsored a drawing for a PlayStation 2 and movie packages. Participants donated one dollar for each drawing ticket at the event. Of course all of the proceeds were given back to St. Baldrick's. The winners were announced at 11:30 a.m. and \$145 was raised from the drawing.

The Club thanks the LAFD and LAPD, and Waldie and William for inviting us to your great



That's the last of it, Pat! Way to go.



From left: Captain Waldie Brangham, LAFD; Kathleen Ruddy, St. Baldrick's Executive Director; and Sgt. Greg Doyle, LAPD



From left: Dave Soto, Fire Station 1, 28 years; Jim Hall, Fire Station 70, 36 years; and Frank Hurtado, Fire Station



Another good sport and first-year participant Captain John Incontro, 26 years, Pacific Station, asked his barber to go easy on the top



Lieutenant Ludwig attempts to attain a Mohawk look.



Looks like the Mohawk for Lt. Ludwig had to go.



Too late to stop her now, Lieutenant!



Lieutenant Stan Ludwig, LAPD Communications, Club Member, smiles happily in anticipation.



Danny Wu, LAFD, contributed his second outstanding contribution. thanks to an anonymous donor, who donated \$1,000.



Danny Wu before he was shaved.



David Flynn, 1 yr, Fire Station 83C, was one happy customer!



Capt. Smith proudly stands next to Pat White, the top fundraiser. Pat raised more than \$3,500. What a pricey haircut, Pat; way to go! From left: Pat White, Sr. PSR II, 28 years, Club Member, and Captain Andrew Smith, LAPD



Capt. Waldie Brangham welcomes and thanks everyone for coming. From left: Sgt. Greg Doyle, LAPD Communications, Club Member; and Captain Brangham, LAFD.



Pat White, Sr. PSR II, 28 years, Club Member, stops everyone in time to put on some lipstick.



Frank Gutierrez, barber, was the lucky winner of the dollar donation drawing. He came to shave some heads and walked away with the PlayStation 2, donated by the Club.



First-year participant Ron Matthews, 19 years, Fire Station 27, experiences a "parting of the Bald Sea."



A group photo of the brave men and women from LAPD Communications who participated. What a happy bunch! Hope to see you all next year.



Bev Haro, Club Counselor, represented the City Employees Club, which donated movie packs and a Sony PlayStation 2 for the drawing. The drawing raised \$145.



Sgt. Greg Doyle, LAPD Communications, Club Member, requested a Mohawk





Christine Perkins, Police Officer, 17 years, Central Bureau, closes her eves for her shave. This was her first year



A brave husband and wife team, from left: Christine Perkins, Police Officer, 17 years, Central Bureau, and Jeff Perkins, Police Officer 17 years, PSB. This was their first



Asta Webster, Police Officer, 15 years, OCB, Club Member, a first-year participant.



First-year participant Wes Buhrmester, Police Officer, 18 years, Internal Affairs.



First-year participant Jeffri Norat, Police Officer, 15 years,



Larry Martinez, Sr. Lead Officer, Foothill Station, requests a



Third-year participant Kelly Taggart, Fire Fighter III, 4 years, Station 37A. Kelly's son, a cancer survivor, was unable to attend as he was undergoing treatment.



First-year participant Steve Romas, Firefighter, 18 years, Station 6.



Captain Tom Reyes, Fire Station 2, at his first St. Baldrick's event, was the first to have his head shaved this year. He wants to thank everyone at Fire Station 2 for all the contributions he collected.



The "F" stands for Fire! Tim Halloran, 5 months, Fire Station 86C, experiences his second St. Baldrick's event, even though he has been on the job just five months. How is that? Turns out, his dad is a Retired Firefighter



Doing a great job staffing the registration table were, from left: Jed Fernandez, PSR II, 4 years; Howard Tien, PSR III, 5 years, Club Member; and Michael Elling, PSR III,



Thanks go to Police and Fire for providing items for the Club's goodie bag. From left: Don Witty, 20 years, Fire Station 20; Mary Fishkin, Jr. Loan Counselor, Police & Fire Home Loans, Club Partner; Jim Ruiz, 19 years, Fire Station 20; and Rick Miller, 17 years, Fire Station 20.



Having fun were, from left: Michelle Rodriguez, Police Officer, Foothill Station, and Julian Almaraz, Sr. Lead Officer, Foothill Station.



Howard Tien, PSRIII, 5 years, Club Member, was another team player from LAPD Communications.



Scott Hamilton, 4 years, Fire Station 27B, was still smiling, considering it was his first year.



A family affair! From left: Kristine Doyle, wife; son Tom Doyle; Sgt. Greg Doyle, LAPD Communications, Club Member. Tom was proud to grow his hair during the year to be



Cancer survivor William Doyle, son of Sat. Greg Doyle, is ready to get his head shaved.



Livera, PSR III, 10 years, Club Member, proudly shows off her new look



What a bunch of troopers, all seated for a shaving!



Ladies who came to show their support for Pat White and the rest of LAPD Communications were, from left: Sherry Kemp, Sr. PSR I, 26 years; Tracy Page, Sr. PSR I, 15 years, Club Member; Pat White, Sr. PSR II, 28 years, Club Member; Yvette Bentley, Sr. PSR I, 17 years, Club Member; Dorine Thomas, Sr. PSR I, 19 years, Club Member.

