

Dept. of the Month

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**Neighborhood
Empowerment**

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Applications Accepted for Scholarship

■ Club invites entries to its scholarship program, for children of Club members. Three applicants are expected to receive awards.

Cynthia Beltran, a City employee in the Housing Dept., could have been speaking for all Club members who have college-age children when she said:

"I am so proud of her," talking about her daughter, Jessica Moncayo, the grand winner of the Club Scholarship program last year. "She can

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The Club staff congratulates Jessica Moncayo (center) and her mother, Cynthia Beltran (Housing Dept.) in the dark suit to Jessica's left, at last year's awarding ceremony. The Club is now accepting applications for its 2005 Scholarship Program.

City DART Team Collars Steed in Need



"Hifi" after her rescue.

■ Animal Service's DART rescue team lassos a horse in trouble.

Story by Karen Knipscheer, Public Information Officer, Animal Services
Photos courtesy Animal Services

L.A. Animal Services Department's Air Rescue Team (DART) received a call for a horse down near the 210 Freeway and Wheatland Avenue in the Lake View Terrace area at noon April 12.

The 30-year-old Arabian mare, named "Hifi," was being ridden by her owner, who noticed a piece of trash on the side of the trail and decided to ride over and pick it up. Hifi lost her footing

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EVERYDAY HEROES

■ Club CEO John Hawkins spent a day with Sanitation's Ken Fox and learned once again what dedication to City service is all about.

Photos and Story By John Hawkins, Club CEO

As a kid, the unmistakable sound of the truck from Michael's Disposal lurching down the street would cause me to fly out the front door with my dog, Hilda. I would rush to the front yard where I could see up close and personal Michael and his crew work their magic on the patiently waiting trash cans in the street.

Michael would always greet Hilda and me with a big smile, a hello and a "How ya' doing, Johnny?" Hilda, a German shepherd, would let only a handful of people get near our house, and Michael was one of them. In fact, we

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TRANSFERENCE

After picking up approximately eight tons of trash we made our way to the Transfer Station, where we dumped all of the garbage from our first run. The transfer station is basically a big hangar-like building located off the 10 Freeway on the outskirts of downtown. Many of the refuse collection trucks dump their trash here and then head back out to the field for more. Inside there are a couple of bulldozers whose main mission in life is to push the dumped garbage into big holes in the floor. Underneath the holes are long truck trailers. The bulldozers push the garbage through the holes where it falls into the trailers. These trucks then pull out of this repository, up a ramp, and out a gate and off to a landfill. By having this transfer station it allows the trucks to pick up more trash in a day since they don't have to drive way out to the landfill every time they are filled up. By the day's end, 10 hours later, we will have made three trips to this transfer station.



Ken Fox, Refuse Collection Truck Operator

AN EVERYDAY HERO

To Ken, driving through the neighborhood each day was more than a task of picking up the garbage, it was a task of dropping off goodwill and respect among the residents. This was obvious by how many people on the route knew Ken and were so happy to see him as well as the special service he provided for the elderly or handicapped who had trouble taking their cans all the way out to the street.

He looks at his job as though he were on a customer service mission, a mission to make the residents of Los Angeles smile and feel welcomed. Ken is truly an ambassador for the City, doing everything possible to make the residents on his route feel good about the City of LA.

Ken is a testament to what every City employee should aspire to: a friend of the citizen and a symbol of City pride.

Thanks, Ken! (And thanks, also, to Veronica Boatman, Leo Martinez and Gilmore Pearce, for helping to arrange my day riding in a refuse collection truck.)



Ken proudly shares a picture of his family.

“Ken looks at his job as a mission to make the residents of Los Angeles smile and feel welcomed.”



Ken working the automated arm.



Entering the “transfer station.”



Inside the “transfer station.”



Correcting a “too full” trash can.



Paperwork, paperwork, paperwork!