

Baker to Vegas: On Your Mark

■ **Grueling event, produced by Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club, starts out with time trials. The Club again sponsors the LAPD Communications Division team.**

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LAPRAAC — The LAPD's Communications Division headed off to the Rose Bowl March 1 for time trials in anticipation of the annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay.

The Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay is the largest and most unique law enforcement race in the world. It is a 120-mile, 20-stage foot race beginning at Baker, Calif., and finishing in Las Vegas, starting March 31. The race is owned and produced by The Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club.

The City Employees Club of Los Angeles is again a proud sponsor of LAPD 911 Communications 22nd Annual Challenge Cup Baker to Vegas Relay team for the second consecutive year.

The team hopes to bring home the mug for a repeat of last year. "This will be our third year to bring home the mug: Our goal is to come in [among the top] 100 [teams]," says running captain Anita Whited, Sr. PSR. She is once again joined by her co-captain Dan Basilgo.

Alive! plans to cover the run and report the results and the pictures of the event.

"We need 20 runners and would like to have at least 10 alternates," Basilgo said.

There are many new faces, both runners and support staff.

Good luck! See you at Baker.



Visualize the finish line.



Returning this year for her second try at Baker to Vegas is PSR and Club Member Angelina Ortega. Loosing 35 pounds from last year, she hopes to run leg 2. Way to go, Angelina!



Baker to Vegas veterans, from left: Debbie Ramsey, PSR, Club Member; and Quincy Mirage, PSR.



This second-year runner is PSR and Club Member Maria Coronado, who hopes to run leg 18.



A trainee no longer is PSR Angela Tumbeiro, who hopes that her second year will bring her to run leg 5.



Baker to Vegas veteran Sr. PSR 1 and Club Member Cathy Sotos will be part of the support team.



Running Captains Sr. PSR Anita Whited, Club Member, and PSR III Dan Basilgo, Club Member.



PSR and Club Member Christina Najjar will be a fresh face for the support team. She holds the newbie title, since this will be her first time as support.



Watch out! Gen. Services Officer Felix Topete comes on board for his first Baker to Vegas race.



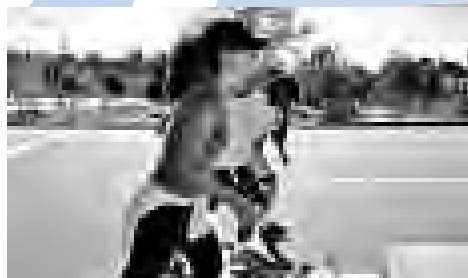
Familiar faces for support are Club Members Lisa Hadsell, PSR, and Deby Herdrich, PSR.



John Harowicz, PSR, Club Member, is another veteran runner excited to see how his 2006 team will be.



Go...go...go...



On their mark...



From left: Clayton Simmons, PSR, Club Member, and Miguel Estrada, RTO Trainee, will try their hand at support for the very first time.



Officer Andre Clansy with his support team, from left: Pam Liske, PSR; Officer Andre Clansy; and Kimberlee Gallardo, PSR, Club Member.



Club Member and PSR John Craig strikes a pose. In his third year, he hopes for leg 16.



PSR III Jorge Rios, Club Member, hopes that his second-year experience gives him the edge to becoming a great follow vehicle person.



Elise Rodriguez, Sr. PSR I, was a Baker to Vegas captain before, and he looks forward to running for her ninth year.



Robert Cervantes, Detective I, Juvenile Division. Being that it's his eighth year, he doesn't really seem to care which leg he runs as long as he runs.



Newbies as support staff (but they can do the job) are PSRs (from left) Kiyoko Clemons, Club Member; Allison Karnoff; and Christina Oliva.