

# Newsbrief

## RECALLED TOYS DON'T BELONG IN TRASH

The City's Public Works Bureau of Sanitation reminds residents that products such as toys that have been recalled for containing lead-based paint and other hazardous and/or toxic material should not be discarded in the regular trash.

"A number of recent product recalls involve toys containing lead-based paint and other hazardous material used in the manufacturing process," cautions Sanitation Director Enrique Zaldivar. "While we are not part of any recall process instituted by manufacturers or retailers, we do strongly encourage residents who have these products to contact and return them to their manufacturers or stores. At the same time, we understand there are those who, as a last option, need to discard these recalled products. We would like to remind them to do so responsibly. Discarding items containing lead-based paint and other hazardous material into the environment, through the regular trash, can bring the material full circle and right back into our homes."

Lead is a neurotoxic heavy metal that, when ingested or inhaled and absorbed, can harm virtually every system in the human body, especially the brain. It is extremely difficult to clean up when dispersed into the environment. Once discarded into the regular trash, the lead finds its way into landfills where it can leach through the soil and into underground springs and waterways or groundwater. Groundwater is a source of drinking water.

"We invite residents to properly dispose of their hazardous materials at our S.A.F.E. Centers located throughout the City," said Board of Public Works President Cynthia Ruiz.

S.A.F.E stands for *Solvents, Automotives, Flammables and Electronics* - items hazardous to the environment (including people and animals) that should not be disposed of in the regular trash and should instead be delivered to a S.A.F.E. Collection Center.



Rotundra Greene, Club Member, gets creative with her pumpkin.



Employees participate in the pumpkin-carving contest.

# Ontario Harvest Feast

■ Employees Assn. hosts pre-Thanksgiving feast.

Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor; Photos by Harold Johnson, Ontario Public Relations

**AIRPORTS** — The Association of Airport Employees (AAE) hosted its annual Harvest Feast at Ontario Airport Nov. 8.

Employees were treated to a pre-Thanksgiving dinner, which included turkey, macaroni and cheese, green beans and pumpkin pie. Employees participated in a pumpkin-carving contest, a pie-eating contest, and several raffle prizes were given out.



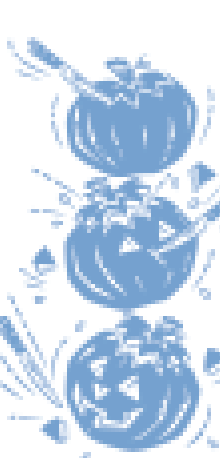
From left: Bryan Jackson, Club Member, and Gary Daniels, Club Member.



Two Ontario Airport employees participate in the raffle.



Wendy Kamayatsu carves her pumpkin.



Leatrice Pickens, AAE Vice President, Club Member.



Airport employees get their faces dirty in the pie-eating contest.

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