



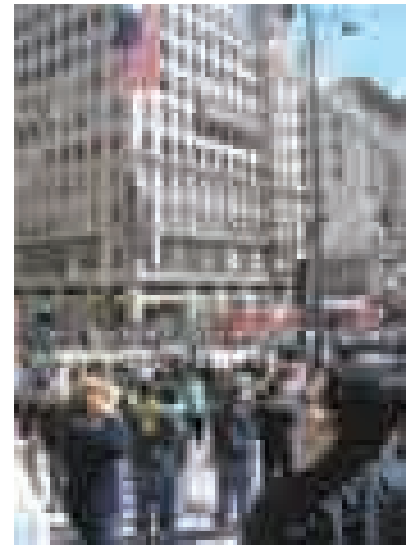
The LAPD Irish Police Officer of the Year, Lt. Greg McManus.



The LAFD's Irish Fireman of the Year, Capt. Steve Norris.



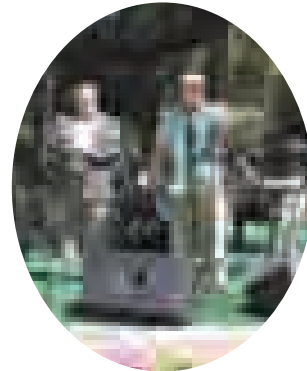
Councilwoman Jan Perry, Club Member, waves from the back of this stagecoach float.



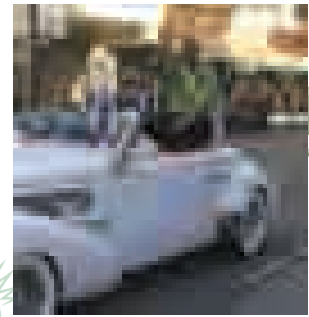
Good-sized crowds attended this year's parade.



Actor Robert Patrick.



Councilman and Club Member Tom LaBonge welcomes the crowd on the warm afternoon.



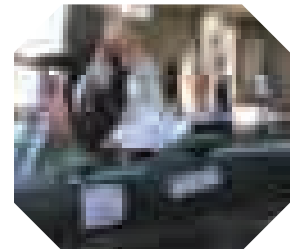
Councilman Bernard Parks.



You can't have a St. Paddy's Day Parade without Scottish bagpipers!



Actor Dan Haggerty.



Irish Honorary Consul Finbar Hill.

Green Day

■ **Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and party afterward draw big crowds with great weather, raucous music.**

REC AND PARKS — Warm sunshine, VIPs and strong Celtic rock by a nationally known act said *Cead Mile Failte – a Hundred Thousand Welcomes*, in the Irish language – to the big crowds who attended the City's annual St. Patrick's Day parade and party afterward in Pershing Square March 17.

Dozens of floats, vintage cars, marching bands, City VIPs and equestrian units marched down the parade route, starting at Olvera Street and ending at Pershing Square.

Pershing Square was crowded with lunchtime revelers and Celtic rock fans dancing to the Young Dubliners, a local group with a national fan base.

Thanks to Rec and Parks for producing the afternoon party; the Fire and Police Depts. for their participation; the Council offices for their cooperation; Transportation, for its safety officers; Public Works, for its Street Services cleanup effort; and all the City participants.



Former L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan.



Actor Perry King.



The LAPD Emerald Society "opens" for the Celtic rock band, the Young Dubliners.



The LAPD patrol on bicycle and cool motorized patrol cart.



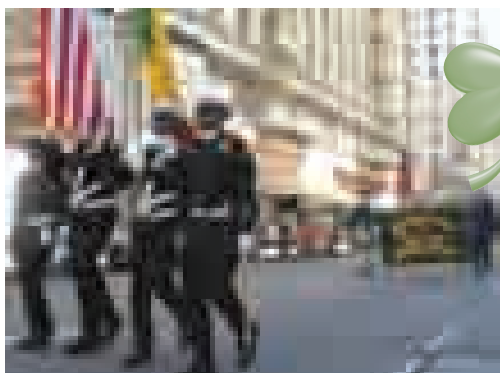
Councilman Dennis Zine.



The Young Dubliners rock the house.



LAFD Chief Douglas Barry.



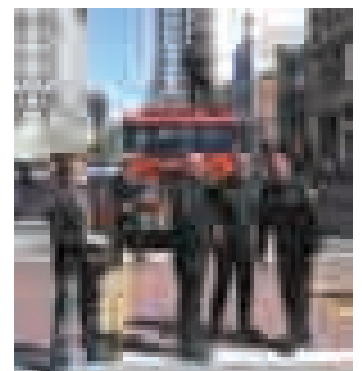
The LAPD's Emerald Society pipe and drum outfit.



North Park High School Marching Band, from Pico Rivera.



An equestrian unit.



A great place to observe the parade was from the top of an LAFD rig.

Shaving and Sharing

■ **St. Baldrick's raises money for children's cancer research.**

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor;
Photos by Arlene Herrero and Cathy Sotos

FIRE, POLICE DEPTS. — The LAFD and LAPD's annual participation in the national St. Baldrick's fundraiser took place March 15 at Fire Station 89. People raise pledges in exchange for having their heads shaved. The money raised goes to assist research in the fight against children's cancer. In eight years, events have taken place in 18 countries and 46 US states, raising more than \$34 million and shaving more than 46,000 heads, according to the St. Baldrick's Website.

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Shaved by Ron Zurawski of Beachcomber Barbershop, a third-year volunteer.

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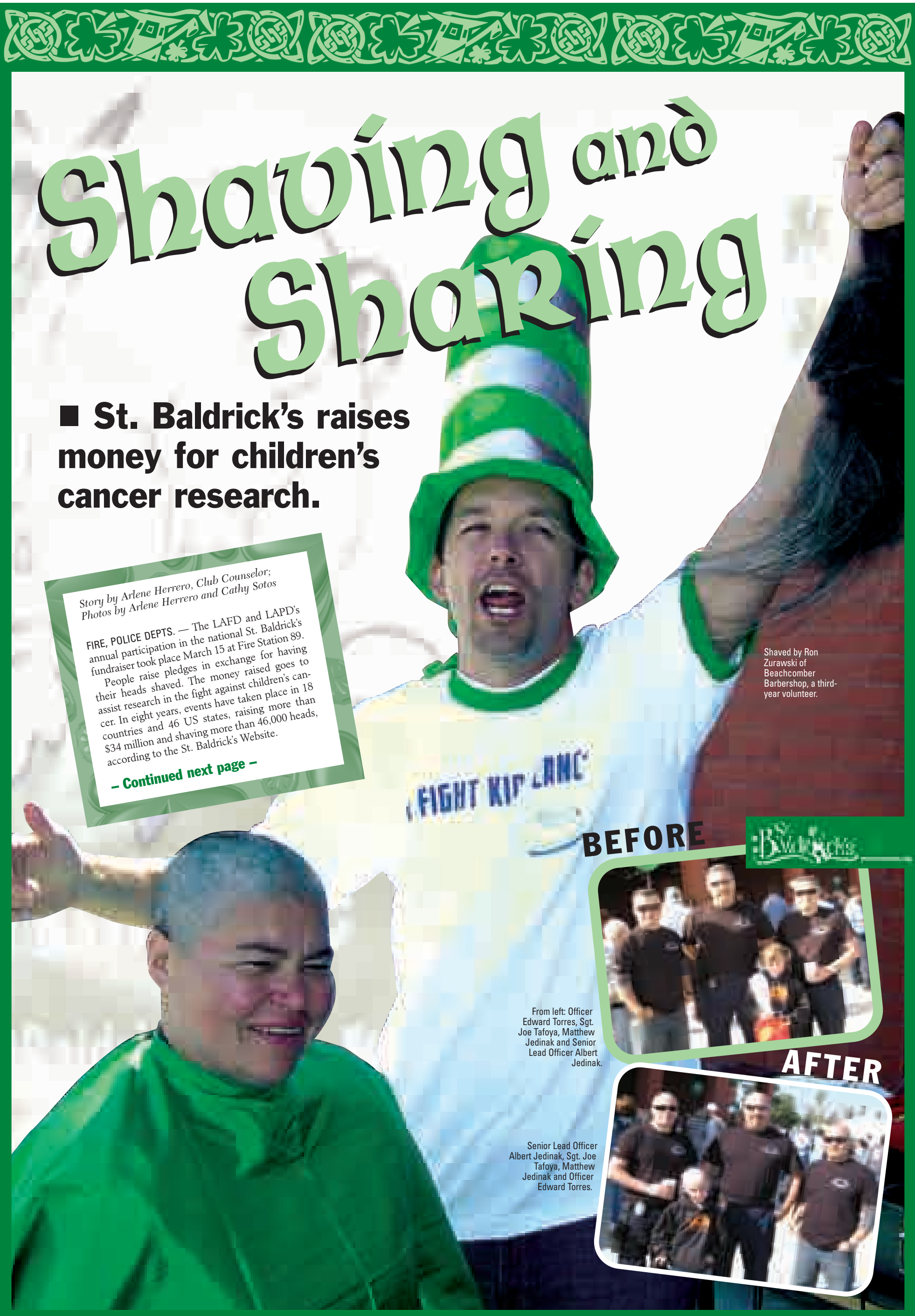


From left: Officer Edward Torres, Sgt. Joe Tafoya, Matthew Jedinak and Senior Lead Officer Albert Jedinak.

AFTER

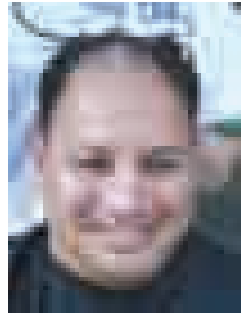


Senior Lead Officer Albert Jedinak, Sgt. Joe Tafoya, Matthew Jedinak and Officer Edward Torres.





Firefighter Ryan Umali, Fire Station 89.



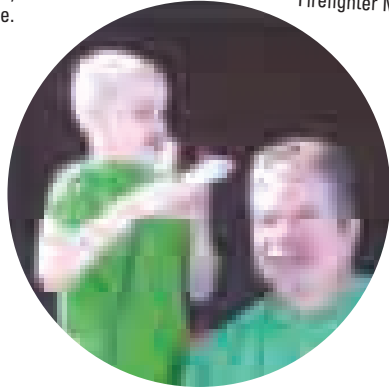
Rick Koval, P III, LAPD Hollywood Vice.



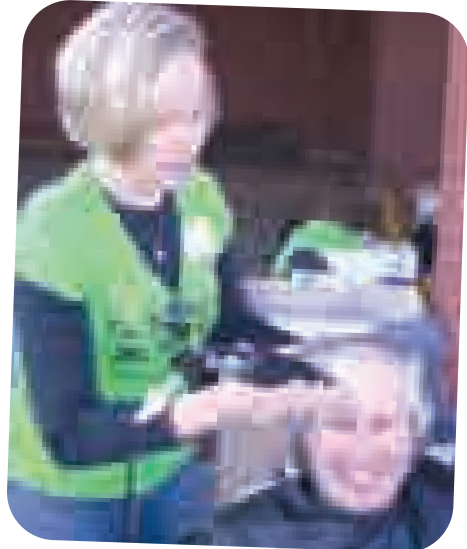
Chase Taylor, 8, son of Firefighter Mike Taylor.



Tribute to Ryan Compton, who is undergoing treatment for leukemia.



Cancer survivor Will shaves the head of his dad, Lt. Greg Doyle, Club Member.



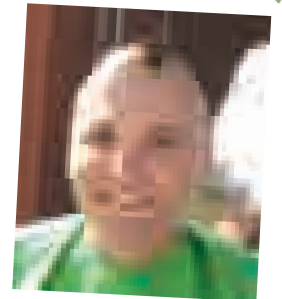
Deby Herdrich, PSR II, Club Member, shaves PSR II Celeste Young, Club Member.



From left: Dorothy Cun, Management Analyst; Paul Russo, PSR II; and Jennifer Chavis, PSR II.



The Wasserman children with the LAFD fire dog and Firefighter Ryan Penrod.



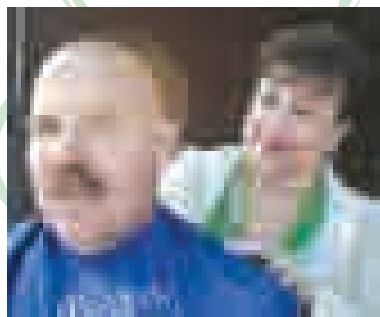
Paul Russo, PSR II, shows off his Mohawk.



Patrick Merrin, P III, LAPD Hollywood Vice.



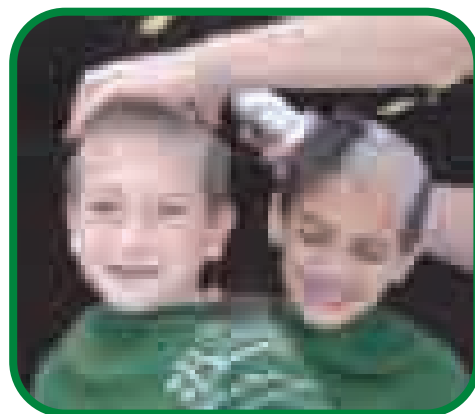
Looks like the boys got their heads shaved while the girls kept all their hair! From left: Mark, 3, and first-time shavee; his dad, Sgt. II Craig Valenzuela; Sarah, 21 months; and Mom, Janet.



Battalion Chief Charles Butler, Fire Station 60, a first-time participant, gets his head shaved by volunteer Rosie Bowman.



Nick III shaves his dad's hair, P2 Nich Abbinanti Jr. from LAPD 21st Station.



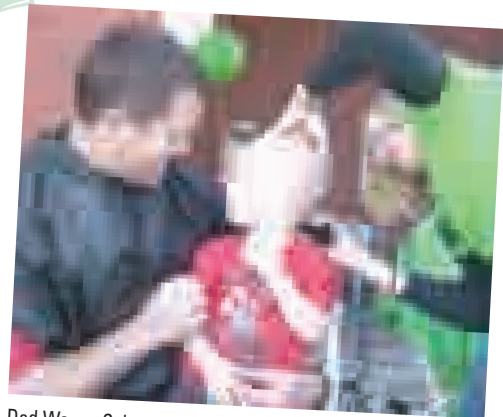
Best friends Nick Abbinanti III and Hasan Baquar are shaved together.



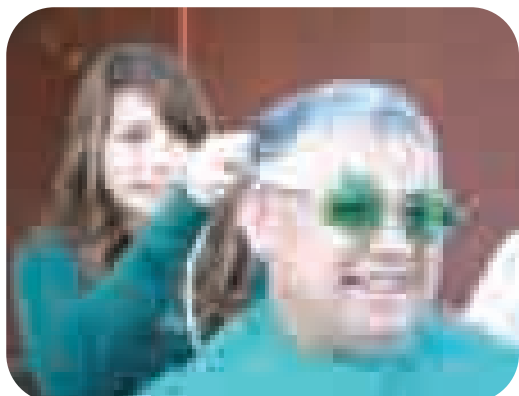
PSR II Deby Herdrich, Club Member, shaves Axel Mannoury, P III, Foothill Station.



Andy Carter, Heavy Equipment Operator, Fire Station 88, was a second-year participant being shaved by Debbie.



Dad Wayne Schuetz, Firefighter at Station 84, hold his son, Ethan, as he is shaved by PSR II Deby Herdrich, Club Member.



Senior Lead Officer Julian Almaraz, Club Member, has his head shaved by his daughter, Briana.

Shaving and Sharing

The goal of the local fundraiser was \$50,000. So far they've raised \$35,887.75 and counting.

Some 137 brave people shaved and were shaved at the event March 15. The shaving began with help from Sally Beauty Supply. There was a free pancake breakfast, sponsored by International house of Pancakes, and plenty of Starbucks coffee and Monster Energy Drink.

Also on hand was Providence Blood donations; National Marrow Donor Program; Childwatch Registration; and the LAFD Fire Hogs and Fire Rods.

The City Employees Club participated for the fourth consecutive year.

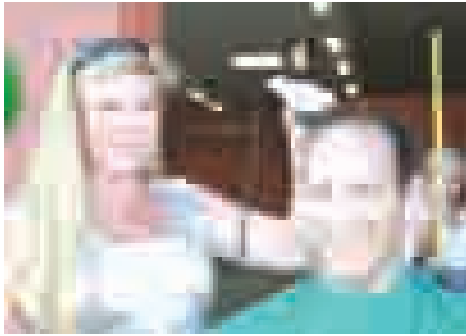
There was a silent auction including a U.S. Women's Soccer team autographed jersey and former U.S. Men's Soccer Team goalie Kasey Keller's game jerseys, with all proceed to benefit St. Baldricks.

Important guests included Capt. Sharyn Buck and Councilmembers Dennis Zine and Wendy Greuel.

Congratulations to all participants.



Shawnie Livera, PSR, Club Member, is still smiling while most of her hair is gone.



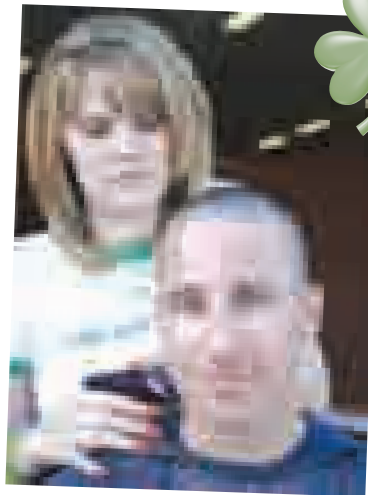
Julie Taylor, PII, Mission, shaves Mike Taylor.



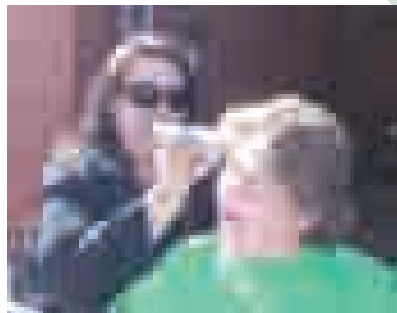
Busy at the pancake breakfast, from left: Lee Hazelquist, Apparatus Operator, Fire Station 89; Kevin Clarke, Firefighter, Fire Station 89; and Henry Amparan, Captain III, Fire Station 89, Club Member.



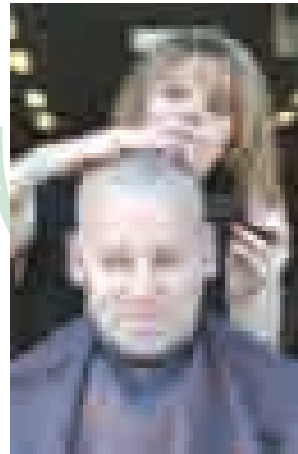
From left: Danny Wu, Firefighter, Event Organizer; Councilwoman Wendy Greuel; and Lt. Greg Doyle, Club Member.



Dean Comer, LAFD Paramedic, Fire Station 78.



Ronnie shaves Police Services Representative Shawnie Livera, Club Member.



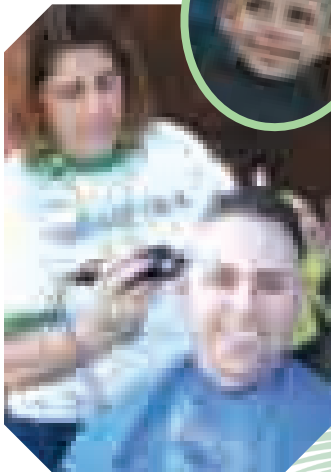
Heather Furman, Simi Valley PD, shaves Engineer David Fernimen from Fire Station 51.



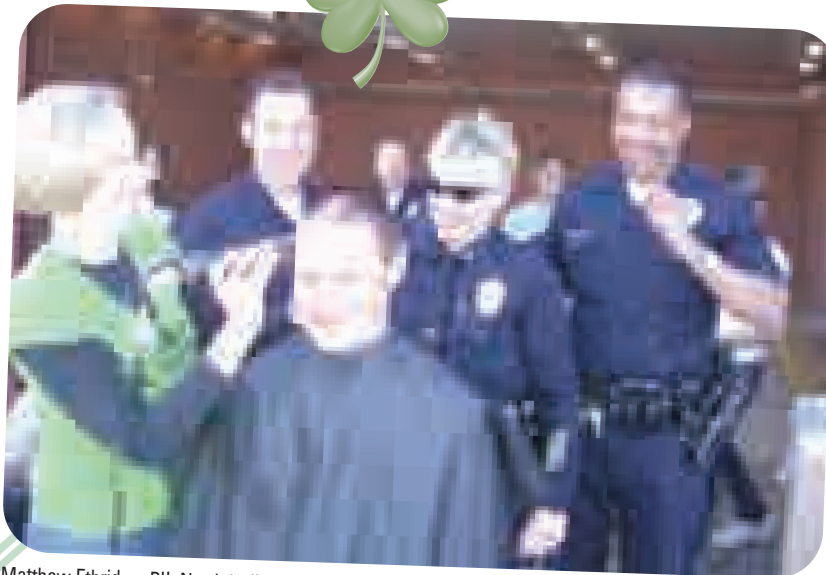
From left: Garrett, 11; Curt Wassarman, LAFD Paramedic, Fire Station 112; and Gage, 4, Garrett and Curt have had their heads shaved for five consecutive years.



Mark, three-year-old, gets his own haircut to match his dad, Sgt. II Craig Valenzuela.



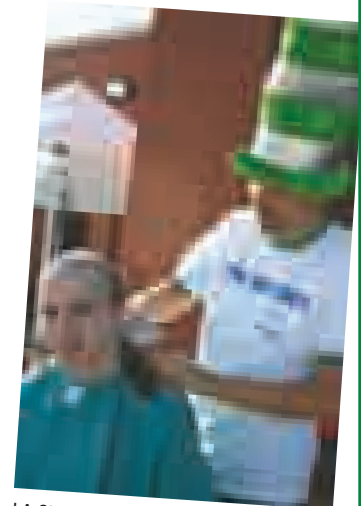
Sgt. II Craig Valenzuela, LAPD Chief of Staff.



Matthew Ethridge, PII, North Hollywood, gets his head shaved by Deby Herdrich, PSR II, Club Member, while Capt. Sharyn Buck, North Hollywood, looks on.



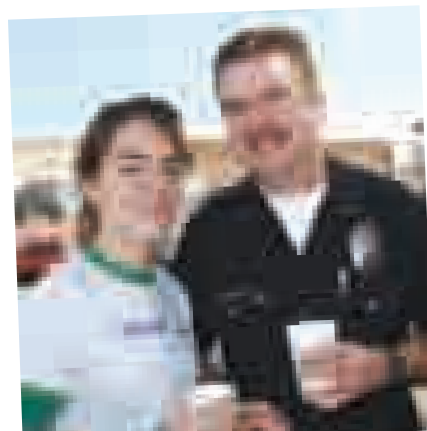
Matthew Williams, 14, third-time participant and son of LAFD Paramedic Todd Williams at Fire Station 82.



LA City Fire Explorer Joseph Smith is shaved for the first time by Ron Zurawski of Beachcomber Barbershop, a third-year volunteer.



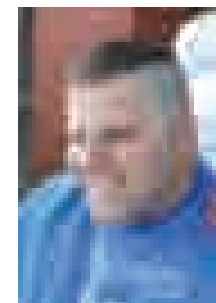
Sr. Lead Officer Michelle Rodriguez, Foothill, gives Sr. Lead Officer Julian Almaraz, Club Member, his very own Mohawk.



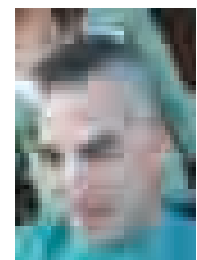
Lt. Grey Doyle, Event Organizer, Club Member, and his daughter, Nina.



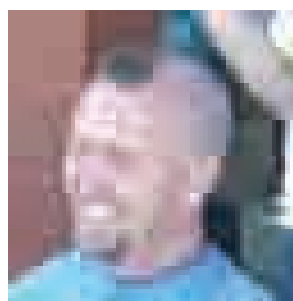
On the hot seat are Councilman Dennis Zine, Club Member, and Councilwoman Wendy Greuel.



LAFD Paramedic Curt Wassarman, a fifth-year participant, Fire Station 112.



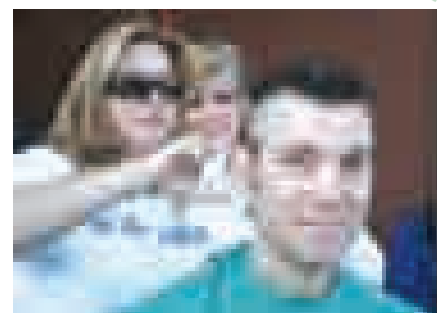
LAFD Paramedic Brent Dalton, Fire Station 75.



Randy Carr, fiancé of PSR II Nicole Salls, Club Member.



From left: Julian Almaraz, Sr. Lead Officer, Foothill Station, Club Member; Michelle Rodriguez, Sr. Lead Officer, Foothill Station; LAFD Engineer David Fernimen; and Johnny Walker, Sr. Lead Officer Foothill Station.



Theresa Bui, PSR II, Club Member, shaves Sgt. Anthony Azevedo, Foothill Station, Club Member.



Fire Engineer Sean Kennedy, Station 71, has his head shaved by Kristi Costin, five-year volunteer, in honor of Rocco Escobar.

