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Connie the Couch with John Hawkins, Club President and CEO.



Rosalia Rojo, Environmental Engineer, Public Works/Sanitation, with her niece (left) talking with the public about the City's



Sterling Davis, RCTO, 6 years of City service.



Anthony "DJ Sweat" Hatten, Heavy Duty Truck Operator, 22 years of City service, with Robert Sosa, Supervisor of Bulky Items, 21 years of City service.



Genaro "G.R." Perez, Retired Driver and Event Volunteer, 29 years of City service; and Adriana Nunez, Sr. Clerk, Club Member.



Parents and kids alike enjoyed the truck rides.



From left: Anthony Cardenas, Maintenance Laborer, 13 years of City service; and Richard Humphrey, RCTO, 23 years, who is known for his chalk murals.



Neighbors enjoyed the truck demonstrations.

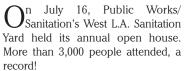
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West L.A. Open House

Sanitation's West Yard holds annual open house.



Story by John Hawkins, Club CEO, and Tanya Edwards, Club Counselor; Photos by Tanya Edwards



Families with children and resi-

dents visited the yard for the chance to meet with truck operators and learn how the City collects and removes its trash, recyclables and yard trimmings. There were experts on hand to talk about mulch and composting, and they were giving away free plants and trees. The event, a favorite among parents and children, caused one parent to comment, "This is the best day of the year in

Children got the chance to experience what it's like to be a truck operator by honking the horns, operating the lifts and taking rides in the trucks. Children got to meet Mr. Recycle, who gave high-fives for recycling and received lots of attention and appreciation.

Thanks to everyone who worked and volunteered at the West L.A. Sanitation Yard, who made our visit memorable!



Mr. Recycle.





Elissa Jackson, Environmental Specialist, 9 years of City service, shares information on the City's T.I.R.E (Terminal Island Renewable Energy) program.



Heidi Gonzalez, Clerk Typist, holds the coveted



mini trash cans.



Bryan Johnson, RCTO, 23 years of City service, with Tanya Edwards, Club Counselor, who appears to be training for a sec-

From left: Rosalia Rojo, Environmental Engineer, Public Works/Sanitation, with her niece, helping

out for the day; Paul Blount, Manager I, Operations Manager, Solid Resources Processing and

Construction Division, Public Works/Sanitation; and John Hawkins, Club President and CEO.



The chefs of the event, from left: Joseph Norwood, RCTO, 25 years of City service; Willie Hunt, RCTO, 27 years; and Andre Green, RCTO, 20 years.





Michelle Mikesell, Management Analyst, 6 years of City service, and John Hawkins, Club President and CEO, holding a "recvcle oil" rag.



The grill masters, from left: Jonathan Cobb, RCTO, 33 years of City service; George Dominguez, RCTO, 8 years; and Gabriel Buelna, RCTO, 6 years.





Radio Disney was on hand, conducting hula-hoop contests.



From left: Jimmy Tokeshi, Public Information Officer, and Sal Miranda, Acting Division Manager, Club Member.



Dewayne Turner, RCTO, 3 years of City service, with a new



From left: Victor Perez, Event Attendant II, 4 years of City service; Michelle Mikesell, Management Analyst, 6 years; and Tanya Edwards, Club Counselor.



Kids line up to take part in the games.



Jimmy Guzman



Freddie the Refrigerator poses with Tanya Edwards, Club Counselor. Freddie is promoting the City's large-item pickup