

INSIDE MOVES



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The LACTC Staff Newsletter "All the news that's unfit to print"

COMINGS AND GOINGS

COMING ON BOARD...

Up in Programming and Fiscal Analysis on the 6th floor we gained a new secretary early last July: **GLENDA HILL**. Glenda declined to have her picture taken, probably because so many people would recognize her and rush to get her autograph. It seems Glenda's most interesting job before LACTC was as the leading lady on the daytime television series, "One Hundred Lives to Live," a metaphysical soap opera based on theories of reincarnation. While starring in that, Glenda won an all-expense-paid two-year cruise around the world on one of those random phone-dial contests (and you all thought those turkeys were just trying to sell you something, right?). So, without a tear of regret, Glenda left the glitter of Hollywood for exotic ports and foreign climes. On her cruise, while on "shore leave" in one of those unpronounceable tiny European countries that still loves royalty, she actually met and captured the heart of a real prince. Princie showered her with furs and diamonds and used to pick her up from the ship while it was still at sea by hovering in a helicopter and lowering a golden-tassled rope ladder. Then...but wait a minute. Can you BELIEVE this life?? No? Well, here's a true quote, uttered when I asked Glenda to fill out one of our "Who Are You" forms: "Just make it up--and make it glamorous."

Climbing aboard in mid-July was new Communications Rep **ROBERTA TINAJERO**, now well known to some of you as one of the companions of the infamous Fred Fish. Roberta came to us from the National Kidney Foundation of Southern California, where she was public relations director and basic all-around communicator. She holds a BA in Communications (when she is not holding Fred) from Cal State Fullerton. Roberta grew up in Montebello and now lives in Mar Vista with a cat named T.C. (who would also like to get her claws into Fred). Roberta's favorites include watching old movies on the VCR, barbecuing, "New Mexico Trilogy" by John Nichols,



Roberta



Kyra

frozen turkey dinner by Weight Watchers, "Gone With the Wind," and salsa music. Her pet peeves: people who say they're going to do something and never do and elevator music. And here's her philosophy of life since meeting Fred: A woman without a fish is like a bicycle without a man.

It's rare to meet someone you can live with, lunch with, and work with everyday, but for **KYRAH MILLER** and her husband, Jon, it's just a way of life. Kyrah joined the LACTC ranks in July as a secretary in the Transit Development section. (Husband Jon works with us as a temp.) The two team up for meals, hobbies, and family planning. Kyrah is five months pregnant and hoping for twins. The expectant parents keep busy with their own photography and professional make-up artistry business, which Kyrah knows plenty about since she was once a fashion model instructor. Mae West's famous quip, "too much of a good thing is wonderful," is obviously a favorite of Kyrah's. She enjoys "my husband's Cornish hens and home-cooked meals, body building, long drives along the coast, and keeping my husband excited." May be she'll get those twins.

Who says Smith and Garcia are common names? "Gomez" appears twice on our roster now that we have community relations specialist **ART GOMEZ** who joined staff in July. Art, a local

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from the eastside, works with the community in the downtown area along the LB-1A line. While in the service, he traveled quite extensively throughout Europe, which is still his favorite place to visit. Now settled in Alhambra, Art is married and has three children. He relaxes with racquetball, volleyball, creative writing, chess and camping.



Brynn



Art

Welcome to BRYNN KERNAGHAN, the new government relations representative who keeps our congressional delegates up to date about the LACTC. Brynn previously served in intergovernmental relations at the Southern California Association of Governments, but feels her most interesting position was chief consultant to the California Legislature's Joint Committee on Seismic Safety. (Let's assign her as the 5th floor's earthquake preparedness monitor.) While working with the committee, Brynn can be credited with sneaking bills past "sleeping" interest groups. (Maybe she can slide the repairs bill for the cracks in our building into a sleeping checkbook.) Brynn commutes via RTD from Glendora where she lives with her husband and two sons aged 9 and 6, a dog, guinea pig and two fish. During the fall/winter season she can be found screaming on the sidelines at her sons' Saturday soccer games. (Try that sentence out loud three times real fast.)



Phyllis

"Everything takes longer than expected," according to Murphy's law and PHYLLIS BURSLEY, the new analyst in administrative services. The outlook is an appropriate one for anyone working in any phase of a transportation agency. Phyllis will be working with Cindy Kondo in keeping our office operations operating. Prior to her hire-on in October, Phyllis worked with the County of Ventura for 10 years and with an undisclosed private firm that went bankrupt within the year she

spent there. Phyllis grew up in Newport Beach and now lives in Thousand Oaks with her daughter, a high-school junior. She is an alumna of Cal State Northridge. Phyllis enjoys sewing, crocheting, classical music, and Star Trek.

Just about everyone you meet these days is from another state and DAVE SIEVERS, the new facilities project engineer, is no exception. Born in Clintonville, Wisconsin (where?), Dave moved on to Miami, Florida by way of Lafayette, Indiana where he attended Purdue University. In the sunshine state he was with the Kaiser Transit Group, which worked on the Miami metro rail system. He started here in September and received a real California welcome from the fault lines. Dave is managing the Long Beach-Los Angeles loop design and the El Segundo portion of the Century route. At the time of his hire, he didn't yet have a permanent address for his wife, three tabby cats, and two daughters--one a sophomore in college and the other a junior in high school.



Kay



Dave

What do KAY COOLEY and NBC's Tom Brokaw have in common? They both grew up in Yankton, South Dakota. But Tom grew up to be an anchorman and Kay came to the big city and landed here at LACTC. She joined the staff as an intern in the Highway Department in 1985 and became a permanent employee in July of this year. As a highway program analyst, Kay processes city claims for bike and pedestrian services and street and road improvement plans among other duties. Kay lives in Northridge and attends the Cal State University there. Within the year, she'll have a masters degree in health administration. Kay shares an all time favorite past time of many of watching dust collect on furniture and clothes pile up in the hamper. When she isn't heavily involved in this popular spectator sport, she enjoys writing poetry, swimming and tennis. Ask her where the best Nicaraguan and West African restaurants are and who starred in the movie "Rosa Luxemborg."

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REBOARDING ...

A warm welcome back to DEANA BURTON, formerly secretary to the Government Relations Section, who is back with us as secretary to the 7th-floor contingent of Community Relations. Deana left us last March to take up what seemed like an offer she couldn't refuse; but some jobs are definitely NOT as advertised, and, let's face it, congenial people and working conditions sometimes matter more than title and salary. Deana says she's enjoying her new post and learning lots about areas of the Commission's work she knew little about before--such as how a rail line is built and how to handle all those phone calls from irate NIMBYs. [Ed. note: for you non-rail staffers, a NIMBY is a resident near a proposed or under-construction rail line who takes up the battle cry, "Not In My Backyard!"].

already shown enthusiasm in her new slot by helping to organize the popular third-floor Halloween costume potluck lunch (see "The Social Scene"). Maria's proven skills, personality, and steadfastness should be welcome to Norm, who, despite his affable good nature, has had a run of bad luck in the last couple of years with (relatively) quickly departing secretaries.



Glenda

Also moving during the past quarter was long-time staffer GLENDA K. STAMPS, who went from being an administrative analyst for Finance & Admin on the fifth floor up to her new slot as contracts analyst on the seventh floor. Glenda has been at the Commission for four years, after moving out west from Columbus, Ohio. She started here as an analyst in the Transit Programs section of Programming & Fiscal Analysis Division. (Let's see, she's worked in three of our four divisions; guess her next move will be to Government & Public Affairs.)

MOVING AROUND...

You read very little about TAMIKO HIRANO-MONKAWA, a sometimes shy secretary, in the last issue of this newsletter. But since that publication, we've learned of Tamiko's colorful history. Her father has lived for long periods of time in Japan, China, and the U.S. Tamiko was born in Japan and was brought here as a child. She remains fluent in Japanese and put her skill to use as an employee for the Department of Public Social Services in Little Tokyo where she worked with drug abusers and senior citizens. She started here in April in the Community Relations Department and recently moved to the Administrative Service Department. Tamiko will soon complete her course work for a certificate in business information systems from Cal State LA. She and her 7 year-old son are avid nature enthusiasts and spend many weekends combing the beach for sea creatures and walking through museums and the observatory.

MOVING UP...

Long-time staffer MARTHA DUNN has been promoted from secretary in the bus transit section of Programming & Fiscal Analysis, up on the 6th floor, to the newly created post of senior secretary in Richard Stanger's Program Development section for rail transit, down on the fourth floor. Martha's been with the Commission for eight years. She's a word-processing whiz, among many other skills--including the rare one (these days) of sewing all her own clothes. But what I R#EALLY want to know is, what happened to the vegetable slippers, Martha?



Maria

Tamiko



Martha

Pam

MARIA WHITE, lately a secretary in the Finance & Admin's second-floor contingent, is settling into her new position as Rail Systems Manager Norm Jester's secretary on the third floor. Maria started at the Commission about five years ago as our receptionist. She landed her F&A assignment last August, after successfully completing a course in secretarial skills. She has

MOVING ON...

PAM MOCK TSUCHIDA, an analyst in Post (Van Matre) McLaughlin's Local Assistance section for one year, has also moved on. She and her new husband, Craig, moved north to Santa

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Cruz, where she is working for the Santa Cruz County Transportation Commission while Craig earns his doctorate in oceanography. Five'll get you ten they never leave that gorgeous strip of coastline either; I know I wouldn't, if I had any excuse to be there.

Just when we thought our "serial receptionist" era was behind us, wonderful MARY CANTU has announced her resignation. Seems the position was a tad tame for someone with Mary's energy level--and all staffers who attended the campout know that Mary likes things to be lively. She'll stay til we find someone else though. Her parting words: "Hi...it was great. And bye...I'm sad and I wish I could take all these great people with me." We'll miss you, Mary, and wherever you wind up, good luck.



Geraldine

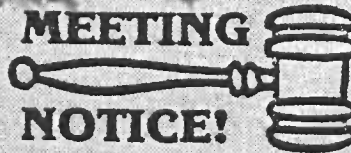


Mary

Another lively face no longer seen around here is that of former third-floor rail secretary GERALDINE BERRETT, who has moved on in pursuit of other opportunities. Geraldine was a big fan of *Inside Moves*, and God knows, we hate to see our big fans leave--especially the ones who also write for us. Geraldine is responsible for an I.M. first: the first time something we've run is being reprinted. Her article on the Garfield Building, which ran in our last issue, is scheduled to be reprinted in the magazine of the Los Angeles Conservancy. Geraldine was a special loss to our LACTC Toastmasters, where she was an enthusiastic participant and the club's secretary. Happy trails, Geraldine, wherever you are. △

LOST PET - Terrier, only 3 legs,
blind in one eye, tail broken in
two places, castrated. Answers
to the name "LUCKY"

MEETING
NOTICE!



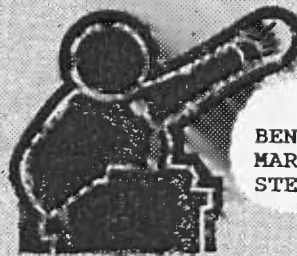
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TOASTMASTERS

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, DEC. 1

4TH FLOOR MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM

NOON - 1:15 PM (BRING LUNCH)

ALL STAFF & CONSULTANTS WELCOME!



Scheduled
speakers:

BEN DANCHE
MARY LOU ECHTERNACH
STEVE TAYANIPOUR

MURPHY'S LAW OF GOVERNMENT:

*If anything can go wrong, it will do so
in triplicate.*

THE SOCIAL SCENE

TROPHY OURS--FOR NOW

When the rival softball teams met for a rematch on September 13, the rail consultants were still gloating over the thrashing they gave our Bad News Bears in early August, but who's sorry now? "Stanger hit a home-run and led us to victory," recalls rematch organizer BOB MINAHAN. Bob also credits young Matt Richmond with a major hand in the victory, explaining that Matt was so small no-one could pitch to him so he walked a couple of times. "He was our secret weapon," says Bob. The game was the final one in a "best of three" series for the year, and our score of 15 to 7 gives us the trophy until 1988. After the game, players and friends picnicked in the park--Brookside Park in the Pasadena Rose Bowl. Bob says we can look forward to another softball/picnic event in the spring.

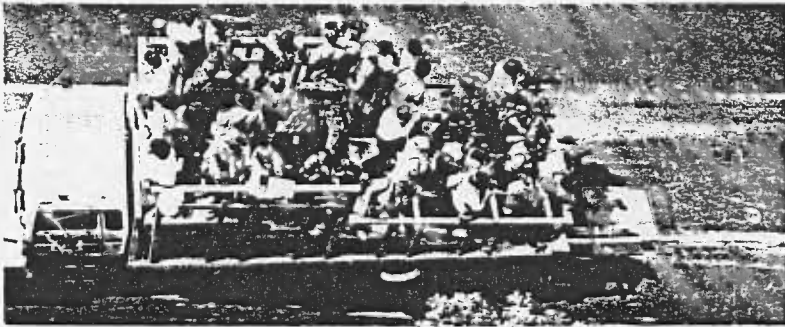
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A Papal Parade Passes 8th. St.

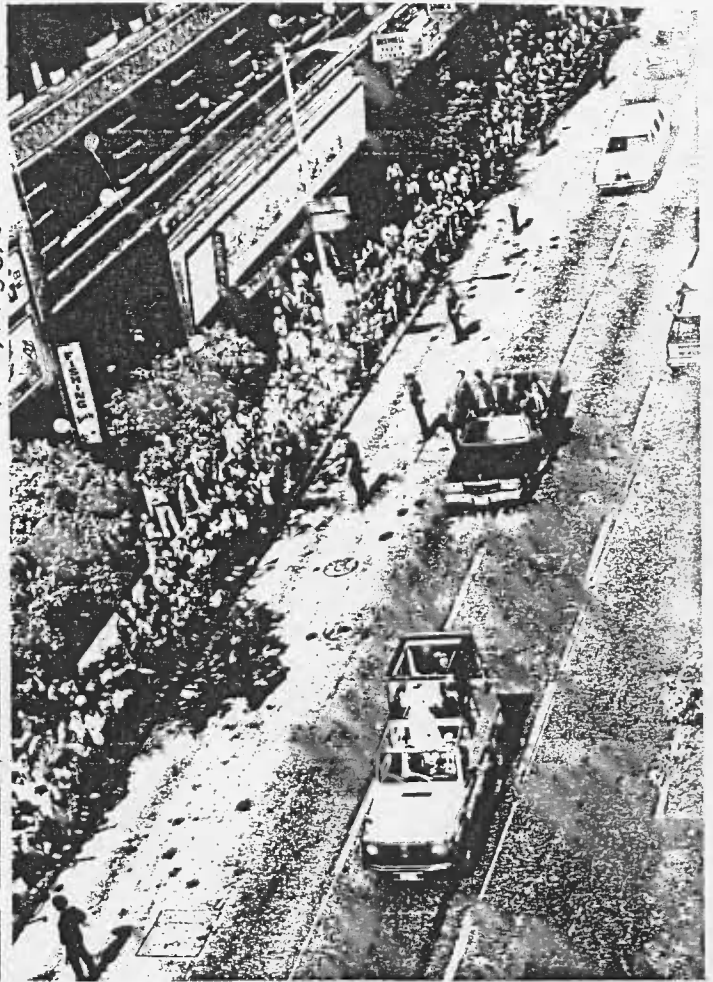
A small but enthusiastic group of LACTCers braved the threats of gridlock traffic, heat strokes, and masses of mass goers and came into the office on September 15, the day the Pope's motorcade passed our building.

Our own José Mesa was one of the many volunteers who arrived downtown at 5 a.m. to monitor the crowds along the parade route. Anxious and excited spectators waited hours to see the Pope. When his entourage finally got moving, they went zooming. If you turned your head for a minute you would have gotten Popelash trying to catch a view. Nevertheless, we greeted him with true and holy spirit, cameras, balloons, banners and waves.

The streets fell silent by noon and any employee who was still hanging around at 6 p.m. was probably here because his or her bus wasn't. △



Persistent press pursues Pope....



Photos: Roberta Tinajero

...while packed people proffer praise and prayers.

LIFE ON THE FAULT LINE

Without thinking I drove downtown on October 1, the day the first quake rocked our city. I arrived shortly before 8:30 a.m. A lot of dazed people lined the streets. I was happy to see a familiar face in the parking lot and called out to a coworker that I had never spoken to before. Someone else bought me a cup of coffee. A while later, most downtown workers had the option to leave the area and I was more than happy to deliver three passengers to their eastside neighborhoods. Their company was calming. On the way out, the parking attendant waived the fee. Later that day two people "from the office" called me at home just to talk.

Almost a week later we still held conversations about the quakes, the eerie heat wave, and sleepless nights. We shuffled through days of little or no elevator service, air conditioning, or downtown signal lights. We talked to strangers and to each other on buses, elevators, and at lunch counters about these uneasy times.

Soon daily chatter turned to the world series and has now drifted to the impending holidays. But it was a summer that reminded us that there are an awful lot of good people around living life here on the edge. △

--rt

Gallagher's Gallery

QUIPS AND QUOTES

Plan ahead -- it wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

Next to being shot at and missed, nothing is really quite as satisfying as an income tax refund.

Don't be so humble, you're not that great.

Exhilaration is that feeling you get just after a great idea hits you, and just before you realize what's wrong with it.

If you want to walk the streets safely at night, carry a projector and slides from your last vacation.

Imagination is more important than knowledge.

Praise does wonders for the sense of hearing.

The closest to perfection a person ever comes is when he fills out a job application form.

One of the most difficult things to give away is kindness -- it is usually returned.

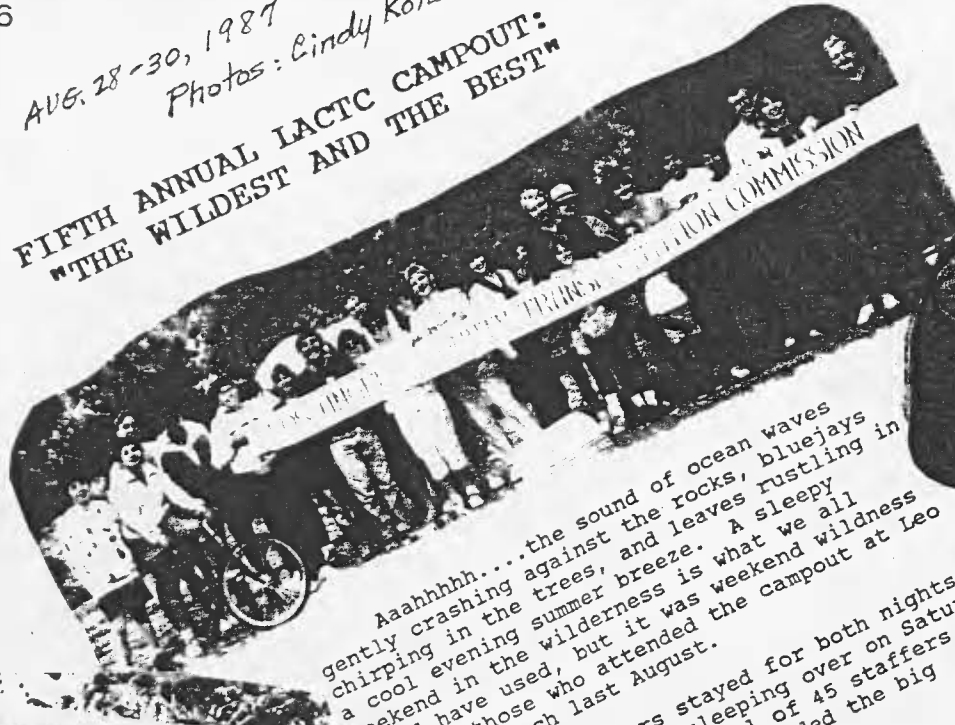
Friends are those rare people who ask how we are and then wait to hear the answer.

Too much of a good thing is wonderful. △

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Photos: Cindy Kondo

FIFTH ANNUAL IACTC CAMPOUT: "THE WILDEST AND THE BEST"



Aaahhhh...the sound of ocean waves gently crashing against the rocks, bluejays chirping in the trees, and leaves rustling in a cool evening summer breeze. A sleepy weekend in the wilderness is what we all could have used, but it was weekend wildness for all those who attended the campout at Leo Carrillo Beach last August.

Eighteen campers stayed for both nights, with an extra fifteen sleeping over on Saturday night. In all, a total of 45 staffers and other party animals attended the big Saturday-evening fiesta.

Campers returned home with aches, pains, and strains--the results of excessive frisbee tossing, volleyball games, limbo lurches, and burnt marshmallows. The Saturday-evening barbecue started out innocently enough with singing around the campfire led by Ann Reeves at the guitar and an incredible spread of food. (Delicious chicken fajitas provided by Diane Perrine.) Hell broke loose when Dutch pastry recipe.) Ask Peter DeHaan for his someone brought out a funny looking bottle with a dead worm in it and clicked on the limbo theme song on an oversized boom-box.

The unpopular Mr. Ranger (looking somewhat like the famed Yogi Bear cartoon character) was soon on the site to quiet things down a little. When the bash broke up, the diehard partyers, led by GP&A staffers, staggered on to the afterhours campfire for one more round of "You Are My Sunshine," which was punctuated every now and then by someone barfing in the bushes. (It musta been those marshmallows along with some of his buddies brought and called for a "lights out" for those well lit and still remaining.

Most everyone made it home early Sunday, but those who lingered on to snooze in the sand were visited by a high tide that escaped with Mary Cantu's car keys. A few hearty sports fans who weren't too hung over played volleyball and soaked up some rays from a late joiner to the event--the sun.

All in all, this was the best-attended and most uninhibited campout yet. It should be great fun to try to outdo ourselves next year!

Many thanks to Ilda Licón and Cindy Kondo for making the numerous arrangements necessary for this memorable event. And thanks to Cindy for her in-depth memos that helped get us prepared (the last memo should've ended, "you've read the book--now come to the campout") and for her important statistical contribution to this campout coverage and quiz. Δ

JIM S.

BOB M.



MARY LOU



FOR PETER'S RECIPE, SEE PG. 11



SON OF PAUL

JEFF & DIANE



PAUL

WINE

CAMPOUT QUIZ

How many braincells did you burn out drinking those tequila slammers? Try this Campout Quiz and find out. For those who missed the event, take your best guesses. Answers upside down on page 12.



CINNY'S BOYFRIEND JACK



DON

COOLER



TIM MCLAUGHLIN

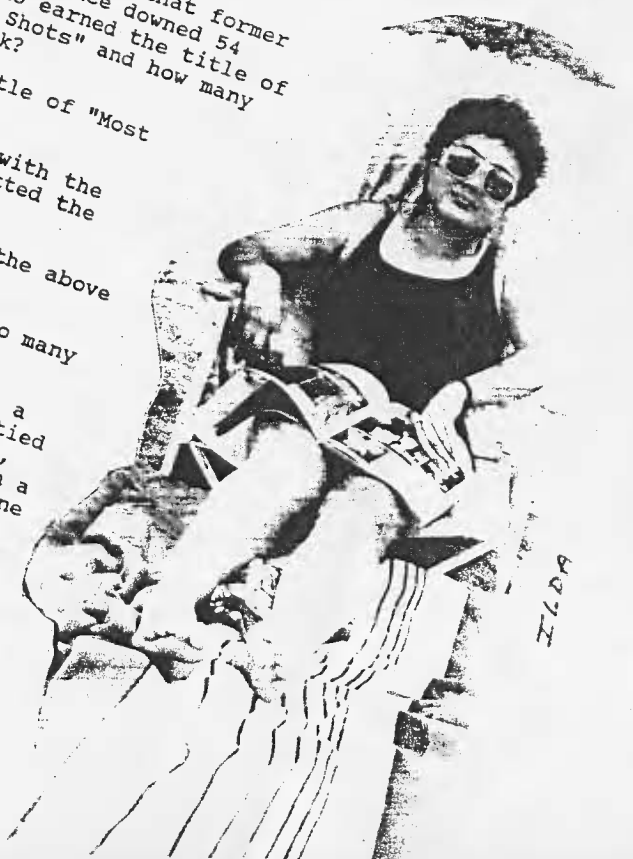
PAT



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ROBERTA'S FRIEND C.C.



ILDA

1. Who wrote a great parody called "Uncle John's Board," to the tune of the Grateful Dead's "Uncle John's Band," which a group of willing warblers sang energetically in many keys?
2. Who accompanied the above singers on a steel-string dreadnought guitar?
3. Who were the only two people to actually go swimming?
4. Whose legs looked best in shorts?
5. Who was one of two tied winners of the limbo contest but no sooner collected her prize than turned in early and went to sleep?
6. Who was the other winner?
7. Who had the following conversation?
Person A: Are you drinking Tequila?
Person B: No.
Person A: (with a slap on the back) You are now.
8. Whose son and whose friend had a great time in a bean-bag chair near the campfire and kept Bob & Mrs. Minahan up half the night?
9. Who had the most sumptuous spread of food, and enough to feed anyone who wanted some?
10. Who went to the restroom in the middle of the night and couldn't find her way back to her tent for 45 minutes?
11. Goaded on by the false rumor that former staffer John Cosby had once downed 54 tequila slammers, who earned the title of "Most Men's Tequila Shots" and how many slammers did he drink?
12. Who garnered the coveted title of "Most Women's tequila Shots"?
13. Who thought he could keep up with the above tequila queen and regretted the attempt?
14. Who acted as good Samaritan to the above regretter?
15. Who said, "I had no idea we had so many party animals at the Commission"?
16. Who drove up on a big motorcycle in a black leather jacket, drank and partied until midnight, then roared off home, stayed up all night working to finish a freelance job, then came back to be one of the few remaining beachers and volleyballers the next day?
17. Who provided the biggest tastiest "morning-after" coffeepot?
18. Who made chorizo burritos for anyone who still had a stomach left on Sunday morning?
19. What woman and what man earned Ranger Kondo's accolade of "Most Helpful in Setting & Cleaning Up"?
20. Who subsequently married her campout date? Δ

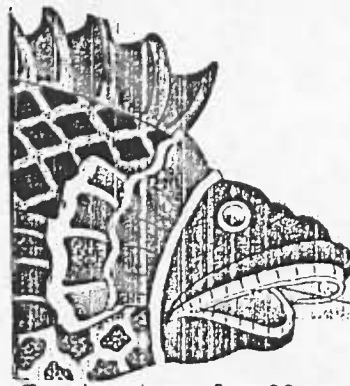
DID YOU KNOW...?

Did you know that while most of us will be stuffing our faces with turkey and yams, CINDY KONDO and ILDA LICON will be vacationing on the white sands of Cancun, Mexico. Maybe we should ask them to stock up on tequila for our next campout.... Shortly after exchanging wedding vows in Minneapolis, STEVE LANTZ's brother and his bride jumped in a limo headed for the Metrodrome to catch the first game of the World Series. The following day, the newlyweds, attired in tux and gown, appeared on the front page of the Minneapolis/St. Paul Tribune.... Speaking of newlyweds, congratulations to Pat Van Matre McLaughlin, who's away on her honeymoon with new hubby Jim McLaughlin McLaughlin. Wait a minute, shouldn't that be Jim McLaughlin Van Matre McLaughlin? Seems Jim's in the transit biz too.... Double kudos to JOSE MESA, who is a Red Cross certified earthquake-preparedness trainer, and who is now enrolled with his daughter in a Spanish-language course for parents and children interested in keeping their roots alive.... While we're talking of children, the baby boom continues at LACTC: ROBIN MCCARTHY had a 7-pound 13-ounce girl on October 9 and named her Sara Ann; both doing fine. CINDY KONDO won the baby-pool on that one, with correct guesses in three out of five categories. ANNETTE MENDOZA, TransCal consultant SUSAN BRAUKIS, and new staffer KYRA MILLER must have drunk the same water and will also soon visit the delivery room.

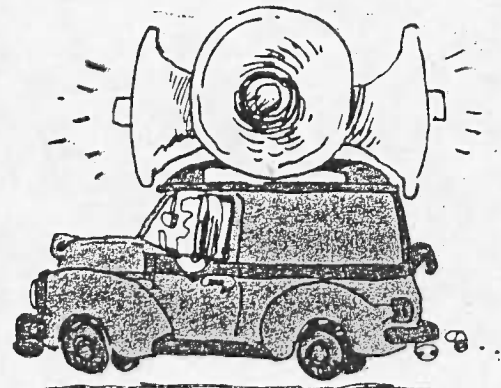


This is a first for Annette and Kyra, and a second for Susan.... By the way, do you all know that NAOMI NIGHTINGALE is taking over for Momma McCarthy as acting manager of Community Relations on the 7th floor? And long-term temp TORI HILL WILLIAMS has stepped into Naomi's shoes til Robin returns.... CLAUDETTE MOODY spends at least 3 hours each week volunteering her time to the Big Sisters program. Volunteers commit to putting in one full year as a friend to a disadvantaged child. She and her 13-year-old "little sis" pal around at the movies, restaurants, or a mall each weekend.... We all remember the worst or most unusual job we ever had, right? For THERESE HERNANDEZ it was being a Sony camera demonstrator. Decked in a bright yellow jumpsuit and SONY belt, Therese hopped

from mall to mall during the Christmas season filming shoppers with a VCR camera.... Congratulations to our Inside Moves editor ANN REEVES for the recent publication of her article "Romancing the Clock: Time Management Tips for Writers" in two magazines.... Did you know that DON HARRISON is going to Washington, D.C., to make a speech at a memorial service for Viet Nam vets? Or that he was a member of



Toastmasters for 20 years? With that kind of experience, look for Don as an upcoming guest speaker at LACTC Toastmasters.... While we're on that subject, everyone who attended the Toastmasters' Tall Tales Contest or the last general staff meeting heard about our legendary employee Fred Fish, loved by women, despised by men. It seems that this low-profiled trout has been romancing the ladies on the fifth floor and apparently left behind an illegitimate pool of guppies to an undisclosed female companion. Anyone wishing to make a holiday donation of an aquarium toy to these fatherless creatures should talk to ROBERTA TINAJERO.... As another installment in our ongoing series called "The Bizarre History of JIM SIMS," are you ready for this? Jim once sat in a missile silo deep under the prairie with his fingers on the ignition key to the launch mechanism.... While we were snooping around the 6th floor, we heard that RICH DEROCK has been looking for wedding rings, that RAY MAEKAWA has been wondering why garbage companies are buying into paratransit concerns (it all started with the garbage barge, Ray), and that JIM ANDREWS recently bought a house in Silverlake and needs volunteers to help him paint it--he promises free booze and pizza to any takers.... This story just in: former staffer JOHN COSBY and his wife are now both working in real estate in Lexington, Kentucky; John once was a senior analyst in the Paratransit Section.... Another former LACTCer and serious party animal, STEVE PARKS, is now in public relations or communications or both with United Way. Steve laments that he wasn't able to join the revels at the campout, as planned, but he was laid up with a bad back.... Ex-Ms. Sunshine GERI BRODIE, who now works for a law firm in Westwood, sends greetings (but no homemade beer) to all of us. Seems Geri is the main confidant of another ex-paratransit person,



MEET YOUR CO-WORKERS

Name: JOHN HIGGINS
 Started with LACTC: March 1986
 Current position: Community Relations Specialist
 Division: Community Relations /LB-IA, 7th flr.
 Principal responsibilities:
 Community relations along the southern portion of the Long Beach to Los Angeles rail project. This includes informing residents and businesses as to what will happen, when, and how. Also, coordination of construction activities alternatives which can minimize disruption of business and deliveries.

Last job before LACTC:
 Worked at Caltrans for 16 years in various capacities; Maintenance Worker (where I was shot at), Accountant, Ride-sharing Rep., Century Freeway Citizen Participation, Manager of Public Information. In Public Information, I answered calls on anything about transportation. Calls on rainy days numbered as many as 5,000 for road conditions.



Grew up in: Bell & Downey, CA
 Education: Graduated from Bell High School; received AA from El Camino College (Torrance) in Business Administration; currently attending Cal State University at Long Beach--will graduate in May 1988.
 Home life: I live with my wife Karen and my 16-month-old son Ryan in Garden Grove. I have 2 daughters by a previous marriage, ages 17 and 11, who live in the City of Lake Elsinore. We have no pets--I have a hard enough time cleaning up after my son and myself.

Favorites:
 food -- Especially hot!!! food -- everything but sweets
 music -- Most everything
 movies -- "Rocky," "Roots"
 vacation -- Water skiing (since I own a boat).
 Pet Peeve -- People who try to keep you down for what goes around comes around.
 Quote -- "Help your fellow man to enjoy life as you do, for life is too short for hatred to prevail."



Name: MICHAEL LOLLER
 Started with LACTC: June 1985
 Current position: Affirmative Action / Labor Relations Analyst
 Division: Transit Development, 4th flr.
 Principal responsibilities: Provide administrative and management skills for labor standards compliance.

Last job before LACTC: Contract Compliance Officer, City of Compton

Grew up in: Los Angeles, CA
 Education: B.A. from UC Davis and M.P. A. from USC

Home life: Live in suburbia and show champion show-type Greyhounds, not the racing type. Currently own three Greyhounds.

Hobbies: Playing tennis, horseback riding, and attending premiere dog shows.

Favorites:
 food -- Gumbo, jambalaya, barbeque, Italian food
 author -- Sidney Sheldon and Alex Haley
 music -- Jazz and R&B
 filmmakers -- Steven Spielberg and James Baldwin
 vacation -- Caribbean, French Rivera
 Pet Peeve -- I don't like people who talk and chew gum at the same time.

Quote -- "Treat others as you would like to be treated."



Name: PETE DE HAAN
 Started with LACTC: July 1985
 Current position: Analyst, Highway/TSM Programs
 Division: Programming & Fiscal Analysis, 6th floor
 Principal responsibilities: Computer Computer funding; bikeways; ridesharing or call boxes or any issue that comes up related to high-occupancy vehicle lanes.
 Most interesting job before LACTC: While an intern with RTD, worked on an evaluation of articulated buses.
 Grew up in: San Fernando Valley



Education: Bachelor's in Math from Calvin College, Grand Rapids Michigan; Master's in Urban Planning from UCLA.

Home life: Rent a house in La Cañada with 5 roommates and a cat. A skunk often makes his home in our yard.

Hobbies: Swimming, running, hiking, singing in church choir, watching plays. (Also, was in a play last year.)

Favorites:
 food -- Pizza
 author -- Steinbeck
 music -- I like everything but Country Western
 vacation -- Someday, go to China in winter, see the Harbin Ice Festival.

Pet Peeve: Photos of office workers holding a phone to their ear ... this pose is used way too often!

Quote: "Where there is no vision, there the people perish."
 "Variety is the spice of life."

HALLOWEEN HAPPENING!

Who was that masked man? Or rather, that two-headed monster that stalked the 3rd floor on October 27? The creature was the star attraction of the potluck Halloween party attended by such notables as the Phantom of the Opera, Sigmund Freud, Jackie Collins, and Darth Vader. The graveyard smash was also haunted by a wicked witch, a dumb engineer, a buxom ape, a pig-snouted cop, a couple of cowgirls, and some spooksters who just came as they were. LEON COOKSEY won the prize for his "two-heads-are-better-than-one" creation. Thanks to his son Perry, the event was captured on video and may be available for a blackmail negotiation. Special thanks to party organizers MARIA WHITE and KYRAH MILLER from the Transit Development Division.



Photo identis for "Halloween Happening," clockwise from upper left: PAUL TAYLOR as a hayseed clown with pop-up topknot; THERESE HERNANDEZ as A Freudian Slip (woman's slip dangled from coat pocket); STEVE LANTZ as the Valley's version of Darth Vader; KATHY SWEET as storybook-style peasant girl; LEON COOKSEY as two-headed prize winner; ROBERTA TINAJERO as potboiler author Jackie Collins; HARRIETTE MARSHALL as Spanish dancer. Write-up: Roberta Tinajero. Layout: Leon Cooksey. Photos: Ann Reeves.

DO THE JINGLE BELL ROCK

The holiday season brings forth a host of office potlucks, family gatherings, reunions of old friends, and, not to be forgotten, the LACTC Sunshine Club's dinner and dance set for the evening of Friday, December 11. This year's event promises to be a humdinger (not to be confused with a bah-humbug dinner.) The party is returning to the USC Faculty Center, the site of the bash two years ago. The center has been remodeled and is even nicer than it was in '85. The \$15 ticket covers your dinner and an evening of entertainment that includes spectacular door prizes, a complimentary photo by the Christmas tree, and a possible visit by St. Nick. (We hear that Bob Minahan is being urged to break out the red suit and black boots, but he has other mysterious plans to amuse us.) Of course there'll be dancing and party planner ANNETTE MENDOZA says the DJ will spin tunes from every decade, starting with the 1940's.

The important thing to remember is that the deadline for reservations is November 19. However, if you are reading this past the deadline and are not way too late, you may have a chance at getting a seat by pleading your case to either ANNETTE or ILDA LICON. Send your \$15 check payable to LACTC to ANNETTE. Δ

RAVE RECIPES RETURN

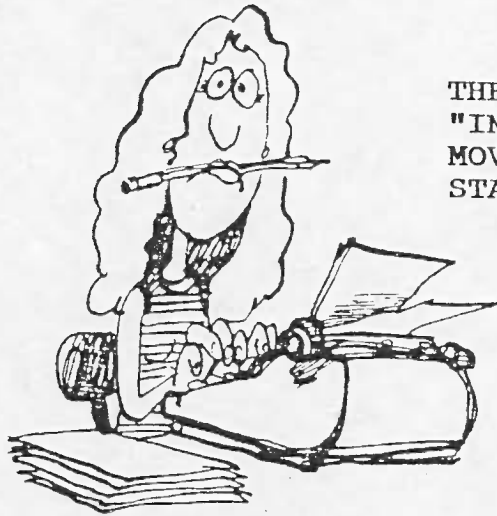
PETE DE HANN'S DUTCH PASTRY RECIPE:

BOTERKOEK

- 1 stick margarine (1/4 lb) softened
1 stick unsalted butter
1 cup sugar
1 tsp. almond flavoring
1/2 tsp. vanilla
1 egg
2 cups flour

Cream together margarine and butter; add sugar and cream again. Add almond, vanilla and egg and cream again. Add flour and blend together on low speed.

Put in greased 9" round pan. Brush with egg white or milk. Bake at 400° for 10 minutes; reduce to 350° and bake 25 minutes more. Δ



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Advertisement for Cancer Information Service featuring a graphic with a telephone handset and the text: 'CANCER INFORMATION SERVICE 1-800-4-CANCER' and 'We help you...'

Advertisement for BJORN'S LAW: 'No matter what goes wrong, there is always somebody who knew it would.'

former consultant TOM QUIGLEY, who phones Geri from back east almost every week. The recently hitched Mr. Q lunched with one of our reporters while here on a brief visit and said married life, this time around, was suiting him just fine.... Do you know what the hell "medical geography" is? Neither do we; guess we should ask LINDA FORD MC CAFFREY to explain, since she has a degree in it (see "Meet Your Co-Workers").... What is "SWARMA"? Enquiring minds want to know.... Government Relations staffer MARY LOU ECHTERNACH has a collection of rubber noses in her office; on a moment's whim she can don the schnoz of an alligator, crab, elephant, or, yes, a fish (perhaps a relative of Fred's?). By the way, heard Mary Lou's excuse for not entering the Toastmasters' Tall Tales Contest? "I've been in politics so long, I can't tell the difference between tall tales and reality.".... Did you know that DICK DOMINGUEZ likes any movie that features cartoon characters? (Must come from living with five children).... Or that Community Relations Manager STEVE LANTZ and his wife take the same vacation every year? They pack the kid, the dog, and the necessities into a camper and hit every antique store on the west coast, from here to British Columbia.... Did you know that Manager of Rail Construction JOHN ADAMS' hobby is woodworking?.... Or that JUDI NORMAN likes to write music?.... When queried about her favorite films, SUSAN ROSALES made the following unusual admission: "I can't sit through movies.".... And last but not least, we're certainly impressed with the social circles SHARON NEELY's running in these days; seems she was spotted at a black-tie tribute to none other than Armand Hammer.... Happy Holidays; see you next ish.△

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 [Ed. Note: We all know what those are, right?]

Most interesting job before LACTC:
 Staff to Environmental Quality Board for L.A. City.

Grew up in: San Gabriel, CA

Education: Master's in Medical Geography, UCLA

Home life: Agoura Hills (with a failing hillside under my townhome and nervous neighbors).

Hobbies: Horseback riding, training in dressage, cross-country, and stadium jumping (otherwise known as 3-day eventing).

Favorites:

food -- Mexican

authors -- Andrew Greeley
 Joseph Waumbau

music -- Bluesy Jazz

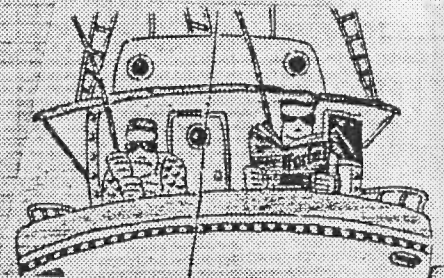
vacation -- Kona

Pet Peeve -- People who drop the Ford out of my name.

Quote: "No goal is too high if we climb with care and confidence."△



GUESS WHO???
 (hint: is an LACTCer)



ANSWERS TO CAMPOUT QUIZ

1. Mary Sue O'Reilly
2. Jim Sims
3. Mary Lou Echternach and Mary Sue O'Reilly
4. Martha Dunn's
5. Ann Keever's friend, Marchelle Hammack
6. Ginger Charard's son's friend, Jon
7. Person A: Roberta Tinajero's friend, C.C.
8. Person B: Leon Cooksey
9. We'll never tell, but you could probably get it out of Bob Minahan
10. The Perrines: super burrito-makers, including black beans, flour tortillas, cilantro, great salsa, and more.
11. Diane Perrine's hubby, Jeff--JJ slammers
12. Mary Cantu--22 and still standing!
13. Why embarrass the poor guy further?
14. Cindy Kondo's longtime main-squeezers,
15. Jack
16. Al Scala
17. Leon--who else?
18. Bob
19. Mary
20. Bob and Diane
20. Pat Van Matre--now McLaughlin