

EDITOR'S NOTE: Are you running in this year's LA Marathon? metro.net is interested in your LA Marathon experiences. Bring your medal and race time on Tuesday for a group victory photo. Please e-mail Editor Bill Heard, internally, or at heardw@mta.net or call 922-7479 and leave a message.



TO THE FINISH -- Chariots of Fire-types meet at Gateway Transit Plaza for group karma before running the 16th Annual LA Marathon on Sunday. Raring to go are, back row from left, County Counsel **George Parks**, veteran marathon runner **Everett Wilson**, Sr. Security Officer **Luis Medrano**, and, front row from left, County Counsel **Ron Stamm**, Media Relations staffer **Luis Inzunza** and Freeway Service Patrol aide **Gary Chan**. For the record, here's the run-down on the runners up: **George Parks**, stepping out for his third LA marathon, hikes the 26.2 miles with the LA Marathon Roadrunners walk/run group in under 8 hours. Veteran runner **Everett Wilson**, a MTA auditor in Revenue, has 52 marathons to his considerable credit with a best time of 3:15. By the way, Wilson has run every single LA Marathon since the first one in 1986, a feat he shares with a shrinking but elite corps of some 320 marathoners. Former U.S. Marine **Luis Medrano**, who has finished 14 marathons in fine form, trains with the LA Marathon Roadrunners and runs a clean and mean 4:25er. It will be the eighth LA run for County Counsel **Ron Stamm**, who faithfully trains with the LA Leggers in Santa Monica every single Saturday for months. His best time, including one New York, New York Marathon, is a very cool 3:57. **Luis Inzunza**, who ran last year's LA Rainathon in 5:20, expects better weather will boost his second run around town. Newcomer **Gary Chan** predicts victory in his first marathon ever. --TEXT AND PHOTO BY GAYLE ANDERSON

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