

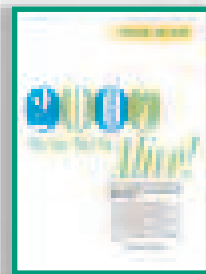


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Alive! Looks Back at 2007's Best Moments

■ This issue contains a special *Alive!* feature: a look back at City happenings in 2007.



CLUB HEADQUARTERS — Do you remember all the good things that we brought to you in *Alive!* during 2007? Well, here's your chance to relive some of the bigger stories, and some of the great *Alive!* photos, too.

How about our two big features on the DWP: first, the aqueduct, and then the power grid?

Or how about St. Baldrick's? Or the adventure with the Port Police Dive Team? Or the devastating fire in Griffith Park?

And you can't forget about all the great locations where our Club Members snapped a photo of themselves, holding their copy of *Alive!*, can you?

It all starts on page 14. Happy New Year!

Centeno Sworn In as New Chief Of Airport Police



■ **George Centeno sworn in as head of Airport Police. Four other leaders sworn in, too.**

Story and photos courtesy Sgt. Jim Holcomb, Airport Police Public Information Officer

AIRPORTS — George R. Centeno was sworn in as Chief of Police of the Airport Police Division of Airports Dec. 7 by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa in a ceremony at the Flight Path Learning Center and Museum in LAX's Imperial Terminal.

Four members of the division's executive command staff were also sworn in:

- Frank Fabrega, Assistant Chief for Traffic and Security Operations;
- Erroll G. Southers, Assistant Chief for Intelligence and Emergency Operations
- William Thompson, Executive Asst. Chief of Administrative Services; and
- Brian A. Walker, Deputy Chief of the Office of Operations.

The new appointees will be responsible for law enforcement and security at the City's four airports: Los Angeles International (LAX), LA/Ontario International (ONT), LA/Palmdale Regional (PMD) and Van Nuys (VNY) general aviation.

See the story on page 9.



LAPD Communications celebrated the season with a Black and White Masked Ball.

Fun
in the
City!

It's an *Alive!* tradition — you celebrated the holidays, and we publish the party pics!

See all the fun photos, starting on page 20.



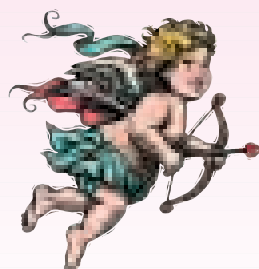
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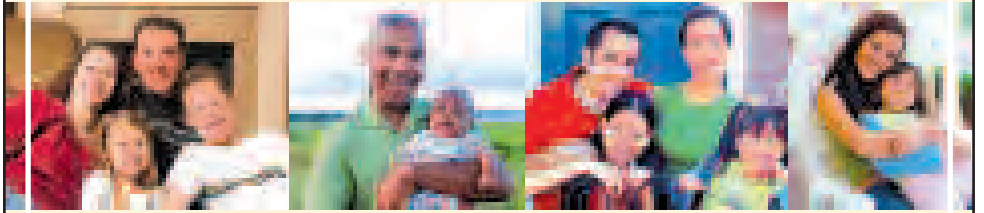
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Life insurance claims paid this year: \$2,693,475

Longterm care claims paid this year: \$219,612

Longterm disability claims paid this month: \$111,204

Cancer insurance claims paid this month: \$40,000

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Cancer insurance claims paid this year: \$415,000



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** A Message From the CEO **

Great Year Passes; Better One Arrives

by **John Hawkins**
President and CEO, The Club

Happy New Year, Club Members!

I truly hope you enjoyed the last 12 issues of *Alive!* We certainly had fun putting them together!

How much do you remember of 2007? Quick, go to page 14 and relish in our recap of all the amazing events and stories involving you and your fellow City Employees. Even for us it's amazing to look back at all the different issues. In fact, nearly every one of the pictures hanging on our walls at Club Headquarters is a giant poster of an *Alive!* cover or special feature. Those who have been here can attest to that. We love what we do, and it really shows in the end of the year recap.

And speaking of recaps, don't miss the four-page "Alive! Around World" recap, where we've put together at least one photo from all the submissions we received. We're tickled that you have embraced this monthly feature as much as you have; you're proud to take your *Alive!* with you when you travel, and we couldn't be happier.

Celebrating the lives of City Employees is what we're all about, so it's a special treat to bring you our annual "Fun in the City" feature — City Employees celebrating the holidays with each other. It begins on page 20; enjoy!

(Do you want to own one of our "Fun in the City" photos? Its easy: We put all these pictures [and many more that didn't make it in *Alive!*] on the Club's Website at www.cityemployeesclub.com. Click on "Photos" at the top of the home page. You can buy any picture you want for a small fee, right there online!)

Make sure you also take a look at these other great features this month:

- a story commemorating the 100-year anniversary of the Port of Los Angeles that begins on page 30 (love that photo; thanks, **Theresa Adams-Lopez!**);
- true excellence in the Public Works Accounting Office, on page 6; and
- a recap of the spectacularly reborn Hollywood's Santa Parade, on page 10.

And lastly, make sure you check out our newest feature, "People We See." Each month, **Angel Gomez**, the Club's Members Services Manager, and I will introduce you to someone whom City Employees may see in the shadows every day but just have never had the opportunity to meet. Go to page 8 and you'll get the big picture.



Club CEO John Hawkins interviews Raymond Parham. See "People We See," page 8.

In the New Year, everyone here at the Club looks forward to serving you, our members, with the Club's extreme customer service and relentless pursuit of celebrating your lives.

All the best for an incredibly wonderful 2008!

JOHN

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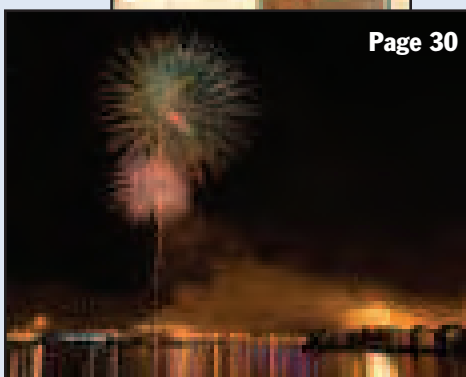
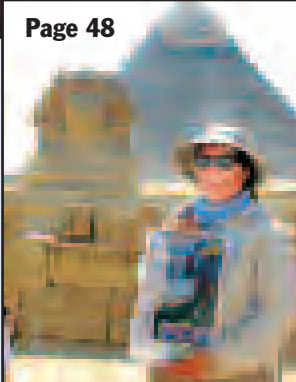
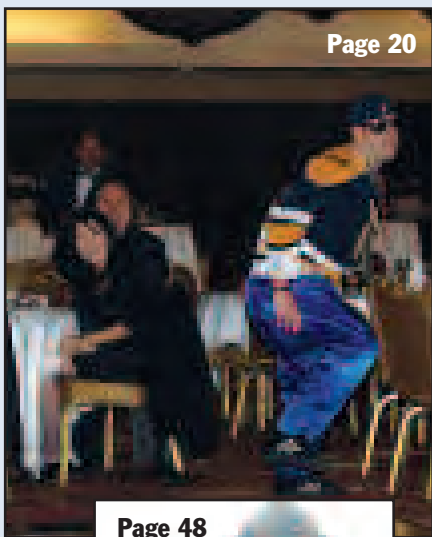
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Robinson Confirmed As GM

■ **Club Board Member Rita Robinson is confirmed by City Council as Transportation GM.**

TRANSPORTATION — On Dec. 3, the City Council confirmed the appointment of Rita L. Robinson as General Manager for Transportation. She was appointed Transportation Interim General Manager by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa Sept. 28.

Rita, a Club Board Member, is responsible for the day-to-day operations of more than 2,000 employees who provide for the safe and optimal mobility of people and goods throughout the City to support economic activity and desirable quality of life. Her main focus is to support initiatives that will result in congestion relief, short and long-range local/regional strategic transportation planning and acquisition of funding to implement those projects.

"The Mayor's transportation initiatives are to



Rita L. Robinson, General Manager, Transportation.

speed of Los Angeles' transportation system," said LADOT General Manager Rita L. Robinson. "This is exactly what we will be concentrating on immediately.

"I feel blessed being able to continue working with our professional and conscientious City employees."

A City Employee for more than 30 years, Robinson began her career as a student professional intern and has served in a number of capacities in City government, including the Office of the City Administrative Officer, Rec and Parks, and Community Development. Before her appointment to Transportation, Rita directed the Public Works Bureau of Sanitation.

Congratulations, Rita!



Cecilia Talbot, Claims Administrator

"Your service was excellent. [My claim] was processed quickly and efficiently, and it made it easier for me to not have to worry about what needed to be done."

— Frankie Wolf-Hafner, August 2007

"Your service was very helpful. During this time of sorrow, we couldn't have asked for such an easy transition of paperwork and account information. [The Fall of Freddie the Leaf] was very easy to read and understand and very inspiring."

— Rosario Petachenko, July 2007

You probably won't get to meet Club Claims Administrator Cecilia Talbot very often... until you really need her. That's when her service shines. So, to assure you that you are in good hands, from time to time Alive! will reprint letters commending the service given by Cecilia and her excellent staff. —Ed.



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2003 President's Award Recipient
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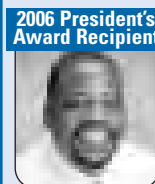
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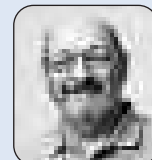
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LETTER OF THE MONTH



Blake Gives Us Second Chance To Drool Over the Camaro

That was a hot cover last month! The Chevy Camaro has always been my ride of choice, and it sure looked good in all its glory there on the front page. Nice work!

—Blake Zupitaria, LAPD

You're welcome, Blake. And, uh, thank you! —Ed.

Yep, Convention Center Is A Part of the City ... Really

Dear *Alive!* staff at the City Employees Club: I was intrigued by your latest feature story on the Convention Center's Annual LA Auto Show. To be honest, I had no idea that the Convention Center was actually a City Department.

I've been going to the Auto Show since I was a kid (I remember my dad drooling over the brand new Chevy Citation back in the early '80s) and now have an entirely new feeling about the show.

Thank you for bringing to light yet another area of the City where our fellow City brethren are working. Much appreciated.

—Todd White, Public Works

Value of a Smile Comes In Handy During the Holidays

Dear *Alive!*: Can you please let John Hawkins know that I really enjoyed "The Value of a Smile" that he published in his CEO column last month. It was very inspiring and I found myself using the wonderful suggestions as I hustled from store to store amidst all the holiday shopping chaos. Thank you.

—Susan Fortudo, Rec and Parks

Printing All the Photos Sure Appreciated the Custodians

I was expecting just a couple pictures to be printed for our Custodian Appreciation Day, but instead I found that you printed over 29 pictures of the event! Thank you for taking the time, energy and newspaper space to help us celebrate the work that we do. I'm telling all my friends about *Alive!* and the City Employees Club. You guys are the best!

—Tom Rimble

Alive! really outdid itself this time with the Custodian Appreciation Day article. It was a two-page spread! It was even in color. I couldn't make it that day, but with the help of this article, I felt that I didn't miss the event.

There's no one like the *Alive!* newspaper. This is the best source of City news I've ever seen. Thanks for making me feel important and informed, *Alive!*

— Linda Flores, General Services

City Seal Watches Aren't Pricey, They Just Look It

I liked the front cover, but I liked even more the holiday ad on the back page of the newspaper! It made me want to buy those famous City seal watches. I saw a buddy of mine with one of those watches and lets say that it looks really high-end. What City Employee can afford a watch like that? But then I heard that the Club store was not selling them for hundreds of dollars. Thanks, Club Store for making your stuff affordable.

— Lenny Trevor, DWP

New Contributor Yvonne Already Has a Fan Club

Hey now - I read the article from your writer, Yvonne Liu, and I'm becoming a fan of her work. I remember reading the article she did about Clubfest, and now the one called "Holiday Tips to Keep You Sane" has me hooked for more. I can't wait to read next month's newspaper. It's just another reason why I love the Club.

—Tina Grover, Rec and Parks

You're in luck, Tina. Yvonne has written again in this issue. Check out her latest contribution on page 38.

Hynda's Book on History Is a Historic Achievement

Holy smokes! I had the opportunity to take a look at the two-volume book on L.A. history that Hynda Rudd put together, and it's amazing. What detail. It's almost as if I'm reliving the past. It must have taken years to put together such a book of knowledge. Scholars and history buffs like me will really enjoy it. Thanks, Hynda!

—Gil Johnson, Retired

QUESTION of the Month

Our Club Counselors are all over the City, every day, serving our Club Members. While we're out, we'll be asking City employees a fun question. Keep your eyes open... you never know when we'll be asking you what you think!

What are you looking forward to in 2008?

"To be prosperous in all future endeavors."

— Derrick Jackson, Rec and Parks, 23 years, Club member.



"To see a better working environment for everybody."

— Joseph Bulquerin, Electrician, Harbor, 5 years of service, Club Member.



"Starting my new position in the Wharfinger Division."

— Sher-Lynn Davis, Wharfinger, Harbor, Club member.



"It's the Mediterranean cruise I'm taking in September."

— Lynda Johnson, Sr. Management Analyst II, Harbor, 20 years of service, Club member.



"Spending more time with my kids."

— Amy Arnold, Sr. Management Analyst II, Harbor, 18 years of service.



"Romance!"

— Rene Rodriguez, Carpenter Supervisor, Harbor, 11 years of service, Club Member.



"To stay employed at the Port!"

— Dave Fogle, Pile Driver, Harbor, 10 months of service.



"The vacation I'm taking to Mexico!"

— Omero Guzman, Sr. Gardner, Harbor, 10 years of service.



"Get to a zero balance on my credit card!"

— E.M. Scott, Gardner-Caretaker, Harbor, 2.5 years of service, Club member.



"A prosperous year with the City of Los Angeles as my employer."

— Efren Quintana, Gardner/Caretaker, Harbor, 2.5 years of service, Club member.



"Tapping into my undiscovered self, based on the power of next!"

— Allen Thomas, Gardner/Caretaker, Harbor, 6 months of service.



Accounting for Excellence



■ Office of Accounting honors top employees.

Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Marketing and Communications

PUBLIC WORKS — At a meeting of all employees Nov. 15 at City Hall, 16 employees of Public Works Office of Accounting were honored for their excellence as part of the 2007 Honor Awards Ceremony.

Congratulations to all the honorees, and thanks to Diana Medina, Executive Administrative Assistant and Club Rep, for her assistance in producing this article.



From left: Jean Su, Assistant Director; Hank Lengsavath; Ninfa Malabayoc, Assistant Director; Craig Bloomquist, Director; Yolanda Antonio; Billie Domingo; Ching Ilagan, Division Manager; Abe Rasheed, Division Manager; and Rashad Mfume, Director of Systems.



From left: Nora Ocampo; Craig Bloomquist, Director; Yolanda Antonio; and Ninfa Malabayoc, Assistant Director.



Hongsang "Hank" Lengsavath.

Special Funds

Ramon Gregorio, Senior Accountant II, for going above and beyond assigned duties and responsibilities, by willingly performing much of the work of a vacant Senior Accountant's position in addition to his own during an extended period.

Maria Fermin, Accountant II, for displaying exemplary professional commitment and dedication, using her well-rounded knowledge to assist her co-workers and for willingly and competently performing special assignments.

Cristina Nera, Accountant II, for being willing to go the extra mile to ensure a quality work product, working extra hours to finish assignments on time, and for being a team player with the utmost respect for her peers.

Nancy De Leon, Accountant II, for performing her work beyond expectations, for taking care of the details while never losing sight of the big picture, and for being highly knowledgeable about her work.

Michelle Chan, Accountant II, for consistently excelling in her work, for contributing new ideas to improve efficiency, for willingly assisting with her supervisor's work in his absence, and for taking the initiative to learn her work with minimal training.

Ses Regala, Senior Accountant II, for maintaining a positive attitude while performing his work, for treating special assignments as opportunities to continue to learn, for being willing to go the extra mile to assist others with difficult matters, and for being highly motivated and dedicated to do his very best in all he does.

Cristina Macahilig, Senior Accountant II, for using her extensive experience in Public Works accounting matters to diligently review Proposition Q program accounting documents prior to approval, for clearly understanding the status of her program at all times, for being a resource person others can ask for advice, and for consistently displaying extraordinary effort.

Leon Ejercito, Senior Accountant II, for consistently displaying a "can-do" attitude, for willingly performing an increasingly heavy workload while continuing to maintain consistently high work quality, and for displaying initiative to accomplish new work activities.



Ulysses Regala, Senior Accountant II.



Violeta Tan, Senior Accountant I.



Michelle Chan, Accountant II.



Leon Ejercito.



Tommy Siu, Administrative Services, Personnel Analyst II.



Saletheil Armstrong, Accounting Clerk II.



Mary Ann Miu, Senior Clerk Typist.



Davey Baquiran

General Accounting Division

Davey Baquiran, Accounting Clerk I, for displaying excellent work habits and having a perfect attendance record, for willingly performing new assignments, for helping others whenever needed, and for maintaining consistently thorough and accurate records.

Samitha Wijayaratne, Accountant II, for performing duties well above the job requirements, for consistently maintaining a high level of productivity, for displaying initiative and an excellent attitude, and for making efficiency improvement suggestions.

Saletheil Armstrong, Accounting Clerk II, for performing assigned duties above specific job requirements, for practicing excellent work habits and attendance, for displaying initiative in resolving employees' payroll issues, and for making valuable contributions to her work team.

Violeta Tan, Senior Accountant I, for willingly and competently accepting and completing special assignments, for displaying a pleasant attitude and excellent work habits and attendance, and for performing difficult reconciliations accurately.

Tommy Siu, Personnel Analyst II, for performing duties in an exceptionally efficient and effective manner, for always being willing to accept new and challenging assignments, for displaying initiative, tactfulness, professionalism and sensitivity in performing his responsibilities, and for being a dependable person will get the job done.



Craig Bloomquist and Billie Domingo.



Cristina Macahilig.



Samitha Wijayaratne, Accountant II.



From left: Corrie Fermin; Craig Bloomquist, Director; and Jean Su.



From left: Lolita Maraon, Craig Bloomquist, Ching Ilagan and Ninfa Malabayoc, Assistant Director.



Rashad Mfume, Director of Systems.



Ching Ilagan, Division Manager.

Cost Accounting

Lolita Maraon, Accountant II, for willingly accepting additional work assignments normally handled by another employee who was absent on an extended leave, for displaying extraordinary effort by finishing her assignments as well as the additional special assignments, for displaying a "can do" attitude, and for making a positive contribution in the work place.

Mary Ann Miu, Senior Clerk Typist, for willingly accepting additional work assignments normally handled by another employee who was absent on an extended leave, for displaying extraordinary effort by finishing her own assignments as well as the additional special assignments, for displaying a "can do" attitude, and for making a positive contribution in the work place.

Nora Ocampo, Accountant II, for consistently demonstrating strong initiative in the performance of her duties, for identifying and making improvements for enhanced cash flow from billings, for demonstrating a spirit of cooperation with and assistance to co-workers, and for willingly accepting and competently completing special assignments.



The Club in the Armed Forces

Cpl. Roxanne S. Hernandez, USMC, daughter of Dan Hernandez, Public Works Street Services, was promoted to Corporal Sept. 1. She is stationed at Al Asad Air Base in the Al Anbar province of western Iraq. She is attached to Combat Logistics Battalion 4 2D, Marine Logistics Group Multinational Force Unit 38510. "Our family is very proud of her, may God bless her always. We luv U. Semper Fidelis! Ooo-Rah!"

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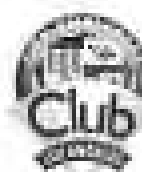
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Harbor Container Terminal Project

Dec. 6, Los Angeles Harbor Commissioners approved the Berth 136-147 TraPac container terminal expansion project - first major capital improvement project in the San Pedro Bay Port in seven years. The TraPac container terminal project is also the first major project in the nation's leading seaport complex to apply groundbreaking emissions mitigation measures outlined in the San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP) which was approved a year ago by Los Angeles and Long Beach port commissioners.

"Today we move from talking about how we're going to 'grow green' at the Port of Los Angeles to actually doing it out on the terminals," said S. David Freeman, president of the Los Angeles Harbor Commission. "This project sets the new industry standard for responsible and environmentally sustainable cargo terminal expansion."

Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., added: "Our main goal for 2007 was to bring a major construction project to our Board with an environmental document that everyone could feel good about, and

we've done it. For the first time ever, we've addressed the health risks associated with a terminal expansion project and we've found ways to significantly reduce pollutants - all while addressing increased trade, adding a rail yard and creating hundreds of jobs at TraPac."

The TraPac Terminal expansion, between Berths 136 and 147 on the northwest perimeter of the Port, will allow TraPac to expand cargo handling in an efficient manner from 900,000 TEUs (baseline year 2003) to 2.4 million TEUs by 2025. At the same time, particulate matter of less than 2.5 microns will be reduced by 75 percent and nitrogen oxides (NOx) will drop by 55 percent below baseline levels as a result of mitigation measures applied during project operations. By 2015, total project emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOC), nitrogen oxides (NOx), sulphur oxides (SOx), and particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) will be reduced approximately 50 percent. The health risks associated with the modernized terminal operations will be well below regulatory standards of significance and will reduce the estimated cancer risk associ-

ated with terminal operations to below baseline levels in large parts of Wilmington and San Pedro.

A variety of environmental mitigation measures are included in the project: requirements of vessel speed reductions when ships are transiting within the South Coast Air Basin; use of lower-sulfur fuel in ships; plugging ships into shore-side electric power while at berth (AMP or Alternative Maritime Power); use of clean container handling terminal equipment; construction of a new on-dock rail facility; traffic-relieving surface road and terminal entry improvements; clean trucks meeting EPA 2007 standards; and energy-efficient "Gold" LEED standard terminal offices.

Benefits to the local com-

munity incorporated in the project include an open, 30-acre buffer area between the TraPac container terminal and the Wilmington community, 300 new terminal jobs and a total net employment of as many as 5,433 regional jobs annually connected directly or indirectly to terminal operations at build out, and 2,800 construction jobs at peak construction. The Berth 136-147 container terminal operation will generate approximately \$1.5 billion to \$1.8 billion in revenues. Annual tax revenues associated with construction jobs for the peak year of build-out activity could be as much as \$24.1 million in federal taxes, \$5.6 million in state taxes and \$2.4 million in local taxes.



People We See

In this monthly feature, Club CEO John Hawkins and Member Services Manager Angel Gomez introduce you to people you see every day, but you might not know who they are. The Club reminds you that we all have names and stories to tell.

JANUARY 2008



MEET RAYMOND PARHAM.

HIS NEIGHBORHOOD: the corner of First and Spring Streets, in the shadow of City Hall.

AGE: 55

HOMETOWN: Detroit.

"I moved to L.A. when I was 9 or 10."

FAMILY: Four brothers, one sister.

EDUCATION: Audubon Middle School, Los Angeles.

IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE?: "Reunification with stability and equality."

DATE WE MET RAYMOND: Nov. 20, 2007



Club CEO John Hawkins interviews Raymond.

Who are the people you see every day?

Newsbrief

HARBOR JOB GENERATION

As many as 918,800 jobs - or one out of every eight jobs in the five-county Southern California region - are related to the Port of Los Angeles, according to a study focused on the local and regional economic impacts of the nation's number one container port. The study, conducted earlier this year by Lancaster, Pa.-based Martin Associates, shows that the number of jobs connected to the Port of Los Angeles have more than tripled since a 1996 study estimated that 259,100 regional jobs were connected to the Port of Los Angeles. The threefold rise in jobs has largely paralleled the rise in goods movement since 1996, when the port handled 2.7 million TEUs (20-foot equivalent units) and was estimated to facilitate 1 out of every 24 jobs in the region.

"This study shows the magnitude of jobs and economic value connected to our operations," said Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D. "It's a strong reminder of the vital roles port operations and the goods movement industries play in our Southern California economy, and it's impetus for the green-growth strategy that we are forging in order to reduce port emissions and continue to develop our operations to create more regional jobs in the decades ahead."

Based on 2006 figures, the study calculated 130,869 port-related "industry jobs" spread across each of the following operational categories: marine cargo activity (121,600 jobs), cruise (2,512 jobs), fishing (1,404 jobs), marinas (1,581 jobs), and other Port tenants including Ports O' Call (3,772 jobs). Among the "industry jobs" cited in the study, 47,105 are direct jobs in port operations and an estimated 83,764 are indirect or induced jobs that are created by the spending of firms and individuals directly employed by Port related operations. For example, an industry job may be a longshoreman at the World Cruise Terminal, and indirect jobs may be a bus operator who shuttles cruise passengers from the airports to the World Cruise Terminal, or the mechanic that maintains the bus, which receives a portion of its business from cruise operations.

While "industry jobs" are tied to Port operations, according to the study Port related economic activity also generates an estimated 787,979 "port user" jobs regionally, which are jobs related to the economic activity associated with the value of the trade that is tied to cargo shipped through the Port of Los Angeles. These jobs are associated with the production of goods for export and those involved in the finishing, wholesaling, and retailing of imported goods.

Newsbrief

PUBLIC WORKS AWARDS

The City walked away with numerous awards as part of the Southern California Chapter of the American Public Works Association's 8th annual Awards Luncheon Dec. 6.

Sanitation won awards for two Projects of the Year, the first the Sewer Science Resource Video program, and the second, its Project Management Guidelines Manual.

The Department also won for its National Public Works Week promotions.

The projects were among 37 that were awarded at the ceremony.

"Sewer Science Resource Videos were developed to foster environmental awareness among students and teachers in the Los Angeles Unified School District," said Sanitation Bureau Senior Environmental Engineer Michael Simpson, Project Manager for both projects. "A teacher's Resource Video complements instructions in the Sewer Science Resource Manual and guides teachers and mentors on how to prepare and present the Sewer Science Education Program," he said. "The video shows and explains in detail the operations of wastewater treatment processes."

In 2005, the Bureau of Sanitation initiated plans to improve business efficiency and project management capabilities that eventually became its first set of Project Management Guidelines (PMGs), now recognized as a solution for improvement of business practices. "The PMG started as an educational program that provided project management training to 120 employees," Simpson said. "It has evolved into a critical component of the Bureau's overall knowledge retention strategy and addresses the impacts of an aging workforce," added Bureau Director Enrique C. Zaldivar.

The Board of Public Works Public Affairs Office (PAO) coordinated several National Public Works Week activities throughout the week, May 20-26. Among these was *Public Works LIVE, A Parade of Talents*. "This first-ever talent show featured six Public Works employees singing and playing instruments during a lunch hour event," said Cora Jackson-Fossett, Board of Public Works Public Affairs Director. "City Council, Public Works Commissioners and Bureau Directors recognized them and presented certificates to more than 60 Public Works employees for significant contributions to operations and work programs."

A major outreach goal of Public Works Week 2007 was to reach the student population of Los Angeles, in part, through facility tours, and neighborhood cleanup programs. "PAO coordinated a student tour of a newly constructed fire station, a project of the department's Bureaus of Engineering and Contract Administration," Jackson-Fossett said. "PAO also coordinated participation of several schools in Ocean Day, held at Dockweiler State Beach." The Public Affairs Office also coordinated a sanitation yard open house, a tree presentation and street lighting demonstration.

Congratulations to Public Works for these great honors.

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New Airport Police Chief



Airport Police Chief George Centeno



■ **George Centeno sworn in as head of Airport Police for all four City Airports. Four other leaders sworn in, too.**

Story and photos courtesy Sgt. Jim Holcomb, Airport Police Public Information Officer

AIRPORTS — George R. Centeno was sworn in as Chief of Police of the Airport Police Division of Airports Dec. 7.

He was sworn in by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa in a ceremony at the Flight Path Learning Center and Museum in LAX's Imperial Terminal.

Four members of the division's executive command staff were also sworn in. The new appointees will be responsible for law enforcement and security at the City's four airports: Los Angeles International (LAX), LA/Ontario International (ONT), LA/Palmdale Regional (PMD) and Van Nuys (VNY) general aviation.

The mayor swore in Centeno as the sixth chief of Airport Police since the force was established in 1946. Centeno joined the Airport Police Division as an assistant chief of police last February. He is a retired lieutenant with 28 years of service with the Santa Monica Police Department, where he commanded a number of divisions including Special Enforcement, Traffic Enforcement, Internal Affairs, Office of Operations, and the Special Policing District. He is a decorated police officer, having received the department's Medal of Courage and Life-Saving Medal. Chief Centeno received his Bachelor of arts degree from California State University, Northridge, and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va.

"The appointment of Chief George Centeno and the new executive command team exemplifies our commitment to build a world-class airport police organization for the protection of our 68 million passengers who fly annually through the airports owned and operated by the City of Los Angeles," Villaraigosa said.

"Our core business is to run our four airports safely and efficiently," said Airports Executive Director Gina Marie Lindsey. "Public safety is

our number one priority and the appointments of Chief Centeno and the executive command staff will help us continue to meet that goal."

The Airport Police Division's executive command staff reports to James T. Butts Jr., Deputy Executive Director of Law Enforcement and Protection Services, Airports. Butts said, "Chief Centeno is a proven law enforcement professional and valuable addition to our police executive team at Los Angeles World Airports. His training and experience in the area of incident management and operations has already improved the response and recovery protocols used in airport emergencies at our four airports."

Mayor Villaraigosa also swore-in four other Airport Police executive command staff members. They are:

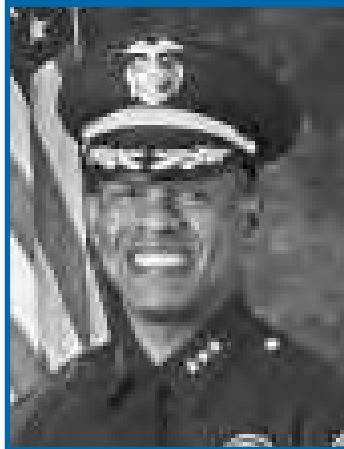
The Airport Police Division is the fourth largest law enforcement agency in Los Angeles County, with more than 1,200 law enforcement, security and staff personnel. It is considered a leader among U.S. airports for implementation of new technology-derived security measures that include the use of artificial intelligence software to randomize vehicle checkpoint deployments. Airport Police officers serve as instructors for law enforcement personnel from other California airports in POST-certified (Police Officers Standards and Training) aviation peace officers training course. The Airport Police Division, in partnership with the Los Angeles Police Department, also has the largest number of bomb-detection canines among U.S. airports. Airport Police officers undergo training at the Los Angeles Police Academy and receive additional training specific to aviation-related law enforcement.

FRANK FABREGA
Assistant Chief for Traffic and Security Operations



Frank Fabrega, Assistant Chief for Traffic and Security Operations. Fabrega joined the Airport Police Division in February after 32 years with the Santa Monica Police Department in assignments that included SWAT team leader, and supervisor of K-9 officers, Office of Investigations, Recruitment and Training, community relations and media relations. He holds a Bachelor of science degree in criminal justice from California State University, Los Angeles, and a law degree from Ventura College of Law. He is a graduate of the Command College for Executive Leadership and the FBI National Academy.

ERROLL G. SOUTHERS
Assistant Chief for Intelligence and Emergency Operations



Erroll G. Southers, Assistant Chief for Intelligence and Emergency Operations, commanding the Homeland Security, Emergency Preparedness and Security Credentials Sections of the Airport Police Division. Southers joined the Airport Police last year and is former deputy director of the California Office of Homeland Security, responsible for critical infrastructure, counterterrorism policy and national pilot programs. He is a former FBI special agent assigned to counterterrorism foreign counterintelligence and SWAT. He is an adjunct professor of terrorism and public policy and an associate director of the National Homeland Security Center for Risk and Economic Analysis of Terrorism Events (CREATE) at the University of Southern California. Southers is a former Santa Monica police officer, a court-qualified gang expert, and a member of the Rio Hondo Police Academy faculty. He is a senior fellow of the UCLA School of Public Affairs and a Next Generation Fellow of the American Assembly at Columbia University. He earned a Bachelor of arts degree from Brown University and a Master of public administration degree from USC, where he is a doctoral candidate.

WILLIAM THOMPSON
Executive Assistant Chief of Administrative Services



William Thompson, Executive Assistant Chief of Administrative Services. Thompson served 34 years with the Inglewood Police Department in assignments ranging from patrol, K-9, motor, SWAT, internal affairs and robbery-homicide, and last commanded the Traffic Division. Along with his police duties, Thompson also served as Inglewood's Emergency Preparedness Coordinator during the past 10 years. Thompson is a recipient of Inglewood Police's Medal of Valor. Chief Thompson earned a Bachelor of arts degree from Loyola Marymount University.

BRIAN A. WALKER
Deputy Chief of the Office of Operations

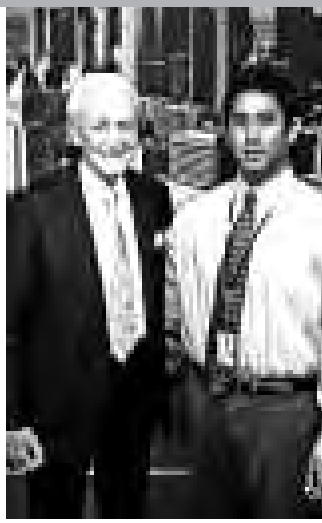


Brian A. Walker, a 16-year veteran with Airport Police Division, as Deputy Chief of the Office of Operations, overseeing police operations at all four City airports. Before this appointment, he was acting Chief of Police for two years after commanding the Patrol Services Section, responsible for 24-hour police and emergency operations at LAX. He served in increasingly responsible assignments in bike detail, patrol, crime suppression, internal affairs, background investigations, and planning and development. He graduated from the Rio Hondo Police Academy and has completed Police Officers Standards and Training (POST) management and leadership courses. Walker has received numerous departmental awards and commendations for incident command and leadership response during several high-profile events at LAX.





Hollywood High Marching Band *



Bob Barker and Cliff Cortes *



Dick Van Patten *



KTLA's Frank Buckley and Michaela Pereira

City Puts On A Parade

■ **The first Hollywood's Santa Parade, presented by City Employees, went off without a hitch.**

Photos courtesy General Services, City Council and L.A. Cityview 35/ITA; *Top three photos courtesy of Betsy Annas, City Photographer

COUNCIL — Hollywood's Santa Parade, which took the dead Hollywood Christmas Parade and made it new, drew tens of thousands of parade watchers Nov. 25.

The parade, which is now owned by the City and championed by Councilmembers Eric Garcetti and Tom LaBonge, was produced through the hard work of the City Council, General Services and ITA, especially L.A. Cityview 35.

The parade kicked off the holiday season with help from Santa, parade grand marshal Bob Barker, and celebrities from hit television shows and movies including *Dancing With the Stars*, Disney's *High School Musical* and *Entourage*.

Presented by the City, Hollywood's Santa Parade honored the pageantry and festive spirit of its predecessor, the Hollywood Christmas Parade, a tradition started by the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, which produced the parade for 75 years before announcing earlier this year that it would no longer do so.

"This parade has been a Hollywood tradition for 75 years, and I'm proud to have worked to make sure there was a 76th year," said Los Angeles City Council President Eric Garcetti, whose district includes the famed section of Hollywood Boulevard where the parade took place. "This is a great night for Hollywood and a great night for Los Angeles families."

In addition to high school bands, equestrian units, and floats, the parade included performances by the cast of the musical *Wicked*, Menudo, Walt Disney Record's T-Squad, and Tatiana, the popular Latina singer and actress.

Celebrity participants included:

- *Dancing with the Stars*' Edyta Sliwinka, Louis van Amstel, Kym Johnson and Alec Mazo
- *High School Musical*'s Kaycee Stroh and Olesya Rulin
- *Entourage*'s Rex Lee
- *The Dog Whisperer*'s Cesar Millan
- *The Suite Life of Zack and Cody*'s Dylan Sprouse, Cole Sprouse, Becky Rosso and Milly Rosso

- *Ugly Betty*'s Tony Plana and David Blue
- *Dante's Cove*'s Reichen Lehmkuhi, Thea Gill and Michelle Wolf
- *Cheetah Girls*' Adrienne Bailon and Kiely Williams
- *According to Jim*'s Taylor Atelian and Conner Rayburn
- *The Young and the Restless*' Melody Thomas Scott, Kate Linder, Don Diamont and Daniel Goddard
- *Days of Our Lives*' Ashley Benson and Darin Brooks
- *Passions*' Andrea Evans and James Hyde
- *Unfabulous*' Dustin Ingram, Raja Fenske and Malese Jow
- *A Grandpa for Christmas*' Jamie Farr and Juliette Goglia
- *Brotherhood*'s Kevin Chapman and Brian Scannell
- *The Sasquatch Dumpling Gang*'s Rob Pinkston, Hubbel Palmer and Jeff D'Agostino
- *Ned's Declassified School Survival Guide*'s Daniel Curtis Lee, Alex Black, Carlie Casey and Kyle Swann
- *Samantha Who?*'s Tim Russ

Diligent crews from several City Departments worked hard all weekend to bring the parade to the viewers. L.A. Cityview 35 produced the telecast, which was shown throughout December on KTLA and on Cityview 35.

Congratulations to all who made the parade possible, especially Ana Guerrero, Eric Garcetti, Tom LaBonge, Julie Wong, Valerie Melloff, Eric Robles, Tony Ighani and Ted Lin.

See you next year!



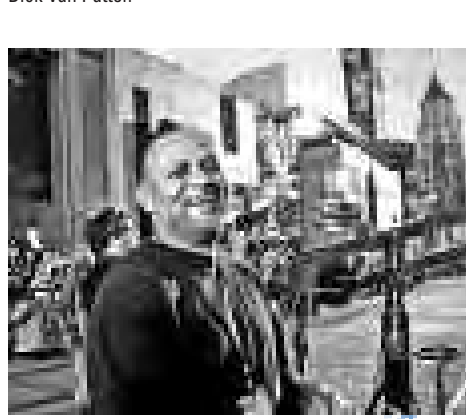
Eric Garcetti and Amy Wakeland



Steve Miller



Ted Lin, Peter Schlesinger, Val Melloff, Leigh Smith, Julie Wong, Eric Garcetti and Eric Robles



Al Magallon



Hollywood's Santa Parade passed in front of the Hollywood and Highland theatre complex.



Ted Lin and Steve Miller



William Kidston and Tom Kuwahara



Souheil Helou, Peter Schlesinger and Ted Lin



Al Magallon and John Worthy



Kathi Mixon, Dwight Craft, Lourdes Morales and Pierre Riotoc



Leigh Smith

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.

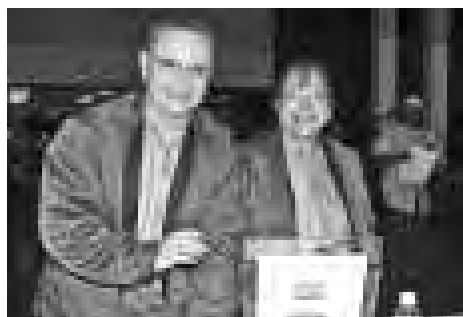
Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor; Photos by Harold Johnson, Ontario Public Relations

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.



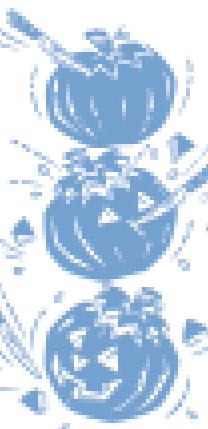
From left: Bryan Jackson, Club Member, and Gary Daniels, Club Member.



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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After placing templates on the ground, Ontario field paint crew members (from left) Nestor and Ricardo Mediano stand by while Larry Hartnet, Antonio Aleman and Brian Heath paint surface traffic markings.

Paving The Way At Ontario

■ East and west crews work together on roadway paving project to offer smooth ride into LA/Ontario International Airport terminals.

Story and photos by Harold Johnson, LA/Ontario Public Information Officer

AIRPORTS — Construction and Maintenance employees from the LA/Ontario International Airport (ONT) Field Crew (east) and Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Asphalt Paving Crew (west), along with maintenance employees from Van Nuys Regional Airport, joined forces to repave the roads leading into the Ontario terminal areas.

Airports Maintenance Supervisors Timothy Gulla, Susan Smetana and Victor Rocha managed the project before winter rains could cause more damage to the roadway. Crews removed more than a mile of roadway on Terminal Way, connecting Airport Drive and the two main terminals. While Ontario's two terminals remained open, crews removed more than one acre of asphalt surface each day, then replaced it with a new surface.

"Replacing deteriorated asphalt is part of ongoing roadway maintenance that will ensure passenger safety into future years," said Joe Maldonado, Ontario Director of Airport Maintenance. "Travelers now have a smooth ride in the terminal area."

"This job was the largest project that involved the cooperation of many Construction and Maintenance crews and a job well done by all employees and sections that were involved."

The LAX asphalt paving crew brought heavy equipment to complete the job in-house at a cost savings.

Following the paving each day, Airports Survey Crews and the Ontario field paint crew re-stripped each lane so vehicle traffic could flow normally in sections that had been paved daily.

The groups worked jointly from 4 a.m. and 4 p.m., between Oct. 29 through Nov. 9 to remove approximately 275,000 square feet of roadway material in front of Ontario's Terminal 2 and Terminal 4 and apply a new asphalt surface. By working together, the crews completed the job one week ahead of schedule.

Ontario Traffic Control personnel assisted in directing and expediting traffic flow to alternate locations for passenger pickup and drop-off during the renovation.



From left: Connie Gomez, Miguel De La Parra, Gary Ramirez and Paul Flowers of the LA/Ontario International Airport Field Crew assist with the repaving of the terminal roadway.



Pictured with the charitable bounty in the lobby of Club Headquarters were Club staffers, from left: Marla Fisher, Claims Assistant; John Hawkins, CEO and President; the Ticket Guy; and Jessica Segura, Merchandise and Ticket Sales Coordinator.

Toy Drive Nets 116!

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — Thanks to Club Members, the bin in the lobby of the Club Headquarters overflowed this past holiday season with lots of gifts for those in need. The Club's annual Toy Drive as part of the bigger toy drive sponsored by the Central City Police Boosters brought in 116 toys, donated by Club Members and staffers.

The toys were delivered to the Central City Police Boosters for their distribution to those in need. The Club thanks the Boosters for allowing us to piggyback on their great effort.



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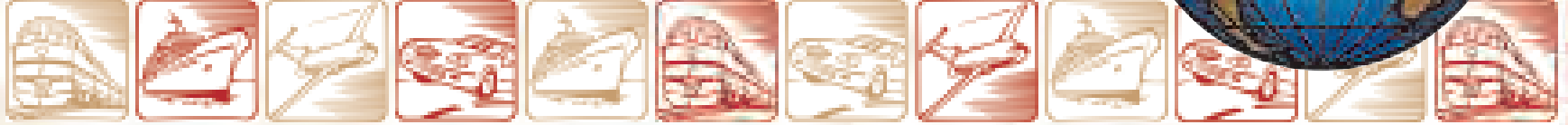
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Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



1 Oahu, Hawaii



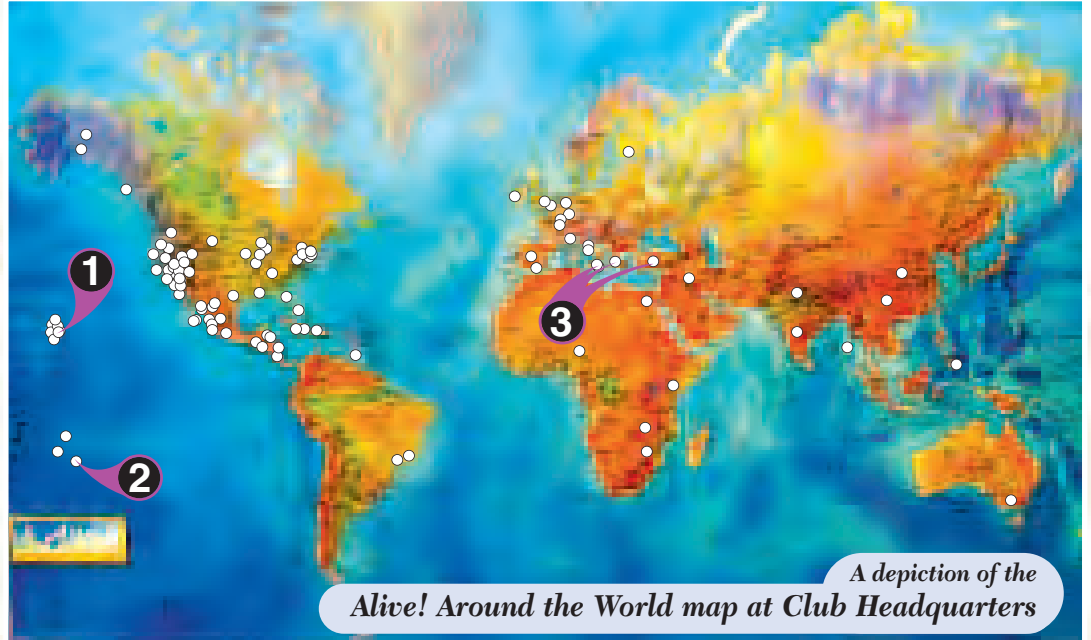
"My husband and I flew to Oahu Thanksgiving weekend and stayed a week at the Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach. This photo was taken at Waikiki Beach in front of a sculpture of Duke Kahanamoku, world famous Hawaii swimmer, Olympic Games Gold Medalist and father of modern surfing. This statue was sculpted by Jan Michelle-Sawyer in 1990 on the 100th anniversary of Duke's birth."

— Diana Medina,
Office of Accounting and Club Rep

2 Tabuaeran, Kiribati



Andrew Sincosky, Planning, Retired, poses with a native warrior at Tabuaeran (Fanning Island) Line Islands, Republic of Kiribati. "Tabuaeran is approximately 900 miles due south of Hawaii and 228 nautical miles north of the Equator. GPS coordinates for your map are 3 degrees 51' 36" N and 159 degrees 21' 52" W," Andrew reports

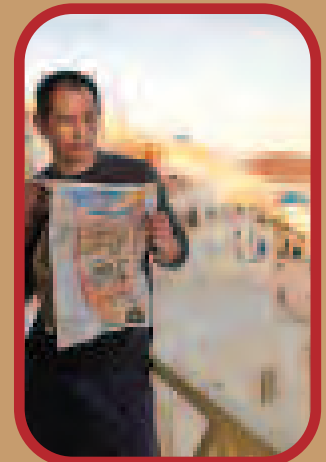
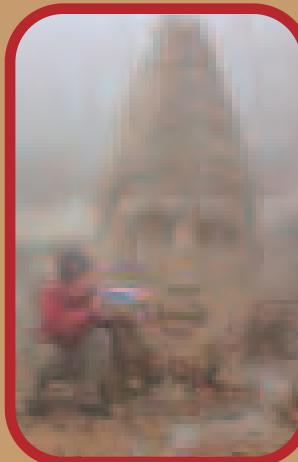
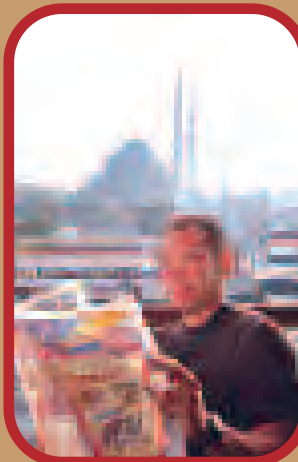
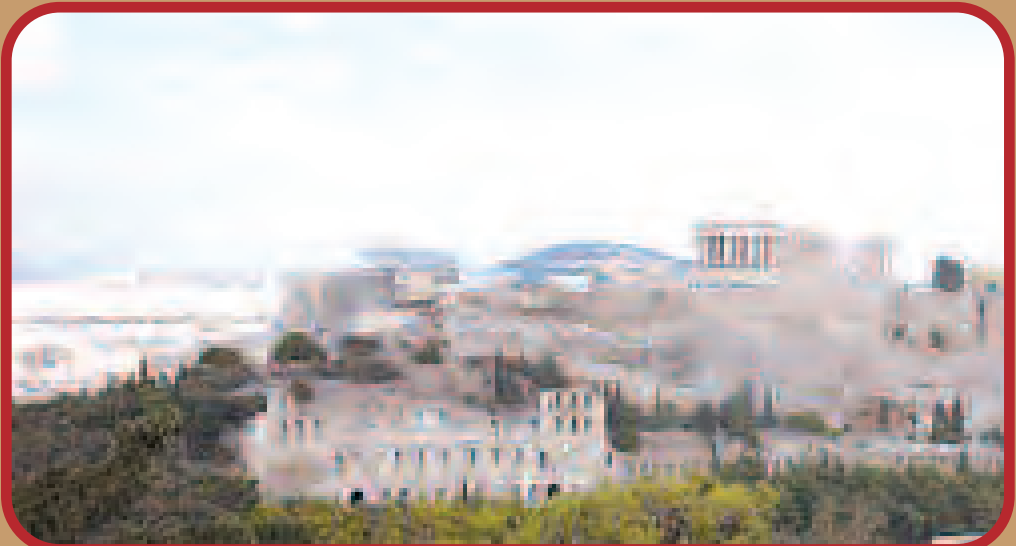


A depiction of the Alive! Around the World map at Club Headquarters

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3 Greece, Turkey & Italy



C.T. Feng, Club Member, took *Alive!* with him all over the world! Here he is in Athens, Greece; in Istanbul, Turkey, in Nemrut Dagı (Mount Nemrut), Turkey; and Santorini, Italy. "The mosque in Istanbul is called the 'New Mosque,'" CT writes. "It's just a regular mosque but is right next to the Bosphorus River, which leads up north into the Black Sea and south into the Mediterranean. [And regarding] Santorini, the town is called Oia, but people might know it more by the island's name, Santorini."



SPECIAL SECTION

2007

The Year That Was

Alive!

■ Do you remember...

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — How was your 2007?

At *Alive!*, our 2007 was a beautiful one, bringing you bigger and better photos than ever before. That's a part of what it means to celebrate the lives of City Employees.

So let's look back one more time at the year that was 2007. City Employees are dynamic and more active than ever. And *Alive!* takes pride in all the great photos we publish each month as we celebrate the lives of City Employees.

So here's a recap of 2007 in photos. These photos will also be online in a special photo gallery at www.cityemployeesclub.com

Happy New Year, everyone!

JANUARY



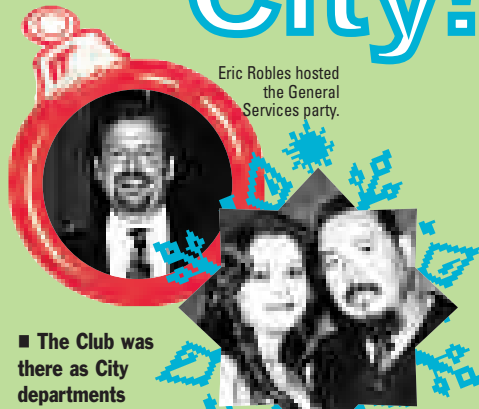
Inspecting the Pipe

■ Hyperion inspects the inside of a very important Sanitation pipeline for the first time.



Rita Robinson, then-Bureau of Sanitation Director and Club Board Member, speaks to the press at the beginning of the out-fall inspection. Others were, from left: Bureau of Sanitation Assistant Director Traci Minamide; Environmental Monitoring Division Manager Mas Dojiri; Rita, Hyperion Treatment Plant Manager Steve Fan; and Environmental Engineering Division Engineer Ken Redd.

Fun in the City!



Eric Robles hosted the General Services party.

■ The Club was there as City departments celebrated the season.

Lessly and Mario Macias, RCTO, Club Member, at the North Central Sanitation Yard holiday dinner.

Alive! Is Honored

■ Los Angeles City Historical Society bestowed special award on Club newspaper.

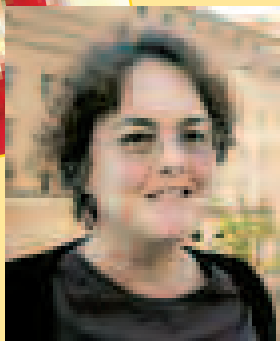


Eddy Feldman (left), President of the Los Angeles City Historical Society, gives the Special Award plaque to John Hawkins, CEO, the Club.

The Year That Was Alive!



City Librarian Won Big Award for Children's Book



Los Angeles Public Library children's librarian Susan Patron

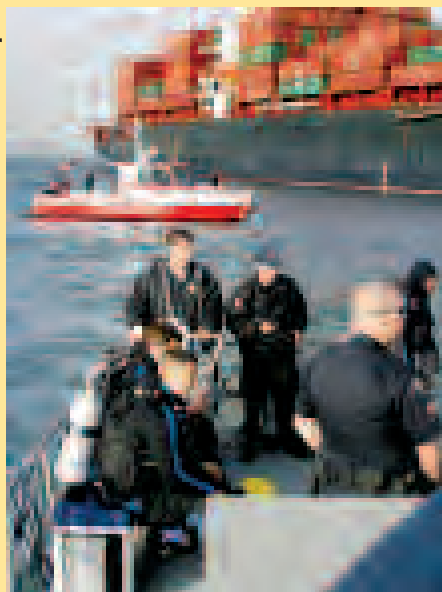
■ Susan Patron, author and L.A. Librarian, was awarded the 2007 Newbery Medal, among most prestigious children's book awards in the world.



LOS ANGELES PORT POLICE

Into the Deep

■ *Alive!* went along with the Port Police Dive team on an underwater hazardous device hull inspection, to check a cargo ship for contraband. The Dive Team was built for just such potentially dangerous operations.



Rosario Ferrara, standing, top left, maneuvers the Port Police vessel into the correct position to launch the divers. An LAFD Dive Team boat is in the background.

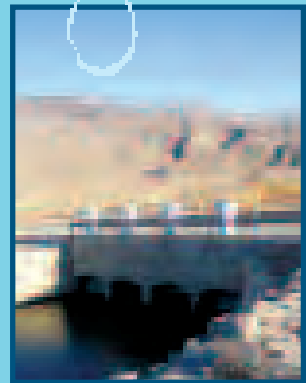
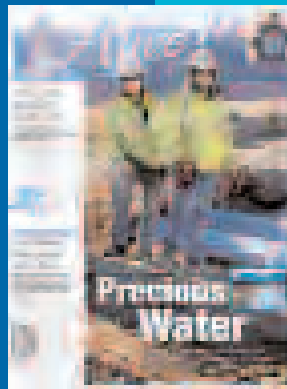
MARCH



FEBRUARY

THE LOS ANGELES AQUEDUCT

Precious Water



■ Ever wonder where your water comes from? Half comes from the Los Angeles Aqueduct, a 330-mile system starting in Mono County and ending in Sylmar. *Alive!* followed the water, all along the way.

The Rock and Me



■ Kara Knack, Friends of the Observatory official, recounted her trip to Houston to bring back a real live moon rock for display at the Griffith Observatory.

Mark Pine, Deputy Director of the Griffith Observatory, and Kara Knack, Friends of the Observatory official, look over the moon rock on display at the Griffith Observatory

2007

APRIL



Big Bird

■ At LAX, Airbus showed off its new A380 with its first West Coast landing.



Recognition for Central Police



The five honorees at the Central City Police Boosters Recognition Day.

■ Central City Police Boosters hosted Recognition Day to honor VIPs of the year.

The Bald and the Beautiful

■ Annual St. Baldrick's event raises money for childhood cancer research by shaving people's heads for pledged donations.



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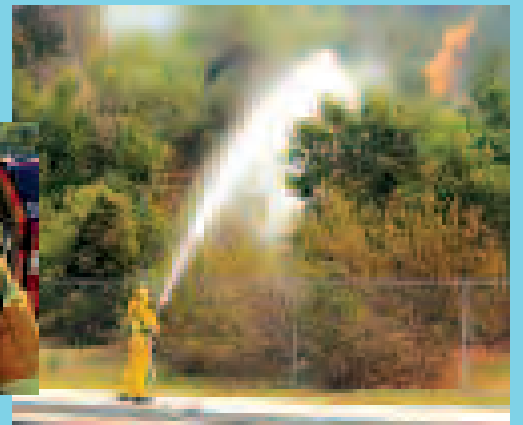
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Hollywood Fire

■ LAFD fire companies worked fast to knock down a major fire in the hills between Hollywood and Burbank.



Fire Department leadership gathers to map their strategy.



A lone fireman tries to knock down part of the Cahuenga Pass fire March 30.

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National Dispatchers' Week

■ The City celebrated the annual week that thanks our 9-1-1 operators. Three are especially honored.

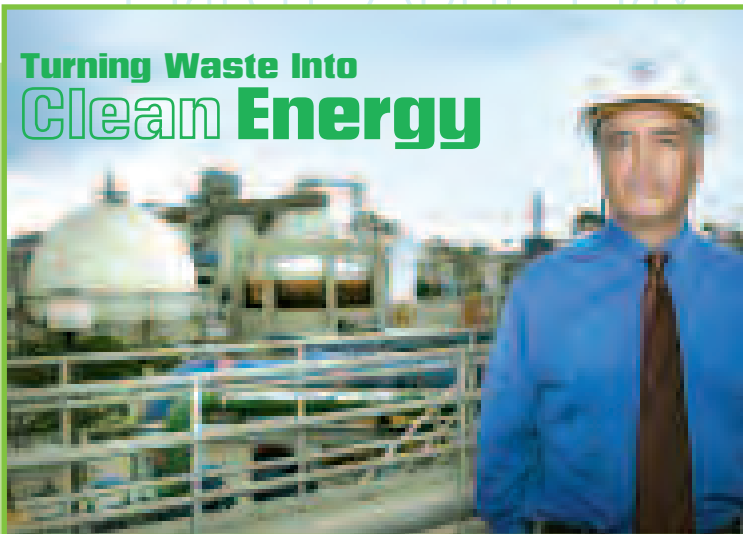


Supervisor of the Year (2006): Lt. II Charles "Chuck" Mealey
From left: Sandra Mealey with her dad, Lt. Chuck Mealey, and guest, Matthew Maron.

MAY

The Year That Was Alive!

Turning Waste Into Clean Energy

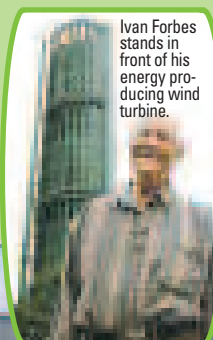


■ FIRST IN THE NATION: Sanitation began a pilot program to recycle waste into natural gas.

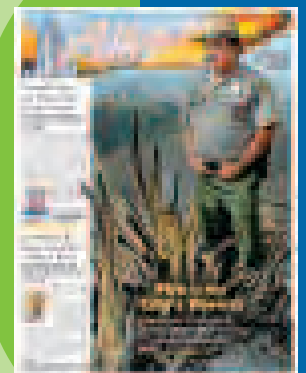
ABOVE: Omar Moghaddam, Overseer of the T.I.R.E. Project for the City, stands in front of the Sanitation facility on Terminal Island.

The Amazingly Green Forbes House

■ Alive! toured the energy-saving Sylmar house of Glenn, Elke and Ivan Forbes, City Retiree.



Ivan Forbes stands in front of his energy-producing wind turbine.



JUNE



Summer Sizzles in the City

■ Pools overnight camping ... boating summer day camps ... and free lunch for the kids: Rec and Parks offered lots of fun summer activities for adults and for kids this summer. Jump in and have fun!





It's All About QUALITY

■ Quality and Productivity Commission honored 22 projects and 12 Departments with its highest award. Projects are estimated to have saved the City \$11.3 million.

JULY



Harbor Chief Is Tops



■ Harbor Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Club Member, was named woman executive of the year by business newspaper.

Geraldine Knatz, Harbor Executive Director

January February March April
May June July August
September October November
December January February
March April May June July
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November December January

2007

Harbor Director Returns Home




■ Harbor Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., talked to *Alive!* about coming back to where she began her career ... protecting the environment ... keeping the harbor safe ... and increasing laughter in her department by 30 percent.

Homecoming


Club Scholarship: Heads of the Class

■ Five children of Club Members were awarded Club Scholarships for 2007. Congratulations to them and their families!

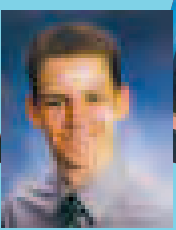
AUGUST




Sabrina Barbosa
Recipient of \$1,000 award



Erik Stanton
Recipient of \$2,000 award



Brittany Groves
Recipient of \$3,500 award



Harbor Fire Boat

SEPTEMBER



Alive! Feature




One INCREDIBLE Boat

The world's most powerful fireboat kept the Harbor safe from fires, security threats and health emergencies. And it's pretty cool to look at, too!

Remaking Palmdale

■ Airport workers united to get the Palmdale facility ready for flight services.



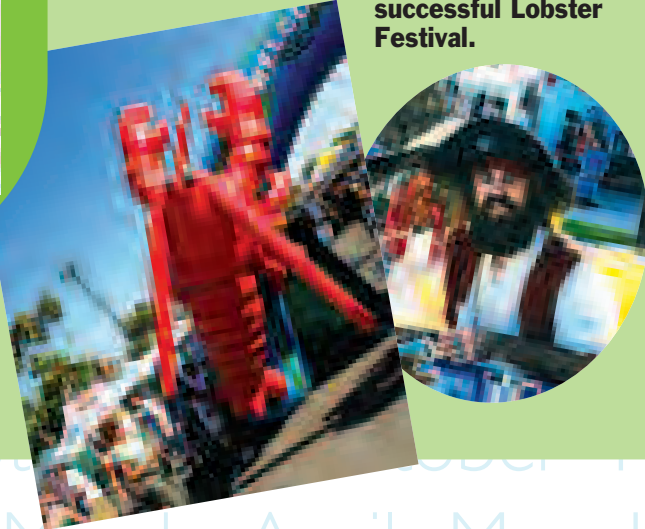
Air Conditioning Mechanic Supervisor Tyrone Jessamy talks to Palmdale workers preparing the terminal. Jessamy, who assisted LA Palmdale Airport Manager Bob Gluck while the terminal was being readied for passenger service, is now a manager for all maintenance employees at PMD.

OCTOBER

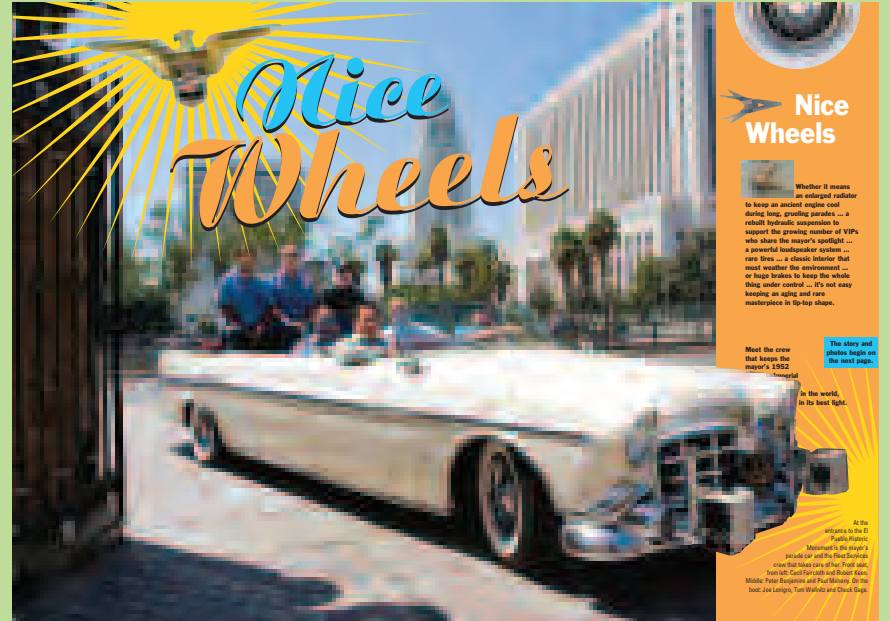


LobsterFest Boils Down to Fun

■ Harbor hosted successful Lobster Festival.



Mayor's Parade Car



Nice Wheels

Whether it means an original radiator to keep an ancient engine cool during long, grueling parades ... a rebuilt hydraulic suspension to support the growing number of VIPs who share the mayor's spotlight ... a powerful sound system ... rare tires ... a sleek interior that will weather the environment ... or huge brakes to keep the whole thing under control ... it's not easy keeping an aging and rare masterpiece in top-top shape.

Meet the crew that keeps the mayor's 1962

The story and photos begin on the next page.

In the world, it's the best kept secret.

As the parade rolls to the Pacific Palisades, the mayor's parade car will be back on the streets for the first time since the 1962 California State Fair. Meet the crew that keeps the mayor's 1962

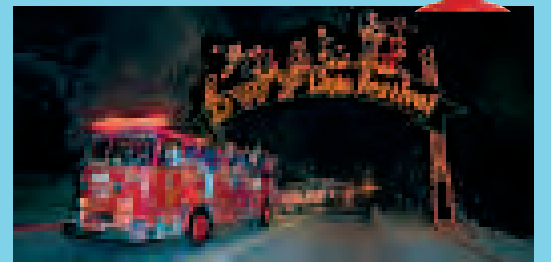
The Year That Was Alive!

NOVEMBER

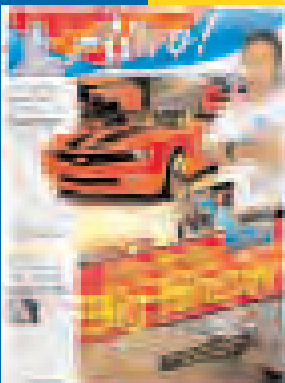


DWP Holiday Light Festival Goes Green

■ The popular annual festival of lights in Griffith Park made a number of changes to be environmentally friendly, including adding LED lights, and biking and walking opportunities.

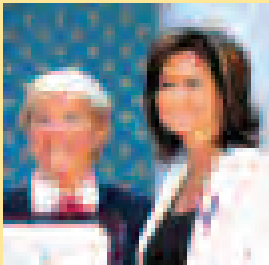


DECEMBER



Refund Checks: A Holiday 'Gift'

■ The Club announced life insurance refunds of approximately \$700,000. Are you eligible?



Jean with Coleen Williams

Good Work Wins Honor

■ Club Member and Club Representative Jean Sarfaty, LAPD Communications, earned commendation for her good work in handling a domestic violence call.

LA Auto Show at the Convention Center



Where does the power come from?

DWP EMPLOYEES AT WORK

Power [TO THE] People

Power Facts:
DWP Power Service facts at a glance

Power Sources (for fiscal year 2004-05)	
Coal:	52 percent
Natural Gas:	26 percent
Large Hydroelectric:	6 percent
Nuclear:	11 percent
Renewables:	5 percent

Electrical Capacity	
Total Generating Capacity:	7,200 megawatts
Los Angeles Peak Demand:	6,165 megawatts

Electricity Usage (annual)	
Residential:	7,065,990 megawatt hours (31 percent)
Commercial:	3,323,405 megawatt hours (58 percent)
Industrial:	2,447,499 megawatt hours (10 percent)
Other:	138,103 megawatt hours (1 percent)

It's February, *Alive!* focused on the water that supplies the City by following the DWP's Los Angeles Aqueduct from Lee Vining to Sylmar. And now comes part two, as *Alive!* looks at the DWP's equally critical power side, visiting the department's staffed power generation and transfer stations from Wheeler City to Long Beach.

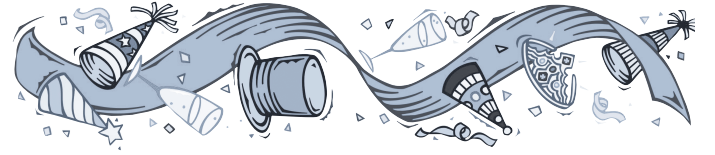
Come along and meet some of the people along the City's electricity grid who generate and bring you the service that powers your life.

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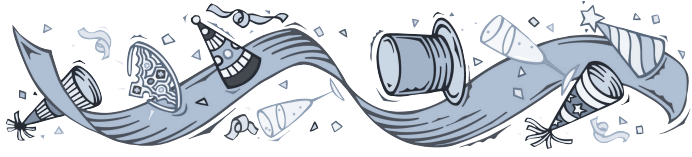
*Special Holiday
Party Section*

Two photos of party attendees. The top photo shows a group of people in a dimly lit room, with one person in a purple top. The bottom photo shows two women smiling together. Both photos are tilted and have a blue border.

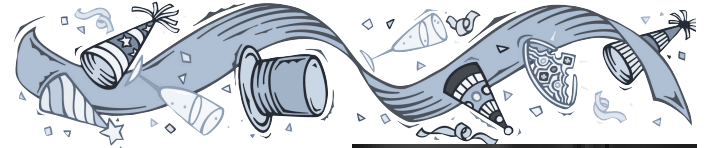
Fun in the City!

It's an Alive! tradition – you have fun to kick off the holidays, and we publish the party pics! Enjoy these holiday party pics on the pages that follow... more to come in February!





Fun in the City



Having fun at the Architecture holiday party.



Having fun at the Architecture holiday party.



Having fun at the Architecture holiday party.



From left: Architectural Associate II Zohra Akhter and Deputy City Engineer Deborah Weintraub, with tiny Anaya Quinonez.



From left: Architectural Associate I Jenny Wu with baby Jolene; Architect Hsiao-Ling Ting with baby Anaya Quinonez; and Architectural Associate I Marina Quinonez.



From left: Architectural Drafting Technician Erik Villanueva, Architectural Associate I Ingrid Reyes and Electrical Engineering Associate II Marnelli Tabbada, DWP.



From left: Project Manager Reza Bagherzadeh and Division Head Mahmood Karimzadeh.



From left: Electrical Engineering Associate II Marnelli Tabbada, DWP; Erik Villanueva with baby Jolene Wu; Jenny Tsang; and Architectural Associate III Ben Gaetos.

Architecture Flies Down to Rio

■ Engineering's Architectural Division hosts a holiday party, Brazilian style.

Story and photos by Yvonne Liu, Office of Finance, with contributions from Ben Gaetos, Engineering

PUBLIC WORKS — The Bureau of Engineering's Architecture Division Holiday Party Committee, headed by Hsiao-ling Ting, Architect, had a novel idea.

"It's too boring going to the same place like Luminarias, Castaway, Almansor Court and other steakhouses," Holiday Luncheon committee member Architectural Associate III Ben Gaetos said. After careful consideration, the Holiday Party Committee took about 60 division employees to Gaucho's Village in Glendale for their holiday luncheon Dec. 6.

What a blast they had! There were plenty of vegetarian choices to select from at the salad bar and even more meaty choices served at the table at this Brazilian bar-

beque hotspot. The food was colorful and colorfully served—by gauchos in red Brazilian gaucho pants. The carnival atmosphere made the partyers forget the usual red and green during this season. In fact, the Christmas tree was decorated with silver pearls and blue ornaments. The Landscape Architect Group sang, with Jane Adrian and Rick Fisher playing guitar. Gaucho's Restaurant owner, Kevin Aksacki, even consulted decorating and commemorative coffee mug ideas from Jenny Tsang and Ingrid Reyes. These two talented Architectural Associates may soon form their own party decorating business.

The members of the Holiday Party Committee were Hsiao-ling Ting, Ben Gaetos, Jenny Tsang, Ingrid Reyes, Antoinette Barrios, Herbert Guevara (party host), Jensen Wu, Houshang Shahidi, Erik Villanueva, Sahar Mehrzad, Ada Fernandez-Delarosa, Asatur Keymatlyan, Anita Jeerage, Anh Lee, Cynthia Shaw, Jose Luis Ortiz, Raymond Huang, Troy Younge, Willis Yip and Nishith Dhandha.

Division Head Mahmood Karimzadeh congratulated his staff on a very productive year.

Central City Police Party

■ Central City Police Boosters hosts annual holiday party.

Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Marketing and Communications

POLICE DEPT. — The Central City Police Boosters hosted its Holiday Party Dec. 8 at the Pacific Palms Resort in the City of Industry.

During the holiday season, many of the organization's community members sponsor tables or donate items for prize giveaways at the annual holiday celebration. The sponsorship assists in boosting morale and provides a forum for the officers to interact with their peers in a pleasant and relaxing atmosphere. The donations benefit the Los Angeles Police Department, Central Area (downtown) personnel.

Many thanks to Officer Marie Kardiban, for inviting the Club to the party.



Guest Linda Trinh with Quyen "A Real Commander" Mai, P2, 18 years of service.



Mike Fernandez, Sr. Lead, 10 years of service, with his wife, Linda.



Officers on the dance floor.



Leticia Garcia, Sgt, 24 years of service, with Carlos Garcia, Detective, 11 years of service.



Robert Lopez, P3, 30 years of service, and his wife, Ofelia Lopez.



Irma Foster, P2, 12 years of service, with Sgt. Pete Foster, 18 years of service.



With Officer Marie Kardiban (right) are (from left) her sister, Laura Fasone; her nephew, Matt Kardiban; and her husband, Robin. Standing is volunteer Nery Buenavidez



From left: Ulysses Aceves, P1, 1 year of service, with guest Frankie Strong.



Cathy and Gary Leffew, P3, 18 years of service.

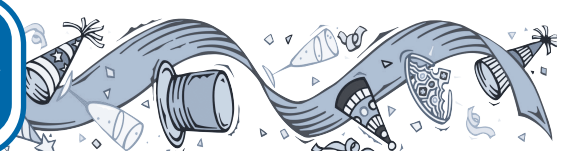


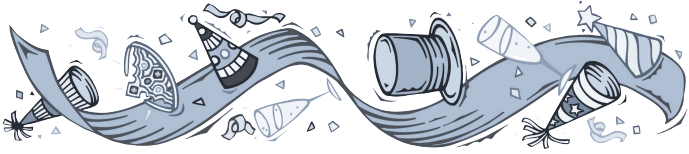
Trisha and Steve Morris, Sr. Lead, 21 years of service.

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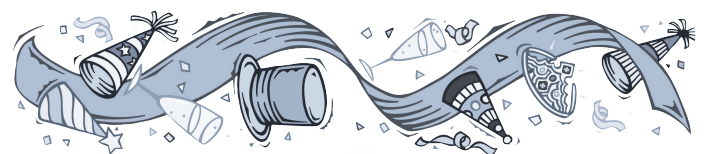
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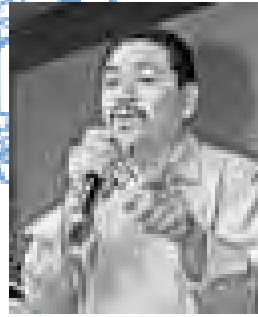
Fun in the City



Construction Forces Division: Hun Tran, 5 years of service; Angie Rios, 16 years; Carol Holguin, 21 years; Jenny Wang, 21 years; Marco Mejia, 15 years; and Michael Lim, 2 years, with wife, Lan Quach.



Collins Johnson, South District Building Maintenance, performs Barry White's "I Can't Get Enough of Your Love."



Jesus Gomez sings "Just the Way You Are."



Ria Lazo from SMS Payment Services.

A General Services Holiday

■ General Services celebrates with luncheon.

Photos by Summy Lam, Club Tech Guru

GENERAL SERVICES — General Services held its annual holiday luncheon Dec. 10.

The party was held at Luminarias restaurant in Monterey Park. Some good-natured friendly gambling was part of the festivities.

Thanks to General Services for inviting the Club to your party!



James "Kimo" Delgado, Parking Services, plays the Hawaiian steel guitar.



Rosie Festicia, 1 year of service, and Natalie Valenzuela, 6 years.



Office of Public Safety: Ms. "Q," 1.5 years, and Lydia Marquez, 6 years.



SMS Payment Services Dance Troops performed the "Somera" line dance.



Anthony Flores, Special Projects, 1 year, doubled down during blackjack.



David Shurr, Building Maintenance Publishing Services, performs his comedy act.



From left: Deane Chavez, Equipment Mechanic, 11 years; and Melinda Chavez, Traffic Officer, 27 years of service.



From left: Jay Raxtum, Traffic Officer II, 5 years of service; Javier Rodriguez, Traffic Officer II; and Jay Trejo, Traffic Officer II, 3 years of service.



From left: Eddie Rodriguez, Traffic Officer II, 2 1/2 years of service; and Rene Sanabria, Traffic Officer II, 1 1/2 years of service.

Holiday in Vermont

■ Transportation's Vermont Office throws end-of-year luncheon.

Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Marketing and Communications

TRANSPORTATION — The Transportation Vermont Office hosted its holiday party Dec. 12.

The luncheon was held at the Vermont office, 411 N. Vermont.

The Club thanks Robin Gregory for assisting us.



Traffic Officers who served the tasty holiday luncheon food included, from left: Alfredo Pedraza, Tisha Vargas, Emmanuel David, Tanisha Boyd, Jonelyn Rodgers, Robin Smith Gregory, Myndahlee Jennings, Alona Wade, Tara Bowers, Gaynell McPherson and Tracy Russell Lloyd.



From left: Richard Falt, Automotive Supervisor, 25 years of service; Matt Cade, Equipment Mechanic, 3 months; and John Kinch, Equipment Mechanic, 25 years of service.

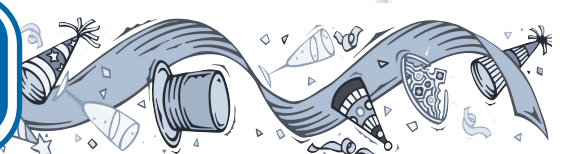


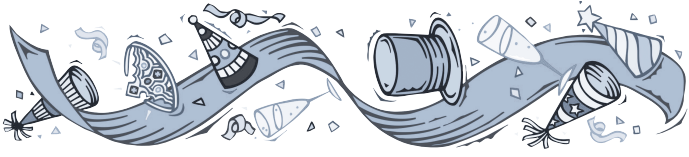
Jim Dranow, Equipment Mechanic, 19 years of service.



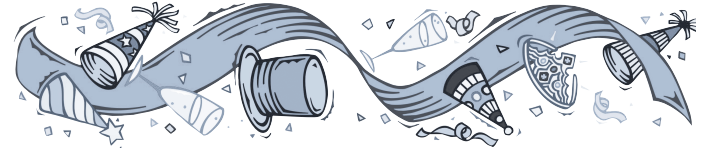
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Fun in the City



From left: Adriana and Rolando Vasquez, rookie Officer with less than 1 year of service, and Javier Mosley, another rookie Officer.



Victor and Lizette Valdez, Gen. Services IOPS, Club Member, 5 years of service.



Roxana Castro, Public Safety Officer, 6 years of City service, with guest Ivan Linares.



Standing, from left: Lydia Marquez, Secretary, 11 years of service and Club Member, with guest Laura Mayorga. Seated: Guest Lupe Plaza with Enriqueta Espinoza, CT, 1.5 years of City service.

The Public Safety Party

■ General Services' Office of Public Safety celebrates the end of its second year.

GENERAL SERVICES — The Office of Public Safety celebrated the holidays Dec. 14 at the Convention Center.

The night included food, dancing, a DJ, a video presentation, prizes and lots of fun.

Thanks to Lydia Marquez, Secretary, for her assistance.



Rachel and Javier Llanos, Police Officer, 2.5 years of service.



Back, from left: JoAnn Dominguez, Benefits Specialist, 35 years of service, and Sgt. Rick Dominguez, 38 years of City service. Front: Capt. Gerry Perez, 27 years of service, and Juli Kolb, Management Assistant, 4 months.



From left: Shuandy Galvez, 5 years of service, and Maria McLeod, 9 years of service.



From left: Nonna and Gennadiy Danilkevich, Senior Lead Officer, 4 years of service; and Hector and Diana Graciano. Hector is a Senior Lead Officer with 10 years of service.

Accounting Gives Thanks

■ Public Works Accounting hosts its annual Thanksgiving party.

Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Marketing and Communications

PUBLIC WORKS — At noon Nov. 15, in the ninth floor of the City Hall conference room, Jean Su, Mary Jean Devera, Ninfa Malabayoc, Rashad Mfume and Craig Bloomquist hosted the traditional Thanksgiving Lunch for all Office of Accounting personnel. There was no charge, and everyone was invited.

Special thanks to Diana Medina, Executive Administrative Assistant and Club Rep, for her assistance.



From left: Rashad Mfume, Mary Jean Devera, Loann Pham, Edilyn Oriel, Amy Lava and Kenneth Chin.



Front, from left: Lilia Licican, Carlito Dagdagan and Jean Su. Back: Rod Corella, Myrna Marquez, Dina Colorado, Amy Chang, Ses Regala, Sandrina Hu, Cien Lim, Leon Ejercito, and Jose Gatchalian.



From left: Merlita Valmores, Elizabeth Ayson, Eden Austria and Jean Su.



From left: Perla Domantay, Corrie Fermin, Rainbow Tong, Ramon Gregorio and Jean Su.



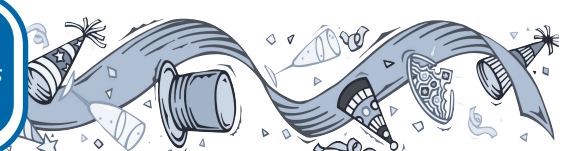
Front, from left: Jean Su, Craig Bloomquist, Ninfa Malabayoc and Yolanda Antonio. Back: Ching Ilagan and Abe Rasheed.

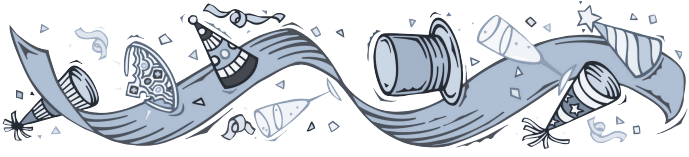


From left: Jill Soong, Eden Austria, Rod Corella, Blas Rafols, Yolanda Antonio, Billie Domingo, Craig Bloomquist, Thelma Gunasekara, Jean Su and Ninfa Malabayoc.

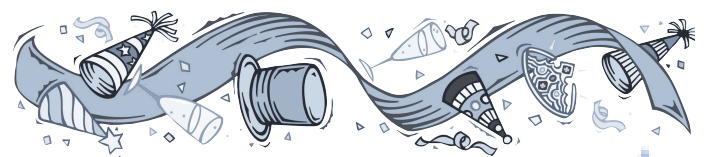
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Fun in the City



From left: Sonia Sanchez, Alex Mayagoiti and Jackie Zarate.



More than 100 toys were donated to the toy drive.



Tony Castro, Building and Safety, with friends.



Sonia Sanchez with MC Robert Soto.



Miguel and Laura Rangel, LAPD, 24 years of service.

A LACECA Holiday

Chicano Employee Assn. celebrates with its annual dinner-dance and toy drive ... and trivia quiz.

Story by Edna Meraz, Housing; Photos by LACECA

LACECA — The Los Angeles City Employees Chicano Association celebrated the season with its sold-out 36th annual Holiday Reception and Toy Drive Dec. 6 at the Luminarias restaurant. Poinsettia centerpieces provided the festive ambiance along with the elaborate Christmas tree, complete with toys donated by LACECA members.

LACECA President Jackie Zarate welcomed more than 150 members and guests representing many City departments, including the Mayor's Office, Airports, City Attorney's Office, General Services, Rec and Parks, and the DWP. Enjoying the festivities were outstanding LACECA members: Rushmore Cervantes, Chief Deputy Controller; Frank Martinez, City Clerk; Gloria Sosa, Assistant General Manager of Personnel; Adam Broderick of the Mayor's Office of Finance and Performance Management; and Art Placencia, President of the Latin American Law Enforcement Association (LALEY).

Tickets sales was a success thanks to Dolores Medina, Luis Reyes-Llamas and Jackie Zarate from Personnel; Bertha Lopez and Sonia Sanchez from the LAPD; and Leonor Garcia, Miguel Rangel, and Stella Sias from DWP, who all helped.

This event was a success thanks to the leadership of the Holiday Committee Chairperson Sonia Sanchez, LAPD.

More than 100 toys were collected to benefit two community organizations: The Yorkdale Neighborhood Leadership Group of Highland Park and the Boys and Girls Club of Echo Park. LACECA is proud to have supportive members contribute these gifts to the under-privileged children in the community who may otherwise have no presents to open on Christmas day.

Dinner guests started the night by participating in a "LACECA Survey Game", which was fun and informational at the same time! The Survey Game winner was Ray Garcia's wife, Ruth "Ralph" Garcia, who answered all 10 questions correctly. She won a gift basket donated by Jackie Zarate. (See sidebar.)

Many door prizes were awarded throughout the evening, including City Seal watches, donated by the City Employees Club. Lucky winners were Tom Martinez, DWP, and Manuel Villalpando, LAPD Training. Martha Manriquez, DWP, won a ladies' watch that was donated on the night of the event by Sylvia Pijuan, sister of LACECA member Virginia Naranjo, Public Works.

Members danced the evening away with the disc jockey talents of LACECA member Juno Galvan, DWP, and disco lights by Moses Garcia, son of Leonor V. Garcia, DWP. It was a great night celebrating with friends and meeting new employees from other departments. Many employees signed up that evening and appreciated being able to join in the yearly tradition. Employees wishing to join the membership may contact LACECA at (213) 847-2229.



Tom Martinez, DWP, won a watch donated by the City Employees Club.



From left: Miguel (DWP, 31 years of service) and Laura Rangel; Edna Meraz, Housing, 34 years of service; and Evelina Alarcon.



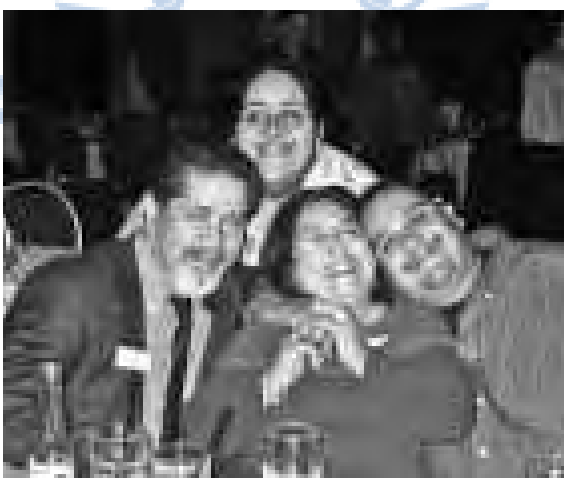
From left: Moses Garcia, the DJ Light Guy, with Juno Galvan DWP, 16 years of service.



Raul and Grace Gutierrez with their daughter, Melinda Contreras, Transportation.



Leonor Garcia with friends.



From left: Michael Buccatt, DWP; Gloria Buccatt, DWP, Retired; with guests Isaiah and Amber Gutierrez.



Having fun at the LACECA holiday party.



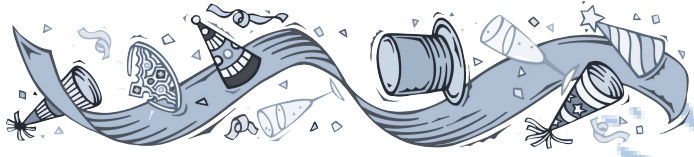
Manuel Villalpando, DWP, winner of the watch donated by the City Employees Club; with Sonia Sanchez, LAPD, 7 years of service.



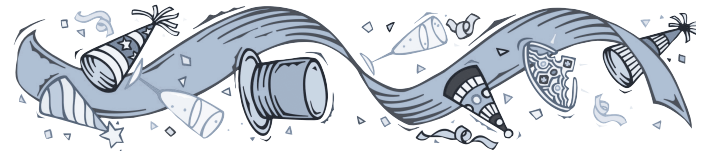
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From Left: George Martinez, guest; Diana Montano, PSR, Club Member; Eva Espinoza, PSR II, Club Member; Jesus Espinoza, spouse



From Left: Carol Dennis, spouse; Lt. Vic Dennis



From Left: Brian Kellough, guest; Captain Anita Ortega, Commanding Officer, LAPD Communications; Aileen Aranda, PSR II



From Left: Lt. Stan Ludwig, Club Member; Marilyn Ludwig, spouse



From Left: Lourdes Varas, PSR II, Club Member; Lynda Higgins, guest



From Left: Margaret Peters, Sr. PSR, Club Member; Yvette Bentley, Sr. PSR, Club Member; Kim Mc Guire, Sr. PSR



From Left: Marisol Vielma, PSR II, Club Member; CT Feng, PSR III, Club Member; Natrese Thomas, PSR II, Club Member



From Left: Seak Smith, guest; Jennifer Chavis, PSR II; Fatemah Ya Dullah, PSR II; Sinuon Von, PSR II, Club Member

Who's Behind The Mask?

■ LAPD Communications hosts masked ball for their annual holiday celebration.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor, with assistance from Jean Sarfaty, LAPD Communications, Club Rep; Photos by John Burnes, Alive! editor, and Ron Sarfaty



From Left: Sylvia Robinson, PSR III, Club Member; Ruben Licon, guest



Winner of the Mask contest was PSR III CT Feng, Club Member



From Left: Cathy Sotos, Sr. PSR, Club Member; Wanda Cook, PSR II, Club Member; Cathy Bushey, Retired Sr. PSR, Club Member

POLICE DEPT. — LAPD Communications held its annual holiday celebration Sunday, Dec. 16, at the Wilshire Grand Hotel downtown.

The theme this year was "Black and White Masquerade Ball" an evening of entertainment, dinner, dancing and prizes! Though not everyone was required to wear a mask, the evening's mask winner was PSR III CT Feng. Club Counselor Arlene Herrero was invited to attend.

Special celebrity guest was comedian, Jeff Garcia, best known as the voice of Rinaldo in the Oscar-winning animated movie, *Happy Feet*.

Special thanks to Cathy Sotos, Jean Sarfaty and Lt. Stan Ludwig and all those at LAPD Communications for their invitation.



From Left: Jean Sarfaty, PSR II, Club Member; Ron Sarfaty, spouse



From Left: ... PSR III, Club Member; ...; Eric Bautista,



From Left: Anthony Rivers, PSR III; Dennis Jarrett, PSR II, Club Member; Debbie Ramsey, PSR III, Club Member; Quincy Mirage, PSR II



From Left: Yvette Salazar, PSR III, Club Member; Karen Koukal, PSR III; Tammy Lindquist, PSR III, Club Member; Mary Vega, PSR III



From Left: Stefani Roberson, Sr. PSR I; Jean Sarfaty, PSR II, Club Member; Kimberly Ganier, PSR II



From Left: Also Sarellano, guest; Amy Tariq, PSR II, Club Member



From Left: Ron Code, Officer In Charge, Projects Unit, Club Member; Stephanie Code, Crime & Intelligence Analyst, Foothill Division, Club Member



From Left: Jeff Kravitz, spouse; Kathy Kravitz, PSR II, Club Member; Norma Chacon, guest; Carlos Mejia, PSR II, Club Member



From Left: Daryl Warren, spouse; Julie Warren, PSR III, Club Member



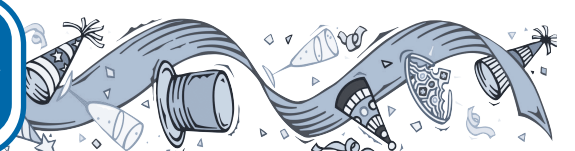
Naila Hay, PSR II

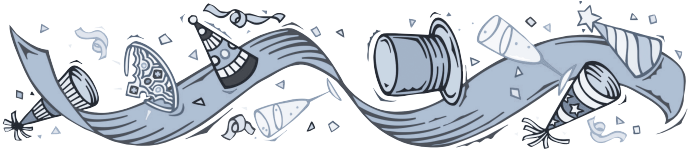


From Left: Stephanie Shelling, PSR II, Club Member; Shawn Ashley, guest

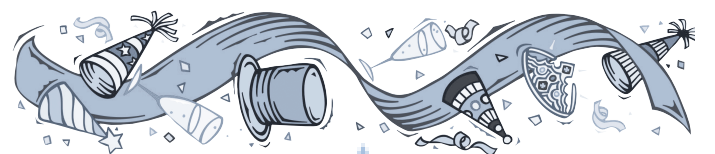
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The Ascot branch library staff.



From left: Sonia Gonzales, Clerk Typist; Cheryl McCall, Clerk Typist; Kian Daizadeh, Adult Librarian; Ruth Culpepper, Clerk Typist; and Giovanna Mannino, Assistant Director, ITC.



From left: Peggy Murphy, Senior Librarian; Giovanna Mannino, Principal Librarian; Kathleen Larson, Adult Librarian; and Donna Atmur, Children's Librarian.



From left: Cecilia Riddle, Director of Branches; Cheryl Collins, Area Manager; and Maureen Wade, Senior Librarian.



From left: Felicia Warren, Clerk Typist; Brenda Hicks, Senior Librarian; Cheryl Collins, Central/Southern Area Manager; Haewon Paick, Senior Librarian; and Charlotte Jackson, Retired Central/Southern regional manager, with her daughter.



Albert Johnson, Senior Librarian, won the chocolate basket.



The dessert table.



From left: John Pham, Senior Librarian; Jackie Roberts, former Library Assistant; Cecilia Riddle, Director of Branches; and Cynthia Merina, Senior Librarian.

Central/South Library Party

Central/Southern Library branches get together for good holiday cheer.

Story and photos by Jené Brown, Senior Librarian/Branch Manager, Harbor City Branch

LIBRARY — The annual Central/Southern Area regional staff party was held at the Harbor City-Harbor Gateway Branch Library Dec. 6.

Staff from all 13 area branch libraries enjoyed a delicious potluck meal in a beautifully decorated atmosphere as holiday music played in the background. Several retirees and previous staff members were also in attendance.

Each branch donated a gift basket, so 13 people present won beautiful baskets. The children's librarians sponsored a 50/50 raffle to raise funds for programming. The winner of the drawing won more than \$100. The young adult librarians held a white elephant sale, so staff were able to bargain shop for the holidays.

"This was the best area party yet!" read one comment from the comment book. "Thanks for all your hard work to make this party so much fun!"

Central/Southern Area is comprised of the following branch libraries:

- Ascot
- Angeles Mesa
- Exposition Park Regional
- Harbor City - Harbor Gateway
- Jefferson
- John Muir
- Junipero Serra
- Mark Twain
- San Pedro Regional
- Vermont Square
- Vernon
- Alma Reeves Woods/Watts
- Wilmington



Celia Avila and Irene Gudani, both Messenger Clerks at Harbor Library, created the decorations.



The lovely gift baskets for the raffle.



From left: Thianne Garrett, Messenger Clerk, who won the "pasta" basket, with Jené Brown, Senior Librarian.



From left: Jim Sherod, Young Adult Librarian; Donna Atmur, Children's Librarian; Kathleen Larson, Adult Librarian; Mike Doiel, Adult Librarian; and John Carroll, Adult Librarian III.



From left: Lillian Rubio, Friends of Library member; Cathy Boyle, Young Adult Librarian; and Joyce Fredericks, Harbor City Neighborhood Council (HCNC) member.



From left: Celia Avila, Messenger Clerk; Irene Gudani, Messenger Clerk; Jason Fuentes, Messenger Clerk; and Sharon Gatchalian, Children's Librarian.



From left: Robin Poland, Adult Librarian; Ana Medina, Children's Librarian; Senele Gonzalez, Children's Librarian; and Ana Campos, Children's Librarian.



Jennifer Stapleton, Young Adult Librarian, won the Starbucks basket.



From left: John Pham, Senior Librarian; Janine Goodale, Assistant Director, Central Library; Ana Campos, Children's Librarian; and Ana Medina, Children's Librarian.



From left: Shirley Jordan, Clerk Typist, and Irene Gudani, Messenger Clerk, both of the Harbor Library.



From left: Jean Engelbach, Adult Librarian; Rachel Napper, Children's Librarian; and Sarah Hoff, Children's Librarian.

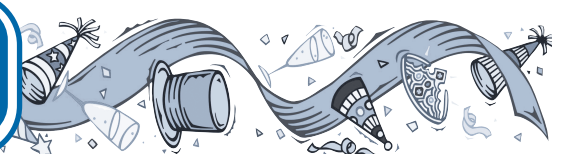


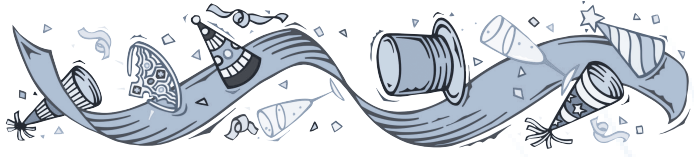
From left: Vince Jones, Clerk Typist; Janine Goodale, Assistant Director, Central Library; Jené Brown, Senior Librarian; and Lucille Vestal, Retired Senior Librarian.



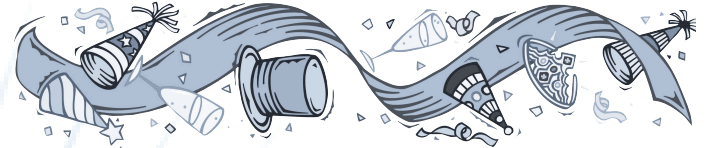
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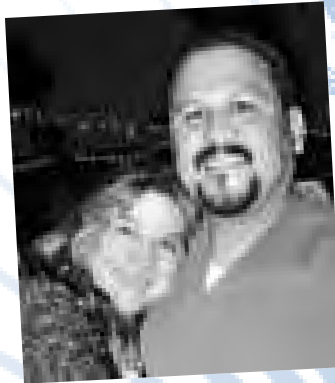




Fun in the City



From left: Mathella Adams, Clerk Typist, 7 years of service; Maria Zarate, Clerk Typist, 6 years of service; and Nereida Santiago, Clerk Typist.



Maria and Ron Esquibel, RCTO, 3 years of service.



Sally and John Elizondo, RCTO, 2 years of service.



There's nothing like dancing at a holiday party.

West Valley Sanitation Celebrates

■ West Valley Yard hosts holiday party.

Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Marketing and Communications

PUBLIC WORKS — The Public Works West Valley Sanitation Yard held its holiday party Dec. 15.

The party took place at the Canoga Park Elks Lodge in Canoga Park. The Club thanks Yard employee Anabel Duran for inviting us!



Alfred Chacon is the bass player for PAZZ, the band that played at the party. He is also a Refuse Collection Truck Operator.



Jose Noguera, Refuse Crew Instructor, 39 years of service, with guest, Stephanie Autry.



Odalys and Felix Sanchez, RCTO, 17 years of service.



Alicia and Joe Reese, Superintendent, 21 years of service, with their son, Brandon.



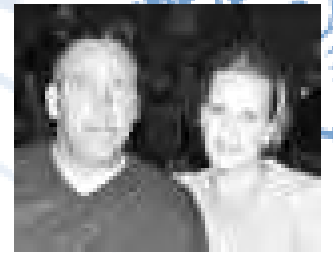
From left: John Diaz, RCTO, 18 years of service, with Felix Sanchez, RCTO, 17 years of service.



Rick Minor, Driver, 20 years of service, with guest Sherry Segre.



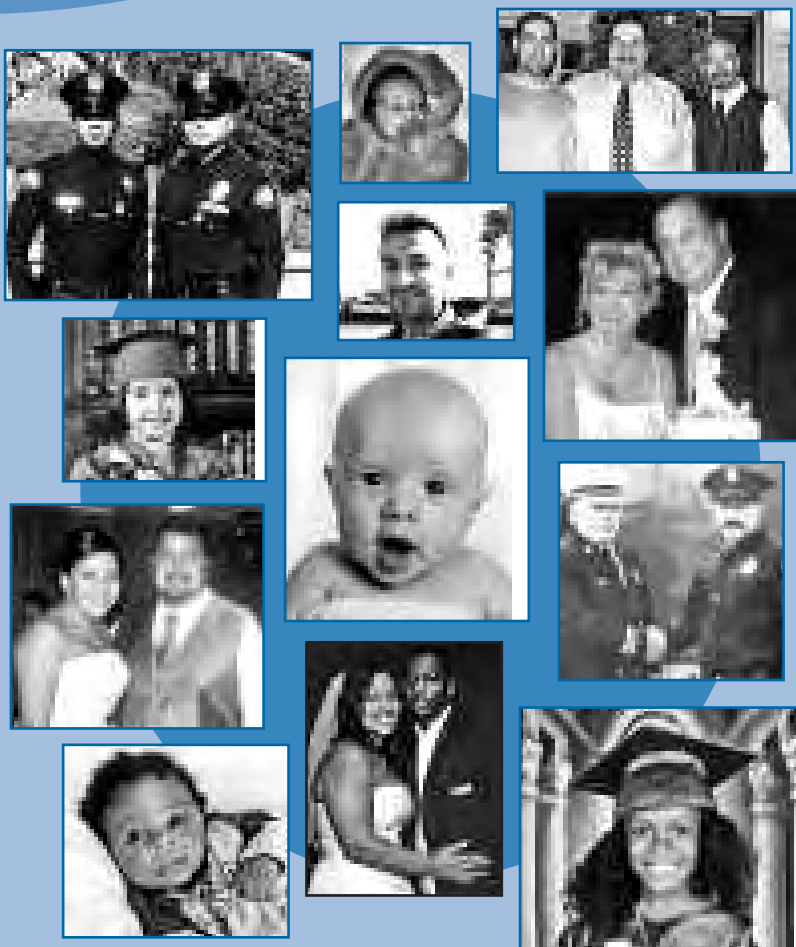
Tony Williams, RCTO, 17 years of service, and Caressa Harper, RCTO, 6 years of service.



Robert Potter, Sanitation Manager II, 18 years of service, with his wife, Kim.

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From left: Councilman Greig Smith, District 12, Club Member; and Ed Boks, General Manager, Animal Services.



Front row, from left: Erna Umali and Cef Edurese. Back: Officer Charity Anderson; Officer Val Angeles; Victoria Harrison; Christine Carr; and Delfina Cantero.



Tom Kalinowski and Victoria Harrison.



Denise Margarit with Santa.



Elaine Barrera.

West Valley Shelter Re-Opens

■ City opens new animal shelter in the West Valley.

Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor; Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager



Gina Henning, ACT.



Steffany Rowmon.



Thomas Kallnowski, ACT.

ANIMAL SERVICES — The newly expanded West Valley Animal Care Center re-opened with a public event Nov. 29.

The center is a 50,000-square-foot building with 95,806 square feet of parking and landscaping.

The Care Center features multiple cat rooms and special cat play areas, in addition to increasing the number of cat cages from 99 to 167. The dog kennels have an outdoor feel, but the dogs have access to enclosed air-conditioned spaces to escape the extreme heat of the summer.

Other features include a community conference and training center, a hearing office, get-acquainted yards, livestock area and a ten-stall barn. A second phase for West Valley is planned in the next few years that will include a remodel and update of the medical areas, loading dock, and other back-of-house facilities.

In recognition of their service during the construction of the project, the staff of West Valley were awarded the City of Los Angeles' prestigious Civilian Career Services Award for Outstanding Teamwork May 11.



Shaun Eastman, ACT.



From left: Victoria Harrison and Gina Henning.



Brita Gorman, Volunteer, with Santa.



From left: Mollie Moodchaya and Delfina Cantero.



Amir Liaghat and Victoria Harrison.

Haven House

Helping battered women and their children on their way towards a life free of violence.

We need your help to help save lives. You can help in so many ways – cash donations, clothing, food, volunteering. Every little bit helps more than you'll know. Every donation is greatly appreciated – no matter how much. Contact us today at 626.564.8880 to find out how you can help.

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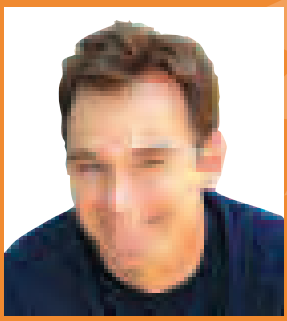
If you or someone you know needs help, call us now at our **24-Hour Hotline – 1-323-681-2626.**

Haven House is the oldest shelter of its kind in the United States, founded in 1964 to shelter families of violent alcoholics.

Our services include counseling services for women and children in residence and counseling for community clients who are not residents of the shelter.

- Emergency shelter, food and clothing
- Bilingual counseling services for both adults and children
- Assistance with finding permanent housing
- Assistance with finding employment
- Court and social services advocacy
- Assistance with getting welfare
- Legal assistance (TRO's etc.)
- Medical Services





John's Picture Perfect Contest



"I took this last month while I was on vacation in New York. I was playing around with my camera's settings and decided to take a few pictures in Central Park with sepia effects. This is a picture from within the park looking out to the old buildings that surround it. I love the 'old look' feel that the sepia had on the photo."
— **Maria Ramos, Office of the City Administrative Officer**

John's comments: The sepia tone really adds to your brilliant composition...the lamp post is set perfectly amongst the path, trees and the tops of the buildings. Very nice work, Maria!

For January, we have four winners!

Start snapping today, and send us your best results! Four winners will receive a \$25 WalMart Card.

WIN FOUR PRIZES

\$25 WalMart Card

NEXT DEADLINE: January 15 Happy Snapping!



"Cooning the bells."

— **Ron Angst, DWP.**

John's comments: I am still amazed by what the DWP workers have to do to get electricity to us here in L.A. I'm also still trying to figure out how this picture was taken! Amazing, Ron!



"At this time there are many cactus plants in the Reclamation Plant that are blooming now. This is one of them. Hope you like it."
— **Mike Kutas, Construction Helper, Public Works Contract Administration (Terminal Island Water Reclamation Plant)**

John's comments: Yes, Mike, I like the picture very much. It's amazing to think of all the unique vegetation that is being maintained by the City, especially water-saving plants like cacti. Thanks, Mike, for sharing a little part of your world!



Taken in "September at the north end of Elk Heart Lake, in Elk Heart, Wis."
— **Russell T. Harris, Truck Driver, Public Works Sanitation, 20 years of service.**

John's comments: This almost looks like a watercolor painting...it's an emotional image too, telling me that summer is gone and winter is on its way. Good eye, Russell!

Runners Up:

Cephas Sund, Elbert Hughes Jr., Michelle Gross and Leticia Fuentes.

RULES:

- The contest is open to all Club members in good standing. Non-members are welcome to submit, but only Club members are eligible to win the monthly prize.
- If your photograph does not win, you are welcome to re-submit.
- Winners are chosen by Club staff. All decisions will be final.
- You must certify (if asked) that you indeed took the picture. No ringers!
- Photos can be submitted either on paper or digitally. Please don't send both.
- If you want your print photo returned, please write your name, address and phone number on the back of your photo.
- Photos can be of any subject matter: vacation, portraits, families, landscapes, still lifes, pets, etc. Subject matter must be appropriate for *Alive!*
- Paper prints can be mailed to: Picture Perfect Contest, *Alive!*, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071
- When you send digital photos through the Internet, please send the full, original digital file yourself, rather than using digital photo software like Kodak EasyShare, Kodak Gallery, Flickr, etc. These programs send very low-resolution images, and they don't look good in print.
- We want you to look your best, so send us the original digital file, please! Thanks!
- Digital photos optimally should be between 100K and 2 megabytes in size and may be e-mailed to: pictureperfect@cityemployeesclub.com
- The contest is all in good fun: The Club cannot be responsible for delays in delivering *Alive!*, or for delays in the transmission of responses.

100 Years



Happy



Birthday,

Harbor!

■ **The Harbor throws itself a grand party.**

On Dec. 9, the Port of L.A. celebrated its great achievements with a big, public party that culminated in a major fireworks show.

On the following pages, enjoy some photos from the event, plus read about the Port's history of leadership.



Port of Los Angeles: Timeline

Courtesy the Harbor Dept.

1542: Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo discovered the "Bay of Smokes." Little did he know that the desolate tidal flats would be transformed into one of the largest, busiest and most successful manmade harbors in the world. Tidal flats and marshes remained pristine for more than 200 years largely because Europe was concentrating its New World colonization on America's East Coast.

1771: Spanish explorers established a mission 40 miles inland from San Pedro. Mission monks were first traders to use the harbor. The Spanish prohibited settlers from conducting business with other countries, restricting their trade to two ships a year carrying goods from Spain's House of Trades. Despite restrictions, San Pedro prospered.

1805: The Leila Byrd was the first American trading ship to call at San Pedro, bringing sugar, textiles and household goods in exchange for otter pelts and provisions.

1822: Independent Mexican government lifted oppressive restrictions. San Pedro became a robust commercial center and an attractive home for new settlers.

1848: California under American control. Business at San Pedro harbor booms. It's evident that the harbor needed to be expanded to accommodate increasing cargo volume for a growing Los Angeles population.

1850: Phineas Banning began the first of a lifetime of ventures that earned him the name, "Father of Los Angeles Harbor." Ventures included a freight and passenger transportation business and the founding of Wilmington, adjacent to the wharf he built to serve his business empire.

1869: Los Angeles and San Pedro Railroad began service between the bay and Los Angeles. This 21-mile stretch of track was the first railroad in Southern California and marked the beginning of a new era of development for the harbor area.

1871: The main channel is dredged to minus-10 feet. A breakwater is built between Rattlesnake Island (now Terminal Island) and Deadman's Island (formerly located near Terminal Island).

1885: Commerce in San Pedro skyrockets. Port handles 500,000 tons of import and export cargo annually.

1897: The great free-harbor fight is settled. Rear Admiral John C. Walker recommended that port development continue in San Pedro, dashing plans for port development further up the coast and setting the stage for the modern era of the Port of Los Angeles.

1906: City of Los Angeles annexes a 16-mile strip of land on the outskirts of San Pedro and Wilmington — towns that three years later would join the City of Los Angeles.

1907: Port of Los Angeles is officially founded with the creation of the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners.

1911-12: The first 8,500-foot section of the breakwater is completed. The main channel is widened to 800 feet and dredged to minus-30 feet. Southern Pacific Railroad completes its first major wharf in San Pedro.

1914: Panama Canal opens. As the nearest major American port northwest of the Panama Canal, the Port of Los Angeles became the natural port-of-call for most transpacific and coastal users.

1920s: Dynamic growth comes to the Port, marked by a boom in petroleum, lumber and citrus trade. For the first time in history, Los Angeles surpassed San Francisco as the West Coast's busiest seaport and ranked second only to New York in foreign export tonnage.

1937: Construction of the 18,500-foot-long extension of the middle breakwater is completed. World War II: Shipbuilding quickly became the Port's prime economic activity, with shipyards collectively employing more than 90,000 workers. Post World War II: Cargo containers adopted into commercial use, changing the industry forever.

1959: Matson Navigation Company's Hawaiian Merchant made its first shipment of 20 cargo containers, marking the beginning of the containerized cargo revolution. Car carriers also became common during this period.

1960s: It becomes financially infeasible, and in many cases impossible, for large ships to pass through the Panama Canal. One solution was the creation of a "land bridge" from the Port of Los Angeles to destinations throughout the U.S. via trucks and trains.

1983: Port completes dredging of the Main Channel to minus-45 feet.

1985: Port handles one million containers in a year for the first time. Four years later, container traffic exceeded two million containers.

1986: Port opens the Intermodal Container Transfer Facility, providing for the rapid transfer of containers from the Port's marine terminals to trains.

1994: Dredging for Pier 300/400 begins, the largest capital improvement undertaking of any U.S. seaport and the Port's most ambitious development project since its founding.

1996: The Los Angeles City Council designated the Vincent Thomas Bridge as the City's Official Welcoming Monument.

1997: APL Limited's Global Gateway South opens, considered to be one of the world's largest and most technologically advanced ocean and rail container terminals. The Terminal Island Container Transfer Facility is also completed, responding to the needs of Evergreen and NYK Line for on-dock intermodal capability.

1999: The world's largest shipping line, Maersk Sealand, commits to be the Port's first customer at Pier 400. The new partnership is estimated to bring the Port \$2 billion over a 25-year lease. APM Terminals (a division of Maersk) is currently the only Port tenant located on Pier 400.

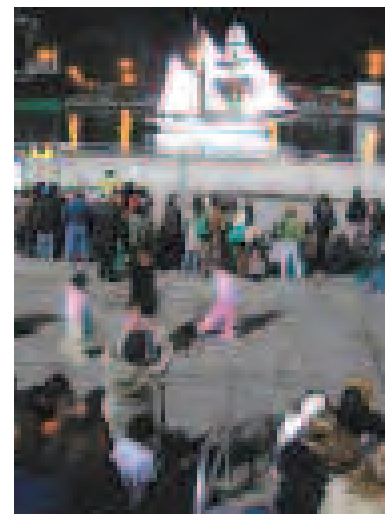
2000: The Port completes Pier 400 dredging and landfill program, the largest such project in America, a significant milestone in positioning the Port to accommodate the tremendous growth in international trade well into the 21st century.

2006: Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach jointly release the San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan. This historical plan aims to reduce emissions by 50 percent over the next five years. The Port of Los Angeles set itself as an environmental steward and model for ports around the globe.

2007: The Port of Los Angeles celebrates its Centennial Celebration.



The LAFD fireboats show their power – simultaneously.



The crowd enjoys the display of tall ships.



The Evergreen Symphony Orchestra from China made their North American debut at the celebration, playing Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture.



Making his appearance at the event was Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.

The Harbor: 100 Years of Leadership

■ Here's a brief look at the present and the history of the Port of Los Angeles.

Courtesy the Harbor Dept.

HARBOR — The Port of Los Angeles, Southern California's gateway to international commerce, is in San Pedro Bay, just 20 miles south of downtown Los Angeles.

This booming seaport not only sustains its competitive edge with record-setting cargo operations, but is also known for its groundbreaking environmental initiatives, progressive security measures and diverse recreational and educational facilities.

The Port of Los Angeles is a department of the City of Los Angeles and is often referred to as the Los Angeles Harbor Department. The Port is operated and managed under a State Tideland

Trust that grants local municipalities jurisdiction over ports and stipulates that activities must be related to commerce, navigation and fisheries. A five-member Board of Harbor Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Los Angeles City Council to provide direction and create policy for the Port.

As a proprietary and self-supporting department, the Port is not supported by taxes. Instead, revenue is derived from fees for shipping services such as dockage, wharfage, pilotage, storage, property rentals, royalties and other Port services. Considered a landlord port, the Port of Los Angeles leases its property to tenants who then, in turn, operate their own facilities.



Happy Birthday, Harbor!

Port Turns 100

■ Port celebrates its 100th birthday with big party and fireworks.

Photos by Club staff and courtesy Port of L.A.

HARBOR — With a major party capped off by fireworks that rocked Harbor City, the Port of Los Angeles celebrated its 100th birthday with a bang Dec. 9.

The event featured a free community celebration that culminated in a boat and fireworks show in the Main Channel just south of the Vincent Thomas Bridge. The festivities began at 4 p.m. along the water at First Street and Harbor Boulevards in San Pedro, and fireworks began shortly after 7 p.m.

This family-friendly birthday bash also included: activities; historical displays; videotaped stories of “how it was” from those who lived, visited or worked in and around the Port; carnival-style refreshments; official congratulatory presentations; a first-ever North American performance by Taiwan’s Evergreen Symphony Orchestra; and tallship, fireboat and light shows in the Main Channel.

Congratulations to all who produced this excellent event! ■



Students from Harbor High School present their artwork to Geraldine Knatz, Executive Director, Port of L.A.



Councilwoman and Club Member Janice Hahn presents a City Council resolution to Geraldine Knatz, Executive Director, Port of L.A.



The crowds first gathered in the cavernous Cruise Ship rigid tent facility for displays, food and the official ceremonies.



Crowds gather to watch the tallship display as part of the Harbor's 100th birthday celebration.



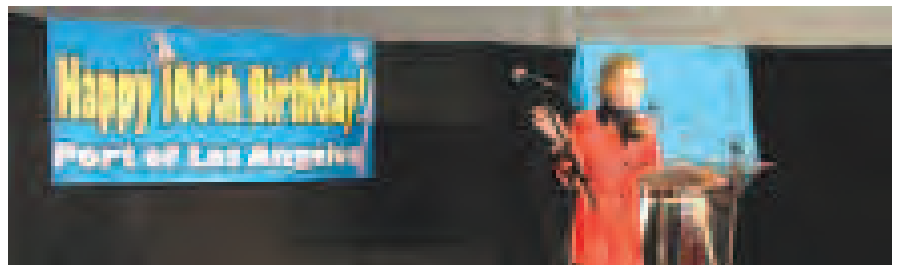
Securing the event were, from left: Christopher Flanagan, Cadet, Airport Police, 1 year of service; Edward Olvera, Airport Police Cadet, 4 months of service; and Christine Piña, Airport Police Sr. Cadet, two years of service.



On the Cycle Detail are (from left) Byron Culbertson, Senior Lead Officer, Airport Police, 2 years of service; and Sgt. Robert Myers, 19 years of service.



From left: Lt. Michael Kettelkamp, Airport Police, 25 years of service; and Rosario Ferrara, Senior Lead Officer, Airport Police, 5 years of service.



Port Executive Director Geraldine Knatz welcomes the crowd.

The Port encompasses 7500 acres, 43 miles of waterfront and features 27 cargo terminals, including dry and liquid bulk, container, break-bulk, automobile and omni facilities. Combined, these terminals handle almost 190 million metric revenue tons of cargo annually. In 2006, the Port moved an impressive 8.5 million TEUs, establishing a new national container record once again. The Port is also home to the nation's most secure cruise passenger complex, the World Cruise Center.

The harbor was an active shipping center in 1897 when a federal panel selected San Pedro Bay over other coastal communities as the site for development of a major port. Construction of the breakwater began in 1899. In 1906, the City of Los Angeles annexed a 16-mile strip of unincorporated land from its southern border to a waterfront tract in San Pedro Bay, which was christened Harbor City.

On Dec. 9, 1907, the Los Angeles City Council created the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners, marking the official

founding of the Port of Los Angeles.

In the early part of the 20th Century, the Port bustled with longshore gangs unloading millions of board feet of lumber for local construction projects. Thousands of commercial fishermen and workers in a dozen canneries were involved in catching and processing tuna. More than 20,000 ship builders were working in four yards on various cargo and tanker vessels. Busy and colorful commercial areas sprang up adjacent to the Port to accommodate these workers as well as the ship crews that would be in port of up to 10 days at a time.

The Port today may seem almost serene by comparison, yet it is part of the largest container complex in the United States, handling 3000 vessel arrivals a year, some of which transport as many as 5,000 cargo containers each voyage. A gateway for international commerce and an economic engine for the region, the Port supports one out of every 24 jobs in Southern California. ■



The Harbor, seen here in a vintage photo, is the nation's largest.

Life insurance:

How Much Is Enough?

■ Many Americans with life insurance are so under-insured that if they die, their families won't be able to maintain their standard of living.

Loss of the deceased's income can have a devastating financial impact on a family. Assets may have to be sold to cover heavy medical expenses, final expenses and living costs. Recent reports from LIMRA International found that:

- Many married couples fail to plan for the eventual death of one spouse before the other, which can have serious consequences, especially when the survivor is the wife (*Public Misperceptions About Retirement Security – Closing the Gaps, 2007*).
- 22% of families with dependent children admit they would have immediate trouble meeting everyday expenses and another 26% could only cover expenses for a few months if a primary wage earner died (*Facts About Life, 2006*).
- 45% of widows and 37% of widowers say their spouse was inadequately insured. (*LIMRA Web site, 3/2007*).

The stark fact is that many Americans – nearly one-third, according to the 2006 LIMRA report – still don't have life insurance, and many of those who do have coverage often don't have enough to really make a difference:

- On average, U.S. households report they should own enough life insurance to replace six years of income, but only owned enough to replace their income for 2.8 years.

Getting the coverage you need

When you consider these facts, you may find that your family would not be adequately protected should they lose you and your income.

"Typically, term life insurance offers you the most life insurance protection for your money," explained Robert Larios, the Director of Marketing and Communications for The City Employees Club of Los Angeles. "It becomes even more affordable when you can purchase it at an attractive group rate. If there is a gap between the amount of life insurance you have and the amount your family would need, term life insurance may be the most economical way to close it."

What to look for in a plan

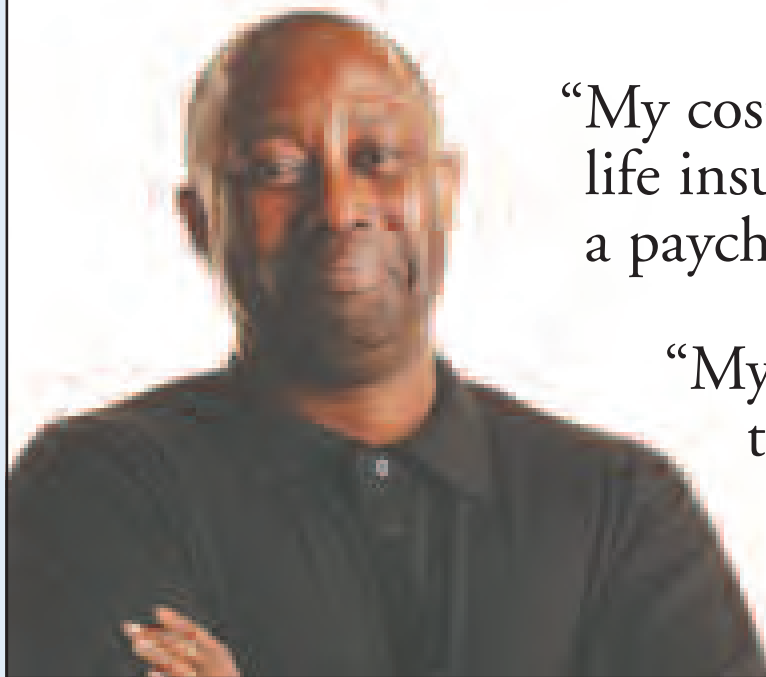
When evaluating term life insurance plans, here are some things to consider:

- Can you get the amount you need to adequately protect your family?
- Can you also get coverage for your spouse?
- Will the premiums for the amount of coverage you want be easy for you to handle?
- Is it easy and convenient to apply for?
- Is the underwriting company highly rated and financially strong?

The City Employees Club of Los Angeles has selected a Group Term Life Insurance Plan underwritten by a member company of American International Group, Inc., The United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York. This company has been awarded an A++ (Superior) rating from A.M. Best. This rating reflects The United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York's superior overall financial strength and operating performance when compared to A.M. Best's standards. The rating is current as of October 1, 2007. For the latest A.M. Best's ratings and A.M. Best's Company Reports, please visit the A.M. Best Web site at www.ambest.com.

Club members are eligible to apply for this Club-sponsored plan at economical group rates. To apply, call The City Employees Club of Los Angeles at 1-800-464-0452, or review the plan details in this issue of *Alive!* and apply today with the application printed in this month's publication.

For active and retired City or DWP employees



"My cost for \$100,000 of life insurance? Just \$6.00* a paycheck."

"My advice? Take a minute to apply today."

See how economical this plan can be for you – see the chart below.

Life Insurance from the Club is a smart, easy choice

As little as \$2.75 per pay period! Get \$50,000 to \$300,000 of term life insurance coverage at economical group rates – for example, a 29-year-old can get \$50,000 for \$2.75 per bi-weekly pay period.

Both you and your spouse can apply. Your spouse can apply even if you don't.

Fair pricing built right in! If we collect more premium than we end up needing for claims and expenses, we give the excess back to you! For 77 of our 79 years, insured members have received a Term Life premium refund!

Typically no medical exam needed** if you're under age 50 and apply for up to \$100,000. If an exam is required for higher amounts, it will be scheduled at your convenience and at no cost to you.

You can take your coverage with you. This plan is portable, and stays with you even if you change jobs.

*Example for a 30- to 34-year-old.

**Issuance of a Certificate of Insurance or payment of benefits may depend upon the answers given in the application and the truthfulness of those answers.

No need to write a check! Payroll deduction makes premium payments easy and automatic.

Double your benefit for just a few dollars more. An economical way to double your total death benefit is to choose the same amount of Group Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance (AD&D) as your term life coverage. Just complete Step 3 of the application. There's never a medical exam required for Accidental Death insurance. And the cost is just \$1.25 per \$25,000 of coverage, regardless of age:

- \$50,000 for \$2.50/month
- \$100,000 for \$5.00/month
- \$200,000 for \$10.00/month

Apply in minutes! Just complete and return the brief application at right to apply. >>>

Quick and easy to buy! Find your economical group cost below, based on your current age. Then select the premium amount most comfortable for your budget – \$50,000, \$100,000, \$200,000. Or choose any other amount from \$10,000 up to \$300,000, in increments of \$10,000.

Term Life Insurance premiums based on bi-weekly payroll deductions

Age	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
Under 30	\$2.75	\$5.50	\$11.00
30-34	3.00	6.00	12.00
35-39	3.75	7.50	15.00
40-44	5.25	10.50	21.00
45-49	7.75	15.50	31.00
50-54	12.75	25.50	51.00
55-59	21.50	43.00	86.00
60-64	30.75	61.50	123.00
65-69	55.00	110.00	220.00
70+	(Renewal only, \$10,000 benefit, \$12.50/month)		

Just \$1.20 bi-weekly covers all dependents over 6 months to age 19 (23 if a full-time student) for \$10,000 each (subject to state variations).

DWP employees please note: Because your deductions occur once per month instead of bi-weekly, your premiums are 2 times the premiums shown. Coverage amount reduces to \$10,000 when you reach age 70. Maximum benefit for those individuals 70+ years of age is \$10,000. The bi-weekly cost is \$12.50. For retirees, insurance ends at age 60. After age 60, you're eligible for the Retiree Life Plan.



Questions?
Call 1-800-464-0452

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350 South Figueroa St., Suite 700
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coverage, or a claim for benefits is submitted to such a company, MIB, upon request, will supply such company with the information in its file.

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in the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act. The address of MIB's information office is Post Office Box 105, Essex Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02112.

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7 EASY STEPS TO APPLY >>>

1. Complete the personal information for yourself, and your spouse, if applying.
2. Select the amount of Term Life you want for your family and answer the brief health questions.
3. Decide if you also want Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) coverage.
4. Designate your beneficiaries.
5. Sign and date the application – make sure your spouse also signs the application if he or she is applying.
6. Complete and sign the Payroll Deduction Authorization, including your Social Security number, name and department name.
7. Cut out the application, fold and mail it to:
The City Employees Club of Los Angeles, World Trade Center, 350 South Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071

No checks to send! Once your coverage is approved, your premium will be conveniently deducted from your paycheck. If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-464-0452.

Note: Club membership is automatic when you apply for coverage. As a member, you have access to discounts and savings on movies, theme parks, shopping and more for a payroll deduction of only \$4.50 per month (active employee) or \$2.50 per month (retired). By signing the Payroll Deduction Authorization (at right) you authorize these monthly deductions. Membership fees may change from time to time.

Summary of plan details

Effective date: For term life, you will be insured on the first of the month coinciding with or next following the date United States Life approves the request, provided the required premium is paid. You must be actively at work on the date the insurance is to take effect. If you are not, the insurance will take effect on the day you return to work. Spouses, if applying, must be able to perform the normal activities of a person of like age and sex, in good health, on the date insurance is to take effect. If not, such insurance will take effect on the day they resume such activities. For AD&D, coverage will take effect on the date United States Life states in writing. You must be actively at work on the date the insurance is to take effect. If you are not, the insurance will take effect on the day you return to work. Spouses, if applying, must not be hospitalized on the date insurance is to take effect; if they are, insurance will take effect on the day after they are discharged.

Eligibility: You are eligible to apply if you are a member of the City Employees Club of Los Angeles (LACEA) and actively working full time.

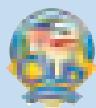
Date insurance ends: As long as you continue to pay premiums, the group policy remains in effect, and insurance does not end for your class, your coverage will not end. In addition, AD&D coverage will not end unless you cease to be a member in good standing with the City Employees Club of Los Angeles (LACEA), with respect to spouses, if applying, the date marriage ends by divorce or annulment, and with respect to children, the date eligibility ends.

Exclusions/limitations: Certain exclusions apply. See your Certificate of Insurance for details. For term life, if a person commits suicide within two years from the date coverage takes effect, liability will be limited to the return of premiums paid, plus interest. Accidental death exclusions include: No benefits are payable for loss caused by suicide or intentionally self-inflicted injury; insurrection, war or act of war; physical or mental sickness or treatment of that sickness; voluntary intake of poison, gas, fumes, unless taken as prescribed by a physician; committing a felony, or an attempt to do so; being intoxicated or under the influence of a narcotic, unless prescribed by a physician; and flight in any type of aircraft in which you are the pilot, licensed or unlicensed, or a member of the crew.

This is a summary of benefits only and is subject to the terms, conditions, exclusions and limitations of Group Policy Nos. V-189,706, V-189,709, and V-189,710, Form No. G-19000. Coverage may vary and may not be available in all states.

Cut out the application, fold and mail it to:

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Application for Group Term Life Insurance City Employees Club of Los Angeles

Employee Term Life Insurance • Spouse Term Life Insurance • Accidental Death and Dismemberment

STEP 1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

CITY/DWP EMPLOYEE	Last Name		First Name		MI	Social Security Number				City Dept.# /DWP Empl.#	
	Street Address					Work Phone ()		Height (ft.-in.)			
	City		State	ZIP		Home Phone ()		Weight (lbs.)			
	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY)		Place of Birth (City/State)			Age	E-Mail Address		<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Married	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
SPOUSE	FILL OUT ONLY IF SPOUSE IS APPLYING FOR COVERAGE.										
	Last Name		First Name		MI	Social Security Number				City Dept.# /DWP Empl.#	
	Street Address					Work Phone ()		Height (ft.-in.)			
	City		State	ZIP		Home Phone ()		Weight (lbs.)			
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY)		Place of Birth (City/State)			Age	E-Mail Address		<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female		

STEP 2. COMPLETE THIS SECTION IF YOU WANT TERM LIFE INSURANCE

Choose the plan and indicate the benefit amount desired: (You may purchase in increments of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$300,000.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Employee	Total Coverage Amount Desired: \$
<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse	Total Coverage Amount Desired: \$
<input type="checkbox"/> Dependent Coverage	Total Coverage Amount Available: \$ 10,000

	EMPLOYEE	SPOUSE
1. Have you ever had chest pains, disease or disorder of the heart, liver, kidneys or lungs, high blood pressure, albumin or sugar in his/her urine, diabetes, cancer, tumors or ulcers?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2. Have you, or your spouse if applying, during the past 5 years, consulted any physician or other practitioner or been confined or treated in any hospital or similar institution?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3. Have you used tobacco or nicotine in any form during the past twelve months?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

If you answered "Yes" to any parts of the above questions, give details below. Use a separate sheet of paper, sign and date it if more space is needed for answers.

Question #	Name of Proposed Insured	Condition	Date Occurred	Duration	Degree of Recovery	Names & Addresses of Physicians, Hospitals or Clinics Consulted

STEP 3. COMPLETE THIS SECTION IF YOU WANT GROUP ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE

Choose the plan and indicate the benefit amount desired:

<input type="checkbox"/> Employee	Total Coverage Amount Desired: \$	\$25,000 to \$300,000 (available in increments of \$25,000)
<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse	Total Coverage Amount Desired: \$	\$25,000 to \$300,000 (available in increments of \$25,000)
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Plan	■ Family plan covers spouse for 50% and children for 20%. ■ Spouse but no children = 60% coverage. Children but no spouse = 25% coverage.	

STEP 4. DESIGNATE YOUR BENEFICIARIES

Primary Beneficiary:	Relationship:
Secondary Beneficiary (Optional):	Relationship:

Beneficiary of spouse will be the City/DWP Employee unless otherwise specified on a separate sheet of paper.

STEP 5. PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING, THEN SIGN AND DATE BELOW TO APPLY.

AUTHORIZATION AND DECLARATION OF EACH PERSON GIVING A STATEMENT OF INSURABILITY

I hereby authorize any licensed physician, medical practitioner, hospital, clinic, or other medical or medically related facility, insurance company, the Medical Information Bureau, or other organization, institution or person that has any records or knowledge of me or my health, to give to United States Life or its reinsurers any such information. Such information will pertain to my employment, or other insurance carrier or medical care, advice, treatment or supplies for any physical or mental condition. This includes that information obtained in connection with the preparation or procurement of an investigative consumer report as defined under the Fair Credit Reporting Act(s). To facilitate the rapid submission of such information, I authorize all said sources, except the Medical Information Bureau, to give such records or knowledge to any agency employed by United States Life to collect and transmit such information.

I understand that this information will be used by United States Life solely to determine eligibility for insurance. I understand that I may revoke this authorization at any time. I agree that such revocation will not affect any action which United States Life has taken in reliance upon this authorization. I understand this authorization will not be valid after 24 months from the effective date of coverage, if not revoked earlier. I know that I should retain a copy of this authorization for my records. I agree that a photocopy of this authorization is as valid as the original. To the best of my knowledge and belief, all statements made above are true and complete.

I understand that my application for group insurance will be accepted or declined on the basis of these statements. Insurance will take effect only if a certificate is issued based on this application and the first premium is paid in full (a) during the lifetime of all proposed insureds; and (b) while there is no change in the insurability or health of such person from that stated in the application.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files a statement of claim containing any materially false information, or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which may be a crime. Fraud provisions vary by state.

Date:	Applicant's Signature: X
Date:	Spouse's Signature (if applying for insurance): X

NEW POLICYHOLDERS: Club membership fees will be automatically deducted.

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Group Policy Nos. V-189,706, V-189,709, and V-189,710

STEP 6. COMPLETE AND SIGN THE PAYROLL DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATION.

Payroll Deduction Authorization

Social Security #: _____ Name: _____ Department: _____

To: **Controller—City of Los Angeles, or Fire and Police Pension, or City Employees Retirement System, or Paymaster—Department of Water and Power**

I hereby authorize the deduction from my salary of amounts sufficient to cover premiums/membership fees on any of my group benefits provided by **City Employees Club of Los Angeles**. In the event any premiums should change due to age, increase in salary or benefits, or a general rate increase for the entire Association, I authorize you to make such change upon notification from the City Employees Club of Los Angeles and such deduction to remain in force until canceled by me in writing.

Sign Here

X

City/DWP Employee _____ Date _____

Federal Law P.L. 93-579 Section 7

RE: FEDERAL PRIVACY ACT AND USE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS
This law requires you be informed, when asked for your Social Security Number, that it must be provided for use in employment, personnel and payroll processes: Authority for requiring this information is based upon provision of the City's payroll and personnel candidate processing system operational prior to January 1, 1975 and applicable Federal Law.

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CLUB MEMBERS:

Be My Club Valentine

**Send your sweetie a special Valentine ...
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DEADLINE: JAN. 17

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Send us a photo (digital preferred) of you and your sweetie ... or just your sweetie ... and two or three sentences suitable for a family newspaper, declaring your forever love! And we'll print as many as we can.

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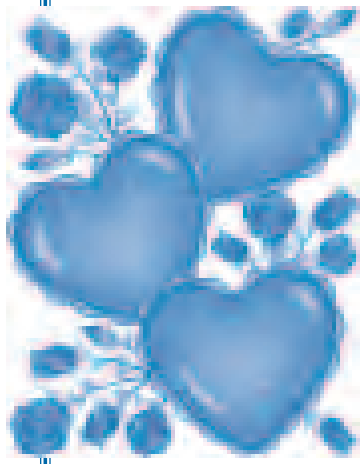


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Call Antonio Cervantes at

1-800-826-8188

Club Members:



Love Is in the Air!

**Did you meet your spouse or fiancé while working for the City?
We want to hear about it!**

For our February issue, we're writing a story about all you Club Members who found your true love working for the City.

If you are interested in sharing your story, please email us with your full name, contact information, cell phone number and office number by January 15th, and we'll take it from there.



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Denver	Monday 1/21/08 (MLK Weekend)	\$28
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Dallas	Sunday 3/02/08	\$28
Portland	Wednesday 4/02/08	\$28

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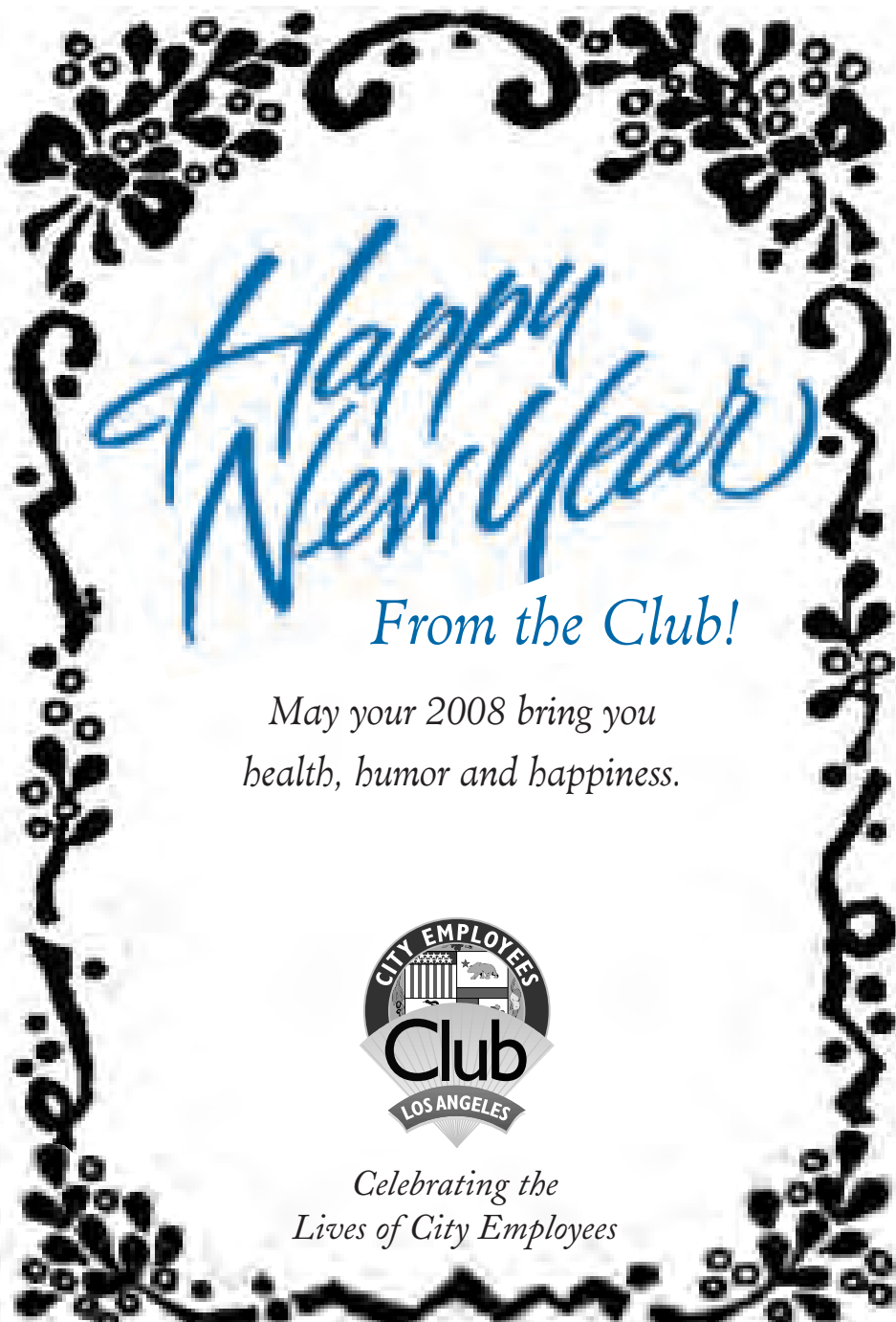
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Members of the Housing Department HomeWalk team, including General Manager Mercedes Marquez and Assistant General Manager Marlene Garza.

Housing Walks the Walk



■ Housing Dept. takes part in 5K walk for charity.

Story by Renne Gardner, Housing; Photos courtesy Housing

HOUSING — On Nov. 17, a team of walkers from Housing raised more than \$6,300 toward helping the homeless as part of the HomeWalk 5K walk.

The United Way of Greater Los Angeles, the Fannie Mae Foundation and PATH partners spearheaded the HomeWalk 5K Family Walk at Exposition Park to raise funds for homeless programs, and educate participants about the causes of homelessness, the situations facing homeless

people, and how homelessness can be eradicated. HomeWalk took place simultaneously in Washington, D.C. and across six other cities on the same day. This was the first such walk in Los Angeles.

On any given night, 48,000 people are homeless in the City of Los Angeles (73,000 in Los Angeles County), nearly half of them women and children. The National Alliance to End Homelessness estimates that 600,000 families with 1.35 children experience homelessness each year, accounting for about half of the national total.

All told, the HomeWalk 5K Family Walk raised more than \$700,000. More than 4,000 walkers participated in the event, including 14 City Department teams. The 25 walkers from Housing exceeded their initial \$5,000 goal by raising more than \$6,300. Among all local teams, Housing raised the ninth highest amount. Congratulations to all walkers, and big thanks to all who made donations!



Back row, middle: David Whitehurst. Back row, right: Renne Gardner. Front, from left: Mirta Ocana, Maria Elena Diaz, Marcella Heredia and Xanat Rosas.



Yvonne and her son, Benjamin

Small Steps to Weight Loss

By Yvonne Liu, Office of Finance

As we begin a new year, the top New Year's resolution on many people's minds is weight loss. A majority of us hop into a crash diet, feasting on lettuce day after day, day after day, until we are sick of salads and give up. Although drastic diets can produce big results, small changes in our lives can add up to bigger and longer-lasting results.

A few City Employees share the small steps they took to keep the weight off.

Kathy Fatherree, Senior Personnel Analyst I, Personnel, started with one small change. First, she made Wednesday nights salad nights in her home. This made her not only learn more salad recipes, but also enlist her children's help in preparing dinner before she comes home. Once salad nights were well established in her household, she started on her next small step.

Having 19 years of service behind her, she knew that a sedentary job lulls us into physical inactivity. Twice a week, she would take a walk during her lunchtime from the Personnel Building to the Mall or just around her building.

"I still have my burgers every now and then," she says. "What I actually did was cut down on my portion sizes and ate more fish and chicken for dinner."

More than a year after her first step, Kathy joined Jenny Craig, which gives her an added support.

Alice Gong, Civil Engineer, Public Works/Sanitation, started her small step when she noticed how much time she was spending sitting during the weekends at her sons' ballgame practices. One day, she took her running

shoes with her. While her older boys were at practice, she took an easy jog around the track in the adjacent field. She began to see results when she took her youngest son with her on the jogs and he was falling behind her.

"The trouble with this small step is that once the kids' ball season stops, you need to take another small step to replace the activity such as going to the gym," she reflects.

"Cut out dinners out," said Wayne Lawson, Division Engineer, Public Works/Engineering. Wayne stopped eating out for dinner when he realized how rich the foods were and how large the portions were. He then started making simple balanced dinners in small portion at home.

He substituted whole grains or whole wheat bread for white bread. He saw that he was consuming less starch, more fruits and vegetables, and started losing weight.

When asked the secret to his progress, Wayne said, "Small changes in your life are easier to accept than large ones."

The key point here is that sticking to one or two small steps will keep you focused more than a dozen changes in your lifestyle.

My small step this year is to substitute a half-portion of mayonnaise with nonfat yogurt whenever I am making a salad that requires mayonnaise, such as egg salad, chicken salad or tuna salad. I don't miss the full mayo flavor, and I feel better knowing that I am adding something healthier to my diet.

For more ideas on the small steps that you can take, go to:

<http://www.smallstep.gov/>

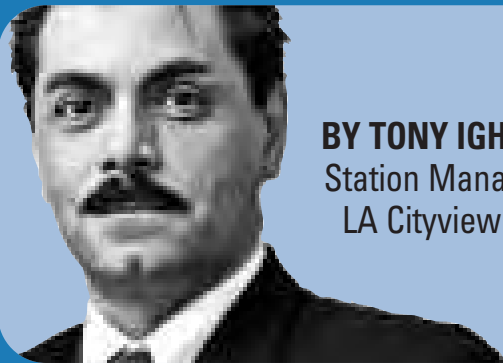
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Alive! can't guarantee space for all. —Ed.

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BY TONY IGHANI
Station Manager,
LA Cityview 35



Newsbrief

TSUNAMI-READY:

Councilwoman and Club Member Janice Hahn announced Dec. 14 that the Port of Los Angeles will be tsunami ready early in 2008. Following the Asian tsunami of 2005, Councilwoman Hahn called on the Port of Los Angeles to work with the City's Emergency Preparedness Department and the Department of Transportation to create a preparedness and warning system, as well as an evacuation plan.

In response, the Port of Los Angeles hired an outside consultant to help create the system. Inundation maps were created and obtained, and evacuation routes have been determined. Currently, the port is conducting public outreach and has mailed preparedness pamphlets to area residents, as well as businesses located in or near the port. Meetings with local neighborhood councils and other community groups are pending. Once outreach is complete, tsunami warning signs will be installed along the coast, which is scheduled for early next year.

"I have been calling for the port to be tsunami ready for more than two years because we know how devastating such a large wave could be, not only to human life, but also to operations at the port," Councilwoman Hahn said. "In the event of an earthquake on the Catalina fault, we would have less than 10 minutes to evacuate our port and coastal areas. We must be prepared."

In addition to a tsunami plan, the Councilwoman has also called for a recovery plan at the Port of Los Angeles in the event of a disaster. The Port of Los Angeles recently awarded a contract to a consultant to create such a plan, which is expected in 2008.

"In the case of a terrorist attack, or a natural disaster such as a tsunami, we must be prepared to recover as quickly as possible," the Councilwoman added. "Such a plan is vital not only to our local economy but to the national and world economies. The Public Policy Institute of California found that a significant disruption at the ports could cost the national economy \$45 billion—with 64% of the effects felt within the Los Angeles region. We must find a way to be back up and running as quickly as possible."

REC AND PARKS AWARDS:

Rec and Parks will receive two 2007 Awards of Excellence from the California Society of Recreation and Parks (CPRS), it was announced Dec. 14. The Department Awards are for the Griffith Observatory and an environmental "Campostable" program at residential camps.

Griffith Observatory, which won in the Facility Design and Park Planning Category, undertook a unique and challenging renovation which preserved the historical components of this Los Angeles icon while doubling the space. According to Jon Kirk Mukri, the Department General Manager, "The Observatory needed more space, but adding to the classic lines would destroy the look and the only option was to go underground. The \$93-million project met the extraordinary architecture and engineering challenges of the endeavor and we're gratified to have this acknowledgement."

The "Campostable" program, winning in the Maintenance Management and Operations Category, began with a commitment to providing a cleaner environment and helping to raise ecological awareness. Both the Griffith Park Boys Camp and Camp Hollywood Girls Camp provided meals served on biodegradable paper products. All camp meals during the summer months were served with biodegradable paper products, including plates, bowls and napkins. According to Mukri, "This initial effort at two City resident camps is in keeping with the Department's mission of educating young people on the importance of being good stewards of the environment through conservation and the understanding of eco-system and wildlife."

The CPRS Awards Program recognizes excellence of those agencies and individuals that develop and manage programs, parks, and facilities that embody the core values of the recreation profession and align with the mission of parks and recreation to promote participation in recreation, safety and health, and to protect environmental resources. The Awards will be presented at the CPRS Conference in Long Beach in late February.

Watch Channel 35 On Demand Online

Happy New Year! I hope all the readers of *Alive!* have had an enjoyable holiday season and that 2008 will be a very prosperous year for all.

Last month, LA Cityview 35 successfully launched its video-on-demand service over the Internet. Now besides being able to view live streaming of Channel 35 24/7, you can watch your favorite shows at your convenience.

This was the second phase of the content on-demand project that began last year in partnership with the City Clerk's office. The first phase was launched in early 2007, when City Council meetings were made available on the Internet, archived and indexed for up to a year. Now, anyone can simply log on and click on a Council meeting date and instantly the video and agenda for that meeting are displayed. You can even "jump" to a particular item of interest without having to watch the entire meeting. The feedback on this first phase has been tremendous.

The second phase involved original programming produced by Channel 35 to be provided on-demand. Thanks to the work of ITA staff, the second phase was launched in early December and in an initial period, more than 80 hours of content is now available for viewing on demand. Shows focusing on the LAPD and the Departments on Disability and Aging, to name a few, are featured.

Visit www.lacityview.org and check out new content on demand. This site is a work in progress, and we are excited about upcoming features to improve your on-line experience. We are always interested in viewer feedback, so let us know what you think and how we can better organize and enhance the site. Thank you and happy viewing/surfing.

Programming Highlights in January:

Aging in LA

"Aging in LA" is an informative and stimulating magazine-style television program, not unlike socializing in one's living room, about important issues facing older adults and caregivers. As moderated by Paul Petersen, serious dialog is made simple.

Topics to be looked at in January include love and relationships, substance abuse, elder abuse and special needs planning.

Airs: Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 8:30 p.m.

CityWorks

FOX 11 News personality Phil Shuman hosts an informative new episode of CityWorks, the Emmy-winning half-hour magazine series that spotlights key personnel, projects and special programs of the various bureaus and divisions within Public Works. Among the Public Works programs featured in this enlightening episode are the Animal Facilities Bond Program; Multi-family Recycling; the 10th anniversary of the Community Beautification Grant Program; and S.A.F.E. Centers.

Airs: Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

L.A. Roundtable

L.A. Roundtable is Channel 35's award-winning public affairs discussion series, hosted by veteran TV journalist Dave Bryan.

This month, LA Cityview premieres three new L.A. Roundtable programs, focusing on the state of the City/year-end review; state-wide ballot propositions; and politics and comedy.

Airs: Mondays at 1:30 and 8 p.m.

Tax Reform Measures

Are you a business owner in the City? Have you heard about the City's Business Tax Reform Measures, but don't know how they impact you? Well, you can't afford to miss this new informative and educational program about the latest reform measures instituted by the City, which are effective Jan. 1.

In 2004, the Mayor and the City Council passed a package of tax reform measures, which has provided \$100 million in business tax relief. This effort has been geared to attract and retain more businesses, which promotes jobs and

economic growth in the City. And now, the final batch of reforms under the Greuel-Garcetti 2004 package has been triggered. These measures are: Rate Reduction; Fund Class Consolidation; an Increase in the Small Business Tax Exemption; the Expansion of the Small Business Tax Assistance Program; and the Improved E-Filing System. This television program will break down the sometimes-complicated rules into manageable and easy-to-understand explanations so that you can fully take advantage of them before the filing deadline of Feb. 29.

Premieres: Monday, Jan. 7 and 28 at 11 a.m. and 10 p.m.

Your LAFD in Action

This award-winning program gives viewers an inside look at what's new and exciting at the Los Angeles Fire Department. This month's episode takes a look at the Arson Investigation Section and the Operations Control Division's Dispatch Center, deep under City Hall.

Premieres: Monday, Jan. 14 at 1 and 9:30 p.m.

For airing schedule of the above programs,
and for more program listings and information, www.lacityview.org.



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Life's Important Moments

Share your moments!

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New Members

Welcome New Members!

The Club gives a great big welcome to these new members, who recently joined the Club:

Airports	Building and Safety	Planning	Rec and Parks
Howard Aiger	William Grimes	Luciralia Ibarra	Raul Alba
Lisa Beheinger	City Attorney	LAPD	Rey Macias
Elva Cabada	Athena Chenoweth	Chris Mayberry	Ismael Martinez
Dion Cornelious	City Clerk	Arthur Hernandez	Jaime Mendoza
Maximina Martinez	Amanda Montenegro	Susan LePre	Eduardo Torres
Bryan Melton	Personnel	Derek Smith	Daisy Banos
Mariel Miranda	Lori Lee	Manuel Tanda	Jacqueline Maldonado
Jesus Padilla	Joanne OBrien		Nancy Toro
Ruben Robredo	City Council	Public Works	Finance
Cheryl Sampson	Susan Yi	Engineering	Raymond Lin
Stacy Thomas	Harbor	Leslie Wall	DWP
Romolo Valle	Augusto Bergado	Sanitation	Carmen Cortez
Larry Williams	Geraldine Knatz	Choiyuk Chiang	Leitch Crawford
Eric Wilson	Stanley Steiner	Sergio Bautista	Sherman Dickinson
Animal Services	General Services	Ronnie Calhoun	Paul Doyle
Elmer Alvarado	William Oliver	Paul Johnson	Richard Funmaker
Marva Bourne	William Rose	Marrio Lofton	Keith Long
Jennifer Curiel	Janice Bonner	Street Maintenance	Ana Sanchez
Paul Maradiga	Alta Richardson	Kadumu Griffin	Shalonda Taylor
Maribel Martinez	Rashidbaig Baig	Steven Mize	Retired
Arlene McNeel	Library	Roberto Renteria	Marjorie Corzine
Veronica Perry	Juanita Carter	Pierre Robles	
Bonfacio Prieto	Housing	David Roselius	
Jaime Solterc	Argine Maroutian	Anthony Krantz	
Ricardo Urbina	Tracy Anderson		
Stella Sullivan	Tracey Terry		

In Memoriam

Our thoughts and condolences are with the family and friends of the following current and retired City employees who have passed away. The number after the name indicates years of service.

Active	Walter Lee, Public Works, 36
Philip Castillo, Airports, 7	Clarence Majors, Rec and Parks, 25
Martin Cezere, Public Works, 16	Lois Marvin, DWP, 20
Hope Lee, DWP, 23	Daniel Mircheff, Public Works, 9
Retired	John Morin, DWP, 25
John Arnold, DWP, 30	Frederic Mulhaus, DWP, 38
Ruth Baer, Rec and Parks, 19	Kathleen Murphy, Public Works, 35
Joseph Bonsangue, Controller's Office, 33	Rolland Ogden, DWP, 23
Alice Carrillo, DWP, 22	Nemesio Penserga, DWP, 18
Louis Clayton, Public Works, 36	Charles Pernick, Building and Safety, 31
Lillian Cordes, DWP, 23	Eugenia Phillips, LAPD, 10
Abben Feikama, DWP, 26	Irene Polk, DWP, 11
Jean Fisher, Library, 30	Paul Ralston, Building and Safety, 10
Stanley Funk, Rec and Parks, 13	Roger Ramirez, Public Works, 28
Pablo Gelvoria, Engineering, 24	Jose Romero, DWP, 36
Joan Gordon, LAPD, 26	Marion Ross, Public Works, 18
Daniel Green, Public Works, 18	Lugene Sampson, LAPD, 15
Don Green, Public Works, 36	Harry Sandberg, DWP, 18
Robert Guymon, DWP, 35	Reuben Scheibel, DWP, 27
Emery Hajos, Animal Regulations, 21	Artie Shaw, Public Works, 30
William Halvorson, DWP, 31	Daniel Straka, Building and Safety, 17
Arthur Johnson, Rec and Parks, 19	Charles Swan, Receiving Hospital, 25
Booker Johnson, DWP, 29	Hermino Trujillo, Airports, 30
Simon Kurtz, DWP, 10	Robert Wellington, Library, 34
Charles Larson, DWP, 32	
Kenneth Lamoreaux, DWP, 20	

Retirements

NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS
Gloria Ang	Legal Secretary	City Attorney	35	Mary Mallory	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Eddie Castro	Security Officer	Airports	12	Anthony McClelland	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
John Chen	Transportation Engr. Aide	Transportation	25	Ronald Painter	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Anthony Cruz	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Jerryl Powe	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Herman Douglas	Equip. Mechanic	General Services	30	Marilyn Redd	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Patricia Friedman	Sr Personnel Analyst	CAO	31	Bobby Richardson	Detention Officer	LAPD	18
Margaret Gaillard	Program Support	Community Develop.	24	Cynthia Ringel	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Arline Keithe	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Minda Santos	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Kyung Kim	Sr. Computer Operator	ITA	32	Ramon Tumbokon	Construction Inspector	Public Works	20
Harold Lombardo	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Marrin Wisniewski	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Stephen Ohare	Sr. Real Estate Officer	El Pueblo	17				

Special Achievements



Special recognition goes to Kendall A. Holmes, son of Carl Holmes, Park Ranger, Rec and Parks. Kendall's team, the North Long Beach Black Panthers finished a perfect season by winning the Pop Warner Championship 2007 in Orlando, Fl. The North Long Beach team was victorious over two strong teams, one from Florida, and shut out a team from Rhode Island in the championship game to become the National Champions for the Junior Midget category. Congratulations to Kendall and all the players on the North Long Beach team!



Congratulations to Mario Avila, a recent graduate of the LAPD Police Academy! Mario's first assignment is serving the people of Los Angeles in North Hollywood.

Have you or your children recently achieved something special? It could be academic, or part of your hobby, or similar. Let us know! Send a photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Promotions

Alive! is delighted to publish promotion photos of Club members. Have a photo of a recent promotion? Send it in to *Alive!* Promotions, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071.

Births

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Weddings

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Quinceañera

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Include your spouse with Club Term Life Insurance.

Long Term Disability Insurance
Protect yourself from career-ending traumas.



Long Term Care Insurance
Manage your future health-care costs with this Club package.

Cancer Insurance
Purchase a Cancer Insurance policy from the Club, and put this affliction out of your mind.

Group Rated Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance
Use the power of the Club to protect yourself against the financial downfall of accidental death or dismemberment.

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Take advantage of the Club's purchasing power (strength in numbers!) to get great rates for your auto and homeowners insurance.

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Arlene Herrero



Liz Montes



Howard Pompel



The two cranes are ...

... oh so close to the Vincent Thomas Bridge ...

... and through. Whew!

Whew, That Was Close

■ **New 220-foot-tall container cranes pass under the Vincent Thomas Bridge with only feet to spare.**

Story and photos courtesy the Port of L.A.

HARBOR — Two new container cranes from Japan were delivered Dec. 13 to the Port of Los Angeles and carefully navigated under the Vincent Thomas Bridge on the way to the TraPac terminal. The cranes came within five feet of the bridge's undercarriage but passed under without incident as television helicopters and film crews captured the scene.

This delivery, precisely timed for the lowest tide possible, marks the first arrival of cranes under the bridge since 2002. The cranes were delivered on a barge that was lowered to the water line to allow bridge clearance. Upon arrival at the terminal, the barge was raised up to the dock level. The cranes were to be rolled onto the terminal over the course of several days.

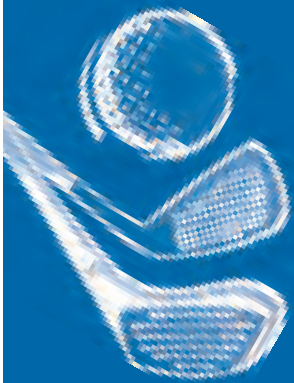
Each crane cost approximately \$7 million. They are 220 feet at top of A-frame, 285 feet with boom stowed and weigh more than 300 tons each. They can lift up to 50.8 tons, and their booms extend out 170 feet, capable of working a ship with 19 container rows across.

The cranes were built by Paceco-Mitsui of Japan and took 18 months to build and 21 days

to travel across the Pacific.

These cranes will help TraPac more than double its container volume over the next 30 years — from about 900,000 TEUs to nearly 2.4 million TEUs, in accordance with the terminal's expansion plans approved earlier this month by the Los Angeles Harbor Commission.

LAPD Communications Division 2nd Annual Golf Classic



*Four-Person Scramble:
Friday, April 4, 2008
Registration – 11:30 a.m.
Tee-off – 1 p.m.*

**Knollwood Country Club
12024 Balboa Blvd.
Granada Hills, CA 91344
(818) 360-2101**

Cost: \$125 per player

Registration 11:30 a.m.

144 Golfers – 36 Teams

Enjoy a complete program of special events, 18 holes of golf (including cart), lunch, door prizes for each player and an exciting awards banquet
All for just \$125 / player



Several "winner" categories, including:

- LAPD Team, mixed team, and others.
- Putting contest
- Longest drive contests
- Closest to the pin challenge
- And a Hole-in-One chance for a car

This year's event will be held Friday, April 4, at the well-manicured Knollwood Country Club in Granada Hills.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., with tee-off at 1 p.m.

The cost for this event is only \$125. The price includes: 18 holes of golf, range balls, shared cart, BBQ lunch, buffet dinner and various awards.

There will be an awards presentation and dinner directly after golf. For those who would like family and/ or friends to join us for the award presentation and dinner only, the dinner is \$30 per person.

Golf attire is required: collared shirts and slacks. No steel spikes are allowed on the course.

Registration is now open.

**Please pre-register or sponsor the event by March 15 at
<http://lapdcommdiv.golfreg.com>**



Newsbrief

BRIDGES NEAR HANSEN DAM:

Public Works is working on two bridge improvement projects near Hansen Dam, said Public Works Board President Cynthia Ruiz. "Construction of the Foothill Boulevard Bridge Replacement project, just upstream of the dam, is under way. However, the Glenoaks Boulevard Bridge Widening project, downstream of the dam, has been postponed until March," Ruiz said.

"Working in the river channel requires extra safety precautions and we want all our contractors to work in a safe environment," City Engineer Gary Lee Moore said. "While construction has started on the Foothill bridge, the start on Glenoaks bridge has been postponed due to potential Los Angeles County Flood Control District water release risks from the dam." Completion is expected in March 2009.

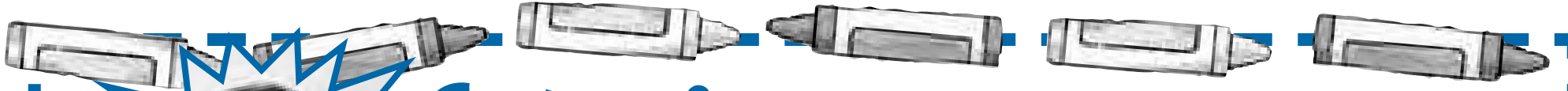
Public Works Commissioners recently awarded contracts for both projects. MCM Construction, Inc., received \$7.9 million for the Foothill Bridge project and Olivas Valdez, Inc. was awarded \$1.9 million for the Glenoaks Bridge project.

Bureau of Engineering (BOE) staff met extensively with residents to address concerns during the design phase of the Foothill Boulevard bridge project. "As a result, the Replacement Bridge will mimic the original designs," said City Engineer Moore. "The roadway, however, will be slightly wider to provide for safety shoulders."

Architectural features include new decorative light poles made by creating new molds from old pole bases to recreate original design patterns. In addition, barriers will have similar openings to the originals, except spacing will be slightly smaller to meet code safety requirements.

"With a budget of \$650 million, the bridge program includes 57 active projects and works extensively with Caltrans, FHWA, Metro, Transportation and other Public Works bureaus," Moore said. BOE manages this program under the oversight of the Seismic Governance Committee. Engineering Bureau prepares preliminary designs, specifications and estimates of major public improvement projects and is responsible for subdivision requirements, checking public improvement plans of private developers, issuing Engineering permits and preparing construction cost estimates.

"BOE also provides construction contract management and is responsible for Capital Improvement Projects for the City, including sewer systems, street and other infrastructures," Moore added.



Coloring with Lupe!

The *Alive!* Children's Coloring Contest

Compiled by Lupe Medina, Administrative Services Representative

Color this fun picture, have an adult send it in, and you could win four free tickets to the amusement park of your choice!

We want to know about you! Tell us a little about yourself:

Your name _____ How old are you? _____

When is your birthday? _____ What is your favorite television show? _____

What is your favorite snack? _____

What is the first name of your best friend? _____

What amusement park do you want to go to, and why?: _____

For parents/guardian to complete:

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Job title and department with the City: _____

Parent/guardian phone number: _____

Child's address/state/zip: _____

Submit to:

Club Coloring Contest
City Employees Club of Los Angeles
World Trade Center
350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700
Los Angeles, CA 90071

Deadline for submission:

Feb. 13, 2008

The Club will do everything it can to gather all the submissions, but it cannot be responsible for lost or misdirected mail.

Good luck, and have fun!

WIN

4 free tickets to

THE AMUSEMENT PARK OF YOUR CHOICE

An award package will be given for each age group:

- * Ages 5 and under
- * Ages 6 to 7
- * Ages 8 to 10



Winter Wonderland



History Comes Alive!

by Hynda Rudd,
City Archivist (Retired),
and Club Member



Tales From the City Archives

Unusual City Archives Entries

■ Here are some points of interest from the L.A. Archives.

Photos courtesy the Security Pacific Collection, Los Angeles Public Library, Carolyn Cole, photo director

The following are records from the City Archives. The first one is our oldest record, dating from 1827. The others are a census from 1836; the first City Seal from 1854-1905; an 1879 Health Officer's report to the City Council; and finally the first City automated record, the annual report of Mayor Cameron Thom in 1883. Enjoy!

Cameron Thom's residence in 1886, at the southeast corner of Main and Third Street downtown.

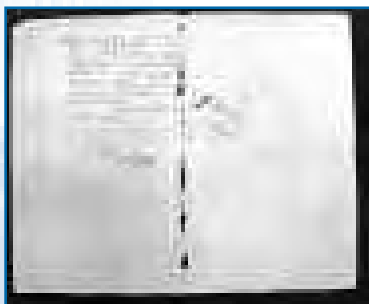


1827

The City's oldest record was written in Spanish and later translated in the mid-19th century. It is a plea by a man named Hilario Machado, a retired Corporal of the Company of the Port of San Diego. He is writing this letter to Don Franco Maria Ruiz, Retired Captain. Machado claims he presented himself before the Commandant of said Port, requesting for early retirement from the army due to illness. He noted he served faithfully in the military service. Machado was then given permanent retirement.

This letter, written by an embarrassed Machado, asks the Superior authority, Don Franco Maria Ruiz, "to assist me monetarily, with any amount whatever, as I have a family and am very much in need. I implore that aid be extended to me from the neighboring Missions or from the Military tax imposed in this town." This missive was dated June 8, 1827.

As you can see by the photograph of this letter, there is a two-and-half inch left margin for a response to the Machado letter. There were two responses to Machado's letter. Finally, on Oct. 10, 1827, Machado was notified he would receive the following, 1,216 "ps," one bit and 9/8 grains.



1836

The first census of Los Angeles was translated into English and listed as the "Register of the City of Los Angeles and its Jurisdictions - Year 1836." Dr. Doyce B. Nunis Jr., Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History from the University of Southern California and an authority on southern California history, provides us with important information about the title of this census. Granted Los Angeles became an American city in 1850 by virtue of the California State mandate. But by virtue of the Mexican Congress on May 23, 1835, "The pueblo of Los Angeles in Alta California [was] erected as a city." There were two early annexations at that time, referring to the term "jurisdictions" in the census title. The first were the Missions of San Gabriel and San Fernando in 1826. The second group was ranchos during the 1830s: San Pedro, Santa Gertrudes, San Rafael, San Jose de Garcia Simi; and Santa Ana. The population in 1836, recorded during the Mexican era, as 2,228. This historic document lists familiar names of Feliz, Lugo, Sepulveda and Verdugo.



1854 - 1905

The City's first seal was proposed by City Councilman Ezra Drown on Jan. 30, 1854. The verbatim statement from the Common Council Minutes read:

"Mr. Drown proposed that the City provide itself with a seal, to be attached to public documents requiring the same, and that the Secretary attend to this matter. The seal showing in its center a bunch of grapes and leaves of the grapevine, the whole surrounded with the following inscription: 'The Common Council of the City of Los Angeles;' which, being put to discussion, was agreed to and the Secretary instructed to see it done."

In 1905, as the City was maturing and becoming more cosmopolitan, the City Fathers decided that Los Angeles was no longer just an agrarian City and had our current City Seal designed and described in Ordinance 10,834. A City Attorney from England was the creator of the seal. What is interesting is that Los Angeles County decided to use the cluster of grapes for its seal after the City of Los Angeles did away with it.



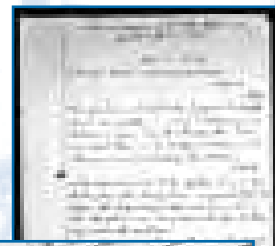
1879

By 1879, the City of Los Angeles was given its first Charter mandated by the state of California. One of the major occurrences on how City government was to conduct itself was to require department heads to write annual reports to the City Council.

In a report filed Nov. 13, 1879 by Dr. Walter Lindley, Health Officer, Lindley praises the new sewer systems in Los Angeles, with the exception of the "sanitary evil" in Chinatown, with dilapidated buildings and overcrowding. He notes the situation "is so bad that a committee was formed of the Chief of Police, the City Engineer and the Health Officer were to report on the sanitary conditions of [old] Chinatown."

His other statements included that Los Angeles had become a haven for invalids as a resort community. He praised the orange groves and the temperate climate. In another area of his responsibilities, he noted that, from Jan. 1 through Nov. 1, 1879, that 223 babies were born, 119 male and 104 females.

His mortality report stated that there had been 175 stillbirths, and 50 of those deaths succumbed in City hospitals. There are also lists of mortalities by diseases broken into categories that are difficult to decipher.

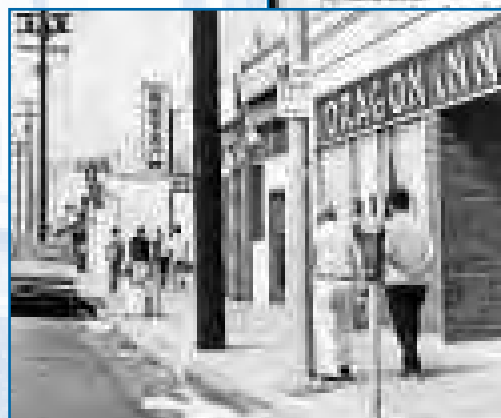


1883

In 1883, Cameron Thom was the mayor of Los Angeles. His term was from 1882-84. Under his administration, the third City Hall on Spring and Second Streets was built. During his tenure as mayor, the first typed document was recorded. It was written to the Honorable Council and dated Nov. 10, 1883, possibly considered an annual report. Those were Victorian times, and this report had distinctive flourishes of words not found in today's governmental procedures. For example, Thom wrote in the beginning of his report, "I beg leave in a very general way to report that our moral, sanitary and business condition is good." He continues:

"As an indication of the first, I direct your attention to the fact that more churches and schoolhouses have been finished, and are in course of erection within your limits than can be found elsewhere in the entire land, where the population is not greater than ours. As proof of the second, I call your attention to the statistics of your Health Officer for the past twelve months; and in no direction can you turn your eye, or bend your ear without seeing, and hearing unmistakable evidences of a thrift, and prosperity that within itself almost partakes of the marvelous."

The document represents, with many corrections and additions in pen, a true human aspect to government not to be found in today's historical records. It is a true jewel!



Old Chinatown on Spring Street.

REST INSURED



by **JEFF GELINEAU**
 Vice President of United Agencies,
 The Club's Auto and Home Insurance Partner



Your Coverage: Is There a Gap?

The moment you drive your brand new car off the dealer lot, its value plummets—as much as 30 percent! The used auto market in Los Angeles is at an all-time low, and car values are not what they used to be. With a few exceptions, a car that you paid \$30,000 for six months ago might easily be worth less than \$20,000. If you have a loan or a lease on your car, then you are probably “upside down” for the first few years of the term.

What happens if you get in an accident? The insurance company is obligated only to pay you for the “current value” of the vehicle. While that sounds reasonable, the bank still wants the full value of what is left on the loan.

A recent example in our office looked like this:

Our customer had purchased a Honda Civic a little more than a year ago. As she had put “\$0 down” on the car, her loan balance remained \$16,000. The car was totaled in an accident, and the insurance company determined that it was worth only \$13,000. Our customer was “short” \$3,000 on the difference between her loan and the value of her car.

Enter gap insurance!

As the name implies, gap insurance covers what traditional car insurance doesn't. In other words, it closes the gap between what your auto insurance company pays if your car is stolen or totaled and what you owe the finance company. Gap coverage is a very inexpensive endorsement that can be added to most automobile policies to provide this valuable coverage.

“Even though gap insurance is important for people who buy cars, it is essential for those who lease,” says Mary Butler, senior editor of cars.com. “Gap insurance basically originated with leasing.” The upside-down nature of a typical lease is even more common than a purchase situation because the lessee usually has no trade-in and usually puts little or nothing down. Similar to a purchase, if the car is a total loss, you owe the difference between what you have paid and what you owe on the balance of the lease.

That's why gap insurance is a must for many drivers. In fact, gap insurance is usually mandated by lease contracts or included within them. If a gap policy is required but not included in your contract, you should make sure you add it to your auto insurance coverage. If gap coverage is included in the car lease, check to see how much is offered and how much you're going to be paying for it. (In some cases, lease contracts may include what

is known as a gap waiver, which protects you from gap charges in the event that the leased vehicle is declared a total loss — eliminating the need for a gap policy.)

A few things to keep in mind when buying gap insurance:

- Although most people purchase it when a lease is initiated, some car insurance companies will sell you a gap policy any time during the lease term.
- You must be in compliance with all terms of the lease.
- Your gap insurance policy may not be honored if you don't have collision and comprehensive insurance coverage. Further, you may not be able to get the coverage if you are financing a used vehicle.

Feel free to call our agency if you have any questions about gap coverage, or would like an auto insurance quote. Call us if you would like to get a quote for your home or boat through us also, or would like a question answered on any type of insurance.

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Check out our City Employees Club page on the United Agencies Website at: www.unitedagencies.com/cityclub

This Website lists the upcoming visits we'll be making to City Department meetings where you can ask us any question in person, and get an instant quote!

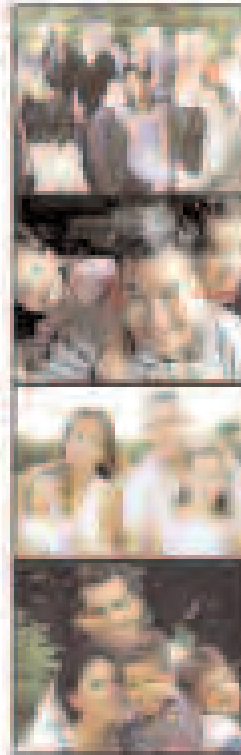
Have a question? Is there something about insurance that you've always wanted to know, but were too ashamed to ask? Maybe something that you've just always been curious about? Feel free to send me an email at jgelineau@unitedagencies.com, and I will try to answer your question in one of our monthly columns.

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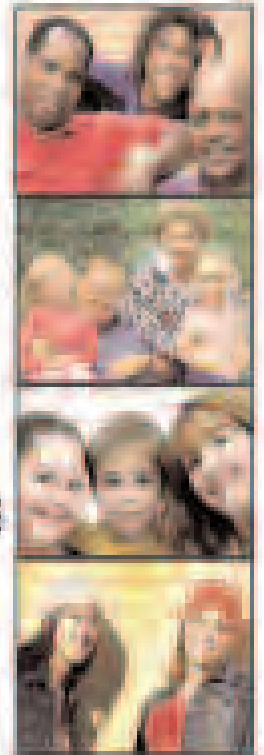
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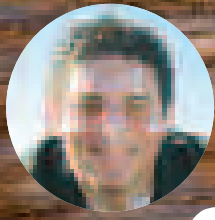
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Angel's Be Alive!



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The entrance to the Maggie Mine.



The glass bottle house.

Calico Ghost

Hello again!

This month, we travel to Calico Ghost Town, an "Old West mining adventure" in our great state of California. Have you ever been to a real ghost town?

Calico was founded in 1881 and grew to a population of about 1,200 with 22 saloons and more than 500 silver mines. Calico became one of the richest mining districts in California, producing \$86 million in silver and \$45 million in borax.

During the mid-1890s, the price of silver dropped, and Calico's silver mines were no longer economically viable. With the end of borax mining in the region in 1907, the town became completely abandoned. The last original inhabitant of Calico before it was abandoned, Lucy Bell Lane, died in the 1960s. Her house remains as the main museum in town.

In 1951, Walter Knott, founder of Knott's Berry Farm, purchased the town and began restoring it to its original condition, referencing old photographs. Though five of the original town buildings exist today, many others were recreated as replicas of their originals on preexisting foundations. In 1966, Walter Knott donated the town to San Bernardino County, and Calico became a county regional park. Today, the park operates mine tours, gunfight stunt shows, gold panning, a restaurant, the Calico & Odess Railroad and a number of general merchandise stores. It is open daily, and requires an entrance fee. During the tours, one may see silver ore so rich that there are gray spots of silver in the rock.

Walk the streets and examine the life of miners and townspeople, and you may meet Dorsey the Mail Dog (portrayed by Pilot, a Delta Society therapy dog), and visit the original cemetery. Calico is a state historic landmark and survived in the early 1900s because of borax mining within the district. This was the last place in California that the picturesque "20-mule teams" were used. A narrow-gauge railroad operates within town limits, and a hard rock silver mine offers underground exploration. Lil's Saloon and two other eating establishments line Main Street, along with variety of mercantile stores, a schoolhouse, blacksmith shop, and gold panning operation. The bathhouse and barber shop are open daily, and old-fashioned remedies can be viewed at the drugstore. Calico's infamous "Character Hall of Fame" is at the Town Hall building. In the canyons below town, a full-service campground, camping cabins, and bunkhouse provide the opportunity for extended stays.

Some believe that Calico is haunted by the spirits of miners. The town was the basis for the Kenny Rogers and the First Edition album, "The Ballad of Calico."

Calico is a registered California historic monument, and is one of a number of ghost towns in California. It is the "official state silver rush ghost town" of California.

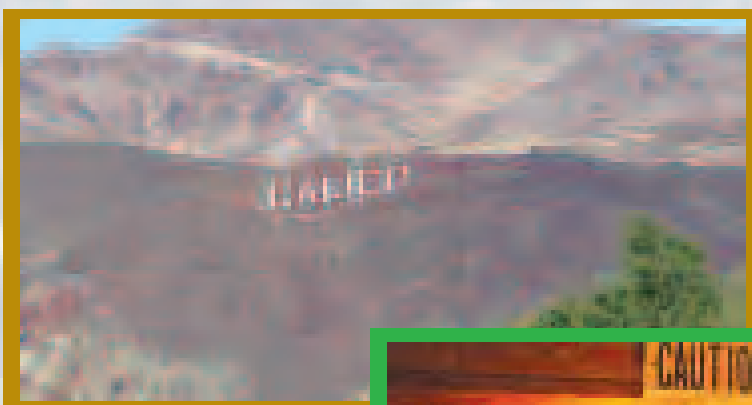
If you are wondering, "Can I stay the night?" The answer is yes, Camping is available. There are about 265 sites, 46 full hookups, 58 partial hookups, three group camping areas, tent and off-road vehicle camping, camping cabins, and admission to Ghost Town included in camping fees, except during special events. The lively events and living history reenactments are hallmarks of this exciting park. Facilities include hot showers, restrooms, public phones, grills, fire rings, restaurants and shops. Calico Festivals during the year are as follows:

- Calico Civil War (Presidents' Day weekend, February)
- Calico Spring Festival (Mother's Day Weekend, May)
- Calico Days (Columbus Day weekend in October)
- Calico Ghost Haunt (October)
- Calico Heritage Fest (November)
- Christmas in Calico (December)

See you next time!



Calico's Census.

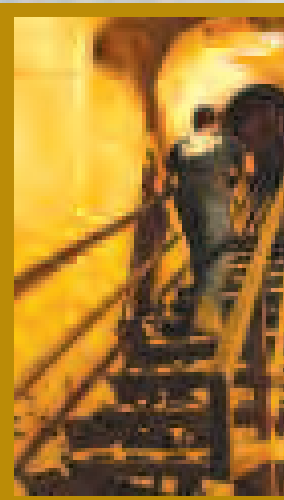


When you see this on the mountain, you'll know you're close.

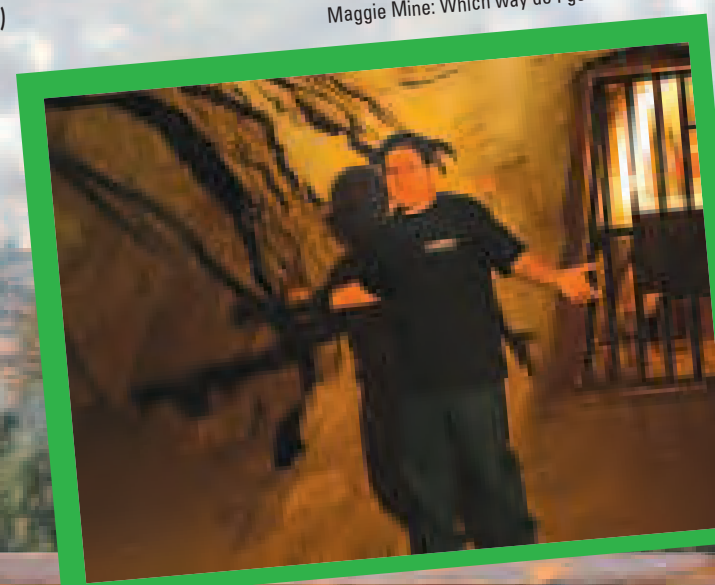
Inside the Maggie Mine.

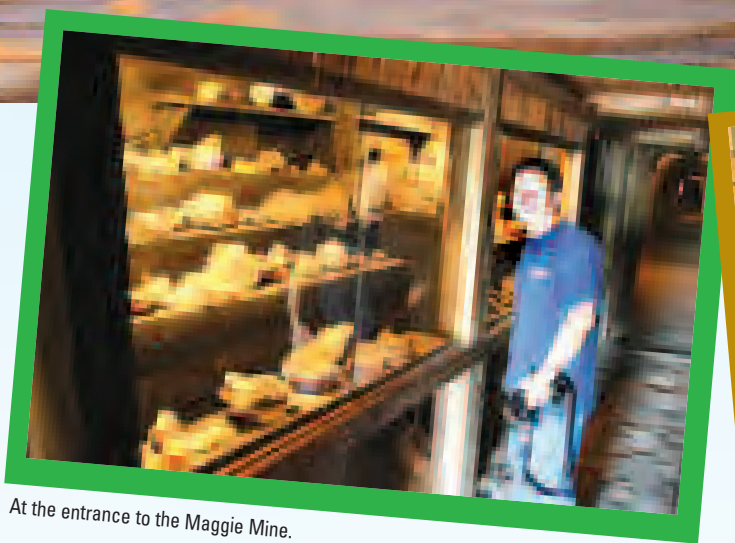


Exiting the Maggie Mine.



Maggie Mine: Which way do I go?





At the entrance to the Maggie Mine.

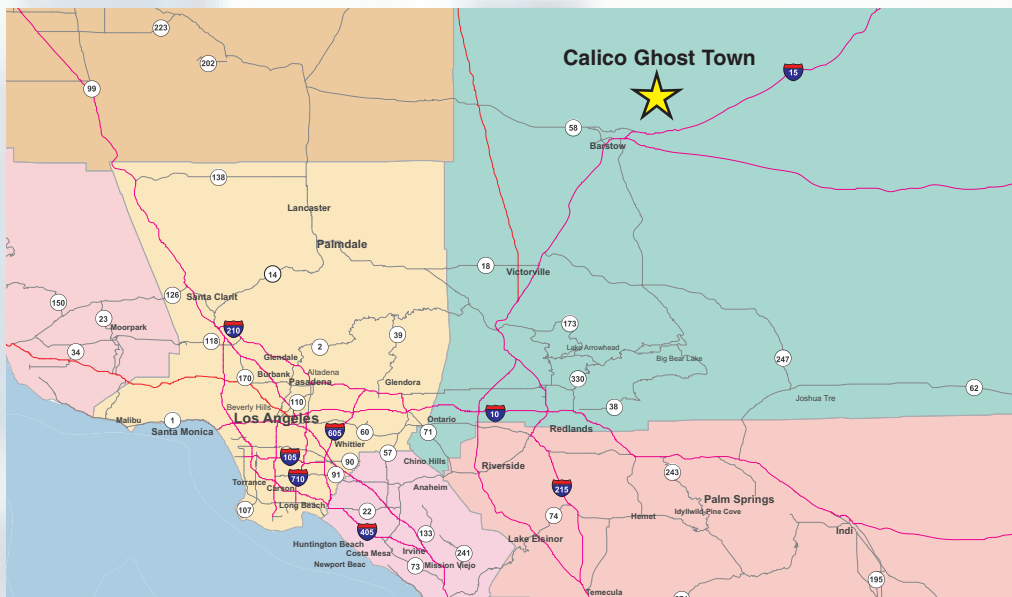


Inside the Maggie Mine.



More scenes inside the Maggie Mine.

Town



Directions:

Calico Ghost Town

- Calico Ghost Town is just northeast of Barstow. Take the ghost Town Road exit from Interstate 15. (When you see the letters C-A-L-I-C-O on the side of the mountain you'll know you're close.)
- GPS coordinates: 34°56_56_N 116°51_51_W34.94889, -116.
- The address: 36600 Ghost Town Road, Yermo, CA 92398. Map can be found at: <http://www.calico-town.com/mapweather/>
- Distance from Los Angeles: 145 miles (2 hours and 30 minutes).
- Call (800) TO CAICO or (760) 254-2122, or email: calico@mscomm.com
- Website: www.calicotown.com
- Hours: Open daily (closed Christmas Day) from 8 a.m. to dusk
- Cost: Adult: \$6
Children 6 - 15: \$3
Children 5 and under: Free
- Campgrounds: Open 24 hours a day
- Camping cost per night:
Non-hookup: \$18
Full hookup: \$22
Partial hookup: \$21
Camping cabins: \$33

Look for this sign off the 15 Freeway.



The entrance to the narrow-gauge train.



Royce the Engineer and me.

December Events

Downtown on Ice

Downtown's holiday event returns to Pershing Square through Jan. 21.

- Hours: Mon. - Thurs.: Noon to 9 p.m.; Fri. - Sun.: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Extended holiday hours: Dec. 14 - Jan. 6 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Call for special hours Christmas and New Year's Eve and Day.
- Open every day and all holidays.
- Admission: \$6 per session. Skate rental: \$2. Group and party rates available.
- Information: (888) LA-PARKS (527-2757), or www.laparks.org

Julius Shulman's Los Angeles

Enjoy this free photo exhibit at the Central Library downtown through Jan. 20. Free. This exhibition, organized by the Getty Research Institute, features 150 rarely seen photographs from the Julius Shulman photography archive in the special collections of the Research Library at the Getty Research Institute.

- Information: www.lapl.org

Tidepool Walk

CMA's Education staff conducts tours of the Point Fermin Marine Life Refuge. Attend an informative slide show in the auditorium, then come along on the naturalist-led ramble on the rocks to see animals in their natural habitat. Outdoor clothing and sneakers advised.

- Jan. 19-20, noon to 1:30 p.m. \$1. Available *en Español*.
- Cabrillo Marine Aquarium
3720 Stephen M. White Dr., San Pedro.
- Information: (310) 548-7562 or www.cabrilloaq.org

The Color Purple

Ahmanson Theatre
The Tony Award-nominated Broadway musical, based on Alice Walker's novel and Steven Spielberg's film, plays through March 9 at the Ahmanson Theatre.

- Tickets range from \$150 to \$30.
- Information: www.centertheatregroup.co

Ticket Guy Recommends:

"I recommend the Pirates' Dinner Adventure. Drink and be merry and receive gold treasures. Oh, and get out of the cold. It's a great show for the kids."

Purchase your tickets through the Club Store. See contact information on the second last page of this issue, or go to www.cityemployeesclub.com





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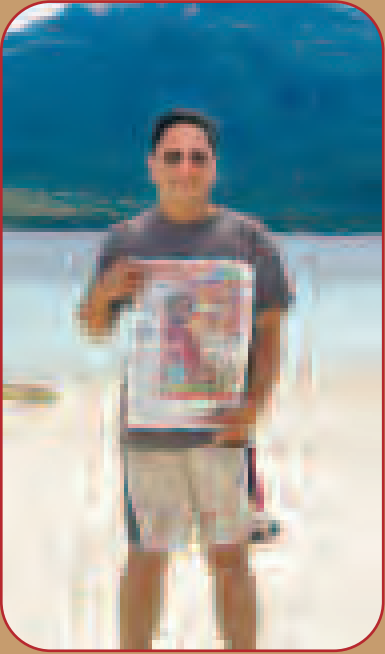
Alive! has traveled around the world with Club Members!

The dots on this map, which hangs at Club Headquarters, show all the location where the Alive! newspaper has been.



A depiction of the Alive! Around the World map at Club Headquarters

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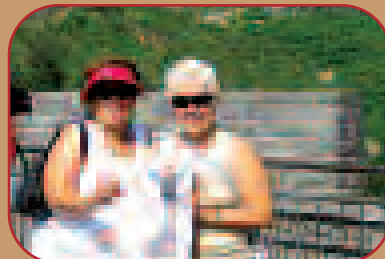
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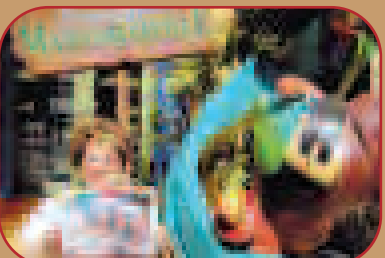
Elsie Reiley

Belize



Mike Boyd and Benny Ruvalcaba, both of Public Works/Sanitation,

Grand Cayman



- Diana Medina, Club Rep

Mexico



- Steven Montoya, LACERS, Club Member

Mázatlan



Luis Aguilar, Secretary, Facilities Services Division, Convention Center



We're amazed and delighted at the places you took your copies of *Alive!* in 2007. Good job!

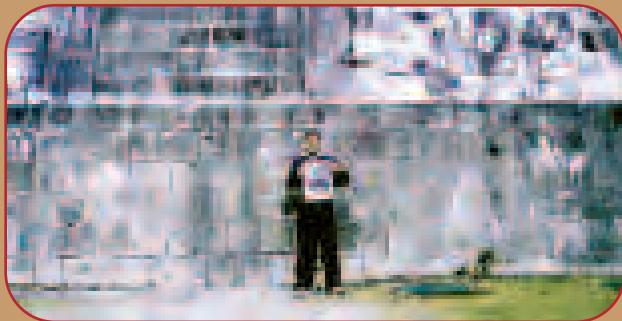
What great corners of the earth will *Alive!* visit this year? We can't wait to see, so send in those photos!

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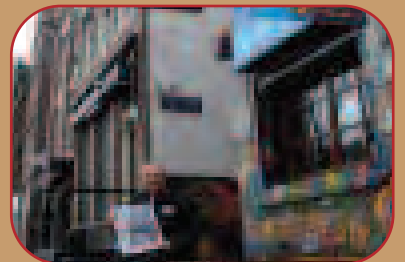
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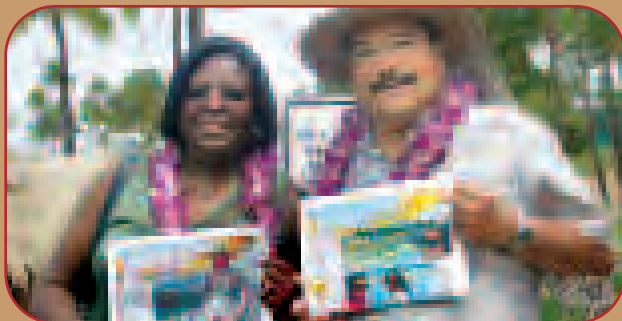
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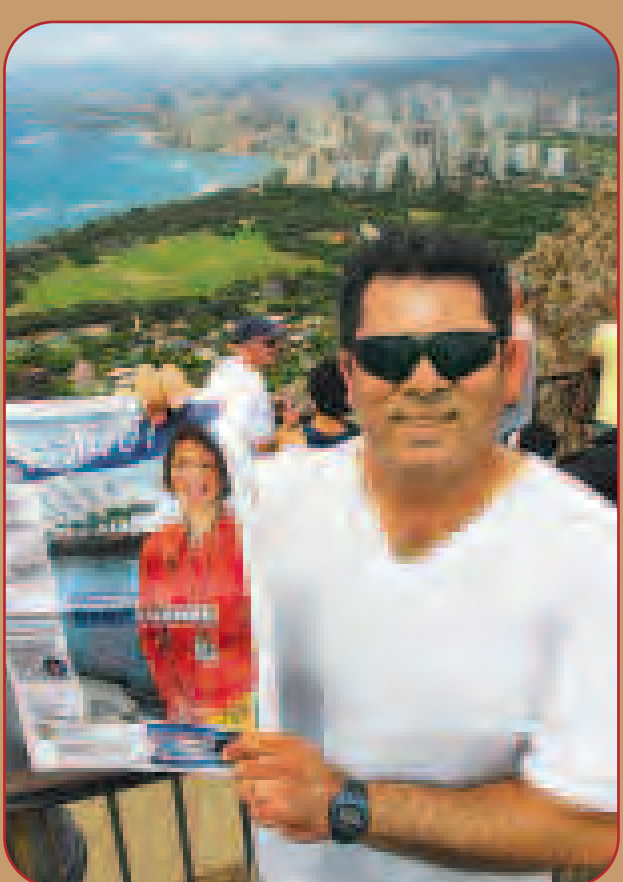
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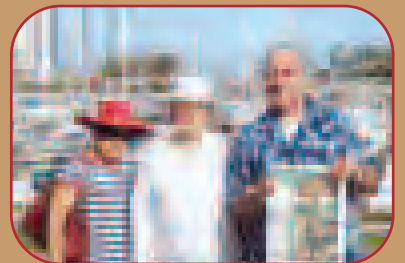
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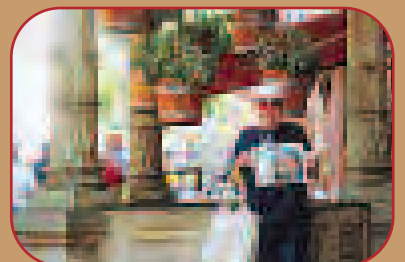
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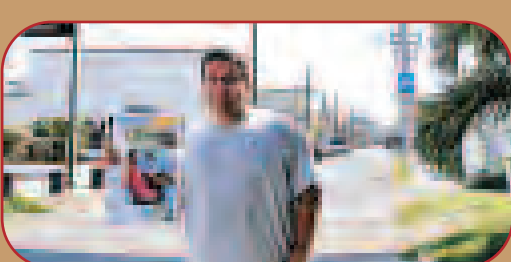
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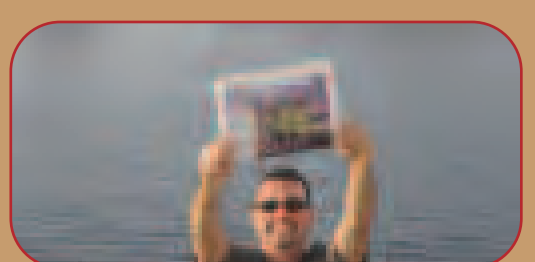
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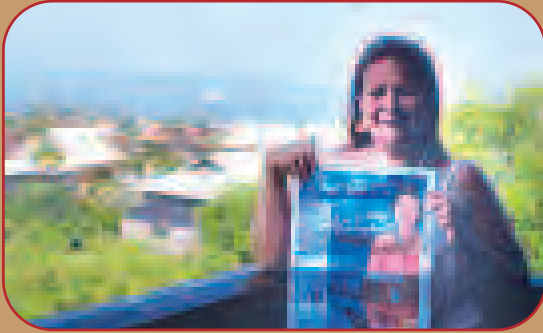
Cabo San Lucas



Shawn Boyd



Kona, Hawaii



Alicia Marquez, Housing, Club Rep

Helsinki, Finland



Pablo Ninofranco, a retired Harbor Dept. employee, and wife, Josie,

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Christine Tabirara (with children Yzie and Dylan), Building and Safety

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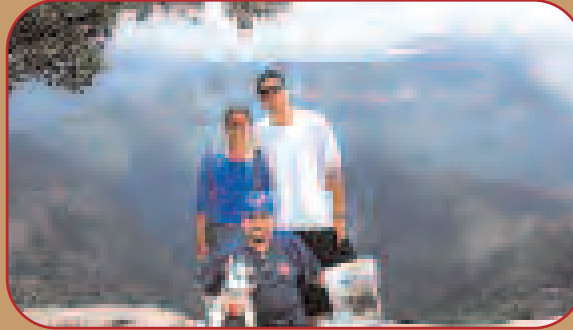
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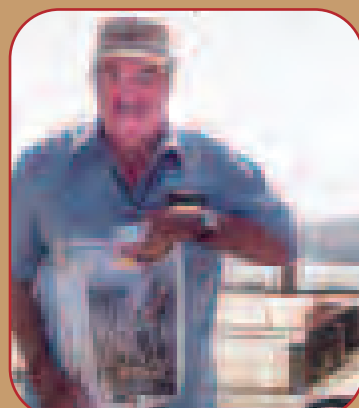
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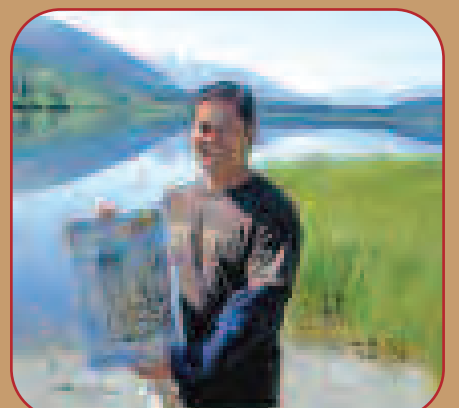
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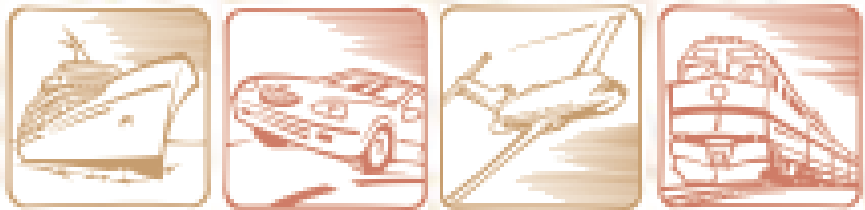


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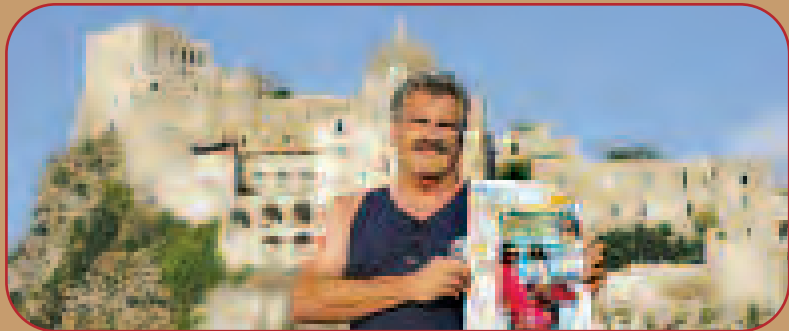
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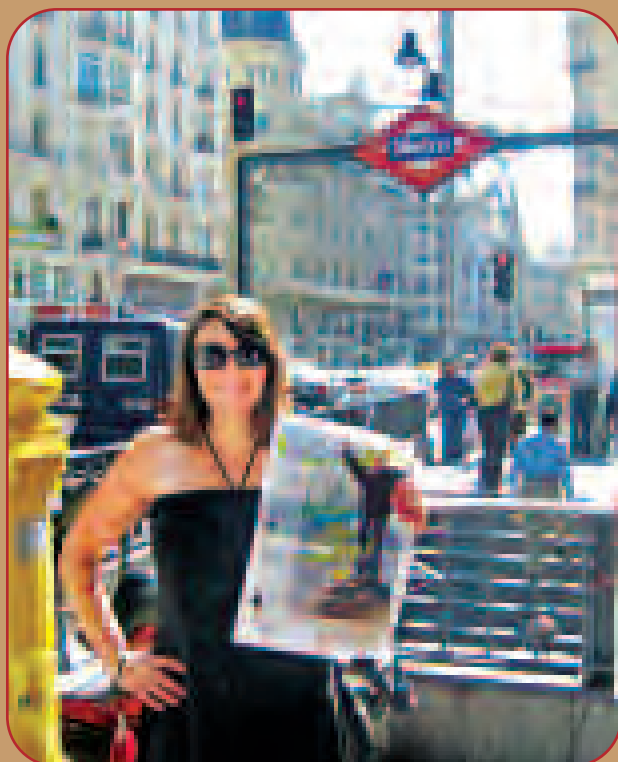
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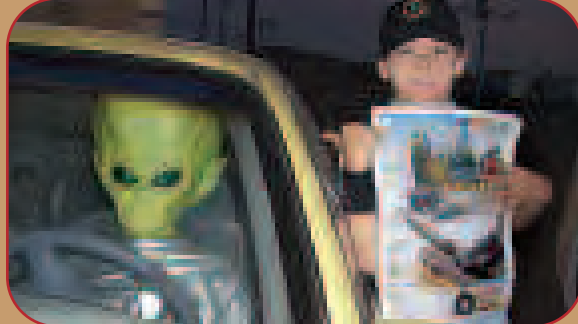
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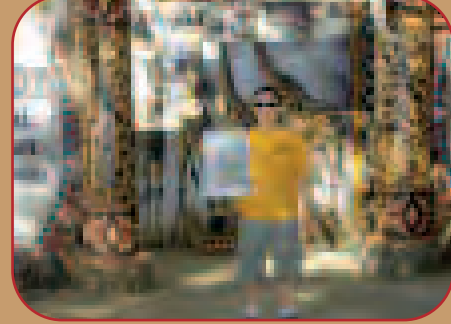
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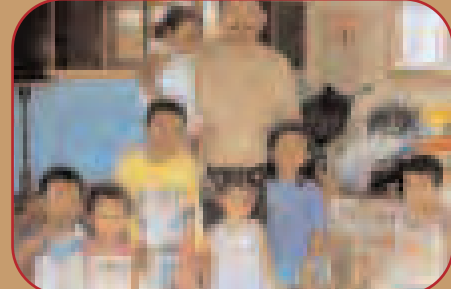
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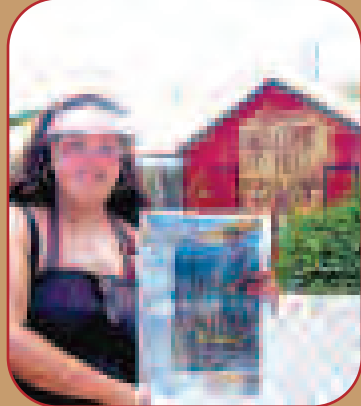
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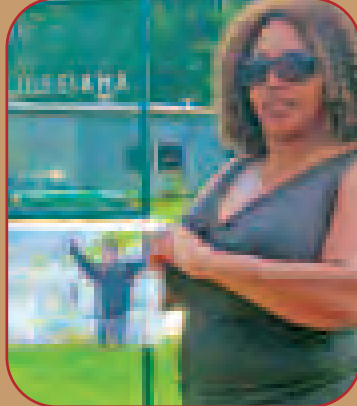
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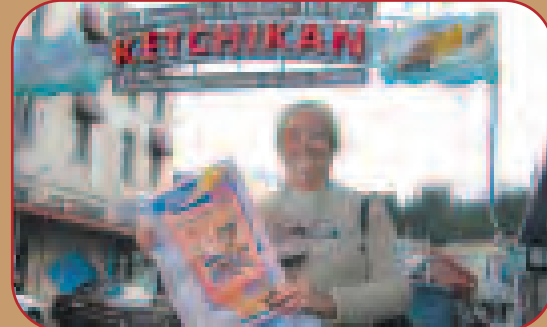
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City Retiree Associations:

DWP Retirees Association



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Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association



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9521 Las Tunas Dr. #4,
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Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



Ed Harding, RLACEI President
www.rlacei.com
Contact him: (800) 678-4145 Ext. 703
or via E-mail:
postmaster@rlacei.com

Change of Address?

If you change your address, notify Helen Salgado, Membership Chair, at (800) 678-4145 Ext. 713, or write to her at 8372 Arnett Dr. Huntington Beach, CA 92647. Also notify LACERS.

Have News About Yourself?

Contact Phil Skarin, 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910, or call (800) 678-4145 Ext. 709.

RLACEI:

LACERS Urges State Court To Reverse Control Ruling



By Phil Skarin,
RLACEI Publicity Chair

President Ed Harding reports:



Ed Harding

"Last month, I wished well wishes to two of my dear friends. Walter Lee, former Director, passed away Nov. 28 after a battle with cancer. Dave Wilkins, a current Director, is recovering well from a serious hip injury and surgery and is now at home. I hope he will return soon to his duties with our organization.

"Our Christmas party Dec. 6 was a great success. We fed more than 150

retirees. Our thanks to Lita Payne, Sarah Hill and other LACERS employees for taking time out from their own party to talk to our members. LACERS also contributed 10 \$20 bills to our raffle. Sal Murguia of the LAFUCU gave out lots of goodies. Thanks to Benito Miranda and Richard Rodriguez of Secure Horizons for talking to our group and for giving five Ralph's gift certificates for our raffle.

"John Hawkins and Robert Larios of the City Employees Club took pictures for *Alive!* They donated two watches and six \$25 and \$50 gift certificates for the raffle. RLACEI donated 20 \$20 bills and 10 boxes of See's candy to the raffle. A

total of 42 prizes were raffled off.

"Beth Bedsole, the new editor of *El Pueblo*, was there with her assistant, Chris, taking pictures for their paper. Beth replaced Lori Koslowski.

"Gary Mattingly, retired Director of the Fire and Police Pension Department, installed the following members for new two-year terms as Directors of our Executive Board: Phil Skarin, Tom Stemnock, Americo Garza, Neil Ricci, Hal Danowitz and Robert Wilkinson.

"I hope everyone had a great Christmas and Holiday and that your New Year will be the best ever."

Legislative Update:



Ken Spiker

Six former members of the Board of Administration of the San Diego City Employees Retirement System are facing criminal charges in relation to actions taken to increase pension benefits and allegedly making those increases contingent upon a reduction in the City of San Diego's required contribution to the retirement fund.

The criminal prosecution filed by the County District Attorney included appointed members and elected members (city employees and retirees).

On Sept. 7, the California Court of Appeal issued its decision regarding the prosecution under Government Code Section 1090, according to a published legal analysis.

If the decision is not reversed by the California Supreme Court, and if the

State legislature does not enact legislation correcting the decision, the following adverse consequences will result:

n No public employee will be permitted to participate in negotiations of contracts through collective bargaining.

n No public agencies will be permitted to enter into any contracts with private companies, such as Kaiser Permanente and other medical insurance providers if contracts provide a financial benefit to public employees and retirees.

n No member of the retirement board will be permitted to act upon contracts that will result in benefits to its members.

Ken is pleased to report that the 2008 health care Board of Directors actions were completed prior to this court decision.

He's asked the City Attorney's representative what the procedure will be for the COLA (Cost of Living) vote next spring. He was informed that under a "legal necessity," the decision permits the Board of Directors to act. Under such a

case, the Mayor's four appointees, none of whom are City employees, can act as the two elected City Employees. If a quorum is short, one of the disqualified members may be selected.

The interpretation of what can and cannot be considered a "legal necessity" will be up to City Attorney's decision.

The LACERS Board of Directors has joined dozens of other California public pension boards in submitting an *amicus curiae* (friend of the court) legal brief, urging the Supreme Court to hear an appeal.

Will the California Supreme Court hear the case, and if yes, when? How soon will the California legislator approve clarification?

Until one of the other is accomplished, Ken is prohibited from voting on any item that would benefit retirees. However, in his opinion, he will and legally can talk in favor of such items and lobby other commissioners to do the right thing and help retirees.

RLACEI Website

Hal Danowitz asks you to visit the RLACEI Website at www.rlacei.com to find the latest retirement news. If you find it helpful, or have suggestions for improvement, call Hal at (800) 678-4145 Ext. 707.

Contact LACERS

The Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System is at 360 E. Second Street, second floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Phone (213) 473-7200 or (800) 779-8328. Contact them to arrange direct deposit of your retirement checks, change your tax withholding or beneficiary, or for questions about your health plans.



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Retiree Hotlines

Who to call? Following is a list of contacts for RLACEI and for the DWP:

City Employees Retirement System: (213) 473-7200

RLACEI Retirement Counselors and Retiree Helplines: (800) 678-4145

• Edward Harding	Ext. 703
• Phil Skarin	Ext. 709
• Robert Wilkinson	Ext. 704
• Jerry Bardwell	Ext. 706
• Harold Danowitz	Ext. 707
• Jack Mathews	Ext. 712
• Helen Salgado (membership)	Ext. 713
• Americo Garza	Ext. 710
• Neil Ricci	Ext. 714

DWP Retirement Plan Office: (213) 367-1722

RLACEI:

Officers for 2007

Edward Harding, President
Robert Wilkinson, First Vice President
Kenneth Spiker, Second Vice President
Hal Danowitz, Secretary
Jerry Bardwell, Treasurer

Committee Chairpersons for 2007

Bob Wilkinson, Audit
Jerry Bardwell, Budget
Hal Danowitz, Bylaws
Ken Spiker, Legal and Legislative
Helen Salgado, Membership
Phil Skarin, Publicity
Tom Stemnock and Phil Skarin, Golf
Americo Garza, Picnic
Americo Garza, Holiday Party and Installation
Jack Mathews, Senior Citizens
Neil Ricci, Health
Neil Ricci, Nominating
Phil Skarin, Parliamentarian

Directors

Thomas Stemnock
Americo Garza
Helen Salgado
Phil Skarin
Dave Wilkins
Jack Mathews
Neil Ricci



In Africa.



By Hal Danowitz,
Secretary, RLACEI

Where the Wild Things Are

■ Hal and entourage begin the New Year on a safari.



Cape of Good Hope.

For a number of years, Evelyn and I have discussed going on safari in Africa. We asked Evelyn's cousins, Myrna and Don, if they wanted to go with us. They specifically wanted to see the Cape of Good Hope and Victoria Falls, in addition to spending time viewing the animals. When you think of going on safari in Africa, you automatically think of East Africa. If you look at a map of Africa, you will see that there is a great distance between the Cape and Kenya and Tanzania, which are in East Africa. This would involve a great deal of lost time in traveling between the areas.

We started researching the various options by contacting a number of tour companies that specialized in Africa. I even attended a presentation at the Auto Club on Africa. As luck would have it we found that the counties of Botswana and Zimbabwe have great viewing of animals and were still not overrun with tourists. With the Cape being in South Africa and both Botswana and Zimbabwe on the borders the distances were not great. Victoria Falls is on the Zambezi River in Zimbabwe.

We selected Ultimate Africa Safaris (15611 SE Fairwood Blvd., Renton, Wash., 98058, [800] 461-0682, www.ultimateafrica.com) to set up our trip. I contacted Ian Proctor, the managing director, and told him that we wanted to see the Cape and Victoria Falls and also the animals and asked him to put together an itinerary. By this time our daughter's in-laws,



From left: Don and Myrna; Evelyn and Hal; and Effie and Pierre.

Effie and Pierre, had signed on, so there would be six of us traveling.

We left Los Angeles May 11 on United Airlines to London's Heathrow Airport, arriving at Terminal 3 at about 1:30 p.m. the next day. We passed through immigration and then claimed our luggage. Our connection to Cape Town, South Africa, on British Airways was in Terminal 4. The quickest way to Terminal 4 turned out to be by "Underground" (subway), which is free between terminals. Because we were limited to the amount of luggage we could take on safari, we decided to leave a bag in London for the four days we would spend in London on our return. After a little research I decided to leave our bag at "Left Luggage Storage" at Terminal 4, which cost about \$6 a day. It is secured, and they x-ray all bags.

After checking in with British Airways we had about five hours before our flight. One of the benefits of traveling business class is that you can use the private airline waiting rooms. They are very comfortable and provide free snacks and beverages while you wait for your flight. You could even check your e-mail free. We boarded the plane at 7:30 pm on Saturday.

After an uneventful flight, we arrived in Cape Town early Sunday morning, May 13, Mother's Day. Cape Town is nine hours ahead of Los Angeles and one hour ahead of London. After clearing customs we were met by a representative of Wilderness Safaris (www.wilderness-safaris.co.za), our guides for most of our trip. We were driven to the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront to the Cape Grace Hotel (West Quay, V&A Waterfront, Cape Town 8002, South Africa), voted the world's best hotel by the readers of *Condé Nast Traveler*.

After a short nap we met the rest of our party and decided to explore the V&F Waterfront. For your information, Alfred was Queen Victoria's second son and he laid the first load of stones to start construction of the breakwater for the Cape Town harbor in 1860. The waterfront has a number of shopping malls, cinemas, restaurants, pubs and taverns, and entertainment and activities for the whole family. It reminded us of the Santa Monica Promenade. We stopped at one of the pubs for a quick snack and something to drink and then visited the Two Oceans Aquarium, South Africa's largest. I had changed some traveler's checks for South Africa's rand, but we mostly used credit cards



Cape Grace Hotel in Cape Town.



The Cape Point Lighthouse.

to pay for purchases and meals, as the rate of exchange is generally better with a credit card. South Africa is very inexpensive: a nice dinner for two, with wine and drinks before, was around \$35.

The next morning, we had a great buffet breakfast, included in the price of the room, in the hotel dining room. Our guide, Steve, was waiting for us in the lobby, and we started our tour of the Cape Peninsula. Cape Town is the capital of the Western Cape Province and the Parliamentary capital of South Africa. It is near the southern tip of Africa, about 25 miles from the Cape of Good Hope. The administrative capital of South Africa is Pretoria.

Our first stop was Hout Bay, about halfway down the west side of the peninsula. We boarded a boat to go out to Duiker Island, a Cape Fur seal and bird sanctuary. The ride out to the island was a little rough, but we got a good look at the seals and on the way back to the harbor saw a number of porpoises.

Because we were in the southern hemisphere (the start of their winter), we had had some concerns about the weather. So far we had bright blue skies and temperatures that were very close to what we had left in Los

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Angeles—mid-70s during the day and mid-50s in the evening. In fact the weather for the whole trip was excellent; we had only one day that wasn't perfect, and that meant only a little light rain.

Back on tour, we drove across the peninsula to the east side, driving through Simon's Town, a naval base. Just south of Simon's Town, we stopped at Boulders, famous for its thriving colony of African penguins, a warm-weather penguin that nests in the sand near the shoreline. Although set in the middle of a residential area, it is one of the few sites where this endangered bird can be seen at close range.

As we continued south, we entered the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, where we saw our first baboons. This caused great excitement among all of us. Little did we know that these baboons were very different from the ones we would see later.

Our first stop was at the Cape Point Lighthouse. As I got out of the van, I spotted a large male baboon grab a woman's purse, which she was not about to let go of. As she and the baboon continued the struggle, her husband was hitting the baboon with a plastic



African penguins at Boulders.

bag until the baboon let go and the woman fell to the ground. Luckily she was not hurt. Our guide told us that people feed the baboons, and they associate us with food. If they see you with some food, they will try to take it (kind of like the bears in Yosemite). The government employs uniformed baboon chasers to help keep the area safe. It was a little unsettling with the baboons walking around loose. This was one of the few times we saw any aggression by an animal toward humans during our trip.

We had lunch at the Two Oceans Restaurant, which gets its name because some say that this is where the Atlantic and Indian Oceans merge. There is some question as to that happening in this area, because the Cape of Good Hope is not the southernmost point on the African continent, which is Cape Agulhas. The Cape of Good Hope is the most southwesterly point on the continent.

After lunch, we rode the funicular up to the lighthouse to see the spectacular view of the Cape. We decided to walk down and stopped briefly to take pictures of the baboons and ostriches. After a stop at the overlook of Cape of Good Hope to have our picture taken in front of the sign, we started our drive up the west side of the peninsula.

Our last stop today was at the Kristenbosch National Botanical Garden, known for its beauty and diversity of cape flora. It was a very nice way to end our first full day in Africa.

Of course any trip has to have shopping, but because we were limited to luggage (26 pounds each), we asked the hotel if they could ship our purchase back home. I knew this would not be cheap, but I wasn't prepared for the figure they quoted. But we had already made our purchases so we just decided to send it home no matter the cost. If I had thought about it in advance, I could have had the tour company ship the package to our last stop, and it would have been much cheaper. Prices were very reasonable in South Africa, with the dollar being very strong. We got some very good bargains, so the additional cost of shipping wasn't too bad.

Our tour the next day was to the town of Stellenbosch in a region known for its vineyards and wineries, about a 30-minute drive from Cape Town. It is the second oldest town



At a cheetah preserve.



Stellenbosch.

in South Africa after Cape Town, settled in 1679. On our way, we drove around the downtown area of Cape Town and then drove up Signal Hill for a wonderful view of the cape area. We would have liked to go to the top of Table Mountain, but the cable car was not running. On our way to Stellenbosch, we stopped at a cheetah preservation station and were able to go into the caged area and pet a male cheetah.

In Stellenbosch, we stopped for lunch at the de Goue Druif Hotel, built in 1811, and then visited the Village Museum, a collection of historic houses from 1709 to 1850, each restored and furnished in the style of its particular period. On the way back to Cape Town, we visited a local winery, and I must say that the South African wines were very comparable to California wines.

After some more shopping, we had dinner in the hotel and made an early night of it because we were leaving the hotel at 5 a.m. to catch our flight, which would start us on our way to Botswana.

We saw only a very small part of South Africa, but we liked what we saw.

RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

Walter Lee's memorial service Dec. 8 at the Rose Hills Cemetery was attended by many of his co-workers from the Bureau of Engineering, including Larry Lewis, Larry Burks, Bruce Rollo, Gene Chin, Betty Cooper, Marty Rashoff, Louie Yamanishi, John Cockayne and Phil Skarin.

Sam and Gerry Hochberg celebrated 50 years of marriage Nov. 24. Sam had been the Superintendent of Shows at the Convention Center. Now he volunteers at the Jewish Home in Reseda.

Neil Ricci and Rosemarie Walker took a 10-day vacation trip to Australia in October. Some of the many highlights of their trip were: In Sydney, they visited a museum, saw some old sailing vessels and a decommissioned submarine, took a luncheon cruise, took a zoo tour and even got to pet a koala and a wallaby from Cairns. They snorkeled at the Great Barrier Reef; and finally, they went to the Cultural Center and took a gondola ride to the top of the mountain. Then they went home after a 14-hour flight.

Fred Hoepfner has composed a number of ragtime piano compositions. In November he attended the West Coast Ragtime Festival in Sacramento, where about 1,000 devotees gather annually. For the first time, several of Fred's compositions were performed in festival concerts, a real thrill!

Dave Wilkins is at home recovering from hip surgery. Send a get well card to him at 1000 Fairview Avenue, #5 Arcadia, CA 91007.

To find out the latest retirement news, visit www.rlacei.com.

If you change your address, notify Membership Chair Helen Salgado at 8372 Arnett Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92647. Also notify *Alive!* and LACERS.

If you have news about yourself, or other retirees, send it to Phil Skarin at 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411, or fax (818) 906-3722 or phone (818) 784-0130.

The 2007 Poetry Contest Winners were:

- *Members, first to fifth place:* Ken Smuland, Jim McCloskey, Phil Garofalo, Rose Valido and Sisto Sandoval.
- *Honorable Mention:* Lee De Board and Carleton Ralston.
- *Spouses and Family Members, first to fifth place:* Alice De Prez, Elaine Chambers, Jane Hanson, Marina Harrington and Lillian Adams.

Every poem was outstanding, and all will receive and award in the mail.

City Contribution Falls

The Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System (LACERS) announced the annual City Contribution Rate payable on July 15, 2008 is 20.10 percent, signifying a 2.69 percent decrease from the previous year due to outstanding performance of the LACERS investment portfolio and lower than expected healthcare costs.

The Segal Company presented the finding as part of the annual Actuarial Valuation and Review for Retirement and Health Benefits. The report was presented to the LACERS Board of Administration at its Nov. 13 meeting.

"The actuarial study is further evidence of the strength of LACERS investments," said Robert Aguillo Jr., General Manager, LACERS. "We have had double-digit returns on

our portfolio since 2004. We have contained costs while still providing excellent customer service to our Active and Retired Members."

LACERS funded ratio for retirement allowances, rose from 77.8 percent to 81.7 percent. This increase is attributed to LACERS exceptional investment returns during the past fiscal year (+19.4 percent for June 30).

"Our funded status is amazing when you consider we also pre-fund retiree health benefits," said Eric L. Holoman, president of the LACERS Board of Administration. The funded ratio for retiree health benefits is 68.5 percent.

"LACERS has been pre-funding health benefits since 1988 and is considered a leader in this field."

LACERS Is Ahead

The Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System (LACERS) General Manager Robert Aguillo Jr. announced Dec. 4 that he is pleased with the results of the Management Audit brought by the Mayor, City Council and City Controller.

The Management Audit is required to be performed every five years, pursuant to the City Charter. This is LACERS' first Management Audit under this Charter mandate.

"LACERS is a leader among public employee pension systems in investments, retirement and health benefits, and customer service," Aguillo said. "We were confident the audit would highlight these strengths and identify a

few areas where we may have room to grow."

In the Management Audit, LACERS is commended in several areas:

- LACERS structures and work processes are designed to facilitate manager oversight and quality assurance;
- LACERS and the City for having the foresight to plan ahead to fund Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB);
- LACERS' overall administrative expense is near the mean of a group of comparable-sized funds and there is a measure of efficiency, especially considering that LACERS, unlike most other public funds, also administers retiree health care benefits; and

The total amount of the City's Contribution for fiscal year 2008-09 is estimated at \$382.5 million, based on the actuarial valuation. Employees contribute up to 6 percent of their income towards their retirement. LACERS funding for fiscal year 2006-07 came from three sources:

- 5 percent City contribution;
- 17 percent employee contribution; and
- 78 percent LACERS investments.

LACERS is responsible for the administration of the City's pension plan, to more than 30,000 active employees and 15,000 retirees and beneficiaries. The LACERS portfolio has \$11.6 billion in assets.

■ LACERS' making its customer satisfaction surveys an integral tool to help it deliver high quality products and services to its Members.

"The audit also recognized we administer a top-tier asset allocation strategy, best management practices, and reliable benefits delivery program," Aguillo said. "Our strategic plan guides our efforts and has been a key factor in our success."

"I am proud of the results of the management audit," said Eric L. Holoman, President, LACERS Board of Administration. "Our staff and the Board work together to provide a governance structure and an investment program that helps ensure a secure retirement for our Members."

"We had an unprecedented 19.4 percent return on our investments for fiscal year 06-07. Our investments include exciting new ventures including the real estate market with urban infill and workforce housing developments, private equity, clean tech, and environmental opportunities," Holoman said.

"We look forward to building on these strengths in light of the recommendations of the audit."

In the coming month, the Board of Administration will consider the recommendations of the audit.

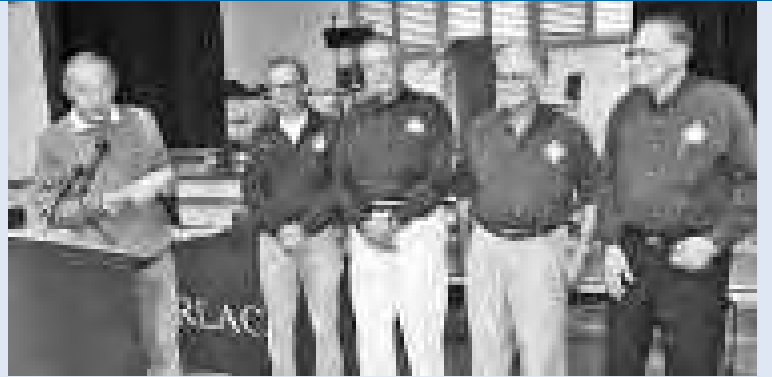
LACERS administers the City's pension plan to more than 30,000 active employees and 15,000 retirees and beneficiaries. LACERS has \$11.2 billion in assets.



Retirees line up for the awesome lunch provided by Chris & Pitts. (And Chris's brother was there to make sure everything was perfect!)



Entertainment was provided by guitarist, Lina Hayek, and pianist, Gayane Simonyan. (For more information on this duo, email Lina at comedimuse@yahoo.com)



Gary Mattingly, Retired General Manager, Fire and Police Pensions, installs the officers for 2008: Neil Ricci, Hal Danowitz, Phil Skarin and Americo Garza.



The Chris & Pitts crew.



From left: Gene McPherson, Retired, Public Works Engineering as a Principal Engineer after 36.5 years; and Marilyn McPherson, Retired from Rec and Parks as an Environmental Associate II after 23 years.



Jimmie D. Wright, Retired, Public Works Street Maintenance.



Helen Salgado, Retired, Housing.



From left: Jack Mathews, Retired from General Services after 40 years; and Howard Steinberg, retired from the Controllers Office after 35 years.



Altrechia Hopson.



Joe Etheredge, Retired, Airports, 1993.



Lou Archer, Retired, Public Works Contract Administration.

RLACEI Parties, Installs Officers

■ Retirement Association has annual holiday party and installs officers.

Story and photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Marketing and Communications

RLACEI — The Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc., hosted its annual holiday party and installation of officers Dec. 6 at the Grace E. Simons Lodge near Dodger Stadium.

RLACEI President Ed Harding once again put on a fabulous party for the group. Entertainment for the more than 200 guests was provided by the lovely guitarist, Lina Hayek, and pianist, Gayane Simonyan.

Food was delicious and abundant as prepared by the famous Chris & Pitts Barbecue restaurant.

As always, tons of prizes were raffled, making the cheery mood even cheerier!

Gary Mattingly, Retired General Manager, Fire and Police Pensions, installed the new officers. They are:

- Neil Ricci
- Jerry Bardwell
- Americo Garza
- Ed Harding, and
- Hal Danowitz.

Friends, fun and food: that's what it's all about. Don't miss the next RLACEI event!

Thanks to Ed Harding and Phil Skarin for inviting the Club, as always.



From left: Alma Valdez and Dolores Chaulset, both Retired, LAPD.



From left: Lydia Alaoria, Beatriz Zari and Eliseo Zari.



Marian M. Jacobs, LACRTA.



Herbert Hyman, Retired from Public Works Street Maintenance.



Alice Wilder, Retired, Election Division.



Curtis Hopson, Retired from Street Services.



From left: Gary Mattingly, Retired as the General Manager of Fire and Police Pensions after 38 years; and Jerry Bardwell, Retired after 30 years with the City.



From left: Lou Archer, Retired from Public Works Contract Administration as a Sr. Construction Inspector after 45 years; Ben Juarez, Retired from Public Works Contract Administration as a Principal Construction Inspector after 32 years; and Jesus Peeves, Retired from Public Works Contract Administration as a Sr. Construction Inspector after 45 years.



Willie Riley, Retired, General Services.



Americo and Ella Garza.



Tony Alvarez, Retired, General Services.



Al Jones and Ola Morris-Jones, Retired, Public Works.



Bebe Jacobson, Retired, LAPD.



From left: Lee Burrell, Retired from General Services after 33 years as a AC Mechanic Supervisor; and Leroy Richards, Retired from Bureau of Sanitation as a truck driver at Hyperion after 37 years.



From left: Martha Clegg, Retired from Library as a Clerk Typist after 31 years; and Irene Galvan, Retired from Library as a Sr. Librarian after 32 years.



Leo Rosen, Retired, Public Works Engineering.



Norma Rosen, Retired, Public Works Engineering.



Robert Jacobs, Retired from Street Maintenance.



From left: Paul Salles, Retired from Building and Safety as a Building Inspector after 31 years; Agnes Salles; Marguerite Shadle; and John Shadle, Retired from Building and Safety after 18 years as a photographer.



Bre Jacobs.



Martha Harl, Retired Nurse from the City, and Louis Robles, Retired, Rec and Parks. Louis is 90 years old!



Edison Goodrich, Public Works Street Maintenance.



Martha Harding, wife of Ed Harding, RLACEI President.



Robert Large Sr., Retired from General Services.



From left: Dennis Harding, Retired from Public Works Street Maintenance as a General Superintendent II after 37 years; Rica Harding; Shirley Govea; and Joe Govea, Retired from Building and Safety as a Principal Inspector after 25.5 years.



Calvin Haney, Retired from Rec and Parks.



John and Carmen Gomez. John retired from Rec and Parks.



Gene McPherson, Public Works.



Marilyn McPherson, Rec and Parks.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

A Framework for 2008

Each New Year's Day is a framework for the following year's recording of

- your deeds, beliefs, and services to others
- your patience, love and kindness
- Your generosity, gentleness and self-control.

So, try to incorporate as many of these traits in your life, while you are filling in the New Year's Framework.

— Phil Skarin

RLACEI's Toll-Free Number

RLACEI — The Retired Los Angeles City Employees Inc. group has established a new toll-free helpline number that can be accessed free of charge throughout the United States.

The number is: (800) 678-4145

Call the Helpline to reach the officers of RLACEI. For information on problems, activities, meetings or membership, call the helpline. Each officer's extension is listed.

Edward Harding x703	Jack Matthews x712	Americo Garza x710
Harold Danowitz x707	Robert Wilkinson x704	Neil Ricci x714
Phil Skarin x709	Jerry Bardwell x706	Helen Salgado x713

Retiree Question of the Month

Alive! asked retirees...

What is your New Year's resolution?



"Lose weight."
— Michael Vrabel, husband of Cleone Vrabell



"Have a great time when I make a trip to Israel in 2008."
— David L. Port, Retired, General Services



"Keep living in Los Angeles and travel everywhere."
— Angel Gonzalez, Retired, Building Operations



"Practice more piano, lose weight, maybe 10 or 15 pounds."
— Ola Morris-Jones, Public Works, with Al Jones.



"Stay healthy so I can enjoy my great granddaughter, Kaelyn, 16 months, for a long time."
— Cleone Vrabel, retired from the LAPD



"To help my family and friends more often, visiting and taking time to enjoy each other."
— Alma Valdez, LAPD (left).
"To declutter and simplify. Walk more, eat less. Travel more, spend less."
— Dolores Chaulsett, LAPD (right)



"To win a progressive jackpot in Laughlin or Barona."
— Arnold Port, Retired, General Services



"To keep happy, no matter what."
— Jerry D. Waggoner, Office of Finance

THE BEST YEARS

Your Reviews



You can be a reviewer! Have you just seen a great movie or DVD? Read a great book? Been to a great play or musical? Write a brief review. It's easy! See the instruction box.

100 Words or Fewer

Here's how to submit your review. *Alive!* accepts entertainment reviews of 100 words or fewer. We might not print them all, especially if we receive multiple reviews for the same movie or DVD. Follow these rules:

- For movies: Make sure the movie is still in theatres. For DVDs and books, make sure they are generally available. For theatre shows: try to submit your review before the show closes.
- Keep all reviews to 100 words or fewer, but try to write more than one or two sentences.
- Your own comments are more important than a long plot summary.
- Give us your score on a scale of 1 to 5. Use this format: *My Score: X (out of 5)*.
- Make sure you give us your name and City department (or retired).
- Submit your review to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com
- *Alive!* will send you a small but appropriate "thank you" if we publish your review.
- Have fun!

MOVIE REVIEWS



Fred Claus

Rated PG-13

My Score: 2 (out of 5)

I never thought I would see a Vince Vaughn movie that I would not like. Well, I have.

This was a major disappointment. I would not even recommend you rent this one!

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

Fred Claus

Rated PG

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

This movie has a good cast. Vince Vaughn, plays Fred Claus and Paul Gimatti, plays his brother Santa Claus. Surprisingly Kevin Spacey is in this comedy as a bad guy. Fred can never do anything right and ends up working for Santa at his factory in the north pole. The elves are building toys for Christmas. Fred thinks the elves are

not having fun, so he tries to get them to have fun. The north pole is inspected by Spacey's character. With the disruptions Fred is causing, it could be disastrous. The movie is funny, and I think your children will like it.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD



The Golden Compass

Rated PG-13

My Score: 1 (out of 5)

This was one of worst movies I have ever seen. The only good thing I can say good about the movie is that Nicole Kidman looked great and had a beautiful wardrobe.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP



Enchanted

Rated PG

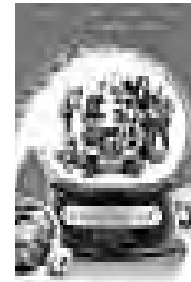
My Score: 3 (out of 5)

This is a cute Disney romantic comedy. It stars Patrick Dempsey (Dr. McDreamy from TV's *Grey's Anatomy*), who is dreamy here, too!

Since it is Disney, you know how it's going to go, but that's okay because we always hope for a happily-ever-after with our romantic movies.

I do recommend this one!

— Gail Seltzer, DWP



The Perfect Holiday

Rated PG

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

The Queen (Latifah) herself played yet another fun-filled loveable character in this romantic comedy. Although not the main character of the movie, Queen always stands out and is really the reason I

went to see this movie.

And although she's not the main character, I very much enjoyed this romantic movie. It is also a great time of year to have such a cute movie. The story itself is your basic boy-meets-girl, but it is very well written and acted. The entire cast did a great job.

I think movie lovers will really enjoy this one! It is a very good holiday movie! It leaves you feeling very much in the holiday spirit. Happy Holidays to all the City Club Employees and Members!

— Patty Saucier, Retired DWP

Theatre Reviews



The Color Purple

Musical, Ahmanson Theatre

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

I came from Las Vegas to Los Angeles to see this musical, now playing at the Ahmanson Theater. I thoroughly loved this show. The story was very moving and the music and dancing

were incredible. It opened my eyes to the fact that African Americans treated their own as bad as the white people treated them. It takes place no matter where you go. All people are the same, the good and the bad.

It was incredible how each individual handled tragedy. Each and every song was done with heart and soul. It really moved me. Given the chance, I would go see this again and again.

— Patty Saucier, Retired DWP

The Color Purple

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Attention all musical lovers! *The Color Purple* is a very enjoyable and entertaining musical. I never saw the movie or knew anything about the story, so I was very pleasantly surprised. I loved the production.

The lead actress has such an amazing voice, just beautiful. The cast is wonderful and so very talented. You will experience a range of emotions with this story: sadness, tears, joy and laughter. I highly recommend this show.

It is playing at the Ahmanson Theater through March 9.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

DVD Reviews



Mr. Brooks (2006)

Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Kevin Costner plays an addict who is addicted to killing, William Hurt is his alter ego, Demi Moore plays the detective tracking a serial killer, and Dane Cook plays the blackmailer

Kevin Costner did a really good job in this movie. His character was very believable, and it was scary to think that it's possible that there really are people in the world like this. The story had lots of twists and turns to it that keep my interest thru the whole movie. It's a very good suspense/thriller movie.

— Gwen Lew, DWP



Ocean's 13 (2007)

Rated PG-13

My Score: 2.5 (out of 5)

Though this movie has great stars — George Clooney, Matt Damon, Brad Pitt, Al Pacino, Elliott Gould, etc. — the storyline was lacking. Al Pacino plays a big casino owner who has double

crossed Elliot Gould's character. The Ocean team is going to get back at Pacino by sabotaging his new hotel. The team won't steal the casino money, but will let the customers win; if this were only true in real life!

The movie had its moments, but I thought it dragged at times. If you have seen everything else, you may want to rent it.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

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Cooking with the Club

by our own
Robert Larios



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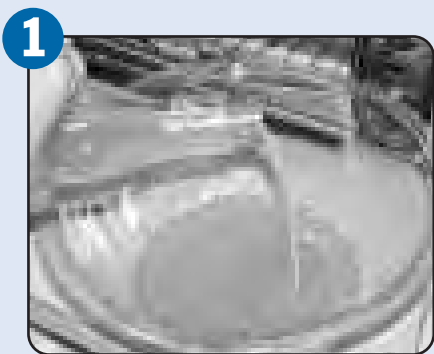
Italian Dressing-Style Chicken Wings

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tablespoons garlic powder
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 32 fl ounces of Italian dressing
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 1/2 pounds defrosted chicken wings



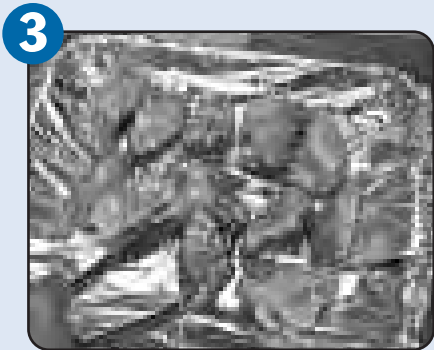
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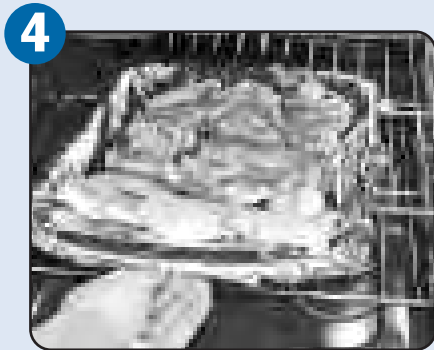
Step 1: Add and mix all the ingredients in a large mixing bowl.



Step 2: Add as many chicken wings as can be covered by the marinade. Cover with foil or plastic food wrap and leave in the refrigerator until you're ready to cook. Ideal marination should be overnight or at least three to four hours.



Step 3: Take the marinated wings and place them on a cooking sheet.



Step 4: Place in oven at 375 degrees and cook for about 30 to 40 minutes or until golden brown.

Winging It, for the Big Game

A trio of Super Chicken Wing Recipes

I like nothing more than having great food like chicken wings for the big Super Bowl football game. There are many ways to have chicken wings, and there are many ways to marinate them - so many ways to cook them. I like to place them in the oven because I like the intense heat it creates, but the grill is wonderful, too. Nonetheless, for these recipes, the oven is what I used.



I'm sharing three flavor styles with you. The first one is an Italian dressing-style marinade and may be the most complicated of the three to make, with five different marinade ingredients. The hot sauce style uses just hot sauce, nothing more, nothing less. It's quite simple but full of flavor, and it's the crowd favorite. Honey Mustard Curry Wings is full of flavor and will not disappoint if you're looking to change up the traditional chicken wing flavor. My experience has been that this one will go fast, so maybe make more than the other wings.

As always, please be aware of very real danger of food-borne illnesses. These can be prevented by being aware of keeping your hands and workstation surfaces clean and sanitized. You must also consider the time you cook your chicken wings along with the temperature at which they cook. Make sure they're thoroughly cooked so that bacteria on the chicken are killed from the heat.

Plate it how you like it. I like mine with some ranch dressing and some veggies on a big party platter - ready for the football game! Enjoy!

Honey Mustard Curry Wings

INGREDIENTS:

- 17 ounces yellow mustard
- 24 ounces Clover honey bottle
- 2 tablespoons curry powder
- 1 1/2 pounds defrosted chicken wings



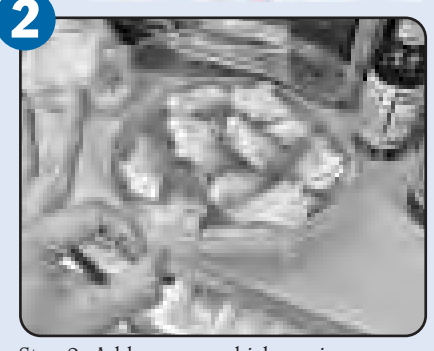
DIRECTIONS:



Step 1: Add and mix all the ingredients in a large mixing bowl.



Step 3: Place in oven at 375 degrees F and cook for about 30 to 40 minutes or until browned and crispy.



Step 2: Add as many chicken wings as can be covered by the marinade. Cover with foil or plastic food wrap and leave in the refrigerator until you're ready to cook. Ideal marination should be overnight or at least three to four hours.

Hot Sauce Style Wings

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 bottles Louisiana's Crystal Hot Sauce
- 1 1/2 pounds defrosted chicken wings



DIRECTIONS:



Step 1: Add the hot sauce in a large mixing bowl. Nothing more!



Step 2: Add as many chicken wings as can be covered by the marinade. Cover with foil or plastic food wrap and leave in the refrigerator until you're ready to cook. Ideal marination should be overnight or at least three to four hours.



Step 3: Place in oven at 375 degrees and cook for about 30 to 40 minutes or until browned and crispy.



Special note: For easier pouring of hot sauce, take some pliers and pull off the cap.



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 Black

Navy Blue
 Black
 ITEM: #LAC-6000

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 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**

Available Colors:
 White Sport Gray Indigo Blue

Member Price:
\$15 per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping

Size: **XXXL**
 Available Colors:
 Sport Gray Indigo Blue
\$16

Back

ITEM: #T1500

LA City "Alma Mater" T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**

Member Price:
\$8 per shirt*

Front

Available Colors:
 Gray Black Navy Blue

Gray Black Navy Blue
 ITEM: #LAC-2000

LA City T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**

Member Price:
\$12 per shirt*

Back

Front

Available Colors:
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Black Navy Blue
 ITEM: #LAC-3000

LA City "Olde English" T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**

Member Price:
\$12 per shirt*

Back

Front

Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue

Black Navy Blue
 ITEM: #LAC-4000

Short Sleeve "Classic" T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL (all colors)**

Available Colors:
 Texas Orange Sport Gray White* Leaf Green Indigo Blue
 Light Pink Maroon Blue Dusk Orange Olive

Member Price:
\$12 per shirt*

Non-Member Price:
 \$25 per shirt
 *Plus tax and shipping

*White available with front pocket.

Size: **XXXL**
 \$13

Size: **XXXL**
 \$14

Available Colors:
 White Blue Dusk Indigo Blue Sport Gray
 Indigo Blue Sport Gray

Back

Indigo Blue
 ITEM: #T1000

L.A. City Polo Shirt

LA City Polo Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**

Member Price:
\$18 per shirt*

Front

Close-up of Embroidery

Available Colors:
 White Black Navy Blue Pink

White Black Navy Blue Pink
 ITEM: #PS1000

DWP T-shirts

DWP "Bold" T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**

Member Price:
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Back

Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue

Black Navy Blue
 ITEM: #T3000VWP

Front

DWP "Classic" Long Sleeve T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL** Size: **XXXL**

Member Price:
\$15 per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping

Size: **XXXL**
\$16

Back

Available Colors:
 Gray

Gray
 ITEM: #T2500VWP

Front

Water & Power T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**

Member Price:
\$12 per shirt*

Back

Available Colors:
 White Navy Blue Black Orange

White Navy Blue Black Orange
 ITEM: #T2002WP

Front

Back

Available Colors:
 White* Navy Blue Black Orange

White* Navy Blue Black Orange
 *White available with front pocket.
 ITEM: #T2003WP

Front

Back

Available Colors:
 White Navy Blue Black Orange

White Navy Blue Black Orange
 ITEM: #T2001WP

Front

Back

Size: **XXXL**
 AVAILABLE COLORS:
 Blue Dusk Charcoal
\$13

Available Colors:
 White* Orange Blue Dusk Charcoal

White* Orange Blue Dusk Charcoal
 ITEM: #T2000VWP

Front

City Girl "Classic" T-shirt

Size: **S M L XL**

Member Price:
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V-Neck Style Colors:
 White Key Lime Black Violet Caribbean Blue

Crew Neck Style Colors:
 Hot Pink Cherry Heather Gray

Cherry
 ITEM: #T-W1000

City Girl "Retro" T-shirt

Size: **S M L XL**

Member Price:
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V-Neck Style Colors:
 White Key Lime Black Violet Caribbean Blue

Crew Neck Style Colors:
 Hot Pink Cherry Heather Gray

Caribbean Blue
 ITEM: #T-W2000

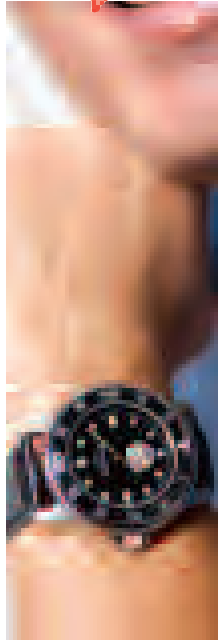


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Decals



LA City Decal, 3" Diameter
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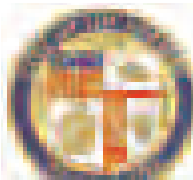


DWP Decal, 3" Diameter
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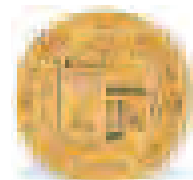
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Full-Color Silkscreened Lapel Pin 3/4" Diameter
ITEM: #LP1
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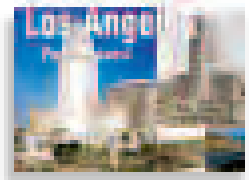


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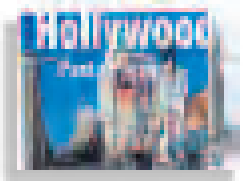
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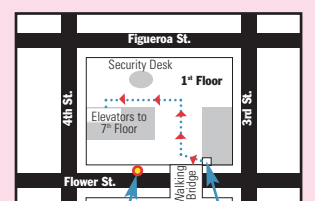
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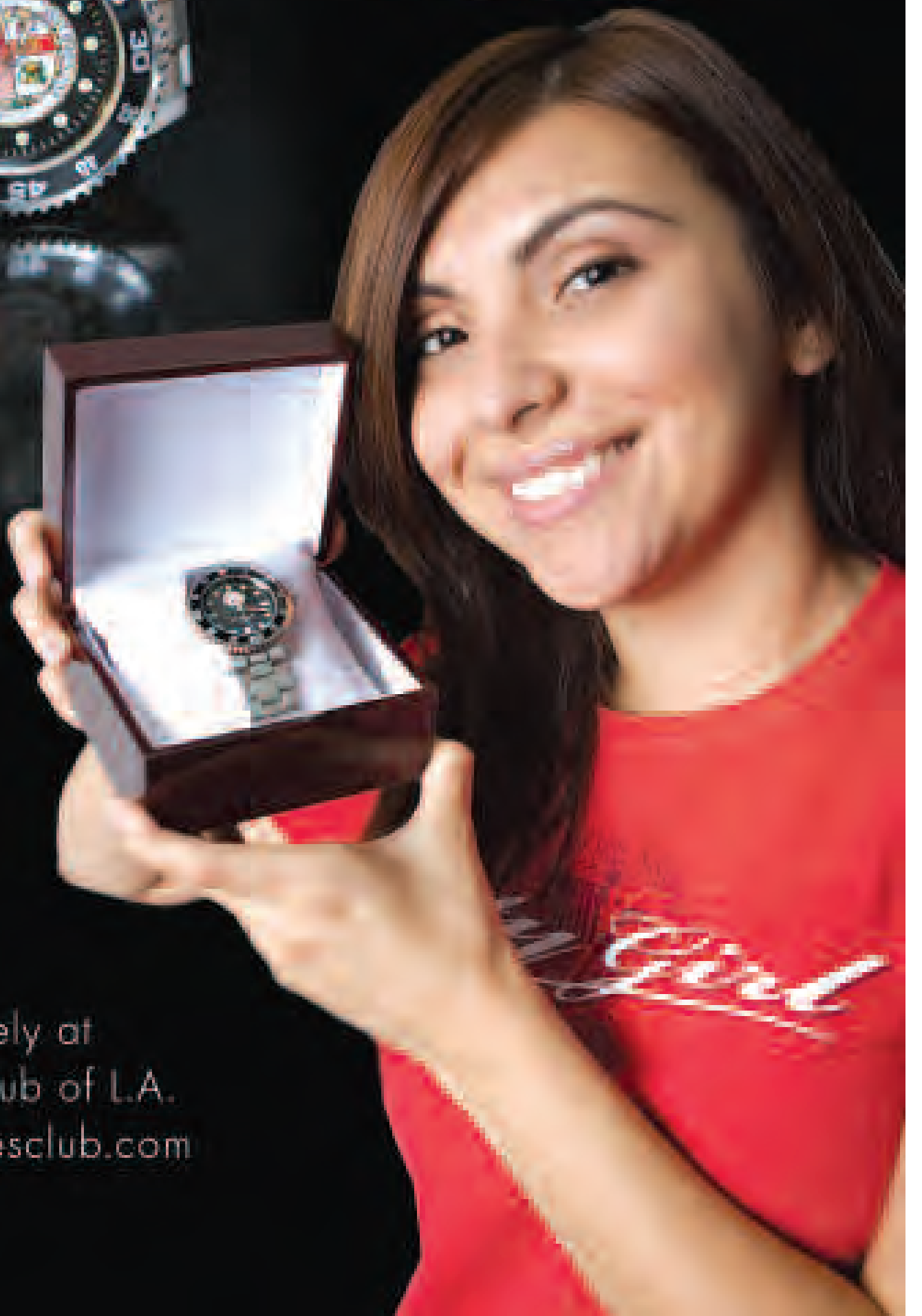
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