

Mark Calendars For ClubFest '08: It's Sun., Oct. 5

It's ClubFest time again!



CLUB HEADQUARTERS

The Club's best, most festive day of the year is right around the corner, so mark your calendars:

ClubFest 2008 is set for Sunday, Oct. 5.

The location – back by popular demand – is Calamigos Ranch in the hills above Malibu.

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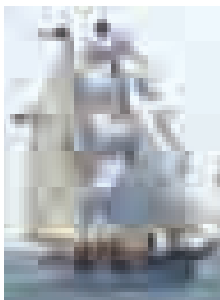
Tickets go on sale soon at the Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St. between Spring and Main Streets. Prices, times and bands will be announced soon.

Mark your calendars and get ready for ClubFest 2008!

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Tall Ships Set To Sail at Big Event in Harbor

More than 250,000 welcomed tall ships at previous festival.



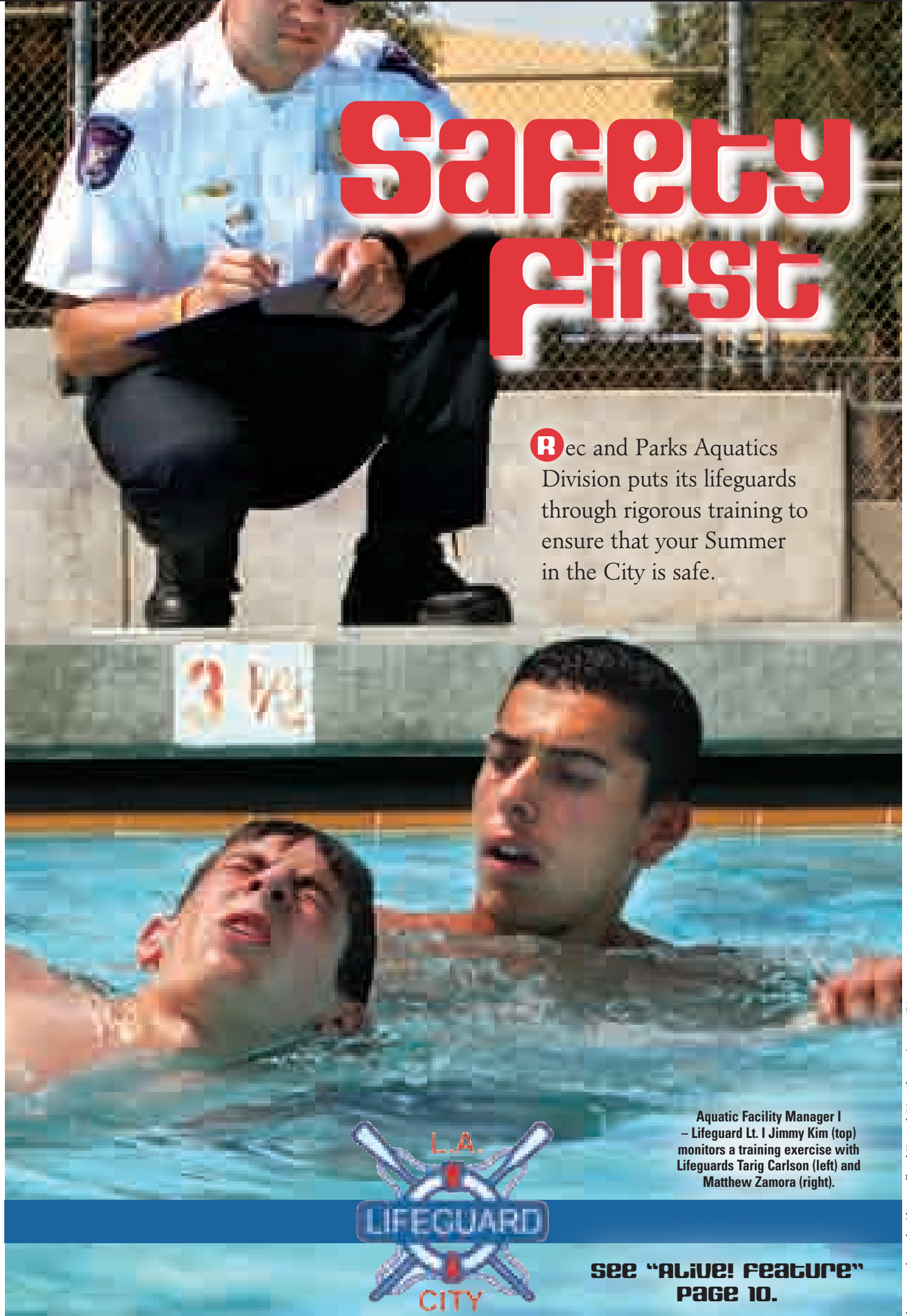
The City's tallship *Exy* will appear at the sailing event.

HARBOR – The majestic Tall Ships return to the Port of Los Angeles at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 15 with a grand parade of sail into port to kick off Festival of Sail LA 2008.

More than a dozen ships will be participating, including the US Coast Guard's 297-foot *Eagle* as well as *HMS Bounty* and *HMS Surprise*, which have been featured in major Hollywood films.

Visitors will be able to board these vessels for a first-hand tour led by the crew. There will be dockside demonstrations, maritime-themed entertainment including singers and an educational area for young and old alike. Food will be available for purchase on site, and a wide variety of specialty restaurants in San Pedro are close enough to walk to from the event.

See all the details in the story on page 9.



Safety First

Rec and Parks Aquatics Division puts its lifeguards through rigorous training to ensure that your Summer in the City is safe.

Aquatic Facility Manager I – Lifeguard Lt. I Jimmy Kim (top) monitors a training exercise with Lifeguards Tarig Carlson (left) and Matthew Zamora (right).



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** A Message From the CEO **

A Summer of Club Adventure

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

Are you having a good summer? I write to you from the road, with my family. I hope you get to spend some quality time with your family this summer, too.

I'm glad that two Club Members – Mike Elling and Tommy Jacuez – took the time to write letters to the editor this month, telling us how much they enjoy Angel Gomez's monthly adventures in *Be Alive!* The great thing about *Be Alive!* is that you don't have to go far to find adventure with your family, or even by yourself. There are tons of fascinating places right here in Southern California. I know gas prices have gotten us all down; whew, have they ever. But don't let that stop you! Check out Angel's feature this month, where, ironically, he takes us to an abandoned oil well. Have fun!

I also want to thank the Club Members who have told me how grateful they are that *Alive!* publishes "People We See," where we interview individuals we pass each day, but know so little about. This month we talk to Samuel, who served his country as a prisoner of war – and has the scar to prove it. These people are our brothers and sisters, and each has a story to tell.



Samuel Mays and Club CEO John Hawkins.

Thanks go out to Club Member **Jimmy Kim**, who runs the City's Lifeguard Academy. (You can see him on the cover, behind those cool glasses.) Last year, *Alive!* ran a cover story about Summer in the City, with some excellent photos by Angel Gomez of the City's pools. Well, Jimmy called us this spring and told us there's a whole lot more to the City's lifeguards than pretty pools; the City's lifeguard training program is rigorous and tough. Would we mind doing a more in-depth story this summer? Well, you bet we will. Thanks, Jimmy; your suggestion made for another excellent cover story.

There are three – three! – new columns this month! First, *Alive!* teams up with Animal Services to match some of its adoptable pets with Club Members (thanks to **Miki Shaler** of Animal Services). So check it out and find a new friend. Second, **Everett Bennett** of Public Works is contributing his great passion for cars in a new column. He wants you to send in photos of your awesome set of wheels, so show off a little and send 'em in! And third, there's so much good stuff happening at the new Club Store and Service Center that we put all that information into one place. We're calling it "This Month at the Club Store."

Finally, we announce this month the date for ClubFest 2008. Mark your calendars for Sunday, Oct. 5. It promises to be a really great day. You know, as it is every year!

Anyway, I wish you safe travels this summer. (Bring your copy of *Alive!* with you, and take a photo holding it, wherever you are.) But more than that, spend time with your family and friends. Forget about gas prices and everything else, and just relax and enjoy.

—JOHN

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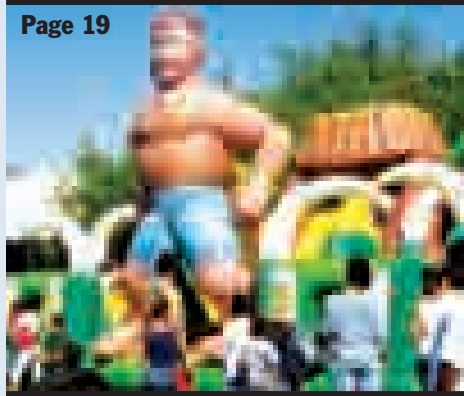
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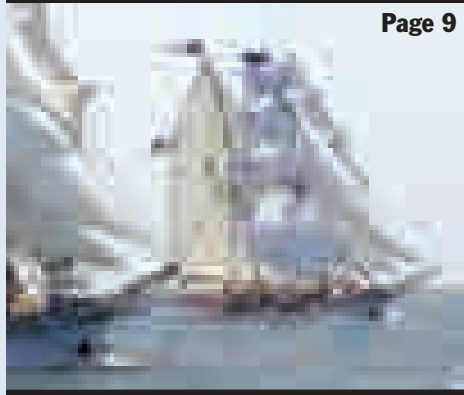
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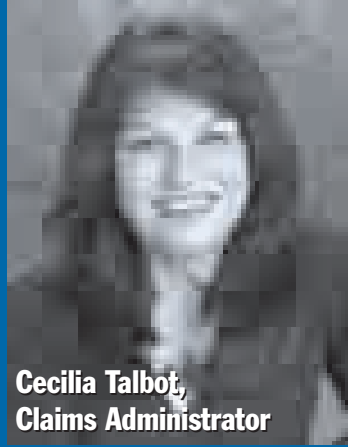
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**Cecilia Talbot,
Claims Administrator**

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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— Johnnie McDuffie, April 2008

Your claims service was "excellent. We were taken care of by Marla Fisher. She was compassionate at a difficult time and was ready to help me answer questions on the phone concerning the filing out forms. The overall process was efficient. Thank you."

— Dawn Daly, April 2008

Your claims service was "very good, courteous and sympathetic to the loss of my brother. You reacted quickly to expedite the claim, especially given the California-to-Ohio logistics involved. I was very happy working with the City Employees Club of Los Angeles."

— John Creer, April 2008

Your Club Insurance Dollars at Work

**Total claims paid back to Club Members
So Far in 2008: \$1,720,455.95**

Claims paid:

Life insurance claims paid this month: **\$360,844.54**

Life insurance claims paid this year: **\$1,081,927.05**

Long-term disability claims paid this month: **\$93,779.83**

Long-term disability claims paid this year: **\$453,265.57**

Long-term care claims paid this month: **\$30,320.00**

Long-term care claims paid this year: **\$130,263.33**

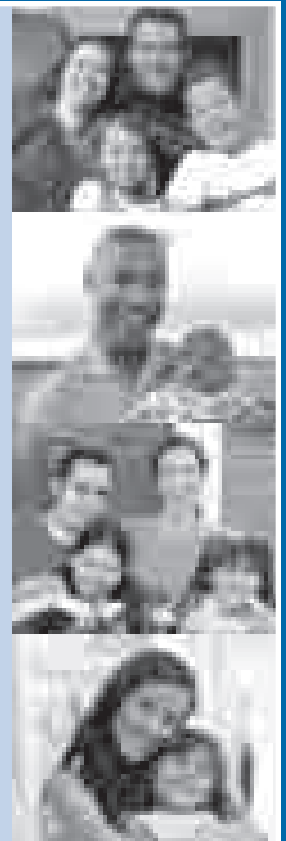
Cancer insurance claims paid this month: **\$0.00**

Cancer insurance claims paid this year: **\$55,000.00**

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Meet the Club Team



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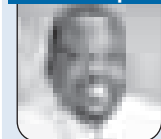


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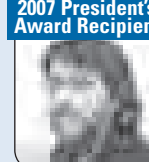
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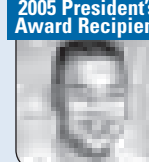
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LETTERS To the Editor

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LETTER OF THE MONTH

Club Store Welcomed By Club Member in His Bug



Driving around downtown on a Saturday, I saw your new building behind the new Parker Center. Welcome to the neighborhood! That's me in the orange VW.

— George Cormany, LAPD

Thanks, George. We're having a great time at the New Club store downtown! And thanks to Michael Cisneros for snapping the fun photo.
— Ed.

Seeing City Employees in Big, Bold Letters Made Them Proud

First off, I have to admit something. I feel bad about saying this, but for so many years of working for the City of Los Angeles, I never really felt proud of being a City Employee. There are so many stereotypes out there. But, when I drove down Second Street the other day and saw the Club Store sign in big, bold, beautiful letters on your building, I almost cried. To think that there is a store dedicated solely to City Employees makes feel like I can be proud again of working for the City.

So thank you, City Employees Club, for truly caring about City Employees. And most of all, thank you for showing the respect we've deserved for so many years.

— Margaret Astoria, Club Member for life

Wow, I was blown away when I visited your store downtown on Second Street. Nice work, guys!

— Maddox Sanchez, longtime Club Member

Jessica and Cynthia Enjoyed Reading About Griffith Rebirth

Thank you very, very much for printing the Griffith Park flower field guide ["Rebirth," *Alive!*, June 2008]. I went to Griffith Park with my dad, and I found six of the flowers. It was fun. Thank you so much.

— Jessica Whitmore, 8 years old, daughter of Toddy Whitmore

You're welcome, Jessica. Great to hear that you are enjoying the lovely Griffith Park. — Ed.

Thank you, *Alive!*, for publishing the great story about Griffith Park's comeback. I read the interview of Jorge Ochoa and Chief Park Ranger Albert Torres word for word. It was

great. Excellent photos, too! You guys do such a good job. It makes me proud to be a City Employee.

— Cynthia Hasper

Club Members Takes a Hike, Literally, Because of *Be Alive*

We really enjoy *Alive!*, especially the hiking section. We have done several of the suggested hikes and enjoy getting out to the local "wilderness."

Thanks!

— Mike Elling, LAPD

Hi Mike, that's exactly why Angel started going on his *Be Alive!* hikes – to spread the word about all the great ways to stay active and enjoy the great outdoors in our area. Thanks for writing. — Ed.

Hey *Alive!* I think you might have saved my life. I read Angel's *Be Alive!* column and decided to visit the Bodyworld exhibit over at the California Science Center. It was all about the heart. They showed healthy hearts and not-so-healthy hearts. They showed what blocked arteries look like, too. Needless to say, I've been eating right ever since. "*Be Alive!*" ... how appropriate!

— Tommy Jacuez

He Didn't Know That Snow Surveying Was Done by City

After all these years of hearing about the snow pack, I never realized that it was our very own DWP employees who actually took the readings ["*The Snow Surveyors,*" *Alive!*, May 2008]. What an amazing story too -- you guys really do a great job. Oh, and the pictures were outstanding. Thanks again for a job well done.

— Thomas Harding

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 was the *least* reliable car you've ever had?

"A Fiat Sportster."

— Alfred Sosa, DWP, Construction and Maintenance Superintendent, 35 years of City service.



"A 1974 yellow Volkswagen."

— Bob Stukey, DWP, Fleet Operations Supervisor, 36 years.



"A '79 Chevy Nova."

— Jose Fuentes, DWP, Heavy Duty Truck Operator, 23 years.



"A Saturn."

— Jack Simpson, DWP, Heavy Duty Truck Operator, 24 years.



"A 1990 Hyundai Excel."

— Joe Bojorquez, DWP, Heavy Duty Truck Operator, 10 years.



"An '06 Dodge Caravan."

— David Zeman, DWP, EDMT, 2 years.



"A 1980 Cutlass Supreme."

— Daniel Hardisty, DWP, EDMT, 3 months.



"A Chevy Vega! It was a gift."

— Lori Ledbetter, DWP, Sr. Clerk Typist, 27 years.



"A 1964 Ford Falcon Ranchero."

— Mike Rangel, General Services.



"A 1964 Ford Falcon Ranchero."

— Howard Pompel, the Club's In-House Insurance Counselor.



In this monthly feature, Club CEO John Hawkins and Director of Member Services 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.

People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.

No. 7 in a series.
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Meet Samuel Mays.

HIS NEIGHBORHOOD: "First and Los Angeles Streets, downtown Los Angeles."

AGE: "74. Born March 15, 1934."

BIRTHPLACE: "Texas."

FAMILY: "No brothers or sisters."

FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: "In 1946, when I got my Schwinn bicycle. It was black with chrome rims."

MOVED TO THE CITY: "In 1939."

EDUCATION: "I was drafted right out of high school."

MILITARY: Army Infantry. "I was in the Army during the Korean War and for five months was held in North Korea as a POW. As a POW, I was held prisoner in a four-feet-by-four-feet 'tiger cage' and was given a half-cup of rice and a glass of water once a day."

IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE? "I would like to get more than \$200 a month from the VA."

LAST JOB: "The last job I had, other than the military, was a paper route."

FAVORITE SPORTS: "Basketball and baseball."

TROPHIES OR AWARDS: "I received the Purple Heart for a bayonet stab wound to the head."

RELIGION: "None"

FAVORITE FOOD: "I love any kind of fast food!"

FAVORITE MOVIE: "Tombstone, The Shawshank Redemption, High Plains Drifter."

FAVORITE ACTOR: "Clint Eastwood."

FAVORITE ACTRESS: "Bette Davis."

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "I Love Lucy, The Carol Burnett Show and The Gong Show."

FAVORITE MUSIC: "I love '50s music."

FAVORITE CANDY: "Chocolate!"

WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "Union Mission."

FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY: "I would love, for one day, to go to the Staples Center."

ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "I would like people to be courteous and polite to people like me."

LAST BOOK READ: "National Geographic."

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE WAR IN IRAQ? "Being a soldier and a POW, I don't want any kind of war; I'm opposed to any kind of war. Just the other day, I was at the VA Hospital and saw a baby buggy at the side of the bed of a young soldier who had his arms and legs blown off by a land mine; the soldier was just a kid and a father. We should never have to see that."

The Club gave Samuel five pair of socks, a McDonald's gift card, a Los Angeles City T-shirt, a recycled tote bag and \$20.



Samuel shows where he was wounded with a bayonet while serving in the Korean War.



Newsbrief

ANIMAL SERVICES –

SPAY AND NEUTER CLINICS:

Councilmember Ed P. Reyes joined with officials and celebrities at North Central Animal Care Center in Lincoln Heights to announce new low-cost spay and neuter clinics to address overpopulation of homeless cats and dogs in Los Angeles. The announcement was made at Los Angeles Animal Services, North Central Care Center, 3201 Lacy St., Los Angeles 90031.

"This is an important service available to the public to help reduce the population of cats and dogs on the street, without a home," said Reyes, who was joined by Councilmember Richard Alarcon and Bob Barker, former host of "The Price is Right."

The event follows a report by Animal Services that found more than 15,000 homeless cats and dogs were euthanized in the City in 2007.

Reyes announcement is the latest in his ongoing efforts to encourage healthy, happy homes for animals. He was instrumental in securing the \$7.3 million for the animal shelter expansion that exists today that includes the friendly, park-like environment the dogs, cats and other animals enjoy.

For more information on adopting a pet or locations of clinics that offer low-cost spay and neuter services, visit www.laanimalservices.org, or call 888-4LAPET1, or 888-452-7381.

PUBLIC WORKS/UNPAID

SANITATION FEES:

Public Works/Sanitation will soon begin charging all residents who have been remiss in paying extra-capacity fees for their extra trash, yard-trimmings or horse-manure containers. To this end, the Bureau of Sanitation will be sending out letters over the next few weeks to remind some 88,000 residents that extra-capacity charges do apply for all extra-capacity containers and that they will have the option to give up or keep the containers for an extra charge.

Residents requesting additional black, green or brown containers must pay an Extra Capacity Charge for the extra containers. The Extra Capacity Charge is implemented under Ordinance No. 170868, which became effective on February 19, 1996 with Mayor and City Council approval. The Extra Capacity Charge applies to all residents who have containers above the standard allocation. Per City Ordinance No. 170868, the charge is \$5 per month for each 30 gallons of extra capacity for refuse and \$2.50 per month for each 30 gallons of extra capacity for yard trimmings. At the same time, the Extra Capacity Charge does have a provision for residents who meet LIFELINE criteria, providing them with the first extra 30 gallons of extra capacity free. Extra-Capacity Charges will be charged through residents' DWP bill.

The public is encouraged to call the Bureau of Sanitation's hotline at (800) 773-CITY (2489) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. for additional information, questions or concerns. Additional information is also available on the Bureau's website: www.lacity.org/SAN.

COUNCIL / NO STOPPAGES

AT LAX:

On June 10, Councilwoman and Club Member Janice Hahn called for the Board of Airport Commissioners to expand its current project labor agreement (PLA) to cover all future capital improvements at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). Currently, Airports has a PLA that covers only capital improvements at the Tom Bradley International Terminal.

A PLA, which is a comprehensive pre-hire collective bargaining agreement, will ensure a no-strike/no-lockout agreement, along with standardized work rules, a uniform dispute resolution mechanism, a training and apprenticeship program and a requirement for all contractors on the project to pay prevailing wages and benefits.

"We are in the midst of a long-overdue modernization of LAX," Councilwoman Hahn said. "This type of an agreement will protect both the workers and the airport by ensuring good jobs and also preventing costly and detrimental work stoppages. It will ensure that the working men and women of Los Angeles will benefit from the huge investment we are making at LAX."

Who are the people you see every day?

LIBRARY

A Librarian at the Library

Librarian and First Lady Laura Bush and her daughter, Jenna, visit the Central Library to read from their new children's book.

Photos by Howard Pasamanick

First Lady Laura Bush and daughter Jenna Bush Hager greeted a capacity crowd at Central Library's Mark Taper Auditorium May 22 to read from and discuss their new children's book, *Read All About It*. The Bushes' appearance was an invitation-only event for major supporters of the Los Angeles Public Library and the Library Foundation of Los Angeles.

Read All About It was published by HarperCollins in April and tells the story of a boy named Tyrone who excels in all aspects of his schoolwork except reading. But when strange visitors start dropping by the classroom for story hour, Tyrone discovers there's more to books than just words on pages. A portion of the book's proceeds benefit Teach for America and The New Teacher Project.

After a welcome from City Librarian Fontayne Holmes and Library Foundation President Carolyn Wagner, Veronique Peck introduced the First Lady and her daughter, who read from their book as images were projected on the auditorium screen. Also participating in the event were a class of second-grade students from Esperanza Elementary School.

After the reading, the First Lady and her daughter answered questions from the audience. The event concluded with an onstage book signing.

The First Lady is a librarian and joined with the Library of Congress to launch the first National Book Festival in Washington, D.C., which last year attracted more than 120,000 book lovers from across the nation.

Jenna Bush Hager has also written *Ana's Story: A Journey of Hope*, which chronicles her experiences working as an intern with UNICEF in Latin America. Her share of the profits went to UNICEF and the remainder to the woman whose life is the basis of the book.

The event at the Los Angeles Public Library was arranged by Veronique Peck, a longstanding library supporter whose late husband, Gregory Peck, established the Gregory Peck Reading Series in 1995.



First Lady Laura Bush and daughter Jenna Bush Hager read from their book, *Read All About It*, in the Taper Auditorium at the Los Angeles Public Library.



First Lady Laura Bush, City Librarian Fontayne Holmes, and Presidential daughter Jenna Bush Hager at the reading event.

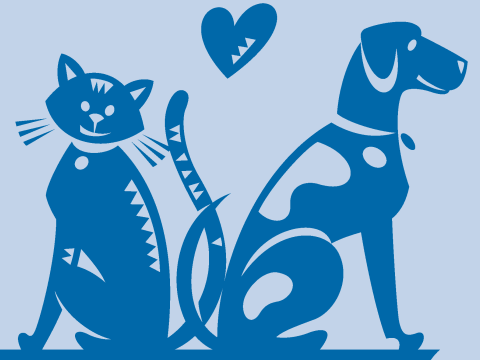


Second-graders from downtown Los Angeles' Esperanza Elementary School were among a capacity crowd who heard First Lady Laura Bush and daughter Jenna Bush Hager read from their new best-selling children's book, *Read All About It*, at the Los Angeles Public Library's Central Library May 22.

ClubFest!

Oct. 5, 2008

the pet club



Your friend is waiting for you!

The City Employees Club partners with Animal Services each month to showcase some of the pets that are available for adoption.

This Month's Pets for Adoption

rockey

Rockey is a ten-month old, male, white and brown pointer mix. He is full of energy and loves to go on walks and play catch. He enjoys being around people and is good with kids. He was surrendered by his owners in January because they did not have time to take care of him. Rocky is a great dog for an active family, and he is anxious to find a new home soon!

ID# A924530:

North Central Animal Care Center



texas

Texas is a two-and-a-half-year-old male, brindled Labrador retriever/German shepherd mix. Like his name, Texas is huge, but he is also a big goofball. He loves to play and is very friendly. He has been at the Care Center since November 2007 and really needs to find a home! Texas will make a great family dog.

ID#A915078:

North Central Animal Care Center



cheese

Cheese is a five-year-old neutered male, orange, tabby. He is already microchipped and ready for a new home.

Cheese is a mellow guy, but he keeps himself occupied. He loves to play with cat toys and is an all around love bug. Who doesn't love Cheese in their home?

ID#A942221:

North Central Animal Care Center.



MOO

Moo is a one-year-old neutered male, black and white shorthaired rabbit. He was surrendered by his owners, who had no time for him. Moo likes his rabbit friends at the Care Center, but he would rather find a forever home with you!

ID#A890043:

North Central Animal Care Center.



Meet your New Hope coordinator



To adopt any of these pets, or any pet at the North Central Animal Care Center, contact Ana Hernandez, New Hope Coordinator at the North Central Animal Care Center. Contact for Ana Hernandez: ana.hernandez@lacity.org, or (213) 485-8855



THE CAR CLUB



PROUD OF YOUR WHEELS? SEND IN A PHOTO!

BY EVERETT BENNETT,
Assistant Inspector,
Public Works/Contract Administration

Style, Grace ... And 8 MPG

Hi to all of you fellow Club Members. I'm glad to be a part of *Alive!*

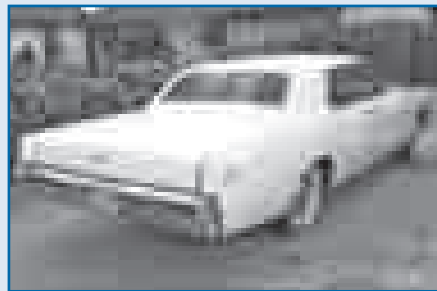
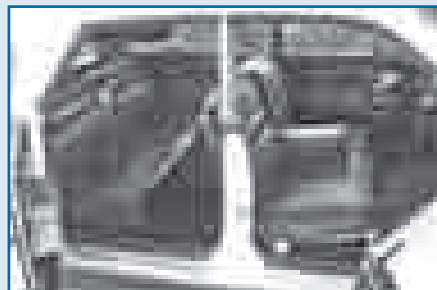
I'm Everett Bennett with Public Works ... and I love cars! I know a lot of you do, too. So let's show 'em off. Send in a photo of you with your cool wheels, and we'll print as many as we can. And I'll talk about your car. Let's have fun!

Let me start off this column by talking about my own car, a 1966 Lincoln Continental. I am usually a pretty safe buyer when purchasing a car. I like to do my research, drive the vehicle and think about it for a bit before plopping down the money on what could be a mistake. But, rules are always meant to be broken, or at least bent a bit.

On a bright Monday morning about four years ago, I was searching the Internet for my next project. I wasn't having any luck until I came across an ad for a 1966 Lincoln Continental. I had always wanted one and had just watched the show *Rides* on TLC; in that show, they restored one for a guy. I immediately called the seller, and 15 minutes later I was the proud new owner of an all-original Lincoln. During the entire drive out to Palm Springs, I wondered if I had made a mistake purchasing a car over the phone. Four years later I think it is safe to say it has been one of my best rash decisions.

The '60s Continentals are recognized mostly for the suicide doors and the great lines that cars today seem to be mimicking: the Rolls Royce Phantom and the Chrysler 300. Hardtop versions were manufactured from 1961 to 1969 and convertibles from 1961 to 1967. 1966 was the first year it came equipped with a beefed-up 340-h.p. 462 engine to help keep the almost-three tons of American steel moving. Starts from the red light aren't a problem, thanks to the 485-foot-pounds of torque. Also, in 1966 the car was five inches longer and two inches wider, and came with rear seatbelts, taillights in the rear bumper and a larger front grille.

My car has the original white cream paint and black leather interior. The previous owner garaged it since buying it from the original owner, so everything isn't too weathered. I had to have the three-speed automatic transmission rebuilt and the window switches replaced. I decided to put on the whitewall tires to give it a "gangster" feel, and I think it really helps define the car. The paint has held up fairly nicely for being 40 years old. I know eventual-



ly I will have to repaint it but hate to since there is nothing like the patina of an old original car. After all, it is only original once. The car came from the factory with front disc brakes, which are important because trying to stop this car at 80 mph is definitely a chore. An eight-speaker, two-amplifier Alpine stereo was installed and, to keep the original look, the speakers were hidden and everything is controlled from my iPod. My future plans are to fix the air conditioning, buy a hood ornament, and remove the obnoxious CB antenna the previous owner mounted on the rear driver's side quarter panel.

This car is incredibly enjoyable to drive except when you have to fill it up. At eight miles to the gallon, this car doesn't see sunlight as much anymore but still gets a kiss every night before bed.

Send in those photos, and see you next time!



SHOW US YOUR RIDE!

Send in a photo of you and your car, and we might publish it. Send us your information, too – name, title and City department, a phone number (we won't print it) and a paragraph or two about why you love your car, what kind of car and year it is, and maybe some fun details of how you got it, how you restored it, etc. Send it all to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

LAPD

Richard Retires, Gives Back

Richard Lieboff retires from the LAPD after 30 years of City service.

On April 16, friends and family bid a fond *aloha* to Senior Management Analyst Richard Alan Lieboff. More than 100 guests attended Richard's celebration at the Angelus Plaza Senior Activity Center.

Numerous accolades from various government agencies and associations were presented. A special hula performance was dedicated to Richard to celebrate his theme of giving back. In lieu of a gift, Richard donated all the proceeds to two of his favorite charities -- the Los Angeles Police Foundation and Angelus Plaza Senior Activity Center. Nearly \$1,500 was donated, which included a 50 percent match by Richard. "My hope is that when others retire in the future, they will look to my example and do likewise," Richard said. "For all that the City of L.A. did for me, the least I can do is to give back some."

Richard was a 30-year veteran of the City of Los Angeles family. He worked a variety of assignments during his career in public service and was last assigned to the Grants Unit, Fiscal



Wanda Bell, Officer-in-Charge, Grants Unit, LAPD, presents Richard Lieboff with a City of Los Angeles proclamation, congratulating him on his successful 30 years working in public service with the City.

Operations Division of the Los Angeles Police Department.

We wish Richard much success and happiness in his retirement.

ClubFest! Oct. 5, 2008



HOT CLUB OFFER!!

Dodgers Deals

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Newsbrief

AIRPORTS/STREET SWEEPERS:

Three compressed natural gas (CNG)-fueled single-engine street sweepers to be used at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and LA/Ontario International Airport (ONT) have been approved for purchase by the Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners. The contract, in the amount of \$799,398, will be awarded to the Haaker Equipment Co. of La Verne.

The three alternative-fuel street sweepers will replace similar units presently in use at LAX and ONT that have reached the end of their useful lives. The equipment is used to perform maintenance work on the two airports' airfield taxiways, service roads and surrounding areas. Two will be used at LAX and one at ONT.

Since the Board's adoption in 1999 of Airports' Alternative-Fuel Vehicle Program, airport officials believe that alternative-fuel vehicles are an important element to reducing air emissions in the region.

Efforts are continuing to convert all of the vehicle fleets at Airports' four airports -- LAX, ONT, LA/Palmdale Regional and Van Nuys -- to alternative-fuel use. There are presently more than 650 alternative-fuel vehicles, or more than 60 percent of Airports' fleet, powered by alternative fuels.

PUBLIC WORKS / ENGINEERING AWARD:

On June 11, Public Works/Engineering announced that it received the California Transportation Foundation 2008 "Tranny" Roadway Project of the year Award.

The largest street improvement project ever in the City, the Santa Monica Boulevard Transit Parkway Project reconstructed two and a half miles of Santa Monica Boulevard between the 405 Freeway on the west and the Beverly Hills city limit on the east. The project combined the two existing roadways—"Big" and "Little" Santa Monica Boulevards—with the railroad right-of-way into one main road with three eastbound and westbound travel lanes. North and south neighborhood access roads were also included. Construction began in March 2003, and finished in October 2006.

The Foundation acknowledged project winners at an annual awards luncheon in Sacramento June 4. The organization started as a nonprofit public benefit corporation in California in 1988, with programs including student scholarships, employee emergency assistance, worker memorials, awards/recognition and conference support.

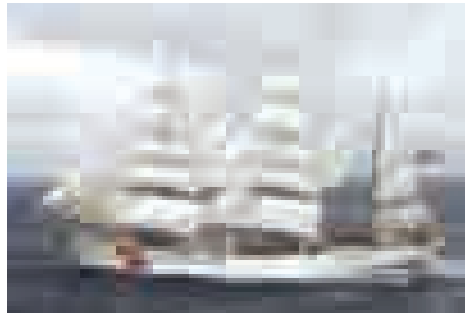
"We are extremely proud of this world-class boulevard. It is rewarding to drive Santa Monica Boulevard today and know because of the dynamic public/private partnership, we have an end result that reflects the aesthetic desires of the community, and fulfills our goal of improved mobility," said City Engineer Gary Lee Moore.

The project also received the 2008 Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Transportation Achievement Award, and the 2008 Project Achievement Award from the Los Angeles Council of Engineers and Scientist (LACES).

HARBOR

Here Come the Tall Ships

Festival of Sail event returns to the Port, August 15-18.
 Attendance was more than a quarter-million in 2005.



The U.S. Coast Guard's *Eagle*.

The majestic Tall Ships return to the Port of Los Angeles at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 15 with a grand parade of sail into port to kick off Festival of Sail LA 2008.

More than a dozen ships will be participating, including the US Coast Guard's 297-foot *Eagle* as well as *HMS Bounty* and *HMS Surprise*, which have been featured in major Hollywood films.

Visitors will be able to board these vessels for a first-hand tour led by the crew. There will be dockside demonstrations, maritime-themed entertainment including singers and an educational area for young and old alike. Parking at various locations around the Port will be available free of charge as will be the shuttles running from the lots to the event sites. Food will be available for purchase on site, and a wide variety of specialty restaurants in San Pedro are close enough to walk to from the event.

Rounding-out the weekend of ship-related activities will be special showings of movies at the historic Warner Grand Theatre, presented by the Grand Vision Foundation, featuring two of the ships in the Festival of Sail. The *HMS Bounty* is featured in the classic 1962 version of *Mutiny on the Bounty*, starring Marlon Brando, and can be toured first-hand during the Festival. The *HMS Surprise* is featured in *Master and Commander*,

starring Russell Crowe, and also can be toured during the Festival. Other movies scheduled during the weekend include *SpongeBob SquarePants: The Movie* and *Hook*. Admission to each film is \$5, and the theatre, at 478 West Sixth St. in San Pedro, is an easy walk from the Festival.

Souvenir guidebooks will be available for \$5. They describe each vessel in detail and have a place for each ship to place a commemorative stamp when the vessel is toured. Proceeds benefit the Topsail Youth Program.

The Festival of Sail LA 2008 is part of the American Sail Training Association's Tall Ships Challenge, which features Tall Ships sailing down the coast from Canada to San Diego. This event takes place on the Pacific Coast on a three-year cycle. When the event last hit the Port of Los Angeles in 2005, more than a quarter of a million people visited the ships over a three-day period, bringing an unprecedented number of weekend visitors to San Pedro.

Festival of Sail 2008 is sponsored by the Port of Los Angeles, California Coastal Conservancy and the Los Angeles Maritime Institute, home of the TopSail Youth Program.

As many as 600 volunteers will be needed to work with visiting ships, crews and visitors to the port. Any one helping for one or more four-hour shift will be entered in a drawing for a Cruise Ship Weekend to Mexico and other valuable prizes. Groups or organizations can adopt a vessel or a dock or simply organize a group to help demonstrate how friendly Southern California can be. For more information or to sign up please call 888-LAMI808.

For more information on the Festival of Sail LA 2008 and Tall Ships Challenge®, call (888) LAMI-808 or see the following websites:

www.lafestivalofsail.info
www.portoflosangeles.org
www.lamitopsail.org
www.sailtraining.org

Festival of Sail Schedule

Friday, Aug. 15

- 10 am: Grand Parade of Sail, noon.
- 7 pm: Ship viewing, entertainment, children's activities and booths.
- 8 pm: *Mutiny on the Bounty* screening at the Warner Grand Theatre, San Pedro.

Saturday, Aug. 16

- 11 am - 7 pm: Ship viewing, entertainment, children's activities and booths
- 8 pm: *Master and Commander* screening at the Warner Grand Theatre, San Pedro.

Sunday, Aug. 17

- 11 am - 7 pm: Ship viewing, entertainment, children's activities and booths
- 2 pm: *SpongeBob SquarePants: The Movie* screening at the Warner Grand Theatre, San Pedro.
- 4 pm: *Hook* screening at the Warner Grand Theatre, San Pedro.

SHIPS

Class A Ships:

USCG Barque Eagle, HMS Bounty, HMS Surprise, Tole Mour Kaisei

Class B Ships:

Californian, Robert C. Seamans, Pilgrim, American Pride, Lynx, Spirit of Dana Point, Exy Johnson, Irving Johnson

Class C Ship:

Curlew



The *Exy* and the *Irving Johnson* were built in the Port by volunteers and are the official tall ships of the City of Los Angeles.

ALIVE! FEATURE



Summer



in the City

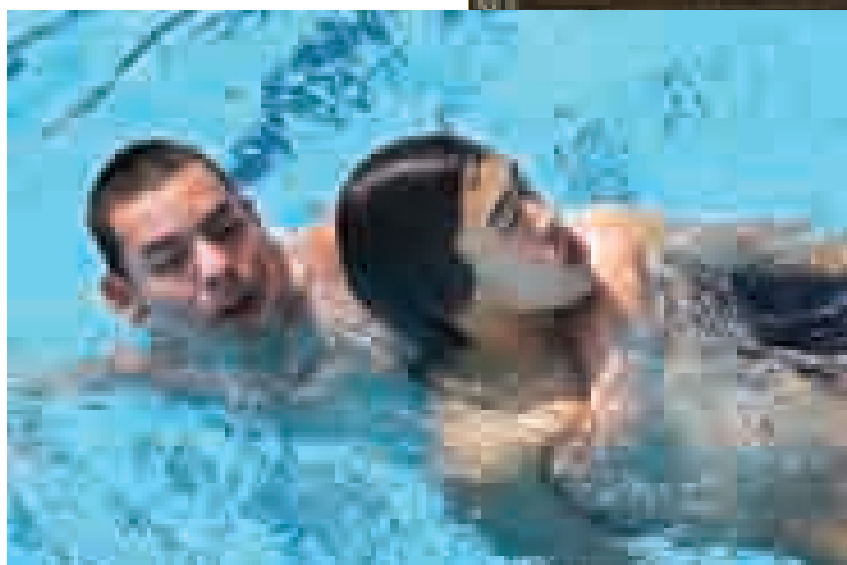


Aquatics Facility Manager I – Lifeguard Lt. I Jimmy Kim (standing), with new lifeguard graduates Manuel Adam Verdin (left) and Caitlin Miller at the Glassell Park pool.

Safety First

The City's Aquatics Division trains its annual lifeguards thoroughly and rigorously. In fact, the City requires almost 60 hours of training more than the Red Cross requires, to ensure your visit to a City pool this summer is safe and fun.

Here, *Alive!* follows one class of recruits through eight days of physical training and testing that it takes to become a City lifeguard.



Lifeguard trainees J.C. Guzman (left) and Sapon Soon in an exercise.

+ Summer in the City

Rec and Parks



BECOMING a LIFEGUARD

PASSING THE ACADEMY

Here's the criteria for passing the Rec and Parks Aquatics Division test. How would you do?

General:

- + Attendance
- + Uniform

Written Tests:

- + Healthcare Provider Test
- + First Aid Test
- + L.A. City Test

Timed Skills:

- + 500-yard swim, less than 10 minutes
- + Brick retrieval (10-yard swim at depth of 10 feet), less than 11 seconds
- + Sprint and brick tow, less than one minute, 10 seconds
- + 25-yard sprint, less than 18 seconds

City of L.A. Water Rescue Skills
(recruit is given a predetermined scenario):

- + Tower/Active Victim
- + Deck/Passive Victim
- + Spinal Management Scenario

Medical Skills Testing:

- + Responsive Patient
- + Unresponsive Patient

With a program that's more strenuous and extensive than the Red Cross's, the L.A. Lifeguard Academy is tougher to pass than you might think. It's rigorous for one reason – to keep you safe while you have fun this summer.

Photos courtesy Rec and Parks Lifeguard Academy

While you splish-splash in one of the City's 63 aquatics recreation facilities – swimming pools – this summer, you probably won't think about how well trained the City's lifeguards are. And that's okay with the staff in Rec and Parks' Aquatics Division. Their goal is to make sure you stay safe while you have fun.

But you should know, anyway. LA Lifeguards must pass a tough 56-hour program, and that's the focus of this *Alive!* article. (Open water lifeguards – for City facilities including Hansen Dam, Lake Balboa, Cabrillo Beach, MacArthur Park and Echo Lake – require an 80-hour program.)

"It's a serious process," says Jimmy Kim, Aquatic Facilities Manager I – Lifeguard Lt. I, and Club Member. As the training officer, he runs the Lifeguard Academy, working under the direction of Assistant Chief Lifeguards Richard Godino, Patricia Delgado and Jon Kopitzke, who report to Mary Bingham, Principal Recreation Supervisor I and Club Member. "Our Academy is intense training, which includes full-contact rescues," Jimmy notes. "And there's a final skills testing at the conclusion of the Academy. It's very thorough. We take training our lifeguards very seriously."

While there are 41 full-time aquatics administrators and two full-time clerical staff, the number of part-time City lifeguards raises that total to nearly 700. The Aquatics Division trains between 120 and 140 future lifeguards each year in three different eight-day sessions.

Jimmy Kim notes that, for many City lifeguards, their lifeguard stint is only the beginning of their City careers. Some become Firefighters, Police Officers, Park Rangers and General Service Public Safety Officers.

"And many have parents, even grandparents, who were City lifeguards," he notes.

What does it take to become a City Lifeguard?

Follow the Spring 2008 graduating class, day by day, as they endeavor to put safety first.



Some of the Aquatics Division Supervisory Personnel, from left: Jimmy Kim, Aquatic Facility Manager I – Lifeguard Lt. I, Club Member; Vilma Bonda, Aquatic Facility Manager I – Lifeguard Lt. I; Ken Haraikawa, Acting Aquatic Facility Manager I – Lifeguard Lt. I; Mary E. Bingham, Principal Recreation Supervisor I; Club Member; and Edwin Roalegeno, Aquatic Facility Manager II – Lifeguard Lt. II.

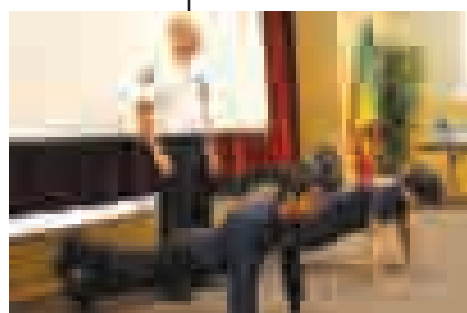


LIFEGUARD TRAINING PROGRAM




Orientation: April 26, EPICC Pool

- Rookie Uniform Issuance
- Lifeguard Responsibilities
- Blood-Borne Pathogens
- MSDS, Pesticide, Heat Exhaustion, Sun Safety, Code of Conduct



ABOUT THE AQUATICS DIVISION



The operation of 63 City aquatic facilities is the responsibility of the Aquatics Division. These facilities offer a variety of recreational opportunities to the diverse communities of the Los Angeles area as well as visitors to the area from around the world.

The City opened its first municipal swimming pool in the Arroyo Seco area in 1914. The number of swimming pools has grown steadily to the present 58. Of those, the majority (42) are open seasonally. The remaining 16 operate all year. Eight are indoor pools.

Lifeguards began offering protection on City beaches at Venice Beach in 1923, and expanded through the annexation of San Pedro and lease agreements with the State of California in the Pacific Palisades and Westchester areas. By 1963, City lifeguards provided service on 41 percent of the guarded beaches in Los Angeles County and three lakes in and out of the County. In 1974, an agreement turned most of the beach lifeguard operations over to the County of Los Angeles. City lifeguards currently provide protection at Cabrillo Beach in San Pedro, and four City lakes.

The Aquatics Division has 41 full-time life-saving employees and two full-time clerical staff, all under the supervision of a Principal Recreation Supervisor I. The daily operation of the Division is the responsibility of three Aquatic Directors. The field operation is supervised by three levels of Aquatic Facility Managers, who report to the Aquatic Directors. The Division employs more than 700 life-saving and 600 non-life-saving part-time employees.

Due to part-time employee turnover, the Division annually tests more than 500 applicants for life-saving and non-life-saving positions. Of these, approximately 150 life-saving candidates are hired, trained and assigned each year. More than 100 non-life-saving candidates are hired each year as well.

The Division also operates its own logistics operation, responsible for ordering, repairing, warehousing and distributing all operational equipment and supplies. It is also responsible for the annual cleaning and preparation of the seasonal pools.

Additionally, the Division trains 3,000 Department full- and part-time staff in first aid, CPR and the use of the AED. The Division also offers this training to several sections of the DWP and Public Works, as well as the community.

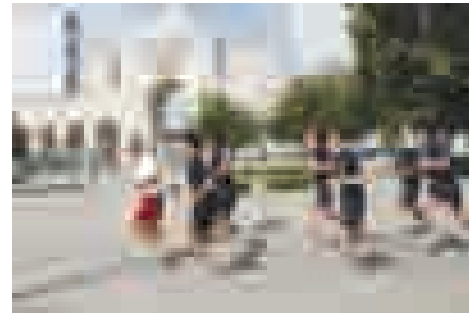
The Aquatics Division provides vigilant lifeguards and safe, clean, well-programmed aquatic facilities for the use and enjoyment of the citizens of greater Los Angeles.



2 FEB DAY

EPICC

- Preventative Lifeguarding
- Swim Rescue
- Workout
- CPR Lecture



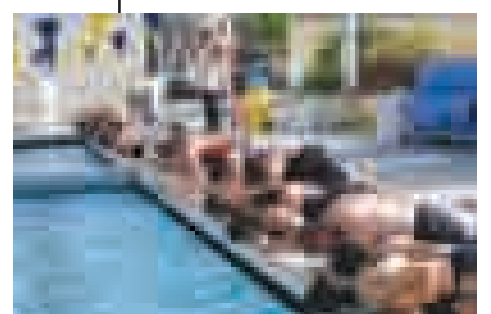
LIFEGUARD TRAINING PROGRAM



3 FEB DAY

EPICC

- CPR Practical
- Emergency Response
- Workout
- Maintenance

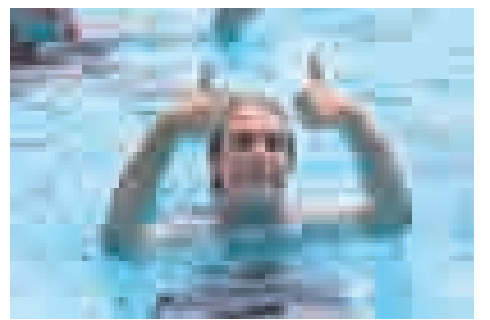
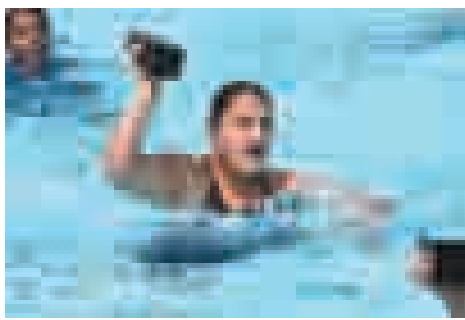
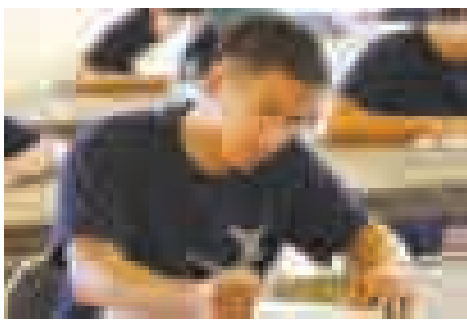


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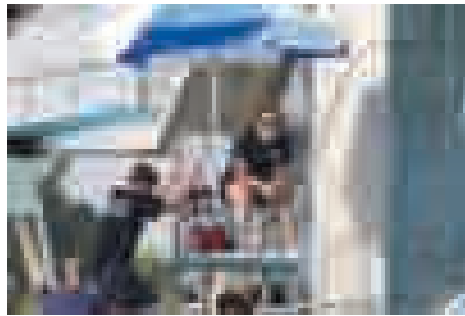
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EPICC

- CPR Written Exam
- First Aid Lecture
- Workout
- Learn to Swim
- CPR Skills Testing



LIFEGUARD TRAINING PROGRAM



VNSO

- Victim Extrication
- Workout
- First Aid Practical



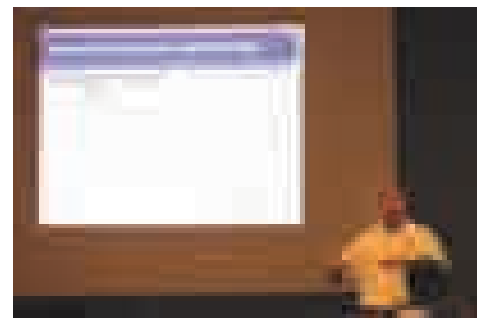
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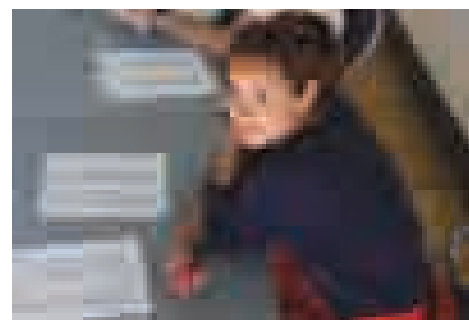
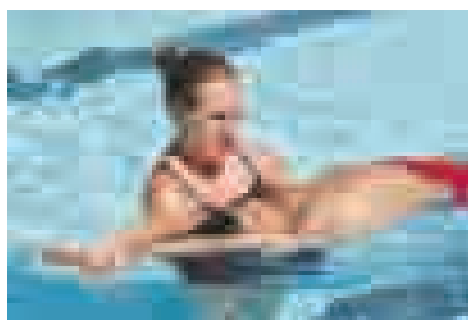
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EPICC

- Defenses, Escapes, Releases
- Workout
- Disaster Preparation
- Program Responsibilities



LIFEGUARD TRAINING PROGRAM



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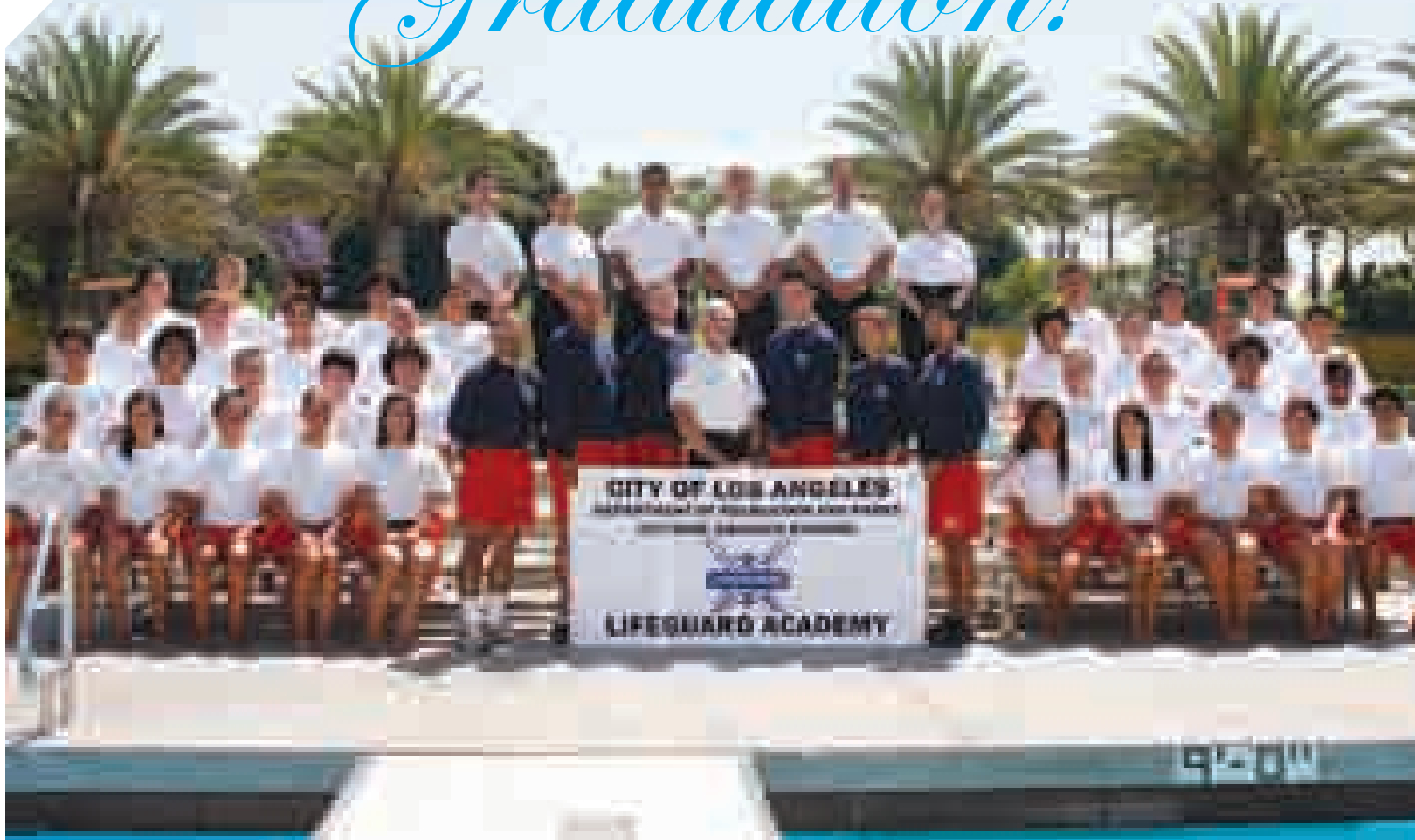
- Written Exam
- Water Skills Final
- Medical Skills Testing
- LA City Final Written Test



FRIDAY

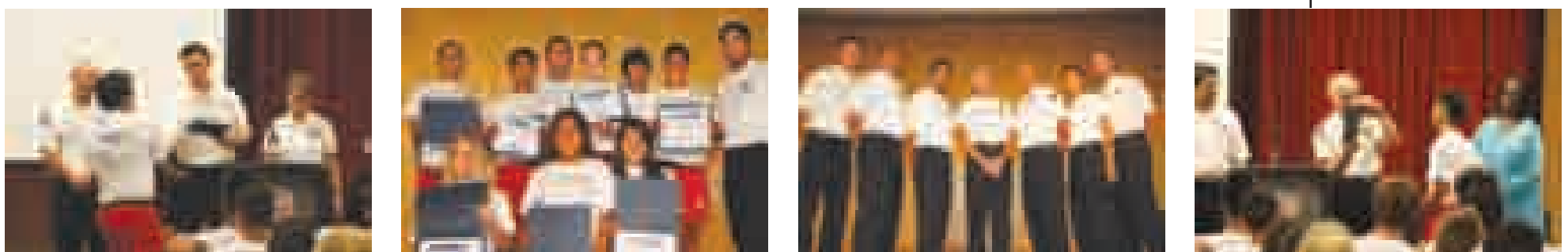


Graduation!



EPICC:

- Make-ups
- Class Picture
- Graduation



Code of Conduct

The following is the official Lifeguard Academy Code of Conduct that all recruits must sign.

The Lifeguard Academy requires all candidates to adhere to the following standards of conduct:

Attendance

- Candidates will arrive on time. Three tardies shall result in dismissal from the Academy.
- Participation in all pool and classroom exercises is required.
- Failure to attend training sessions shall result in a hold status being placed on that candidate. The candidate shall be advised of facing possible dismissal. The candidate may continue to attend and be paid while a determination is made whether a suitable make-up session is feasible.
- Determinations of dismissal may be mitigated by reasons for absences.

Appearance and Equipment

- Candidates shall possess all required equipment and uniform items each day. Failure to possess any necessary item shall be considered equivalent to a tardy. Compliance with Division appearance standards is required:
- Hair must be short or contained.
- Men must be clean-shaven, or beards and mustaches must be neatly trimmed.

- Shirts must be tucked in.
- No jewelry shall be worn other than a wedding band or wristwatch; piercing are not allowed.
- Tattoos deemed offensive by Academy staff must be covered at all times.
- No uniform items are to be worn off-duty other than in transit to and from work site in a private vehicle.
- Food and beverages are not permitted in the classroom. Water is permitted in a sealable container.
- Cell phones and pagers are not permitted on the person during the training. Possession of these items shall be considered equivalent to a tardy. Personal calls or text messages may be made during breaks. Emergency contact is permitted through the facility landline.
- Willful misuse or damage to equipment will result in dismissal and possible termination.

Performance

- Failure to perform skills during testing or remediation, including written and physical tests, shall be cause for dismissal.
- Violations of Department standards will result in dismissal from the Academy and appropriate action per MOU protocols.
- Candidates shall remain attentive throughout lectures and exercises.



Jimmy Kim, Aquatic Facility Manager I – Lifeguard Lt. I, and Club Member, stands in front of the active duty board, where all lifeguards are assigned to a specific facility. This room is part of the Aquatics Division headquarters in Griffith Park.

- Instructors, other Division personnel and the public are to be addressed with courtesy and respect.
- Questions must be limited to relevant matters only during instruction; other questions may be addressed during breaks.
- Prior experience and previously learned techniques are to be set aside. Drill and exercises must be performed as taught.
- Candidates must remain safety conscious at all times. Candidates must report any accident, injury or illness immediately to an instructor or squad leader for evaluation.
- Insubordination, dishonesty, behavior during or outside Academy that reflects discredit on the Division or Department will not be tolerated and will result in immediate dismissal and termination.

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Please Be Safe On July Fourth



**By Jimmy Hill;
Fire Marshal, LAFD**

I want you and your family to be safe on the Fourth of July, and all holidays.

The best ways to do that are by attending approved fireworks shows and knowing all your local laws. The use or sale of all fireworks, including safe and sane ones, has been illegal in the City since 1942, except at approved shows. Possessing fireworks is a misdemeanor, punishable with a fine of \$1,000 and/or one year in jail.

In the City of Los Angeles, property losses due to illegal fireworks were \$388,160 in 2007.

The Fourth of July is one of the busiest days of the year for emergency services. People using illegal fireworks cause most emergency calls for fires and injuries. Most firecracker injuries happen to the eyes, hands, head and face areas. Almost half of all people injured were under the age of 15.

Sparklers can heat up to 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit, enough to melt gold.

FIREWORKS SAFETY RULES

Here are some rules that will help make your holiday a safe one:

- If you see a fire, call 9-1-1.
- Do not use or light any fireworks.
- Never let anyone touch, pick up or re-light a dud (bad) firecracker that has been left lying on the ground. If you find one, contact the proper authority.

Stay away from all fireworks, except at approved shows. Play it safe!

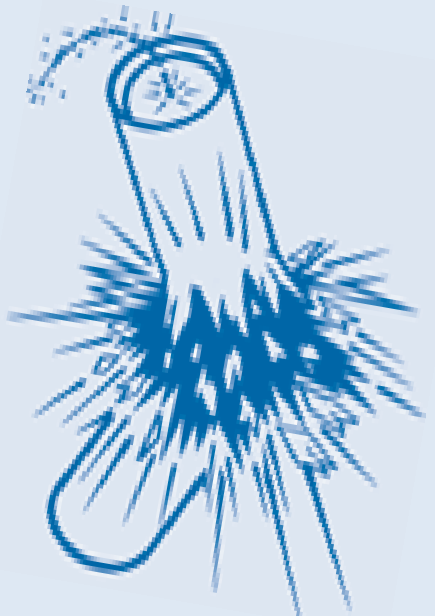
For more information, contact your local fire station, or go to:
www.lafd.org

Remember, animals have very sensitive hearing and can be stressed or frightened due to noise from fireworks. So:

- Keep your pets indoors with the windows closed and the air conditioner on.
- Turn on the volume of the television or radio, to help block some of the noise.
- Consider putting your pets in a boarding kennel.

The goal of the LAFD's anti-fireworks campaign is to:

- Reduce the number of fire and injuries from fireworks.
- Remind citizens that all fireworks are illegal in the City of Los Angeles.
- Encourage all citizens to attend a public fireworks display.



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CITY COUNCIL

Awardz for Exzellece

Councilman Dennis Zine hosts his annual Z Awards, an event that's growing in stature.

Photos by Harvey Branman

The sixth annual Z Awards For Exzellece was held May 29, honoring City and County employees who go above and beyond what is expected of them to serve the people of the Third Council District and the City and County of Los Angeles.

The celebration was held at the Warner Center Marriott in Woodland Hills.

Congratulations to the honorees!
 Alive! thanks Jessica Tarman and Lois Julien for their assistance in putting this article together.



From left: CHP Officer Kevin Baxter; Sheriff Deputy Justin Fisk; LAPD Support Officer Rutilio Villarreal; LAFD Chief Douglas Barry; LAFD Captain/Paramedic Timothy Wilson; LAPD Chief William Bratton; Joshua Garcia from the West Valley Explorers; Councilman Dennis P. Zine, Third District; LAPD Traffic Officer Douglas Gallaher; Deputy District Attorney Gretchen Ford; Cass Ybarra; LAPD Reserve Officer Thorpe; and Event Chair Rickey Gelb.



Councilmembers Dennis Zine, Wendy Greuel and Eric Garcetti with Zine's Council staff with Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.



LAFD Chief Douglas Barry.

The 2008 honorees were:



Casimiro Ybarra was presented the Citizen's Award.



Scholarship Awardee Joshua Garcia, LAPD Explorers.



From left: Event sponsor Rickey Gelb; unknown; Councilman Dennis Zine; and Councilwoman Wendy Greuel.

TIMOTHY WILSON
 LAFD Captain/Paramedic

Timothy Wilson, LAFD Captain/Paramedic, has completed 34 years of honorable service to the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Fire Department. He has been Captain for 21 of the 34 years he has served with the LAFD; and has held Fire and Emergency Medical assignments in Downtown, South Los Angeles and Venice. Capt. Wilson is assigned as the EMS Battalion Captain for the West San Fernando Valley, and has received the LAFD Award of Merit for supervising the treatment and transportation of six burned firefighters during the Calabasas fire. Recently, he went into a home where a two-year-old had stopped breathing. Capt. Wilson performed a medical procedure to clear the child's airway. The child began breathing and was taken to the hospital, making a full recovery. LAFD Capt. Wilson and his wife, Susan, have three grown children.



Honoree Timothy Wilson.

JUSTIN FISK
 Sheriff's Deputy

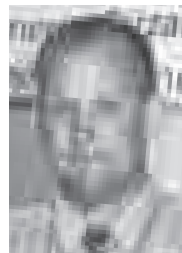
Justin Fisk, Sheriff's Deputy has completed seven years of honorable and distinguished service to the County of Los Angeles. After his training was concluded, Sheriff's Deputy Fisk was promoted to Motorcycle Deputy and assigned to the Chatsworth Substation. He has been serving as a Crime Impact Motor on the Orange Line in the San Fernando Valley, responding to calls for service as well as handling the enforcement of traffic violations. As Motorcycle Deputy, he concentrates on speeding vehicles that traverse the Orange Line, and his dedication has led to a decrease in accidents. In 2007, he wrote 1,081 hazardous citations, of which 998 were for speeding. He has received more than 23 commendations from Los Angeles City and County.



Honoree Justin Fisk.

KEVIN BAXTER
 CHP Officer

Kevin Baxter, CHP Officer, a member of the California Highway Patrol for 11 years, has spent the last seven years in the West Valley Area. He is a certified Range Master, Physical Methods of Arrest instructor, a Taser instructor, and a weapons expert. He is a member of the Honor Guard and Rifle Team; has participated in the Active Shooter Training; and is a certified Drug Recognition Expert. Working most of his career on the graveyard shift, he has earned a MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) award for the last three consecutive years for his work in removing DUI offenders from the highway as often as possible. He and his wife, April, have two children. When off-duty, Officer Baxter enjoys hunting and fishing and is an accomplished runner.



Honoree Kevin Baxter.

GRETCHEN FORD
 Deputy District Attorney

Gretchen Ford, Deputy District Attorney, joined the District Attorney's Office in 1991. She has prosecuted 102 felony trials, of which 59 cases were murders. She is one of the most outstanding trial attorneys in the office and is assigned to prosecute the most complex cases in the Van Nuys Courthouse. Recently, Deputy District Attorney Ford was engaged in the trial of People v. Paul Baker, which resulted in a guilty verdict and a death penalty verdict. Ms. Ford grew up in New York and New England; received her Bachelor of arts degree, *cum laude*, from Barnard College at Columbia University, and her law degree from UCLA Law School. Before attending law school, she worked on a bond-trading floor on Wall Street. She is married to Edward Stewart, and they have two children.



Honoree Gretchen Ford.



From left: Councilman Dennis Zine and Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.

GARY THORPE
 LAPD Reserve Officer

Gary Thorpe, LAPD Reserve Officer, has donated more than 3,000 hours of service to the community since joining the LAPD in 1990. As a Reserve Officer, he balances his full-time job as a high school teacher with his duties at the West Valley Patrol. Although his heart and soul are in his patrol assignments, Reserve Officer Thorpe has also worked Vice, Narcotics and Community Events. He has averaged more than two shifts per month during 2007, and averages 15 to 20 calls per shift. Always enthusiastic and dedicated, he adds significantly to the quality of life in our community and is highly respected by other officers.



Honoree Gary Thorpe.

DOUGLAS GALLAHER
 LAPD Traffic Officer

Douglas Gallaher, LAPD Traffic Officer, has completed 30 years of honorable service to the people of Los Angeles and the LAPD. For 24 years, his primary mission has been to reduce traffic-related injuries and deaths by enforcing the vehicle code on behalf of the community. Officer Gallaher uses his traffic enforcement expertise to educate the public about traffic safety; and, he often serves as a mentor to less experienced officers. Considered a leader among his peers, he has had an immeasurable impact on the community. His contribution to the public and to traffic safety is worthy of praise.



Honoree Douglas Gallaher.

RUTILIO VILLAREAL
 LAPD Air Support Officer

Rutilio Villarreal, LAPD Air Support Officer, has completed nine and a half years of distinguished service as a Tactical Flight Officer in the LAPD's Air Support Division. Awarded 88 commendations throughout his career, Officer Villarreal has provided outstanding tactical insight and has maintained the highest level of officer and public safety as he operates highly technical equipment. Recently, Officer Villarreal rescued a 74-year-old grandfather who had become separated from his family while hiking in steep terrain in the Mulholland hills of the West Valley. The successful helicopter rescue delivered the dehydrated man to his waiting family.



Honoree Rutilio Villarreal.



PERSONNEL

Career Service Awards

Personnel hands out its annual Civilian Career Service Awards.

Text and photos courtesy Personnel

On May 16, in City Council Chambers, Councilmember Dennis P. Zine, assisted by Personnel Department Assistant General Manager Gloria Sosa, honored the 2007 Civilian Career Service Award recipients. The 26 recipients, representing various City Departments, were honored for their outstanding public service under the categories of "Exceptional Customer Service," "Outstanding Work Contribution or Dedication to Duty," "Incredible Acts of Heroism" and "Special Recognition from a City Department or Other Governmental Agencies for Extraordinary Services." Many family members, friends and co-workers packed the Council Chambers to witness this momentous occasion.

Since its inception in 1971, the Civilian Career Service Award Program has been recognizing City employees for their important contributions and dedicated service to the City of Los Angeles. This annual employee recognition event sponsored by the Mayor and City Council, and coordinated by the Personnel Department, is timed to coincide with the Mayor's proclamation of the month of May as Public Service Recognition Month.

"Public Service Recognition Month" provides the City with a wonderful opportunity to educate the public about the broad variety of services provided to the community, and to recognize City employees for outstanding performance and notable achievements.



Dennis P. Zine (left of center), assisted by Personnel Department Assistant General Manager Gloria Sosa (third from left), honored the 2007 Civilian Career Service Award recipients.

HONORED FOR PROVIDING EXCEPTIONAL CUSTOMER SERVICE:

DELIA L. HERNANDEZ

*Chief Clerk, Service Retirement Unit
Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System*

Ms. Hernandez is a supervisor and counselor of the Service Retirement Unit at LACERS. She is that rare employee who not only subscribes to the idea of providing superior customer service but also embodies it and transforms it into something truly exceptional. Through her energy, positive attitude and selfless efforts, she takes ownership of LACERS' mission statement and core values. She possesses integrity, a dedication to services, and a level of compassion that challenges all employees to achieve a comparable standard. She has made it her job to know the clientele she serves and to be the type of counselor who not only provides retirement information but does so while maintaining a sensitivity and human compassion toward all she serves. When asked why she takes such pride in her work, Ms. Hernandez responded, "Members are a part of my extended family, and you always want to treat your family with care and consideration."



Delia L. Hernandez

PAUL B. MAHONY

*Automotive Supervisor, Fleet Services Division
General Services*

Mr. Mahony, acting on his own initiative, embarked on a project of improving shop efficiencies. This he did with stellar results! He consolidated the various databases and using e-mail as the notification method, and developed and implemented a Vehicle Automated Preventive Maintenance Notification system, being used in Fleet Services Shops citywide.

This system reduced several hours of work to just a few minutes per week, and costly backlogs no longer exist, reducing vehicle turnaround time with significant improvement in overall efficiency. Also, overdue weekly Preventive Maintenance percentages have dropped from a high of 12 percent to an average of 2.5 percent. Due to the resounding success of this system, not only has inherent past inefficiencies been resolved, it has contributed significantly to the General Services' primary mission of providing the best possible service to its customers.



Paul B. Mahony

EARNEST NAM

*Systems Analyst II, Council, CLA and Mayor Support
ITA*

Mr. Nam's professionalism, dedication and selfless service have made him the role model for all ITA employees. He is always looking for ways to improve system performance and integrity from a technical perspective, to provide a more reliable and productive working environment for ITA customers. He has earned numerous commendations and high praise from the Mayor and Council members in recognition of his impeccable service and skill set. On urgent matters, he makes himself available to work after-office hours and weekends. No matter how difficult the task, Mr. Nam accepts the challenge and delivers! His relentless pursuit of excellent customer service contributes greatly to ITA's mission of keeping its clients happy.



Earnest Nam

FRANK A. NAVARRO

*Former Principal Librarian I, Information Technologies and Collections Division
Library*

Mr. Navarro, recently retired, consistently provided exemplary customer service in his 32 years of service to the Los Angeles Public Library. He served communities in Los Angeles in a variety of capacities including Children and Youth Librarian; Senior Librarian of Multilingual Services and Adult Services Coordinator. In each assignment he has been a shining example of professionalism and dedication to public service. Some of the most notable examples of Mr. Navarro's "looking out for the customer" approach has been the countless number of young people that he has motivated to read, enabling them to perceive a world beyond their communities; the development of a Spanish-language collection in all 71 branch libraries; and substantially increasing the cultural and education programs for adults throughout the City.



Frank A. Navarro

HONORED FOR THEIR INCREDIBLE ACTS OF HEROISM:

GREG ELVERT

*Carpenter
DWP*

On Aug. 3, while fishing, a man fell into the cooling water inlet channel for the DWP Haynes Generating Station in Long Beach. The current was so strong that the individual never had a chance to pull himself out of the water and traveled more than two miles before being spotted by Mr. Elvert and a fellow colleague. By that time, the man was considerably weakened by the water flow. Without thinking of his own wellbeing, Mr. Elvert pulled the man to safety. If not for his heroic feat, the man would have most certainly been sucked up against the intake screens of the cooling pumps, likely resulting in his death.



Greg Elvert

ROBERT BUENROSTRO

*Park Maintenance Supervisor
Public Works/Sanitation*



Robert Buenrostro

CAROL F. MCDERMOTT

*Senior Gardener
Public Works/Sanitation*

On Oct. 31, 2007, Mr. Buenrostro and Ms. McDermott were performing a brush growth inspection of City-owned properties along the Lopez Canyon landfill, when they witnessed the stabbing of a woman outside her home. They went to the aid of the victim, causing the assailant to flee. They immediately called 911, and provided information on the victim's condition and the suspect's direction of flight. This act of bravery and quick action prevented further injuries to the victim (that could have ended in a potential loss of the victim's life). Also, based on the information provided by these two brave individuals, the assailant was apprehended.



Carol F. McDermott

RALPH MENDOZA

*Maintenance and Construction Helper
Public Works/Street Services*



Ralph Mendoza

FRANCIS TUBAL

*Street Services Worker I
Public Works/Street Services*

On April 20, 2007, Messrs. Mendoza and Tubal en route to their next destination were stopped for a red light at Washington Boulevard and San Pedro Street, when they noticed a man trying to get a shopping cart over the railroad tracks. The cart was wedged on the tracks and as the man bent down to free it, he passed out. Realizing that a train was approaching, Mr. Mendoza jumped out of the truck and ran to assist the unconscious man, dragging him to safety, while Mr. Tubal radioed the yard to call for 911 assistance. Their heroic actions that day saved a man's life.



Francis Tubal

MAURICE DONALD

*Electrical Mechanic Supervisor
Integrated Support Services Division, DWP*



Maurice Donald

ADAM FONTI

*Electrical Mechanic
Integrated Support Services Division, DWP*



Adam Fonti

RUDY RAMIREZ

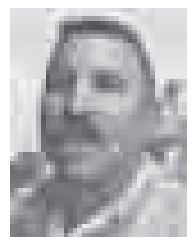
*Electrical Mechanic
Integrated Support Services Division, DWP*



Rudy Ramirez

JOHN STRAUCH

*Electrical Mechanic
Integrated Support Services Division, DWP*



John Strauch

GARY FULLER

*Senior Electrical Mechanic
Integrated Support Services Division, DWP*

On Nov. 2, 2007, a DWP electrical mechanic suffered a heart attack. Messrs. Donald, Fonti, Ramirez, Strauch and Fuller performed life-saving actions on their stricken colleague, from calling and relaying information to the 911 operator, to checking for a pulse (there was none), to applying CPR and the Automatic External Defibrillator device, among other things. Their quick thinking and on-the-spot actions resulted in the revival of their colleague and we are happy to announce he is back at work.



Gary Fuller

Career Service Awards

- Continued

**HONORED FOR SPECIAL RECOGNITION FROM A CITY DEPARTMENT
OR
OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES FOR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICES:**
LAURINE BRAITHWAITE
Legislative Assistant II
City Clerk

Ms. Braithwaite is exceedingly knowledgeable of the inner workings and nuances of every Council committee. In particular, she has handled one of the most challenging and stressful Committees, Budget and Finance. She handled this difficult Committee with confidence and diligence, even with a significant increase in workload. For her outstanding contributions, Ms. Braithwaite has been publicly praised by Councilmember Bernard Parks and has received a Divisional commendation. She is also a trainer in the Legislative Assistant training cadre program and is a key player in promoting new efficiencies at the Division level.



Lauraine Braithwaite

**HONORED FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK
CONTRIBUTION / DEDICATION TO DUTY:**
GREGORY R. ALLISON
Former Director of Systems
City Clerk

During his tenure with the Office of the City Clerk, Mr. Allison consistently demonstrated outstanding dedication to duty and leadership in his capacity as Director of Systems. With his outstanding technical knowledge and superb supervisory and technical skills, the efficiency and quality of the Systems Division's operation increased greatly. Some of his accomplishments included: the Online Ordinance Search System, Council meeting video conferencing, the Council video streaming project, and the transition to online access to County property ownership records. He has made major contributions to the City, and is thus considered as one of the most valued and respected managers in the City.



Gregory R. Allison

ALVIN Y. BLAIN
Former General Manager
General Services

Mr. Blain recently retired from the City of Los Angeles after enjoying a distinguished 34-year career. Early in his career, he recognized the importance of reducing the City's dependence on fossil fuel and thus protecting the environment. As General Manager of General Services, he continued this pursuit and through many strategic decisions helped to position Los Angeles as one of the greenest cities in the United States. His legacy will continue as the General Services Department moves forward to find more innovative ways to make government more efficient, while protecting the environment. Mr. Blain, a true visionary leader, will be missed.



Alvin Y. Blain

ROBERT FREEMAN
Emergency Preparedness Coordinator II
Emergency Management

Mr. Freeman chaired the 2007 Annual Emergency Management Workshop with terrific results. He brought together various county, state and federal agencies, for one single purpose: the development and preparedness of the City's Executive Disaster Management Team. The overwhelming benefit of the Workshop was the exposure to the response and recovery efforts of jurisdictions directly impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The City has taken lessons learned and has begun to realign several of its planning tools, exercise initiatives and overall emergency operations strategies. These efforts may not have been recognized without the insight of this Workshop, which came about as a result of Mr. Freeman's commitment and dedication to the project.



Robert Freeman

MICHAEL KIRLEY
Librarian III
Library

Mr. Kirley has been with the Central Library's Genealogy Department for 38 years and has shown extraordinary dedication to duty by practically single-handedly developing the Genealogy collection into one of the foremost collections in the United States. He is recognized as a leader in genealogy research and is sought after by patrons and genealogical researchers alike. He has represented the Los Angeles Public Library and its collections on a national level. He has been instrumental in the digitization of finding aids and library resources making them available to users on the Library's website. Due to Mr. Kirley's efforts, the Los Angeles Public Library's genealogy collection is considered to be a must visit research collection for family historians throughout California.



Michael Kirley

JUNE LAGMAY
Mayoral Aide VIII
Office of the Mayor

Ms. Lagmay is an invaluable resource not only for the Mayor's Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations team but for all teams in the Mayor's Office. Her value to the Mayor's Office and the City as a whole is her ability to make things work! She is the resource that everyone turns to – the "person with the answers." It doesn't matter what the subject matter or policy issue, June is able and ready to help. She is always thinking miles ahead of everyone, as there is no problem that cannot be solved. She is truly the rock that everyone can and does lean on.



June Lagmay

RAYMOND LAMPKIN
Parking Enforcement Manager II (retired)
Transportation

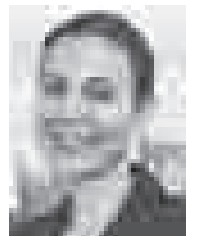
Mr. Lampkin recently retired from a distinguished 37-year career in City Service. Formerly a Parking Enforcement Manager in Transportation, Mr. Lampkin was known as the epitome of "dedication to duty." He managed the Support Services Division, the City's School Crossing Guard program, and the Special Events Unit. He was instrumental in the planning, development, and implementation of various other enforcement programs. He was involved in the Democratic National Convention in 2000, and part of the management team that negotiated and established the Memorandum of Agreement with the Pasadena Police Department.



Raymond Lampkin

LENA MAUN-DESANTIS
Marine Environmental Supervisor
Harbor

Ms. Maun-Desantis is being recognized for the work she performed on the TraPac Terminal Expansion Project, the first major capital improvement project in the San Pedro Bay Port in seven years. Her focus, organization and attention to details were invaluable to the project, addressing for the first time ever, the health risks associated with a terminal expansion project and ways to significantly reduce pollutants – all while addressing increased trade, adding a rail yard and creating hundreds of jobs at TraPac. Ms. Maun-Desantis' work on the TraPac project will serve as an example to lead the Port of Los Angeles in its mission to "grow green" by placing a high priority on responsible and sustainable growth.



Lena Maun-Desantis

JULIA T. NAGANO
Director of Corporate Communications
Harbor

Ms. Nagano is a 37-year City employee, with 28 years in the Port's Public Affairs Division. She was tasked with spearheading the Port of Los Angeles' Centennial celebration in 2007. With a year-long itinerary of special events and programs, she led this multifaceted effort which included the historical Port coffee table book, Rail Festival, "Stepping Back in Time" historical tour of Wilmington and San Pedro and the Port's entry in the 2008 Rose Parade. The Port's celebratory year was a huge success, heightening the awareness of the Port to residents of Southern California and beyond. Ms. Nagano is commended for her career of dedicated service to the City of Los Angeles.



Julia T. Nagano

BERNICE ORPHE
Senior Clerk Typist (retired)
Rec and Parks

Ms. Orphe, a recently retired 30-year City employee, was recognized for her outstanding dedication to duty. She distinguished herself early in her City career, evident by the numerous commendations and letters of appreciation she received from both internal and external customers for going above and beyond the call of duty throughout the years. It is a testament to her exceptional work ethic and dedication to duty, whether it was working diligently to meet department deadlines or working nights and weekends under stressful conditions to successfully complete the task on hand. This is further exemplified by her steadfast attendance record. Ms. Orphe, whose kind and good-natured personality is only matched by her modesty, was commended for a job well done.



Bernice Orphe

CHUCK RUBIN
Senior Management Analyst II
General Services

In June 2007, the City was faced with an important decision under its current lease to exercise "right of first refusal" to purchase Figueroa Plaza. Mr. Rubin gathered all key City personnel from the CAO, CLA, City Attorney, Mayor, Bureau of Engineering and General Services to develop a master plan in the purchase, review and analysis of the property. In successfully ensuring the collaborative efforts of the various City departments, he was instrumental in developing a strategy to address this multi-million-dollar property acquisition. According to the Mayor and City Council, the document produced due to Mr. Rubin's efforts is the best ever developed for such an acquisition.



Chuck Rubin

DOMINGO SAUCEDA
Director of Enforcement Operations
Housing

With 30 years of experience in building inspection and code enforcement, Mr. Saucedá's leadership over the Systematic Code Enforcement Program has helped to establish an organizational culture of accountability, commitment and respect for residents and landlords. His imprint is very much felt with regards to the habitability and critical life-safety issues facing City residents in rental housing. Under Mr. Saucedá's guidance for the last ten years, the enforcement program has had a major impact, inspecting 780,000 residential rental units and thus serving more than million residents. It is estimated that the program has resulted in the reinvestment of more than \$1.7 billion into the City's housing stock, for building repairs due to cited code violations.



Domingo Saucedá

LAFD

Chopper Facility Takes Off

New Fire Dept. Air Operations facility at Van Nuys Airport celebrates its grand opening.



No Fire Station opening could be complete without a Dalmatian.



Dignitaries cut the ribbon.

The men and women of the Los Angeles Fire Department warmly welcomed hundreds of civic and community leaders, including Fire Chief Douglas Barry, and the general public at the public dedication and grand opening of the City's newest municipal aviation facility May 31.

The event included helicopter displays, a live demonstration, and activities for children. There was also food and entertainment as well as tours of Southern California's newest municipal facility, which serves the Los Angeles Fire Department and allied agencies.

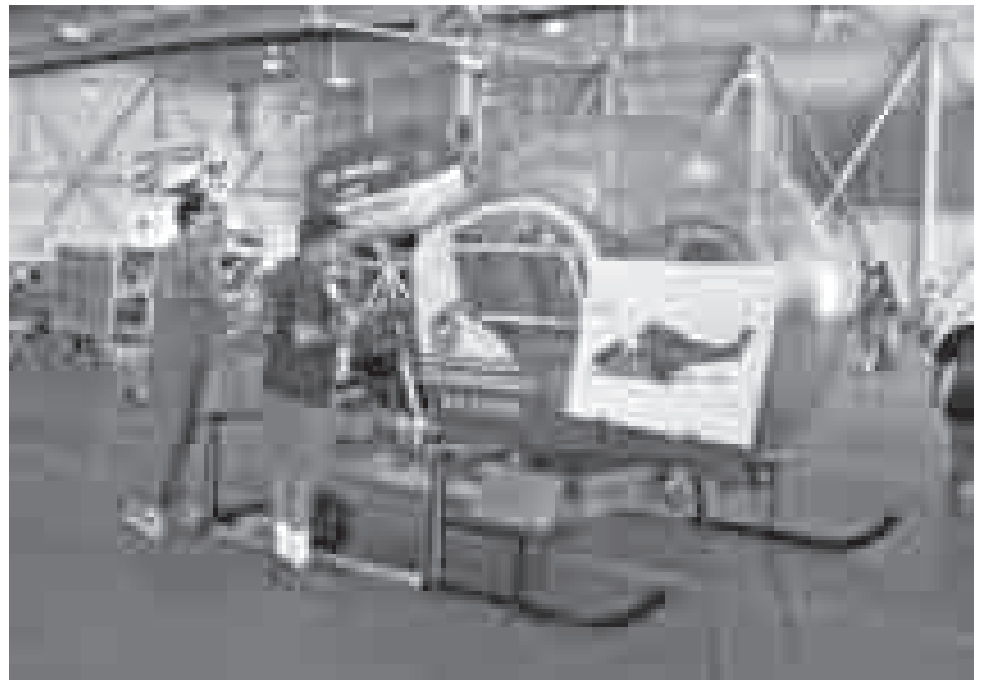
The new LAFD Air Operations and Airport Fire/Rescue facility, also known as *Fire Station 114*, replaces cramped and inefficient buildings that were used for more than three decades, and deemed deficient in operational and safety issues affecting air operations including; take off and landing clearances; helicopter parking and hanger space; clearance between helicopters; parts storage capabilities; and noise affecting the neighborhood.

Other departments involved in the building of the facility include the LAPD, Airports General Services, and Public Works/Engineering.


To learn more about this and other Los Angeles Fire Department facilities modernized by Proposition F, please visit: lafd.org/propf.htm



The opening ceremony.



Tours were part of the opening ceremony.



Graduates!


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- The school from which they graduated. If a college, tell us their major.
- Their future plans (briefly)
- The name and department of the Club member they're related to (and how they're related)

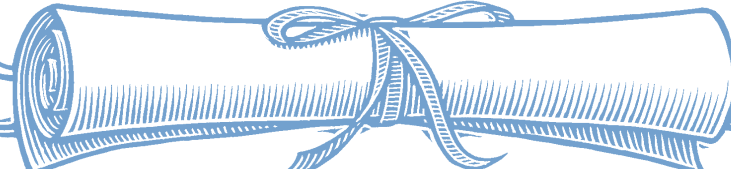



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MEDAL OF VALOR

Twenty-one officers, proving their bravery in seven incidents, were honored for their courage in the line of duty at the annual Medal of Valor ceremony, held May 28 at the Hollywood and Highland complex in Hollywood.

At the event, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Police Chief William Bratton, City Councilmembers and other dignitaries joined about 800 police personnel and others.

To be awarded the Medal of Valor, an officer shall have performed an act displaying extreme courage while consciously facing imminent peril. It is awarded by the Police Commissioners and is presented by the Chief of Police, in the name of the Los Angeles Police Department.

Villaraigosa called the 21 officers being honored "everyday heroes who, without hesitation and in the face of great danger, reached out with a hand of assistance in a way we have to celebrate."

The Club congratulates all the honorees and thanks them for keeping Los Angeles safe.

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Police Commission honors the finest with annual Medal of Valor.

OFFICERS JESSE CARDENAS AND JESUS PARRAS



Officer Jesse Cardenas

In the late hours of Feb. 28, 2007, Newton Area patrol Officers Jesse Cardenas and Jesus Parras heard a radio call for a "Code Three" on a vehicle fire in progress, potentially with a person trapped inside. Officers Cardenas and Parras responded immediately and were on the scene in less than 60 seconds.

They found a parked vehicle, reverse lights illuminated, engulfed in flames. For both Officers Cardenas and Parras, it was evident the reverse lights were a cry for help from whomever was inside. Both Officers Cardenas and Parras rushed to the vehicle, where Officer Cardenas smashed the front driver's side window with his baton. With the vehicle continuing to burn, both officers braved the searing heat and billowing clouds of thick pungent smoke, hoping to find the victim before it was too late. And they did: The victim was unconscious but still breathing when Officers Cardenas and Parras pulled the man by the arms from the vehicle and dragged him to safety.

The initial assessment by the Los Angeles Fire Department determined

that the vehicle had overheated, which, combined with a dangerous fuel leak, had caused the fire. The victim was treated for smoke inhalation on the scene. The victim said he had been unconscious up to the point he was pulled from his car by the two brave officers. Witnesses, including police officers from Air Support Division who were flying overhead and a news photographer who captured the footage on tape, all firmly believe that if Officers Cardenas and Parras arrived a mere 30 seconds later, or had hesitated in any manner, the victim would have died in the fire.



Officer Jesus Parras

The Officers are commended for their attention to duty in being alert to the radio call, responding without hesitation, and disregarding their own well-being, braving extreme heat and dangerous smoke to save the life of a person.

Their courage, teamwork, decisive action and quick decision-making ability in rescuing a trapped man from a burning vehicle exemplify the finest qualities of the Los Angeles Police Department.

OFFICERS JOEL FLORES AND STEVEN CHUNG



Officer Joel Flores

In the early morning hours of Jan. 17, 1997, Officer Joel Flores and his partner, Officer Steven Chung, assigned to West Valley Area, were on routine patrol driving on Ventura Boulevard at Zelzah Avenue, when they noticed a vehicle leaving the Ralph's Market parking lot at high speed and running through a red tri-light signal. Because of the driver's erratic driving, Officers Flores and Chung believed the driver was either impaired or that the vehicle may have been recently stolen.

Officer Chung stopped the police car and completed a U-turn to intercept the driver. Officers Flores and Chung saw the vehicle continue to accelerate, and eventually the officers lost sight of the vehicle. Thinking the vehicle had pulled off Ventura Boulevard, the officers slowed their speed, checking driveways, parking lots, and cross streets. Then the power to streetlights and lighting to local businesses suddenly went out near the intersection of Ventura Boulevard and Wilbur Street.

The vehicle had run off the roadway and collided with both a sign and power pole at a Burger King parking lot. The front end of the car was up against the poles, and a fire had started in the engine compartment. The scene was complicated by the presence of down, live, power lines. Officers Flores and Chung requested the Los Angeles Fire Department, the DWP, a traffic unit, and a supervisor.

Inside the vehicle was a 15-year-old unlicensed driver. The teenager had taken his parents' new vehicle without their permission. The teenager was aware the vehicle was on fire and tried to move his legs to get out but discovered that his right leg was in intense pain and was unable to move it. Trapped inside the vehicle, the teenager began screaming for the officers' help.

Still aware of the previous actions and behavior of the driver, Officer Chung cautiously approached the vehicle and cleared it, as Officer Flores maintained his observation of the teenager. Officers Chung and Flores safely maneuvered their approach over the live power lines. After clearing the vehicle and agreeing there was no threat present, they acknowledged but ignored the intense heat and flames coming from the vehicle. They noticed the teenager's leg was broken and twisted upward in an unnatural position.



Officer Steven Chung

Without hesitation, they opened the driver's door and as a team, pulled the teenager from the car, dragging him to safety. Approximately 20 seconds after the rescue, the interior of the vehicle became engulfed in flames. Had it not been for the quick thinking and actions of Officers Flores and Chung, the teenager would have died.

Officers Flores and Chung are commended for their teamwork, bravery, outstanding communication skills, and tactical expertise displayed in an extremely dangerous situation.

OFFICERS CARLOS QUINTERO AND IVAN VINTAMILLA



Officer Carlos Quintero

On the morning of Aug. 26, 2006, Officer Carlos Quintero and his partner, Officer Ivan Vintamilla, assigned to Central Area, were returning to downtown after qualifying with their service pistols at the Harbor Range. They were driving northbound on the 110 Harbor Freeway, north of the 105 Century Freeway, when they saw a California Highway Patrol Officer running with a fire extinguisher toward a motor home that was on fire. Officers Quintero and Vintamilla immediately stopped and grabbed the fire extinguisher from the trunk of their police vehicle. Attempting to extinguish the raging fire in the engine compartment and front end of the motor home, their efforts proved futile as the fire had reached a stage far beyond the capabilities of their emergency equipment.

As the fire quickly engulfed the motor home, the officers heard a noise coming from inside. Believing it might be occupied, Officer Vintamilla gained entry to the motor home. Visibility was virtually nonexistent due to the heavy smoke and he quickly began to run out fresh air. As Officer Vintamilla struggled to breathe, he observed what appeared to be the feet of an occupant.

Officer Vintamilla quickly re-deployed and advised Officer Quintero and the California Highway Patrol Officer that there was someone inside the motor home. The California Highway Patrol Officer entered the motor home as Officer Quintero maintained control of his gun belt. The thick clouds of smoke prevented the rescue efforts of the California Highway Patrol Officer.

The officers formed a plan to break the rear window and attempt to extract the victim through the opening. Officer Quintero climbed the ladder on the rear of the motor home and broke the window with his side handle baton. Officer Quintero's efforts were stifled by the extensive amount of smoke, heat and flames. After several attempts, Officer Quintero was able to reach through the rear window and grab the victim. As he did so, the intense heat caused the victim's skin to peel off.

Realizing an alternative means would be needed to extricate the victim, Officer Quintero removed his baton and held it out toward the victim. Officer Quintero advised him to grab the baton and he would pull him out. Officer Quintero was in the process of pulling the victim out when the victim's lower extremities caught fire. Officer Quintero continued to struggle until such time that the victim's grasp of the baton released and he became fully engulfed in flames.



Officer Ivan Vintamilla

The Los Angeles Fire Department arrived at this time and extinguished the fire. Unfortunately, the victim died at the scene as a result of his injuries.

Officers Quintero and Vintamilla are commended for their heroic actions, courage and sacrificing their own safety to save a human life, the most generous and courageous offering one can make. These two officers' noble actions demonstrated the spontaneous and gallant efforts that epitomize the selfless professionalism expected of Los Angeles Police Officers and exemplify valiant actions in the highest tradition of law enforcement.

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MEDAL OF VALOR

OFFICERS THOMAS APPLEBY, ISAAC MORENO AND HUMBERTO FRANCO



Officer Thomas Appleby

Shortly before midnight on July 13, 2005, Officer Humberto Franco, assigned to North Hollywood, pulled over a driver for using the high beams on a busy street in a commercial area. The traffic stop took place in the parking lot of the Ralph's Supermarket at the corner of Woodman Avenue and Sherman Way in Van Nuys. Officer Franco noticed the driver and two passengers shifting about the passenger compartment of the vehicle, as though they were trying to conceal contraband or a weapon. After learning the driver did not have proper identification, Officer Franco observed the restlessness of the passengers and determined there was a distinct possibility he was dealing with gang members. As Officer Franco walked back to his police vehicle, Officers Thomas Appleby and Isaac Moreno of Van Nuys Gang Impact Team arrived on the scene.

After a quick briefing, the three officers decided to have the three suspects get out of car. The suspects, before exiting, seemed to be exchanging an unknown object between them, and one of them placed something in his mouth and began to chew. Officer Franco drew his service pistol and ordered the suspects out of the vehicle. They reluctantly got out of the car. Without warning, one of them tried to escape and ran into oncoming traffic. The suspect took a gun from his waistband and opened fire, shooting three to five rounds at the officers as he was running.

Officer Appleby returned fire and both he and Officer Moreno chased after the suspect while Officer Franco stayed with the other two suspects. Officer Franco, using superb communication skills, placed the two uncooperative suspects in a high-risk felony prone position. From his location, Officer Franco decided not to fire at the escaping suspect because he risked hurting people from the nearby Norm's Restaurant and Ralph's Supermarket.

While chasing after the suspect, Officer Moreno made radio contact on the Van Nuys frequency and advised of the shots fired, the foot pursuit in progress, and the officers' need for help. Simultaneously, Officer Franco broadcast the same information on the North Hollywood frequency while at the same time handling the two agitated suspects.

The armed suspect ran into oncoming traffic on Sherman Way and used his gun to force the driver of an approaching

vehicle to stop. The driver bolted out of the vehicle, preventing the suspect's attempted carjacking and kidnapping. The suspect jumped inside the vehicle, rethought his plan and immediately got out. He then pointed his weapon at Officer Appleby but did not shoot and continued his desperate escape on foot. Officer Appleby, checking his field of fire, decided not to use his service weapon to not endanger the lives of patrons from Norm's Restaurant and Ralph's Supermarket. The quick-thinking driver returned to his vehicle and sped off.

The foot chase continued, nearing the Best Value Inn on Sherman Way, when suddenly the suspect slowed, turned and aimed his weapon at Officer Appleby. In defense of their own lives, Officer Appleby and Officer Moreno fired at the suspect. The wounded suspect then ran behind the Best Value Inn building. Officer Moreno radioed with this update, a mere one minute and 40 seconds since the first broadcast for help.

Both Officer Appleby and Officer Moreno took cover, and Officer Appleby reloaded his weapon, when, without warning, the armed suspect reappeared and fired several rounds in the direction of the officers, prompting each officer to return fire. The suspect then fell to the ground, dropping his weapon. As the two officers moved in closer, the suspect reached for his gun and again pointed it at the officers. Officers Appleby and Moreno again each fired at the suspect, and the suspect again dropped his weapon and fell. Officer Moreno handcuffed the suspect and rendered the suspect's pistol safe. Shortly thereafter, the suspect died of 10 gunshot wounds.

During the officer-involved shooting investigation, 101 people who had witnessed all or part of the event were interviewed. Those witnesses, plus one unidentified carjack victim, three heroic officers and two other suspects equals 107 people who, at one time or other, were in serious jeopardy during the few heart-pounding minutes over which this life-threatening incident took place.

Officers Franco, Appleby and Moreno are commended for unflinching courage, unwavering commitment to duty, outstanding tactics and communication, and respect for human life at great peril to themselves.

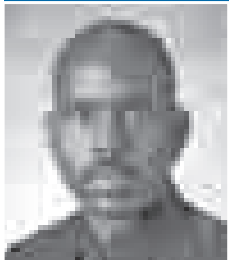


Officer Humberto Franco



Officer Isaac Moreno

SGT. GREGORY HOSKINS AND OFFICERS MATTHEW MURRAY AND BRENT RIEDRICH



Sgt. Gregory Hoskins

On the evening of Dec. 23, 2004, a suspect approached a victim and, using a gun, demanded the victim's vehicle. The victim prevented the suspect's attempt to steal the car by taking off in it. Determined to steal a vehicle, the suspect approached a second victim 15 minutes later. Again, the suspect showed a handgun and demanded the victim's vehicle. This time the victim handed the suspect the keys.

In the early morning the next day, Sgt. Gregory Hoskins saw the suspect driving the stolen vehicle southbound on the Harbor Freeway. Sgt. Hoskins followed the car and requested additional units. Sgt. Hoskins, with a primary and secondary unit behind the stolen vehicle, attempted to stop the suspect's vehicle. The suspect stop briefly, but then sped off again. Sgt. Hoskins and the two units immediately initiated a vehicle pursuit. The suspect drove at high speed, trying to escape the officers. Due to the suspect's evasive driving, the initial primary unit was unable to continue. Sgt. Hoskins requested an additional unit to join the pursuit.

Sgt. Hoskins, along with the three units, continued their high-speed pursuit through the streets of San Pedro, Palos Verdes, Harbor City, Torrance, Carson and Gardena. Without warning, the suspect pulled into the front parking lot of the Hustler Casino in Gardena. The suspect jumped out of the stolen vehicle, pointing a gun to his own head as he walked toward the front entrance of the casino.

Sgt. Hoskins and the officers tactically positioned themselves behind their police vehicles and ordered the suspect to stop and place his hands on his head. The suspect ignored the officers' commands and continued walking rapidly toward the front doors. Fearing that the suspect was about to enter a casino full of people, and in immediate defense of their life, one of the officers fired one round at the suspect. The round failed to strike the suspect. Hustler Casino security guards heard the gunshot. Believing the suspect was shooting at them, the security guards fired two rounds at the suspect, failing to strike the suspect.

The suspect went into the casino, out of the sight of the police officers. Sgt. Hoskins and seven officers tactically entered the casino in pursuit of the armed suspect. Two additional officers who responded to the casino joined them. As the officers entered the casino, they observed patrons frantically scattering on the casino floor, trying to seek refuge under gaming tables. Believing the suspect had fled out of the casino, Sgt.



Officer Matthew Murray

Hoskins and the officers ran toward the south exit.

At this time, Officers Matthew Murray and Brent Riedrich arrived at the casino and saw numerous patrons frantically running out. Officers Murray and Riedrich trailed the primary officers out of the casino.

As the officers left the casino, the suspect walked up behind a woman hiding under a counter, pulled her to her feet and took her as a hostage. With the officers outside of the casino, the suspect released the hostage and walked through the gaming area of the casino, ordering people to stay down. The suspect began pacing around the floor pointing the gun to his head, stating he didn't have anything else to live for and telling security guards to shoot him. It was at this point the suspect approached a person hiding under a table, ordered them to their feet and took them hostage.

Informed by security guards that the suspect was still inside the casino, Sgt. Hoskins and Officers Murray and Riedrich tactically reentered the casino as patrons crawled out to escape. Sgt. Hoskins and Officers Murray Riedrich reached the gaming area, where they observed the suspect holding a handgun to the hostage's head.

Sgt. Hoskins immediately took supervisory control of the situation and directed four officers to tactically enter behind Officers Murray and Riedrich. With disregard for their own personal safety and a high degree of courage and bravery, Sgt. Hoskins went toward the armed suspect, keeping in constant communication with Officers Murray and Riedrich as they simultaneously approached from each side, all without the benefit of cover.

The suspect refused to comply with the officers' orders to surrender and continued to threaten the hostage. Several times the suspect pointed his weapon directly at Sgt. Hoskins and Officers Murray and Riedrich, verbally threatening them. Fearing for the safety of the hostage and for the safety of the people still trapped in the gaming area, Officer Murray fired one round that struck the suspect in the head and incapacitated him. The hostage was not injured.

Sgt. Hoskins and Officers Murray and Riedrich are commended for their teamwork, bravery and outstanding communication skills. Their courage and boldness in the midst of a chaotic situation while confronting an armed suspect with a hostage enabled them to end the incident without any innocent people being injured.

Their selfless and valiant actions embody the highest traditions of the Los Angeles Police Department.



Officer Brent Riedrich

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Officer Scott Burkett

On the evening of Sept. 20, 2004, Officer Scott Burkett and his partner, assigned to Southeast Division, were on patrol when they responded to a "battery just occurred" radio call. Officer Burkett requested that the Los Angeles Fire Department respond to the location to render medical aid to the victim. During their routine investigation, Officer Burkett was on the street in front of the victim's home interviewing a witness when he heard two gunshots approximately 160 feet from his direction. Immediately, Officer Burkett shouted "gunshots" to alert his partner who was assisting paramedics. Without a moment's hesitation, and with complete disregard for his personal safety, Officer Burkett ran down the street to where he heard the gunshots, not knowing the number of suspects he would be facing that would be armed with a shotgun or rifle. He realized families were home from work and school, and were in imminent danger.

As he approached the location, Officer Burkett heard three to four additional gunshots. With a high degree of courage, believing he was about to encounter a shooting in progress, Officer Burkett drew his primary duty weapon and observed a victim with gunshot wounds lying on the street and a woman lying next to him. The woman was unharmed and had thrown herself onto the ground when the suspect was going to shoot her. At this time, Officer Burkett saw the suspect behind the wheel of a vehicle, pointing an assault rifle at the front windshield. Unbeknownst to Officer Burkett, the suspect was a documented gang member with an extensive criminal history. Realizing he was outgunned by the suspect's firepower, Officer Burkett took a position of cover behind a parked vehicle and prepared for an assault by a heavily armed suspect. Knowing that the suspect could use the vehicle as a

two-ton metal ram against him, Officer Burkett maintained his position. Officer Burkett ordered the suspect to stop as he drove toward him, but the suspect failed to comply and continued to drive toward his direction with the rifle pointed at him.

In immediate defense of his life, Officer Burkett fired three to four rounds at the suspect. Officer Burkett then quickly re-deployed and took cover behind another parked vehicle. The suspect made a counter-clockwise U-turn and began to follow Officer Burkett. The suspect gained an advantageous position to shoot at Officer Burkett from approximately 19 feet away. Faced with this continuous deadly situation, Officer Burkett fired three to four rounds at the suspect. Unaffected by the gunfire, the suspect sped off. Officer Burkett left his position of safety and ran after the vehicle, but was unable to get close enough to obtain the vehicle's license plate number. Officer Burkett radioed a crime broadcast with the suspect's vehicle description and direction of travel.

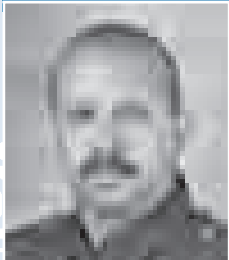
Because of the timely and detailed crime broadcast, Southeast Officers were able to immediately locate the suspect's abandoned vehicle. This resulted in the immediate identification of the suspect by Southeast Detectives, who obtained and served a search and arrest warrant. A few weeks later, the suspect was arrested for the murder of the victim and attempted murder of the woman.

Investigators later recovered a live round from the floorboard of the suspect's vehicle, indicating the rifle may have jammed and saved Officer Burkett from death or serious bodily injury.

Thanks to Officer Burkett's quick thinking, rushing to the scene and facing down a suspect with superior firepower, with complete disregard for his own personal safety and well being, he came to the rescue of a defenseless woman who would have been the suspect's second murder victim. Officer Burkett's heroic and courageous actions, dedication to duty and outstanding tactics exemplify the finest qualities of the Los Angeles Police Department.

OFFICER SCOTT BURKETT

OFFICERS ROBERT CANIZALES, ADAM NIEBERGALL, KYLE REMOLINO, NICHOLAS ROTHMICH, CHRISTIAN URBINA, OSBALDO RAMOS, TREVOR JACKSON AND RICHARD RAMOS



Officer Robert Canizales

In the early morning of March 10, 2005, 77th Area Officers Robert Canizales and Adam Niebergall observed a reckless and potentially drunk driver run a string of stop signs. Ignoring orders to stop, the driver continued along Vermont Avenue at a relatively slow speed.

Officers Canizales and Niebergall requested backup and, within minutes, Officers Kyle Remolino and Nicholas Rothemich arrived on the scene as the first backup unit. A few minutes later, several additional units arrived, including Officers Kyle Remolino and Osbaldo Ramos. Permission was then given to initiate a pursuit.

At the beginning of the low-speed chase, the driver stopped his vehicle several times, opened his door, and threw objects including beer cans and lit cigarettes at the officers before he resumed driving. Then, when the pursuing officers approached the vehicle to within one car length, the driver responded by opening fire on their cars with an automatic weapon.

This first round of gunfire shattered the windshield of Officer Remolino's car. The suspect then made a U-turn and fired another round of bullets at the pursuing officers. During this attack, none of the officers returned fire, prudently staying the course, continuing the pursuit, and trying to protect the lives of innocent civilians. Over the next several minutes, the suspect made several more U-turns on Vermont Avenue, and even stopped to reload his weapon. A third hail of bullets hit Officer Urbina's windshield right in front of his face. During this round of gunfire, officers noted the suspect had a passenger who was firing at them with a laser-equipped rifle.

After 44 minutes, Officers Trevor Jackson and Richard Ramos joined the pursuit and with permission, maneuvered their vehicle to engage the suspects. Pulling up first to the passenger side of the suspects' vehicle, then to the driver's side, Officer

Jackson managed to fire four rounds from his shotgun, while Officer Ramos used his service weapon, forcing the suspects to collide with a fence. Within seconds of the impact, the suspects again began firing multiple rounds from both sides of their vehicle. The two officers returned fire until they brought the gun battle to an end. The passenger died from his gunshot wounds on-site, and the driver was seriously injured.

When all was done, Officers Jackson and Richard Ramos had 14 perforating rounds in their windshield, one on the right side mirror and four non-perforating impact rounds inside the engine compartment. Officers Remolino and Rothemich had one perforating impact round to their windshield. Officers Urbina and Osbaldo Ramos also had one perforating impact round to their windshield.

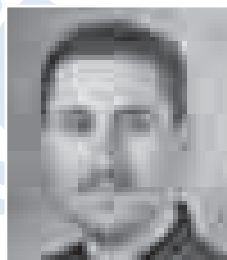
Investigators learned thereafter the two suspects had planned to go out that evening on a cop-killing spree, just for kicks, regardless of the consequences. The driver had even bragged about these plans, telling his friends to be sure to watch the news that evening, because he intended to be the lead story.

The officers involved in this unbelievable story saw an initially nonviolent scenario play out slowly, chillingly, into a full-blown, unprovoked attack on themselves and their colleagues. They remained calm and focused on their objective of protecting public safety. They engaged in a professional, controlled manner, minimizing the danger to the immediate community. They returned fire in a discriminant, coordinated and systematic manner, halting the deadly threat and restoring peace and safety.

They are commended for their heroic actions in the face of extreme danger, for expert tactics, for impeccable coordination and communication, and for brilliantly neutralizing two exceedingly violent criminals, in the highest traditions of the Los Angeles Police Department.



Officer Christian Urbina



Officer Adam Niebergall



Officer Osbaldo Ramos



Officer Kyle Remolino



Officer Trevor Jackson



Officer Nicholas Rothemich



Officer Richard Ramos

PUBLIC WORKS

Goodwill in Mexico

Street Services completes donation of three trucks to Mexicali, Mexico.

Bureau of Street Services Assistant Director Nazario Saucedo recently represented Public Works as an international goodwill ambassador when he traveled to Mexicali, Mexico, to complete the delivery of three City Public Works trucks donated to that city.

Mexicali Mayor Rodolfo Valdez, Oficial (Deputy) Mayor Ruben Chavez, and Public Works Director Jose Reynoso officially received Saucedo and accepted the donated vehicles as a welcomed "great gift."

"We donated a 1997 Peterbilt 379 aluminum body dump truck, 12 wheeler; a 1996 Ford CF70 over-the-cab loader dump truck; and a 1992 GMC medium-duty flatbed/stake bed lumber truck," Saucedo said.

While there, the public officials and Assistant Director Saucedo met to discuss public works-related issues, goals and challenges as well as

innovative methods both agencies are implementing to resolve them. "All municipalities have generally the same public works challenges, tasks, and mission," Saucedo notes. "I am pleased that I was able to share information with them and offer them opportunities to exchange knowledge our City has gained from common experiences."

One of the major challenges facing Mexicali is rapid growth resulting from an influx of foreign investments in "maquiladoras," or electronics factories, creating numerous new housing developments, according to Saucedo. "Among other things, more widespread infrastructure and public works services are now needed, such as street maintenance, street lighting, installation of new street trees and sewer lines." With a population of roughly one million, the city is about one quarter the size of Los Angeles in area.



Bureau of Street Services Assistant Director Nazario Saucedo hands the keys to the Public Works trucks to Mexicali Mayor Rodolfo Valdez. Also on hand were Oficial (Deputy) Mayor Ruben Chavez and Public Works Director Jose Reynoso.

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Career Mentors

Employees from Public Works and the City Attorney's Office mentor students from Arleta High School.

The Board of Public Works and the Office of the City Attorney teamed recently for Career Shadow Day, where 38 Arleta High School students got an opportunity to observe City personnel in the working environment. Staff -- about 20 employees -- escorted students as mentors to provide work-related experiences and help them gain insights into potential future careers.

Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant served as the staging point. Students and mentors visited City work sites throughout the San Fernando Valley, then reassembled at the Japanese Garden Tea Room for lunch and debriefing, where they shared experiences. City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo and Commissioner Ernesto Cardenas addressed the assembly on the importance of higher education, perseverance and determination, and career opportunity.

Mentors from Public Works who took part included Principal Construction Inspectors Jim Cassley and John Olinger; Street Services Valley Superintendents Mark Simon and Gary Gsell; Civil Engineering Associates Amber Elton and

Christine Keushguerian; Wastewater Engineers John Mays and Rama Korand; and Wastewater Operators Lisa Macualey and George Hano. Public Works Commissioner Ernesto Cardenas and Principal Public Relations Representative Richard Lee, also took part.



City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo addresses the group during a lunchtime talk at Career Shadow Day.



Board of Public Works Commissioner Ernesto Cardenas greets and talks with students from Arleta High School.



Senior Construction Inspector Mike Hames, Bureau of Contract Administration, discusses his job during the work site visit.

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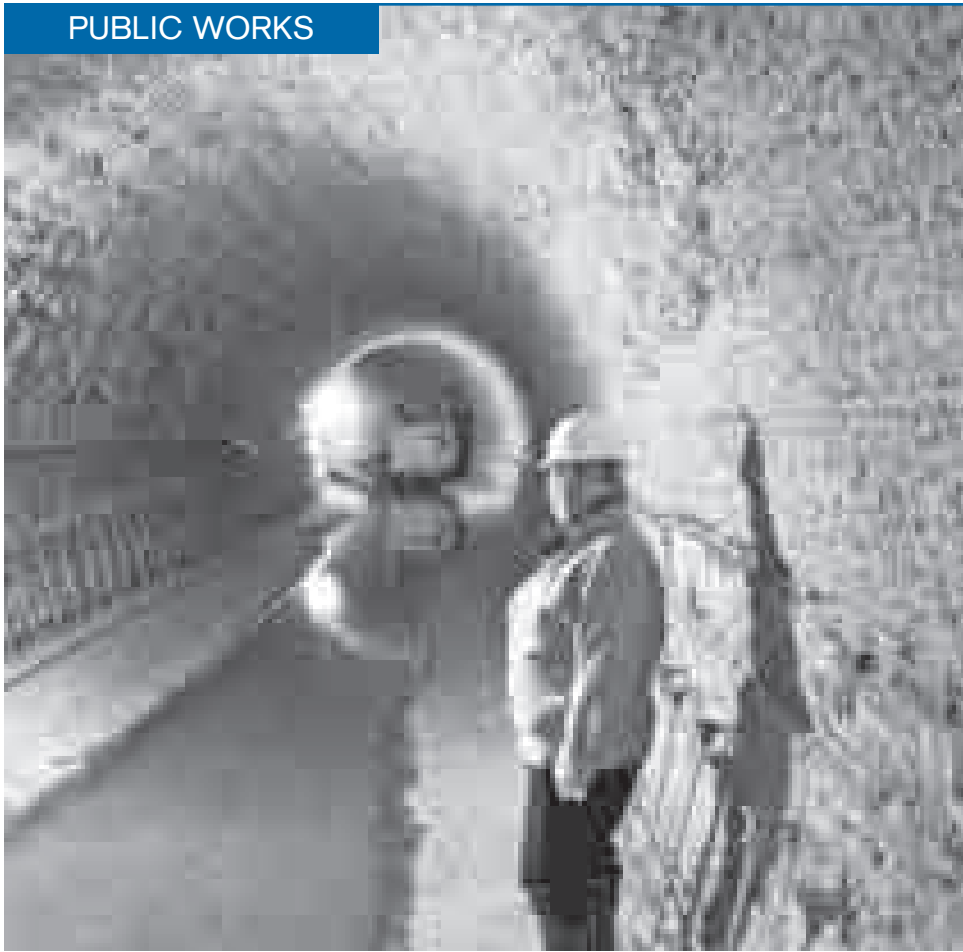
**The Club Store is now easier
to reach. As of May 1, the
Club Store has moved to
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**SEE PAGE 31 FOR THIS
MONTH'S CLUB STORE DEALS!**



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PUBLIC WORKS



Author Anna Sklar in a Los Angeles sewer. Anna Sklar photo by John Rabe/KPCC.

Pipe Dream

Anna Sklar, former PR chief for Board of Public Works, writes a book about the history of the City's sewers.

By Chris Smith, Wastewater Construction Division Manager, Public Works/Contract Administration

With the exception of those who work on it, few people think of the "rivers of darkness" under our feet. I'm referring to the LA City sewer system. Yes, I know what you're thinking: yuck! Who wants to think about that? Thankfully, someone has thought a lot about it. Anna Sklar, in her new book *Brown Acres, An Intimate History of the Los Angeles Sewer System*, has written a very informative, colorful history of our illustrious sewers.

Anna is a former Director of Public Relations for the Board of Public Works. Her passion for getting behind the scenes is evident in all 232 pages of this book. The fact is, the L.A. City Sewer system, with its 6,700 miles of sewers, 140,000 maintenance holes, 48 pumping plants and four treatment plants, is the largest in the country. With \$3 billion in recent improvements, Los Angeles is now one of the cleanest (in terms of sewer treatment) cities in the country. But, it has not always been.

As Anna describes it, the history of the L.A. sewers is a story of action and reaction. Population growth and pollution have driven the events that led to the sewer system we know today. After an introduction to sewer technologies of the past, Anna gives us the inside story of the people like City Engineer Fred Eaton, who envisioned an integrated sewer system, and the many politicians, citizens, Boards, Commissions and environmental groups who influenced those plans along the way.

The action-reaction cycle goes something like this: Population grows and the sewer system or - lack thereof - produces odors and spills. The public complains and the politicians and engineers come up with a solution. The solution is built -- usually under duress -- and works until population growth overcomes it again.

The City built three "sewers to the sea" between 1887 and 1923. These sewers, which terminated in El Segundo/Playa del Rey, where the Hyperion Plant is now, dumped partially treated sewage into the ocean, contaminating the beaches from the 1880s to 1980s.

The polluted beaches got reactions from the California Board of Health, the Environmental Protection Agency and environmental protection groups led by Santa Monica-based Heal the Bay.



As a result, the City constructed several wastewater treatment plants between 1950 and 1990 that now produce water clean enough to return to the ocean or for irrigation. Incidentally, the title *Brown Acres* is a word play on the "Green Acres" farm owned by the City in Kern County. Treated solids are trucked to this farm and used for fertilizer. Oddly enough, that's what a lot of folks wanted to do with it in the 1880s.

So where are we in the cycle now? The City has completed several large sewers that take flow from the original "sewer to the sea," built in 1923. After 80 years of service, this sewer, called the North Outfall Sewer, is experiencing a rebirth. Anna has captured in words and pictures the stories of the people who dedicated their lives to thinking about something most of us would rather not. This book is a must-read for anyone with an interest in how the City built and evolved a sewer infrastructure so critical to our modern life.

Brown Acres: An Intimate History of the Los Angeles Sewers
 Anna Sklar
 Angel City Press
 232 pages
 Available at amazon.com and other retailers

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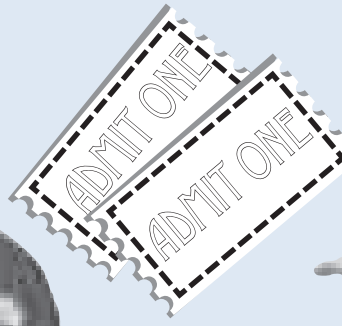
This Month at the Club Store

Here are the highlights of the Club Store and Service Center for July:

TICKETS

For your summer fun – check out these Club ticket deals!

- Disneyland
- LEGOLAND
- Seaworld
- Universal Studios



MERCHANDISE SPECIALS



Club T-shirts are the best way to keep "cool" this summer.

United Agencies APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE

GET A FREE QUOTE ON AUTO AND HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE

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| <u>July 3</u> | Norma Angulo, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. |
| <u>July 10</u> | Rosa Calderon, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. |
| <u>July 11</u> | Patty Pulido, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Norma Angulo, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. |
| <u>July 17</u> | Patty Pulido, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. |

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| <u>July 18</u> | Norma Angulo, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Rosa Calderon, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. |
| <u>July 24</u> | Norma Angulo, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. |
| <u>July 25</u> | Rosa Calderon, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Patty Pulido, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. |
| <u>July 31</u> | Rosa Calderon, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. |

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Note: The Club Store and Service Center will be closed July 4 for Independence Day.



LAFD

Civilians Honored

Fire Dept. honors its top civilians at a luncheon.

Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor; Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations



Fire Chief Douglas Barry and Michael Prendergast.



Fire Chief Douglas Barry and Dishan Chaudhuri.



Fire Chief Douglas Barry and Angela Lee.

Fire Chief's Group Award of Excellence
DATA MANAGEMENT UNIT
 Fire Prevention Bureau

The Data Management Unit consists of extremely talented and dedicated members of the LAFD. They assist in the billing and collection of hazardous material facility inspections, Division 5 permit requests, underground storage tank plan checks, telephone requests, and walk-in customers. The billing process for each customer can take anywhere from 30 minutes to two days, depending on the nature and complexity of the service provided. Each of these members is responsible for contributing to many state-mandated monthly and annual reports.

This team was formed approximately six months prior to recognizing the need for immediate action. It was found that uncollected funds were monies from mis-billed customers, incomplete data, and transfer of ownerships in fiscal year 2005-06. When awareness of this issue was determined, this team – through its contributions and commitment to the success of the LAFD – managed to bill and collect more than \$2 million of outstanding invoices for hazardous materials in approximately 30 days.

The group members are:

- Eva Bencomo, Principal Clerk;
- Sandra Guerrero, Sr. Clerk Typist;
- John Heredia, Accounting Clerk;
- Ernie Dizon, Accounting Clerk;
- Elva Davila, Clerk Typist;
- Joy Emanuel, Clerk Typist;
- Kacy Williams, Clerk Typist;
- Beatriz Pelayo, Sr. Clerk Typist; and
- Eloy Luna, Geologist.

It is through the character and work ethic of the team members that we are able to exist as one of the most progressive, efficient and effective fire service providers in the nation. Data management group members have not only demonstrated their commitment to this department, but have shown a concern for its financial success.



The Data Management Unit.

On May 28, Fire Chief Douglas Barry and other top brass headlined the annual Civilian Employee Luncheon.

The event pays tribute to the LAFD's best civilian employees.

This year's event honored three individuals and one group.

Congratulations from the Club to all who were honored.

Here is some background on the honorees:



Fire Chief Douglas Barry and Eric Vander Broek.



Fire Chief Douglas Barry and Elizabeth Borunda.

Shop Maintenance Category
FRANCISCO VELEZ

Carpenter,
 Supply and Maintenance

Francisco Velez has 22 years of employment with the City.

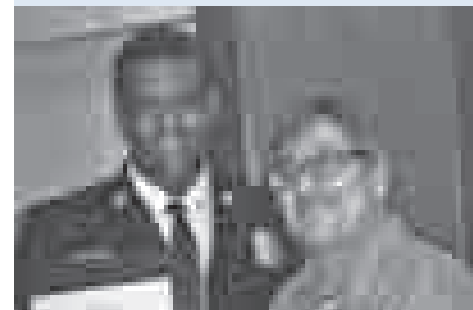
He began his City career June 1, 1986, at the Hyperion Treatment Plant. He began as a maintenance laborer and soon was promoted to Maintenance and Construction Helper in the Carpenter shop, where he was able to use his woodworking skills.

In December 2004, Francisco took a job as a Building Repairer at the Convention Center. Then in May 2005, Francisco was hired by the LAFD as a Carpenter.

As a Carpenter at the LAFD, Francisco has a lot of important duties, one of which is the inspection and repair of the wooden ladders used by Fire personnel. By Francisco taking the time and care that he puts into these inspections and repairs, Fire personnel have one less worry when responding to incidents.

Francisco always makes a variety of furniture and cabinets, which can be seen at many of the Fire Stations.

Francisco is well known and liked around the shops. When any of his co-workers or Fire personnel need his assistance with wood projects, be it a broken cabinet door inside an ambulance, a broken leg on a table, or a piece of wood cut for a wedge, he is always there to assist you.



Fire Chief Douglas Barry and Francisco Velez.



Fire Chief Douglas Barry and Craig Bissett.

Clerical Category

KATEY ZAMORA-RODRIGUEZ

Senior Clerk Typist,
 Fire Prevention Bureau

Senior Clerk Typist Katey Zamora-Rodriguez has been employed by the City for 20 years and has faithfully served the citizens and the City in a variety of capacities.

Katey began her City career as a Clerk Typist in Animal Regulation (Animal Services) in 1988.

In 1989, she transferred to the LAFD. Since then, she has worked in the Fire Prevention Bureau for 19.5 years. Katey began as a Clerk Typist in the Underground Tanks Unit, then transferred to the Engineering Unit, and then transferred to the new Construction Unit. She was promoted to Senior Clerk Typist in 2005 in the Public Assemblage Unit.

It was in the Public Assemblage Unit where Katey's many skills and talents were utilized. In this capacity, she developed the Division 4 and Division 5 permit database, working closely with Sr. Accountant II Cynthia Kho (who was also honored at the luncheon). This database has helped the Public Assemblage Unit as well as the Accounting Services Section.

Working under very tight timelines, she also conducted countless permit and file searches for documents requested by the Accounting Section and the Controller's Office. It is noteworthy to mention that, right before her interview for this biography, Katey was given the task of identifying and auditing LAFD overtime permit charges from a two-inch-thick printout containing City-wide information.

Because of the sensitivity of the Public Information, Katey is required to undertake all of these duties with the highest degree of confidentiality. She is privy to information that the residents and even visitors of Los Angeles trust the LAFD with.

Katey's office duties include timekeeping, inspection hiring for public events, collection of fees for candle permits, special events, Division 4 and 5 permits, and pyro permits. Again, she maintains confidentiality on public work during public events.

In addition to her office duties, Katey has very capably served the LAFD in the past and present by participating as a coordinator for the March of Dimes program, a volunteer for the American Cancer Society Daffodil Program, and as a member of Los Bomberos.

Away from work, Katey is newly married to Robert Rodriguez for one year. Katey is also the proud mother of Katey Beth, Alfonso, Belinda and Lori. Katey enjoys being a mom and is very involved in all aspects of her children's lives.

She also participates in the LAUSD mentoring program. In addition, Katey has helped at the San Gabriel Mission with toy donations during the holiday season.



Fire Chief Douglas Barry and Katey Zamora-Rodriguez.



Lorraine Kwiatkowski, LAFD Civilian Employee Recognition Committee.

Professional / Specialized Skills Category

CYNTHIA ONG KHO

Senior Accountant II,
 Administrative Services Bureau

Prior to City employment, Senior Accountant II Cynthia Kho earned a Bachelor of science degree in business administration with a major in accounting, and began her 25-plus-year career in the accounting field.

Cynthia started as a bookkeeper in an accounting firm, and then moved on to work for a midsize manufacturing company as a controller for seven years. As controller, she supervised 45 employees and oversaw the daily operation of the entire accounting department. She also prepared financial statements and assisted with preparation of the corporation's tax return.

She also handled internal and external audits and human resources matters, and served as payroll administrator. In the absence of the owner during business trips to the company's main office in Hong Kong, Cynthia was in charge of the company's daily business operations.

In October 1999, Cynthia left private industry for employment with the City. She started her City employment as an accountant for the Department, handling special fund monies. Her first assignment was to set up an accounting application for film safety watches. Even though she had no actual training or background in database application design, she taught herself and established the database.

In March 2001, Cynthia transferred to the Accounts Receivable section as a supervisor. She started to implement new accounting procedures to automate all accounting bookkeeping. With the implementation of various system improvements, the Accounting Section started performing more efficiently with faster access to accounting information. This allowed employees to process more transactions in the same time period, and also streamlined accounting processes by reducing the number of steps and simplifying procedures. As a result, management had quicker access to information and more accurate financial data.

In July 2003, Cynthia was promoted to the Office of the Treasurer as an Accountant II, and, in October 2003, was promoted to Senior Accountant in the LAPD.

In August 2004, Cynthia was promoted back to the LAFD as a Senior Accountant II, where she personally supervises and manages the daily operations of the General Accounting, Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, and Special and Grant Accounting Sections. She works closely with the Chief Accountant and senior management of the Administrative Services Bureau to oversee the LAFD's complex \$500 million annual budget.

With a financial and systems background, Cynthia plays a vital role in the streamlining of Accounting operations by setting up new and modifying existing accounting procedures and applications in the Accounting Section. With her strong experience, knowledge in the accounting field, and dedication to her work, she is the go-to person in accounting.

Away from work, Cynthia has been married to Danilo Kho for 17 years, and they have two sons, Kevin and Jeremiah.



Fire Chief Douglas Barry and Cynthia Ong Kho.

CLUB HEADQUARTERS

A Green Summer

The City – and other resources – offer plenty of tips for being easier on the environment this summer.

By Yvonne Liu, Office of Finance

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the average American recycles 408.8 pounds a year, composts 138.7 pounds a year, and disposes 1,131.5 pounds of trash a year. Summer is the best time to make worthwhile changes to increase our contribution and improve our environment. For many, summer is the season for buying or remodeling a home, landscaping the yard or just entertaining.

Did you know that recycling paper, compared to plastic and glass recycling, costs the least environmentally and monetarily? It's good to know.

Green Considerations for a Home Purchase

After you've found the right location, here are some items to look for in your new home that could mean long-term savings in energy and water use:

- Double pane thermal windows keep the heat and the cold out.
- Ceiling fans can greatly decrease the hot temperatures in the house from rising.
- Low-volume toilets can save from zero to 25 gallons a day.
- Draught-tolerant plants can mean less watering and cheaper upkeep costs.
- A well-insulated roof and walls can maintain the interior temperature from falling or rising as quickly as the wind changes. If you are interested in a green roof, go to Flex Your Power: www.fypower.org/news/?p=458 where you can download a Green Roof Guide.
- If the previous owner has installed a tankless water heater, that is an added bonus. For a Tankless Water Heater Buying Guide, go to www.tanklesswaterheatinguide.com/
- If there is a pool, make sure it is covered.
- Awnings and patios can shade the house from too much sun. To cool off hot patios, try growing hanging vines over it.
- Lastly, if your dream home doesn't have solar panels, you can plan for it. Just be aware that



Ivan Forbes, Retired City Employee and Club Member, has built a home that puts energy back into the DWP's power grid.



There are many ways we can all be greener!

solar panel roofs can cost between \$15,000 and \$30,000 even after rebates and income tax credits. For more information on solar panel roof rebates, go to: www.wholesalesolar.com/california.html

Home-Improvement Ideas

Use this checklist and survey your home. Bring this list with you on your next trip to Home Depot or any home improvement center. Just think, even the most difficult change may not only bring instant savings to your utility bills, but also instill a new habit that your family and children may pick up for many years in the future.

- Use only as much water on your lawn as you need to. Studies show that the average homeowner uses more than four times the actual amount of water needed to keep a lawn healthy and green – wasted water that runs off of property and into storm drains. Use the watering calculator and watering index found at www.bewaterwise.com to learn how much you should water. This could save 750 to 1,500 gallons a month.
- Fix leaky faucets, plumbing joints and your sprinkler system. This saves 20 gallons a day for every leak stopped.
- Replace your showerhead with a new high-efficiency showerhead; install water saving faucet aerators in your bathroom and kitchen. Free showerheads and aerators are available at any DWP customer service center.
- Install a new "smart" sprinkler controller that applies just the right amount of water for your

landscape, based on your plants and garden and local weather conditions. In one study, these new controllers were shown to save 40 gallons per day.

- Replace a portion of your lawn with beautiful native and California Friendly plants. Saves 1,000 to 1,800 gallons a month depending on your climate.
- Replace your old washing machine with a new, high-efficiency model. This could save 20 to 30 gallons per load. Learn how you can receive a \$250 rebate from the purchase of a new eligible high efficiency clothes washer.
- Run only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher. This saves 300 to 800 gallons a month.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks. This saves 150 gallons or more each time.
- Shorten your showers. Every minute of your shower uses 2.5 gallons of water. So, a one- or two-minute reduction can save up to 375 gallons per month.
- Don't water the sidewalks, driveway or gutter. Adjust your sprinklers so that water lands on your lawn or garden where it belongs -- and only there. This saves 500 gallons a month.
- Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket. This saves up to 200 gallons a month. Downloaded from www.ladwp.com/ladwp/cms/ladwp001257.jsp
- Use rechargeable batteries. Having rechargeable batteries at home can save you several trips to the corner store and thereby save you gas, time and money.

For more ideas, go to: www.bewaterwise.com/

If you want an energy and water efficiency guide that goes through green ideas room by room, use this one provided by LADWP: www.ladwp.com/ladwp/cms/ladwp000820.jsp

Landscaping and Composting in the Backyard

Trees in the backyard can also help keep the house cool. If you plan to plant trees, the DWP gives away free shade trees: www.ladwp.com/ladwp/cms/ladwp000747.jsp

Even if you are not a resident of Los Angeles, you can learn from the Website by clicking on DWP Home Tree Guide.

Starting a compost bin is probably the most efficient way to reduce our daily contribution to the landfills. It could turn the worst soil into dark, rich soil within a year, and without the use of chemical fertilizers.

The Public Works/Bureau of Sanitation's Solid Resources Citywide Recycling Division

(SRCRD) develops and implements effective and cost-effective source reduction, recycling, and reuse programs and policies. The office fosters public/private recycling partnerships and helps to promote new markets for recyclable materials.

Residents can learn about backyard composting, worm composting, types of compost bins, grass cycling, and other smart gardening techniques at the City's free backyard composting workshops. In addition to the workshops, special discounted compost bin sales events are held throughout the year.

There is a workshop and bin sale schedule available for the current year:

www.lacity.org/SAN/solid_resources/composting/index.htm

Your guide to home composting:

www.lacity.org/san/solid_resources/pdfs/composting.pdf

Entertaining

Once your compost bin is in place, you are ready to party. Hosting a low-waste or zero-waste event starts as easily as emailing invites (evites.com) and encouraging your guests to carpool. Second, reduce single use decorations, party favors and tableware. For example, think colorful biodegradable streamers, fresh flowers and reusable ribbons. Instead of balloons to mark your house or party location, hang an occasion appropriate flag or windsock or a theme related beach towel.

Making a craft using whatever beads, buttons and leftover materials can entertain kids. If crafts require organizing too many items, have a book exchange where children swap old books with each other. Older children are often sated by party favors of candy and toys. Have children decorate their own paper cups and plant a pansy from a tray of pansies to take home.

Also, think green, clutter-free gifts when you are giving gifts. The Club Store offers many amusement park tickets that are perfect choices for clutter-free gifts. For example, a trip to the Los Angeles Zoo or Legoland can delight any young child, and movie theatre tickets will keep the older ones happy.

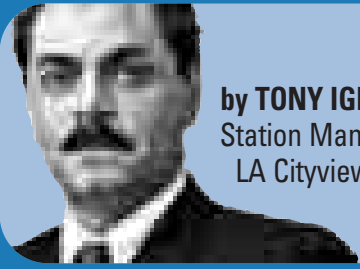
For compostable tableware made from plant materials including corn starch and potato starch, check out ecoproducts.com, ecowise.com and worldcentric.org. Remember to put out a recycling bin and a compost bin so your guest can help separate the trash.

Make your party memorable not by the mountain of trash left behind, but by the fun of using green ideas together.



Youth participants in recent Rec and Parks camp programs enjoy using the new Compostable food service materials, which are environmentally friendly.

Tuned In



by **TONY IGHANI**
Station Manager,
LA Cityview 35



Art and Evidence On Tap This July

On behalf of the entire Channel 35 team, I want to wish all readers of *Alive!* a happy and safe Independence Day. As always, many City neighborhoods host fireworks displays that are free to the public. This year, you can take the entire family to the 57th free annual Cabrillo Beach Fourth of July Celebration and Fireworks show. The location is Cabrillo Beach Bathhouse, 3800 Steven White Dr. in San Pedro. For more information, call (310) 548-7554.

For a complete listing of City events, check out www.lacity.org and click on the Calendar of City Events. Get out and have some fun!

Programming Highlights for July

Inside the LAPD

Premiering this month are two new episodes of "Inside the LAPD," LA Cityview 35's weekly series that examines the issues facing our City's police department and profiles its numerous divisions and the men and women who protect and serve our community.

Property Division

"Inside the LAPD" cameras take our viewers into the Property Division vault in the historic Parker Center headquarters building, where evidence is stored. This rare perspective offers viewers a peek at the fascinating evidence in storage and gives a feel for the stunning volume of evidence that is booked daily. Then we go to the nearby warehouse facility, where some of the property in storage dates back to 1936. Every item tells a story. This is one you won't want to miss!

Medal of Valor 2008

Meet the deserving recipients of the Department's highest honor at the annual LAPD Medal of Valor ceremony. This year's event, the 47th, featured all the pomp and circumstance befitting the acknowledgment of these death-defying heroes, as well as several high-profile speakers and guests, including Mayor Antonio R. Villarraigosa, Chief William J. Bratton, and Master of Ceremonies Mike Rowe, host of Discovery Channel's *Dirty Jobs*. Meet our heroes and hear their stories in this inspirational episode.

Each episode of "Inside the LAPD" is hosted by Mary Grady, Public Information Director for the Los Angeles Police Department.

Airs: Thursdays at 10 p.m.

Outdoor Electrical Safety

Raw electricity is an awe-inspiring force of nature. We tame it, harness it, and too often take it for granted. Although it increasingly powers our lives, many people simply don't know what it is. In "Outdoor Electrical Safety," LA Cityview 35 writer/producer Paul Suchecki and the men of the Safety and Training Division of the DWP unveil the mysteries of electricity and show how best to use it safely. The documentary combines extensive location shooting with detailed graphics, animation, and insightful interviews. What electrical

hazards lurk in your yard? How best can you survive an encounter with a downed power line? What precautions should you take working around electricity? What hidden dangers threaten your children? The clearly presented information can save lives on the job, outside and at home.

Airs: Monday, July 28 at 11 a.m. and 10 p.m.; and Thursday, July 31 at 11 a.m.

Trading Dirt with Simon Rodia and Allan Kaprow

Working alone for 33 years, using tile setter's tools with no drawing board designs, scaffolding, bolts or welding, Simon Rodia finished the largest single work of art created by one man – the Watts Towers. Just a few short years later, Allan Kaprow, an American painter, assemblagist and a pioneer in establishing the concepts of performance art, developed a new art form that came to be known as a "Happening."

In "Trading Dirt With Simon Rodia and Allan Kaprow," host Rosie Lee Hooks takes us on a Happening with artist-storytellers Rogelio Acevedo, Augustine Aguirre, Domonique Moody, John Outterbridge, Margarita and Saul Pichardo, Kenzi Shiokava, and Jacqueline and Roderick Sykes. Together, they share spontaneous conversations, storytelling, socialization and unrehearsed interactions while exchanging buckets of dirt.

The cultural exchange between the Watts Towers Arts Center and artist-storytellers documents in a tangible form the idea of circulating and giving back to the community and receiving and passing on ideas. The artist-storytellers are each directly involved in educating and providing leadership in arts education on a continuous basis at the Watts Towers Arts Center.

Vintage footage from the film *Watts Towers* by William Hale is intercut with contemporary images of the Watts Community, surrounding areas and St. Elmo Village. Rosie Lee Hooks takes us from location to location. Along the way, dirt and dialogue are exchanged. As Kaprow himself said of the purpose of these works, like "that of any art [is] to come to grips with the world, to do something revelatory which in turn could make things about us more meaningful."

Airs: Thursday, July 10 and 24 at 11 a.m.; and Monday, July 14 and 28 at 11 a.m.

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

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See you on LA Cityview 35!

CLUB HEADQUARTERS



Safe at Home

There are many benefits of having a home security system.

By Tony Cervantes, Los Angeles General Manager,
Brink's Home Security

It seems like we all long for the days of yesteryear. Gas, houses and food were a lot less expensive. People were more polite and said, "Yes, sir" and "yes, ma'am." And I just remember it being a safer world to live in. We didn't lock our doors or windows.

Very few people had alarm systems. I remember one time when someone broke into our garage and stole a bicycle. My father was so angry that he actually put a lock on the garage door.

It's not that way anymore. We all lock our doors – with keys, deadbolts or sliding latches – and sometimes that's not enough. We live in a world where some people just don't respect other people's property. We live in a world where having a home security system is no longer a luxury, but a necessity. That's where Brink's Home Security can help.

Are you doing everything you can to help protect your family and home? Here are some facts to consider:

- The FBI reports that a burglary occurs every 14 seconds. (Federal Bureau of Investigation, 2006 National Crime Report)
- More than two million burglaries occurred in 2006. (Federal Bureau of Investigation, 2006 National Crime Report)
- 63 percent of residential burglaries in 2006 took place during the day. (Federal Bureau of Investigation, 2006 National Crime Report)
- The average dollar loss per burglary offense in 2006 was \$1,834. (Federal Bureau of Investigation, 2006 National Crime Report)
- A home without a security system is two to three times more likely to be burglarized. (Simon Hakim, Temple University)
- 90 percent of police surveyed believe alarms help deter burglary attempts. (International Association of Chiefs of Police)

You can help avoid trouble before it happens with a professional 24-hour monitored home alarm system. The benefits of having the Brink's Home Security system are endless. Here are just a few:

- Dedicated to rapid response and peace of mind
- A reputation for reliability in the security industry
- Superior 24-hour monitoring and customer care
- Affordable, easy-to-use system



- You could save up to 20 percent on homeowners insurance
- Extensively trained personnel
- State-of-the art, UL-listed equipment and monitoring centers

Without alarm monitoring, a home security system is basically useless: Who will respond if the system is triggered? Sure, your neighbors may hear it, but will they call for help in time?

If the security system is monitored by Brink's, the company's monitoring professionals respond quickly when an alarm signal is received. Brink's understands the importance of calling to ensure your safety and promptly notifying appropriate emergency agencies, if necessary.

All residential alarm monitoring and customer care is provided by highly trained Brink's employees. Plus, since Brink's Home Security operates from central locations, customers experience consistent service and dedication to rapid response in the event of an emergency. This also allows Brink's Home Security to control the flow of information and the quality of those who handle it. We have strict and consistent training guidelines to help ensure our alarm monitoring professionals offer efficient service at all times.

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| | \$904 | \$400 |
| | \$904 | \$300 |
| | \$904 | \$200 |
| | \$904 | \$100 |
| | \$904 | \$0 |

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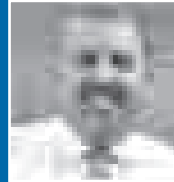
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Is Home Coverage Enough to Rebuild?



The recent depreciation in the value of homes has caused an interesting (and confusing) situation.

Everyone knows that home prices are down -- about 27 percent from 2007, and more than 33 percent since peaking in 2006.

But, are you just as aware that the costs to rebuild a home have risen dramatically?

It's been a "perfect storm" of circumstances that have combined to send the cost of building materials through the roof. Huge growth in China has contributed to a world-wide shortage of basic materials like concrete, steel and lumber. In addition, the dramatic increase in fuel cost has affected the cost to transport these heavy materials to your community.

A thorough review of recent claims experience shows that the cost to rebuild a home in Southern California has dramatically increased. While we may remember times in the past when it used to cost between \$100 and \$150 per square foot to rebuild a home, we are now finding an average cost of \$275 to \$325 per square foot for rebuilding.

This means that an average 2,400-square-foot home can cost as much as \$750,000 to rebuild!

And the costs for better homes are even higher. Custom construction and detailed work drive the price of rebuilding up to \$350 to \$400 per foot. It's not unreasonable for a 4,500-square-foot custom home to cost \$1.75 million to rebuild.

How much do you have your home insured for?

This is where it can get interesting. Let's pretend you have a nice tract home that is ten years old and measures 2,500 square feet. We are seeing that a home like that could cost as much as \$750,000 to rebuild. Obviously, if you can buy a new home in the same neighborhood as you currently live, that was built in the same year, and is the same style home -- for only \$500,000, then it doesn't make sense to insure your home for more than \$500,000.

The fact of the matter is that most people are underinsured. You bought that 2,500-square-foot home in 1998 for \$229,000, and you insured it for \$230,000. Even if you can replace it in this low market for \$500,000, you are still \$570,000 underinsured!

Don't forget that the housing market will rebound. The market swings regularly and can dramatically increase or decrease in a few years. Building costs do not change as dramatically, and hardly ever go down! We are looking at \$300 per square foot estimates

for the future onward. When your 2,500-square-foot home sells for \$900,000, and the cost to rebuild it is \$750,000, will you be properly insured at \$500,000? It's always a wiser idea to insure your home for the cost to rebuild it, not the cost to buy a new one, as the purchase price changes so frequently.

Of course, your homeowners policy includes replacement cost wording that allows the actual cost of construction to exceed the amount insured for, but that coverage is limited and is intended to allow for additional increases in costs in the future. Don't count on the additional 25 percent that the insurance company gives you to make up the difference. Insure your home for the proper amount now!

If you feel that your home might be underinsured, and would like a free estimate of what professionals think your home would cost to be rebuilt, please give us a call. We use the latest online cost analyzers to help calculate what the rebuilding cost will be.

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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.

Be safe and have fun!

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Life's Important Moments

Share your moments!

Did you get married? Have a baby? (Yea!) Get a promotion? (Hooray!) Retire? (Ahhhh.) We want to hear from you. Share your news with the world! Send all notices and high resolution photos with the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com or send paper notices and print photos to: *Alive!* 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071

New Members

Welcome New Members!

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

Airports

Eduardo Bivian
Fernando Carrasco
David Clark
Frederick Hernandez
James Johnson
Deon King
Paul McMillan
Shannon Merriweather
Rena Ravelo
Monika Rehder
Mary Robinson
Mike Rousselo
Kendal Tomlin

Andres Moran
Claudio Moreno
Zachary Neighbors
Aaron Plummer
Javier Ramos
Sheila Romero
Sergio Ruiz
Juan Santana
Sara Vega
Maurice Williams
Raymond Wittelsbach

ITA

Elena Shteyn

Harbor

Charles Charles
Jamil Jamil
Juan Juan
Juan Juan
Judith Judith
Paula Paula

General Services

Oscar Ruiz

Mayor's Office

Donna Ota
Terry Rose

Housing

Bryan Kirkness
Thomas Quinn
Jason Storm

Planning

Adrian Suzuki

Police

Jessica Cepeda
Christopher Combes
Crystal Elizondo
Robert Gieser
Andrea Jackson
Theresa Kimbrough
Alexandre Liu
Claudia Montes
Shannon Phanhong
Maria Ramos
Laura Santoya
Charles Vetter

Public Works

Sanitation

Linda Alvarez
Bernard Barrett
Nick Brown
Hernando Cabeza
Rodrigo Cisneros
Flora Khaw
Roy Lujan
Canelia Martinez

Street Services

Carlton McCloud
Leovardo Rodriguez
Ulti Torres

Rec and Parks

Lorena Almeida
Jorge Ochoa
Luis Tapia

Transportation

Servando Medrano

Finance

Diana Cha

DWP

David Klocow
Janice Ly
Benigno Negrete
Manuel Olivera
Leticia Suarez

LACERS

Loucin Artinian

Retired Employees

Ronald Low
Daniel McLean
Sophia Morrison

Other

Aaron Bishop
David Chiu
Gerardo Garcia
Patrick Johnston
Saranta Robroo
Stephen Smythe
Peggy Sullivan

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

Coleman Stephens, General Services, 19
Margaret Mary Casanova, Convention Center, 18
David Hunter, Public Works, 22
Jennie Zager, DWP, 11

Retired

Lucie Allison, Library, 27
Pedro Avalos, Rec and Parks, 24
Quintin Beaman, Public Works, 30
Margaret Bean, DWP, 21
Oliver Bennett, DWP, 32
Fred Berry, DWP, 36
Luis Betancourt, Public Works, 10
Dan Branham, DWP, 3
A.L. Dennis, Airports, 30
Jose Duran, DWP, 23
Jeannette Girod, DWP, 31
Cletus Gretter, DWP, 24
Charles Guyer, Harbor, 19
Alexander Hanzly, DWP, 26
Minnie Hill, LAPD, 24
Sadao Izumi, DWP, 43
Lawrence Johnson, Rec and Parks, 24
Gizella Kaposi, Building and Safety, 15
Richard Kater, Rec and Parks, 34
Eli Katz, DWP, 34

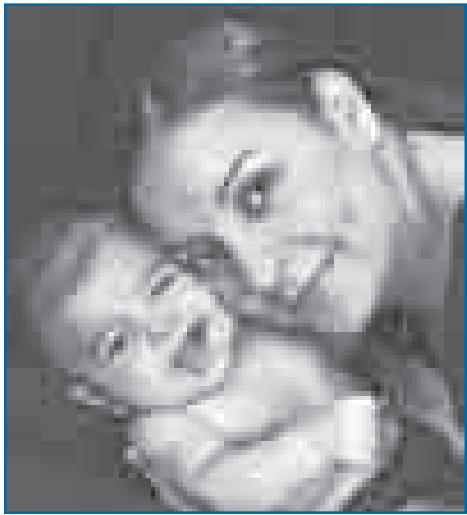
Michael Kowaiter, DWP, 17
Vernon Loomer, Public Works, 13
Reuben Lovret, City Planning, 32
Rufus Manuel, General Services, 17
Gary Murakami, City Clerk, 32
Ruby Novida, General Services, 19
Lucy Rankin, LAPD, 12
Carol Rastall, DWP, 32
James Reay, Building and Safety, 10
Jack Rolls, Public Works, 13
Theodore Roman, DWP, 27
David Ross, Public Works, 26
Robert Roos, DWP, 32
Tommy Sanders, DWP, 23
Guy Seymour, Public Works, 23
Mavis Schneider, Personnel, 10
John Stoic, DWP, 28
George Stolt, Public Works, 37
Verl Tharp, DWP, 25
Vernon Todd, DWP, 25
Paul Thompson, DWP, 31
Carey Tompkins, DWP, 30
Richard Varela, DWP, 29
Jesse Vilanueva, Public Works, 25
Carl Woehrle, Building and Safety, 29
Robert Woods, Public Works, 24

Retirements

| NAME | TITLE | DEPT. | YEARS | NAME | TITLE | DEPT. | YEARS |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Albert Anderson | Accounting Clerk | Finance | 18 | George Hill | Not Disclosed | DWP | Not Disclosed |
| Pedro Avalos | Gardener Caretaker | Rec and Parks | 24 | Larry Irwin | Not Disclosed | DWP | Not Disclosed |
| Harrison Balaz | Civil Engineer | Public Works | 36 | Johnny Joe | Sr. Heating/Refrig. Insp. | Building and Safety | 30 |
| William Beelow | Construction Inspector | Public Works | 29 | Gloria Kurey | Management Analyst | LAPD | 26 |
| Elnora Beltran | Not Disclosed | DWP | Not Disclosed | Arthur Kurimoto | Survey Supervisor | Public Works | 31 |
| Ronny Binkier | Sr. Park Maintenance Supervisor | Rec and Parks | 35 | Terry Ley | Not Disclosed | DWP | Not Disclosed |
| Benjamin Bohorquez | Tax Compliance Officer | Finance | 31 | Mary Liu | Struct. Engr. Assoc. | Building and Safety | 30 |
| LaVonne Brown | Not Disclosed | DWP | Not Disclosed | Debra Lloyd | Crossing Guard | Transportation | 18 |
| Marie Bougetz | Librarian | Library | 30 | Helen Lo | Not Disclosed | DWP | Not Disclosed |
| Steven Bulpitt | Not Disclosed | DWP | Not Disclosed | Robert Luce | Not Disclosed | DWP | Not Disclosed |
| Lorenzo Cruz | Light Equip. Operator | Rec and Parks | 33 | Daniel Mahan | Not Disclosed | DWP | Not Disclosed |
| Rafael Cornejo | Structural Eng. Asst. | Building and Safety | 20 | Bruce Mather | Not Disclosed | DWP | Not Disclosed |
| Deborah Delong | Police Service Rep. | LAPD | 40 | Larry Mendoza | Motor Sweeper Operator | Public Works | 21 |
| Donna Denning | Pers. Research Psych. | Personnel | 21 | Sheldon Miller | Tax Auditor | Finance | 15 |
| Anita Domingo | Dept. Chief Acct. | Airports | 30 | Juan Monclova | Traffic Officer | Transportation | 30 |
| Richard Douglas | Sr. Gardener | Rec and Parks | 31 | Richard Mullenex | Building Inspector | Building and Safety | 25 |
| Samuel Duque | Not Disclosed | DWP | Not Disclosed | Roy Nakamura | Supervisor/Trans. Plan. | Transportation | 18 |
| David Elisarraraz | Not Disclosed | DWP | Not Disclosed | Frank Navarro | Pr. Librarian | Library | 11 |
| Lewis Ellis | Security Officer | Airports | 5 | Stephen Nekota | Not Disclosed | DWP | Not Disclosed |
| Virginia Ereksan | Not Disclosed | DWP | Not Disclosed | Carlota Ortiz | Clerk Typist | Library | 11 |
| Kelly Fernandez | Sr. Gardener | Rec and Parks | 33 | Kevin Shannon | Equip. Mech. | LAPD | 33 |
| Rodolfo Gallegos | Plumber | Public Works | 27 | Kenneth Simmons | Asst. GM | ITA | 22 |
| Richard Hake | Not Disclosed | DWP | Not Disclosed | David Schnitger | Director of Systems | Building and Safety | 33 |
| Douglas Hall | Plumber | Public Works | 17 | Albert Valenzuela Jr. | Light Equip. Operator | Rec and Parks | 40 |
| Deogracias Hamac | Traffic Officer | Transportation | 11 | Jasper Vercher | Custodial Serv. Attn. | Airports | 10 |
| Thomas Heaton | Not Disclosed | DWP | Not Disclosed | Charles Vestal | Librarian | Library | 10 |
| Gay Hill | Clerk Typist | Housing | 28 | | | | |



Births



Aidan Rodriguez, born Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, to Club Member Erica and Arnold Rodriguez. Erica is Senior Clerk Typist, LAPD.

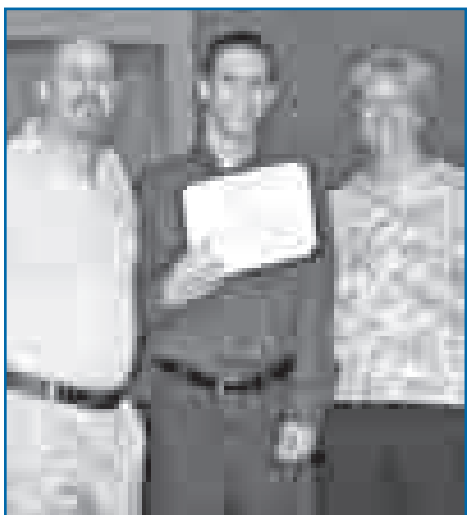
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TICKET GUY Nathan Cotton, born May 22 to Navin and Angela Cotton. Congratulations, Ticket Guy and Angela, on your first child. The Club is happy for you!



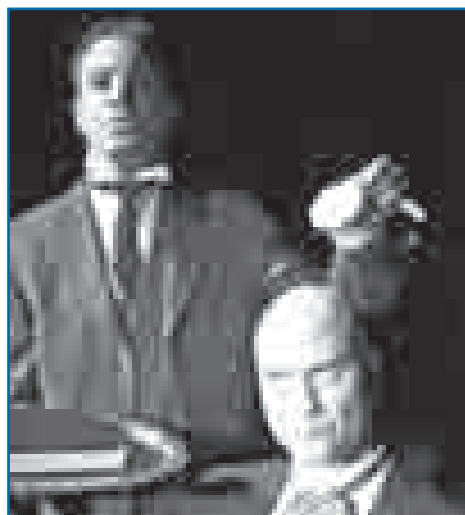
Special Achievements



Bryan Sarfaty, son of Jean Sarfaty, LAPD, Club Rep, and Ron Sarfaty, was inducted into the elite Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society at Cal State L.A. He is a senior and among the top 10 percent in his class. He has already completed his Associate's degree in criminal justice at Moorpark College and is on target to graduate with his Bachelor's degree in criminal justice in April 2009. "We are extremely proud of him and love him very much!" Jean writes.



Danielle Smith earned the following certificates from the Westside Christian school -- second semester honor roll, science achievement, excellence in American sign language, and student of the month. She is entering eighth grade and is the daughter of Chermaine Smith, Public Works/Sanitation.



LAPD employee Donaco Smyth wrote and starred in *Capsized Flotsam*, which opened June 26 at The Ark Theatre. *Capsized Flotsam* is the second of Smyth's plays to romp across L.A. stages. His comedy, *Annoyed by Life*, appeared at the Hudson Guild Theatre in 2004. Smyth has been an LAPD employee for nearly seven years and works as a Clerk Typist for Commercial Crimes Division in the San Fernando Valley. One of the main duties of his assignment is assigning Identity Theft reports to the detectives in his office. Donaco is "a proud member of the City Employees Club" and regularly takes advantage of many of the Club's benefits, like ticket purchases and great hiking trails around the City. Break a leg, Donaco! Congratulations.



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 high resolution photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

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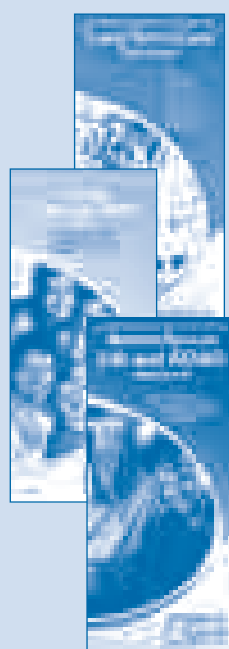
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Use the power of the Club to protect yourself against the financial downfall of accidental death or dismemberment.

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

Your Counselor

Can Help

Your Club Counselor will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the Club's insurance packages. Look on page 4 to find out which Counselor represents your department ...or call (800) 464-0452.



Arlene Herrero



Howard Pompel

Life's Important Moments

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Graduations

Congratulations!



Dr. Mark E. Henderson received his Doctoral degree in education in May from the University of La Verne, And he was honored June 7 as the "Distinguished Father of the Year" by the National Association of University Women, Compton Branch, at a Scholarship/Award Banquet at Cal State Dominguez Hills. He's the son of Marjorie Thayne, Retired, Cultural Affairs.



Jessica Ruiz, youngest daughter of Judy Ruiz, LAPD, graduated from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of science degree in education. Jessica attained her degree in just three years and graduated *summa cum laude* with a 3.98 GPA. She plans to teach high school history in the Santa Clarita Valley.



Daniel Jamgotchian graduated from Notre Dame High School in June 2008. He will be attending California State University Northridge, majoring in Mechanical Engineering. His proud parents are the *Alive!* designers, David and Marie Jamgotchian.



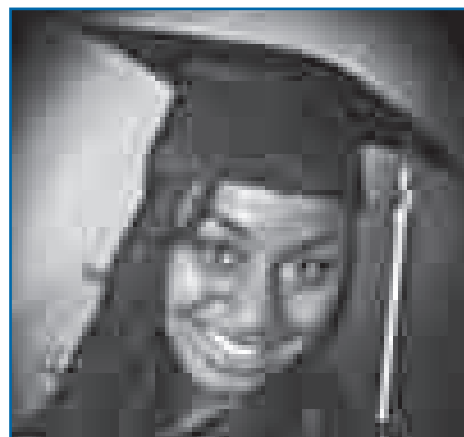
Nick Hernandez graduated from St. Anthony's School this month and plans to attend Gabrielino High School in the fall. Dad is Jaime Hernandez, Safety Engineer Associate, DWP.



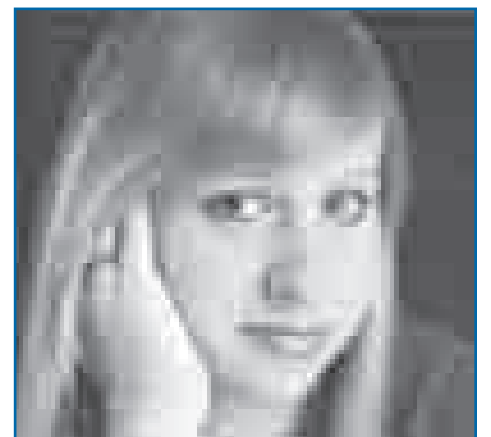
Gavielle Concepcion graduated from Alta Loma High School *cum laude* (top one percent of senior class). She plans to attend U.C. Riverside as a biochemistry major in the fall. She's the daughter of Collin Concepcion, Airports/Ontario.



Gloria Guadalupe Onate-Kemnitz graduated from Cajon High School in San Bernardino. She plans to attend Cal State University San Bernardino in the fall, studying nursing education. Gloria is the daughter of Ernesto Onate, Transportation, and Club Member.



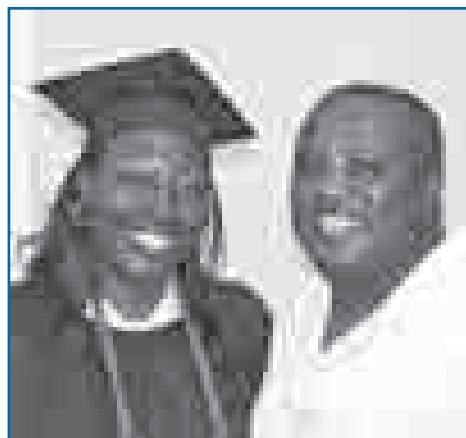
Michelle Cirilla Banuelos Smith graduated with honors from First Lutheran High School in Sylmar, where she was class president. She plans to attend Cook College in Daytona, Fla., where she has been offered a softball scholarship. She is related to Chermaine Fontenette, Club Member.



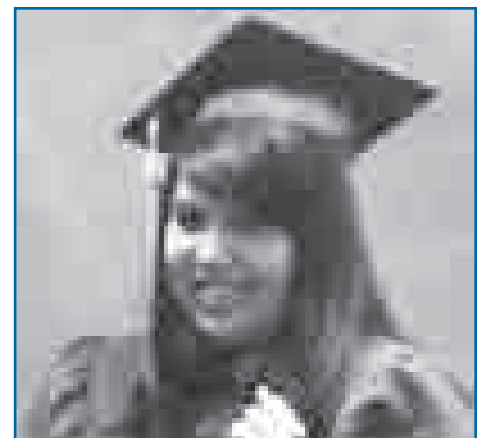
Alyssa Ryan graduated from Riverside Christian High School with a 4.0 grade point average and plans to attend California Lutheran College in Thousand Oaks in September. She's the daughter of Rick Ryan, DWP.



Alyssa Janeé Peterson graduated from Lincoln High School in Stockton with a 3.8 GPA. She plans to attend Fresno State this fall, majoring in psychology and minoring in communication. She is the granddaughter of Thomas Vercher, graphic designer, Library, and Club Member.



L'keva Harris graduated with an Associate's degree in criminal justice from Los Angeles Mission College and plans to pursue her Bachelor's degree and ultimately her Master's degree, also in criminal justice! L'keva is a crime scene photographer for LAPD's Scientific Investigation Division.



Elisa Espinoza graduated from West Covina High School and plans to attend Mount St. Mary's College in the fall. Her mom is Eva Espinoza, Club Member.



Weddings

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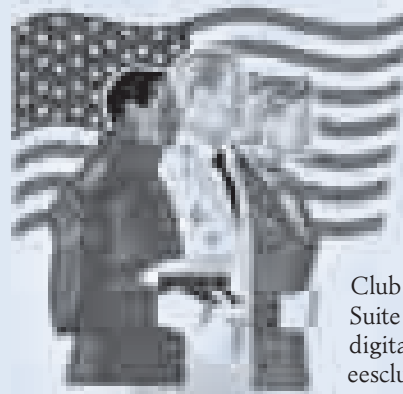


Quinceañera

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Military



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Have News About Yourself?

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

President Ed Harding reports:



Ed Harding

"June has been another busy month, starting with our 30th annual Golf Tournament June 4 at the Alhambra Golf Course. We had 84 golfers, a record number. Phil Skarin and Tom Stemmok, co-chairmen, did a bang-up job. Everything was great, including fabulous prizes and a great awards luncheon that everyone enjoyed. Thanks again, Phil and Tom.

"Thanks also to Americo Garza and his registration crew, who were there at 6:30 a.m.; Joe Nagano, who assigned the closest-to-the pin markers to the right golfers; and Bob Okuda, who supervised the handicapping for the 30th year.

"A big thanks to these prize sponsors: LAFUCU, ACEBSA, the City Employees Club, Ed Harding, Tom Stemmok, Bob Okuda, Phil Skarin and Dell Grubb.

"On June 5, LACERS sponsored a Medicare Seminar, and on June 26 a Health Benefits Seminar. On June 17, Garza's Party Committee and I went to Grace Lodge to arrange for our picnic in August and Christmas Party in December. On June 19, we went to Whittier to arrange for the food for these affairs."

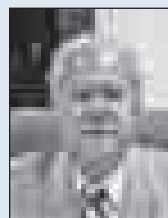
Health Committee Chair Neil Ricci reports: "On June 5, LACERS sponsored a Medicare Seminar, and on June 26 a Seminar titled 'The Road to Good Health.' Both were held at the Friendship Auditorium on Riverside Drive, near Los Feliz Boulevard.

"The various providers of medical services for retired City Employees included: LACERS, RLACEI, the City's Dept. of Aging, Secure Horizons, SCAN, Kaiser and Blue Cross. Representing RLACEI were President Ed Harding, Secretary Hal Danowitz and myself.

"Each of the Medical Services organizations was given the opportunity to address the audience and present a summary of the service they provide, and then held a question and answer period and had many handouts. They were very successful seminars.

For those who missed them, another one will be held Aug. 21 at the Friendship Auditorium, with breakfast and lunch included."

Legislative Update:



Ken Spiker

Ken Spiker, our Legislative Representative, reports that the Mayor's proposed budget for the next fiscal year contained an \$81 million short payment to the required City contri-

bution to the Retirement Fund.

Thanks to the office of the Chief Legislative Analyst, the Council's Budget and Finance Committee and the City Council, the \$81 million was restored.

The budget has been passed, approved by the Mayor, and thus the Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System should receive the full required allocation.



Upcoming Events:

Aug. 7: Annual Picnic at Grace E. Simons Lodge, 11:30 a.m.

Oct. 16: Annual Corporation Meeting and Elections at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center. Lunch at noon, meeting at 1 p.m.

Dec. 4: Christmas Party at Grace E. Simons Lodge, noon.

For reservations to above meetings and lunches, RSVP a week ahead to (800) 678-4145, extension 701.

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.

The Best Years

ADVENTURES with HAL!



The Lower East Side Tenement Museum.

By Hal Danowitz,
Secretary, RLACEI

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

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Tenements, West Point and a Parade

■ Hal and crew conclude their week in New York.

Evelyn and I were in New York City for a week with our cousins, Don and Myrna. We stayed at the New York Hilton (57th Street and Avenue of the Americas). We arrived Tuesday, and I'll pick-up our story on Saturday morning.

This was a free day. After being a foursome since start of the trip, it was good to have a day off to do different things. Evelyn was going to visit with one of our friends, and I planned to revisit the Lower East Side Tenement Museum.

After a quick breakfast, Evelyn and I walked to Central Park. The weather was cool, but with bright sunshine, a lot of people were in the park. We walked along the west side of the park and then cut through the park at about 72nd Street. We stopped by the ice-skating rink and then by the carousel. We walked back on the east side and stopped at the newly redone Plaza Hotel, which is now a combination hotel/condominium. We were lucky enough to stay there before it closed for the redo. While it was very nice inside, it did seem to have the same atmosphere as the old Plaza.

About noon, I left Evelyn to find her friend and caught the subway to go downtown to the museum.

Now, a word about the subways. They are the best way to get around the city. If you're not used to them it may seem scary, but if you watch what you are doing they are easy to use and very safe. The basic fare is \$2 a trip, but you can get a one-day pass for \$7.50 or a seven-day pass for \$25. If you are older than 65, you can get a half-price card, but you

need proof, and you need to apply for the card in advance. Most guidebooks will tell you the subway line and stop, and there are a number of Internet sites that will program your trip for you.

There is always a lot of maintenance going on during the weekend, so sometimes the station you need will be closed, and that is what happened to me. There was a sign at the closed station directing me to another station, and I was able to catch the train to the Lower East Side.

The Lower East Side Tenement Museum (www.tenement.org), open every day except Monday, is at 97 Orchard St. The building was built in 1863 and was a residential apartment building until 1935. In 1935, because of a change in building codes, the residential part of the building was closed and remained empty until the 1980s, when it was decided to save the building from redevelopment and turn it into a historical site to tell the story of how the immigrants lived in New York.

The museum offers three different tours (adults \$17; seniors/students \$13 each tour). The tours last about an hour, and you visit an apartment and hear the story of one of the families that lived there. I have started to research the history of my father's parents and, while they lived in Brooklyn in 1909, I'm sure the apartment was of the same type as in the museum.

There is an interesting story about the Baldizzi family, which lived in the building in the 1930s. As they were renovating the building for the museum, one of the Baldizzi daughters who lived in the building as a child happened to walk by, and when they found out who she was, they recorded 12 hours of oral history on the building and her family. Using that information, they were able to furnish the Baldizzi apartment as it was when they lived there.

I took the subway back to the hotel and caught up with Evelyn and was able to say hello to her friend before getting ready for dinner and a show that evening.

We had dinner at an Irish pub called the



The New York Fire Department Flag Unit in the St. Patrick's Day parade.



Waiting for the St. Patrick's Day parade.

Pig 'n' Whistle (165 W. 47th St.), where we have eaten before. The food is good and it's close to the theater district.

We had tickets for a revival of *Gypsy* (St. James Theatre, 246 W. 44th St.) starring Patti LuPone. I enjoyed seeing it again as I had seen the original with Ethel Merman 48 years ago on a trip to New York.

One place I always wanted to visit was the United States Military Academy at West Point. So on Sunday, we rented a car and drove the 50 miles from New York City to the West Point Visitors Center in Highland Falls, just outside the Thayer Gate, the main entrance to the Academy. Since 9/11 you have to take a tour or be with someone approved to visit the grounds.

The Academy overlooks the Hudson River and occupies more than 16,000 acres, and is one of the largest school campuses in the world. The post itself was first occupied in 1778 and is the oldest continuously occupied military post in the United States. The



Evelyn in Central Park.



Academy was established in 1802 and is the oldest of the military academies. Enrollment is about 4,000 cadets, and more than 900 graduates are commissioned as U.S. Army lieutenants every year.

The winter tour takes about one hour and costs \$10. The tour stops at the Main Cadet Chapel, Trophy Point, Battle Monument and the Plain. You are off the bus walking for about 30 minutes. There is much history associated with the Academy, and I felt very proud to be on the same ground as Grant, Lee, MacArthur and Eisenhower.

After the tour, we visited the West Point Museum, just behind the Visitors Center. It contains the oldest and largest public collection of militaria in the Western Hemisphere. Based on captured British materials brought to West Point after the British defeat at Saratoga in 1777, the museum actually predates the founding of the Academy.

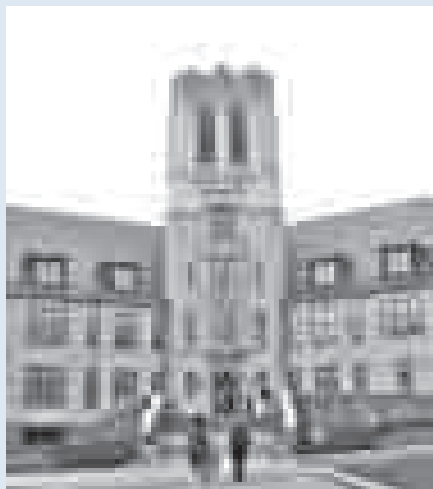
Our last full day in New York was Monday, March 17th, St. Patrick's Day. When I made the plans for the trip I didn't know that we would be there for the St. Patrick's Day parade, but when I found out we made plans to see it.

The annual parade has been held for the past 247 years in honor of the patron saint of both Ireland and the Archdiocese of New York. The parade starts at 44th Street at 11 a.m. and marches up Fifth Avenue to 86th Street, where the parade finishes around 5 p.m. The parade has only marchers and does not allow floats, automobiles or other commercial aspects. Every year there are estimated 150,000 – 250,000 marchers, lots of bands and of course the ever-present politicians in front of more than two million spectators.

This was the coldest day of our trip, with the temperature in the low 40s and a little bit of wind. We walked up to Fifth Avenue and found a place to stand at 63rd Street. We wanted to be in the sun, but we were on the wrong side of the street. We stayed for about two hours of the parade, waiting to see the New York Fire Department flag unit, which carries a flag for each responder who died on 9/11.

After that we headed to an Irish pub for lunch and some beer. As they say, "on St. Patrick's Day, everyone is Irish."

We had a great time in New York and look forward to our next visit.



The West Point Museum.



Hal and Evelyn at West Point.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Gifts From Your Heart

We usually think of gifts as things we give to people at birthdays, weddings, graduations and at Christmas.

Gifts like money, jewelry, clothes, etc.

But there are other kinds of gifts we can give, such as

- words of encouragement
- time to listen attentively
- a friendly smile
- a helping hand.

St. Peter said, "Serve one another with whatever gifts you have been given."

So, remember that the best kinds of gifts you can give aren't things, but gifts from your heart.

– Phil Skarin



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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.

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RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

Patty and Rose Matarrese planned to celebrate their 64th wedding anniversary July 4. Their secret is to always listen attentively to whatever the other one is saying.

Miguel Alvarez writes, "I do some consulting engineering. I visit my wife daily at a residence for people with Alzheimer's."

Richard Palmisano golfs, gardens and babysits his grandkids. He is active with the National Alliance on Mental Health.

Sam Tanaka, after two weeks of retirement, came back to work as a program manager for the Bureau of Engineering. Both of his daughters were married last year.

Richard Wainer sold his house and downsized to a condo. "It's easier to pack up and go on trips. Last year it was to China. This year it's to Costa Rica."

Louie Yamanishi has been cruising, traveling and visiting grandchildren. Louie grew up in a house on the south end of Lucy Brown Lane in San Juan Batista.

An information sheet entitled "**Upon the Death of a Retired City Employee**" is available by sending an S.A.S.E. to Phil Skarin at 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411.

Hal Danowitz asks you to visit the RLACEI website at www.rlacei.com to find the latest news. You can also e-mail the RLACEI at rlacei@verizon.net.

If you change your address, notify Helen Salgado, Membership Chair, at (800) 678-4145 x713, or write to her at 8372 Arnett Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92647. Also notify LACERS.

If you have news about yourself or other retirees that you'd like to share, send it to Phil Skarin at 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411, or phone (818) 784-0130.

Are You Planning to Retire Soon?

If you are, you're invited to join the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI). RLACEI is the only organization exclusively serving the interests of all Los Angeles City retirees. Over the years we have worked diligently to improve and protect retiree benefits. All our members are active members of the City's Retirement System. Our mission is to assure a financially sound retirement system adequately funded, so that all present and future retirees will receive the financial benefits for which they worked and are entitled. RLACEI needs the support of all retirees and we urge you to join us in protecting your benefits and making our voice heard. The dues are only \$1 a month. If you would like additional information, e-mail us at: RLACEI@VERIZON.NET or call one of our Board members at (800) 678-4145.



From left: Richard Telles, retired from Rec and Parks after 35 years; Greg Telles; and Bill Hormann.



From left: Walt Naydo, retired from Public Works/Engineering after 38 years; Shogi Fukuma, retired from Public Works/Engineering after 34 years; and George Egami, retired from Public Works/Engineering after 34 years.



From left: Gail Draper, retired from ITA after 40 years; Jim Hamilton, retired from LAPD after 32 years; Dennis Frady, retired from ITA after 31 years; and Guy Bourgeois, retired from LAPD after 36 years.



From left: Kevin Rodriguez, Convention Center, 20 years; Art Rios, Convention Center, 21 years; William Jones, LAPD, 8 years; and Leroy Plummer, Convention Center, 8 years.



From left: Hector Ramirez, retired from LAX after 19 years; Hans Markus; Steve Uranga, LACERS Commissioner; and John Leon.



From left: Norm Gottlieb, retired from the CAO's office after 30 years; Wally Essler; John Bobo; and Leon Gottlieb.



From left: Robert Gomez, retired from Transportation after 23 years; Steve Gomez, retired from Transportation; Mike Stawicki, retired from Transportation; and Jess Molina.



Steve Uranga, with coffee in hand, gets ready to play!

Golf!

Retirees Assn. hosts annual golf tournament.

Story and photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations

RLACEI — On June 4, the Retired Los Angeles City Retirees, Inc. (RLACEI) hosted its annual golf tournament.

The event was held at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course in Alhambra.

Congratulations to the many prize winners! And thanks to Ed Harding and the leadership at RLACEI for inviting us.



Ed Harding (far left), RLACEI President and CEO, with his crew of volunteers.



From left: Bob Rogers, retired from Planning after 31 years; Greg Spiker from Ken Spiker and Associates; Gary Mattingly, retired General Manager of Fire and Police Pensions after 38 years; and Fred Ige, retired from Planning after 27 years.



From left: Neil Ricci, RLACEI Board Member; Hal Danowitz, RLACEI Board Member (and *Alive!* columnist); Harry Yamatsuka, retired from the Harbor after 41 years; and Jack Mathews, RLACEI Board Member.



From left: Ed Itagaki, retired from Public Works/Engineering after 32 years; Mase Beastro, retired from Public Works/Engineering after 32 years; Jerry Jesse; and Roy Yoshika.



From left: Phil Skarin, RLACEI Director; Dick Hovious, retired from Building and Safety after 27 years; Earl Gales Sr., retired from LAX and Rec and Parks after 34 years; and Charles Clement, retired from Rec and Parks after 38 years.



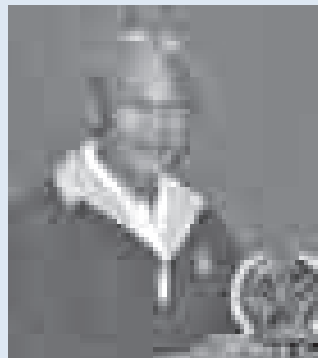
From left: Darrel Hans, retired from Public Works/Engineering after 36 years; Richard Brown, retired from Public Works/Engineering after 34 years; Gerald Takaki, retired from Building and Safety after 33 years; and Ed Lubrin, retired from the DWP after 38 years.



From left: Gil Alberio, retired from Harbor after 37 years; Gil Hamblet; Richard Molony, retired from LAPD after 27 years; and Paul Bellia.



Longest Drive, 2nd Hole (three golf balls each): Men, Bill Hormann; and Ladies, Dianna Moore.



RLACEI Member, Men, Low Gross (70): Shogi Fukuma.



Closest to the Pin (three golf balls each), from left: 7th hole, Hans Markus; 8th hole, Leroy Plummer; 11th hole, Fred Ige; 13th hole, Guy Leacher; 15th hole, Paul Bellia.

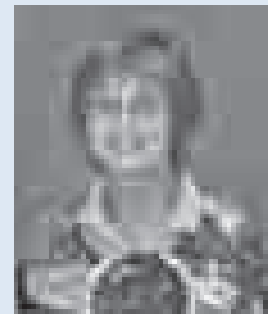


One of the great-looking trophies.

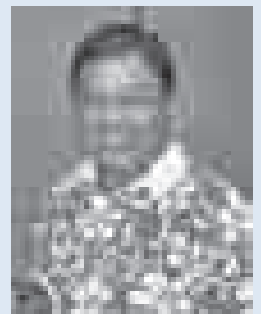
Trophies All Around!



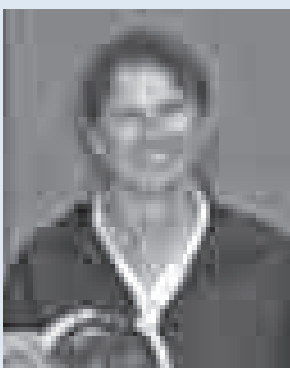
High Gross Men (three golf balls): Robert Dearborn; and High Gross Ladies (three golf balls): Betsy Melancon.



RLACEI Member, Ladies, Low Net (66): Diana Moore.



RLACEI Member, Men 2nd, Low Net (59): Fred Ige.



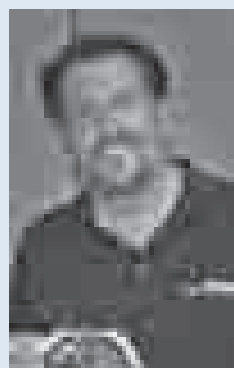
All Ladies, Low Gross (102): Cathy Bushey.



From left: All Golfers, Low Gross, Back 9 (35): Greg Telles; and All Golfers, Low Gross, Front 9 (35): Harry Yamatsuka.



RLACEI Member, Men, Low Net (58): Bill Kiaanao.



RLACEI Member, Men, Low Net (58): Larry Miller.



Guest, Men, Low Net (56): Leroy Plummer.



Guest, Men, Low Gross (69): Bill Hormann.

Retiree Question of the Month

Alive! asked retirees...

What was the lowest price you remember paying for a gallon of gas?



"25 cents in 1965."
- Richard Sanchez, Club Member, Building and Safety.



"25 cents."
- Jim Hamilton, Club Member, Retired from LAPD in 2001.



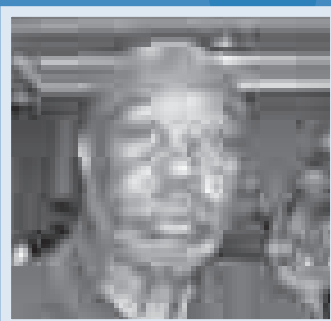
- The real Jim!



"24.9 cents."
- Larry Miller, Club Member, Retired from Public Works/Sanitation in 2002.



"\$1.75."
- Greg Spiker, Ken Spiker and Associates (Greg is the son of *Alive!* columnist Ken Spiker).



"35 cents."
- Oliver Cunningham, Club Member, Retired from Public Works/Sanitation in 1995.



"15 cents for diesel."
- Cathy Bushey, Club Member, Retired from LAPD Communications in 2007.



"17 cents in 1961 or '62."
- Dick Hovious, Club Member, retired from Building and Safety in 1996.



"\$1.25."
- Kevin Rodriguez, Club Member, Convention Center.



"\$4.35."
- Gary Mattingly, Club Member, Retired from Fire and Police Pensions.

The Best Years



Bob Klein, DWP, Associate Electrical Engineer, 37 years of service.



From left: Jo and Keith Kraft, DWP, Station Maintenance, 20 years of service.



From left: Al Magee, DWP, Chief Operator, 30 years of service; and Theodore Magee, DWP, Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, 31 years of service.



From left: Vince Foley, Chairman, Retiree's Health Care and Benefits Committee; with Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations.



From left: Dolores Foley, President, DWP Retirees Assn.; and Vince Foley, Chairman, Retirees' Health Care and Benefits Committee.

DWP Picnic

Retirees Assn. hosts annual picnic.

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations

DWP RETIREES ASSN. — The DWP Retirees Association hosted its 55th annual summer picnic June 7 at the Whittier Narrows at the Meadows in Whittier.

The DWP Employees Association and the DWP were present at the picnic.

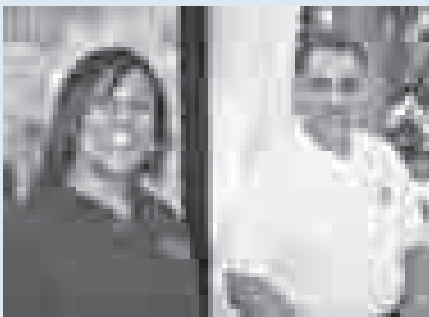
Thanks to Vince and Dolores Foley and the DWP Retirees Association for inviting the Club.



From left: John Chacon, DWP, Water Operating Meter Specialist, 34 years of service; Becky Chacon, DWP, Principal Clerk 33 years of service; and Pat Waldburg, DWP, Principal Clerk Utility, 34 years of service.



James Segawa, DWP, Electrical Engineer Designer, 38 years of service



From left: Carla Day, DWP Customer Service Representative, 16 years of service; and Jean Canzano, DWP, Electrical Construction Supervisor, 17 years of service.



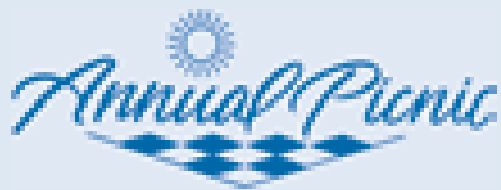
From left: Barny Jimenez, DWP, Upholsterer, 30 years of service; Toke Yoshihashi, DWP, Equipment Mechanic, 27 years of service; and Ronnie Schwarze, DWP, Sr. Automotive Dispatcher, 39 years of service.



From left: Virgil Coleman, DWP, Transmission District Supervisor, 37 years of service; Glen Romine, DWP, Civil Engineering Associate, 37 years of service; Debi (daughter Glen and Carol), Rachel (granddaughter Glen and Carol), and Carol Romine (wife of Glen); and John Hawkins, President and CEO of the Club.



From left: Pete Timbrello, DWP, Clerk Typist, 34 years of service, and his wife, Sandy.



Back row, from left: Ely Tapabamo, DWP Health Plan Representative, 18 years of service; and Fredajeon Trujillo, DWP Health Plan Representative, 23 years of service. Front: Donna Pierce, DWP Health Plan Representative, 29 years of service; and Norma Gonzalez, DWP Health Plan Representative, 26 years of service.



From left: John House, Principal Clerk, 20 years of service, with Frank Fowler, DWP, Clerk, 33 years of service, and his wife, Liz.



Royal Watters, DWP, Cable Slicer, 18 years.



Dario Miralles, DWP, Mechanical Helper, 33 years of service.



Vincent Garces, DWP, Electrical Tester, 15 years of service.



Austine Magee, DWP, Generating Station Supervisor, 28 years of service.



From left: Barbara Lacasella, wife of Pat Lacasella, and Dorothy Sears, mother.



From left: Robert Pulskamp with his dad, John Pulskamp, Retired DWP, Senior Information System Supervisor, 35 years of service.



From left: Dolores Foley, President, DWP Retirees Assn. President; with Vince Foley, Retirees' Health Care and Benefits Committee; and Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations.



From left: Cruz and Epifanio Feliz, 30 years of service; with Al Mack, DWP, Electrical Station Maintenance, 30 years of service.



From left: Tere and Bob Reitmeyer, DWP, Energy Utilization Consultant, 30 years of service

Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



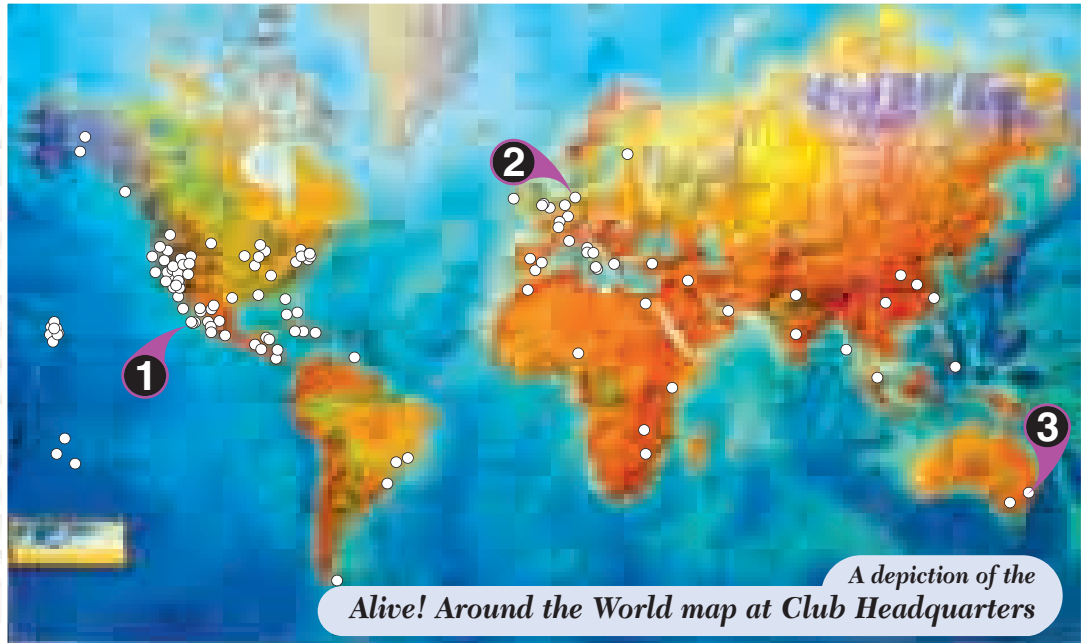
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Mexico



"Enjoying the Sea of Cortez, I spent a week in Cabo and enjoyed the tranquility and relaxation. There is so much to see and do; it's one of my favorite vacations."

- Germain Mendoza, Housing Department



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

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Germany



Mike Boyd, West Valley Sanitation, on the beach on the North Sea in Cuxhaven, Germany, where he was visiting his family.

Mike, you sure like traveling with your Alive! Good going! - Ed.

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Australia

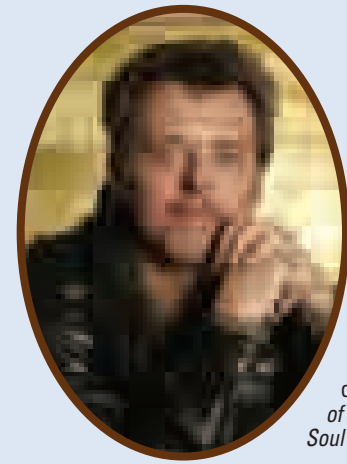


"My wife and I traveled to Australia in February and snapped these photos in Sydney with our Canon Sureshot SD800. We also took a cruise (I think our ship is in a photo) to Tasmania and then onto New Zealand, but we broke the camera before we got there!"

"We were on our way to climb the bridge that you can see behind me. People are allowed to climb to the top of the arches and look out over Sydney. The views from up there are spectacular. We were blessed with a gorgeous day (it was the end of summer down there and is usually the rainy season)."

- Mike Elling, LAPD

Saintly Paths in L.A.



J. Michael Walker, author of *All the Saints of the City of the Angels: Seeking the Soul of L.A. on Its Streets*.

Many streets in the City are named for saints (including the City itself).

As most of you know, many place names here in California were named after Catholic saints – San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, San Gabriel, Santa Ana, San Pedro, San Mateo, San Jose. And *La Reina de Los Angeles* – Los Angeles – was named after St. Mary, the “queen of the angels.” Often, although not consistently, the places were named by the Franciscan friars, the original European colonizers of our area, according to the saint’s feast day when the land was “discovered” and named.

Recently, a new historical book was created by an artistic and literary genius, J. Michael Walker. The book is *All the Saints of the City of the Angels: Seeking the Soul of L.A. on Its Streets*. I was fortunate enough to meet Michael in my office in the City Clerk’s Records Management Division in the Piper Technical Center sometime before I retired in 2001. His focus was on this masterpiece. This article is not a book review but a summary of another facet of the history of the City that we all need to be aware of.

Michael’s concept for this volume has a historical background dating back to 1769. His intent was to bring to life the street names reflecting names of different saints from the Catholic church and other denominations. These streets, avenues, roads, etc. were named mainly by real estate developers. Often the pretentious names added character to the otherwise mundane names of the land expansions. This fascinating concept found its identity

because of the Spanish and Mexican influence in our great City.

There are 103 “Saintly Streets,” according to J. Michael Walker. I will venture to introduce you to only a few. The remainder you will have to discover on your own through Michael’s great book. Mr. Walker may be contacted at jmichael@allthesaints.com or allthesaintsofla.blogspot.com.

Thanks to J. Michael Walker for giving my readers and me this rich opportunity to tell these tales. He certainly is a “saintly man” himself.

San Julian Street and Place

This street established in 1883 is one block west of San Pedro Street and runs from Fifth Street to Pico Boulevard. Today, San Julian Street is the heart of skid row in the City. This decidedly dismal street has been in this condition for at least 20 years. Was its life expectancy foretold by the Greek-like tragedy of St. Julian?

A synopsis of the legend is that, as a boy of aristocratic parents, San Julian is told a terrible prediction by a beast in the forest that he would kill his parents. Never to return home, he later makes a good life for himself and his wife. One day he leaves to hunt a deer. Later, a couple passes by his home and are invited in by Julian’s wife to remain for dinner. In time, the three people realize they are Julian’s parents. They are invited to spend the night in Julian’s bed. The wife sleeps on hay by the hearth, waiting for her husband. When Julian returns, it is dark. He goes into his bedroom and sees two people embracing each other. In anger, he shoots the two of them. His wife, near the hearth, gives a nightmare cry to let Julian know whom he has killed!

Santa Monica Boulevard

This lengthy boulevard dates back to 1893. It runs from the Pacific Ocean to Silver Lake. It was named probably in 1770 by explorer Gasper de Portola in honor of the feast day of Santa Monica, mother of St. Augustine. Monica was a fourth-century widow with three children. Her eldest son, Augustine, was a very bright lad. He was constantly in trouble, and Monica went through years of worrying, pleading and crying over the boy. It is noted that she cried so much the ground became damp from her tears. Monica became a saint because she continued to love her son even when he did wrong; she never lost hope for his redemption. In time, Augustine gave up his wayward ways and became a highly regarded Catholic philosopher, theologian and writer. He wrote *City of God*, amongst other works, that are still vital today, 1,500 years after being written.

Santa Susana Pass and Old Santa Susana Pass Roads

This isn’t really a street. The formidable entrance to this pass is one of the most incredible small, single-erupted mountainous rocks ever seen with embedded boulders having been pushed out in all directions over the elevation, looking more like a planned Hollywood set than reality, sitting on the edge of Topanga Canyon Boulevard. This is why I chose this saintly masterpiece. This pass weaves westward from Topanga Canyon Boulevard to the Los Angeles County line in Chatsworth. It sits within the Santa Susana Mountain range that divides the Simi and San Fernando Valleys. Santa Susana was named by the Franciscan friars who colonized California at least 200 years ago. It is supposed that these priests named the area while traveling the difficult terrain by foot or horse from the Mission San Fernando through to the Chumash villages in the western valley or further north to Mission San Buenaventura. These mountains were and continue to be a geologic and botanical wonder for many reasons. It is believed that this area contains evidence dating back 10 million years. As far as I can determine, the name of the pass comes from a third-century Roman martyr, about which little is known. Nevertheless, this majestic pass certainly deserves its saintly name.

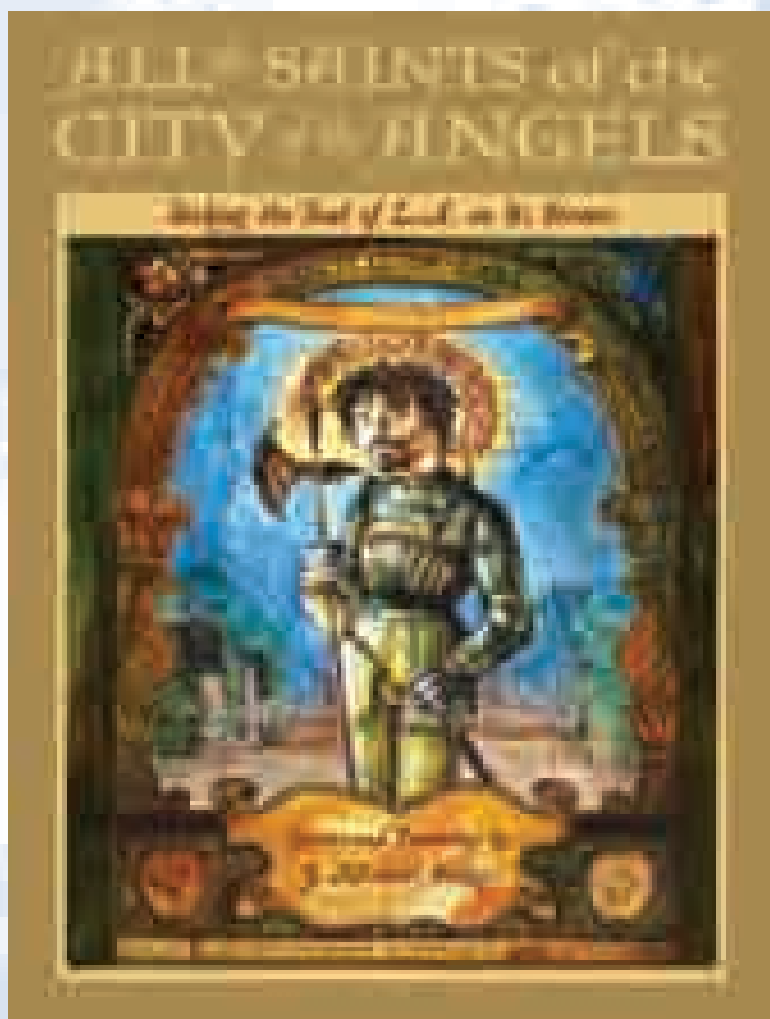
St. Cloud Road

This road was established in 1923. It runs between St. Pierre Road and Cuesta Way, north of Sunset Boulevard in Bel Air Estates. Alphonso Bell, a Los Angeles farmer, oilman and real estate investor, discovered the name St. Cloud while touring France. He was taken by the name. The appellation comes from a boy prince who eventually became St. Cloud in the sixth century. He came from a difficult background: He was orphaned as a child, and then nearly killed by an uncle who murdered his older brother to gain their throne. At eight years old, he was alone and lived in hiding for another decade, finally realizing that “all which appears most dazzling in worldly greatness is no better than smoke.” He then abandoned life as it was, cut off his hair and became a monk. He roamed in a lonely environment, as a “cloud.” This youth practiced an austere life, mastering his passions. He studied with the Benedictines before returning to Paris. It was in the City of Lights that, with his own profound wisdom that light seemed to emanate from his forehead, he founded his own community at the place that bears his name.

St. Cloud’s name is defined as “out of the mist.” And it is most appropriate that Alphonso Bell chose the name for his road where his Bel Air dream home is in “a spot where the wings of care are folded and the soul has calm.”

St. Louis Street

This street was established in 1875. It is four blocks west of Soto Street from the north of Cesar Chavez Street to the end of Hollenbeck Park in Boyle Heights. This street is one of the few in Los Angeles that was given a saint’s name by a pioneer in Los Angeles by the name of William H. Workman, civic leader and mayor from 1886 to 1888. He was also the son-in-law of Andrew Boyle, of whom Boyle Heights is named. Workman dedicated his life to the expansion of Boyle Heights as a functioning community with schools, churches, parks and dedicated homes for its citizens. He took it upon himself to go to the City Council to request a water process to grow exotic plants and trees. He was responsible for having the first bridge built across the L.A. River. His hard, dedicated work, as well as his last name,



The cover of *All the Saints of the City of the Angels: Seeking the Soul of L.A. on Its Streets*.



Santa Susana Pass and Old Santa Susana Pass in 1937.

History Comes Alive!

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



Tales From the City Archives

ironically, were similar to that of the saint named for St. Louis Street. St. Louis was the patron saint of construction workers, masons and builders.

San Pedro Street

This very old street, dating back to the 1780s, ran to Rancho San Pedro. Today it runs south on Temple Street, ending on Avalon Boulevard in Rosewood.

Historically, in the 16th century, the explorer Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo entered the harbor in 1542. At that time the area was inhabited by the Tongva Indians. The name San Pedro was bestowed on the area in 1603, by another Spanish explorer, Sebastian Vizcaino, after the second-century bishop of Alexandria, St. Peter. The formal title then was St. Peter's Bay. By the 1820s, with other European infiltration, the name was once more revised to Bahia de San Pedro.

In the 19th century, this dirt road connected San Pedro to El Pueblo. It was a 30-mile run and was the main thoroughfare for commercial and business enterprise. It was also the route of many seafaring individuals to enter or leave the western area of the young United States. Many also arrived from foreign countries to find work and a new lifestyle in Los Angeles. Also, fishing was a huge success by the Japanese, Chinese, Sicilians and Croatians. Fish including sardines, mackerel, albacore and abalone were plentiful.

In the late 19th- and early 20th-centuries, Japanese settlers moved to San Pedro for work or because of the San Francisco earthquake. Many worked in canneries around the bay of San Pedro. Others moved north closer to the City, forming Little Tokyo. Life prospered for the Japanese until the World War II invasion of Hawaii by Japan. American citizens of Japanese descent were sent to internment camps, like Manzanar in the Owens Valley. After the war, Little Tokyo continued to prosper, but the Japanese experience in San Pedro diminished.

An interesting sidebar to this story dates back to 1734. A cartographer, Don Jose Gonzales Cabrera Bueno, was compiling a work on the navigation of Sebastian Vizcaino's account of his travels to California in 1602. Bueno noticed that, due to misinterpretations of dates, which included saintly anniversary feast days, San Pedro should have been named Ensenada de San Andreas (St. Andrew's Cove). If this was to have been true, St. Andreas is the patron saint and protector of fisherman and often portrayed as an elderly man, who might have been seen as a kindly man in a boat inviting all who traveled near to join him at the warm, gracious sea.

St. Elmo's Drive

This drive was established in 1927. In mid-city, it runs east and west between West Boulevard and La Brea Avenue.

Two saints played a role in the naming of this drive. One was Peter Gonzalez, a 13th-century priest. He preached to sailors, shunned honors and lived amongst the poor. The other saint was a third-century hermit, Erasmus, who lived on Mount Lebanon. He preached to nonbelievers, avoided most everyone else and survived by whatever food ravens brought him. In time, both became patron saints of sailors, and their formal names were combined to be called St. Elmo.

St. Elmo became the savior to sailors all

over. Sailors commented while on the seas of the protection of St. Elmo and his lofty lighted tapers. Columbus and his men often credited St. Elmo for saving them from harsh and disastrous circumstances at sea. The term "St. Elmo's Fire" refers to this saint.

The Los Angeles area of St. Elmo Drive had a difficult beginning. The citizens of the community in 1927 struggled economically, socially and culturally. In the mid 1960s, some residents took it upon themselves to bring life and good health to this den of sadness. Inspiration from a few brought invigoration and "St. Elmo's Fire" that is now known as "St. Elmo's Village."

Santo Tomas Drive

Established around 1947, the drive is between Stocker and Martin Luther King in the Baldwin Hills/Crenshaw area. This is a plaza in southwest Los Angeles, and is the oldest regional shopping center in the nation. This drive was named after a 1791 mission founded south of Ensenada in Baja California.

Nearly a century after the demise of the original mission, the name reappeared as a drive overlooking the Baldwin Hills Crenshaw shopping center. It was named in honor of St. Thomas of Aquinas, the philosopher and translator of Aristotle and Plato. Aquinas was also the patron saint of students and academics. Coincidentally, in that exact area, an educational facility opened. It is the Marlton School, named in St. Thomas' "Student Prayer." The school is the only public school in the Los Angeles Unified School District for deaf students.

San Fernando and San Fernando Mission Roads

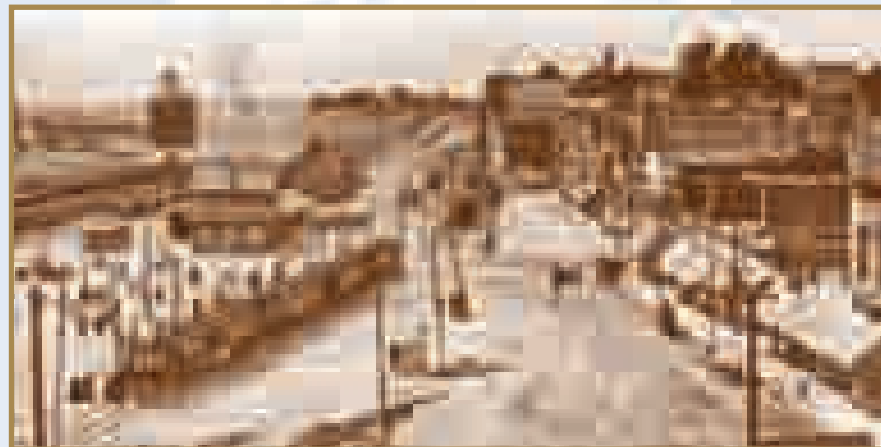
The old Road to San Fernando Mission runs from Lincoln Heights northwest to Mission San Fernando Rey.

The San Fernando Mission was founded in 1797 by Franciscan Fr. Fermin Lasuen, successor to Father Junipero Serra of the Franciscan Missions. This Mission eventually produced much food for the citizens of El Pueblo and elsewhere. The patron saint of this area was Ferdinand III of Castile. In Spain he was known as *Fernando el Santo*, a 13th-century king. He was considered a faithful and just ruler. As a patron saint he was known to care for the poor as well as the governors.

The area of the Mission suffered many problems. There was grief at many levels, including changes of leadership. The Tongva and Chumash Indians, native to the area, were brought in as property. They were fed food alien to them and were forced to subscribe to conditions foreign to them; disease and infections became prevalent. Imported cattle overran fertile land. Too much attention was paid to religious issues, and not enough on the military that abused the local natives—particularly women. Mortality was an issue, where, out of every five births, two would die before the age of two. In 1812, there was an earthquake, and the Mission suffered serious damage. By the 1830s, more deterioration occurred. In 1879, and again in the 1930s, the main building was partially restored. But with the 1971 Sylmar earthquake, the Mission church was destroyed; in time it was rebuilt. Of importance is the fact that this Mission is situated in the City of Los Angeles, not in the city of San Fernando.



St. Elmo's Drive is near the Wilshire/La Brea District.



Front Street, San Pedro Harbor, in 1909.



An illustration of St. Cloud Road from J. Michael Walker's *All the Saints of the City of the Angels: Seeking the Soul of L.A. on Its Streets*.

Historic photos courtesy Security Pacific Collection, Los Angeles Public Library, Carolyn Cole, Photo Director

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Flying as One

LAX event brings local business, employees together.

Story and photos by Liz Montes, Club Counselor

LAX hosted the "We Fly as One" event on its parking lot 3 May 8.

The event brings together local businesses and airport employees for information sharing.

Employees were treated to a complimentary lunch, and several raffle prizes, donated by local businesses, were given out.

The event was a big success, and the Club was happy to participate.



A group of airport employees work for their raffle prizes.



Erin Carone and Heather Ramirez, Club Member.



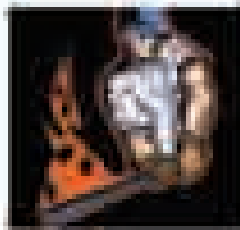
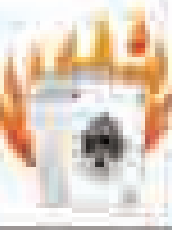
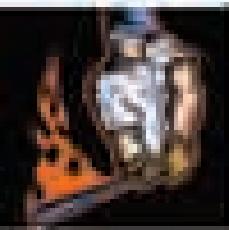
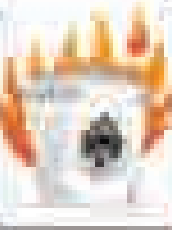
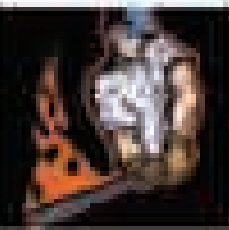
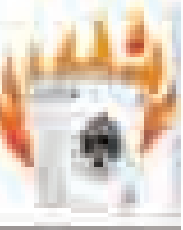
From left: Miguel Gonzalez, Club Member; Omar Datarina; and Cris Gomez



Club Members Refugio Cecena and Maria Abdellah.



From left: Daniel Barragan, Club Member; Sergio Gonzales; and Manny Diaz.

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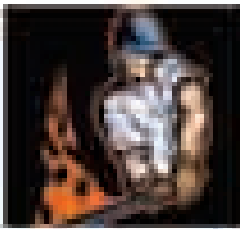
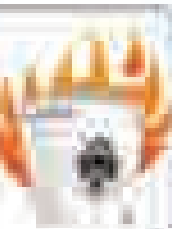
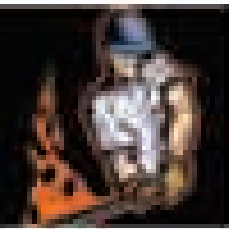
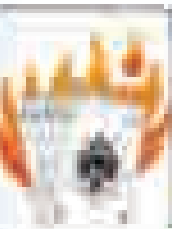
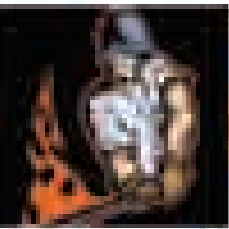
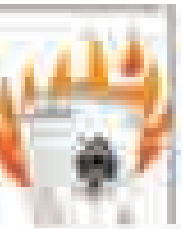
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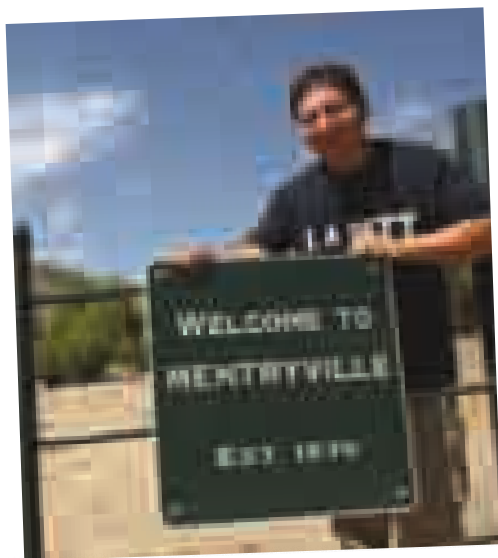
Angel's Be Alive!



Angel Gomez,
Director of
Member Services



Mentryville's historical marker plaque.



Here I am, ready to explore!



And here I go!

Mentryville: Western Oil Town

Angel discovers that oil's well that ends well.

Hello again, everybody!

With everyone thinking about oil prices these days, I thought I would visit an old oil ghost town.

Recently I heard that, tucked away in the hills of Valencia just a few miles north of Los Angeles, there was a small ghost town that was home to the longest continually producing oil well in the world. Naturally, I had to check this out and bring you the details.

Mentryville is very easy to get to from the 5 (Golden State) Freeway and is hidden in the hills just South of Six Flags Magic Mountain. You can drive to the actual ghost town, but if you want to check out the remains of the oil well, you need to walk up the trail about a mile and a half. Or, take your mountain bike. I saw a couple of mountain bikers having a blast coming down the trail.

Probably the neatest thing about Mentryville is its seclusion; you'll truly get a feel for what life was like back in 1876. If you haven't seen *There Will Be Blood*, you may want to see it before you go; you'll have much more appreciation for the workings of an old-time oil town.

Here's the story from www.mentryville.org, Mentryville's official Website:

"It was a hot September day in 1876 when Charles Alexander Mentry brought in

California's first commercially viable oil well. The location was Pico Canyon, 35 miles north of Los Angeles in the western Santa Clarita Valley. Oil was piped six miles east to California's first successful refinery in present-day Newhall and shipped out by rail. Eventually the Pico oil works were folded into John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil Co. of California. Production slowed in the late 1920s but didn't entirely stop until 1990. When finally capped, Mr. Mentry's discovery well was the longest continually producing well in the world.

"Experienced drillers from Pennsylvania came to work the Pico oil field. Bachelors stayed in bunkhouses; family men erected cabins and even a schoolhouse and bakery in the town they called Mentryville. There was the first village in Southern California to be lighted by natural gas. Alcohol consumption was forbidden; the men spent their earnings in nearby Newhall, where saloons outnumbered churches. Today, Mentryville is a ghost town, its few remaining structures standing as silent reminders of the birth of the California oil industry.

"Located at the end of Pico Canyon Road off of I-5 at Lyons, Mentryville is an 851-acre state park at the north end of the Santa Clarita Woodlands. The park has been operated



Make sure you pay the "Iron Ranger" as you enter Mentryville.



If you would like a tour, which is highly recommended, make sure you call (818) 768-2302.



The Mentryville "one room" schoolhouse.



Here I am checking out an old tanker truck.

since 1995 by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, a joint-powers authority headed by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. The City of Santa Clarita is a joint-powers partner. Mentryville offers hikers, bikers and equestrians not only a glimpse of California history,

but also shaded trails into the rugged and lushly vegetated headwaters of Pico Canyon and the Santa Susana Mountains. From Mentryville, the trail leads to Johnson Park at 0.7 miles, a serene picnicking spot once favored by the oil men who toiled in the fields, and the remains of the oil rig are another 0.7 miles up the canyon."



This is the sign you'll see off the 5 Freeway going north from Los Angeles.



Info:

- **Website:** Before you go, check out their Website at www.mentryville.org. There's lots of historical information here that's distributed by the Friends of Mentryville, a nonprofit organization that brings Mentryville back to its original splendor.
- **Directions:** Take the 5 (Golden State Freeway) to Valencia. Take the Pico Canyon Road (Lyons Avenue) exit and proceed west along Pico Canyon Road approximately three miles. You'll come to a fork; keep left and take the dirt road past the gate. Stop at the "Iron Ranger" and pay the \$5 fee before heading into the parking lot (you can pay with a check or with cash).
- **Hours:** Mentryville is open daily from sunrise to sunset.

July Events

31st Lotus Festival

- July 11-13
The City's 31st annual Lotus Festival anticipates the annual blooming of the lotus plant with a celebration including music, art, crafts, food and ceremonies. The festival is scheduled for Friday, July 11, through Sunday, July 13. The festival takes place Friday, July 11, from 5 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, July 12, noon to 9 p.m.; and Sunday, July 13, noon to 8:30 p.m. Location is Echo Park Lake, Park Avenue between Glendale Avenue and Echo Park Boulevard, just north of the Hollywood (101) and Pasadena (110) freeway junction, near Dodger Stadium.
- Information: www.laparks.org/grifmet/lotus.htm

Festival of Sail

- Aug. 15-18
The majestic Tall Ships return to the Port of Los Angeles at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 15 with a grand parade of sail into port to kick off Festival of Sail LA 2008. More than a dozen ships will be participating, including the US Coast Guard's 297-foot *Eagle* as well as *HMS Bounty* and *HMS Surprise*, which have been featured in major Hollywood films. Activities include boat tours, dockside demonstrations, maritime-themed entertainment and an educational area for young and old alike. Parking at various locations around the Port will be available free. Food will be available for purchase on site, and at nearby restaurants. The Warner Grand Theatre will present special showings of movies featuring two of the ships in the Festival of Sail.
- Information: (888) LAMI-808 or www.lafestivalofsail.info

Reading Magic

- All summer
Abracadabra and alakazam, the Los Angeles Public Library is conjuring up some Reading Magic this summer. All children ages 4-12 are invited to join the free summer reading club at the 71 Los Angeles Public Library branches and at Central Library. Sign up at a library or online at www.lapl.org, and read and enjoy library services all summer long. Children who join the reading club during the summer will receive a free book bag, folder, bookmark and certificate of completion. Throughout the season, branches will host performers and authors and conduct book clubs, craft groups and storytelling.
- Information: (213) 228-7481

Warner Grand Theatre

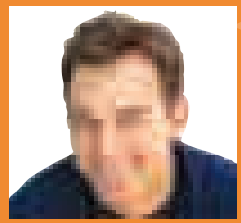
- All month
Have you been to the revived Warner Grand Theatre in San Pedro? The theatre, which retains its atmosphere and décor from the day when it was built, in 1931, is managed by Cultural Affairs and presents a lively schedule of film festivals (both classic Hollywood and foreign), live performances from area entertainers and theatre companies, and is the launch location for area walking tours and preservation tours. It is truly one of the City's gems.
- Information: www.warnergrand.org

Ticket Guy Recommends



"I recommend Wild Rivers. It's summer, it's hot, and you need to stay cool, so take your husband or wife and head on down to Wild Rivers in Irvine. Oh, don't forget to bring the kids, too."





John's Picture Perfect Contest



"This is a picture of Glacier National Park's Logan Pass (in the Northwestern part of Montana) in the early part of the summer. Flowers usually begin to blossom in the summer and not the spring, due to the large amount of snow that still covers the ground."

- Todd Rother

John's comments: Todd, this is a postcard-perfect photo. I especially liked how you were able to get the stream in the picture. Nice work, Todd!

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For June, we have five winners!

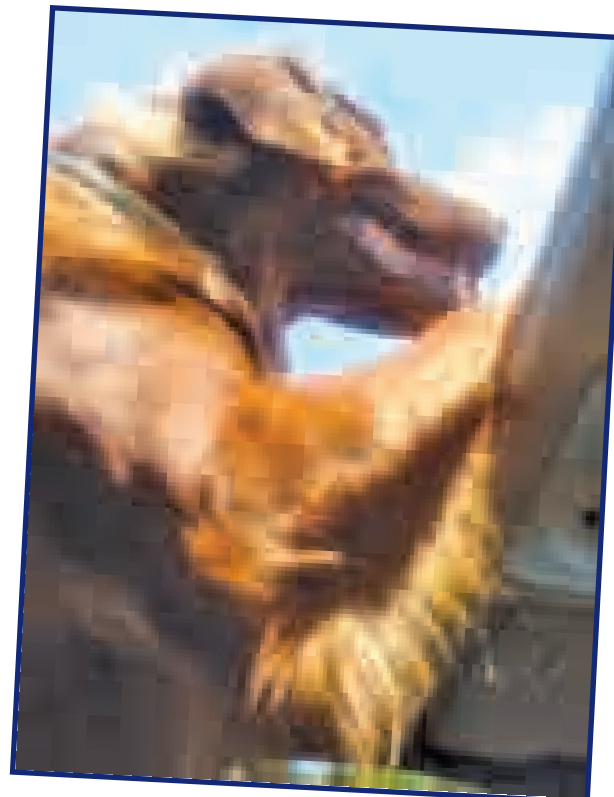
Start snapping today, and send us your best results! Five winners will receive a \$25 WalMart Card.



"Here is a picture of Frank Cardenas, a DWP Patrolman from the Metro yard in Sun Valley."

- Ron Angst, DWP

John's comments: Ron, what a fantastic shot of your fellow City Employee on the job out in the desert. The lighting is superb!



"This is our golden retriever, Rusty. My husband opened the sunroof, and Rusty was ready to ride! He was my gift for Valentine's Day in 2007, and my husband gave him to me in a Macy's shopping bag. Rusty will be two in November, and needless to say, he no longer fits in a shopping bag!"

- Tonja Payne

John's comments: I love this picture! Rusty looks happy with his hair blowing in the wind and not a care in the world!



"My daughter Victoria, 5, climbed into the bucket while I was washing the car."

- Gary Glade, LAPD Aerial Photographer

John's comments: What a classic summer moment. Somewhere in my photo archives I have a similar photo of my son, Isaiah, doing the same thing. It's definitely a "Picture Perfect." Thanks, Gary!

"This photo is one from the more than 150 pictures I took last Feb. 7 at the grand opening of the Urban Light Exhibit at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. It was taken from the stairway outside the new B-CAM building."

- Jeffrey Ziliotto, Assistant Division Manager, Field Operations Public Works/Street Services

John's comments: Jeffrey, what a captivating photo. Good eye on seeing that this would make a great picture!



Runner Ups:

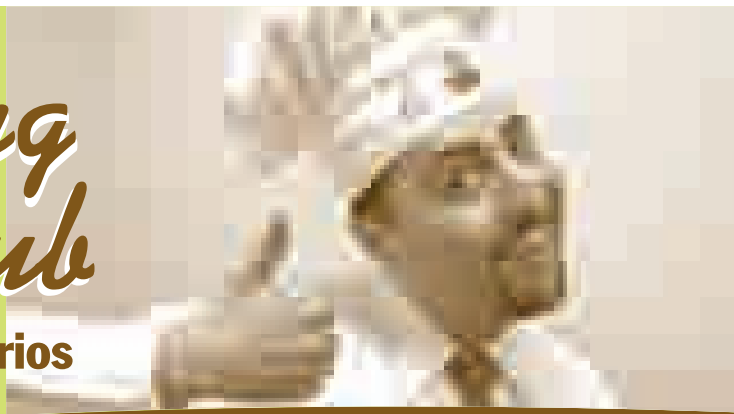
Tony Planic, retired, DWP (thanks for the great pictures of you with the manta rays!); Ray Duran (Great butterfly picture Ray!); Frances Mooney (Thanks for the memory of the Popemobile, Frances!); and Jennifer Smith, City Attorney's Office (Thank you for sharing Miso and Java...and the hummingbirds!)

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@cityemployeeclub.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.

Cooking with the Club

by Chef Robert Larios



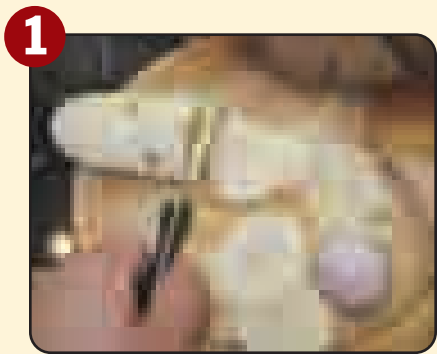
Send Us Your Recipes!

If you would like your recipe published in the next issue of *Alive!*, you may fax your recipes to (213) 620-0398 or e-mail us at talkback@cityemployeesclub.com.



Two Cheeses for These Spuds

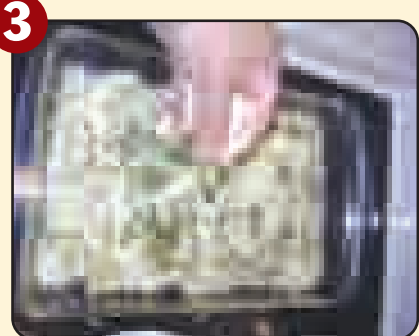
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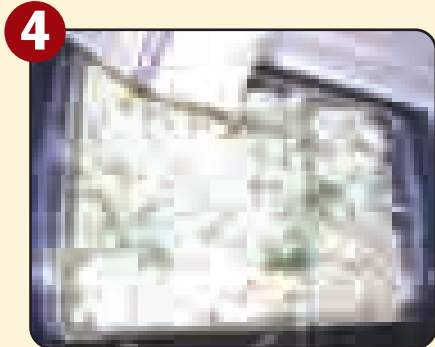
Dice and mince the garlic; peel the potatoes; and dice the scallion.



To keep the potatoes from turning color, place them in a large bowl with water to let soak.



Add olive oil to grease the bottom of a large glass or ceramic dish or pan and then add a layer of potatoes. Add salt and pepper, and a sprinkle of garlic, scallion, parsley and cheeses.



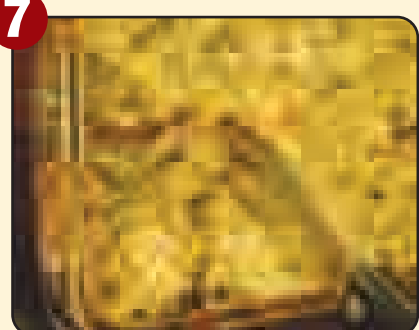
Keep using this process of layering until you reach to the rim of the dish. Use any remainder of the cheese and add the half and half (or buttermilk) and the whipping cream (or heavy cream). Only use enough to soak about one-quarter of the dish. Too much and it will boil over in the oven, so care must be taken.



Cover the baking sheet with aluminum foil and place in the oven at 375 degree F for about 30 minutes or until golden brown.



Once thoroughly cooked, let the dish cool.



Cut into squares.

Potatoes are an ancient food source used widely in most of today's cooking methods -- baked, steamed, sautéed, fried and roasted.

In this recipe, potatoes are used in a dish called potatoes *au gratin* -- I think most of us have had them before. However, I've changed it up a bit with the use of two cheeses, whereas most dishes of this type use only one type of cheese. Here I use extra sharp cheddar and bleu cheese. Feel free to experiment with other cheeses as well.

You might even consider sprinkling Parmesan cheese on the potatoes. *Au gratin* is just a fancy way of saying that the dish will be topped with cheese or bread crumbs. You're also free to use a different potato, but I like the consistency of the russet potato.

Cheesy Easy Potatoes Au Gratin

INGREDIENTS:

- 6 cloves garlic
- 1 scallion
- 4 large russet potatoes
- 1 pound extra sharp cheddar cheese, grated
- 1/4 cup crumbled bleu cheese
- 1/2 pint whipping cream
- 1/2 pint half and half or buttermilk
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 4 tbs parsley
- Extra virgin olive oil



Cooking Tidbit: Feel free to grease the bottom of the dish with butter or cooking spray instead of olive oil, if you desire. The key is that it must be greased to avoid burning the bottom of the potatoes.



[A Cook's Dictionary]

Gratin:

Au gratin is any dish topped with cheese or breadcrumbs, mixed with bits of butter, then heated in the oven or under the broiler until brown and crispy. The terms *au gratin* or *gratinée* refer to any dish prepared in such a manner. Special round or oval *gratin* pans and dishes are ovenproof and shallow, which increase a dish's surface area, thereby ensuring a larger crispy portion for each serving.

— From the *The New Food Lover's Companion*, Sharon Tyler Herbst, 1995, Barron's Educational Series.



Plate and serve. Enjoy!

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:

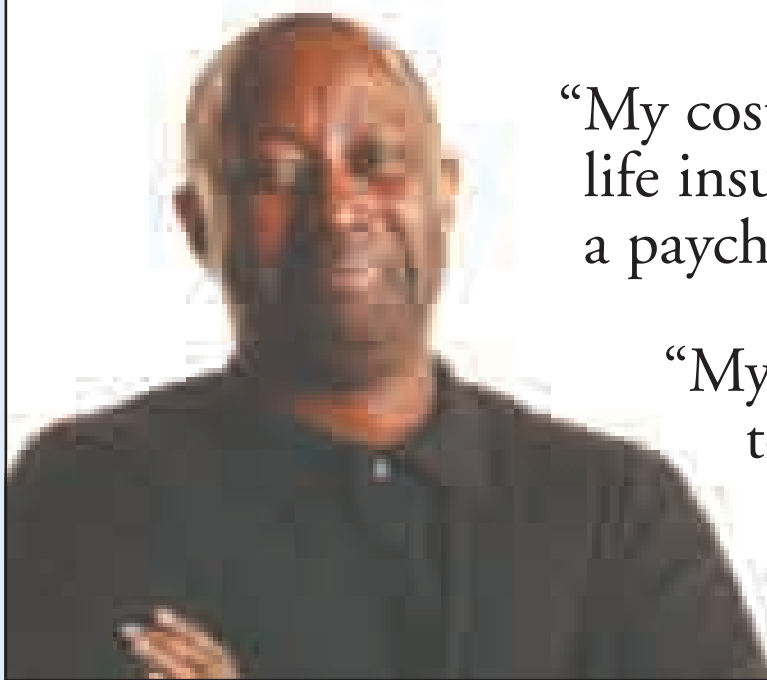
- Can you get the amount you need to adequately protect your family?
- Can you also get coverage for your spouse?
- Will the premiums for the amount of coverage you want be easy for you to handle?
- Is it easy and convenient to apply for?
- Is the underwriting company highly rated and financially strong?

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.

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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 Retire Life Plan.



**Questions?
Call 1-800-464-0452**

The City Employees Club of Los Angeles
World Trade Center
350 South Figueroa St., Suite 700
Los Angeles, CA 90071

Underwritten by:
The United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York
New York, New York
A member company of American International Group, Inc.

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It's easy to make your family's future more secure – apply at right in minutes!

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

MIB DISCLOSURE

Medical Information Bureau (MIB) Disclosure Notice: (Must be retained by the applicant) Information regarding your insurability will be treated as confidential. The United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York, or its reinsurers may, however, make a brief report thereon to MIB, a not-for-profit membership organization of insurance companies, which operates an information exchange on behalf of its Members. If you apply to another MIB Member company for life or health insurance

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.

Upon receipt of a request from you, MIB will arrange disclosure of any information it may have in your file. Please contact MIB at 866-692-6901 (TTY 866-346-3642). If you question the accuracy of information in MIB's file, you may contact MIB and seek a correction in accordance with the procedures set forth

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

The United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York, or its reinsurers, may also release information in its file to other insurance companies to whom you may apply for life or health insurance, or to whom a claim for benefits may be submitted.

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:

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



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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

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|--------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----|-----|------------------------|----------------|--|--|---|---|
| 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Single |
| 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"/> Married | | <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Single | |

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.)

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

Choose the plan and indicate the benefit amount desired:

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|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| <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 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family plan covers spouse for 50% and children for 20%. <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse but no children = 60% coverage. Children but no spouse = 25% coverage. | |

STEP 4. DESIGNATE YOUR BENEFICIARIES

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|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| 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.

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

NEW POLICYHOLDERS: Club membership fees will be automatically deducted.

G-19027L AG5539 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**

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.

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.

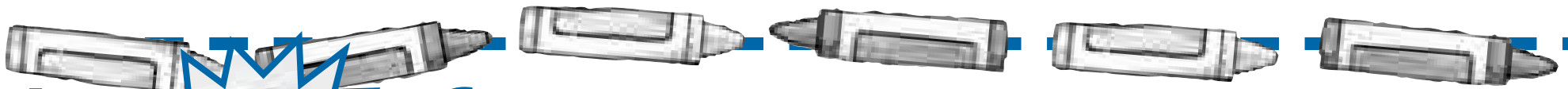
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Code _____ Deduction _____

Sign Here

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| X |
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City/DWP Employee _____ Date _____



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 SeaWorld!

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
120 W. Second Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Deadline for submission:
August 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 SEAWORLD

An award package will be given for each age group:

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



REVIEWS BY FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS

ENTERTAINMENT

MOVIE REVIEWS


Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull

Rated PG-13

My Score: 2 (out of 5)

I'm not sure this movie is everything you've anticipated, but it does have the key ingredients consistent with Indiana Jones. This film fast-for-

wards to the 1950s, complete with nuclear testing and a peek at an early Area 51. A new adventure awaits Indiana Jones and his new companion, Mutt Williams. There is indeed all the action you would come to expect of any Indiana Jones installment, complete with creepy crawlies and exotic locations.

But the story left me a little flat. Perhaps it's because I come from "old school" Indiana Jones finding lost artifacts and hidden treasures, but really ... *aliens*? Sorry, it was just a little too far-fetched for my taste. I was left questioning whether or not George Lucas and Steven Spielberg were trying too hard to relive the excitement of Indy and used the first idea that popped out of their heads. In any case, I would definitely wait until it came out on video.

— Lisa Solis, DWP

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Harrison Ford is back as Indiana Jones in this fourth installment of the series, and he doesn't miss a step. Returning to her role as Jones' complicated love interest is Karen Allen, who introduces Shia LaBeouf into the series as her "greaser" son. This time, Dr. Jones' adventure involves a reluctant entanglement with Russian agents who broke into Area 51 to retrieve a crystal skull with telepathic abilities from a mythical City of Gold. The action does slow down for character development, but this movie is very entertaining and has great special effects and lots of humorous one-liners — another perfect Spielberg movie. The young and old will love it!

— Chuck Beas, DWP

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

I'm a fan of the Indiana Jones series, especially *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. So I looked forward to the latest Indiana Jones release, but was disappointed by its silliness. Harrison Ford looks too old to do the stunts, and in a nice but failed attempt, Karen Allen is brought back as Marian Ravenwood, Jones' onetime flame. Kudos to Shia LaBeouf, who is great as Mutt Williams, and Kate Blanchett is wonderful as the Russian badie, Irina. I hope the next Jones film with LaBeouf will be better.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

This movie is full of action and thrills, but halfway through the movie, I actually lost interest. I'm a big Indy fan, but this movie does not have the same heart as the first one. And I think

that's the problem. I expected it to be as good as the first one because of the hype and Karen Allen coming back to the series; it's good to see Karen Allen back in her role as Marian Ravenwood. The movie is still good if all you're looking for is mindless entertainment, but I expected more from a Lucas and Spielberg film.

— Marilou Romney, LAPD

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Harrison Ford again plays Indiana Jones. Karen Allen is back to play Jones' love interest, and she has a son. There's a bit of a twist with these two, but you have to see the movie. Jones is teaching college archeology when he is contacted to find a hidden treasure. The hunt takes him to different locations as he is being followed. The special effects in this movie are great, and the movie moves along. It's a fun movie take the kids.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This movie takes place back in 1957 in the search of a crystal skull and stars Harrison Ford, Cate Blanchett, Shia LaBeouf and Karen Allen. There is some action with some silliness. Harrison Ford does a great job in this movie, and Shia LaBeouf may be the next to star in the series.

It took a long time since the last Indiana Jones movie (19 years), but this was worth the wait.

This is a good family movie.

— Gwen Lew, DWP

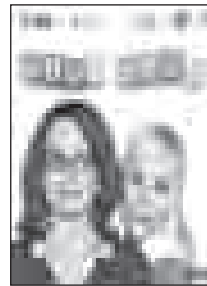
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

The comeback of Indiana Jones in this movie is really entertaining. Not only did he show his acting skills, which he proved in all the stunts and dialogues here, but the lesson in this movie of having a family made it different. There was a real love of family.

With the locations, the effects ... overall, this is an excellent movie.

— Leticia Yapan, DWP


Baby Mama

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

I don't watch *Saturday Night Live*, so I was not familiar with the two leading ladies, Tina Fey and Amy Poehler. But after this movie, I am now a fan of both. The story was very well written and very entertaining. The overall story may have been predictable, but it still held my interest, and I really enjoyed the movie. I do recommend the movie to those of you who want to laugh and be entertained. Steve Martin also appears in the movie and is totally nuts.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

Baby Mama

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Saturday Night Live comedians Tina Fey and Amy Poehler are in this movie, along with Steve

Martin, Greg Kinnear and Sigourney Weaver. All of the characters are funny and you have to pay attention to the humor. Fey plays a single businesswoman who has tried everything to have a baby, but since nothing is working she hires a surrogate, played by Poehler. Poehler is not what the surrogacy agency portrays her to be, which is why the movie is so funny. If you need a good laugh, go see this movie.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD


Street Kings

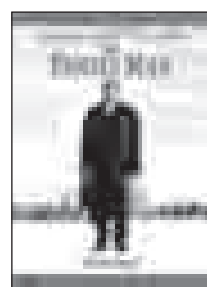
Rated R

My Score: 2 (out of 5)

This movie had a good cast with Keanu Reeves, Forest Whitaker and ex-LAPD Chief Darryl Gates, but I was very disappointed with it. Reeves plays a Los Angeles Police officer who conducts his investigations unethically. The movie portrays most of the officers in the LAPD and other City officials as being crooked. Chief Darryl Gates had a small role, and it was fun to see him. But I think people who see this movie will believe what they watch, and it doesn't depict the true hard and ethical work of the LAPD and the City of Los Angeles. Don't waste your money.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

DVD REVIEWS


Family Man (2000)

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

I don't recall hearing much about this movie. It's not your normal Nicholas Cage movie, but it was very funny and worth renting. Cage plays a bachelor who is very successful and has everything he wants. Something happens (you have to see the movie), and all of the sudden his life changes, and he wakes up with a wife and two children. His so-perfect life just got complicated.

The movie is very funny but also has a good message, so rent the movie and watch it with your husband, wife or whomever.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD


Bucket List (2007)

Rated PG-13

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

This movie starred Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman. Nicholson plays a wealthy hospital owner. Freeman plays a car mechanic. Both characters get very sick and become friends in the hospital. Since they both are probably going to die, they end up traveling together. Nicholson pays for everything, and their trips are all over the world.

The movie is funny and shows some great scenery. It also has a good message about life and relationships. I recommend renting it.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

BOOK REVIEWS


Flirting With Forty

Jane Porter

Five Spot Publishers

Fiction romance,

356 pages

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Jane Porter's highly successful novel about a divorced single mom who finds an unexpected romance with a much younger man while on vacation in Hawaii has been selected for her exciting mass-market debut.

He got the second home and the Porsche. She got the kids and a broken heart. Now Jackie Laurens, post-divorce and heading toward the big four-oh, is on vacation in sunny Hawaii and facing her upcoming birthday -- alone.

But not for long. She's soon falling for Kai, her gorgeous, much younger surf instructor, and their wild passionate fling becomes the biggest surprise of her life.

Back home in Seattle, Jackie has to struggle with single parenthood and her memories. Kai hasn't forgotten her, yet thousands of miles of ocean and an age difference that feels even bigger lie between them. And, of course, Jackie's friends disapprove. When a choice must be made, can she, will she risk everything for her chance at happiness?

The movie version starring Heather Locklear will be coming out in December. It's an easy-read romance novel.

— Linda Rorex, Personnel


Odd Hours

Dean Koontz

Bantam

Thriller fiction,

352 pages

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

The legend began in the obscure little town of Pico Mundo. A fry cook named Odd was rumored to have the extraordinary ability to communicate with the dead. Through tragedy and triumph, exhilaration and heartbreak, word of Odd Thomas' gifts filtered far beyond Pico Mundo, attracting unforgettable new friends -- and enemies of implacable evil. With great gifts comes the responsibility to meet great challenges. But no mere human being was ever meant to face the darkness that now stalks the world -- not even one as oddly special as Odd Thomas.

Haunted by dreams of an all-encompassing red tide, Odd is pulled inexorably to the sea, to a small California coastal town where nothing is as it seems. Now the forces arrayed against him have both official sanction and an indefinitely more sinister authority. In this dark night of the soul, dawn will come only after the most shattering revelations of all.

Burnishing Dean Koontz's stature as a master of suspense and one of our most innovative and gifted storytellers, *Odd Hours* illuminates a legacy of mystery and hope that will shine on long after the final page.

This is the fourth novel of the *Odd Thomas* series by Dean Koontz.

— Linda Rorex, Personnel

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.
- Have fun!
- 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.

Club Store

OFFICIAL CLUB MERCHANDISE & DISCOUNT TICKETS

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City Seal Hats with Script

High quality embroidered ball caps!

Member Price:
\$8
 per hat*



Seal w/Script
 BLACK: #H1613
 PRICE: \$10.00

*Plus tax and shipping



Seal w/Script
 NAVY: #H1989
 PRICE: \$10.00



Seal w/Script
 KHAKE: #H1991
 PRICE: \$10.00



Seal w/Script
 ORANGE: #H1990
 PRICE: \$10.00

DWP Hats



DWP Hat
 #DPWH2000
 NAVY
 PRICE: \$8.00

Member Price:
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 per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping



DWP Hat
 #DPWH3000
 BLACK
 PRICE: \$8.00

City Department Bears



DWP
 ITEM #BDWP

General Services
 ITEM #BGSD

Each custom made "City Bear" stands 10" tall and is dressed in meticulously detailed and accurate uniforms. **Stand not included.**

Member Price:
\$20
 per doll*

*Plus tax and shipping



Sanitation Department
 ITEM #BBOS



Street Services
 ITEM #BSTS



Department of Transportation
 ITEM #BDOT

City Seal Lapel Pins



DWP Enamel Lapel Pin
 3/4" Diameter
 ITEM: #LP4
 PRICE: \$10.00*
Now \$5



"The Classic" Enamel Lapel Pin
 3/4" Diameter
 ITEM: #LP3
 PRICE: \$10.00*
Now \$8



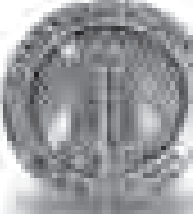
Gold Embossed Lapel Pin
 3/4" Diameter
 ITEM: #LP2
 PRICE: \$5.00*



Full-Color Silkscreened Lapel Pin
 3/4" Diameter
 ITEM: #LP1
 PRICE: \$5.00*



City of LA Hall Enamel Pin
 ITEM: #LPH1
 PRICE: \$5.00*



City of LA Hall Silver Finish Pin
 ITEM: #LPH2
 PRICE: \$5.00*

CHERRY WOOD BOX AVAILABLE FOR \$3.50*

ITEM: #LPB-1



*Plus tax and shipping

Decals



LA City Decal, 3" Diameter
 ITEM: #DECLAC2000 • PRICE: \$2.50*
 *Tax included



DWP Decal, 3" Diameter
 ITEM: #DECWP1000 • PRICE: \$2.50*
 *Tax included

City Seal Clock

Size: 10" Diameter
 Battery operated (AA)

*Plus tax and shipping
 ITEM: #C8003



\$12 Each*

City Seal Key Chain

NEW!



Club Discount Price.....\$5*
 (\$10 Retail)
 ITEM: #LAKC001

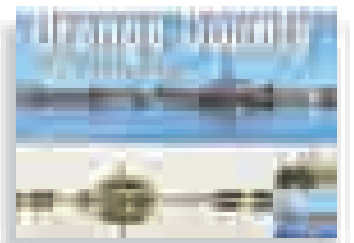
Historical Books

Club Discount Price.....\$25*
 (\$32.95 Retail)

An excellent review of what these areas looked like in their humble beginnings compared to the present day. Photographs by the world famous George Ross Jezek.



Los Angeles
 Views of the Past & Present
 ITEM: #B1488



Orange County
 Views of the Past & Present
 ITEM: #B1544



Hollywood
 Views of the Past & Present
 ITEM: #B1659

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L.A. City T-shirts

New City LA-Hall Long Sleeve T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

Available Colors:
 Navy Blue Black

Size: **3XL**

\$13

Size: **4XL**

\$14

ITEM: #NC1000

New City LA-Hall Short Sleeve T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price:
\$8.50
 per shirt*

Available Colors:
 Navy Blue White Black
 Sport Gray Tan Blue Dusk

Sizes: **3XL**

Available Colors: **\$9.50**

Sizes: **4XL**

Available Colors: **\$10.50**

Black Sport Gray Navy Blue

ITEM: #CN1000

LA City "B-Label" T-Shirt (with Depts.)
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price:
\$10
 per shirt*

Size: **3XL**

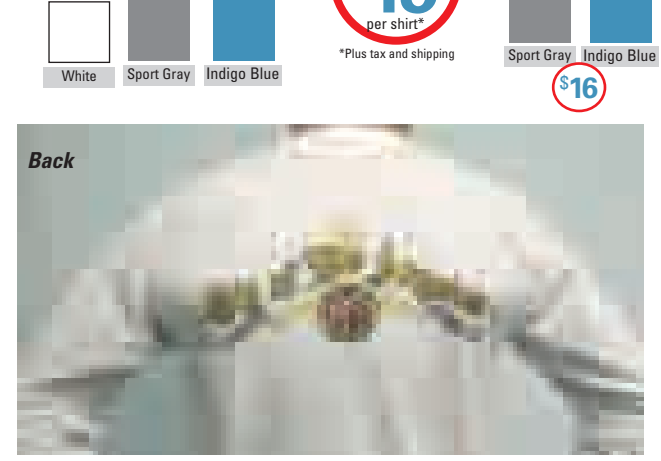
\$13

Back

Grey

ITEM: #LAC-5000

Long Sleeve "Classic" T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price:
\$15
 per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:
 White Sport Gray Indigo Blue

Size: **3XL**

Available Colors:

Sport Gray Indigo Blue

\$16

ITEM: #T1500

LA City "B-Label" Sweatshirt (with Depts.)
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price:
\$22
 per shirt*

Size: **3XL**

\$23

Available Colors:

Navy Blue

Black

ITEM: #LAC-6000

LA City "Alma Mater" T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price:
\$5
 per shirt*

Available Colors:
 Gray Black Navy Blue

ITEM: #LAC-2000

LA City T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price:
\$7
 per shirt*

Front

Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue

ITEM: #LAC-3000

LA City "Olde English" T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price:
\$8
 per shirt*

Front

Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue

ITEM: #LAC-4000

Short Sleeve "Classic" T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL (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.

Sizes: **3XL**

\$13

Available Colors:
 White Blue Dusk Indigo Blue Sport Gray

Sizes: **4XL**

\$14

Available Colors:
 Indigo Blue Sport Gray



ITEM: #T1000

L.A. City Polo Shirt

LA City Polo Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price:
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 per shirt*

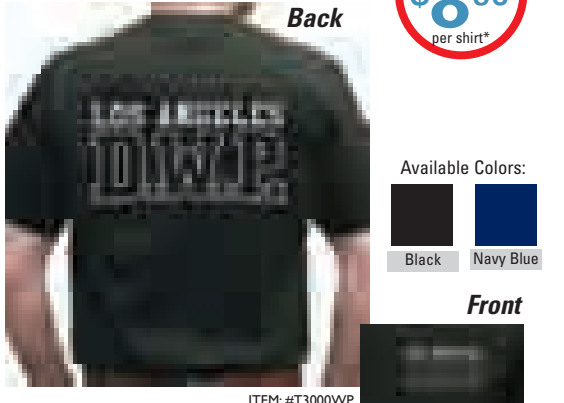
Close-up of Embroidery

ITEM: #PS1000

Available Colors:
 White Black Navy Blue Pink

DWP T-shirts

DWP "Bold" T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



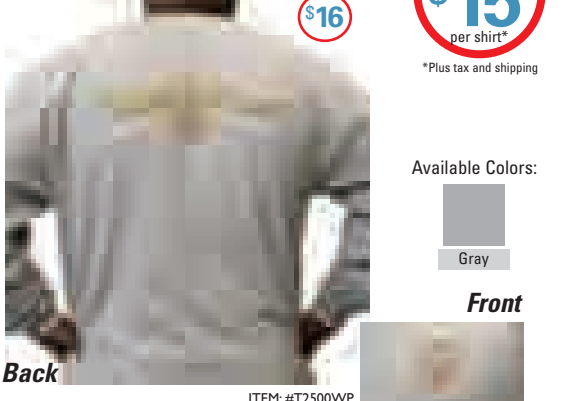
Member Price:
\$8.50
 per shirt*

Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue

Front

ITEM: #T3000VFP

DWP "Classic" Long Sleeve T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price:
\$15
 per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping

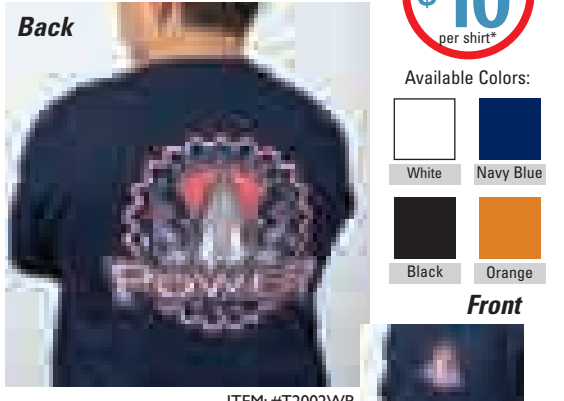
Available Colors:
 Grey

Front

Back

ITEM: #T2500VFP

Water & Power T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price:
\$10
 per shirt*

Available Colors:
 White Navy Blue Black Orange

Front

ITEM: #T2002WFP



Available Colors:
 White* Navy Blue Black Orange

*White available with front pocket.

Front

ITEM: #T2003WFP



Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

Available Colors:
 White Navy Blue Black Orange

Back

ITEM: #T2001WFP



Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**
 *White available with front pocket.

Available Colors:
 White* Orange Blue Dusk Charcoal

Size: **3XL**
 AVAILABLE COLORS:
 Blue Dusk, Charcoal

\$13

Front

ITEM: #T2000WFP

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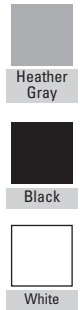
Women's T-shirts

City Women's - LA Hall V-Neck T-Shirt
Sizes: S M L XL



Member Price:
\$8
per shirt*

Available Colors:



(On white shirt, emblem is pink)

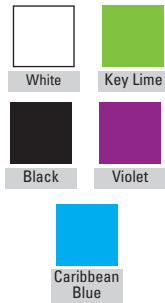
ITEM: #S1000

City Girl "Classic" T-shirt
Sizes: S M L XL



Member Price:
\$10
per shirt*

V-Neck Style Colors:



Crew Neck Style Colors:



Cherry

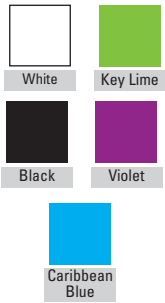
ITEM: #T-W1000

City Girl "Retro" T-shirt
Sizes: S M L XL



Member Price:
\$10
per shirt*

V-Neck Style Colors:



Crew Neck Style Colors:



Caribbean Blue

ITEM: #T-W2000

TICKET GUY Tips for Visiting the Club Store:



- I would strongly recommend that members place their orders by phone using a debit/credit card before visiting. This will help you avoid lines.
- The best time to visit the new Club Store would be around 9:15 a.m. Parking is abundant and portions of downtown are still sleeping.
- When visiting the Club Store, try to bring a co-worker who is not a member. If they sign up, you will receive a \$10 Gift Card. So bring Johnny or Lisa down.

Men's Watches with City Seal

These watches have been meticulously crafted using only high-quality quartz movements. These new diver watches are made from solid stainless steel and genuine leather.



Men's Watch, Leather Band
ITEM: #SF2000
PRICE: \$25.00*



Men's Watch, Leather Band
ITEM: #SF1000
PRICE: \$25.00*



Men's Watch, Silver Band
ITEM: #RF1000
PRICE: \$25.00*



Men's Watch, Silver Band
ITEM: #WGS3000
PRICE: \$50.00* **Now \$25**



Men's Small Seal, Stainless Steel Band
ITEM: #WVS2501
PRICE: \$55.00*



Men's Small Seal, Leather Band
ITEM: #WL2601
PRICE: \$45.00*



Men's Large Seal, Stainless Steel Band
ITEM: #WVS2500
PRICE: \$65.00*



Men's Large Seal, Leather Band
ITEM: #WL2600
PRICE: \$45.00*

Ladies' Watches with City Seal



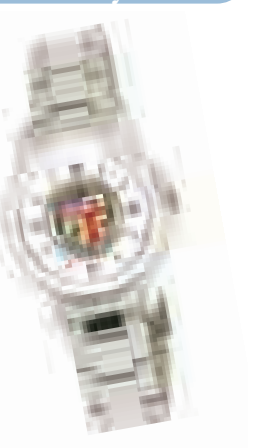
Men's Small DWP Seal, Stainless Steel Band
ITEM: #DWPWS2700
PRICE: \$55.00* **Now \$40**



Men's Small DWP Seal, Leather Band
ITEM: #DWPW3050
PRICE: \$45.00* **Now \$35**



Ladies' Watch, Two-tone gold and silver
ITEM: #WGSW1000
PRICE: \$50.00* **Now \$25**



Ladies' Watch, Silver Band
ITEM: #WRF2000
PRICE: \$25.00*

*Plus tax and shipping

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Summer Discount Movie Tickets

The Club offers the best prices in town for movie tickets. You'll be like everyone else watching the summer blockbuster movies such as *Hellboy 2: The Golden Army*, *X-Men 2*, and *Dark Knight* except you'll have more cash in your wallet to buy popcorn and soft drinks as well!

Up to 50% off

Come on down to the Club Store, or, try purchasing from the Online Club Store open 24 hours a day and 7 days a week at www.cityemployeesclub.com.

Look at Your Savings!

| Theatres | Regular | CLUB |
|------------------------------|---------|--------|
| AMC | | |
| - Restricted | \$11.00 | \$6.25 |
| - Good Any Time | \$11.00 | \$7.75 |
| Edwards/Regal/United Artists | | |
| - Restricted | \$10.00 | \$6.25 |
| - Good Any Time | \$10.00 | \$7.25 |
| Hackens Theatres | | |
| - Restricted | \$10.00 | \$6.50 |
| - Good Any Time | \$10.00 | \$7.75 |
| Caemark | | |
| - Restricted | \$10.00 | \$5.75 |
| - Good Any Time | \$10.00 | \$7.25 |
| Pacific (Restricted) | \$10.00 | \$6.00 |
| Kirkorian (Good Any Time) | \$10.00 | \$6.75 |
| Laemmle (Good Any Time) | \$10.00 | \$6.25 |
| The Bridge (Restricted) | \$14.00 | \$9.25 |



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