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The *Alive!* Interview:

City Hero Awarded a Purple Heart

■ **After 38 years, Harry Hunold, who helped transform the Port Police in the 1980s, receives a Purple Heart for bravery in Vietnam.**

HARBOR — Many people around the Port of Los Angeles know Harry Hunold as the retired Port Police Officer who is now the Harbor Commissioner's Sergeant-at-Arms, taking care of most anything the Commission needs.

Others know him as a great friend of Port Police Chief Ron Boyd, from their days as partners on the Port Police force.

Some know him as the man who spearheaded efforts in Sacramento to upgrade the Port Police Department to its modern, fully designated force.

And some know him as an enthusiastic Club Member.

But up until recently, few knew of his history of bravery as a United States Marine in Vietnam. But now they will.



Harry Hunold, Purple Heart recipient.

— *The Alive!* interview with Harry Hunold begins on page 8.

Refund Checks A Casualty of High Claims

■ **Club life insurance protects City employees. But a 50 percent jump in claims means there will be no refund checks.**

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — The Club's life insurance promises to be there for those in need. And during a year of extreme demands on those funds, the Club's program delivered.

But because of the high number of claims this year, for only the third time in 78 years, there will be no life insurance refund checks for Club Member Policyholders.

In fiscal year 2006, the Club paid out more than \$3.9 million — a 50 percent increase from last year — in claims. That 50 percent jump consumed the funds that in most years are redistributed back to policyholders.

The insurance program worked exactly as it

— See *Refund Check*, Page 36

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Here's how the Club took care of your fellow Club Members who took care of their loved ones and entrusted their family's security by purchasing Club insurance.

Life Insurance Claims

Age & Gender	Active/Retired	Cause Death	Amount	Age & Gender	Active/Retired	Cause Death	Amount
70M	Retired	Cardiopulmonary Arrest	\$5,000.00	68M	Retired	Blunt head trauma	\$5,614.49
75M	Retired	Hypertension	\$5,014.79	82M	Retired	Prostate Cancer	\$5,000.00
27M	Active	Car Accident	\$94,223.85				
Total Insurance Paid							\$114,853.13

Disability Claims

Age	Condition	Monthly Payment	Age	Condition	Monthly Payment
39	Back Injury	\$7,350.49	53	Injury: Back	\$1,963.52
41	Lumbar, Radiculopathy	\$1,694.40	53	Knee: Int Derangement Unspec	\$3,141.98
42	Heart Condition	\$2,851.68	53	Multiple Sclerosis	\$1,347.53
44	Blood Clot on right leg	\$3,826.76	54	Injury: Back	\$2,575.42
45	Carpal Tunnel	\$3,927.04	54	Injury: Back	\$1,555.56
46	Back - Behcats	\$2,467.96	55	Shoulder & Arms Pain	\$2,000.00
46	Injury: Back	\$3,179.28	55	Osteoarthritis: Knees.	\$2,458.62
46	Mental Condition - Major Depressive Dis	\$40,263.60	56	Forehead and spine injury	\$6,375.34
46	Carpal Tunnel Syndrome	\$1,417.45	56	Sever COBD, Hemoptysis, Bronchiectasis	\$1,285.45
48	Multiple Sclerosis	\$1,639.25	57	Leukemia	\$1,341.85
48	Fever: Valley Fever	\$1,329.51	57	Stroke	\$2,717.90
48	Injury: Back	\$3,000.40	58	Injury: Back	\$4,728.28
48	Right Knee - Reconstruction surgery	\$1,258.21	58	Heart: Emphysema OT	\$1,311.78
49	Surgery: Knee Replacement - Left	\$1,440.98	58	Vertigo	\$3,549.49
49	HIV	\$1,197.17	60	Mental Condition - Stress	\$4,233.04
50	Mental Condition - Stress	\$1,534.00	60	Cancer - Lung	\$1,274.92
50	Fractured Lower Disk	\$5,983.00	60	Injury: Thumbs	\$2,281.76
51	Surgery: Hip & knee replacement	\$3,034.15	61	Stroke (5/97 and 3/98)	\$2,256.43
52	Surgery: Knee Injury	\$1,667.49	62	Loss of Hearing	\$1,013.11
53	Arthritis: Post-traumatic arthritis	\$1,148.88	63	Osteoarthritis: Mult site	\$2,517.90
53	Carpal Tunnel Syndrome & Shoulder injury	\$1,783.52			

TOTALS PAID

	Last Month	Year to Date
Life Insurance	\$114,853.13	\$2,491,410.95
Long Term Disability	\$149,274.69	\$901,387.47
Long Term Care	\$9835.00	\$112,920.03

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** A Message From the CEO **

Gifts From the Club Make Season Bright

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

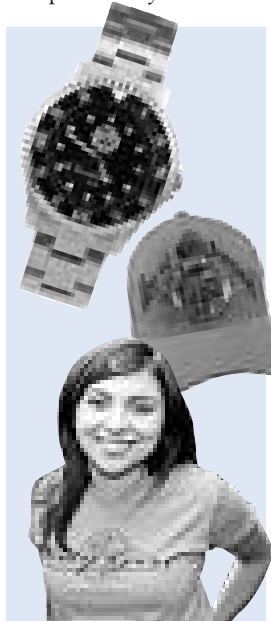
Here's the situation: Christmas is around the corner, and you need to buy a gift for that someone special.

What do you do?

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You can walk down to Club Headquarters, of course, but it's so much easier and faster to order from the Club Website. Whatever you're looking for — T-shirts, watches, hats or pins — you're sure to find something for that special person in your life



Club Store
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And if you're cutting it a little close to Christmas, just give us a call. We can usually have our merchandise in your hands within two days of placing your order.

We're really proud of our new watches. The Ticket Guy had them custom designed and manufactured to his stringent specifications. How does this sound: Solid stainless steel case; genuine leather or solid stainless steel band; hardened glass; and Japanese quartz movement, the most reliable in the industry. Also, take a look at the ad on the back cover, featuring our very own Ticket Guy (a.k.a. Navin Cotton).

This issue of *Alive!* has other great content, too: Read our interview with the Port's Harry Hunold; it's impressively entertaining (his description of his last day in New York is priceless!).

And, as you've read in our last issue and again in this issue, there will not be a refund check this year. The good news, though, is that even with the record amount of death claims (more than \$3.9 million), the Club had no problem ensuring that every claim was paid. That's what our Club insurance is all about, taking care of those who face a death in the family. Consider, again, how much sense it makes to have our Club insurance.

Also, we have a special guest-writer for this and next month's *History Comes Alive!* It's the world-renowned historian Tom Sitton, and he's written a wonderful two-part series on John Randolph Haynes, one of the most dominant and influential men in Los Angeles history. The *History Comes Alive!* column is one of our most popular every month, and, with excellence like this, it's no wonder.

Lastly, from everyone here at the Club, and from my wife, Kelley, and I, have a safe and happy Christmas and Hanukkah. Here's to you, for what you do for the City.

JOHN



Coming in the January issue:

- A look at the City's departmental holiday parties.
- A look back at some of the best photographs from *Alive!* in 2006.
- The latest and greatest Club merchandise.
- And much, much more!

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The Club has a wonderful selection of gifts available for the City Employee in your life. And ordering has never been easier, with the Club's Online Store! See all the great selections for yourself on page 46.



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Toy Drive Continues



Last year's toy drive distributed more than 150 toys to families in need.

■ **As part of this Central City Boosters holiday tradition, you can donate toys to the less fortunate.**

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — As part of the LAPD Central City Police Boosters program, the annual Toy Drive is ready to reflect your generosity and give to those in need.

Collections run through Dec. 14, at Club Headquarters or through your Club Counselor.

Club Members are asked to contribute an unwrapped toy to the cause.

The drive is sponsored by the LAPD Central City Police Boosters. In the past, some of the toys were distributed to City employees in hardship, too.

This is the fourth year that the Club has participated in the holiday toy drive, and each year the drive collects more toys. More than 150 toys were collected last year. With your help, the Club hopes to collect even more.

The Club thanks you in advance for your generosity.

The Word on the Street



Cecilia Talbot,
Claims Administrator

Your service was "very good. You were accurate and timely. [There were] no problems whatsoever."

— Vera Henderson, October 2006

"I evaluate your service as very good. The check I received from Assurity helped me very much."

— Gilbert Campos, October 2006

Your service was "excellent. Everyone was very helpful and caring during this difficult time. The book is so well done, I look forward to reading it to my class of students with special needs."

— Melissa Gorlick, September 2006

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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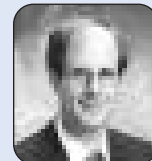
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President & CEO

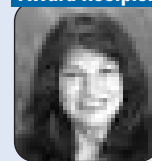


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LETTERS To the Editor

Alive! Lets All City Employees See the Renovated Observatory

Thank you all for a job well done! Once again, you put the Griffith Observatory and Dr. Krupp as the center of attention in your beautifully laid out newspaper.

Now the Club Members and the rest of the City employees will get a chance to read the most recent information about the renovated Griffith Observatory complemented with nice photographs done by JJLA & Associates. More power to *Alive!* and its staff.

— **Erlinda Pabon, Director's Secretary, Griffith Observatory**

Yes, Indeed, the Observatory Is the City's Pride and Joy

Thank you for your wonderful article about the new and improved Griffith Observatory. I had no idea the observatory was part of the Recreation and Parks Department. Once again, you and your company made me proud to be a City Employee.

— **Roger Seisner**

Mary Rose's Date Got Fresh In Now-Freshened Observatory

Greetings friends! Sorry I haven't written in a while. Reading your latest *Alive!* gave me the giggles. My first date was at the Griffith Observatory; Jimmy Denton was his name and boy oh boy was he a cutie. That warm summer night is still a clear memory, looking out over Los Angeles at all the twinkling lights. I also remember that he had the nerve to try to kiss me ... instead he got a nice slap on his cheek.

All that said, I really enjoyed reading about Dr. Krupp and his dream. The observatory is truly as LA as the Hollywood sign, and it's nice to see that it's being well taken care of.

That's it for now. I need to go online to check my email and then buy one of your new City seal watches as a Christmas present for my good friend who's a retired City Employee. I think he'll really like it. All the best.

— **Mary Rose Wilkens**

Prompt Ticket Service Means He Recommends Club to All

Hi, I received the (ticket) package yesterday. Thank you for the follow up, I really appreciate that.

Thank you again and I am telling everyone about The Club.

— **Mark Mayer**

Did Recent Settlement Keep All City's Needs in Balance?

I've lived in South Central for over 35 years and have always supported the City Council in their endeavors. However, their recent actions have greatly disappointed me.

With all the needs of our community, I am appalled that they approved a \$2.7 million settlement for a firefighter who sued the City over a practical joke. The joke (some dog food was put in his spaghetti) caused the firefighter no harm; temporary or permanent. Down here we've got homeless people on our streets who are eating much worse than dog food; we're being overrun by crime and gangs; the condition of the streets are on par with a Third-World country; and yet, somehow the City Council felt it necessary to flush much-needed money down the toilet. I'm embarrassed and ashamed that these same Councilmembers that I supported stabbed me and my community in the back.

I guess the old adage, "the squeaky wheel gets the grease," is true in the LA City Council. I guess we're just not squeaking loud enough down here in South Central for the Council. They should be ashamed of themselves.

And here's the rub, they want to extend their term limits. Where's the common sense?

— **Mitchell Waters**

Evidence on Club Website Of How Great ClubFest Was

The ClubFest photos in the newspaper and in the Club Website are wonderful. You people really did a great job. It's incredible to see so many City Employees from different departments get together for the day, and a grand day it was. Was that a Ferris wheel? I really missed it this year but hopefully I'll be there next year.

— **Roy Underwood**

Club Watches: Affordable, And Still of High Quality

I hear you have City Seal watches? It looks like high-end stuff, which is just the way I like it. I just hate it when I buy a watch and the next day it leaves you with an orange residue around your wrist. It's at that point that you know you got jobbed with a bad watch.

Knowing the Club as long as I have, I can't see how you're wristbands will leave my wrist orange. The Club is always about quality and that's enough to make any City Employee become a member of the Club!

— **Tim Lawler**

You're in luck, Tim! Check out all the new Club watches, just in time for the holidays. See page 47.

— *Ed.*

All in All, 'Twas a Good Issue Of Alive! For Truck Owner

That was a rootin' tootin' article about your new auto and home insurance. Quick and to the point, like a hummingbird in the spring, I'll give it a try and see if I can't get that Arco gas card for my Chevy truck.

I'm hoping there won't be trouble in getting my 36-year-old truck insured. She's a wonderful truck and has given thousands of miles of reliability.

By the way, your question of the month on page five was a bellyache of laughs. Were did you get such fun people to respond? They were a hoot I tell you. Keep it up and keep up the good work, fellows.

— **Gene Winkle**

Stellar Cover Image Made Believer Out of 5-Year-Old

You guys must have hired some new guns to take photos of the Griffith Observatory. They are out of sight, mind and world! My five-year-old daughter saw the paper in the mailbox and ran to me to show me the cover. She asked me why she hadn't been able to see other planets with rings and comets like the ones on the cover next to Dr. Krupp. She also asked that we go the observatory because she thought this was the only place where you could see the night sky the way it was portrayed in *Alive!* That tells you how real it looks.

Congratulations on your 50th issue. Our family can't wait to see what you guys have in store for the next 50 issues.

— **Janet Fitzgerald**

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!

We know you are thankful for all your presents ... but what was the least appropriate Christmas present you ever received?

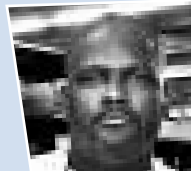


"A recycled gift that was used."

— **Jess Hernandez, Warehouse Worker, GSD Auto Parts/ Fire**

"Every gift I receive is a good gift."

— **Mark Campos, Storekeeper, GSD Auto Parts/ Fire**



"Stationery with my name spelled wrong, from my sister in-law."

— **Vincent Augustine, Storekeeper**

"An O2 sensor."

— **Rebecca Anderson, Warehouse Toolroom Worker**



"A pair of socks."

— **John Mireles, Storekeeper II**

"Not getting one."

— **Jim Taylor, Equipment Mechanic**



"I don't have a worst one, but my favorite one was a motocross bike when I was 10."

— **John Stevenson, Equipment Mechanic**

"A Denver Broncos shirt."

— **Albert Jaramillo, Storekeeper**



"Batman candles...but I was in high school."

— **David Fossett, Van Nuys Airport, Club Member**

"A re-gifted barbecue utensil set."

— **Thomas Trujillo, LAX, Club Member**



"A box of sausages with cheese."

— **John Villarruel, LAX, Club Member**

"A water bottle rocket that, on its first flight, flew into my neighbor's yard, where his dog ate it."

— **Paul Renteria, LAX Police Division, Club Member**



"A bottle of cologne that I never use."

— **Homer Boulin, LAX, Club Member**

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And One More

■ **The Club welcomes one whom we accidentally left out of Dept. of the Month.**

GENERAL SERVICES — When *Alive!* featured General Services' Office of Public Safety as part of our Dept. of the Month last year, we inadvertently left out one photo.

That photo is of Raed Kailany, Training Coordinator, 3 years of service. Here's the photo.

We are also happy to note that Raed is now a Club Member, too. Welcome, Raed, to the Club. And we're happy to finally publish your picture!



Raed Kailany, Training Coordinator, General Services Office of Public Safety, and now a Club Member.



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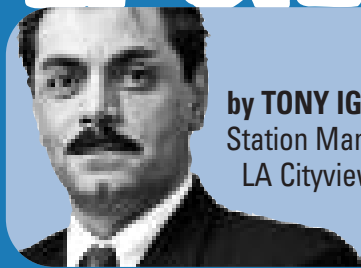
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by **TONY IGHANI**
Station Manager,
LA Cityview 35



A Good 2006; a Better 2007

As we come to the close of another year, on behalf of the entire staff and management of LA Cityview 35, I want to wish all the readers of *Alive!* a very happy holiday season, and may the New Year bring good health and prosperity to all.

This was a very exciting year for us at LA Cityview 35 as we continued to provide original programs that helped bridge the communities and bring neighborhoods closer to their government. New program series including shows for the Library, Animal Services, Controller's Office and various Council offices, to name a few, helped the station further its mission of bringing current and accurate information about the City to our viewers.

I thank our loyal viewers and readers for their continued support. Stay tuned because we have great plans for 2007 including bringing on-demand programming to the community through the Internet and unveiling new programs currently in development. Have a happy and safe holiday. Peace on earth.

Programming Highlights in December:

There's No Excuse for Domestic Violence in L.A.

The Domestic Violence Task Force is a coalition of government and private organizations, including the LAPD and City Attorney's office, which work together to fight spousal abuse and support survivors. Working with LA Cityview 35, the task force has created two half-hour television programs called *There's No Excuse for Domestic Violence in L.A.*, which will be seen several times on Channel 35 this month.

Inside Council District 3

Councilmember Dennis Zine invites you to take a visit to Council District 3 in a new program called *Inside CD3*. The first episode, airing this month, will tour Pierce College, the historic Madrid Theater, and the revitalized Warner Center. This promises to be an inviting look at the West San Fernando Valley.

Neighborhood Café

In its fourth year of production, *Neighborhood Café* is back with six brand-new episodes premiering this month and into January. *Neighborhood Café* is a half-hour informal talk program with stakeholders of the Neighborhood Council movement. The show is designed to bring the viewers success stories, challenges and future of the Neighborhood Councils. Each show features a variety of guests with engaging viewpoints on topics of critical importance to the City and individual neighborhoods. Some episodes are presented in Spanish to ensure full community participation. If you care about your community, you should tune in to this show and learn how you can get involved with your neighborhood council. *Neighborhood Café* airs Mondays at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

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



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The *Alive!* Interview

From Port Police Champion to Honored Veteran



■ The Port Police's Harry Hunold, Club Member, receives a Purple Heart 38 years after his bravery in Vietnam.

HARBOR — Retired Los Angeles Port Police Officer and former United States Marine Harry E. Hunold was presented with The Purple Heart at the Sept. 20 meeting of the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners. Commission President S. David Freeman presented Hunold with the distinguished honor, which was awarded to him for combat injuries sustained 38 years ago, while serving his country in Khe Sanh, Vietnam.

Hunold, a former San Pedro resident, served as a Los Angeles Port Police Officer from August 1985 to August 2001. Since his retirement, he has worked for the Port part-time as a Sergeant at Arms for the Board of Harbor Commissioners and in protective services for the Port Community Advisory Committee.

The Purple Heart is a U.S. military decoration awarded in the name of the President of the United States to those who have been wounded or killed while serving on or after April 5, 1917, with the U.S. military.

But Harry made his mark in the City, too, helping to improve the status of the Port Police Department, to the great benefit the Port Police Officers.

Here is his story.



Board of Harbor Commissioners Sergeant at Arms Harry Hunold, Club Member (right), and his former patrol partner, Port Police Chief Ron Boyd, hold Harry's Purple Heart Certificate.

Alive!: Congratulations on your Purple Heart!

Harry Hunold: I really never thought that this was going to happen. We had a reunion about four years ago with my platoon, guys I haven't seen since 1968. My platoon commander, Capt. Holden, said – and my nickname was Herc, I weighed a hundred and eleven pounds, and they called me Hercules – “Herc, did you ever get your Purple Heart? I put in for you.” I said “No, never heard anything about it.” He says, “Well I’m the one who put in for it for you, so let’s get the ball rolling again, let’s start it up.” So he wrote a letter to Marine Corps Headquarters.

We were on a convoy, moving equipment and stuff to the Khe Sanh Combat Base, when our convoy came under attack.

Alive!: Khe Sanh is a fairly infamous area.

Harry Hunold: Yes.

Alive!: And this was what year?

Harry Hunold: This was 1968, the Tet Offensive of '68. My job was to check for land-

mines, booby traps, all that kind of stuff. We would go out in the morning before the convoys and check for ambushes, booby traps, any of these explosive devices.

Alive!: What was your title?

Harry Hunold: Combat Engineer. I was a 13-71 Combat Engineer. 11th Combat Engineers, A Company, Third Platoon. Marine Division.

Alive!: Do you have an interest in going back to Vietnam?

Harry Hunold: I do and I don't. I know when I was there I had this feeling of hopelessness.

Alive!: That's pretty heavy for a 19-year-old.

Harry Hunold: Yeah.

ZERO HOUR

Alive!: Take us through that day, the day when you were blown out of the Jeep.

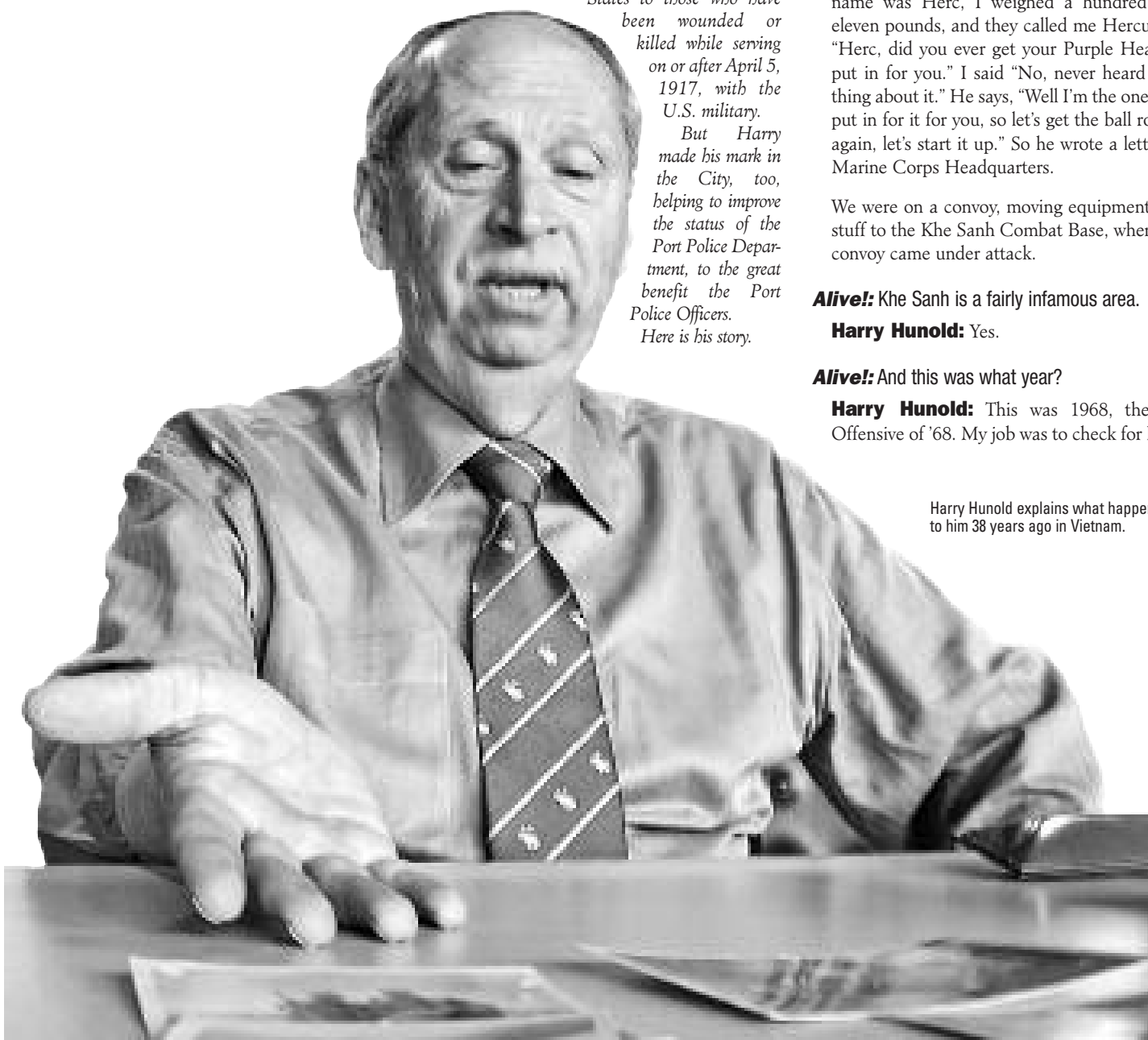
Harry Hunold: It was a truck, a six by six, one of those big troop-mover trucks with the big wheels.

You would go out with your minesweepers, all on either side, then you'd have your probers behind you. Once you detected a mine, the probers would go out and probe and find out what it is. We just knew there was an object under there that was probably a metal object. So you had to go down and probe around there and find out what it was, and if it was a mine, which in many cases it was, you had to worry about booby traps — mouse traps, trip wires, pressure release devices, all that kind of stuff. If you moved the mine the wrong way you could set the mine off.

Alive!: And your truck got hit, and you were thrown from it.

Harry Hunold: Yes. We hit a landmine, or a rocket hit the truck. I get bounced off, and all is I remember is waking up in a hole. I couldn't

Harry Hunold explains what happened to him 38 years ago in Vietnam.



The Alive! Interview



Harry Hunold on his tour of duty near Khe Sanh, Vietnam.



Harry Hunold received a Purple Heart 39 years after being seriously injured in the line of duty.



Trained as a minesweeper, Harry Hunold was an advance scout, clearing the way for transports to move safely.

walk; my ankles were all messed up and I was in a pretty bad shape for that time. But I was told that nobody's going back; unless you can't absolutely continue on to perform your duties and to serve with the platoon, you're here. So I decided I'll stay with the unit. I stayed with my platoon until we reached Khe Sanh and performed my duties the best that I could.

Alive!: So after your injury you were back at work?

Harry Hunold: I was back to work. It wasn't debilitating enough to send me back.

Alive!: Were you kind of hoping?

Harry Hunold: Of course. You dream about it, but you know it wasn't bad enough. There were guys there with two or three Purple Hearts. Eventually I was able to walk again and get around again.

Alive!: What were some of the lessons out of your tour?

Harry Hunold: Persistence, just keep on going, don't stop, don't give up. Like the Marine Corps taught, you don't lay down and die. And you knew you were only going to be there for 13 months and five days. But still you had the feeling of hopelessness. I mean, look at the look on my face in some of these pictures!

FINALLY, AFTER 38 YEARS

Alive!: So after you'd gone through what you'd gone through, someone brought up that you deserved a Purple Heart?

Harry Hunold: Yes, my commanding officer. [But] somehow it never made it all the way through.

Alive!: How did it come back into your life?

Harry Hunold: Well, with the reunion four years ago, when my platoon commander, Harold Holden, asked me if I had received it, I said no. He started the paperwork. My platoon sergeant was there, plus my squad leader, and both of them wrote letters. They had it all certified and notarized and sent to Headquarters Marine Corps.

And about three years later, I found a letter sitting underneath my doorstep, saying that "You've been awarded the Purple Heart, Medal of Valor. You are to be receiving the actual medal at a ceremony when the Marine Corps will notify you, and you will have your choice of where you'd like to have your ceremony."

It was stuck under my doormat at the house.

Alive!: They didn't even knock on the door?

Harry Hunold: They didn't even knock on the door. There was a manila envelope under the doormat.

Alive!: And then, at the Harbor Commissioners meeting ...

Harry Hunold: I wanted to have a couple of copies [of the notification] made because I wanted to put one in my file. It happened to be the same day that I was working at the Harbor Commission meeting as the Sergeant at Arms. City Attorney Tom Russell walked by, and he said to me, "You were in the Marine Corps?" I says "Yes, Mr. Russell, in fact I just got my Purple Heart award." He said "Harry, that's fantastic."

And at the next meeting, they went through a couple of agendas. The next thing I know they're pulling [the notification] out and calling me up to the front [for a presentation]. So I had no idea this was going to happen.

Alive!: Did you have other medals?

Harry Hunold: Yes. A Combat Action Ribbon. A Meritorious Unit Citation, a few of those types of things. I've been around a little bit. Between the Marine Corps and the Police Department, I've been carrying a gun and wearing a uniform since 1967. Maybe it's time to stop it. I may be pushing my luck a little bit.

Alive!: And you're retired now right?

Harry Hunold: I retired in 2001.

HIS LAST DAY IN NEW YORK

Harry Hunold: I started off with the New York City Police Dept. in 1971 to '81.

Alive!: Ten years, a beat cop?

Harry Hunold: Beat cop. I loved the beat. Everybody knew me on my beat, and I knew everybody.

Alive!: Where was your precinct?

Harry Hunold: In Brooklyn. 78. My last day in New York really was the clincher. It was a cold, dreary Sunday morning. I'm standing on the corner of One Hanson Place, right near the Williamsburg Bank, the tallest building in Brooklyn, and it was two degrees. I was wearing the old blue, you know, chokers that the old New York City PD guys used to wear. My nose was running, and I looked down ... in New York, they used to have these little pushcarts, these soubrette wagons where they sold hot dogs ... well, a guy the day before had dumped his hot dogs into the street hoping it would go down the sewer. But it didn't; it froze.

So right below my feet under an old cobblestone street in Brooklyn, are two rats running for the hot dogs and trying to scrape them out of the ice. And I'm saying, "I got to get out of this place."

[Then] the wind comes whipping down the street, and the Sunday Daily News wraps around my leg. So I'm looking at these rats eating the hot dogs; I'm wrapped around the Sunday Daily News; my nose is running; it's two degrees ... and all of a sudden I hear, "tinkle, tinkle, tinkle, tinkle." I look up, and there's glass falling from the Williamsburg Bank. There's a guy up there going to commit suicide, who wants to jump off the building. This was already my third dead body that day. I said, "Okay, three bodies in one day, rats eating hot dogs, the Daily News ... yeah I think I'm going to make the move to California."

Alive!: That was your last day?

Harry Hunold: That was my last day.

BUILDING THE PORT POLICE

Alive!: You've done quite a bit for the Port Police then. You're a pioneer, and a lot of Port Police have you to thank for better benefits and better pay and better treatment I would think.

Harry Hunold: Yeah.

Alive!: What got you interested in upgrading the level of compensation for the officers?

Harry Hunold: When I was a police officer back in New York, I was a delegate for the PBA, for the Policeman's Benevolent Association, so I was an activist type of guy. So I said, if I could do it there, I can do it here.



A model of a Purple Heart sits atop Harry Hunold's Purple Heart Certificate. His real Purple Heart medallion is on its way.

We needed some things to be changed; even management was in our favor. So the officers decided it's time to make a move.

The timing was right. The funniest thing of all when I got into the union was I'd gone to a SCALE meeting, Southern California Coalition of Law Enforcement, with the LA Protective League, who I later became very good friends with. I happened to be sitting next to a fellow named Curtis Tucker, whose Dad

had just passed away and was the assemblyman for Inglewood. His dad had been a sergeant with the LA Port Police. I said, "I am the director of the union and I need a bill sponsored and passed to upgrade us to 830.1." He says, "That's my fee." There was a vacancy [due to his father's death], so we walked the precincts for him and he got elected as assemblyman in Inglewood. His very first bill that he sponsored was the Port Police 830.1 Full Police Officer Status Bill. He said it was in honor of his dad, who was a sergeant with the Port Police.

I found out what I had to do. I had to go to Sacramento and lobby, walk the halls, shake some hands. The LAPD Protective League worked very close with us and did a fine job. We got it signed by the Governor Deukmejian and we were upgraded.

Alive!: How much did things change between the way the Port Police were before and after your actions?

Harry Hunold: It was a very, very slow transition. We were always what I would consider a very professional law enforcement agency. Being a union representative sometimes is a thankless job, but I'd say probably 75 percent of the guys said, "Thank you, because without you it would've never happened, and we appreciate it. Now we get additional benefits; now we can participate in the POST [Police Officers Standards and Training]; and now the state will pay for our training, for any advanced training." That saved the City and the department money, and there are a few other things, too, that enhanced the job.

We became equal to the LAPD and the Sheriff's Dept. An 830.1 Police Agency.

CIVIL SERVICE PRIDE

Harry Hunold: This city has been great to me. The Port has been very good to me.

It's a strong feeling of pride to work for the City. I guess a New Yorker's always a New Yorker, but Los Angeles has been good to me.

Alive!: Should every City Employee feel proud of their City?

Harry Hunold: I really hope they do. I'm very proud to be a former and returned employee of the City. I could go sweep streets for the City of LA and still feel good about it.

Alive!: What is it you love about civil service?

Harry Hunold: My Dad said, and I always kind of went by this: "Harry, you'll never be rich, but you'll never be poor. You'll always do good." So I kind of went by that. I said, "Dad, you know, it's like the old donkey moving along. Sooner or later, that guy with the carrot's going to fall asleep, and I'm going to get that carrot."

ELECTION COVERAGE

Voters to Council: Settle In

■ **Extension of term limits for Councilmembers is one of the results of the big November election. Election had other ramifications for City employees.**

CITY COUNCIL — City Councilmembers can now be elected to three terms instead of two, as a result of Proposition R, passed by City voters in the midterm elections Nov. 7.

Proposition R also redefines some ethics issues, which was seen as a way the Proposition could carry the relaxation of term limits. Some of these ethics reforms may be in conflict with the City's Ethics Commission. This issue remains unresolved at press time.

The Proposition, which allows members to serve three four-year terms instead of two, passed with a 59 percent majority.

Seven of the 15 Councilmembers would have faced the end of their Council careers in 2009 without the extension afforded by Proposition R. Those include Council President Eric Garcetti and Councilmembers Wendy Greuel and Ed Reyes. They now can remain in office potentially until 2013, giving them time to assess their next career steps.

In other Proposition news, Proposition J, which makes technical changes to the Fire Department's in-force Proposition F, passed with

a 76 percent majority. Proposition J allows fire stations to be built on smaller lots.

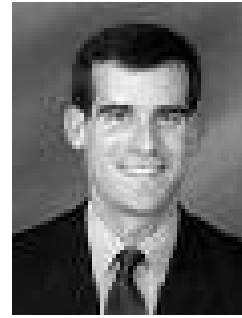
In sadder news for those City Employees who are struggling to find affordable housing, Proposition H, a bond measure that would have spurred on construction of rental units and made affordable housing more within reach of many, failed to attain the required two-thirds majority. It garnered a 62-percent majority, which fell short.

But the slate of statewide bond issues, which all passed, could prove a windfall for ongoing and expensive City works projects.

Among the City projects that could benefit from a direct infusion of cash from the state bond measures:

- The City's street light coordination effort (see related story);
- Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's dream to build a Metro extension under Wilshire Boulevard to the ocean;
- Efforts to reconstruct the Los Angeles River;
- The mayor's million-tree initiative;
- Significant freeway improvement projects (managed by CalTrans);
- Significant mass transit initiatives;
- Water storage and reclamation projects;
- Cargo management efforts at the Harbor; and
- Affordable housing initiatives.

Wanna share your thoughts on the past election? Write a letter to the editor: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Eric Garcetti



Wendy Greuel



Ed Reyes

In Sync

Transportation continues addressing that old commuter bugaboo, synchronized lights. State bond funds could help complete the effort.



TRANSPORTATION — On Nov. 2, the City unveiled its latest effort to synchronize its traffic lights by announcing the completion of the 405/San Diego Freeway Corridor Traffic Signal Synchronization System Project.

This new synchronized traffic signal system — bounded by Van Nuys Boulevard, Laurel Canyon Boulevard, Nobel Avenue/Kester Avenue and Vanowen Street — stretches 8.5 square miles from Van Nuys through Panorama City and encompasses 71 traffic signals. With the system improvements, commuter travel times are estimated to reduce by 24 percent, and traveling speeds are estimated to increase by 32 percent.

The completion of this traffic light synchronization system puts the City one step closer to synchronizing 100 percent of the traffic signals throughout the City.

The 405/San Diego Traffic Signal Synchronization project is an ATSC (Automated Traffic Surveillance and Control) system, a computer-based traffic signal control system that monitors traffic

conditions. Through the ATSC system, Transportation staff will be able to monitor (via camera) traffic conditions, and manually change signal timing from its operation center located in Los Angeles.

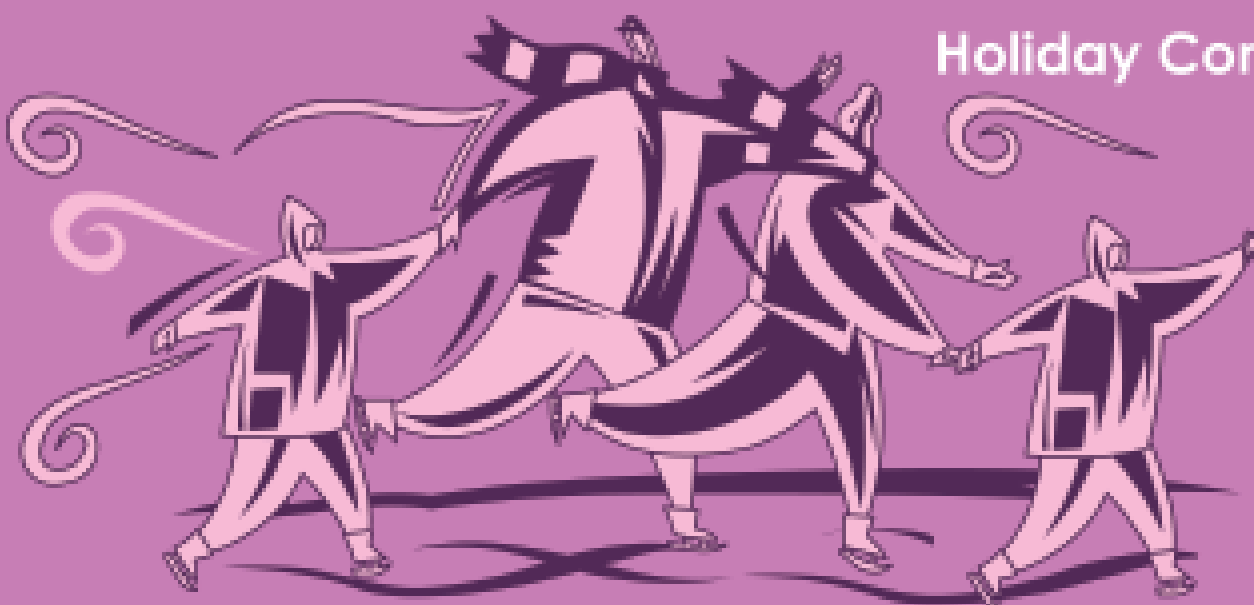
Other benefits of the ATSC system include the reduction of fuel use, emission of air pollutants and intersection delay.

LADOT will continue to develop and construct ATSC system and other traffic improvements throughout the entire City. Future ATSC system projects include Exposition Park, Westchester and Mid-Wilshire.

Since January, Transportation has identified 100 of the most clogged intersections as part of Operation Bottleneck, its traffic congestion relief initiative.

Rush-hour delays have been reduced up to 78 percent at a third of the worst cross-streets in Hollywood, the San Fernando Valley, Crenshaw and on the Westside, according to the Los Angeles Times.

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11 New Airport Officers

■ LAX Airport Police welcomes 11 new officers.

Story by Officer Belinda Nettles, Airport Police; Photos courtesy LAX Airport Police

AIRPORTS—Eleven recruits are joining the ranks of the Los Angeles Airport Police following their recent graduation from Rio Hondo Police Academy in Whittier.

Los Angeles World Airports Executive Deputy Director James T. Butts and Los Angeles Airport Police Acting Chief Brian A. Walker attended their graduation to perform the swearing-in ceremony. The new officers are:

- Siwon Lee
- Edwin Wu
- Francis Sur
- Alesha Hawkins
- Julio Aparicio

- Thang Pham
- Ivan Rojas
- Rito Torres
- Jin Shin
- Omar Vasquez, and
- Patrice Phyll.

The next step for the officers is to complete a six-month field-training program. During the training program, new officers will be assigned to a Field Training Officer (FTO) before they are released and assigned to the Patrol Services Section.

Los Angeles Airport Police is the fourth largest law enforcement agency in Los Angeles County, with more than 900 law enforcement, security and staff personnel. Airport Police is a division of Los Angeles World Airports, the City department that owns and operates four airports in Southern California: Los Angeles International, Ontario International, Palmdale Regional and Van Nuys (general aviation).



From left: LAX Police Acting Chief Brian A. Walker with new Officers Siwon Lee, Edwin Wu, Francis Sur, Alesha Hawkins, Julio Aparicio, Thang Pham, Ivan Rojas, Rito Torres, Jin Shin, Omar Vasquez, and Patrice Phyll; and LAX Deputy Executive Director James T. Butts.

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Officer Falls in Line of Duty

■ Day of mourning was Oct. 23 in memory of
Police Officer Landon Dorris.



Officer Landon Dorris

LAPD – A citywide day of mourning was held Monday, Oct. 23, in memory of LAPD Officer Landon Dorris, who was struck by a car during the investigation of a minor traffic accident.

At approximately 1:20 a.m. Oct. 22, Northeast Area Officer Landon Dorris and his partner, Officer Marc Fujiwara, were investigating a minor traffic collision at Riverside Drive and Hyperion Avenue. Officer Dorris was in the

street, when a car heading west on Riverside Drive struck him. The force of the impact caused Officer Dorris to hit another car that was waiting to turn left onto the Golden State Freeway on-ramp.

Officer Dorris was taken to USC Medical Center in critical condition with major head trauma. Despite the efforts of the hospital emergency staff, Officer Dorris did not survive his injuries. "The men and women of the LAPD are deeply saddened by the loss of a fellow officer. Our hearts go out to the family and friends of Officer Dorris during this difficult time," said Chief William Bratton.

Officer Dorris, 31, had been with the LAPD for just more than three years. Prior to joining the LAPD, Officer Dorris served six years with the California Highway Patrol as a motorcycle officer. He is survived by his mother; two sisters; his fiancé; and two sons, ages 3 and 1.

The last LAPD officer to be killed in the line of duty was 31-year-old Ricardo Lizarraga. He was shot and killed by a suspect on Feb. 20, 2004.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation, 1880 North Academy Road, Los Angeles, California 90012.

Flags flew at half-staff at all City buildings Oct. 23 to honor Officer Dorris.

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Change of Address?

If you change your address, notify Helen Salgado, Membership Chair, at 323-728-4930, or write to her at 5423 Dewar St., Los Angeles, CA 90022. Also notify LACERS.

Have News About Yourself?

Contact Phil Skarin, 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910, or call (818) 784-0130.

RLACEI: Directors Named For Two-Year Terms



By Phil Skarin,
RLACEI Publicity Chair



Ed Harding

President Ed Harding says:

"At our annual meeting and elections in October, the following Directors were re-elected for two-year terms, beginning Jan. 1:

- Ed Harding
- Ken Spiker
- Jerry Bardwell
- Jack Mathews
- Helen Salgado and
- Dave Wilkins.

"They are all doing a great job, and we are fortunate to have them."

"I was disappointed at the turnout for the meeting. Out of 9,000 members, only 100 showed up. I had ordered 175 lunches, so there was a lot wasted. Always call a week ahead for reservations so we can have an accurate count."

"The next annual men's retreat at the Serra Retreat House in Malibu will be Jan. 5 - 7. This City of Los Angeles men's retreat was started by Tommy Hanifin, City Treasurer, in the mid 1940s, and later continued by the late Larry Jones. Now I am coordinating it. If you are interested, call me at (805) 584-9417, or the retreat house at (310) 456-6631.

"On another note, I have created a special committee that is looking into two problems:

- Those retirees who had remarried after they retired.
- Those retirees who covered their spouse with a greater surviving pension (75 or 100 percent) and their spouse dies; the retiree's pension stays reduced.

"We had our second meeting and

found out that the Retired Fire and Police have made similar studies and will send me copies of their paperwork. They will come to our next committee meeting.

"I hope to see you at our Annual Christmas Party Dec. 7 at 11:30 a.m. at

was 7.8 percent, which was above its peer median of 6.5 percent. I am pleased to report that the total value of the LACERS fund, as of Sept. 30, 2006, was \$9.9 billion. I am optimistic that our fund will reach its all-time high of \$10 billion in the near future.



the Grace E. Simons Lodge in Elysian Park. Be sure you have called one of the officers for a reservation for the lunch."

Legislative Report: Ken Spiker reports: "For the period ending June 30, 2006, LACERS staff reported that the total investment portfolio was up 12.4 percent over the last 12 month period, significantly beating its annual 8 percent benchmark rate of return used in the valuation of total assets. LACERS assets were valued at \$9.3 billion - up \$1 billion as compared to the previous fiscal year.

"LACERS continues to perform in the top 25 percent of public pension funds. Its five-year investment return

LACERS Public Pension Funds

The following are some points of interest about LACERS (all figures are as of Oct. 31, 2006, except as noted):

Total value of the fund as of close of business Sept. 30, 2006:

\$9,914,800,000

Number of retiree checks issued monthly:
14,905

Average retiree monthly allowance:
\$2590.60

Median retiree monthly allowances:
\$2,178.75

Number of retirees receiving a disability allowance:
886

Number of surviving spouses receiving an allowance:
3,234

Average surviving spouses monthly allowances:
\$1,509.31

Median retiree age:
71.59

Average retiree age:
71.55

Average number of years served (including buyback, service retirement only):
27.28

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 7:
Retirees Christmas Party, 11:30 a.m. at the Grace E. Simons Lodge in Elysian Park

Jan. 5-7:
Annual men's retreat at the Serra Retreat House in Malibu.



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 Hall at (310) 472-0224.

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



Hong Kong and Vietnam: Buddha in Nha Trang. (A photo from Hal's Adventures in 2006.)



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:

- Edward Harding (805) 584-9417
- Phil Skarin (818) 784-0130
- Robert Wilkinson (818) 886-1000
- Jerry Bardwell (818) 782-5568
- Harold Danowitz (310) 472-0224
- Jack Mathews (310) 762-1942
- Helen Salgado (323) 728-4930
- (membership)
- Americo Garza (562) 928-2051
- Neil Ricci (310) 394-1971

DWP Retirement Plan Office: (213) 367-1722

RLACEI:

Officers for 2006

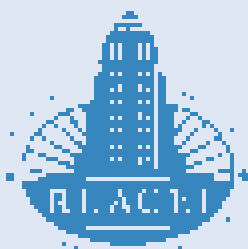
- Edward Harding, President
- Robert Wilkinson, First Vice President
- Kenneth Spiker, Second Vice President
- Hal Danowitz, Secretary
- Jerry Bardwell, Treasurer

Committee Chairpersons for 2006

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

Directors

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



Planning: Big Part Of the Adventure

■ Hal devotes this month to the first part of any great adventure – planning it.

For me, planning a trip is just an exciting as taking the trip. I enjoy the research that goes with deciding where to spend your vacation time – even if it is a couple of days in Las Vegas or a month in Europe. After I have booked my trip, I develop a checklist that outlines all of the things that I need to accomplish or plan for before leaving home.

This month I thought I would share with you my to do checklist (which I use for both domestic and foreign travel) and hope that if some of you have other items I have not thought about you would send them to me.

I divide my checklist into a number of categories:

A complete day-by-day itinerary: If I have not received one from my travel agent or the tour company, I prepare one myself. I break it down by each day of the trip and include airline, hotel and car rental information. Include reservation numbers, phone numbers and location information. I also will include specific activities if I have already reserved them. By including all this information, you can then give a copy of the itinerary to people who might need to reach you in



Grandeur of St. Pete: The Grand Palace. (A photo from Hal's Adventures in 2006.)

case of an emergency. When Evelyn and I were in Cancun, we had a family emergency; because we had given a copy of our itinerary to our daughter, she was able to contact us in Mexico.

Current ID and visa: Gone are the days of traveling without ID. I suggest that you get passports for everyone in your family. My three grandchildren have passports, and it is a lot easier going through immigration with a passport. Beginning next month – Jan. 8, 2007 – everyone traveling to and from the United States by plane will need a passport. You have until June 1, 2009, to get a passport for land and sea travel to and from Canada, Mexico, Central America, South America, the Caribbean, and Bermuda. After that you will need a passport for travel in and out of the United States. Passports are now issued for 10 years, but in some countries your passport must not expire for at least six months from the time you enter the country. Always carry your driver's license as a secondary ID. If you need a visa, get it early. When we needed a visa to get into Chile, it took a week before it was ready. Most countries have a tourist office in Los Angeles, so you can do it yourself. If you don't want the trouble, there are a number of visa services that will do the job for you. Make sure you know what paperwork you need for each country, because it is no fun being refused entry because of an expired passport or not having a visa.



On to the Baltics: A band welcomes the adventurers in Lithuania's Klaipeda Theater Square. (A photo from Hal's Adventures in 2006.)

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Customs documentation: Most everyone knows that you can bring in only certain amounts and kinds of goods from foreign countries. The customs information is available from the U.S. government Website. What you may not know is that if you have foreign-made items you purchased here, such as a camera, you may have to pay duty on it when you return from your trip. To protect yourself, you can register each item with the Customs Agency, and then, if you are questioned, you can show the paperwork. Also read up on the custom information for each of the countries. In many cases the amounts and types of goods you can bring back are either exempted or have a different allowance. I found the custom inspectors to be very helpful in reducing the amount of duty you may have to pay. The best advice I can give is to be honest and report everything.

Travel and medical insurance: Depending on your destination and the cost of your trip, you may want to buy supplemental travel and medical insurance. In some places this is required. When we traveled to Africa, our tour company required that we have both the travel and medical insurance.

Foreign currency: It is always nice to have some foreign money when you get off the plane, but with the use of credit cards and ATM, it is no longer necessary. Before you leave home, check with your financial institution to make sure your ATM card will work in the countries you are visiting. When you use a credit card, make sure of two things – the amount is shown in the currency of the country and keep your copy. Using a credit card can save money, as the exchange rate is better for the credit card company. If the currency of the country is fluctuating you may want to pay cash. I let the credit card company know that I am going out of the country and not to be worried if they get credit card charges from Timbuktu.

Destination information and maps: The Internet has so much information that I no longer buy guidebooks. You can do your research and then print out a version to take with you on the trip. Another help is to use a mapping/navigation system to get directions from the airport to your hotel if you are driving. I purchased a global positioning system (GPS), which we take with us. Before we go I program all the information I will need, and it's ready to go. It even worked in South America. Check with the government travel advisory Website to see if there are any problems where you are going. I use both the U.S. and British government sites.

Things you are taking with you: I list everything that will be going with us on the trip. I even try to identify the clothes and the number of each item. While I don't always follow the list, it forces me to think of everything and by listing it you won't forget anything. Some of the things I never leave home without: small flashlight; list of important phone numbers; copies of medical and eye-

glass prescriptions; storage media for your camera; batteries; and lots of small plastic bags. We have also begun taking a laptop computer with us, both for communications and picture storage. If you are going overseas, you will want electrical plugs for the countries you are visiting. I sometimes take an extension cord. I try to decide which luggage to take and what I'm going to carry on the plane. With the ever-changing regulations on what can be brought on board a plane, you need to check the TSA Website (www.tsa.gov) or call (866) 289-9673 to find out the latest regulations. Don't pack anything in your checked luggage that you don't want to lose. With the new luggage inspection routines, locking your bag does not guarantee security. I have used plastic ties to secure the zippers, and that way I know if the bag has been opened. Recently we purchased luggage locks approved by the Transportation Security Administration that can be opened by the inspectors. Clean out your wallet or purse and take only those items



Hong Kong and Vietnam: Ponagar Cham Tower. (A photo from Hal's Adventures in 2006.)

that I do to make sure I don't worry while I should be having fun. If you have a security system, let them know you will be gone and who to contact in case of emergency. Stop your mail and newspaper or have a neighbor pick them up. I turn off the water to the bathrooms and laundry room while we are gone (I didn't once and a line broke and ran for three weeks.) Have a light and/or radio on a timer.



Grandeur of St. Pete: The fountains at Peterhof. (A photo from Hal's Adventures in 2006.)

you need. I make copies of all my credit cards and other documents and give them to a trusted friend just in case my wallet is lost or stolen.

Home Care: The last thing you want is for something to happen to your home while you are gone, so there are a number of things

Lastly have someone visit your home every couple of days to check for any problems. Now go have a worry-free wonderful vacation.

I hope this has been informative. If you have additional items that you do please let me know: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

Wallace G. Pearson Wallace and Hope Pearson will celebrate their 70th anniversary Dec. 5.

Phil and Miriam Skarin went on a 15-day Elderhostel tour of the five Hawaiian Islands. A major earthquake announced their arrival in Honolulu Oct. 15. Former Deputy City Engineer, Rodney Haraga, is the State Director of Transportation. He had his hands full repairing roads, bridges and docks.

Terry Michael worked 33 years in Fleet Services repairing equipment, then retired and worked for five years for a private company repairing street sweepers. Then he bought a five-acre wooded lot in Pegosa Springs, Col., and built a house. He can hunt deer on his own property. Fellow retirees Howard Capia and Randy Smith joined him recently for a successful hunt. Call him at (970) 731-6994.

Wanted: A retired building inspector or engineer to assist an owner who wants to develop three lots in the Hollywood Hills. Knowledge of grading and zoning variances desirable. Call Vern Zimmerman at (323) 662-8250.

Frank Hefler, Las Vegas, ran in a Breast Cancer Marathon in Vegas in May, and has another run scheduled Dec. 10. He is also writing a book.

The **LAFCU** is offering 9.9 percent unsecured loans through Dec. 31 to help you with your Christmas shopping.

The **LACERS** retirement Fair Oct. 25 at the Convention Center, attracted more than 500 people. RLACEI had a booth staffed by Ed Harding, Hal Danowitz and Neil Ricci.

Visit our Website at www.rlacei.com for the latest retirement news.

If you have news about a retiree that you'd like to share, send it to Phil Skarin at 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411, or phone (818) 784-0130, or FAX to (818) 906-3722.

If you have any news about a retiree that you would like to share, or constructive comments about this column, send them to:
Phil Skarin
5301 Norwich Ave.
Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910
or phone (818) 784-0130.

If you move, notify Helen Salgado, Membership Chair, at 5423 Dewar St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. Also notify LACERS and Alive!

RLACEI Holiday Party



Thursday
December 7, 2006
Noon

The RLACEI's annual Christmas Party and Installation of Officers is scheduled for noon Thursday, Dec. 7, at the Grace E. Simons Lodge. The Lodge is at 1025 Elysian Park Dr., near Dodger Stadium. There will be a light lunch (sandwiches, salad and drinks), entertainment and valuable door prizes. You must make reservations at least a week ahead. Guests welcome. Call one of the officers on the Retirees Helplines. Free taxi service can take you from the parking lot to the lodge.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

At this time of year, we go to parties and put up Christmas trees with lots of decorations.

We give each other presents, wrapped in colorful paper and ribbons.

Like the presents we give, we cover ourselves with fancy wrappings and facades so that people cannot see what we are really like.

When the glow of Christmas has passed, may the virtues of faith, hope and love be with you for at least another year.

— Phil Skarin

Retiree Question of the Month

Alive! asked retirees...

What Christmas gift do you remember the most from when you were a kid?

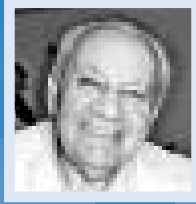
The Best Years



"I lived out in the country (Texas), and I remember the huge California oranges, apples and nuts in my stocking. Oh, and I remember getting a doll named Jean."
— Icle J. David, Retired in 1981



"A Schwinn bike with a big horn."
— Ralph Burquist, Retired in 2003 from General Services as a Carpenter



"A sled."
— Tony Alvarez



"A pair of Union roller skates."
— James H. Smith, Retired in 1986 from Bureau of Engineering, Survey Division



"A Daisy BB gun."
— Tom Stemnock, RLACEI Officer



"Coming to the U.S. from Germany in 1938."
— John Shadle, Retired in 1986 from Building and Safety as a Photographer



"A barbell set."
— Phil Skarin, RLA-CEI Publicity Chair



"A Red Rider BB gun."
— Hal Danowitz, RLACEI Officer and Alive! columnist



"A pair of gloves."
— Helena Gervais, wife of Henry Gervais



"A Louisville Slugger baseball bat."
— Henry Gervais, Retired, Sanitation (he and his wife, Helena, have been married for 62 years!)



"A blue bicycle."
— Cleone Vrabel, Retired in 1984 from the LAPD Foothill Division; her husband, Michael, says, "an Erector set"



LACERS staff members, top row, from left: Lourdes Quintos, Buybacks; James Aceron, Communications; and Monica Smith, Call Center. Bottom: Simone McDade, Departmental Services; Laura Acevedo, Call Center; Jennifer Jones, Call Center; and Adriana Beltran, Call Center.

LACERS Benefit Fair

■ Retirement office kicks off enrollment season with a benefit fair.

Story by Beverly Haro, Club Counselor; Photos by Sunny Lam, Club Tech Guru



LACERS staff members, from left: Saranta Robroo, Health; and Margaret Drenk, Health.

LACERS — The Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System (LACERS) hosted an open enrollment fair Oct. 25 at the Convention Center.

The event provided LACERS members with information about their health benefits for the upcoming year.

Dr. Gary Small, from the UCLA Center of Aging, was the guest speaker. Nearly 500 attendees participated in this event, making it one of LACERS' largest annual events.

Many vendors from the health industry provided free screening and information for seniors. In addition, attendees had access to massage booths, free travel bags, backpacks, complimentary breakfast and lunch and many raffle prizes, including a Hawaiian Cruise for two.

Many thanks to Debra Fleming, LACERS Member Communications, who assisted with this story.



The presenter and a member speaking to Wai Jung, Health (on the right, standing up).



From left: Alex Rabrenovich, Senior Health Benefits Administrator, LACERS Health Division; Sally Choi, Assistant General Manager, LACERS; Dr. Gary Small, Director of the Memory and Aging Research Center at the Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior, UCLA; Lita Payne, Chief Benefits Analyst, LACERS Health Division; and James Aceron, Management Analyst II, LACERS, Member Communications Unit.



Club Board Member Rose Hyland spins the "aloha" wheel.



Blue Cross provided complimentary massages for attendees.



LACERS staff members, from left: Silvia Aroche, Health; and Adrienne Hobbs, Health.



LACERS staff members, from left: Wai Jung, Health; James Aceron, Communications; Alex Rabrenovich, Health; Debra Fleming, Communications; and Sarah Hill, Health.

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Russ Strong, George Miyamota and Chris Macias.



John Malone, Steve Fisher, John Moreno and Aloaf Walker.



Universal Protection Service: Louis Boulgarides, Scott Johnson, Kevin Hagan and Mike Brooks.



Carl K. Gumpert, Inc.: Walter Feinblum, Lou Cvelbar, Martin Leghart and Frits Gottlich.



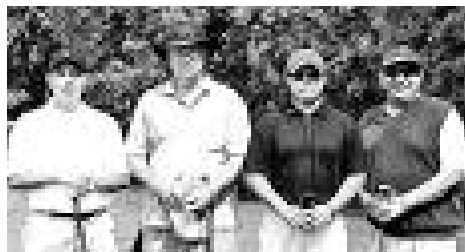
International Jewelry Center: Robert Taylor, Ron Gould and Ara Afarian.



Michael Montoya, David Montoya, Michael Sequin and Tom Shaw.



Jim Lenoue, Jason Malik, Dave Chapman and Chris Hoffman.



Keith Lenoue, Butch Lenoue, George Aspeitia and Marco Villeneuve.



Steve Griffin, Robert Nelson, Carlson Gonzales and Peter Lee.

Central City Golf

Police Boosters hosts its ninth annual golf tournament.

Story by Officer Marie Kardiban, LAPD;
Photos by Lori Toohey

POLICE DEPT. — On Sept. 28, the Central City Police Boosters had its ninth annual Fundraiser Golf Tournament at the California Country Club in Whittier.

For more than 35 years, the business community and residents, through the nonprofit Central City Police Boosters, have worked with the LAPD to make Downtown Los Angeles a safer place to live and work.

- Woman's longest drive: Jenell Badar
- Men's Longest Drive Hole (hole 4): Matt Kardiban
- Closest to the Pin (hole 2): James Rubert
- Closest to the Pin (hole 1): Chris Macias
- Closest to the Pin (hole 10): Bob Puente
- Closest to the Pin (hole 5): Matt Kardiban, winner of a \$100 gift certificate

First-Place Winners:

- Russ Strong
- George Miyamota
- Chris Macias

Second-Place Winners:

- Walter Feinblum
- Lou Cvelbar
- Martin Leghart
- Frits Gottlich

Third-Place Winners:

- International Jewelry Center
- Robert Taylor
- Ron Gould
- Ara Afarian



Marc Needleman, Dennis Needleman and David Post.



Beacon Capital Partners: Tom Hyde, Mark Hazan, Paul Warnstedt and Tim Miller.



Rosemary Anaya, Steve Rolland, Diane Carter and Roger Langner.



Henry Quan, Bill Ward, Jim Rubert and Chris Hallett.



Emmett Badar, Jenell Bardar, Tom Brascia and Doug Pierce.



Paradise Knolls Golf Course: Matthew Kardiban, Charlie Gravius (LAPD Central Division), Brad Weiss and Ray Garvin.



Pacific Resource Credit Union: Davis Garrison, Don Genzler, Gary Hails and Wei Chi.



Capital Group: Gary Campanella, Tim Friedman (LAPD Central Area), Danny Gonzales and Tony Gonzalez.



Sempra Energy: Tom Chiarenza, John Stieglitz, Bob Puente and Jerry Swick.

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Life's Important Moments



Births



Quinashea Dottery Jr., born Sept. 5 to Quinashea Dottery Sr. and Kelly Arthurs, Airports.

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



Promotions

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



Quinceañera

If your daughter has recently celebrated her quinceañera, send a photo and family information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Graduations

Alive! is delighted to continue publishing graduation photos of Club members and their children. Have a photo of a recent graduation? Send it in to *Alive!* Graduations, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071.



Weddings

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History Comes Alive!

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



Tales From the City Archives

Haynes the Progressive

■ Part one of the story of John Randolph Haynes and the powerful Haynes Foundation.



Dr. Tom Sitton, author of this article.

Dr. Tom Sitton, Curator of American History at the Los Angeles County Natural History Museum, is one of the most important historians and authors today on Los Angeles history. His latest publication, Los Angeles Transformed, is the history of Judge/Mayor Fletcher Bowron's urban reform revival from 1938-53, the years of Bowron's tenure as mayor of the City of Los Angeles.

But prior to this inspiring publication, Tom produced two separate historical volumes on John Randolph Haynes: the first, titled John Randolph Haynes: California Progressive, and the other on the John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation called The Haynes Foundation and Urban Reform Philanthropy in Los Angeles. The Haynes Foundation funded all three books to enhance history and educate the public about Los Angeles.

The following topics will be divided into two parts -- this month and January -- because of the depth and breadth of John Randolph Haynes, who was one of the most dominant men in Los Angeles political history. His influence continues to be felt way into the 21st century.

I thank Tom Sitton for allowing us to publish his two-part article. — Hynda Rudd

The year 2006 marks the 80th anniversary of the founding of the John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation. This private general-purpose foundation was the first of its type in Los Angeles, and over the years it has supported a wide variety of social science research and public policy action. From its inception in 1926 to October 2006, with its support for the publication of the League of Women Voters' Los Angeles: Structure of a City Government, the Haynes Foundation has been in the forefront of educational efforts to reform governance at many levels. And in the last month of this year it is fitting to look upon the legacy of John R. Haynes in the history of Los Angeles City government, an arena in which he played such a dominant role.

Haynes was born in the anthracite coal region in Pennsylvania in 1853 and moved to Philadelphia with his family a decade later. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with both medical and doctoral degrees and practiced medicine in the City of Brotherly Love until 1887. In that year he and his extended family, like many other easterners with bronchial maladies, moved to the more salubrious climate of Los Angeles during the "Boom of the Eighties." In the City of Angels, he and his two brothers (all three of them physicians) established a thriving medical practice while John also made a small fortune in real estate investments.

In his adopted home in Los Angeles Haynes became a political and social reformer at the age of 44. During a visit to his parish by national Union Reform League leader William D. P. Bliss in early 1898, Haynes was converted to social and political action for such "radical" reforms (at that time) as women's suffrage; child labor laws; public ownership of natural resources; direct legislation (the initiative, referendum, and recall of public officials); and a graduated tax system. In time he would add other issues including civil service procedures, mandated safety precautions for coal miners, and the legalization of birth control to his agenda.

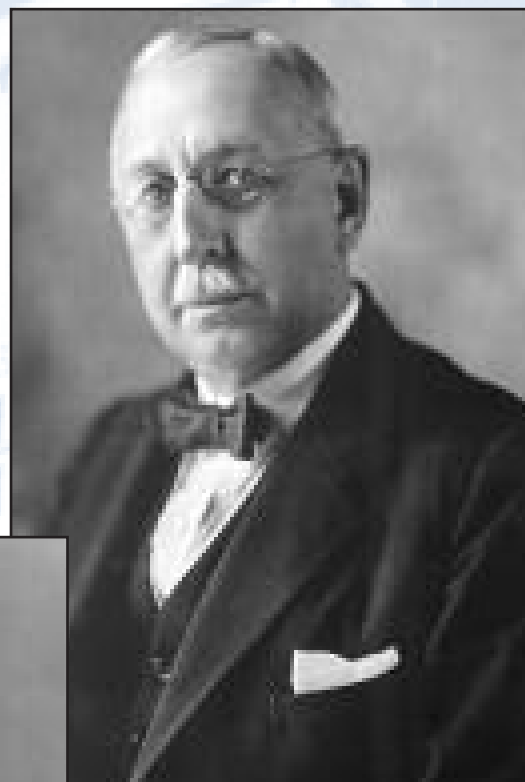
Haynes supported all of these objectives at the national level with his political influence and his pocketbook during his lifetime, and he asked his foundation trustees to promote many of them after he was gone. He was more active in crusading for them at the state level, where he became known as the "Father

a member of the Union Reform League, when he petitioned the 1898 board of freeholders to add direct legislation to the new charter proposal. Two years later he was elected to a board of freeholders to write an entirely new charter, but the work of this group was halted before it could finish. In

than the amended 1889 charter and was accepted by the voters (although the at-large system of electing council members advocated by most progressives was rejected). From the implementation of the charter in 1925 to his death in 1937, Haynes was active in supporting or opposing possible amendments to the document when necessary.

At the head of his one-man Direct Legislation League, Haynes was primarily responsible for passage of charter amendments legalizing the municipal initiative, referendum, and recall in the 1902 election. They became effective in 1903, and Haynes spent a good deal of his time for the rest of his life protecting them from opponents of these measures. Fortunately, the three were not needed very often. However, the recalls of Mayor Frank Shaw in 1938 and several City Councilmembers before and after that, and the near recall of Mayor Arthur Harper (who resigned just before the election in 1909) were significant events in Los Angeles political history. The possibility of an initiative and threat of a possible recall have always been variables in political behavior.

In the 1902 charter campaign, Dr. Haynes also campaigned for the establishment of a civil service system, both on his own and as a member of the fledgling Los Angeles Municipal League. This charter amendment passed, and the department and board of commissioners to oversee it were created the following year. Haynes was appointed to the original 1903 board, testimony to his activism in this issue. On the board he faced the same type of political pressure to rubberstamp mayoral favorites that the system was designed to eliminate, and Haynes weathered these requests without giving in to the mayor. His tenure on the board for a dozen years helped to get the system started right and ensure a tradition for its future direction.



John Randolph Haynes.

1902 a charter revision commission was appointed, and Haynes lobbied this group incessantly to have the members agree to include direct legislation, civil service and other reforms approved by the voters that year. He was also instrumental in helping to pass charter amendments in 1909 that altered the composition and elections of the City Council.

In 1912, Haynes was again elected a freeholder and then president of this group to compose a new City Charter. The result was a call for a commission form of government opposed by major political interests on the left and right. This charter went down in defeat as the progressive coalition running the City began to crumble. Haynes and the other more progressive reformers joined labor unionists and the Socialist Party in offering a set of charter amendments to the voters the following year, some of which passed. In 1915, Haynes was elected to yet another board of freeholders that devised a new compact, including a controversial proportional representation plan for electing councilmembers. It generated considerable opposition from the right and a deficiency of votes in the ensuing 1916 election.

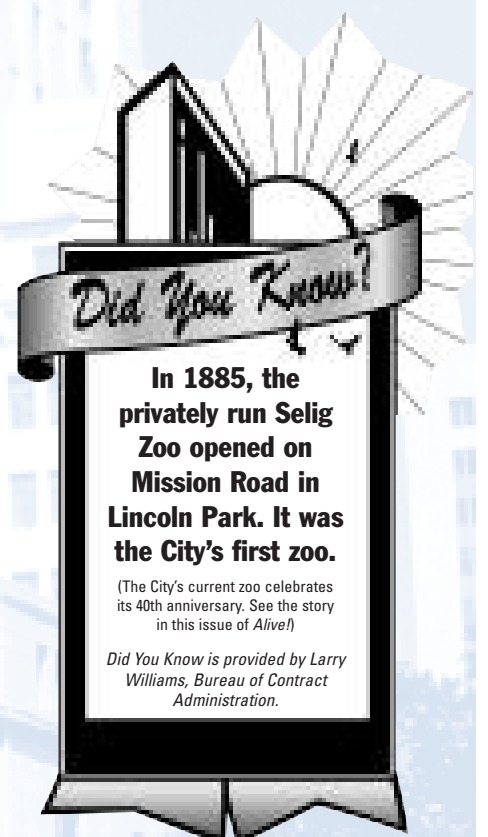
Dr. Haynes was elected a freeholder for the fourth time in 1923. As he recalled, he spent most of this time trying to protect progressive measures in the existing charter rather than making it more modern. With the board majority opposing most of his ideas, this was no easy task. But he managed to limit what he considered to be antithetical to proper governance. The finished product was slightly more progressive



Dora Haynes

of Direct Legislation." Running the Direct Legislation League almost single-handedly since 1900, his efforts at establishing the statewide initiative, referendum, and recall were rewarded when California voters approved the three in a 1910 election. Haynes was an important member of the progressive movement in the state and a confidant of several California governors and many legislators over the next two decades. He was also a significant political force in county government, where he served as a public welfare commissioner and an adviser to several county supervisors and other officials.

It was in the City of Los Angeles where his reform career began, and where he was most active and effective as a reformer. From the start he became deeply involved in charter-making to alter the ways in which the City was governed and served by its workforce. His first experience in this area was as





From left: Ben Setiarto, Parking Manager; Renee Anderson, Union Representative; and Nopagris Suriya, L.A. Mall/Civic Center Employee of the Year.



From left: Tony DeClue, Assistant General Manager; and Richard Bailey, Dispatch Employee of the Year.



From left: Ben Setiarto, Parking Manager; Renee Anderson, Union Representative; and Maria Aranda, City Hall Employee of the Year.



From left: Irma Vizcaino, Parking Attendant; and Alvin Blain, General Manager, General Services.



From left: Ben Setiarto, Parking Manager; Renee Anderson, Union Representative; and Ernesto Sanchez, El Pueblo Employee of the Year.



From left: Ben Setiarto, Parking Manager; Renee Anderson, Union Representative; and Maricela Munoz, Valley Division Employee of the Year.



From left: Councilman Tom LaBonge; Councilwoman Jan Perry; and Alvin Blain, General Manager, General Services.



From left: Ben Setiarto, Parking Manager; Melody McCormick, Director of Building Services; and Jose Flores, Parking Attendant.

Parking Appreciation



■ General Services hosts day to say thanks to the parking crew.

Story and photos by Michelle Moreno, Club Events Guru

GENERAL SERVICES — General Services' Parking Services Division held its fifth annual Employee Appreciation Day Oct. 26 at City Hall. Employees from all different divisions within Parking Services attended.

"Employee of the Year" awards were presented to the best employee of each division: Dispatch, Civic Center, Valley, City Hall, El Pueblo and Pershing Square.

The Club thanks Melody McCormick, Director of Building Services, and Ben Setiarto, Parking Manager, for inviting us. Congratulations to all the winners!



Back, from left: Donald Moreno, Garage Attendant; Douglas Kuniyoshi; and Tony DeClue, Assistant General Manager. Front, from left: Jesse Palacios, Garage Attendant; Richard Bailey, Dispatcher; and George Gonzales, Garage Attendant.



Back, from left: Blanca Delcia, Accounting Clerk; and Virginia Stock, Accounting Clerk. Front, from left: Lupe Castaneda, Parking Attendant; Irma Vizcaino, Parking Attendant; Edward Santillan, Parking Attendant; Marisol Landeros, Parking Attendant; and Roger Ulloa, Parking Attendant.



From left: Denise Fernandez, Parking Attendant; Tobia Arias, Parking Attendant; and Joe Oliver, Parking Attendant.



From left: Lordes Santiago, Vocational Worker; Carmen Rivas, Parking Attendant; and Lorena Lopez, Parking Attendant.



From left: Guillermo Escobar, Supervisor Parking Attendant; Alejandro Carcano, Parking Attendant; Jose Ovalle, Parking Attendant; and Ramiro Salinas, Parking Attendant.



From left: Frank Davila, Parking Attendant; Marshall Kang, Parking Attendant; Emma Flores, Parking Attendant; and Francisco Ventura, Parking Attendant.



From left: Paul Kang, Parking Attendant; Khosrow Abendinzadeh, Supervisor Parking Attendant; Sergout Assefa, Supervisor Parking Attendant; Orlando Somoza, Parking Attendant; and Miguel Martinez, Parking Attendant.



Back, from left: Michelle Plascencia, Parking Attendant; Maricela Zometa, Parking Attendant; and Jose Ortiz Silva, Parking Attendant. Front, from left: Maricela Munoz, Parking Attendant; Lina Garcia, Parking Attendant; and Edna Trejo, Parking Attendant.



From left: Isidro Diaz, Parking Attendant; Ernesto Sanchez, Parking Attendant; Rudy De Leon, Parking Attendant; and Yolanda Jimenez, Parking Attendant.



Back, from left: Wayne Towry, Garage Attendant; and Jose Garrido, Senior Garage Attendant. Front, from left: Arsenio "Johnny" Reyes, Dispatcher I; Arthur Flores, Dispatcher II; and Mark Barrera, Dispatcher II.



From left: David Chavez, Sr., Parking Attendant; Maria Aranda, Parking Attendant; Zewdu Bekele, Parking Attendant; and Rosa Soliz, Parking Attendant.



Back, from left: Pedro Montelongo, Supervisor; Roberta Rocha-Ayala, Supervisor; and Louie Moreno, Parking Attendant. Front, from left: Alfredo Rosas, Supervisor; and Heriberto Diaz, Parking Attendant.



Back, from left: Wayne Towry, Garage Attendant; and Jose Garrido, Senior Garage Attendant. Front, from left: Arsenio "Johnny" Reyes, Dispatcher I; Arthur Flores, Dispatcher II; and Mark Barrera, Dispatcher II.

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Happy Holidays from the Club





From left: Susie Montanez, Central Station Volunteer, and Priscilla Chavez, PSR, Club Member.



From left: Abe Rangel, Motor Officer, Event Coordinator, Club Member, and John Vasquez, Motor Officer, stand in front of Children's Hospital Los Angeles silent auction booth.



Capt. Ann Young, Commanding Officer, Central Traffic, stands next to one of the props used to showcase the cars.



From left: Mike Evers, Inspector, Watershed Protection, Bureau of Sanitation, Club Member; and Arturo Martinez, Inspector, Watershed Protection, Bureau of Sanitation, Club Member.



Some entries were patriotic.



At the Memorial Foundation Booth, from left: Lori Sanchez, P2+2, and Ramon "Ray" Espinoza, P3.



From left: Alejandro Platon, Lifetime Member; Capt. Ann Young; Jackie Martinez, Special Officer; Araz Parseghian, Lifetime Member; Narbeh Avasafian, Lifetime Member; Zarife Mejia, Special Officer; and Officer "Ricky," Central Traffic, Club Member.



A 1927 Bugatti.



From left: Donna Cornejo, PIII; Gina Meza, PII, Club Member; Tony Stewart, Motor Officer; Andy Vergara, P2+2; Craig Allen, P2; and Lemond Hudnall, PII.



From left: Capt. Richard Meraz with his daughter, Ryan, and son, Michael. Kneeling: Kyle, a friend of Michael Meraz.



"Ben Alameda Performance Racing," from left: Ray Choi, volunteer; and Ben Alameda, LAPD Mechanic, Club Member.



A 1969 Fiat was possibly the smallest car in the show.



At the LAPD Recruitment Booth, from left: Anthony Jackson, P3; Natalie Plascencia, P2; and Louie Origel, P2.



■ LAPD Central Traffic hosts annual car show.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; Photos by Daniel Wang

POLICE DEPT. — The LAPD's Central Traffic Division presented its Cops for Tots annual event Oct. 29 at the Police Academy. The event was free to the public with the proceeds to Benefit the Children's Charities of Los Angeles.

Approximately 550 cars entered the show; the first 150 applicants who entered the show competition received a commemorative limited edition Cops for Tots Challenge Coin, which was also available for purchase at \$20 each.

Many trophies were awarded. Over the past 12 years, more than \$200,000 has been raised. Special guests included Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and LAPD Chief William Bratton.

Many vendors were on hand, including LAPD displays from the Special Weapons and Tactics Unit, the Recruitment Section, the Los Angeles Police Historical Society and other entities within the Department.

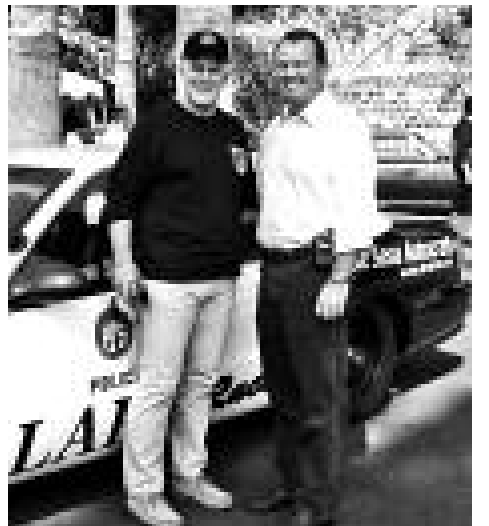
Congratulations to those who produced the car show, and thanks to Capt. Ann Young and Officers Abe Rangel and Mike Belmonte for their assistance.



Chris Van Horn, Pilot, LAPD Air Support.



VIP (Visually Impaired Person) Judges judge strictly by feel and are not impressed by the expensive paint jobs.



From left: Deputy Chief Michael Hillman and Assistant Chief Jim McDonnell, Club Member.



A 1923 Ford with Elvira, Mistress of the Dark.



From left: Christine Eastburn, PII, with Mary Gonzalez, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member.



A 1970 emergency vehicle.



A 1930 Ford hot rod.



From left: Capt. Ann Young and Sgt. Silverstein (far right) at the LAPD Central Traffic Division Safety Boosters booth.



From left: Bob Weiss; Peter Dawson; Norm Crosby, comedian; and Rick Agan.

Police Foundation Tees It Up



■ Police Foundation golf tournament supports training and equipment funds.

Photos by Robert Larios, Director of
Communications and Marketing

POLICE DEPT. — The Police Foundation held its 16th annual William F. Parker Golf Challenge Nov. 6 at the Bremer Country Club in Tarzana.

The tournament was a fundraiser for the foundation, which is dedicated to the professional

advancement of the Los Angeles Police Department by providing opportunities for training, education and equipment to the proud men and women of the LAPD.

Legendary comedian Norm Crosby was the event host. Crosby participates in many of the department's social events, including its annual celebrity golf tournament held earlier in the year.

The Club thanks Iris Caplan and Regina Menez, Secretary, LAPD Police Foundation and Club Member, for their assistance in producing this article.

Congratulations on a successful event!



From left: Terry Moll, Terry Arnold, Dick McBroom and Al Larson.



From left: Steve Estrada, 26 years; Ruff Cliff, 41 years; and Luther Loutz, 37 years.



From left: Rob Muellner, Marco Robles, Michael Dixon and Mike Contois.



From left: Phil London, Jason, Joe Cervantes and Ed Lanchantan.



From left: Jerry Chaleff, Police Administrator; Mary Grady; Zak Fridlender; and Chief William Bratton.



From left: Rob Crawford, Thomas Johnson, Fred Davis and Larry Ahlquist.



From left: Kenny Shrysong, Peter Garnica, Ghazi Kittmo and Omar Sanadika.



From left: Steve Endawa, CEO of Police Credit Union; Jerry Vichlmeier, Retired, LAPD; Hanny Swart; and Mike Moore, Deputy Chief, 25 years.



From left: Therman Calloway, Park Maintenance Supervisor, 23 years; Frank Morales, Electrical Craft Helper, 6 years; Tim Wilkenson, Long Beach Fire Department; and Timothy Hererra, Electrician, 12 years.



From left: Peter Felesina; Tom Ghyczy, Culver City Police; Clifford Yamaki; and Patrick Loo.

Newsbriefs

PIONEER TOASTMASTERS TAKE TROPHY

Two members of Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters, Dominic Buenaventura and Ivan Gerson, participated in the Toastmaster International District 52 Table Topics Contest

and Humorous Speech Contest Nov. 11. Giving up their usual job duties momentarily as Civil Engineering Associate IV and Management Analyst II at the Bureau of Engineering, Dominic and Ivan commanded the full attention of an audience of 100 people and filled the Glendale Library Auditorium with boisterous laughter.

District 52 is made up of more than 100 clubs in Southern California, including dozens of clubs in Downtown Los Angeles and all the way to Woodland Hills and Calabasas.

Ivan won the First Place Trophy for 2006.

Although Dominic's "I Love Driving in LA" did not win a trophy, it brought louder laughs than almost every other prepared speech that morning that qualified within the 5-7 minute limit.

The Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club meets each Wednesday from 12:05 to 12:50 p.m. at the Public Works Building, 1149 S. Broadway, in the sixth floor conference room 6004. Guests are always welcome. Information: Yvonne Liu at (213) 978-1766 or Ivan Gerson (213) 485-1169.



Ivan Gerson won first place at the District 52 Table Topics Contest, and Dominic Buenaventura competed against six others in the District 52 Humorous Speech Contest Nov. 11.

Sharing Rides, Winning Awards

■ Airports receives two national awards for its excellent rideshare programs, which eliminate almost 7.9 billion pounds of air pollution annually.

Story by Devon Deming, Rideshare Program
Manager; Photo by Angel Gomez, Club
Member Services Manager

AIRPORTS — On Aug. 29, the Airports Rideshare Program collected two national awards from two separate organizations, the Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The Airports' multifaceted Rideshare Program includes 63 vanpools, 35 carpools, free monthly transit passes and marketing and advocacy activities to recruit and retain program participants. About 2 percent of the Department's employees participate in the Rideshare Program, saving more than 500 vehicle trips to Airports facilities every day.

The Department is one of only 11 companies in the country to receive a Gold Medal in the EPA's "Best Workplaces for Commuters" (BWC) Program "2006 Race to Excellence." Airports was an inaugural member of the BWC Program in 2001. The "Best Workplaces for Commuters" Program is a growing public-private partnership in which the EPA and the United States Department of Transportation assist participating employers by offering public recognition and promotion, technical assistance, training, Web-based tools, and forums for information exchange. The annual "BWC Race to Excellence" acknowledges companies that have gone above and beyond in utilizing the BWC program tools to increase visibility and rideshare program participation. Airports Rideshare proudly displays its BWC designation on its intranet and internet Websites, in its busy office, on the front door of the Administration West building and even with magnetic signs on its 63 commuter vanpools.

Airports Rideshare staff has also helped other area employers recognize and utilize the EPA's free BWC tools.

The second award was received from ACT for "Outstanding Service in the Public Sector" for

Airports' Transit Program "A Free Ride to the Airport." Since the Department began distributing free transit passes to its employees in March 2005, transit program participation has increased more than 200 percent, and ridership continues to climb approximately 9 percent each month.

Per year, the Department's Rideshare Program saves more than 6.5 million vehicle miles, more

than 450,000 gallons of gasoline, nearly 7.9 billion pounds of air pollutants, thousands of dollars in insurance and vehicle depreciation costs, and countless hours spent on Southern California's overburdened streets and freeways.



The staff of the Airports Rideshare Program shows off its awards.

New Port Director

■ John M. Holmes is named Director of Operations at the Harbor.

HARBOR — John M. Holmes, former United States Coast Guard Captain of the Port for the Los Angeles-Long Beach port complex, is joining the Port of Los Angeles as Director of Operations. As the senior official in this critical area, Capt. Holmes will oversee the operations of the Los Angeles Port Police, the Homeland Security Division, emergency preparedness planning and the Port Pilot service.

"John Holmes has an international reputation as a strong, innovative leader and a track record of acting swiftly and decisively in partnership with local agencies to keep the Port safe in the face of hostile, natural or operations-related crises," said Geraldine Knatz, Executive Director of the Port of Los Angeles.

"We could not ask for a more qualified and credible leader for our security and emergency operations functions. We are very pleased that he is returning to an environment he knows so well — this time as a member of our senior team here at the Port of Los Angeles."

He most recently served as a principal and Chief Operating Officer of the Marsec Group, a full service security consulting firm specializing in supply chain security, technology and operations. Prior to forming the Marsec Group, Capt. Holmes held the position of Vice President and Director of Business Development for Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC),



John M. Holmes

where he assisted government and commercial customers in the development of technological solutions to homeland security challenges, with emphasis on port, border and military security solutions.

Holmes retired from the United States Coast Guard in 2003 with 27 years service.

He retired as Commanding Officer, Officer in Charge of Marine Inspection and Captain of the Port for the Los Angeles-Long Beach port complex — the nation's largest and most critical port complex. He is credited with swift and decisive actions at the Port of Los Angeles-Long Beach complex in the aftermath of the events of September 11, 2001, and as the driving force in a number of national security initiatives including: the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA); the establishment of Area Maritime Security Committees; and the Sea Marshal Program.

While in the Coast Guard, Holmes also served as Deputy Chief of the Coast Guard Office of Congressional Affairs in Washington, D.C.; was attached to the staff of the Governor of American Samoa and the U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore; and also served as Delegate and Committee Chairman at the International Maritime Organization in London.

He holds Bachelor's degrees in English and education from Boston College, and a Master's degree in business administration from the John M. Olin School of Business at Washington University in St. Louis.

Their Man In Iraq

■ Transportation salutes one of their own serving in Iraq.

Story and photos courtesy Linda Aparacio, Public Information Director, DOT

TRANSPORTATION — On Nov. 7, Transportation sent a Veterans Day care package to U.S. Army Reserve Maj. Thomas Nguyen, Transportation Engineering Associate II. Nguyen has been stationed in Iraq since June 2006. He has been on active duty since December 2003.

Nguyen has worked for Transportation since 1989 in various assignments including signal timing, regulation analysis, geometric design, and Automated Traffic Surveillance and Control (ATSAC). He and his wife, Clara, have two daughters, Andrea, 15, and Claire, 14.

"We are so proud of Tom for serving our coun-

try," said Gloria Jeff, General Manager, Transportation. "We miss him and we want to show him that he is in our hearts and prayers as we observe Veterans Day."

The care package was the brainchild of Transportation colleague Lan Nguyen (no relation), Transportation Engineer. Lan collected candy, books, magazines, personal care items, photos, cards and letters from colleagues and posted the items personally.

"I know he misses friends and family here very much. It is the least I could do for a good man," Lan said.

"This is just another example of the family atmosphere at Transportation," Gloria Jeff said.

For more information on sending care packages to United States Armed Forces, go to www.usocares.org/src/uso_home



U.S. Army Reserve Maj. Thomas Nguyen, Transportation Engineering Associate II, and his wife, Clara.

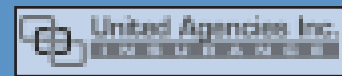


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REST INSURED

by JEFF GELINEAU

Vice President of United Agencies, The Club's Auto and Home Insurance Partner



Mold Lang Syne

■ Club Members: Give a warm welcome to this new auto and home insurance column by Club Partner Jeff Gelineau.

Hi, everybody! I'm Jeff Gelineau, your auto and home insurance partner. I'm very happy to be part of the Club family and this great newspaper.

I'm looking forward to writing every month and giving you some things to think about in terms of personal insurance.

But the first thing I want to tell you is: What do you want to know from me? I am happy to answer any questions that you may have, either one on one, or here in my column. So send me those questions (my address is at the bottom), and I will be happy to help you.

Let's start off our new friendship by talking about an old enemy ... mold.

That musty smell in your grandparent's basement doesn't just bring back memories of playing hide and seek with your little brother. It also brings sinus problems, headaches, respiratory difficulties and nausea.

It's called mold. We've lived with mold in our environment for years. Now that more people are aware of it and its negative effects on our health, it has become an issue.

Mold is formed on any organic surface (wood, wallboard, carpet, etc.) and grows where there is moisture and humidity. The best way to prevent mold is to keep all areas dry and well ventilated. If you do have any accidental exposure to water in your home, be sure that it is repaired swiftly and properly.

Insurance adjusters are very experienced in mold prevention, and it is important to cooperate fully with the insurance company in the event of a claim to properly address any cur-

rent or future damage.

Unfortunately, most insurance policies now include very clear mold exclusions, so no (or very little) coverage exists for repairing or removing this problem. It is very important therefore that you make sure that you properly address any water-related issue to ensure that mold does not form.

There are several companies around now with experience removing and repairing the damage caused by mold. Although sometimes these repairs can be expensive, if you act quickly enough you can often take care of any problem for a very reasonable amount.

This can be a serious health issue, and we encourage you to treat it properly.

Feel free to call our agency if you have any questions about mold; would like to know if your homeowners insurance policy covers it; or would like information on filing a claim.

United Agencies is the Club's partner and is helping members with their home and auto insurance and related products. We specialize in creating personal relationships with our customers and serving their needs in a prompt, efficient and friendly manner.

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 email me, Jeff Gelineau, at jgelineau@unitedagencies.com, and I will try to answer your question in one of our monthly columns.

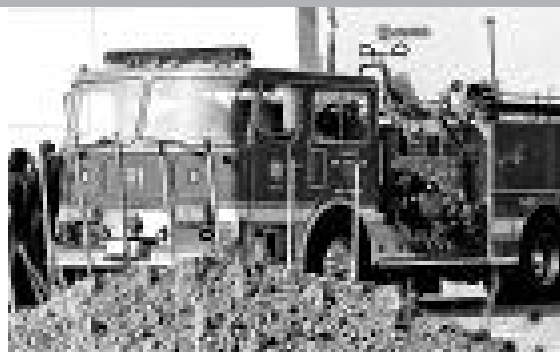
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Fire Department and Community Leaders throw the first shovels of dirt to begin the building process for new Fire Station 78 in Studio City.



Shovels await the ground breaking at the new Fire Station 31.



Fire Department and Community Leaders throw the first shovels of dirt to begin the building process for new Fire Station 31 in Sylmar.

2 Stations Rising

■ Ground broken for two new Fire Stations in Studio City and Sylmar.

Information by Firefighter/Paramedic Brian Humphrey, Fire Dept.; Photos by Capt. Rick McClure, Fire Dept.

FIRE DEPT. — The City's impressive march toward building and/or revitalizing the City's fire facilities continued with groundbreaking for Fire Station 78 in Studio City and Fire Station 38 in Sylmar.

The projects were funded with Prop F funds.

Fire Station 78

Ground was broken October 23 for the new Fire Station 78, 4041 Whittsett Ave. in Studio City.

Former Fire Station 78 was constructed in 1943 and was approximately 4,342 square feet. The Northridge earthquake of 1994 destroyed the 51-year-old World War II-era facility.

With assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, a modular apparatus shed and trailer-like building were placed on the site. This temporary facility has served the community for more than ten years, awaiting the construction of permanent Fire Station.

Today, temporary Fire Station 78 houses a Paramedic Engine Company and a Paramedic Rescue Ambulance that are staffed around-the-clock by six LAFD members who handle approximately 13 emergency incidents every day.

Fire Station 78 covers a geographically and culturally diverse four-square-mile area of Studio City and Valley Village that includes a busy retail and office corridor, a major highway, large areas of multi-family housing, and steep hillsides with winding roads that lead to homes built among the flammable brush of the Santa Monica Mountains.

New Fire Station 78 is one of 19 replacement fire stations funded by Proposition F, approved by voters in November 2000.

The new Fire Station will sit on one acre of land and consist of a modern, welcoming and energy-efficient 15,250-square-foot station house.

New Fire Station 78 is a categorized as a "Standard Fire Station" and, unlike the current temporary facility, will have the capability of housing one Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, two Engine Companies, two Basic or Advanced



LAFD Chief William Bamattre stands before an artist rendering of the new Fire Station 78.



Two neighborhood boys sit in their local fire engine.



City Council President Alex Padilla gives his remarks next to an artist's rendering of the new Fire Station 31.



LAFD Chief William Bamattre speaks as part of the ground-breaking program.



Shovels line the mound of dirt that will begin the building process as the new station's Engine 78 is parked in the background.

New Fire Station 78, a \$7.98 million facility constructed on \$5 million in property, is scheduled to open in March 2008 to serve Studio City and Valley Village for decades to come.

Life Support Ambulances and one Aerial Ladder Truck Company as well as other specialized Fire Department equipment.

In addition, this new facility can provide for apparatus and personnel pre-deployment during high-hazard conditions, serve as a routine training facility, and support large-scale incident staging and command post operations.

Fire Station 31

Ground was broken November 1 for the new Fire Station 31, 16320 Foothill Blvd. in Sylmar.

New Fire Station 31 will be a three-bay facility covering an operationally challenging and once seemingly remote region of north Sylmar just south of the Newhall Pass that has never had a local Fire Station. Since 1956, the area has been served by busy Fire Station 91, more than three miles away. New Fire Station 31 is scheduled for completion in March 2008.

Much has changed in the last half-century, including recent and planned development of the region, which now includes a pair of major highways, a busy commuter and freight rail corridor, expansive housing and popular recreation sites, and steep foothills and canyons covered with flammable brush. Such changes mandate the timely presence of Neighborhood Firefighters and Paramedics made possible by the new facility.

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The Association presented a gift to Alice Sturdy, Events Coordinator for LAPD Wives Association, for her continued support to the association.



Lynn Caprarelli welcomes everyone who attended.



From left: Marissa Brookes, Shannan Case and Daveda Beaty.

LAPD Wives at One Year

■ Strong support group celebrates its first anniversary.

Story by Lynn Caprarelli;
photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

POLICE DEPT. — The LAPD Wives Association celebrated its one year anniversary with an open house at Mission Division Aug. 19.

The Association was formed in August 2005 to help wives support each other with the day-to-day stress of being a police wife through friendship, education and experience. Their motto is, "We are the hidden partners."

The following comments were provided by the Association's Lynn Caprarelli, Stacy Jensen and Adel Martin, who invited the Club to join them in their anniversary celebration:

"During the past year, we have participated in various functions including golf tournaments and Departmental races, recruiting events, toy drives and fundraisers. Our monthly meetings have offered relationship workshops through BSS as well as a guest speaking appearance by Chief William Bratton and his wife, Rikki Klieman. In-depth education has been provided on issues including personal safety, substance and alcohol abuse, officer suicide, and Department benefits relating to insurance, injury and death situations. Other monthly meetings included a spring boutique, eBay lessons and round-table discussions to get to know each other better and to provide mentoring.

"Our 'Adopt a Rookie' program for the holidays will begin early December. Upcoming workshops include situation training at the



From left: Jennifer Davis, Christine Hallenbeck and Melissa Sanders.

Academy, a class teaching debriefing models, and a special event we call C.O.P.S., Children of Police Symposium. This event is designed especially for mothers to hear young adults discuss how they handled the fears and pressures associated with growing up having a father who was an LAPD officer. Wives and kids pizza nights are often scheduled in the local valleys and we have an active online forum for members to use on a daily basis.

"Our membership is currently 140 wives and fiancés strong. All wives, widows and fiancés of active or retired LAPD officers are encouraged to visit our Website to obtain further information about the LAPD Wives Association and our activities. There is no cost to join. If you live out of state or cannot attend meetings and functions, you can join us online through our forum.

"Please see our Website, www.lapdwives.org, for more details or to contact us."

The Club congratulates the Wives Association on its anniversary, and thanks Lynn, Stacy and Adel for their assistance.



Standing, from left: Elaine Wicks and Ann Brunzell, LAPD Reserved. Seated: Heidi Carrier.



From left: Alice Sturdy, the first member of the LAPD Wives Association. She has been at every meeting. With her is Jen Trulik.



From left: Daveda Beaty with her husband, Officer Robert Beaty, Mission Hills Station. Officer Beaty read the first article in *Alive!* on the LAPD Wives Association.



From left: Mary Sales, Ruth Dudas and Catalina Lara.

Haven House

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

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

For more information on how to donate, please visit our website at www.havenhousela.org or call us at (626) 564-8880.

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

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

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

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- Assistance with finding permanent housing
- Assistance with finding employment
- Court and social services advocacy
- Assistance with getting welfare
- Legal assistance (TRO's etc.)
- Medical Services





Pelican Pete leads the parade.



Raggedy Ann (Amy Arnold, Club Member) with Angel and Aden Gomez.



Some of the activities on hand.



Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor, with Jack Dahls, Club Member, Electrician, and Ramon Hormaza, Electrician.



Christine Pina, Port Police Cadet, Club Member, helps Aden Gomez with the Child ID kit.



Margaet Cape, Whale Watcher Naturalist, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.



Derrick Bible, Rec. and Parks, with Zia, 7, who tries her hand at basketball.



Shirley Palacios, Clerk Typist, with her son, Cameron, 2.

Harbor Halloween

■ Harbor hosts big bash for the fall holiday.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

HARBOR — More than 1,000 people enjoyed the Halloween festivities along the water at the Port of Los Angeles Oct. 28.

There were carnival games, crafts, story telling, jumpers and food booths. Nearly 100 people participated in the costume parade, and through it all Radio Disney was keeping the tunes playing!

Congratulations on a successful event, and thanks to Theresa Adams-Lopez for her assistance.



In costume with Pelican Pete (Tom Estrada, Club Member) are Angel Gomez, Jr. as a skeleton; Aden Gomez as a pumpkin and Fina as a Hawaiian girl. Fina belongs to Club Counselor Arlene Herrero.



Aden Gomez, son of Club Manager Angel Gomez, enjoys finger painting.



Jasmine and Brenda, daughter and niece of Port Security Officer Heredia, Club Member, enjoy the hula hoop.



Wearing his "LA" baseball cap is Teodore Lopez, Electrician, with his family.



Angel Gomez Jr., son of Club Manager Angel Gomez, concentrates as he puts the finishing touches to his skeleton.



Harbor's Halloween party offered activities for everyone.

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Watch out, Cathi Pearson, Club Member: You're being arrested!



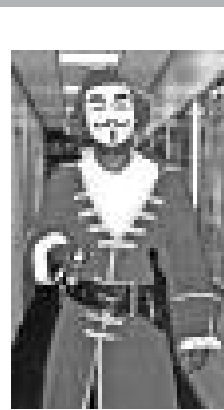
Ruth Chaney, Club Member, smiles under her mask.



Wanda Williams, Club Member, strikes her best cowgirl pose.



Gina Carroll, first place winner, as a cowgirl.



Even Capt. Hook was on hand.



Cathy Sotos, Club Member: Is she evil or good?!



Julia Sessana, Club Member, as Toxic Waste. Seated: Pam Liske as a cat.



Who can guess what Derby Herdrich, Club Member, is?



Caressa Andreas, Club member, won as a grandma with puppy stuck to her behind.

A 911 Halloween

■ LAPD Communications celebrates with a fun day.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor, and Jean Sarfaty, LAPD; Photos by Cathy Sotos and Ron Sarfaty

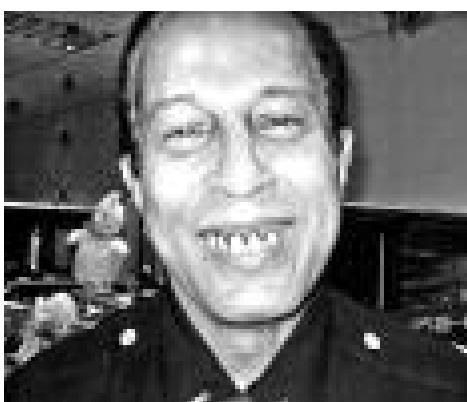
POLICE DEPT. — LAPD Communications was no slouch when it came to dressing up for Halloween.

Both the Valley and the Metro Communications Centers had delicious potlucks.

At the Valley Center, the A.M. Watch winner was Adrian Smith as Madea, who put on a great show! Day Watch winner was Gina Carroll as a cowgirl. Jeff Brown won second prize as a knight. Lisa Haskell won third prize as a geisha. The P.M. Watch winner was Caressa Andreas as a grandma with a puppy stuck to her behind.

At the Metro Center, the Day Watch winner was Crys Flores as a witch. Mikael Ibn Yusuf won second prize as a baseball player. Charlotte Williams won third prize as a pirate.

Thanks to all who participated!



It looks like the lieutenant is in need of his Delta Dental plan.



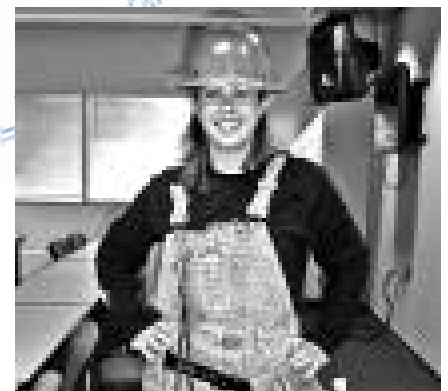
Lisa Hadsell, Club Member, took third place as a geisha.



This costume stepped out of The Matrix.



Dave Vega.



Could she be Bob the Builder's pal?

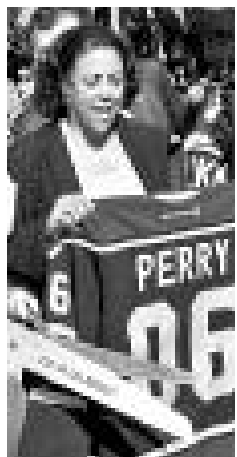


Janelle Harmon, the Wicked Witch.

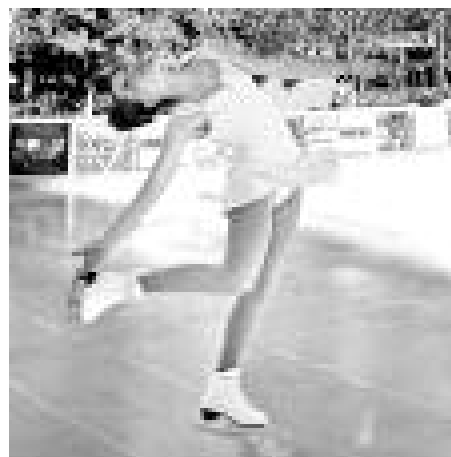


Kim Gallardo, Club Member, as Cinderella.

Holiday Happenings



Enjoying Downtown on Ice's first day, among others, were Councilwoman Jan Perry (left) and Rec and Parks General Manager Jon Kirk Mukri (above), both Club Members.



Downtown on Ice

What: Skating, concerts and movies at a temporary ice rink in Pershing Square.

When:

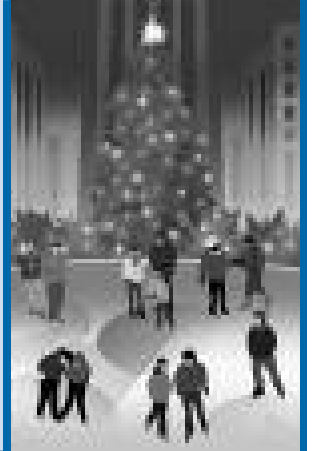
- Through Dec. 14, Jan. 8 – 15:
Noon to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday
10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday through Sunday
- Dec. 15- Jan. 7:
10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Where: Pershing Square, 532 South Olive St., Downtown L.A.

Cost: \$6 per skating session; \$2 for skate rental

Cost Specials:

- A partnership with Metro allows riders to receive a \$1 skating session discount by showing a coupon available on Metro lines. The convenient stop at Pershing Square Station makes getting there easy.
- Parking in the underground Pershing Square lot can be discounted with ice skating validation.



Put It on Ice

■ Skating is just part of the fun when Pershing Square adds an ice rink.

REC AND PARKS — Holiday revelers who choose to attend the annual Downtown on Ice have more to do than just ice skate, although that's plenty.

There are also live music and movies!

The ninth season runs through Jan. 15 at Pershing Square, 532 South Olive St.

Downtown on Ice is made possible by sponsorship from Rec and Parks, the LA Kings and Councilwoman and Club Member Jan Perry.

The schedule for skating:

- Through January 15
- Mon. -Thurs.: Noon – 10 p.m.
- Fri. – Sun.: 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Concerts:

- Tues./Thurs.: Noon – 2 p.m.
- Sun: 2 – 4 p.m.
- Fri: 8 – 10 p.m.

“Glide-In Movies:”

- Wednesdays. 7 – 9 p.m.
- Dec 13: *Beauty and the Beast: Enchanted Christmas*

■ Dec. 20: *It's a Wonderful Life*

■ Dec. 27: *E.T.*

■ Jan. 3: *Nanny McPhee*

■ Jan 10: *Dr. Seuss's The Cat in the Hat*

Site: 532 South Olive St., Downtown L.A.

Cost: \$6/hour, \$2/skate rental

More info: (213) 847-4970 or

www.laparks.org/pershingsquare/doi.htm

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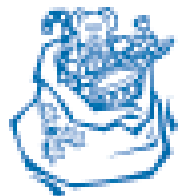
As the Rockefeller Center of the West, the vast outdoor ice oasis lies nestled downtown in the heart of the City among the towering skyscrapers and historical landmarks, easily accessible by car or Metro stop.

Downtown on Ice draws an estimated 500,000 spectators and 200,000 skating enthusiasts each year.

Downtown on Ice is open seven days a week (including holidays). Admission is \$6 per skating session, plus skate rental. Call (213) 847-4970 or toll free (888) LA-PARKS (527-2757) for more information.



Light Up the Holidays!



■ DWP Light Festival, an LA holiday tradition, joins with the Zoo's Reindeer Romp for a great family event.

DWP — You think you have a big job hanging your Christmas lights around your house and office? Well, try hanging a half-million of them!

It's a job best left to the professionals ... but enjoyed by all.

It just wouldn't be the holidays without the DWP's Light Festival. Participants can view more than a half-million lights in festive displays showcasing the uniqueness of the City.

The Light Festival in Griffith Park is open every night from 5 to 10 p.m. through Dec. 30. This one-mile celebration of twinkling lights and music has become an L.A. tradition. Visitors can

drive through in their own cars, walk the route or take advantage of the warm and comfortable shuttle service. Shuttle service is available from the LA Zoo for the weekends of Dec. 1-3, Dec. 8-10 and each night from Dec. 15 through Dec. 29.

The DWP Holiday Light Festival was started 11 years ago with the vision of then-City Council President John Ferraro. He had a vision of a holiday gift from the City to the residents and visitors of Los Angeles. The thought was to do something unique and the idea of light displays was very appealing. Since lights were the idea, the

DWP was approached to help lead the effort with their expertise in power. The festival was started with the light displays representing important landmarks of the City of Los Angeles.

The festival has grown every year. It now stretches more than a mile along Crystal Springs Drive in Griffith Park. The festival includes displays showcasing famous City landmarks including City Hall, the Vincent Thomas Bridge, the Hollywood Bowl, Venice Beach, Staples Center, the LA Zoo and more. And there are always new additions!

The actual displays are developed with the

direction of the DWP and are constructed and installed by other companies.

The festival is important to the community as it offers a family attraction that can be enjoyed by young and old and is free. Every year the DWP hears stories of the families who make their annual visit to the festival. Families often gather children in the back seat in their pajamas and enjoying popcorn, as they visit the festival and enjoy the lights and the tradition.

Not only does the festival include the many light displays, but there is holiday music to add to the experience.

DWP Holiday Light Festival

What: Mile-long drive through Crystal Springs Drive decorated with more than half-a-million lights.

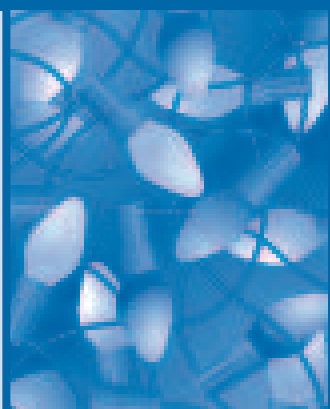
Dates: Through Dec. 30

When: 5 to 10 p.m.

Where: Crystal Springs Drive, Griffith Park (near the Zoo)

Cost: Free

Shuttle service is available the weekends of Dec. 1-3, Dec. 8-10 and each night from Dec. 15 to Dec. 29

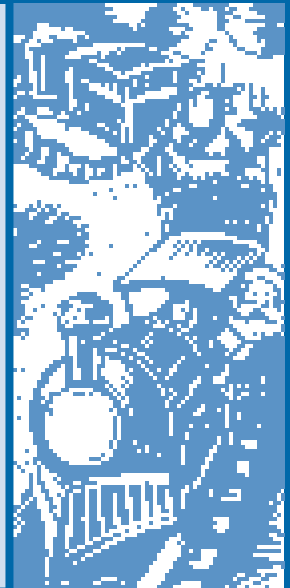


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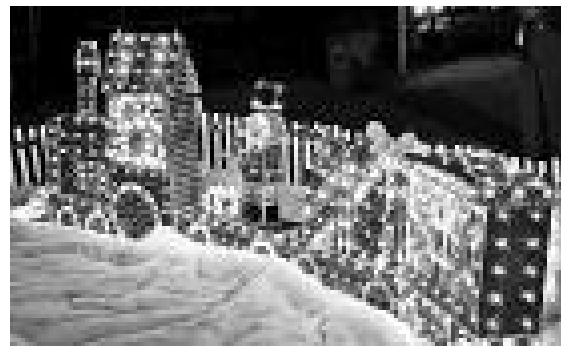


Guests at Travel Town in Griffith Park can take a train to the North Pole during the holidays.

Travel Town Railroad	
What:	Travel Town Railroad takes families on a magical ride to the North Pole to see Santa.
Dates:	Weekends through Dec. 10, then, beginning Dec. 13, nightly through Dec. 23.
When:	5 to 8 p.m.
Where:	Travel Town Museum, 5200 Zoo Dr., just off the 134 Freeway at Forest Lawn.
Cost:	\$6 per person. Infants under 19 months are free.



Travel to the North Pole!

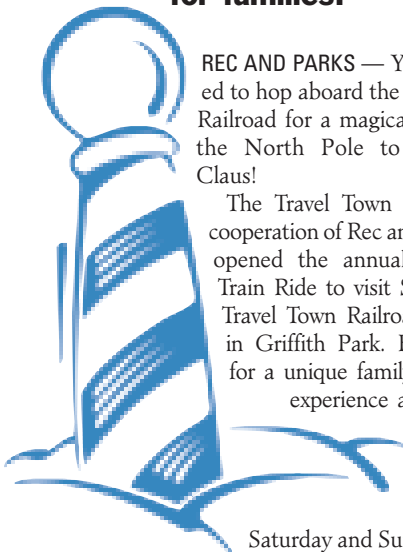


Travel Town's holiday plans include marvelous lights.



This giant gingerbread house is part of the adventure at Travel Town.

Travel Town in Griffith Park offers a special holiday treat for families.



REC AND PARKS — You are invited to hop aboard the Travel Town Railroad for a magical journey to the North Pole to see Santa Claus!

The Travel Town Railroad, in cooperation of Rec and Parks, has opened the annual Christmas Train Ride to visit Santa at the Travel Town Railroad Museum in Griffith Park. Be prepared for a unique family Christmas

experience as you ride our train through enchanting, decorated scenes on a journey to Santa's house!

The Christmas Train Ride to Santa goes through Dec. 23.

Hours are from 5 until 8 p.m. every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Dec. 10. Then, beginning Dec. 13, the Holiday Train will be open every evening through Dec. 23.

Cost is \$6 per person. Infants under 19 months are free.

The Travel Town Railroad is at the Travel Town Museum, 5200 Zoo Dr., just off the 134 Freeway at Forest Lawn.

For more information, call (818) 881-2586 or the ticket office at (323) 662-9678.



Guests at Travel Town can visit with Santa and his better half, Mrs. Claus.



A Christmas tree soars over the many visual treats as Travel Town celebrates the holidays.

Victorian Christmas Experience

What: Victorian Christmas at the Banning Residence Museum

Dates: Through December.

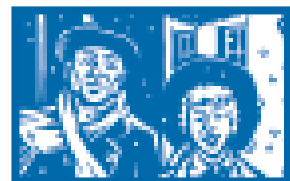
When: Museum tours begin at 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; and 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. A \$5 donation is requested. The Museum Shop is open during public tour hours and special programs. The Museum is closed on national holidays.

Where: Banning Residence Museum, 401 East M St. in Wilmington. Phone: (310) 548-7777. E-mail: visit@banningmuseum.org

Cost: \$5 donation is requested.

A Victorian Christmas

City's Banning Residence takes a step back in time to celebrate the holidays.



REC AND PARKS — When you step into the City-owned Banning Residence Museum in Wilmington for a holiday tour, you step back in time.

For Christmas, the residence, built in 1864, is fully decorated as it might have been when first built and in use by General Phineas Banning, who named the area after his childhood hometown of Wilmington, Del. Much research has been done to ensure that the museum will reflect realism in decor and display a re-creation of a Victorian Christmas.

There are a number of special events in very early December, and the residence will remain in its resplendent Victorian dressings throughout December.

Museum tours begin at 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; and 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. A \$5 donation is requested. The Museum Shop is open during public tour hours and special programs. The Museum is closed on national holidays.

For group tours of 10 or more or special tour reservations, please call the Museum (310) 548-7777.

The Museum is a Rec and Parks facility and is operated in cooperation with Friends of Banning Museum.



Banning Residence Museum offers visitors a Victorian Christmas experience.

Holiday Happenings



Reindeer visit the L.A. Zoo for the holidays.

ZOO – “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer” may be one of the most popular holiday stories, but it’s not often that you get to see a live reindeer in Southern California. This holiday season, come to the L.A. Zoo and visit with reindeer up close. Come see a display of reindeer antlers and learn how antlers shed and grow back each year.

In addition, on weekends through the end of the year, there will be holiday entertainment and fun crafts for the family. Santa Claus also will be on hand for photographs for a nominal fee. During Reindeer Romp, the L.A. Zoo Choo Choo will be available daily to give young visitors train rides for a nominal fee.

Also “for 14 nights, the Zoo’s front entrance complex will be transformed into Reindeer Romp Under the Stars. Extend the merriment after the DWP’s Festival of Lights and enjoy the Zoo’s holiday entertainment, crafts and activities, tasty snacks and, of course, reindeer!

Reindeer Romp fun facts:

- The Zoo’s visiting reindeer are named Bell, Jingle, Noel and Velvet.

- Reindeer are a unique species of deer in that both the males and females have antlers. In most deer species, only the male has antlers. Their antlers are shed and re-grown each year.

- At the Zoo, you will be able to make your very own reindeer antlers as a holiday keepsake!

It’s Raining Reindeer

■ Four living, breathing reindeer make a special holiday visit at the Zoo as part of the annual Reindeer Romp.

- Reindeer have hollow hair, which provides good insulation for those chilly North Pole winters.

Don’t miss all the fun this season at the Zoo!

Reindeer Romp at the L.A. Zoo

What:	Reindeer Romp at the L.A. Zoo, to celebrate the holidays and give visitors a rare Southern California glimpse of this impressive animal.
Dates:	Through Jan. 1; closed Dec. 25
When:	10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; Reindeer Romp Under the Stars, until closing
Where:	Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens, 5333 Zoo Dr., Griffith Park
Cost:	\$10 adults, \$5 children 2 to 12. Most Reindeer Romp activities are free with paid admission. Reindeer Romp Under the Stars admission might be higher.

For more information, visit the Zoo Website at www.lazoo.org or call (323) 644-4200.



Christmas Tree in Leimert Park

■ Three departments come together to sponsor a festive Christmas tree in Leimert Park.

The attraction is sponsored by Councilman Bernard Parks, Rec and Parks, and the DWP. Outside sponsors include the Leimert Park Merchants Association.

The festive tree is in Leimert Park Village on W. 43rd Place, between Crenshaw Boulevard and Leimert Boulevard.

The tree was lit in a community celebration Nov. 27.

It's Party Pix Time

Hey Club Members:

Alive! wants to go to your office holiday party!

Hey Club Members: Alive! wants to go to your office holiday party, if we can!

Is your office having a holiday party? Let us know, and we’ll do our best to publish a story and photos from your celebration!

We know there are lots of parties already scheduled. We’ll do our best to get to as many as we can, but we can’t guarantee it. Let us know.



Contact your Club Counselor. Look inside this issue of Alive! to identify your Counselor. Or drop an e-mail to Michelle Moreno, the Club’s Events Guru, at michelleonthemove@cityemployeesclub.com

If we can’t make it, send in your own photos, along with a paragraph or two about where and when it was held. Send them to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



See you at the party!





From left: Angela Bagmanian, Childcare Center Director; Greig Smith, 12th District Councilmember; Jon Kirk Mukri, General Manager; Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer; and several children from the area cut the ribbon.

For the Kids In Mason Park

■ Rec and Parks opens pioneering childcare center in Chatsworth.

Story by Angela Bagmanian, Childcare Center Director; Photos courtesy Rec and Parks

REC AND PARKS — On Sept. 6, Rec and Parks dedicated a new Childcare Center at Mason Park in Chatsworth. The new facility is the 25th state licensed childcare center operated by the Department and is the first dual-licensed facility in the City that offers both a state-licensed preschool and an after-school program.

The 5,092-square-foot center features two large classrooms, a technology room and office space. The new facility also includes a "tween zone," a laundry room, a snack room and separate restrooms for children and staff/adults that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. The new Childcare Center has a 4,733-square-foot children's play area with various "jungle gym" -type apparatuses.

The \$2.6 million project was designed by

Miralles and Associates and constructed by Tobo Construction, Inc. of North Hollywood. Public Works' Bureau of Engineering managed the project. Funding was provided by Proposition K and Rec and Parks General Fund.

The preschool program can accommodate up to 30 children and the after-school program up to 60 children. Within only a couple of weeks being open, the total enrollment is 40.

For more information, please call (818) 341-9439.



From left: Dianne Kartiala, Field Deputy, Council District 12; Debby Rolland, West Region Superintendent; and Wendy Wilkinson, District Supervisor.



From left: Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer; Ray Araujo, Civil Engineer Assoc. II; Greig Smith, 12th District Councilmember; Hamid Navid, Construction Manager; Neil Drucker, Prop-K Manager; and Jon Kirk Mukri, General Manager.



Lana Aiwasian, Public Information, and Angela Bagmanian, Child Care Center Director.

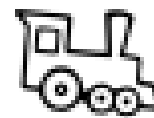
TOYS FOR TOTS

You Can Help a Needy Child

Los Angeles Federal Credit Union (LAFCU) and the Marine Corps need your help to bring the holiday spirit into the lives of less fortunate children.

Founded on the premise that "every child deserves a little joy for the holidays," the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program has been collecting and distributing toys to needy children since 1947.

The Credit Union participates in this cause by sponsoring a toy drive. The collected toys are given to Toys for Tots for distribution to children in the Los Angeles area.



What Can You Do?

Donate a new, unwrapped toy at one of our branches by Friday, December 15, 2006:

- Calver City:** 3850 Calver Center Drive.
- Gardena:** 1352 West Artesia Blvd.
- Glendale:** 300 S. Glendale Ave.
- L.A. Mall:** 201 N. Los Angeles St., Space 201, Downtown L.A.
- Van Nuys:** 6411 Sepulveda Blvd., Unit 1-R

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Jesse Cruz, Superintendent, South Los Angeles, 21 years.



Richard Miles, Division Manager.



Sal Miranda, Division Manager I, Club Member, tells the graduating class that "success involves persistence if on the path to supervision."



Lloyd Gaines, West Los Angeles, graduate.



Middle: Robert Sosa, RCTO, graduate, 16 years.

Sanitation Graduation

Sanitation graduates its fourth class of Career Development Training Program.

Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Communications and Marketing

PUBLIC WORKS — The Bureau of Sanitation graduated its fourth class from the Solid Resource Career Development Training Program with a ceremony Oct. 18 in the Media Tech Center.

The program is an 11-week course to help build the careers of those who choose to take it. The course was largely, but not exclusively, for Sanitation drivers.

Bureau Director and Club Board Member Rita Robinson attended the event and offered her congratulations to the graduates.

The purpose of the program is to start developing individuals who have the potential to become future supervisors. The program would guide and mentor the drivers through the world as a supervisor, and to teach them to broaden their awareness. At the same time the supervisors would

"shake up their world:" Supervisors would be removed from their comfort zone, which in return brings life back to their thoughts and makes them more creative and productive, and gives them the potential to deliver better quality customer service.

Some Ground Rules

Sign-up sheets were posted at each District Yard to identify the names and numbers of drivers who were interested in participating in the program.

The training program consisted of "on-the-job training" conducted in the field and classroom

training. The on-the-job training lasted one month for each commodity, for a total of four months. Training modules were developed for the household, recycling, and green waste commodities, with the possibility of an additional module being developed for bulky items. Drivers were mentored and guided through the process by a variety of supervisors at their District Yards.

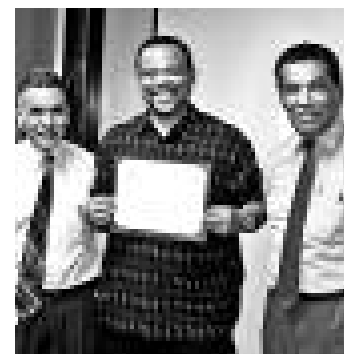
Congratulations to the graduates! And thanks to Salvador Miranda, Division Manager I, Club Member, for his assistance.



Middle: Isaiah Lucas, RCTO, graduate, 19.5 years, Club Member.



Middle: Luis Moreno, RCTO, graduate, 3 years, Club Member.



Middle: Cash Russell Jr., RCTO, graduate, 11.5 years.



Frank Herrera III Jr., RCTO, 11.5 years.



Middle: Tom Villegas, Heavy Equipment Operator, graduate, 23 years.



Middle: Ben Jones, RCTO, graduate, 3 years, Club Member.



Middle: Andre Patton, Equipment Operator, graduate, 23 years, Club Member.



Middle: James Hamilton, RCTO, graduate, 16 years.



Middle: Jamel Ward, RCTO, graduate, 7 years, Club Member.



Middle - Juan Perez, Maintenance Laborer, graduate, 5 years.



Frank Herrera III Jr., RCTO, graduate, 11.5 years, and his wife, Raquel.

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The Harbor's new employees pose together ... and will work together for the City's benefit.



From left: Danilo Abalos, CE, 22 years, and Genevieve Fernandez, ACE, 6 months.



New Harbor Employees

■ Harbor welcomes its next group of new employees.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

HARBOR — The current group of new Harbor employees had an orientation event and boat tour Sept. 20 in the Harbor. The employees consisted of those who were new with the City and those who transferred from other departments through lateral or promotions. The Club once again provided the bagels, muffins and juices that were served in the morning. The orientation ended with the two-hour boat tour aboard Angelina II. Special surprise was being able to see the Black Pearl, the pirate ship from the Disney movie, Pirates of the Caribbean. Thanks as always to Martin Chavez for his assistance.



Min Shuai, Architectural Associate, 8 months.



From left: Miriam Cruz, MA II, 7 years, Club Member; Mahsa Hematabadi, Construction Project Manager, 4 months; and Roger Kuo, Architectural Associate, 7 months.



From left: Esiquio Landa, Gardener Caretaker, 8 months, Club Member; Rafael Zaragoza, Gardener Caretaker, 9 months, Club Member; Armando Chavez, Gardener Caretaker, 8 months; and Ira Blunt, Gardener Caretaker, 9 months, Club Member.



From left: Fernando Campos, Financial Analyst, 5 years, Club Member; Trinh Nguyen, Management Analyst, 13 years; and Theresa Cashner, Management Analyst, 29.5 years, Club Member.



Tawana Tyler, Port Security Officer, 8 months, Club Member.



From left: James Howlett, Office Engineering Tech, 4 years; and Nancy Nevarez, Clerk Typist, 7 months, Club Member.



Club Life Insurance:**High Claims
Sap Refunds****Refund Checks***Continued from Page 1*

should, supporting Club Member Insurance Policyholders who faced an untimely death. Despite shouldering the enormous burden of the high numbers of claims, the program performed just as it should have.

"As much as we all want and enjoy the refund checks, this organization was founded to pay benefits," explained Brian Trent, Club Chief Financial Officer. "We had an unusually high number of deaths this year. Because of that, there is no money left over after our policy premiums to pay any refund back. It's happened three times in our 78-year history. We're fortunate that this has happened only three

times in those 78 years."

"Any given year doesn't figure to be a bad year, but there will be bad years. And this was one of them."

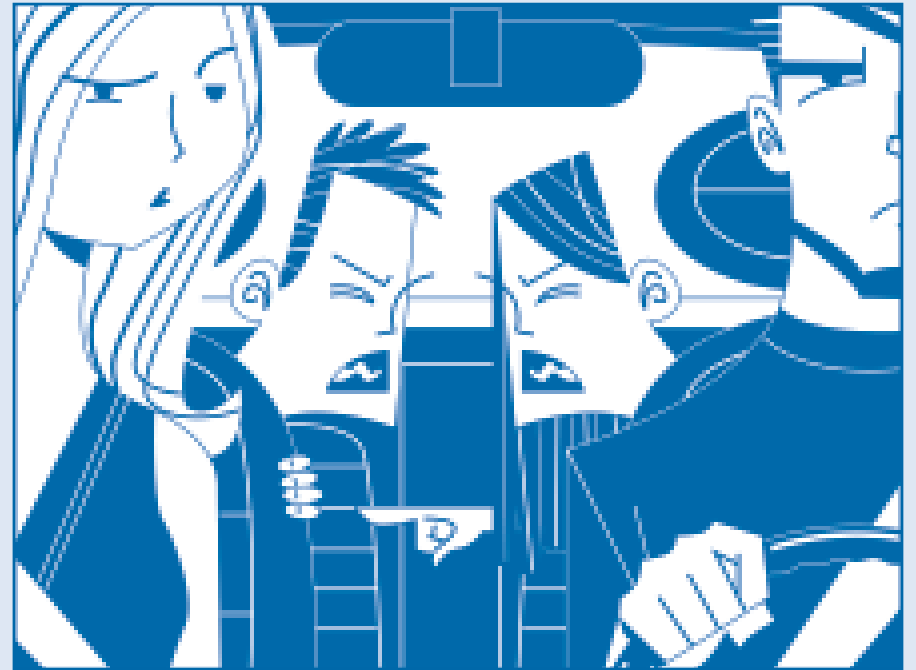
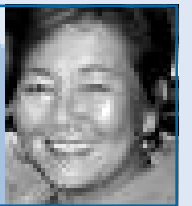
Club life insurance is still robust and strong.

"Our life insurance group is still very healthy," Trent continued. "The Club has plenty of reserves. Our first and foremost obligation to our members is to be financially secure and protect the lives of City Employees. The families that received these benefits are very thankful that their loved ones were protected."

"Ultimately, we are here to pay out benefits, and that's what we did."

**WORKING MATTERS**

by JACKIE DAVID, Public Information, Public Works

**Wonderful Time
... for Stress**

*It's the most wonderful time of the year...
With your schedule a-packing and
holiday shopping
Work deadlines to meet...
It's that won-wonderful time of the year.*

So, how does one deal with stress and the numerous demands of the holidays?

Experts offer the following tips:

While the holiday season can be a wonderful time of year, the demands upon us triple: triple on time, triple on the wallet and triple on performance (as in expectations).

The marketing blitz doesn't help calm holiday stress either: *Buy now! Save More – now! Sale only today! Do this now!*

Dateline NBC and Prevention Magazine conducted a scientific poll recently and got the following results:

- 41 percent of those polled said they found the holidays stressful. (Would you believe almost as stressful as asking the boss for a raise?)
- 34 percent of those polled claimed money to be the number one cause of stress.
- 65 percent of those polled said that, in spite of it all, they really looked forward to the holidays.

The Internet's "Stress Doc" spells out holiday stress in terms of "The Four Fs of Holiday Friction: Fantasies, Family, Food and Finances."

• **Fantasies.** We are presented with idyllic images of the holidays that seem so out of touch with reality. This, in addition to both good and not so good internalized memories we carry around are enough to drive us nuts. The Stress Doc suggests that we "gently embrace" and not "cling to magical memories." While it is important that we appreciate a magical moment, we need to stay real to help us balance love, work and play in the present.

• **Family.** *Need more be said?*

• **Food.** It's a time when we are presented with numerous opportunities to loosen our belts: luncheons, dinners, parties and presents of the food and drink kind. (Personally, I like to think of the adage: "Once on the lips, forever on the hips.")

• **Finances.** It's that time of year when we become distinctly aware of our financial situation and so also need to cope with psychological accounting (I really need/want to buy this and can't afford it but...I do have financial goals that I haven't been able to keep...but then again...)

• **Do not overcommit.** (Do as I say, not as I do.) Do not commit to too many parties, events or obligations. Give yourself some wiggle room as in time to recharge. Give yourself an hour or two between errands or obligations.

• **Watch your diet.** While it is the season to be jolly, the wrong food and beverages can sap your energy and make you feel even more tired. (Binge-a-holics, sugar-holics, choco-holics and, yes, alco-holics, beware.)

• **Take a half-hour to an hour a day to get away from it all with a good book or magazine – whatever, just some good reading.** (Why not TV? Because you'll become even more stressed with the intense marketing you will be bombarded with.)

• **Create a budget and stay on it.** Avoid emotional buys. Be conservative with your purchases. There is nothing wrong with a modest present. The other thought is to give the most precious gift of all – the gift of your time. Ideas? How about giving an older person a little card that entitles him/her to a half-day's worth of household chores from you? How about giving a mom two hours of your time to baby-sit, free? (Offer it with a card.) You could also give a child little cards that offer your time and services such as a half-day's worth of chauffeuring or a free get-out-of-being-grounded card. The gift of your time is not one that can be purchased. It is a gift your recipient can keep tucked in heart and memory when leaving for the forever-ride.

• **Exercise** (outside the mall). If you are on a regular exercise program, then do keep it up. If not, then consider a short walk (away from the malls).

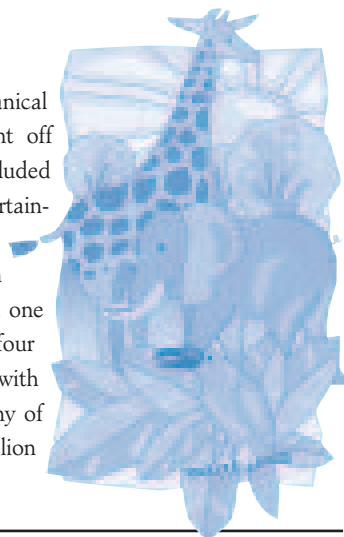
One final word to do with the holidays: When greeting someone and you are not familiar with the person's religious background, then "Happy Holidays" should suffice. However, if you want to add a personal touch and show true respect to the person you are greeting, then do offer a "Merry Christmas" or "Happy Hanukkah" for a greeting from the heart.

Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah! Happy Holidays to you and yours!

Newsbriefs**ZOO ANNIVERSARY**

In recognition of the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens' 40th anniversary, the Zoo offered 40 percent off admission Nov. 10 – 12. Anniversary party activities included several animals receiving special gifts, as well as live entertainment for Zoo visitors.

The Los Angeles Zoo moved to its current location in 1966 from the old Griffith Park Zoo, which was located one mile away from the Zoo's current site. Over the past four decades, the Zoo has grown into a lush botanical garden with natural habitats that is now home to 1200 animals, many of which are rare or endangered species. More than 61 million people have visited the LA Zoo since it opened in 1966.

**WESTSIDE WATER
TREATMENT**

Nov. 9, the City joined the City of Santa Monica, the County of Los Angeles and the State of California to dedicate the Westside Water Quality Improvement Project at Mar Vista Park, 11430 Woodbine Street.

The project is a facility designed to treat urban runoff from the east side of the City of Santa Monica and parts of West L.A. Located beneath the Mar Vista Park parking lot, the treatment system removes oil, grease, heavy metals, pesticides and trash from the runoff through screening, sedimentation and direct filtration before it reaches Ballona Creek and the Santa Monica Bay.

Operating on a gravity flow basis, the Westside Water Quality Improvement Project protects the coastal waters by treating urban runoff as much as possible before it returns to the ocean. The facility treats urban overflow during both wet and dry seasons.

Funding for this project was provided by the State of California, with financial and administrative support provided by the City of Santa Monica, the City of Los Angeles Departments of Public Works and Recreation and Parks, and the County of Los Angeles Public Works Department.

SOUTH L.A. SEWER

Work on the Hoover Street and Union Avenue Sewer Project in the Pico and North University Park areas is nearly 50 percent complete. The project, sited on two areas along Hoover Street in Council District 8 and one along Union Avenue north of Washington Boulevard in Council District 1, was awarded by the Board of Public Works in August. It aims to rehabilitate the century-old sewer lines in the neighborhood to restore their longevity, increase capacity, reduce odor and prevent spills.

This \$1.6 million sewer rehabilitation project, scheduled to be complete by April, is part of the settlement agreement made by the City of Los Angeles with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Santa Monica BayKeeper.

Installation of the new 970-foot clay sewer pipe on Hoover Street between Adams Boulevard and 28th Street was expected to be complete by end of November. Once this is accomplished, a temporary sewer bypass will be installed parallel to the other two reaches of the sewer work on Hoover Street between 25th Street and Adams Boulevard, and Union Avenue between Washington Boulevard and 18th Street, to accommodate sewer rehabilitation work with the Cured-In-Place Pipe (CIPP) liner method.

No sewer service interruptions are anticipated.



Chayanne Clayborn , 4

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "That's So Raven" • FAVORITE SNACK: Chips • BEST FRIEND: Jazmine • WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Disneyland - I want to see Mickey Mouse and ride the rides. • PARENT: Carmen Clayborn, Sr. Clerk Typist, Housing Department

Congratulations to the WINNERS! of our Club Coloring Contest!

Congratulations to the winners of *Alive!*'s last coloring contest. Everyone who turned in a design is a winner in our opinion! But our top three participants win four Free tickets to Amusement Park of Your Choice.

Look for our next contest in the January edition of *Alive!*



Christina Camson , 7

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "The Suite Life of Zach & Cody" • FAVORITE SNACK: Macaroni and Cheese • BEST FRIEND: Emely • WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Universal Studios Hollywood because I haven't been back there since I was 3 years old. I want to do the studio tour. • PARENT: Elvira Camson, Management Analyst, Dept of Water and Power

Honorable Mention

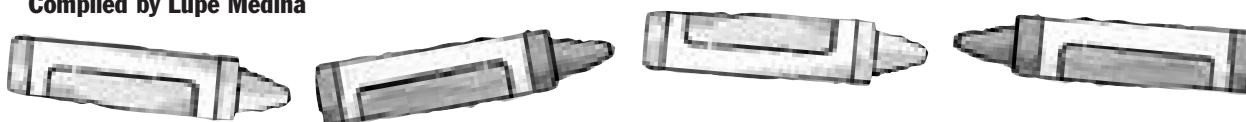
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Angel J. G. Cooper	age 3	Aracely Galicia	DOT
Jordan A. Ream	age 3	David Ream	LAPD/Maint
Alexander Silva Jr.	age 3	Maria Silva	LAPD
Mia Brown	age 4	Karen Rohaly	Library
Richard Nunez Jr.	age 4	Richard Nunez	DWP
Joshua Rodriguez	age 5	Anthony Rodriguez	DWP
Kara Hillman	age 5	Steve Hillman	Gen Serv.
Andrea C. Diaz	age 5	Guadalupe Ramos	P.W.
Aislin Hoerricks	age 5	Kenneth Hoerricks	LAPD
Brandon Rodriguez	age 6	Kenneth Rodriguez	Public Works
Vivana Arredondo	age 6	Jaime Arredondo	Airport
Miranda Nunez	age 6	Richard Nunez	DWP
Baby Alexis Lopez	age 6	Franki M. Becerra	Case Worker
Tommy Siping	age 6	Patrick Siping	Airport
Angel Varela	age 6	Daniel Varela	Waste Water
Kavian Jalali	age 7	Mahmoud Jalali	DWP
Araly Cruz	age 7	Mardoquero Cruz	Truck Op.
Alessandra Gardner	age 7	Renne Gardner	LAHD
Darnell Island Jr.	age 7	Chel Tinsley	Aiport
Cami Hillman	age 7	Steve Hillman	Gnr Service
Salan Polee	age 7	Alan Polee	Rec & Park
Glorybeth Juarez	age 7	Abi Juarez	Gardener
Melissa Lava	age 8	Amalia Lava	I.T.A.
Jared Appling	age 8	Schala Guzman	LAPD
Robyn Johnson-Bey	age 8	Robert Johnson-Bey	Rec & Park
Jesus A. Leon	age 8	Luciano Leon	DWP
Julian P. Atkins	age 8	Delashawn Atkins	Airport
Leslie Espinoza	age 8	Sergio Espinoza	Rec & Park
Michael Briones	age 8	Julie Briones	City Attorney
Roberto Luna	age 8	Lorena Lopez	General Serv.
Tyler Poplawski	age 9	Jon Poplawski	DWP
Janine Carpena	age 9	Janelle Carpena	DWP
Adriana Henriquez	age 9	Tania Henriquez	Rec & Park
Karen Trinh	age 9	Thai Trinh	Mechanic
Andy Villasana	age 9	Elidio Villasana	Parking Attn.
Megan Sanchez	age 9	Armando Sanchez	DOT
Evan Launchbaugh	age 9	John Foltz	Retired
Sydney Nepomuceno	age 9	Joe Nepomuceno	Metro Police
Jessica Ho	age 10	Jung Ho	GSD
Patrick Donatien Jr.	age 10	Patrick Donatien Sr.	Retiree
Amanda Martinez	age 10	Amelia T. Martinez	LAPD
Iveryana Bufford	age 10	Latrease Bufford	LAPD
Angelica Torres	age 10	Marco Hernandez	DOT
Alexia Gonzalez	age 10	Ruben Gonzalez	Airport Police
Andrew Ibarra	age 10	Daniel Tapia	DWP
Norma Ruvalcaba	age 10	Norma Cibrian	LAUSD
Andrea Olivera	age 11	Lorenzo Olivera	Rec & Park
Ashley Hernandez	age 12	Pete Hernandez	DWP



Koppany Horvath , 9

FAVORITE TV SHOW: Arthur • FAVORITE SNACK: Peach Yogurt and Chocolate • BEST FRIEND: Isaac and Yorman • WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Magic Mountain - Because they are going to tear it down. • PARENT: Robert and Adriana Horvath, (Robert) W.W.T. Mechanic, D.P.W. Hyperion

Compiled by Lupe Medina





John's Picture Perfect Contest

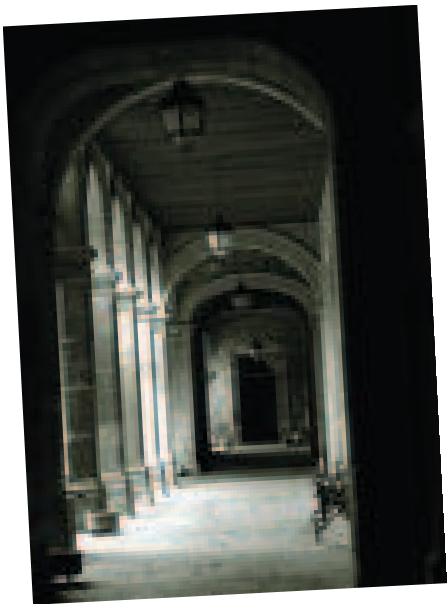
WIN \$25 Shell Gas Card

For December, we have four winners!

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

Four PRIZES

NEXT DEADLINE:
December 15
Happy Snapping!



"The Morelia Corridor, taken on a recent trip (November) to Morelia Michoacan, Mexico. It is a corridor section at the Palacio de Gobierno."

- Gonzalo Guerrero, Convention Center, Parking Operations

John's comments: An absolutely wonderful photo, Gonzalo! The foreground contrasts beautifully with the entering light, arches and doorway in the background. The depth of field is just right, giving you an almost 3-D effect. This is definitely a contest winner!



Club Member Diane Gilmartin reports that she and her husband took a fantastic trip to Italy. At stops in Venice, Florence and Rome, they saw some great sights. We'll let Diane pick it up from there:

"... we took a side trip to Pisa, and [my husband] took a picture [of] the Leaning Tower of Pisa. I'm trying to hold it up with one hand. Well, our trip had come to an end, and I bring back pictures of history and memories of a trip I won't forget." - Diane Gilmartin, ITA, Ontario Airport

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John's comments: Not only is this a funny picture of you holding up the Leaning Tower of Pisa, but it's a real good picture, too! Thanks Diane; it looks like you and your husband had a great time in Italy. Ciao!



"This is a photo of the Many Glaciers area in Glacier National Park, Montana. The photo was taken while on a family vacation. The photo shows very small glaciers, which are no longer moving (so technically they are no longer glaciers), and a large snowpack in the center of the photo. What is great about this photo is the mirror image on the calm water surface."

- Todd Rother, Construction Manager, Harbor

John's comments: Thank you, Todd, for submitting a little piece of Montana's "Big Sky." And yes, the reflection in the water really gives it that serene and tranquil feel. Great shot!

"Here's a picture arriving at Catalina Island with Ontario Airport's Association of Airport Employees in June."

-Lynne Wright, Airports (Ontario)

John's comments: This is a great picture; it could be a postcard! Looking at this brings back a lot of great memories of my visits to Catalina Island through the years. In fact, I think I'll plan a trip real soon with Kelley and the kids (naturally I'll take advantage of the Club's discounted Catalina Cruise tickets). Thanks, Lynne!



Runners Up:

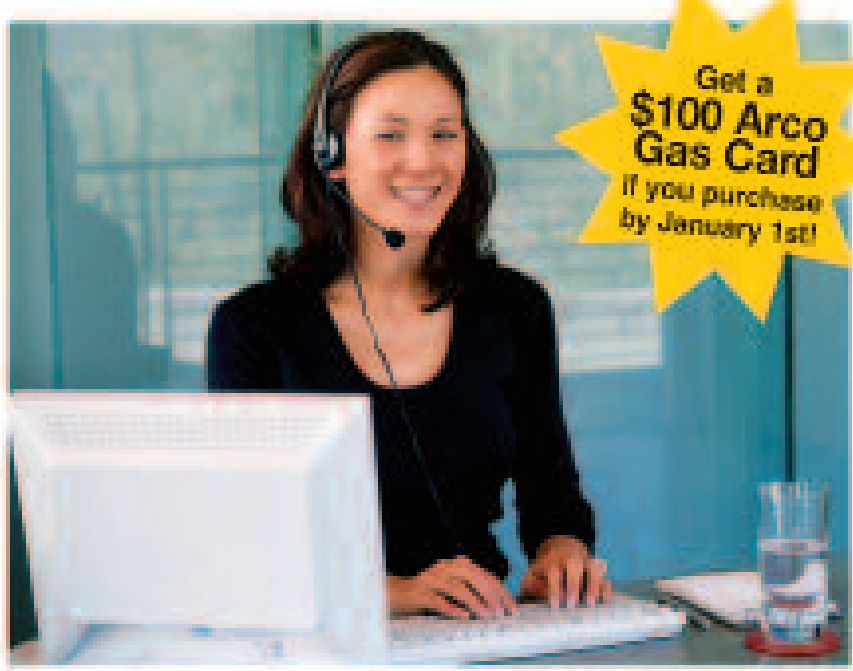
Gina Enrile-Caguiat, Public Works; Robert F. Souder, DWP; Yvonne Liu, Office of Finance; Robbie Horvath

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
- Digital photos optimally should be between 100K and 2 megabytes in size and may be e-mailed to: pictureperfect@cityemployeesclub.com
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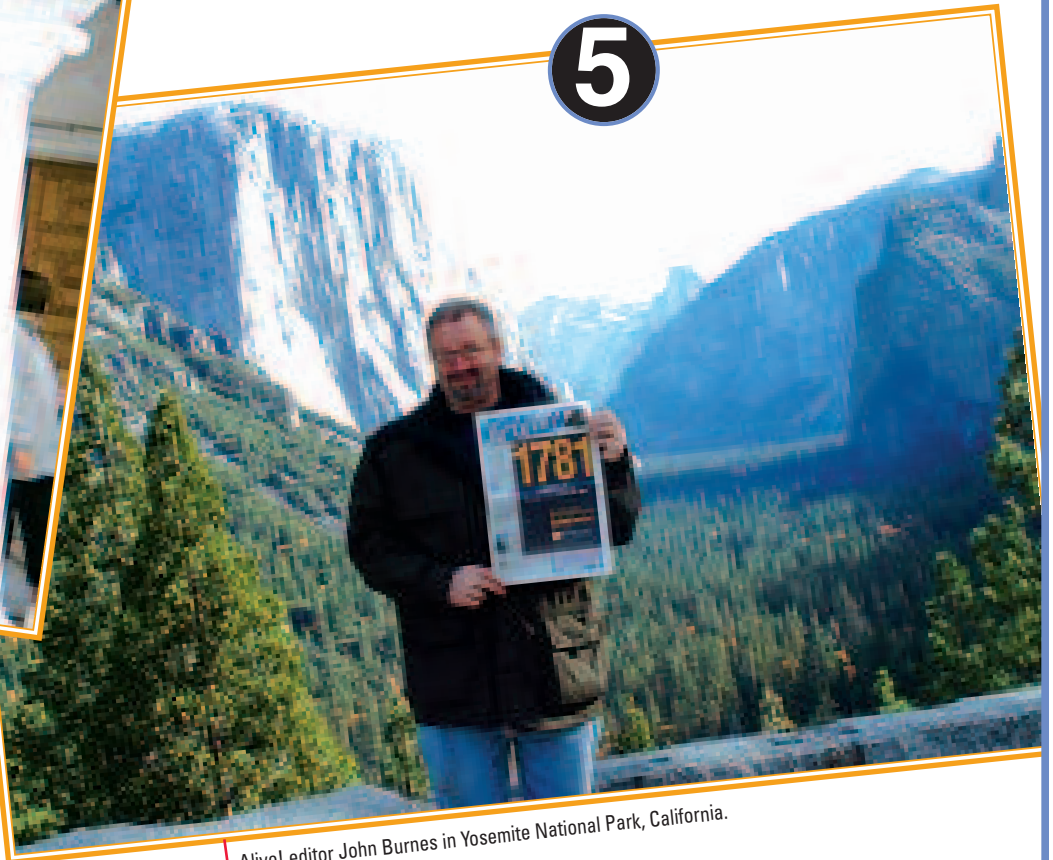
Here's a photo of Mike Boyd, West Valley Sanitation, while on a Western Caribbean cruise that stopped in Cozumel.



Above is Maria Elias, Detention Officer, Club Member, at Rockefeller Center in New York City.



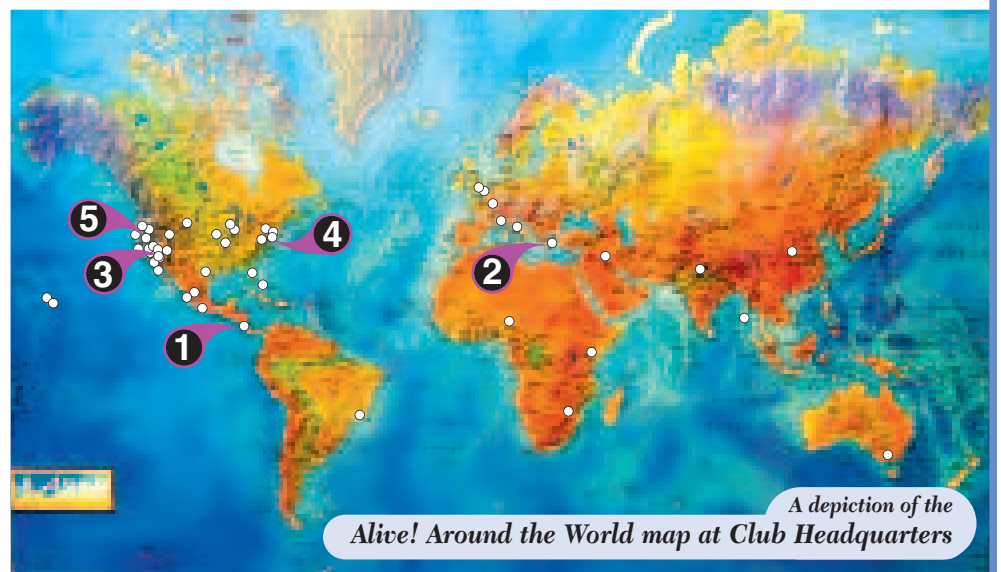
"This photo was taken in Aegina Island, Greece, in front of the Convent/Monastery of St. Nektarios, the famous Greek Orthodox saint who is also buried in this shrine. It was taken Oct. 16." – Leticia G. Yapaná, DWP



Alive! editor John Burnes in Yosemite National Park, California.



This picture was taken during a boat cruise on the Dixie II in Lake Tahoe. It was a beautiful day. I really enjoyed the boat cruise. The funny thing was when my friend was taking this picture, I had an audience of people. They probably were wondering why I was taking a picture with a newspaper. It was a lot of fun." – Alicia Marquez, DWP, Club Rep



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

Club Store Sets Holiday Hours

■ The Club's ticket office sets holiday hours.

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — Interested in purchasing Club gifts for the City man or woman in your life?

Here are the hours for the Club's ticket and gift office:

- Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 19: The office closes at 1:30 p.m.
- Last time to order tickets and gifts (in person) before Christmas: Friday, Dec. 22, at 4:30 p.m.
- Ordering online? You can place your Website order (www.cityemployeesclub.com) up to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21. If you specify overnight shipping, your order should arrive by Christmas. (You'll need to create an account, if you have not done so, and then log in.)
- Club Headquarters is closed Christmas Day, Monday, Dec. 25, and New Year's Day, Monday, Jan. 1.



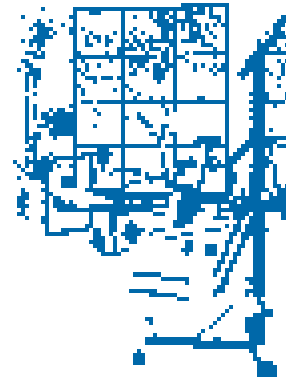
Pecan on a Roll

■ Rec and Parks opens new gym at Pecan Rec Center.

REC AND PARKS — The City dedicated a \$3.6 million gym at the Pecan Rec Center Nov. 8. The facility is just outside downtown Los Angeles.

Amenities of the 8,600-square-foot addition include a gymnasium with a regulation size court and six backboards, player benches, spectator seating and electronic scoreboards. In addition, there is staff office space, restrooms that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, storage area, exterior handball courts and more.

The project was managed by the Bureau of Engineering in the City's Public Works Department through its Recreational and Cultural Facilities Program. Funding for the improvement came from Proposition K, a voter-approved initiative.



Cutting the ribbon with community members at the new Pecan Rec Center gym were, from left, Jon Kirk Mukri, General Manager, Rec and Parks; Councilmember José Huizar; and Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer.

It's Party Pix Time

Hey Club Members:

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Hey Club Members: *Alive!* wants to go to your office holiday party, if we can!

Is your office having a holiday party? Let us know, and we'll do our best to publish a story and photos from your celebration!

We know there are lots of parties already scheduled. We'll do our best to get to as many as we can, but we can't guarantee it. Let us know.



Contact your Club Counselor. Look inside this issue of *Alive!* to identify your Counselor. Or drop an e-mail to Michelle Moreno, the Club's Events Guru, at michelleonthemove@cityemployeesclub.com

If we can't make it, send in your own photos, along with a paragraph or two about where and when it was held. Send them to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

See you at the party!



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DVD Reviews

A new feature of *Alive!* Send us your DVD reviews. 100 Words or Fewer! If we print your review, we will send you a \$10 coupon for Blockbuster!



Poseidon
Rated PG-13
My Score: 2.5
(out of 5)

Row, row, row your boat, gently on the ocean ... but not on this ship. This is a

humorless remake of the 1970s disaster pic, where a rogue wave capsizes a luxury liner on New Year's Eve. The action starts right off as the monstrous wave creates havoc on the doomed ship and its crew and passengers. The special effects were good and the story is pretty standard...who will survive? But in this remake, I wasn't really invested in the bland characters as in the original film. The most interesting performance was by Mia Maestro as the claustrophobic stowaway. You'd probably be better off watching the original *The Poseidon Adventure* with the great Gene Hackman, Shelley Winters and others. Bon voyage!

- Dan Basilgo, LAPD

Willow

Rated PG

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Before *Lord of the Rings*, George Lucas and Ron Howard made *Willow*, a colorful, funny and entertaining movie about a dwarf's journey. Val Kilmer plays Madmartigan, a warrior without a lord who becomes Willow's protector on this dark journey against the evil sorceress Queen Bavmorda. Joanna Whaley, who plays a princess/warrior, apparently captured Kilmer's heart, for they were married after the completion of this film. (They are no longer married.) This is an enjoyable movie to share with your family without worrying about scenes too violent or too creepy for children. It is certainly worth renting on DVD.

- Yvonne Liu, Finance

DVD Reviews:

- Reviews will be published on a space-available and subject-appropriate basis.
- Make sure the DVD is still in general release
- Review a DVD from any era that you think will be of interest to Club audiences
- Keep it to 100 words or fewer
- If we publish your review, we'll send you a \$10 gift certificate to Blockbuster

MOVIE REVIEWS



The Guardian

Rated PG-13

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Kevin Costner is a Coast Guard rescue swimmer who becomes a training instructor, and Aston Kutcher is a cocky recruit who wants to be a rescue swimmer. This movie shows what it takes to be a rescue swimmer,

and it takes a lot to do what they do. I thought this movie was a good tribute to the Coast Guard rescue swimmers and the pilots who fly them out. I don't think enough people realize what the Coast Guard does or how much we count on them to come to our rescue. Good family movie.

- Gwen Lew, DWP

Employee of the Month

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This is a very cute comedy, starring Dane Cook and Dax Shepard, who work at store similar to Costco. When Jessica Simpson comes to work at the store, both men compete in the "Employee of the Month" contest, thinking the winner will win her heart. Although Jessica did not seem 100 percent natural here, I really find her very enjoyable. I also enjoyed all the laughs and the lightheartedness of the story.

- G. Seltzer, Valley Meter Reading



The Prestige

Rated PG-13

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

The movie is dark. There is a lot of suspense, action and surprises. Although it held my attention, this is definitely not my kind of movie. I learned more about magic than I wanted to know!

Hugh Jackman and Christian Bale star as rival magicians who go to any lengths to find out how the other does his big tricks. Scarlett Johansson and Michael Caine also star. All actors put in excellent performances.

- Gail Seltzer, DWP

100 Words or Fewer!

To all our movie, book and theater reviews, here are the rules: Keep it short and fun!

- Keep all reviews to 100 words or less (but try to come close; try to write more than a sentence or two)
- 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:
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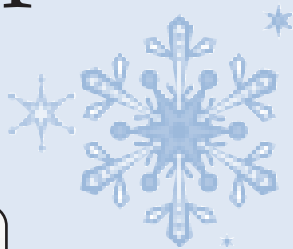


Send Us Your Recipes!

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How the Spinach (Almost) Stole Christmas

DIRECTIONS:



Prepare your leafy greens. I have several ready for washing. Among them is Italian parsley; regular parsley; basil, green onions; and endive, a leafy vegetable similar to lettuce, but heartier and usually used as a garnish like parsley. But I have bigger aspirations for these leafy greens.



Thoroughly wash each of the greens. Once washed, dice and chop the greens, making sure to remove as much of the stems while keeping as much as the leaves as possible.



Take a large pot and fill half of it with water. Add the greens, and add more water if the water does not cover over the leaves. Place on stove and increase to medium high heat. Dice green onions and add to the pot as well.



Put a cup of sour cream, one cup of Greek yogurt, one cup of cream cheese and a half-cup of mayonnaise into mixing bowl. Add the ranch dressing powder to the mixing bowl. You may need to use up to two full bags.



The leafy greens will begin to wilt and shrink. Place leaves in strainer and let cool. Place both mixing bowl ingredients and strained leafy greens in refrigerator – in separate containers, of course, until cooled.



Once cooled, add leafy greens to ranch dressing ingredients, along with some additional fresh green onions.



Prepare some flour tortillas for placing some of the ranch dressing mixture on them. If you need the tortillas to be more pliant, you may need to pan warm them.

I had planned to write this month's Cooking with the Club column about making spinach rolls – a personal recipe that I love to use during the upcoming holidays.

Due to the recent bagged spinach e-coli outbreak, I've decided to use an alternative to spinach. Ironically, spinach sanitation is very high because of the heightened alert. Nonetheless, this is a good education in figuring out what other ingredients can be substituted without compromising flavor and texture. My ingredients can be substituted even further by using lowfat sour cream, cream cheese, Greek yogurt, and even lowfat mayonnaise. I assure you that no little is affected to flavor by reducing the fat content and may be welcomed during these.

This is one of my most favorite recipes for the holiday season, and I can't wait to make more! Enjoy, and Merry Christmas!



Chef Larios' Spinach Rolls Without the Spinach

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup cream cheese
- 1 cup Greek yogurt
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 2 bags of ranch dressing mix powder
- 6 bundles of green onions
- Pinches of sea salt and pepper
- 1 dozen large flour tortillas
- 1 bunch endive
- 1 bunch Italian parsley
- 1 bunch regular parsley
- 1 bunch basil



Spread the ranch dressing mixture evenly over each tortilla. Roll tortillas and make as many as the ranch dressing mixture will allow. Place in the refrigerator for about three hours.



Take the tortillas out of the refrigerator and cut them into bite sizes. Place them on a plate.



Serve immediately. Your guests will not be able to eat just one piece!



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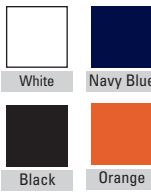
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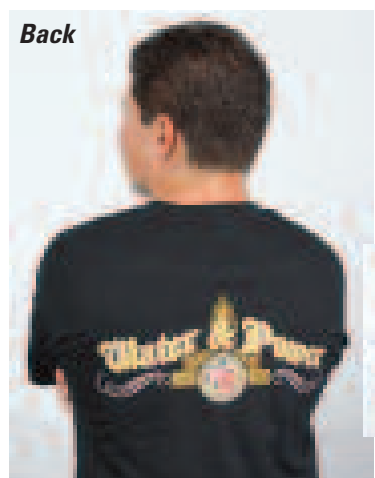


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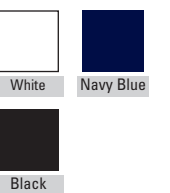


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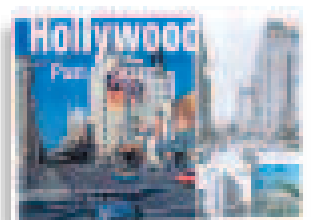
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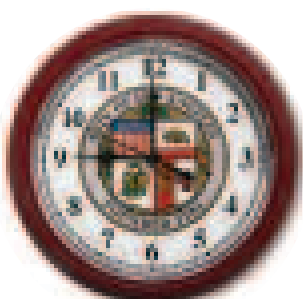
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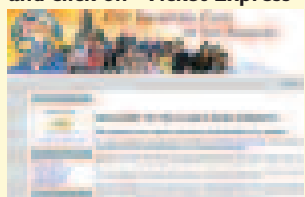
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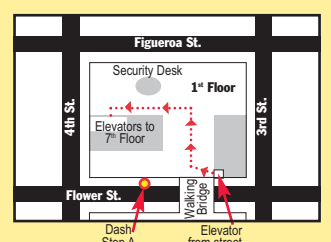
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