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Come Get the Refund Check At Club Store

Club giving back \$281,000 to holders of Club Life Insurance. Checks available at Club Store Dec. 1-4.

THE CLUB — Starting Dec. 1, the Club will be returning more than \$281,000 in refunds to more than 8,500 holders of the Club's Life Insurance product.

NEW THIS YEAR: The refund checks will be available Dec. 1 - 4 at the Club Store only. Those checks not picked up personally during that time will be mailed starting Dec. 7.

What will you be doing with your refund dollars? It's up to you ... but only if you have Club Life Insurance.

Members pay premiums each month for the insurance, and that money is paid for life insurance claims. At the end of the year, money that is not paid in the administration of the claims is returned. This year, that totals approximately \$281,000.

"The Club's Life Insurance is always there for those in need," said Brian Trent, the Club's Chief Financial Officer. "It's our highest insurance priority.

"But we love giving back, too, and we have returned money in all but three years of our 81-year existence."

Read the story on page 33 for details on the check disbursement, and how you can be eligible for next year's Club Life Insurance refund.

Port Police Ready With Tactical Div.

Port Police inaugurates new Tactical Planning Division to handle emergency events.

HARBOR — The Port Police has created a new division: the Tactical Planning Division, an assembly of Port Police officers and staff dedicated to preparing for emergency events.

The Port Police has assembled an emergency preparedness team, under the leadership of Capt. Don Farrell, called the Tactical Planning Division (TPD). The TPD's main focus is mitigation and management of natural or manmade disasters in the Port. Being the nation's largest port, it is imperative to continue operations even when disaster strikes.

Read all about the new division in the story on page 35.

Proud Paws Keep the Port Safe



The Port Police K9 Unit keeps the harbor safe from threats both small and large. See the officers and their dogs in action in this second part of *Alive!*'s series on City K9s in Action.

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Port Police Officer Anthony Reitz, Club Member, with Boomer, Patrol/Explosives Detection Dog, on a Port Police vessel.



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** A Message From the CEO **

Club Store Service Shines at Holidays

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

Here's a secret: As Club CEO, paperwork can get the best of me. You know what that's like, right? When that happens, sometimes I detach myself from my desk and head to a City worksite to see what our great City Employees are up to.

Or I head over to the Club Store. It's really important to talk to you as you come in, and see if we're doing a good job.

This is the best time of the year to be in the Club Store. And this year, there are even more reasons why.

If you've done a very smart thing and purchased Club Life Insurance, then you'll probably be headed down to the Club Store at the beginning of December to pick up your refund check. (And if you don't have Club Life Insurance, *why not?* It just makes too much sense not to!)

When you come down to the store, you'll notice there are new things to do there this holiday. Consider it your Holiday Headquarters!

Our Club Store pros – the **Ticket Guy**, **Racheal Brecher**, **Robert Larios** and **Lupe Medina** – have some new offerings. First, there are ornaments you can decorate and then hang on our Club tree. Second, we've set up a wrapping station for your convenience – buy some great Club gifts, and you can wrap them before you leave the store. Piece of cake!

Please don't forget about the Club Toy Drive. Bring a gift with you when you come down, and help brighten the holiday for a family in need.

The Club Store has lots of great holiday merchandise. And don't forget to buy movie tickets, with no markup. They make great stocking stuffers.

Okay, end of my commercial for the Club Store! But seriously, we built it just for you, our Club Members. You tell us over and over that you really like it. So come on down this holiday. I'll be there as much as I can this holiday season, and I can't wait to see you!

In other news this month ... *Alive!* loves covering the annual General Services' Custodian Appreciation Day. Custodians keep the City offices clean, and they deserve a fun event. Here's a shout-out to **Loretta Quenon** for her awesome job in producing the event.

Special thanks to **Sgt. Dan Dayton** of the Port Police K9 Unit, for taking us through the demonstrations for our cover story. We had a great time.

Hynda and **Hal** have excellent columns this month ... Club Rep **Jean Sarfaty** sent in some awesome photos from the LAPD Communications Halloween party ... and how could I forget to congratulate the **Guzzlers** and the **Hitmen**, for winning their divisions in the first year of the Club's Softball League!



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from Club CEO John Hawkins and his family, from left: Kelley, Noah, John, Hannah and Isaiah.

Finally, as December rolls along, I'll be spending more time with my family. And you should, too. We work hard to make our City better, and that's great. But let's remember why we work – for our pride, and for our family. Let the pressures of work go, and just kick back and enjoy your family time. It's the most important thing there is.

Peace on earth, and Happy Holidays to you and yours.

JOHN

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**Cecilia Talbot,
Claims Manager**

You probably won't get to meet Club Claims Manager 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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"Everyone I spoke to [at the Club] was very nice and extremely helpful during this hard time. [The book, *The Fall of Freddie the Leaf*] was a nice way of explaining the loss of a loved one and sad as well."

— Dominique Dumas, March 2009

The Club's claims service was "excellent. You were indeed so very helpful to me when my husband, Robert E. Rice, passed away. You were courteous, so very understanding and prompt in everything you did. You also always returned a

call when you said you would and, even more important, you called to be sure that I received the necessary forms. I was so grateful for all your caring and sympathy, and I knew I could call you if I needed to. You are the best Club by far."

— Anne Rice, January 2009

The Club service was "excellent and very responsive to our family needs. After my calls, your response was immediate. You were helpful with helping us understand what benefits were involved and how long it would take to process

the forms. The book would help younger people understand the afterlife and death. As an adult, I appreciate the moral of the story."

— Lorraine Bradley, January 2009

The Club's claims service was "excellent. Everyone was courteous and helpful, especially Cecilia Talbot, who was not only helpful and professional, but she was exceptionally efficient and very understanding. (An angel in disguise!) Thanks again, LACEA."

— Samuel Sharp, January 2009

Your Club Insurance Dollars at Work

**Total claims paid to Club Members
So Far in 2009: \$3,836,181.04**

Claims paid:

Life insurance claims paid this month: **\$43,370.78**

Life insurance claims paid this year: **\$2,348,622.01**

Long-term disability claims paid this month: **\$64,267.94**

Long-term disability claims paid this year: **\$1,068,937.64**

Long-term care claims paid this month: **\$25,750.00**

Long-term care claims paid this year: **\$268,261.39**

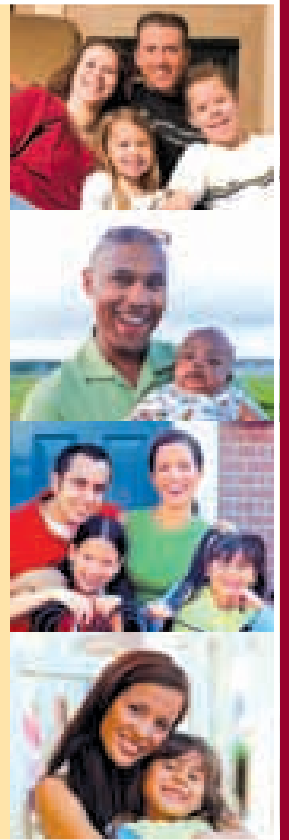
Cancer insurance claims paid this month: **\$0.00**

Cancer insurance claims paid this year: **\$150,000.00**

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Meet the Club Team



These are the faces behind the Club. Our staff is dedicated to helping our members receive the maximum benefit from their membership. If you have questions, concerns or suggestions about your Club, our counselors are ready to help.

Need help? Contact your Counselor:



2003 President's Award Recipient
Arlene Herrero
Senior Benefits Specialist – Member Services Counselor

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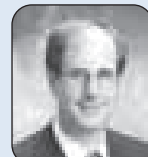
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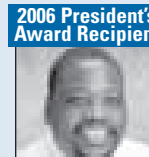
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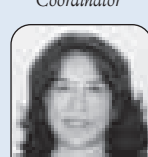
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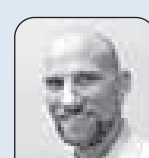
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LETTERS To the Editor

Tell us what you think! talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

LETTER OF THE MONTH

Son of Ticket Guy Has Only Half the Size But All the Charm

Whoa! Is that the Ticket Guy's child on page 54 of the October *Alive!*? Boy, it looks like he could be the next Ticket Guy!

— Roy Harbaugh, General Services

Hi Roy, indeed that is Nathan Cotton, son of Navin (the Club's "Ticket Guy") and Angela Cotton. Little Nathan could be heir to the amazing Ticket Guy Empire; he already has the charm part down cold! —Ed.



With the Dogs and Divers, Jerry Has Real City Pride

I enjoyed the K9 story in your November newspaper. I am impressed and I feel honored to be a City Employee, knowing that there are special people like Officer [Tom] DeLuccia and dogs like Rajzi. It is truly amazing the City is as diverse as it is. I mean, I remember a story *Alive!* did on Zoo employees that scuba-dive. It's great to be part of City of Los Angeles family.

— Jerry Tonollo, General Services

Between ARod or Club League, Tina Chooses the Sports Dude

I want to congratulate the Guzzlers and the Hitmen for winning their softball championship games. I was at the games that cold Wednesday night, and I am glad I went and decided against watching the World Series on television because the action was at Downey Park. It was also great to see a nice crowd, and I am not sure but I think I saw the Sports Dude cooking hot dogs and hamburgers. Can the Club confirm this? Nonetheless, great games and I look forward to next years league!

— Tina Ferrero, Rec and Parks

Hi Tina, yes indeed, that was legendary Club Sports Dude, Robert Larios, making a festive time of the championship games! There's a chance that Sports Dude's cooking recipes will appear in an upcoming *Cooking With the Club*, as the Sports Dude and Chef Larios know each other on a first-name basis. —Ed.

Rita Likes How Chef Larios Can Talk Turkey and Really Mix It Up

Oh wow! I am so glad to see a salad recipe from Chef Larios. This one I will definitely make because I know there will be tons of leftover turkey. The turkey salad looks amazing, and I look forward to making it. What a great idea to

use raspberries in the salad. I guess that's why they call him Chef Larios.

— Wendy Hill, LAFD

Office Depot Discount, an Early Club Benefit, Is Still Among Best

I want to share with you that I called Office Depot with the number on the back of my membership card and linked my credit card. Then I went to Office Depot near my home to buy some school supplies for my daughter. My original bill at the cashier counter read \$163, but when they swiped my credit card, it went down to \$123! Thank you Club for saving me so much money!

— Rita Thompson, DWP

Hi Rita, I wanted to write a snappy response to your letter, but I was too busy calculating my own Office Depot discounts with the Club. You are right; the Office Depot discount is really great. Every Club Member should take advantage! —Ed.

At the End of the Day, Club Really Is All About Service

I wanted to let everyone know how impressed I am with the Club's response rate to my email message. I sent a message on a recent Saturday night at about 10 p.m. to make a change in my mailing address, and within 30 minutes I got a response from the Club's Robert Larios. That blew me away! I thought it was an automated response, but it was really him. There's no place like the Club.

— Michelle Garrison, DWP

Hi Michelle, the Club has many great features, including *Alive!*, ticket discounts, insurance, apparel, special events, happy people, and on and on. But at the heart of it all is great customer service. Without it, we are nothing. So thanks for noticing, and writing in. —Ed.

Corrections



Gina Caguiat



Joseph Lee

- In last month's article on the retirement of Club Member and enthusiastic *Alive!* photo contributor Gina Caguiat, we misstated her title. She retired as Sr. Clerk Typist.
- Also in last month's *Alive!*, in a story on a local Toastmasters Club hosting an area speech contest, we misstated the department of Joseph Lee, who presented a winning speech. He is a Management Analyst I, Transportation.
- Finally, in last month's list of retirees, we gave incorrect information regarding Barbara Vacariello. Barbara retired as a Sr. Clerk Typist, LAPD, with 32 years of City service.

Alive! regrets these errors and thanks Gina, Joseph and Barbara for their understanding.

QUESTION of the Month



— Collected by Rachael Brecher, Club Store Rep

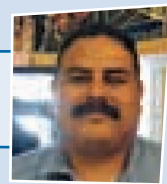
The Ticket Guy and Rachael at the Club Store ask Club Members fun questions when they visit to purchase tickets or great Club apparel and gifts. So, stop by and join in the fun!

What holiday message do you want to send to your fellow City Employees? (Bonus question: Do you like fruitcake?)



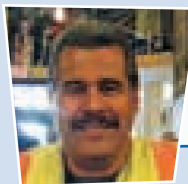
"Remember the real spirit of the holidays." ("No.")

— Pleasant Williams, General Services, 10 years of City service



"Happy Holidays, and be merry." ("No.")

— Ricardo Lozano, DWP, 11 years of City service.



"Merry Christmas, and have a better year." ("No.")

— Albert Robles, Public Works, 20 years of City service



"Take a break. You deserve it, and have an extra cup of eggnog." ("No.")

— Michael McCue, Neighborhood Empowerment, 3 years of City service



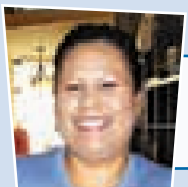
"Happy Holidays, and I wish everyone a Happy New Year." ("No.")

— Simone McDade, LAPD, 25 years of City service



"Remember, we are celebrating Christ's birthday." ("No.")

— Francisco Johnson, DWP, 21 years of City service



"Happy Holidays, and remember to count your blessings this holiday season." ("No.")

— Dolores Chavez, LAPD, 9 years of City service.



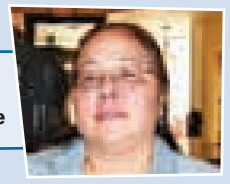
"May we all be thankful for our jobs, health and families. And all have a prosperous New Year." ("No.")

— Kimberly Aviles, Library, 11 years of City service



"Happy Holidays and best wishes." ("Yes.")

— Berenice Orozco, Housing, 4 years of City service



"Happy Holidays." ("No.")

— Linda Rorex, Personnel, 19 years of City service

Something to Think About



"Genius is one percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration."

— Thomas Edison

A reminder from L.A. City's Quality and Productivity Commission:
Always do your best!

The Club Store Is Holiday Headquarters!



With activities and lots of great Club services, the Club Store is a perfect place to start your holiday shopping!

Here's what's in store for you this Christmas season at the Club Store:

- ❖ **Gift Central:** Buy fantastic Club merchandise that will be great under your tree.
- ❖ **Movie tickets:** great for stocking-stuffers.
- ❖ **Wrapping station:** The Club Store will provide all you need to wrap those great Club gifts you're going to give away this season.
- ❖ **Decorate the Club Tree!** New this year: When you stop by the Club, write your name on an ornament (provided), representing you or your department, and hang it on our Club Christmas Tree. Join the Club family this holiday.
- ❖ **Toy Drive:** Bring an unwrapped gift to be given away as part of the Club's Toy Drive. See the details on page 14.



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The Club Christmas Tree.
Toy drive.

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K9s On Duty At the Port

Protecting citizens against threats at the Port – and protecting a major asset that’s critical to both the City of Los Angeles, and the United States – is the task of the Port Police K9 Unit. On the next pages, see the officers and their dogs checking for explosives, inspecting for narcotics, and keeping us safe.



Officer Nick Marbach, Club Member, with Charlie, Patrol/Narcotics Dog, with the Port of Los Angeles in the background.



Harbor

Protecting the Port



Sr. Lead Officer Ismael Flores, Club Member, and Achilles, Patrol/Narcotics Dog, begin their inspection demonstration.

Port K9 Unit In Action

Here are demonstrations of typical Port Police K9 Unit activities to keep the Harbor safe from a variety of threats. Explaining these activities is Port Police Sgt. Daniel Dayton, supervisor of the Port Police K9 Unit.

Patrol/Bite Dog Demonstration: Port Police K9 Training Field

Here's a demonstration of using a dog in a use-of-force situation. "The law says that canines are not deadly force," Sgt. Dayton says. "If you think about some of the options we have for force – firearms, which are clearly a deadly force; dog bites; batons; Tasers; pepper spray; our hands – these are all tools with varying degrees of effectiveness, depending on the situation. Sometimes, a dog is the best way to go. Often the mere presence of a dog will cause a 'give-up.'

"The dogs can help us by quickly locating a suspect, too.

"To train a dog, we use a piece of equipment, a bite suit, that protects the officer to his ankles. This is different than just a protective sleeve worn on the arm. This resembles a suspect more. And the decoy – the term for the bad guy here – he's capable of moving, giving the dog some opposition.

"We also use a method of training that uses a dog muzzle, with no bite suit. The bad guy then would look much more normal."

In these photos are examples of both high and low bites.



Alive! Feature

“All of our dogs work for positive praise. [They] love their work.”

Port Police K9 Unit helps keep the City safe from terrorist attacks, narcotics trafficking and other safety issues.

Alive! photos by Tom Hawkins

At the Port of Los Angeles, the dogs take well to water – and we’re all the better for it.

The Port Police K9 Unit is active 24/7 in helping to keep us, and this huge City asset, safe from a number of threats.

The dogs are purchased by the Harbor Dept. when they are two years old. The animals purchased have been bred for their “working” aptitude. All of the Port Police dogs come originally from Europe. The dogs and their handlers regularly train together to maintain a high level of readiness. Certification testing is completed annually to assure competence.

Port Police dogs are faced with the additional challenges unique to working within the Port complex. Handlers and dogs are often tasked with negotiating significant obstacles prior to arriving to a call. Vessels and terminals can provide challenges including gangways, ladders, slick floors, engine room noise and vibration. Much of the work of the Port Police K9 Unit includes keeping the animals’ agility skills and confidence levels high.

All of the canines within the unit are “take-home” dogs, and officers are on call to respond to the Port if the need arises.

Explosives Detection Teams

The Port Police functions with four handler/canine explosive detection teams. This portion of the unit was created following the events of Sept. 11, 2001, and is tasked with patrolling the critical sites within the Port complex. Specific functions include random checks of luggage, responding to unattended and/or suspicious items, vehicle and vessel inspections and critical site checks of container facilities, fuel terminals, cargo facilities and oil terminals.

Narcotic Detection/ Patrol Teams

The Port Police Narcotic/Patrol canine portion of the unit began in 1989 with a single dog dedicated to the Port. The unit now uses three dog/handler teams. These teams are proactive in detecting and deterring narcotic activity that occurs within the Port. The unit’s canines are also used by Port Police Detectives when narcotics violations are suspected. These skills, combined with the additional ability to locate and apprehend suspects, provide an additional important tool to the overall Port Police mission.



Sgt. Dan Dayton, Club Member, supervisor of the Port Police K9 Unit.



Sr. Lead Officer Ismael Flores, Club Member, and Achilles, Patrol/Narcotics Dog.

‘High’ Bite



Sr. Lead Officer Ismael Flores, Club Member, and Achilles, Patrol/Narcotics Dog, with Sr. Lead Officer Tom Yamamoto, Club Member, in the bite suit.

‘Low’ Bite



Sr. Lead Officer Jerome Niles, Club Member, with Rambo, Patrol/Narcotics Dog, and Sr. Lead Officer Tom Yamamoto, Club Member.

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Patrol Dog Demonstration, Aboard Port Police Boat 23

“Here is Boat 23, one of our police vessels,” Sgt. Dayton continues. “This boat goes out on patrol within the Port of L.A. every day and night, 24/7. Police cars on the street do traffic stops; a boat like this is used to do vessel stops.

“If we need to get a canine to a call, [we’ll use this kind of a boat]. We have an entire fleet of boats like this. Our animals are prepared to travel on the open water and be transferred to another vessel like a barge, sailboat, powerboat or commercial vessel. And then they would conduct a bomb sweep or narcotics sweep, or be used for a suspect search.

“The canines don’t patrol regularly on a boat; it would be for a specific reason. We can access most of the places we need to go by land. But if an officer on a boat patrol encounters a situation where they need a dog, this is how [the dog gets to where it’s needed].”



Officer Anthony Reitz, Club Member, with Boomer, Patrol/Explosives Detection Dog.



Explosives Detection Demonstration, Fuel Storage Facility

“This is a critical location for national security,” Sgt. Dayton explains. “An incident here will affect the whole port. In fact, the Port Police Dive Team [previously featured in *Alive!*] inspects this area regularly, too.”

“Here, we’re not as concerned with narcotics unless we had intelligence that pointed us here, or we had a burglary situation. We look primarily at issues concerning explosives here.”

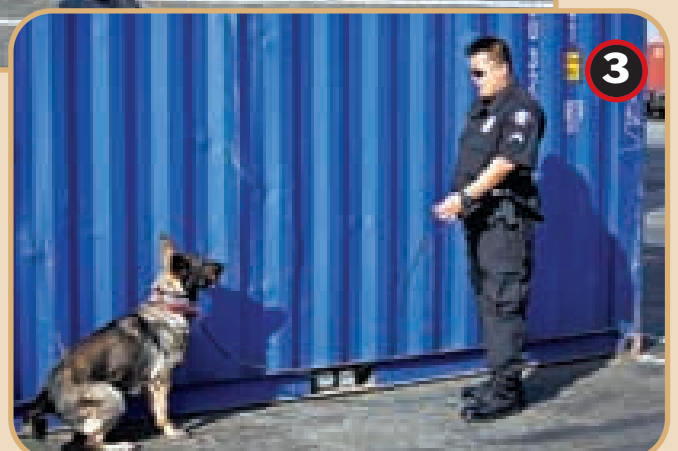
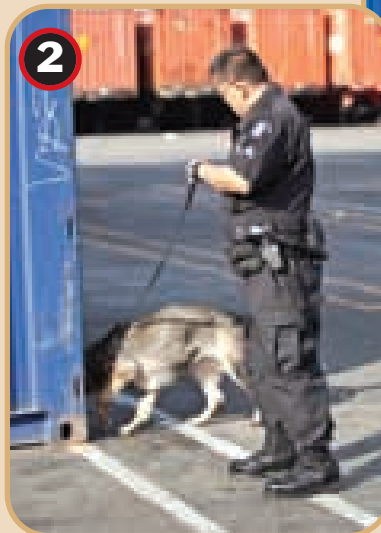


Explosives Detection Demonstration, Terminal Island Cargo Facility

“These dogs have one task in mind – remembering and locating the 15-plus odors associated with improvised explosive devices,” Sgt. Dayton continues. “This training is completely different than the narcotic training. When the bomb dogs detect a location, instead of an aggressive find – pawing and scratching at the item – they sit for the handler. They sit in front of where they smell the item. We don’t want them touching or messing with things. We want as calm and business-like an approach as possible.

“The reward system is very similar, though. The dogs are taught to enjoy searching. It’s a game. It’s fun. That’s why they do what they do. And when they accomplish their mission, they get a reward – either an actual find, or a training aide that’s placed in place of an actual find. The dogs always leave happy, and always get paid for what they do.”

Sr. Lead Officer Tom Yamamoto, Club Member, with Rika, Explosives Detection Dog.



Port Police K9 Unit

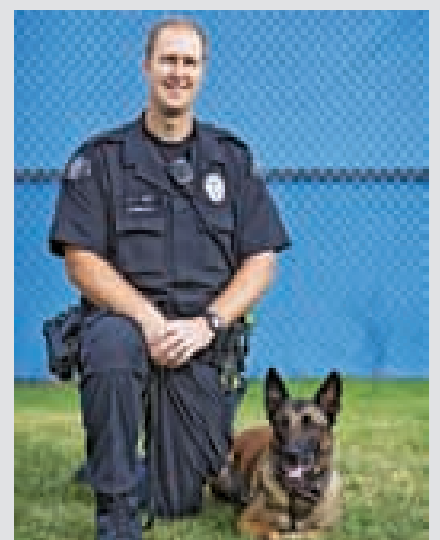
These officers and K9s form the Port Police K9 Unit:



Sr. Lead Officer Jerome Niles, Club Member, with Rambo, Patrol/Narcotics Dog



Sr. Lead Officer Ismael Flores, Club Member, with Achilles, Patrol/Narcotics Dog



Officer Nick Marbach, Club Member, with Charlie, Patrol/Narcotic Dog



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Officer Nick Marbach, Club Member, with Charlie, Patrol/Narcotics Dog.



Narcotics Detection Demonstration, Terminal Island Cargo Facility

“When we come out to search a terminal like this, we’ll pick an area to work – it’s a pretty large terminal,” Sgt. Dayton says.

“The contraband we look for is typically marijuana, heroin, methamphetamines, cocaine ... and even things like Ecstasy. We’re looking for large quantities. Even though these are sealed containers, [the contraband] is still going to [send enough of a] signal to the dog of what we’re looking for.

“In this particular example, you can see the dog has found something. He’s biting and scratching at that ‘foot’ on the container, and you see that his tail’s up; he’s very intense and fully going at that thing. His body language changes. After doing many searches with his dog, each handler learns that dog. Some will move their tail, some will turn their head, or their ears will come up, or the dog might get more animated ... there are just any number of things that will help the handler know he’s in the presence of that contraband.

“Depending on the situation, when we would find something for real, we then would meet with federal authorities and other

agencies like U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The canine creates the reasonable suspicion that something illegal is inside there, so we would break the seal and search the interior of the container.

“All of our dogs work for positive praise. It’s a game – they’re looking for something that is unique in terms of an odor, in this case, narcotics. And when they find it, they signal to the handler, and they’re rewarded with a toy they like.

“But if they don’t find anything, then the handler or a secondary officer will plant what they call a training aid, to give the dog a positive reward nonetheless.

“The dog always has to have a positive find at the end. He needs to be rewarded for his work. That’s how he gets paid. He always wins; that’s the key.

“The dogs love their work.”



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Sr. Lead Officer Jerome Niles, Club Member, with Rambo, Patrol/Narcotics Dog.



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Sr. Lead Officer William Yocham, Club Member, with Bear, Explosives Detection Dog



Sr. Lead Officer Tom Yamamoto, Club Member, with Rika, Explosives Detection Dog



Officer Maria Hernandez, Club Member, with Edo, Explosives Detection Dog



Officer Anthony Reitz, Club Member, with Boomer, Explosives Detection Dog



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 4 Free Tickets to the Amusement Park of their choice!

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



Winner
5 & under
YEARS OLD

Abigail Sanchez, 4

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Curious George"
 • FAVORITE SNACK: Gogurts
 • BEST FRIEND: Victoria (my cousin)
 • WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Disneyland!
 I want to meet all the princesses.
 • PARENT: Mario Sanchez, Carpenter, Convention Center.

Winner
6 to 7
YEARS OLD

Makenzie Mendieta, 6

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "i carly"
 • FAVORITE SNACK: Lollipop
 • BEST FRIEND: Ilene
 • WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Knotts Berry Farm. I like Snoopy. • PARENT: Antonio Mendieta, Traffic Officer/DOT.



Honorable Mention

CHILD	AGE	PARENT/GUARDIAN	DEPT
Mikey Aki	2	Joe Aki	Retired
Angel A. Reza	3	Guillermo A. Reza	Rec & Parks
Addison Sousa	3	John Sousa	Airport Police
Mia Tomilin	4	David Tomilin	LAPD
Ashley Brad	5	Erica Washington	Com. Develop
Milana Gatfield	5	Jason D. Gatfield	DWP
Hannah Higbee	5	Audrey Childress	Finance
Kristen Kohles	5	Christopher Kohles	DWP
Jamie L. Lopez	5	Oswaldo "Ozzie" Lopez	Director/CDD
Joey Webb	5	Joseph Miniaci	General Ser.
Aidah Anderson	6	Curtis Anderson	Harbor Dept
Ari Cole	6	Tanzi Cole	LAFD
Rodrigo Mendez Jr.	6	Rodrigo Mendez	DWP
Elissa Mendieta	6	Antonio Mendieta	DOT
Peter Otoshi	6	John T. Otoshi	DWP
London Wright	6	Hope Wright	LAPD
Vian DeLa Torre	7	Anthony DeLa Torre	Airports
Zuri Quarterman	7	Jennifer Quarterman	Rec & Parks
Alyssa Rodriguez	7	Arlene J. Hoffman	Retired
Andrew Tostado	7	Samuel Reyes	Forestry Division
Joseph Alvarado	8	Margaret Elwell	Retired
Makenna Batchelder	8	Tim Batchelder	DWP
Horvath Boglarka	8	Robert Horvath	H P Mechanic
Robert Byrmer	8	Bob Brymer	DWP
Jasmine Carpenter	8	Scott Carpenter	Street Service
Erika Consebido	8	Cecilia Consebido	Public Works
Kayla R. Cortez	8	Olivia Gonzalez	DWP
Alyssa Y. Curiel	8	Jennifer Curiel	Animal Service
Rosie Espinoza	8	Sergio Espinoza	DWP
Nick Fischer	8	Russ Fischer	DWP
Emily Hibma	8	Dan Hibma	LAFD
Angel Rosas	8	Xanat Rosas	Housing
Viviana Arredondo	9	Jaime Arredondo	Airports
Marc Gamboa	9	Maribel Gamboa	DWP
Alyssa Graab	9	Lance Graab	Con-Ad
Ivy Green	9	Chel Tinsley	LAX
Nadia Gutierrez	9	David Gutierrez	DWP
Emily Higbee	9	Audrey Childress	Finance
Joseph M. Otoshi	9	John T. Otoshi	DWP
Brandon Rodriguez	9	Kenneth Rodriguez	DWP
Sofia Salcedo	9	Rafael Salcedo	DWP
Shyarre Wright	9	Simboa Wright	Sanitation
Ariana Yoder	9	Linda Yoder	LAX
Madalyn Batchelder	10	Tim Batchelder	DWP
Christina L. Camson	10	Elvira L. Camson	DWP
Araly Cruz	10	Mardoqueo Cruz	Truck Operator
Abigail Diaz	10	Myrna Diaz	Harbor Dept
Danielle Espinoza	10	Oscar Espinoza	Truck Operator
Jacklyn Espinoza	10	Debra Espinoza	Sr. Clerk Typist
Diana Lozano	10	Lourdes Lozano	Communications
Jessica Padilla	10	Leo Padilla	Housing
Amanda Salamanca	10	Emilio Salamanca	Finance
Valerie Truong	10	Richard Truong	IS Manager
Dominique Wright	10	Hope Wright	LAPD
Alejandra Zia	11	Carlos Zia	Truck Driver
Janine C. Carpena	12	Janelle A. Carpena	DWP

Winner
8 to 10
YEARS OLD

Enrique De La Cruz III, 10

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Viva La Bam"
 • FAVORITE SNACK: Hot Cheetos
 • BEST FRIEND: Esteban (my cousin)
 • WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: I want to go to Disneyland, so I can take my cousin, Esteban.
 • PARENT: Enrique De La Cruz Jr., Traffic Officer/DOT.



the pet club

Your friend is waiting for you!



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

This Month's Pets For Adoption:

d. o. gee

D.O. Gee is a four-year-old male Rottweiler/blue tick hound mix. His family lost their home and could not take him to their new (small) dwelling. He is a very friendly extra-large dog (118 pounds).
ID# A1074744: South LA Animal Care Center



Madison

Madison is an 11-month-old female dachshund. She was brought in as a stray with her two sisters (A1074628 & A1074629). They are scared but social, and they warm up quickly.
ID# A1074626: South LA Animal Care Center

Max

Max is a nine-month-old male brown tabby Maine coon. His owner moved, and now Max is looking for a new home to share with his best buddy, Spike Morgan (A1072969).
ID# A1072968: South LA Animal Care Center



Spike Morgan

Spike Morgan is a nine-month-old male black and white medium-haired cat. His owner moved and could not take him with them. He is best buddies with Max (A1072968) and they would love to find a home to share together.
ID# A1072969: South LA Animal Care Center

truffle

Truffle is a seven-month-old neutered brown shorthaired rabbit. He was surrendered by his owner and is looking for a loving forever home for the holidays!
ID# A1067769: South LA Animal Care Center



Meet your New Hope coordinator!



These very adoptable animals and others are at the South Los Angeles Animal Care Center, 3612 11th Ave, Los Angeles. The New Hope Coordinator is **Tomika Johnson**, (213) 485-0214.

Other great animals are available for adoption at www.laanimalservices.com

ANIMAL SERVICES

Thanks to the Employees

Harbor Animal Services shelter has employee appreciation luncheon.

Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Operations

On Oct. 23, the Harbor-area Animal Services shelter held a luncheon to say thanks to its employees. The event was held at Domenick's Pizza House in Rancho Palos Verdes.

Animal Services' Harbor operations recently expanded its service area. The luncheon was to recognize the extra work employees performed to make the expansion a success.

The office of Janice Hahn, Councilwoman and Club Member, recognized four Animal Control Officers for their efforts and great service. The certificates were signed by Councilwoman Janice Hahn, and they read as follows: "In recognition of your hard work, bravery and dedication to prosecuting animal cruelty in the City of Los Angeles, I commend you and thank you for your diligence and commitment to making the streets of Los Angeles and the community you serve humane and safe place."

Those receiving certificates were Chip Vang, Frederick Jordan, Fernando Gallardo and Marie Ushman.

Special thanks to Capt. Daniel Pantoja, Animal Services, Harbor District, for his assistance.



From left: Capt. Daniel Pantoja, 14 years of City service; and Commander Wendell Bowers, Animal Services, Metro Division.



From left: Chip Vang, 7 years of City service, with Capt. Daniel Pantoja.



From left: Fernando Gallardo, 12 years of City service, with Capt. Daniel Pantoja.



From left: Frederick Jordan, 9 years of City service, with Capt. Daniel Pantoja.

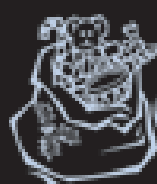


From left: Commander Wendell Bowers; Capt. Daniel Pantoja (holding certificate of appreciation for Officer Marie Ushman); Officer Frederick Jordan; Officer Fernando Gallardo; Chip Vang; and Capt. Jorge Figueroa.

Donate to the Toy Drive!

The Club's gearing up its annual Holiday Toy Drive, held in conjunction with the Central City Police Boosters. Drop off your unwrapped toys to the Club Store between now and early December.

Please Be Generous!



Club Store and Service Center
 120 West 2nd Street
 Los Angeles, CA 90012
 (888) 777-1744

Holiday Happenings

CLUB STORE

Donate Your Toys

Club accepting toys through the end of December.

This year, more than ever, your generosity is really needed to help children in the City celebrate the holidays. So consider joining in the Club's annual Toy Drive.

As part of the Club Angels program, the annual Club Toy Drive, is accepting your toys for those in need.

When you come down to the Club Store to pick up your refund check or to buy great Club holiday gifts, why not bring a toy to donate? We'll place it under the Club Christmas Tree, which is new this year.



You can fill the bottom of the new Club Christmas Tree, when you donate an unwrapped toy to the Club's Toy Drive. Won't you help this great cause?

Toys collected through Friday, Dec. 11 will be given to the Central Cities Police Boosters Toy Drive. Toys after that date will be donated by the Club to another cause.

Please bring toys that are unwrapped.

This is the seventh year that the Club has offered a toy drive. Last year, more than 100 toys were donated. With your help, the Club hopes to collect even more.

Won't you help this great cause?

The Club thanks you in advance for your generosity.

REC AND PARKS

Christmas of A Bygone Era

Banning, Drum Barracks Museums in Wilmington recall the holidays of yesteryear.

Drum Barracks Civil War Christmas

Dates: Special event: Dec. 5-6

Regular hours Tues.-Thurs., and Sat.-Sun.

Closed Christmas Day.

Tickets: Free for special event (tickets for regular tours: \$5 suggested donation)

Address: 1052 Banning Blvd., Wilmington, 90744

Information: (310) 548-7509 or www.drumbarracks.org

DWP

Holiday Lights Festival

DWP's annual Holiday Lights Festival in Griffith Park begins in December.

14th Annual DWP Holiday Light Festival

When: Dec. 3 - 30
(traditional drive-through Dec. 18 - 30)

Preview Bike Night: Dec. 3.

Vehicle-Free Nights: Dec. 4 - 17.

Family Fun Mini-Fair: Dec. 11-13.

Hours: 5 to 10 p.m. every night.

Address: Griffith Park, 4730 Crystal Springs Dr., Los Angeles

General Information: (323) 913-4688, ext. 9.

Admission: Free.

The DWP once again presents its holiday drive-through favorite, with green initiatives including vehicle-free nights and LED bulbs, but a shorter schedule.

The DWP Light Festival returns to Griffith Park beginning Dec. 3, and runs through Dec. 30.

The 14th annual DWP Griffith Park Holiday Light Festival runs along a one-mile segment of Crystal Springs Drive and has become a holiday tradition that attracts more than half million visitors each year.

Visitors may park at the L.A. Zoo parking lot. Parking will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Walkers are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes and to dress warmly to walk the full one-mile route each way. It is also recommended that walkers have outerwear, as it can get chilly.

■ **Preview Bike Night:** The festival's opening night, Dec. 3, is reserved for guests on bicycles. The festival is open from 5 to 10 p.m. Parking is at the L.A. Zoo parking lot.

■ **A 'Vehicle-Free' Celebration:** The festival's

"vehicle-free" nights are scheduled for Dec. 4 through Dec. 17, from 5 to 10 p.m. During this time, visitors may walk through the festival on a walking path, or ride their bikes. Walkers are advised to dress accordingly, and to arrive at the event no later than 8:30 p.m., as the event closes at 10 p.m.

Parking is available at the L.A. Zoo parking lot; parking will not be available at the satellite lots on the south side of the park.

■ **Family Fun Mini-Fair:** On Dec. 11-13, there will be a Family Fun Mini-Fair.

■ **Traditional Festival Experience:** The Light Festival will be open Dec. 18-30 in its traditional format. Visitors can drive through the festival, entering at Los Feliz Boulevard and Crystal Springs Drive, or guests can walk the festival on the walking path. Guests who would like to walk the festival, may park at the L.A. Zoo parking lot.

Shuttle service will also be available during this time. Shuttle users may park at the LA Zoo parking lot.

The community is invited to welcome in the holiday season by traveling back in time at two Rec and Parks museums in the Wilmington – the Banning Residence Museum, and the Drum Barracks Museum, the City's only surviving Civil War-era military structure.

■ Banning Museum

Due to construction, the Banning Museum's annual Victorian Christmas celebration has been canceled this year. However, the museum will be open for regular visitors, and will be decorated in its annual Victorian Christmas style.

Much research has been done to ensure that the museum will reflect realism in decor and display a re-creation of "A Southern California Christmas."

■ Drum Barracks Civil War Museum

You are invited to tour the beautifully decorated museum and experience the holiday as it was celebrated in the Civil War era.

"A Civil War Christmas" is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 5 and 6. Guests can travel in the height of style on the popular horse-drawn, holiday-red trolley. Music will fill the rooms of the Drum Barracks with joyous sounds, and bell ringing will occur. An encampment will be set up on the museum grounds -- visit the camp, and learn how Civil War soldiers and their families celebrated the holidays. Arts and crafts of the era will be taught during the weekend, including the decorating of a Soldier's Christmas tree. Admission to Drum Barracks is free for this special event.



Banning Residence Museum offers visitors a Victorian Christmas experience.

Banning Museum Victorian Christmas

Dates: Throughout December:

Tues. – Thurs.: 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.;

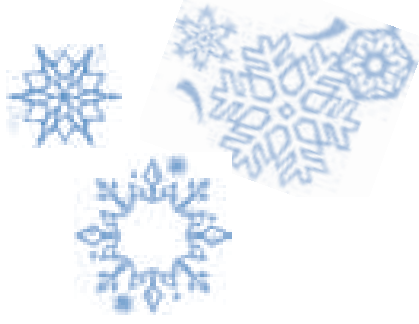
Sat. – Sun.: 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m.

Closed Christmas Day

Tickets: \$5 (suggested donation; \$1 for children)

Address: 401 E. M St., Wilmington, 90744

Information: (310) 548-7777 or www.thebanningmuseum.org



Holiday Happenings



REC AND PARKS

It's Great to Skate

Downtown on Ice celebrates 12th season.



Central City's traditional holiday favorite, *Downtown on Ice*, returns for its 12th season, running through Jan. 18.

Downtown on Ice features the City's largest outdoor ice-skating rink with the lowest admission cost, producers say.

The facility boasts a medley of free events including a holiday concert series, a Winter Holiday Festival, championship skating exhibitions, and more. New this year are special "Mommie and Me Stroller Skate" sessions on select Tuesdays.

Celebrating its 12th season for skating under the sun and stars at picturesque Pershing Square, 532 South Olive, the facility is open every day through Jan. 18.

Framed by towering skyscrapers and stunning historical landmarks, the spacious rink and event are sponsored by Rec and Parks, and Councilmember Jan Perry, Club Member.

Centrally located in the heart of downtown, the facility is easily accessible by car, bus or Metro. A partnership with Metro and Metrolink allows riders to receive a \$1 skating session discount by showing a coupon available on all mass transit lines. The convenient stop at Pershing

Square Station makes getting there easy. Underground discount parking is available with validation. For more info and a detailed session schedule go to www.laparks.org and click to Pershing Square or call (213) 847-4970.



Past years at *Downtown on Ice*.

Downtown on Ice

When: Now through Jan. 18.

Where: Pershing Square, downtown at 532 S. Olive St., across from the Millennium Biltmore Hotel.

Admission: One-hour session: \$6. Skate rental: \$2.

Hours: Open every day. General schedule: Monday – Thursday, noon – 10 p.m. Friday-Sunday, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Special Extended Holiday Hours: 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Dec. 18, through Jan. 10.

Special hours apply on Christmas, New Years Day and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Transportation: Easily accessible by bus or rail, exit at Pershing Square Station. Metro and Metrolink allows riders to receive a \$1 skating session discount by showing a coupon available on all mass transit lines. Pershing Square offers underground parking at a discount with ice skating validation.

Free Winter Concert Series: Friday nights, 8 – 10 p.m. Classic rock 'n' roll. Saturdays: Youth Fun Series, 1 – 3 p.m. Sunday Family Series, 2 – 4 p.m. (Weekday afternoon concerts during extended holiday hours.) Check Website for updates.

Free Winter Holiday Festival: Snow party for sledding and romping, Christmas tree decorating, "make and take" children's crafts, Community youth performances, photo mementos, and more. Rink is available for holiday skating (admission required). Dec. 12-13, noon to 8 p.m.

Mommie and Me Stroller Skate Sessions: Moms and babies can share outdoor fun, 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Dec. 1, Dec. 8, Dec. 15, and Jan. 12. (Moms skate and push babies in their strollers on the ice.)

Iced Tea: Wednesdays through Sundays, 2 to 5 p.m., the Millennium Biltmore's Rendezvous Court celebrates the season with the Biltmore Angel's Tea, a memorable event for the entire family. Just across the street, families can skate together at the picturesque holiday rink amid the towering skyscrapers.

Information: Pershing Square Hotline, (213) 847-4970, or www.laparks.org (click on Pershing Square).

REC AND PARKS

All Aboard for Santa

Travel Town Museum in Griffith Park offers its miniature train ride to the North Pole.

Travel Town Train Ride to Visit Santa

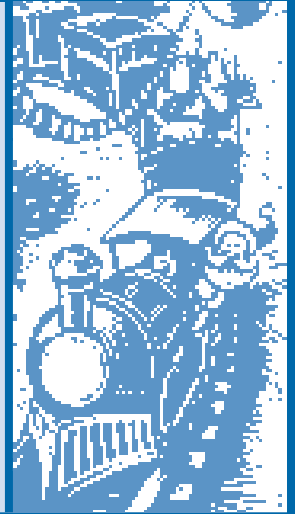
Dates: Dec. 4-6; 11-13; and nightly from Dec. 16 through 23 (weather permitting; trains do not operate in the rain)

Times: 5 until about 8 p.m.

Where: Travel Town Transportation Museum, 5200 Zoo Dr., Griffith Park

Cost: \$7 per person; infants under 18 months ride free. (Photos with Santa cost \$5 each.)

Information: (323) 662-9678, www.traveltownrailroad.com



For the seventh consecutive year, Travel Town Train Museum's Travel Town Railroad in Griffith Park is hosting a unique holiday event starring Santa Claus and thousands of dancing lights and beautiful music. Starting Dec. 4-6 and 11-13; and every evening starting Dec. 16 through 23, families will be able to take a miniature train ride to visit Santa at his house at the North Pole.

Once they arrive they will visit with Santa, get a picture with him, if desired, then get back on the train to return home along a decorated and music filled track.

While waiting for Santa the kids and parents can visit with Rudolph and one of Santa's helper elves.

This event is operated by Travel Town Railroad in cooperation with Rec and Parks. It is a wonderful alternative to visits to the mall and is a perfect

addition to a Holiday Evening in Griffith Park before or after the DWP's annual Festival of Lights.

Starting at 5 p.m., families may enter the museum and board the miniature train ride at the decorated station. While waiting to board they will be entertained by a dazzling dancing light show and a special corner of the museum where snowmen live and it snows all the time!

Once aboard, they will travel past the decorated train barn and Santa's Workshop to arrive at the North Pole. There they will disembark and visit with Santa, Mrs. Claus, Rudolph and Erin the Elf. Digital photographs will be available for \$5. Families may take their own pictures if they wish. After they have finished their visit, guests will re-board the train and travel along the decorated quarter-mile of track back to the station. The Travel Town Museum Gift Shop will be open most evenings.

ZOO

Romping With The Reindeer

Zoo trots out the 'reindeer' for holiday family fun.



Now through Jan. 3, reindeer appear at the L.A. Zoo during its annual Reindeer Romp.

Kids of all ages can get close to these beautiful creatures, talk to the reindeer keepers and make their own pair of reindeer antlers to take home with them.

The rest of the zoo will be open, too, so visitors can watch as other animals get their holiday treats during the weekends.

This yearly tradition delights young and old. Guests can visit live reindeer, as well as enjoy hands-on arts and craft activities for children of all ages. Visitors can also enjoy entertainment, shopping and more.

Reindeer Romp runs now through Jan. 3 during daily zoo hours. Closed on Christmas Day.

L.A. Zoo Reindeer Romp

When: Now through – Jan. 3

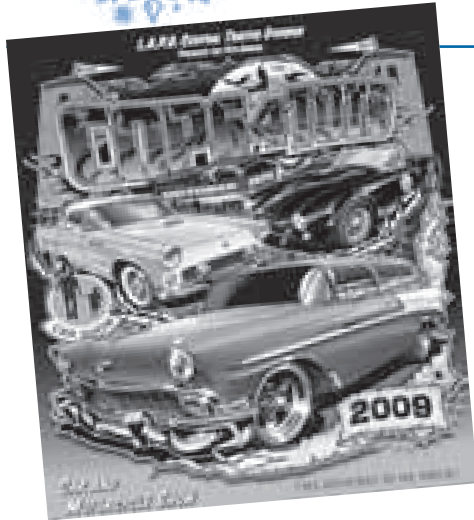
Time: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Admission: Free with regular zoo admission; photos with Santa extra.

Information: www.lazoo.org



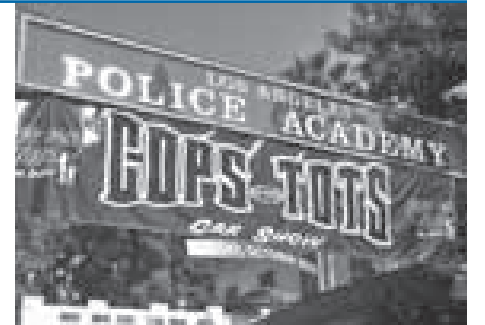
Holiday Events 2009



LAPD

Cops for Tots

Central Traffic Division brings out the show cars for a good cause.



Welcome to the event.



The music was loud, live and excellent!



Don Estrada, a Cops for Tots judge, inspects the interior of Carl Maurizi's 1929 Ford.

Story and photos by Club staff

On Oct. 25, the LAPD's Central Traffic Division held its 14th annual Cops for Tots event.

The event was held at the Police Academy near Dodger Stadium.

Proceeds from the show car registration fees benefit Children's Hospital and other children's charities. Admission for viewers was free.

Music, food and celebrity guest appearances were also part of the event.

Congratulations to the producers for another winning event!



Volunteering at the T-shirt sales booth were, from left: Juan Volasco, Victor Arroyo, Kameron Sardar and Jose Solorzano.



Officer Manny Hernandez from the Tactical Technology Unit, with the latest police car prototype, shown on the Pontiac G8 platform.



Noah Hawkins, son of Club CEO John Hawkins, checks out his dream bike, a 2008 Harley Davidson, entered by Randy Steinberg.



A 2005 GMC Sierra, entered by Kristian Pasillas.



Nancy Caiborne, a Cops for Tots judge, inspects Carl Maurizi's 1929 Ford.



Ron Adler's 1965 Volkswagen bus.



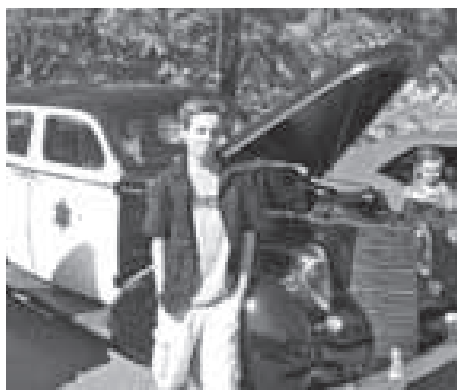
William Lofthouse's 1955 Willys pickup.



A 2006 Harley Davidson entered by Jesus Rendon.



Isaiah Hawkins, son of Club CEO John Hawkins, checks out Donald Cornes' 1924 Ford.



Noah Hawkins, son of Club CEO John Hawkins, poses in front of Thomas Garcia's 1938 Studebaker "Commander."



Stan Misraje's 1940 Ford.



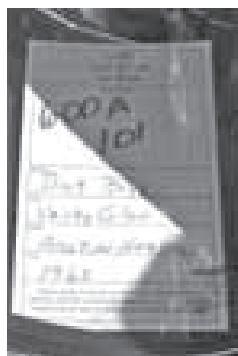
John Gocha's 2009 IAD (Intense Automotive Design Research and Development) Mosler.



Chuck Schauwecker's 1930 Ford.



A car show just isn't a car show without John Sapone's 1964 El Camino, aka the "Pothole Express."



A 1963 Austin Healey, entered by Dick Boyd.



Nhut Huynh from Metro shows his wares.



Sgt. Steve Richards, Assistant Officer in Charge of the LAPD's Underwater Dive Unit, shows Isaiah and Noah Hawkins all the very cool tools they use. Isaiah and Noah are sons of Club CEO John Hawkins.



John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins, Club CEO

WIN \$25 WalMart Card
NEXT DEADLINE: December 15
Happy Snapping!



"Through the fog, at the Golden Gate Bridge."

- Mike Aubin, Airports

John's comments: This is a striking photo, Mike, a side of the Golden Gate that rarely gets a second look. Nice work!



"Fall colors at Upper Rock Creek Lake in the Eastern Sierras."

- Brian Doherty

John's comments: Brian, I think the foreground of this photo is the best part -- the stream on the right, the rocks and the deep red foliage, all gracefully surrounded by the strong Sierra range. It's a Picture Perfect!



"This was taken at Sacramento Pass, Nev. A lone open-wire telephone line ends in the middle of nowhere amid a dusting of snow and a cloudy sky."

- Bob Hill, DWP

John's comments: The way the telephone pole is angled and the contrasting sky and snow make it look like it's alive. It's a very intense photo, Bob. Thank you!



"Unfortunately, I was unable to be at the birth of my first granddaughter; however, this sunrise picture was taken in Kauai, Hawaii, around the time she was being born. It's a small peek at the heavenly light (representing her birth), captured through the clouds and reflecting off the water (representing my daughter). Many pictures were taken on this trip; however, this one remains one of my favorites."

- Katherine Taylor, Transportation

John's comments: This is a beautiful picture with a beautiful story. Thank you, Katherine!

RUNNERS-UP:
Gina Caguiat, Raquel Borden.

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, 120 W. Second Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- When you send digital photos through the Internet, please send the full, original digital file yourself, rather than using digital photo software like Kodak EasyShare, Kodak Gallery, Flickr, etc. These programs send very low-resolution images, and they don't look good in print.
- We want you to look your best, so send us the original digital file, please! Thanks!
- Digital photos optimally should be between 100K and 2 megabytes in size and may be e-mailed to: pictureperfect@cityemployeesclub.com
- The contest is all in good fun: The Club cannot be responsible for delays in delivering *Alive!*, or for delays in the transmission of responses.

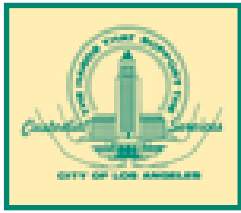
Club gifts: Unwrap the City this Christmas.

See pages 54-59 for great Club merchandise.

CUSTODIAN APPRECIATION DAY

General City services honors City's cleaners on their Appreciation Day.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Member City services Manager, and Robert Larios, Director of Operations



GENERAL SERVICES — On Nov. 5, custodians and their supervisors came out to enjoy a day of appreciation as part of the 12th annual Custodian Appreciation Day.

The event was held at Fletcher Bowron Square in the Civic Center downtown.

Custodians enjoyed their luck

at winning the many prizes available (some donated by City Employees Club) while lunching on Pollo Campero chicken, mashed potatoes, salad and rolls. City service pins and certificates were passed out, along with the towering trophy for the District of the Year.

Congratulations to the award winners, and all City Custodians. You make a big difference!

And thanks to Loretta Quenon for her assistance in producing this article.

DAY



The table filled with prizes for the raffle.



Event host Loretta N. Quenon, Director, Club Member.



Representing LAPD District were, from left: Aldridge Carter, Custodian Supervisor, Club Member; Giovanni Dunn, Custodian Supervisor, Club Member; Lucille Redmond, Custodian Supervisor, Club Member; and Lavern Cheatheat, Custodian Supervisor.



Julie Butcher, Regional Director, SEIU Local 721.



From left: Filadelfo Calderon, CSA, 10 years of City service, Club Member; Gary Shack, CSA, 9 years of City service, Club Member; Anthony Zamora, CSA, 9 years of City service; and Othello Allen, CSA, 24 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Ronald Breda, CSA, 11 years of City service; Debra Hale, CSA, 16 years of City service, Club Member; and Henry Lewis, CSA, 10 years of City service.



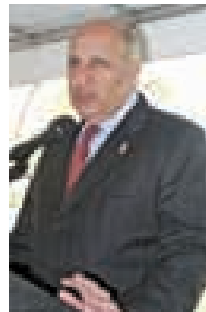
From left: Jerome Webb, Sr. CSA, 4 years of City service; Carla Duhon-Webb, Sr. CSA, 10 years of City service; Deanna Nichols, Custodian, 11 years of City service; and Jerome McCants, Custodian, 8 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Jose Lopez, CSA, 21 years of City service; and Anastacio Flores, CSA, 19 years of City service.



From left: Virginia Stocks, Retired Accounting Clerk, Club Member; Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; Ben Setiarto, Parking Manager, 15 years of City service; and Delia Sevilla, Retired, Club Member.



Councilman Dennis Zine, Club Member.



From left: Vu Tuyn, CSA, 4 years of City service; David Duran, Sr. CSA, 25 years of City service; Willie Carreon, CSA, 11 years of City service; and Santos Majano, CSA, 9 years of City service.



From left: Arthur Holt, CSA, 10 years of City service, Club Member; Mike Morimoto, Sr. CSA, 6 years of City service; and Tony Riley, CSA, 10 years of City service.



From left: Tony Gutierrez, CSA, 9 years of City service; and Luis Pagan, CSA, 36 years of City service.



From left: Claudia Gonzalez, CSA, 4 years of City service; Elizabeth Rivas-Dardon, CSA, 12 years of City service; and Ceola Beard, CSA, 10 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Susie Marroquin, CSA, 7 years of City service, Club Member; Cecilia Rivas, CSA, 9 years of City service; and Shamark Wright, CSA, 8 years of City service.



Representing South District were (standing, from left): Gregory Scott, Custodian, Club Member; and Yvette Loyd, Sr. Custodian. Seated: Vicky Hobbs, Custodian Supervisor; Jarmine Bailey, Custodian Supervisor, Club Member; and Carla Hall, Custodian Supervisor, Club Member.



From left: Carlos Amaral, Custodian, 29 years of City service; and Isaac Lizaola, Custodian, 8 years of City service.



Representing Central District were (standing, from left): Gilbert Berru, Custodian; Elva Sanchez, Acting Sr. Custodian; Huberto Docazal, Custodian Supervisor, Club Member; Hary Galeas, Custodian; Mario Escalante, Custodian; Dawin Gray, Supervisor; and Shelton Green Custodian. Seated: Clifford Brown, Custodian Supervisor; Stephanie Woods, Chief Custodian, Club Member; Fely Maladaga, Custodian Supervisor; and Miguel Santos, Sr. Custodian.





AWARDS

Senior Custodians of the Year:
 Central District: Tony Stone
 South District: Yvette Loyd
 North District: Salvador Talvera
 Civic Center: Leonardo Velasquez
 LAPD: Jorge Sansur

Custodian of the Year Award:
 Central District: Pablo Ortiz Diaz
 South District: James Parker
 North District: Alejandro Coca
 Civic Center: Alberto Aldana
 LAPD: Hurley Tademy

Custodian Supervisor of the Year:
 Central District: Fely Maladaga
 South District: Robert Hyde
 North District: Terrence Latson
 Civic Center: Glenn Penny
 LAPD: Mark Wiley

District of the Year:
 LAPD



Tony M. Royster, General Manager, Club Member.



From left: Ernestine Burley, Sr. Custodian, 23 years of City service, Club Member; Rosa from Pollo Campero; Erica Nicholson, Sr. Custodian Supervisor, 23 years of City service; and Izabel and Flor, both from Pollo Campero.



From left: Eduardo Camarillo, Custodian, 20 years of City service; Salvador Moreno, Custodian, 4 years of City service; Gae Chaing, Custodian, 12 years of City service; Glenn Penny, Supervisor; Derrick Shannon, Sr. Custodian, 9 years of City service, Club Member; and Juan Gomez, CSA, 4 years of City service, Club Member.



Valerie Melloff, Acting Assistant General Manager, Club Member.



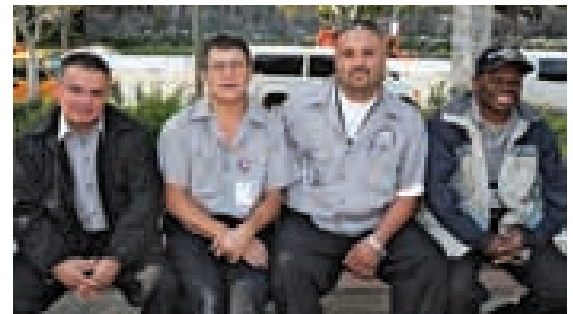
From left: Jesus Moreno, Sr. Custodian, 9 years of City service; Santos Majano, Custodian, 9 years of City service; and Santos Burgos, Custodian, 12 years of City service.



From left: Sanjuana Delatorre Salas, CSA, 3 years of City service; and Rocio Colmenares, Custodian, 8 years of City service.



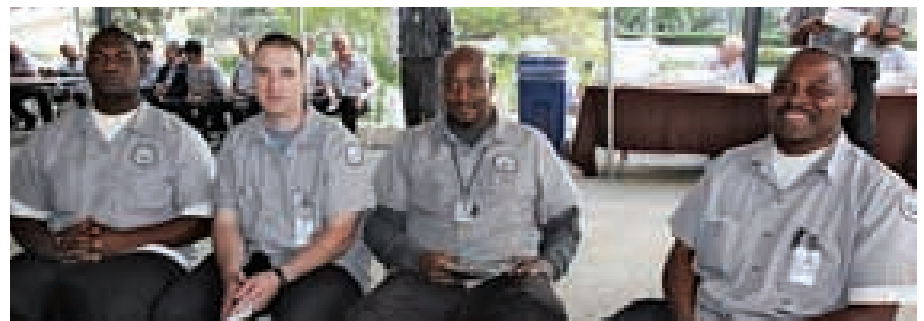
From left: Cesar Gonzalez, CSA, 7 years of City service, Club Member; and Santos Barragan, CSA, 7 years of City service.



From left: Alberto Aldana, CSA, 4 years of City service; Hector Galdamez, Custodian, 9 years of City service; Arturo Campa, CSA, 4 years of City service; and Clinton Thompson, Custodian, 8 years of City service.



From left: Kenneth Simon, CSA, 7 years of City service; Oscar Villanueva, CSA, 8 years of City service; George Sansur, Sr. CSA, 21 years of City service; Bobby Darnell, CSA, 6 years of City service, Club Member; and Alfredo Santos, CSA, 15 years of City service.



From left: Jerry Coleman, CSA, 4 years of City service; Matthew Doyle, Sr. CSA, 9 years of City service; Victor Garrett, Sr. CSA 4 years of City service; and Victor Minor, Sr. CSA, 9 years of City service.



From left: Jose Acevedo, Custodian, 9 years of City service; David Preciado, Custodian, 4 years of City service, Club Member; Leonardo Velasquez, Sr. Custodian, 9 years of City service; Maria Camacho, Custodian, 8 years of City service, Club Member; and Rosa Munguia, Custodian, 9 years of City service.



Representing North District were (standing, from left): Luz Morelos, CSA, Club Member; Carnell Baker, Supervisor, Club Member; Erica Nicholson, Sr. Custodian; Maria Puebla, Custodian, Club Member; Bobby Kimble, Custodian; James Francis, Custodian, Club Member; and Hector Gomez, Custodian. Seated: Ron Hardie, Supervisor, Club Member; and Jerrilyn Mitchell, Chief Custodian, Club Member.



From left: Melody McCormick, Director, Facilities City Services Division, General Services, Club Member; Virginia Stocks, Retired Accounting Clerk, Club Member; and Valerie Melloff, Assistant General Manager, Club Member.



Representing Civic Center District were, from left: Malcolm Courtney, Custodian Supervisor, Club Member; Alma Mayes, Custodian Supervisor, Club Member; Glenn Penny, Custodian Supervisor; LaQuan Cunningham, Custodian Supervisor; and Jarnine Bailey, Custodian Supervisor, Club Member.



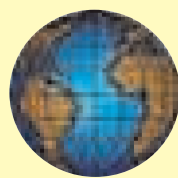


1 California



"I am submitting my *Alive!* photo from the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego. My son, Eric Romdall, is now a new Marine."
 - **George Cormany, Retired, LAPD**

Don't forget the *Alive!* Around the World Contest!



Win! \$100
 in Gift Cards

How far from Los Angeles can you take your *Alive!*!!

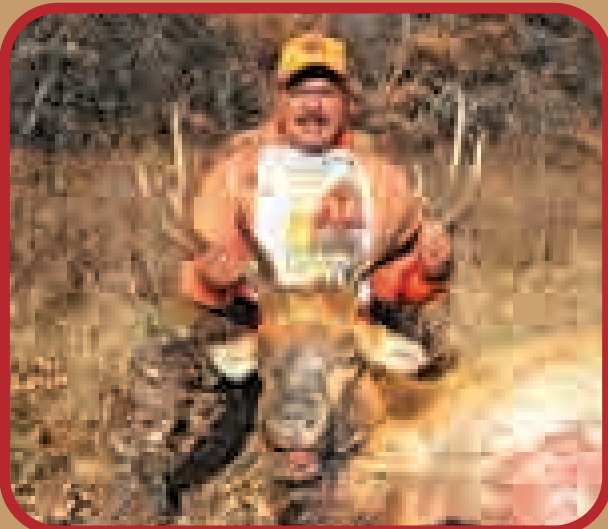
In honor of *Alive! Around the World's* fifth anniversary in September, we're creating a contest. How many miles from Los Angeles can you take your issue of *Alive!*? The Club Member who submits the photo with *Alive!* that's the farthest from the City of Los Angeles, will win \$100 in gift cards.

It's not about danger or adventure, so there's no need to go to extremes. It's just about miles and fun. Any Club Member can play. Submit your entry by Dec. 15, 2009, and we'll include the winner in the January 2010 issue of *Alive!* **Have fun!**

Contest Rules:

- The contest is open only to all Club Members in good standing.
- Your location must be clearly discernable in the photo. (We have to be able to determine you really are at that location.)
- You must be holding a copy of *Alive!* in the photo.
- All photos must be submitted by the close of business Dec. 15, 2009.
- Club staff will be the final judges of mileage from Los Angeles.
- One winner will be awarded \$100 in gift cards.
- Send your high-res digital photos to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com
- We prefer digital photos. But if you must send a paper print photo, make sure you write your name and phone number on the back. Drop it off in person, or send to: *Alive!* Around the World, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 120 W. Second St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

2 Colorado



"I have yet to see any of your *Around the World* pictures involving a hunting trip. So I thought I'd submit my own.

"This is from my hunting trip to the mountains near Paonia, Colo., Oct. 20. The animal is a bull elk.

"With concerns over animal rights advocates: This animal is currently with the butcher being cut and ground for human consumption."

- **Francisco Galvez, DWP**

3 Pennsylvania



Club Counselor Arlene Herrero in Philadelphia.

4 Greece



"Here is a picture of my wife and I in Meteora, in the region of Kalambaka, Greece. This was during our trip this past October."

- **John (Rec and Parks) and Barbara Gale**

5 Maine



Stephen Otero, Retiree, DWP, on the bank of the Penobscot River in Prospect, Maine, with Fort Knox and the Penobscot Narrows Observatory in the background.

Alive! AROUND THE WORLD

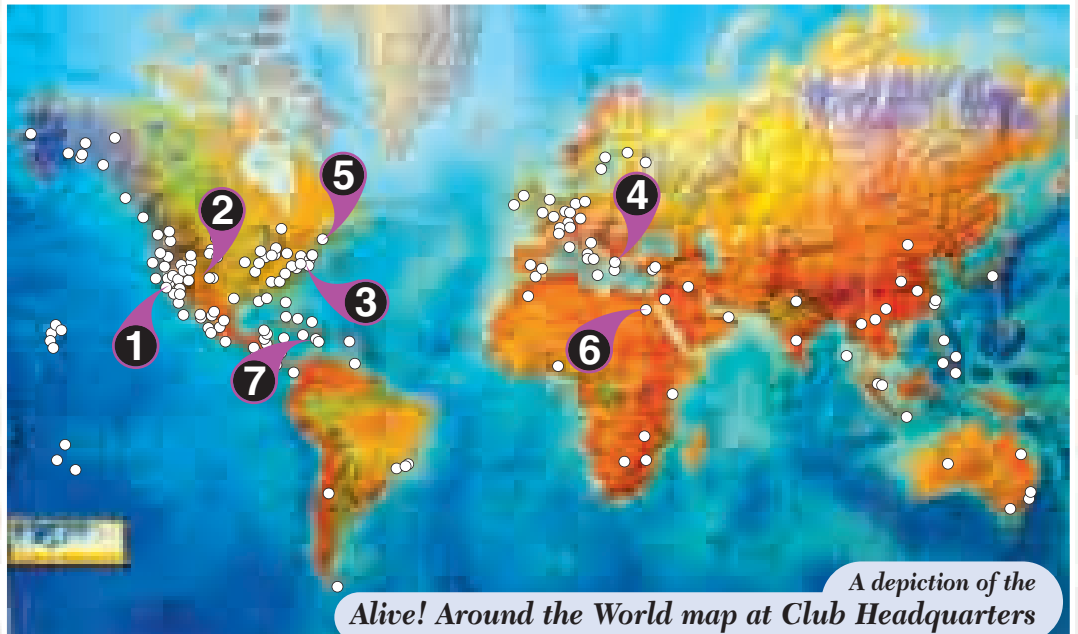


6 Egypt



"In September, we began our tour in Egypt at the base of the great pyramid on the Giza Plateau. It was truly an amazing experience to view the pyramids, sphinx, the solar boat and the Cairo Egyptian Museum. Our trip ended in Petra, Jordan's most exciting site, carved out of the craggy rock mountains south of the Dead Sea."

- Reita Dillard, Retired, Airports, and Kimberly Maston, Retired, LAPD



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

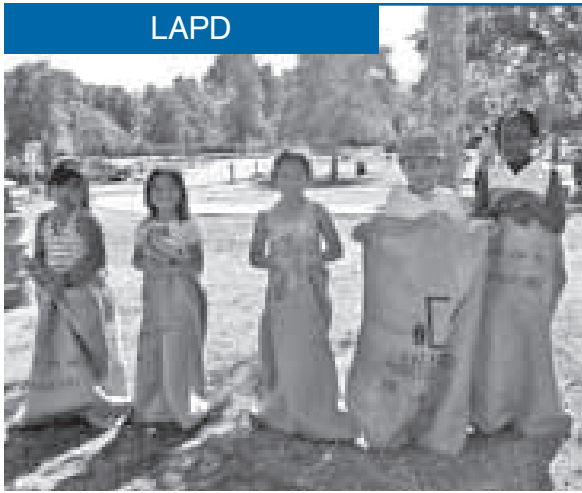
Take the Club with you, wherever you go! Club members are a well-traveled bunch. Bring your copy of Alive! with you. Snap a photo with you holding a copy, send it in, and we'll publish it. Send to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

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7 Jamaica



Here are the latest adventures of **Mike Boyd** 'Around the World': "On our latest cruise aboard the *Liberty of the Seas* (the biggest cruise ship right now), we went from Miami to Jamaica."



The sack race, a picnic game fan favorite!



Off they go; whomever pops the balloon first wins!



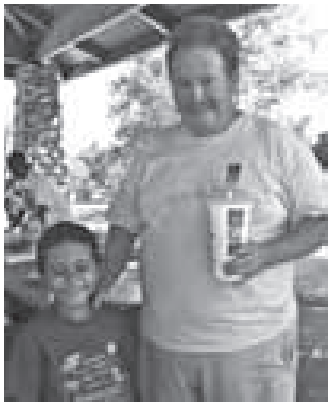
Property Officer Jennifer Winn goes down as she demonstrates the balloon game.



Karina, 2, daughter of Property Officer Martin Preciado, proudly shows off her prize.



From left: Isabella, 4; Cindy Preciado, wife of Martin Preciado; Karina, 2; and Martin Preciado, Property Officer, 2 years of City service.



Richard Kipp, Property Officer, 25 years of City service, Club Member, with son, Keigon, 6.



Standing: Jose Barajas, Property Officer, 2 years of City service. Seated, from left: wife, Darlin; son, Daniel 17 months; and twins, Sammy and Nicky, 5.



Guests Karen Gunter with Haley, 2.



Laura Romero, Property Officer, 4 years of City service; with guest, Juan Mayen.



Marie Allen, Principal Property Officer, 24 years of City service; with (from left) son, Vaughn, 15; Evaughna, 4; and nephew, Christian Alexander.



From left: Nakia Jones, Property Officer, 3 years of City service; Kalaya, 8; Janaya, 6; and Salvador Apolonio, Property Officer, 3 years of City service.



From left: Susan Bobadilla, Property Officer, 20 years of City service; her brother, John Yee; Caitlyn, 5; her sister-in-law, Sandra Yee; and Cassidy, 3 and camera-shy.



Terry Carter, Sr. Management Analyst II, Acting Commanding Officer and Club Member, with daughter Carlee, 5, and son Michael, 7.

Property Picnic

Police Property Officers have a picnic.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

The Police Dept.'s Property Officers held their picnic Sept. 26 at Balboa Park.

The event, to celebrate with family, friends and co-workers, was a success.

Special thanks go to Terry Carter, Sr. Management Analyst II, Acting Commanding Officer and Club Member, for assisting with this story.



From left: Armando Liwanag, Property Officer, 5 years of City service, Club Member; daughter, Lizbeth, 7; and wife, Marlene.



Red Abcede, Property Officer, 3 years of City service, Club Member; with daughters, Patrizia, 7 (left) and Melissa.



Michael, 7, son of Terry Carter, Acting Commanding Officer, Club Member, holds proudly his catch of the day.



From left: Jennifer Winn, Property Officer, 3 years of City service; and Susan Bobadilla, Property Officer, 20 years of City service.



From left: Lillian Parker, Property Officer, 3 years of City service; Roderick Parker; Lillian Woodfin-Parker, Sr. Property Officer, 22 years of City service, Club Member; and Joshua, 1.

DEPT. ON DISABILITY

A Day for Abilities

Mentoring program helps those with disabilities.



At Berth 145-157 Wharf Construction project at the Harbor were (from left) Senior Construction Inspector Michael Chung, Public Works/Contract Administration; mentee Robert J. Washington; mentee Marcia Villanueva; and Senior Construction Inspector Roosevelt Bagby II, Public Works/Contract Administration.

Story by Adriana Miranda, Dept. on Disability; Photos courtesy Roosevelt Bagby, Public Works/Contract Administration

On Oct. 21, 37 City employees participated in a unique mentoring program: Disability Mentoring Day 2009 (DMD). DMD is a large-scale national effort that promotes career development for students and job seekers with disabilities through hands-on career exploration and on-site job shadowing, leading to internship and employment opportunities. It is celebrated every year on the third Wednesday of October as part of National Disability Employment Awareness Month. The Dept. on Disability (DOD) partners with Disability Rights Legal Center (DRLC) for this event that connects nearly 20,000 students and job seekers with disabilities with thousands of employers in more than 300 locations in every U.S. state and territory and in more than 24 countries worldwide each year.

This year, DMD had 35 City Mentors from 13 participating City departments: Community Development Department; Public Works/Contract Administration; Public Works/Engineering; Public Works/Street Services; Rec and Parks; DWP; Environmental Affairs; Office of Finance; Harbor; Human Services; LAPD; Airports; and Councilman Dennis Zine's Office. The 60 mentees learned things including how a computer program can take dictation, taught by Programmer/Analyst Howard Wolf, ITA, without the touch of a keyboard or mouse. Others like Joseph Hernandez saw the inside of

a helicopter with his mentor, Survey Party Chief Brian Szramowski, Public Works/Engineering, Survey Section.

For more on LA Disability Mentoring Day 2009, please visit: www.disabilityrightslegalcenter.org/help/DisabilityMentoringDay2009.cfm

DOD was created in 1998 by the mayor and the City Council. It is the first department of its kind at any municipal government level in the nation. DOD services more than 15,000 people with disabilities every year and provides technical assistance to hundreds of organizations (private and public), as well as to local and international governments.

For more information on the Dept. on Disability, go to: www.lacity.org/dod/



DRLC Executive Director Paula Pearlman (left); Dept. on Disability Executive Director Regina Houston-Swain (right); and this year's honoree, Betty R. Wilson.



From Left to Right: At Port Police Headquarters were (from left) Senior Construction Inspector Victor Curiel, Public Works/Contract Administration; mentee Robert J. Washington; mentee Marcia Villanueva; and Senior Construction Inspector John Grimaldi, Public Works/Contract Administration.



Los Angeles City Employee Chicano Association

Holiday Party & Toy Drive

Join Us For Our 38th Annual Holiday Celebration and Toy Drive

Thursday, Dec. 17, 5:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Tamayo's Restaurant
5300 Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90022

2009 Toy Recipient: East Los Angeles Community Youth Center

Dinner, dancing, door prizes and much more!
Dance to the music of DJ Maximus and live entertainment provided by "Touch"

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

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 3: RLACEI Christmas Party, Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park Dr. Lunch at noon. Courtesy taxi rides form the parking areas, courtesy of the Independent Taxi Owners Association. Call for reservations.

Call (800) 678-4145, ext. 701, for reservations to these events.

RLACEI:

Two Commissioners Leave Due to State Conflict Act

President Ed Harding reports:



Ed Harding

"On Oct. 27, Neil Ricci and I attended a luncheon for Sara Hill, given by LACERS. Sarah Hill, a Senior Management Analyst at LACERS overseeing the Planning and Research Section of the Health Benefits Administration and Communications Division, recently left City service to get married. Immediately after her wedding, Sara will be relocating to New Jersey to be with her new husband, Michael. Sarah has been an integral part of LACERS, working with LACERS retirees and assisting them with their health benefits for the past six years. LACERS staff thanks her for her dedication to the department and wish her well in her future endeavors.

"RLACEI and I join with the LACERS staff in thanking her for her dedication to her job and wishing her well in her future. Whenever I needed help for one of our Retirees, Sarah was right there to help solve our problem. I will miss her for all her help and for her friendship.

"I wish to remind you of the Retirees' Christmas Party at noon Thursday, Dec. 3, at the Grace E.

Simons Lodge at 1025 Elysian Park Dr. Gary Mattingly will be installing our newly elected Directors. Chris & Pitts BBQ will serve lunch, and Linda Hayek will provide entertainment. John Hawkins and Robert Larios from the City Employees Club will be there with some great door prizes. There will be more than 50 door prizes plus boxes of See's Candy. Call the RSVP number for reservations.

"Nominating Chair Neil Ricci noted that all of the Directors elected at our October Annual Meeting are reruns and are not to be confused with the character 'Rerun' in the Peanuts comic strip. If you want to be considered for a nomination for a future office of Director, send a resume to Neil and 458 21st Place, Santa Monica, CA 90402.

"Are you planning to retire soon? If you are, Membership Chair Helen Salgado invites you to join the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) which is the only one exclusively serving the interests of L. A. City retirees for only \$1 a month. Call Helen or one of our officers for more information."

Director Mary Beetz reports:



Mary Beetz

"Tax Dependent Certification Forms: If you received a mailing from L A C E R S requesting you to complete a Certification of Dependent Status for Health

Coverage form, it is important that you do so and return it to LACERS as soon as possible. LACERS would have mailed this form to you if you are enrolled in a LACERS medical plan or participating in LACERS Medical Premium Reimbursement Program and are a:

- retiree that is covering dependents, or
- a surviving spouse/domestic partner.

"If you believe you should have received this mailing, but did not, or if you need another form, please contact LACERS immediately. A copy of this form can also be found on page 47 of LACERS'

LACERS Update,
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Legislative Update, Ken Spiker reports:



Ken Spiker

"Board President Eric Holoman and Vice President Moctesuma Esparza have both resigned as Commissioners. Neither resignation is the result of, or had any connection to, current or pending investigations. Newly signed state legislation prohibits anyone to serve on a pension or retirement Public Board of Administration if they are selling or providing any investment product that would be considered an asset to a public retirement system. Both commissioners felt their personal employment may fall

under the provisions of the act. Both were extremely well qualified to be pension commissioners and will be a loss to our board.

"Board elections were held, and Roberta Conroy, our newest Commissioner, was elected president. She is retired after serving as senior vice president of Capital Guardian Trust Co. She has a Bachelor's degree and a law degree. Richard Rogers was elected as the board's vice president. He was elected by the current employees as their one of two members of the Commission. He

currently is employed by the City's Fire and Police Pension System as an investment officer.

"Our retirement fund is holding its own at \$9.3 billion. Checks are guaranteed each month.

"The early retirement program has finally received City Council and mayoral approval and is in full effect. LACERS staff is processing 200 to 300 applications per month compared to 500 per year. As many as 2,450 current employees are covered by the provisions of the ordinance and are expected to retire.

RLACEI Website

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

Contact LACERS

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

The Best Years



The Oosterdam.

By Hal Danowitz,
Secretary, RLACEI

Retiree Hotlines

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

City Employees Retirement System:
(213) 473-7200

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

• R.S.V.P.	Ext. 701
• Edward Harding	Ext. 703
• Phil Skarin	Ext. 709
• Michael Karsch	Ext. 704
• Jerry Bardwell	Ext. 706
• Harold Danowitz	Ext. 707
• Jack Mathews	Ext. 712
• Helen Salgado (membership)	Ext. 713
• Americo Garza	Ext. 710
• Tom Stemnock	Ext. 708
• Mary Beetz	Ext. 711
• Neil Ricci	Ext. 714

DWP Retirement Plan Office: (213) 367-1722

RLACEI:

Officers for 2009

Edward Harding, President
Kenneth Spiker, First Vice President
Tom Stemnock, Second Vice President
Hal Danowitz, Secretary
Jerry Bardwell, Treasurer

Committee Chairpersons for 2009

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

Directors

Michael Karsch
Americo Garza
Helen Salgado
Phil Skarin
Jack Mathews
Neil Ricci
Mary Beetz



The Big Cruise

■ Part 1: Hal and Evelyn prepare for a long cruise to Europe.

Last year when Evelyn retired, we took a number of week or two-week trips, except for our road trip to my 50th high school reunion. This year, we decided to take a trip to places that we had not seen, and we wanted to do it by cruising.

We had not been to Europe for at least three years, and Evelyn had never been to Italy. While I had been to Italy (41 years ago), neither of us had been to Spain, Portugal or Greece. I did a little research and found what I thought was the perfect cruise. It was a 28-day re-positioning cruise from Venice, Italy, to Fort Lauderdale, Fla. At first it was a little hard to convince Evelyn that we could do a 28-day cruise and still stay married, but in the end we both agreed that it would be a great trip.

I didn't want to book too early and figured that if I waited a while, the price would come down. I also figured that the cruise line Holland America (HAL) might offer better prices as it got closer to the sailing date. The ship was to sail from Venice, Italy, Oct. 5, and I was started looking at it last January. We talked to our cousins, Don and Myrna, about going, and I couldn't get them to commit until Evelyn and I promised to learn how to play bridge. After that was settled, I waited until mid-May before I started to check on prices. When you book a cruise you give them a small deposit, which is normally refundable up to the date when final payment is due, which is usually 90 days before sailing.

I decided to book directly with HAL and not use a travel agent. The only advantage to this is that I controlled my own reservation and could deal directly with HAL on any questions or concerns. Like us, Don and Myrna have status with HAL, which means that we would get the best pricing available. If you like to cruise, then it can be helpful if you pick a line that you like and stick with them, because the more you cruise with them the better they treat you.

I had been checking the HAL Website and knew what the best price was for the type of veranda staterooms we wanted. I called HAL and talked to a reservation

agent and was assured that if we booked then, that any reduction in price would also be given to us. What I didn't know then (but was told by the agent) is that you need to ask for the new price; they won't just give it to you.

With that understanding, we booked the cruise. The 28 days consisted of two separate cruises: a 12-day cruise from Venice to Barcelona, Spain, and a 16-day cruise from Barcelona to Fort Lauderdale. By booking as two separate cruises the price was cheaper than if we booked one 28-day cruise. No one could explain the reason for this. We booked veranda staterooms (category VE) for both couples. The price was less than what I had found on the Website, and two weeks later they dropped the price again and we were able to get the lower price. We couldn't book a specific stateroom and we didn't know if we would

have to change staterooms in Barcelona. We asked that the two staterooms be next to each other, as this makes it easier to have our cocktail parties. About two weeks before we were to sail, we got our stateroom assignments, and we were upgraded to a category VB (same-size stateroom on a higher deck). They were next to each other, and we did not have to change in Barcelona.

Because Evelyn had not been to Italy, I felt it was important for us to go there a week before the cruise to see Rome and Florence. The ship would stop at both, but neither is on the water, and the ports are a one-and-a-half to two-hour drive one-way to the cities. Our ship, the *Oosterdam*, was to sail from Venice Oct. 5, so we decided to fly to Rome a week early and stay three nights there, two nights in Florence and one night in Venice before we boarded the ship. The ship would stay overnight in Venice so we would have two nights there.

I decided not to use the air option offered by HAL (Myrna and Don did), so I booked my own reservations. I found that Air New Zealand had the cheapest fare to London, and that we could book Premium Economy for only \$790 one-way. We had flown with them in that class before and it is like business class except the seats are not as large, but it is very comfortable for an over night flight. We left LAX Sept. 28 at 4:30 p.m. and arrived in London at 11:15 the next day. I then used American Express points to fly British Air to Rome in Business Class; I did that to use the British Air lounge at Heathrow. On the way home, I booked American Airlines from Fort Lauderdale to LAX in first class using mileage.

One of the problems I had was to decide how to get from Rome to Venice, either by train or driving ourselves. We were going to gone for 35 days, so I was concerned about the amount of luggage we would be taking. We both agreed that we could not take enough clothes for the whole trip and that we would do laundry on the ship. In the end, we took three large bags and two carry-on bags. I didn't want



Hal and Evelyn.



Don and Myrna.



to have to haul the luggage on and off a train, so we decided to drive. I booked our car with Hertz and requested a GPS that spoke English.

With that decision made, I made sure that the hotels in Rome and Florence had parking

available. We would drop the car off in Venice, and I found a hotel just a short way from the Hertz office, but more about all that later. I also booked a car to pick us up at the Rome airport and take us to our hotel.

After that was settled, I began to research each city we would visit to decide whether to take our own tours or to use the ship's tours. It would be just Evelyn and I on the first part of the trip to Rome and Florence; Don and Myrna would join us in Venice.

I reviewed all the tours that HAL offered and then used the Internet to see which tours we could do ourselves and which we would use the ship's tours. I also used www.frommers.com

to print out walking tours of each city, and this helped me decide if what the ship was offering was good or not. I also took into consideration the distance from the ship we would have to travel and how safe we would be on our own. In the end, we did most everything right except for a few places where we used a ship's tour and we could have easily done it ourselves. We seem to repeat learning this lesson.

I set up a blog so our friends and readers could follow our trip – www.halandevelyn.blogspot.com

The last thing I did was buy euros and also traveler's checks to take with us.

Our itinerary was as follows: before the

cruise, Rome (three nights), Florence (two nights) and Venice (two nights). We boarded the ship in Venice, and then visited Dubrovnik (Croatia); Corfu (Greece); Argostoli (Greece); Santorini (Greece); Cantana (Sicily); Naples (Italy); Civitavecchia (Rome, Italy); Livorno (Florence and Pisa, Italy); Barcelona (two nights, Spain); Alicante (Spain); Malaga (Spain); Casablanca (Morocco); Cadiz (Seville, Spain); Lisbon (Portugal); Funchal (Maderia, Portugal); then six days at sea; Half Moon Cay (Bahamas); and Fort Lauderdale.

Next month we will begin with our flight over to Rome.

RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

John Powell's wife, Annabelle, had a hip replacement, and is hopping around just fine.

Leo Rosen is getting treatments for lymphoma and is feeling better.

Frances (Cota) Schulz is an officer in the Kern River Valley Poets and Writers Club, which publishes an annual book of their member's writings, a copy of which she sent to me. Frances is a frequent winner in our Retiree's Poetry Contest.

Not Faster Than A Speeding Bullet... Retired runner extraordinaire **Ken Kochakji** is bested by a man named Bullet. Retired Traffic Officer and frequent *Alive!* contributor **Ken Kochakji** reports that, in a recent race, he was bested by a man named Bullet. **Kochakji** came in third in his age group during the recent Westlake Village City Celebration Run 5K. A 67-year-old man named Bullet finished second in the age group. But knowing **Ken**, he's probably gaining on that Bullet!

If you have news about yourself or other retirees, send it to Phil Skarin at 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

The Best Gifts

The best kinds of gifts you can give to your friends aren't things, but some of the following:

- ◆ The gift of listening.
- ◆ The gift of affection.
- ◆ The gift of laughter.
- ◆ The gift of a written note.
- ◆ The gift of a compliment.

– Phil Skarin



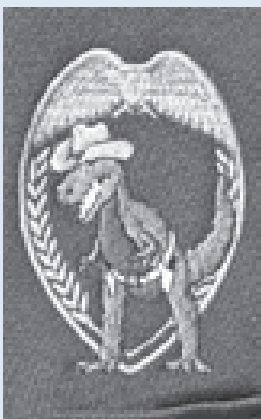
LACERS Update

■ **Mary Beetz, continued from page 25**

2010 Health Benefits Guide.

"State Taxation of Retirement Allowance to Increase: As a result of the passage of Assembly Bill X4 17, the 2009 California Withholding Schedules for Personal Income Tax was to be replaced effective Nov. 1. The withholding rates for regular and supplemental wages, which include LACERS retirement allowances, will increase. For more information, consult your tax advisor, visit the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) website at www.ftb.ca.gov, or call FTB at (800) 852-5711.

"The LAFUCU Board Election and Annual Meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 23. Many of our retirees hold office in the Credit Union, which is also a contributor to our Golf Tourney."



The Dinosaurs logo.



Dinosaurs members, back row from left: Al Duvall, James Norville, Oscar Smith, Jerry Hayes, Charles Gleason, Clarence Franklin, Azell Scoggins and Alfred Turner. Front: Will Hildreth, Anita Kincherlow, Glendon Jeffers, Bettye Bailey, Mattie Thompson, Phyllis Massey, Clifford Kennish, Vincent Shepherd, Clyde Williams, and John Hamilton. Not pictured: Alex Bernard and Elva Bufford.



Leonard Valentine.



Donna Grimes.



These Dinosaurs Are Alive

■ **Airports Retiree group has a motto about helping others.**

Story and photos courtesy the Dinosaurs

AIRPORTS — The Dinosaurs, formed in 2002, is a group of retired Airport Police, Operations and Security Officers. The idea and concept of the Dinosaurs developed over several years and came to fruition through the effort and leadership of Sgt. Alfred Turner.

The Dinosaurs' mission is to promote and maintain a close personal relationship with fellow law enforcement officers, retired and active, while sustaining and perpetuating the growth, stability and well being of the group through various initiatives and undertakings.

The Dinosaurs have set some goals and objectives that include:

- Research and document the history of the Airport Police for the benefit of past, present and future officers. The Airport Police has a rich history that began in the 1940s.
- Establish and develop a counseling program for active and retired Airport Police personnel.
- Establish a scholarship fund for the children and grandchildren of Airport Police personnel (active and retired).
- Develop and maintain programs, i.e. seminars, lectures, etc., which will provide assistance to the Dinosaurs members who may need information and assistance relating to items include estate planning and healthcare issues.

Special thanks to Phyllis Massey for the information.



ITA

Robin Cannon, Club Member.



Robin Retires

Robin Cannon, Club Member, retires from ITA after more than 30 years of City service.



Kevin Crawford, Assistant General Manager, ITA, awards Robin Cannon with a commendation.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

On Sept. 23, friends, co-workers and family celebrated the retirement of Robin Cannon, who leaves the City with more than 30 years of City service..

The party was held at Taix restaurant near downtown.

Robin, a Club Member, retires as a Sr. Data Processing Technician with the ITA.

Well-wishers gifted her with cards, puzzles and peanut M&Ms.

Congratulations on your career, Robin, and enjoy your retirement!

Alive! thanks Rosie Delgado for her assistance in producing this article.



Robin Cannon, surrounded by her family.



From left: Ruth Daniels, Retired Sr. DPT II, Club Member; and Shirley Roberson, Retired Sr. DPT II, Club Member.



From left: Charlotte Bullock, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member; and Eddie Williams Jr., ISOM 1, Club Member.



From left: Linda Thomas, SA, Public Works/Sanitation, Club Member; Gail Allen, SA, Controller's Office, Club Member; and Edward Jones, SA.



From left: Miriam Weiber, PA II; Veronica Grayson, SA II, Club Member; and Janice White-Harris, Chief Communication Operator.



From left: Evelyn Martinez, System Analyst, Club Member; Wendy Gross, PA; Peggie Kirkpatrick, PA, Club Member; and Ron Gross, Retired SP.



From left: Cuong Nguyen, SP II, Club Member, with Alice Gunn, aunt of Robin Cannon, Club Member.



From left: Darrell Williams, SA II, Club Member; Cathi Burselson, Retired DPT II, Club Member; Linda Pickler, SA; and Theresa Magabilin, Messenger Clerk, Club Member.



From left: Blesi Rhodes, spouse of David Rhodes, Club Member; Agnes Lunger Tam, 311 Technical Services Director; and Kevin Crawford, Assistant General Manger, ITA.



Martha Bell, PA, and David Yoshihara, PA.



From left: Mary Prazes, Retired Clerk Typist; and Sarah Danner, Retired ISOM II, with her husband, Isaac.



From Left: Dennis Soja, CE Supervisor; Jack Gardner, Retired Communication Electrician, Club Member; and Mary Iniguez, Sr. DPT.



From left: Gail Brown, Sr. Systems Analyst, 31 years of City service, Club Member; Donna Powe, SP; and Erma Dozier, Data Entry Operator, Club Member.



From left: Jack Ng, Retired PA, Club Member; Anna Der, PA; Charlene Dennis, SP, Club Member; and Sandra Rangel, SP, Club Member.



From left: Dianne Wilson, ISOM II; Yvette McFrazier, Retired Executive Admin Asst. II; and Gladys Monroe, Sr. DPT II, Club Member.



From left: Danita Phillips, MA II, Airports; Prestonia Dotch, Retired Clerk, Club Member; and Terry Hadley, Clerk Typist, Club Member.



David Lindsay, PA III, Club Member, with Georgianna Mitchell, PA.



From left: Lakshmi Yoshihara, Sr. SA II; Debbie Cabeza, PA, Club Member; and Glenn Haugen, PA.



From left: Claudia Hawkins, DPT; Beverly Pleasant, Executive Admin Assistant III, General Services, Club Member; and Pat Dorsey, SA II, Club Member.

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Club gifts: Unwrap the City this Christmas.

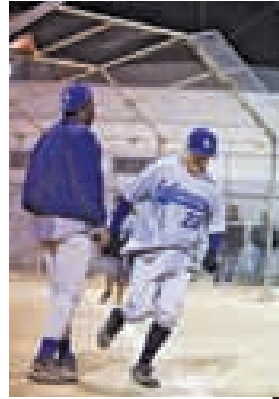
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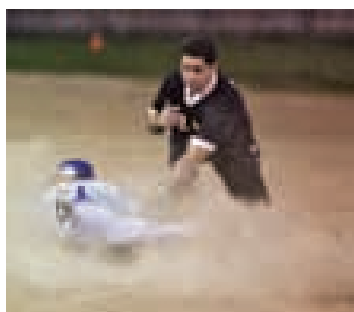
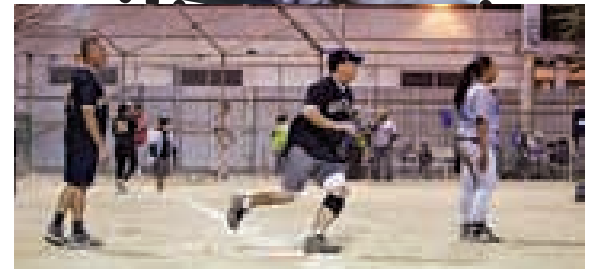


News from Sports Leagues sponsored by the City Employees Club of Los Angeles

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Softball Playoffs - Guzzlers vs. Enforcers



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Softball League 2009

FINAL REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS

TEAM	GAMES PLAYED	WINS	LOSSES	TIES	WINNING PERCENT
LAX Jets	11	10	1	0	0.909
Sluggers	11	8	2	1	0.800
Enforcers	11	8	3	0	0.727
Bravo Tango	11	8	3	0	0.727
Guzzlers	11	6	3	2	0.667
Warriors	11	7	4	0	0.636
The Hitmen	11	7	4	0	0.636
Transformers	11	3	7	1	0.300
Head First	11	3	8	0	0.273
I'd Hit It	11	2	9	0	0.182
Reservoir Dawgs	11	1	10	0	0.091
DOT-gers	11	1	10	0	0.091

Playoffs Scores

October 7, 2009

B DIVISION	HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	LOCATION
	Enforcers - 17	Warriors - 12	Shatto
	Guzzlers - 10	Bravo Tango - 5	Shatto

C DIVISION	HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	LOCATION
	Head First - 5	Dot-Gers - 2	Downey
	I'd Hit It - 7	Reservoir Dawgs - 0*	Downey

October 21, 2009

B DIVISION	HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	LOCATION
	LAX Jets - 5	Guzzlers - 12	Shatto
	Sluggers - 8	Enforcers - 12	Shatto

C DIVISION	HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	LOCATION
	The Hitmen - 15	I'd Hit It - 4	Downey
	Transformers - 11	Head First - 32	Downey

October 28, 2009

B DIVISION	HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	LOCATION
	Enforcers - 11	Guzzlers - 14	Downey

C DIVISION	HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	LOCATION
	The Hitmen - 3	Head First - 2	Downey

B DIVISION Champions 2009

Guzzlers

C DIVISION Champions 2009

The Hitmen
* (FF) Forfeit

Game Locations



Downey Recreation Center
1772 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA, 90031

Shatto Recreation Center
3191 4th Street
Los Angeles, CA. 90020

Yosemite Recreation Center
1840 Yosemite Drive
Los Angeles, CA. 90041



The Guzzlers

They Are the Champions!

■ *Guzzlers and Hitmen win their divisions in the first Club Softball League.*

Story and photos by Club staff.

What can be said about the Club's softball season? It was exciting and action-packed. The regular season started way back in July and, through rainouts and fires, the league made it to the playoffs in October.

And what a playoff it was. We got to see the Enforcers just squeeze by the always-tough Warriors in the first round. Round two provided a stunning victory by the Guzzlers to outlast the heavy favorite LAX Jets. And on Oct. 28, the Guzzlers were victorious over the sizzling-hot Enforcers as the Guzzlers became the 2009 Division B Champions.



Division C showcased a defensive battle between heavyweights Head First and the Hitmen, for which the Hitmen became victorious and won the Division C title.

Congratulations to the Guzzlers and the Hitmen for an incredible championship run. To the rest of the teams, the Club wishes a hearty thanks and congratulations, for the league could not have been possible without their energy and classy sportsmanship!

Special thanks to David Gadelha, Senior Recreation Director/Softball Director for Rec and Parks. The Club thanks him for making the inaugural Club softball season amazingly fun.



The Hitmen

CLUB SPORTS



For all the latest scores and schedules, go to: www.eteamz.com/cityemployeescluboflosangeles/

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Softball Playoffs

- Hitmen vs. Head First



Join the new Club Basketball League



It's Time for Basketball!

Deadline has been extended for Club basketball league. Get in on the fun!

Calling all City hoopsters – and hoop stars! Join the new Club-sponsored Basketball League.

All Club Members are eligible to join. League memberships are paid for by the Club.

“Everyone has told us how much they’re loving the Club Softball League,” said the Club’s Sports Dude, Robert Larios. “There’s been real excitement on the fields.

“And we just know there are lots of great basketball players, too,” he continued. “So don’t wait. Let’s get dribbling, and show your stuff!”

For now, the league is for men only. A minimum of five teams is needed for the league to form.

The 2010 season begins in January. Registration deadline has been extended until Dec. 15.

Possible gym locations are:

- Expo Sports Complex in Exposition Park; and/or
- LACES Recreation Center in the Fairfax area.

Games may be played at 7, 8 or 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. A playoff and championship game are planned.

“We’re really excited about this first hoops league,” Larios said. “It’s another great service the Club provides. So sign up!”

All participants must be Club Members in good standing.

Contact Robert Larios, the Sports Dude, for registration information:

- sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com
- (800) 464-0452, ext. 134
- www.cityemployeesclub.com





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CLUB STORE

Brian, your Club CFO says...

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Refund Check



Refund Checks at Club Store Dec. 1-4

The Club's Life Insurance refund for 2009 is approximately \$281,000. Are you eligible?

Here come the refund checks ... right to the Club Store, where they can be picked up Dec. 1-4. After that, they will be mailed.

The Board of Directors approved a Club Life Insurance refund of approximately \$281,000 to be distributed back to the eligible Club members.

The Club continues its tradition of rewarding Club Life Insurance policyholders with a return of unused premiums (total premiums collected less paid claims and expenses). The 2009 refund will be the Club's 78th refund in its 81 years of existence.

For the first time, refund checks will be distributed first at the Club Store. Those who have a refund coming can pick up their checks beginning at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1. Identification is required.

The checks will be available at the Club Store through Friday, Dec. 4. Those checks that remain will be mailed beginning Monday, Dec. 7.

If you want to know the amount of your refund check, you can check the status by calling the Club at (800) 464-0452 or emailing us at info@cityemployeesclub.com.

"Club Life Insurance is all about being there when our Members are in need," said Brian

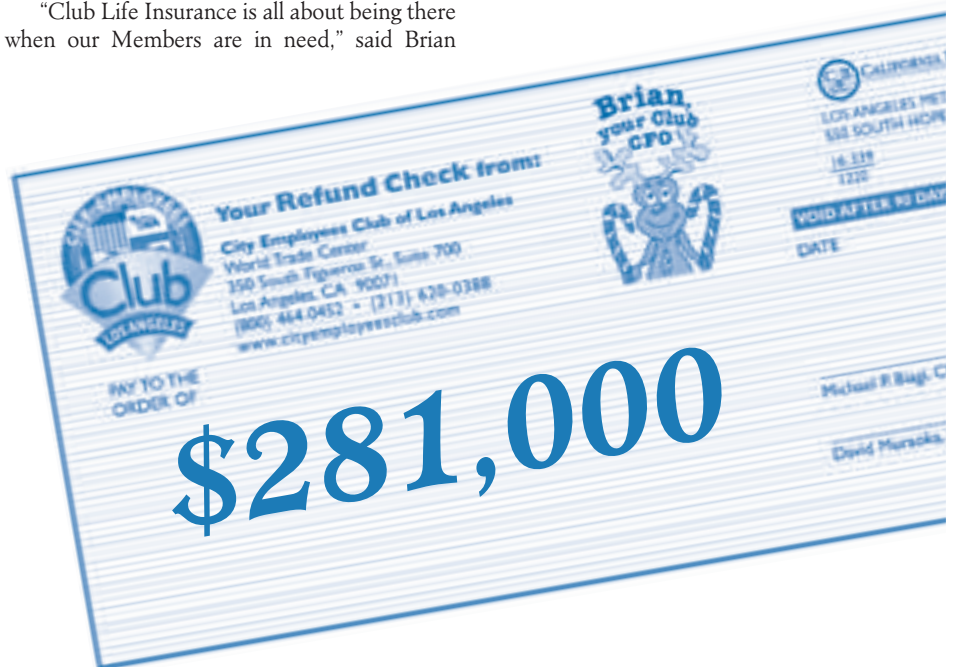
Trent, the Club's Chief Financial Officer. "That's our first priority. And, when we can, we are happy to return that portion of the premiums that are not needed. And we've been able to do that in all but three years of the Association's existence."

Who is eligible? Anyone who had Life, Spouse Life, Dependent Life, Retiree Life or Retiree Spouse Life Insurance in force for the month of July 2009 is eligible for a refund.

The actual amount Members receive will be determined as a percentage of the total premiums paid by an individual for the period of August 2008 through July 2009. However, those who dropped their insurance coverage prior to July 31, 2009, are not eligible for any refund.

Are you not eligible for a refund check, but would like to be? It's so simple. Purchase any Life product from the Club, and you're eligible for next year. Insure your family's future and receive a little reward each year for living!

Talk to your Club Counselor, or call the Club at (800) 464-0452.



{ *Who are the people you see every day?* }

No. 23 in a series.

People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.



Meet Jack McVicker.

AGE: "I'm 67."
BIRTHPLACE: "Lodi, Ohio."
WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES? "Fifteen years ago. I was tired of the cold weather."
MARITAL STATUS: "Single."
FAMILY: "I have two brothers and six sisters."
RELIGION: "I was raised Methodist."
FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: "Just having fun, playing with ponies, dogs and cats."
WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "Right here in Flag Park."
EDUCATION: "I graduated from Cloverleaf High School in Lodi, Ohio."
MILITARY: "I was in the Army for three years, stationed in Germany as a mail clerk."
WHAT WAS THE LAST JOB YOU HAD? "I was a janitor. Right now, the way I get money is by recycling aluminum cans."
FAVORITE SPORTS: "Baseball and football."
FAVORITE FOOD: "Pizza."
FAVORITE MOVIE: "*Gone With the Wind*."
FAVORITE ACTOR: "Clark Gable."
FAVORITE ACTRESS: "Halle Berry."
WHAT'S THE LAST BOOK YOU READ? "It was a Tom Clancy book. I can't remember the name."
FAVORITE TV SHOW: "*Law and Order*."
FAVORITE CANDY: "Peanut M&Ms."
FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY: "I like the L.A. Mall, and I like it right here in Flag Park."
IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE? "To be able to do research about how America was really discovered, to go back 14,000 years or more."
IF YOU HAD A MILLION DOLLARS, WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH IT? "I would buy a lot of property in a little town back in Ohio. I'd have a nice house with some property."
ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Get a job ... and an education."
IF YOU WERE THE MAYOR, WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO HELP THE HOMELESS? "I would try to get us off the streets."
WHAT WAS THE LAST THING YOU ATE? "A couple hot dogs yesterday."
WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF 5 YEARS FROM NOW? "In a place of my own."

The Club gave Jack a McDonald's gift certificate, some cash, snacks, and a Club tote bag.

This interview took place in Nov. 17 in Flag Park, across from City Hall.

Newsbriefs

SAFE IN THE SOUTH:

Public Works/Sanitation reopened its newly constructed South Los Angeles S.A.F.E. (Solvents, Automotives, Flammables and Electronics) Collection Center Oct. 27. "The Center provides both Los Angeles City and County residents with a permanent facility to safely and legally recycle and/or dispose of potentially hazardous waste," said Enrique C. Zaldivar, Director, Sanitation. "These items, which can be hazardous to the workers, animals and the environment, should not be disposed of in the regular trash, but instead should be delivered to a S.A.F.E. Collection Center for proper recycling or disposal."

Potentially hazardous materials include:

- RSM or Residential Special Material: paint products (paint, paint thinner, turpentine, solvents, etc); automotive products (used motor oil, oil filters, brake fluid, antifreeze, car batteries, etc); computer monitors and televisions; household and garden chemicals (including pool cleaners and fertilizers); "sharps" (syringes and needles), and expired or unused medication (excluding controlled substances).
- U-Waste or Universal Waste: fluorescent tubes, bulbs (CFLs), mercury-containing lamps, thermostats and common household batteries; and
- E-Waste or Electronic Waste: televisions, computer and computer monitors, cell phones, printers, fax machines, radios, VCRs and microwave ovens.

The S.A.F.E. Center, at 2649 E. Washington Blvd. in Los Angeles, is the sixth such collection center operated by the City. It is open Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., excluding holidays.

Information: www.lacity.org/SAN/index.htm, or call (800) 98-TOXIC [(800) 988-6942.]

NEW NATURAL GAS AT ONTARIO:

On Sept. 24, the Airports Board of Airport Commissioners approved the development of a Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling station at LA/Ontario International Airport. The new station will provide CNG on site for vehicles operated by LA/Ontario, airport tenants, commercial fleets traveling on Interstate 10, consumer vehicles, and transit agency and local school district buses.

"The station supports City's and Airports' 'green' initiatives," said Jess Romo, LA/Ontario's manager. "The station also addresses the use of alternative fuels advocated or mandated by local, state and federal agencies."

Airports owns and operates 48 CNG-powered vehicles in its LA/Ontario fleet, which represents approximately 25 percent of the airport's total fleet. LA/Ontario's annual CNG consumption is expected to increase as it continues to transition all of its fleet to CNG. In addition to the LA/Ontario fleet, third party commercial operators including shared ride vans and taxicabs are obligated to convert their fleets to CNG as part of contractual arrangements with Airports. Lastly, LA/Ontario will acquire 17 new CNG passenger courtesy shuttle buses within the next two years.

"With the exception of fuel purchased by the airport, the project comes at no cost to Airports and is projected to save LA/Ontario more than \$1.8 million over the next 10 years in preferential pricing for Airports and passenger courtesy shuttle bus fleet," Romo adds. "We are also anticipating a revenue stream of at least \$95,000 in rent and royalties during this period, not including yearly increases to land rent and royalties from third party fuel sales that are expected to grow."

A reliable and readily available station at LA/Ontario is critical, since there are limited CNG fueling station resources within the vicinity of the airport. There are two stations within five miles of LA/Ontario that service the airport's existing and future fleet. However, they do not operationally and cost-effectively meet the airport's needs and anticipated demand. LA/Ontario pays full price for CNG off the airport.

The new 6,500-square-foot station, to be located on Airport Drive and Haven Avenue, will be built, operated and maintained by Clean Energy Fuels Corp. under a 10-year contractual agreement with one five-year renewal option. The station will feature 24-hour video surveillance, card reader and training video, 3,000- and 3,600-pressure-fill options, dispenser hose signs, landscaping, and lighted canopy.



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

HARBOR

Port Police: Prepared

Port Police inaugurates new Tactical Planning Division to handle emergency events.

Story and photos by Dong Lee, Senior Lead Officer, Port Police

The Port Police is introducing its newest division: the Tactical Planning Division, an assembly of Port Police officers and staff dedicated to preparing for emergency events.

The recent movie *2012* depicts scenes of epic catastrophe and utter carnage happening all around the world. Earthquakes, tidal waves and asteroids engulf the mass public in panic and hysteria as the world comes to an end. This is just a movie, but how will we prepare for a real catastrophe? Will we be able to bring cargo into the country so that there will still be fruit in supermarkets, blankets for warmth, or children's toys for the holiday mornings? This is the question on the minds of the Los Angeles Port Police.

The Port Police has assembled an emergency preparedness team, under the leadership of Capt. Don Farrell, called the Tactical Planning Division (TPD). The TPD's main focus is mitigation and management of natural or manmade disasters in the Port. Being the nation's largest port, it is imperative to continue operations even when disaster strikes.

The TPD works closely with agencies such as Homeland Security, the U.S. Coast Guard, local police agencies and the private sector to assemble plans for Port facilities to prepare for any and all types of incidents.

Creating plans for an incident starts with evaluations. With the use of military threat vulnerability assessments and participation in multi-agency exercises, TPD uncovers the weaknesses of each vulnerability and creates ways to strengthen preventative measures. Additionally, information is gathered regarding evacuation



From left: Port Police Officers Wang, Grieger, Garcia and Huang, all Club Members.

routes, possible chemical dangers, and other facts pertinent to life safety. This information is put into an Internet database, where it can be viewed by assisting agencies during emergencies or catastrophic incidents.

Once a facility has been assessed, a written action plan is created. These action plans provide any first responder with all the necessary knowledge of the location, and how to handle possible catastrophes that may occur. This ensures that all agencies can cooperate and accomplish the goal of life safety and continuing the business of the port. Action plans are continually being reviewed and updated for the most up-to-date information. That way, if a catastrophe can't be avoided, it can be planned for.

Being "America's Port" means we have to keep our gears turning, no matter what may occur. With the threat of earthquake, tsunami or even terrorist attacks, TPD is taking a prompt

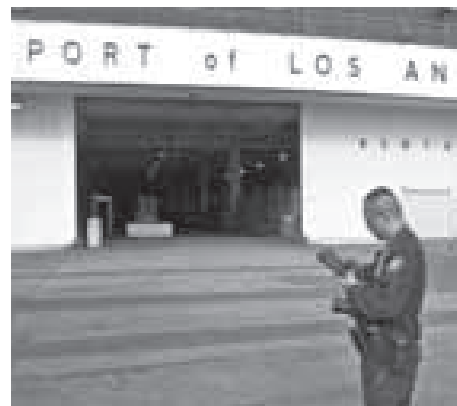
approach at strengthening the facilities of our great port. This proactive action is just another way that the Port Police is making waves to make the Port of Los Angeles the safest port in the world.



From left: Port Police Officer Grieger, Club Member, and Security Officer Walker at the Threat Detection Center.



From left: Port Police Officer Grieger, Club Member, and Port Police Officer Garcia, Club Member, use Adashi software to assist them in managing, communicating and reporting critical incidents.



Critical Site Surveying on Berth 93 by Port Police Officer Wang, Club Member.



Site surveying conducted by Port Police Officer Wang, Club Member, and Port Police Officer Garcia, Club Member.

It's Party Pix Time

*Be a part of a Club Holiday tradition:
Have party pix from your City office's holiday party published in Alive! We want to print pictures from your holiday office party!*

Is your office having a holiday party? Here are two ways to get your holiday office party pictures into the January Alive!

- 1. Take the photos yourself**, and send them in as soon as you can. Digital photos are always best. And make sure you give us a description of the party: when it was, where it was, and if something significant happened, let us know that, too.
- 2. Let us know when your holiday party is**, and we'll try to send a photographer. Please note: There are more City holiday parties than we can cover, but we will try. That's why it's best to send in your own photos. If you want us to cover your party, talk to your Counselor (Arlene Herrero or Angel Gomez) or write to Robert Larios, Club Director of Marketing and Communications, at rlarios@cityemployeesclub.com. We'll do our best to get to as many parties as we can, but we can't guarantee it. But let us know.

See you at the party!

History Comes Alive!

Tales From the City Archives



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

America's First Policewoman

■ LAPD's Alice Stebbins Wells is generally considered the country's first policewoman.

Alice Stebbins Wells photo courtesy the Los Angeles Women Police Officers and Associates. Charles Sebastian photos courtesy Security Pacific Collection, Los Angeles Public Library Photo Archive, Christine Rice, Director.



Alice Stebbins Wells.

For years I had heard of Alice Stebbins Wells as the first policewoman in Los Angeles, and recently discovered that she is also considered the first female police officer in the world. I felt the time had come to introduce her to our readership. I want to thank LAPD Sgt. II (Retired) Glynn B. Martin,

Executive Director of the Los Angeles Police Historical Society, for being so helpful in my research for this article.

Alice Stebbins was born in Manhattan, Kan. June 13, 1873, and educated there as well. Upon leaving school, she settled for a business career in the Midwest, New York and New England. She carried with her a reputation of a keen intellect, a staunch sense of justice, a belief that there was a vital spark in all human beings, and a serious desire to be of real service to mankind.

About 1910, Alice became a pastor's assistant and began giving lectures about the message of the prophets and their influence on the first decade of the 20th century. In this position she did more traveling, where she met her future husband, Frank Wells. Mr. Wells was not in good health, and this forced Alice to return to professional work. At this time they moved permanently to Los Angeles.

In the spring of 1910, Alice Stebbins Wells, a five-foot-two inch, 115-pound female, made an appeal to 35 men and women, stating, "I don't want to make arrests. I want to keep people from needing to be arrested, especially young people." The men and women present were important movers and shakers in the City of Los Angeles at that time. The occasion was for an impending petition to present to the Police Commission and the City Council. It revolved around bringing women into the police force through the action of an ordinance.

The intention of this ordinance was to create a position for a woman police officer who would be under civil service with the same standing as her male counterpart. The purpose, however, would not be to duplicate their brother officer's work, but to supplement the work pertaining to women and children.

The 35 individuals, with many comments, signed the petition to move forward. An influential woman in the community, Hester Griffith Miller, president of the Southern California WCTU and confidant of Mayor George Alexander, accompanied Alice Stebbins Wells to present the petition to him, as president of the Police Commission. He, too, had many queries. But after three months of vigilant work between the Police Commissioners and City Council, the ordinance passed Aug. 12 and became effective Sept. 12, 1910.

Alice was then sworn in by City Clerk Charles L. Wilde at the City Hall on Fort Street (now Broadway) between Second and Third Streets. She was then sent to the police headquarters on West First Street to receive her badge from Chief Alexander Galloway. The chief introduced her to patrolman Leo W. Marden. For the prior two years he had been in charge of all children's cases in Juvenile Court. Marden was given orders to take Alice and introduce her to the system.

The usual Gamewell patrol box key, book of rules and first-aid book were given to the "first female officer" as had been given to the men of the Department. Officer Wells was then given her badge, like her predecessors. A new die had to be cast that would read "policewoman badge number one" for Officer Alice Stebbins Wells.

By now, the newspapers and Pathé News films were having a field day with this new police concept. At that time, the population of the City was 320,000, with less than 300 members in the Police Department.

Office space for Officer Wells could be found only in one of the two jury rooms on the third floor of the Department building. The shelves were filled with old court cases, and behind them were rats running in every direction. Once the varmints discovered the officer was a permanent occupant, they eventually left by jumping out of open windows, legend has it.

The next problem Alice encountered was how to give policemen one day off per month. Prior to that, the employees worked every day, with the exception of a 15-day vacation every year. This worked well for the men by overlapping beats, but there were three women, three matrons in the jail, who were in charge of women prisoners. Capt. Paul Maupt, in charge of Central Station, called Officer Wells to his office to see if one Sunday a month she would be willing to relieve the duty of a different matron. Alice agreed until additional policewomen were appointed.



Charles Sebastian, police administrator at the time of Alice Stebbins Wells' appointment.

In 1915, the matrons were given new status. Officer Wells knew that men jailers were regular policemen. She felt this was not equality. She went to the chief, Charles E. Sebastian, and suggested the change to make matrons into policewomen, with all the rights of the policemen. Eventually it became an ordinance in 1915. The position of matron, the matrons' civil service examinations and

matrons' badges were abolished. The three women in service became policewomen by ordinance. By the time Officer Wells retired, there were ten policewomen in charge of the women prisoners in the City jail.

As stated above, publicity over this enormous change in the LAPD was heard and felt all over the world. Many departments across the country invited Officer Wells to come and speak on behalf of her new position, but above all to give credence to the fact that children everywhere deserved equal rights and increased protection police departments could furnish. Alice Stebbins Wells felt it her duty to travel and speak to protect children, women prisoners and cry out for crime prevention in general with assistance coming from the new position of policewomen.

By 1911, Officer Alice Stebbins Wells' incredible message was being seen and heard in newsreels and magazines around the world. She had been invited to visit cities and communities to deliver her message about her work in the City of Los Angeles. Her first major invitation was from the Los Angeles District, California Federation of Women's Clubs, at the biennial session in San Francisco in 1911. Her message was accepted sympathetically and carried back to numerous home clubs, with great results.

By this wide contact, Alice claimed she visited at least half of the United States and eastern Canada. She received correspondence from as far away as New Zealand and South Africa. Curiosity followed her when she traveled the States. In Philadelphia the photographers met her at the train; in a coal mining community, the proprietor of a small picture show wanted her to speak from his platform. In New Orleans a man from the City Clerk's

office, who was six-feet two with proportionate weight, begged her to arrest him. She had to inform him that she was far from her jurisdiction. But he continued, pleading that "he wanted to be arrested by a lady," according to records.

Her speeches were so invigorating that leaders in all visited cities took her words and sponsored her lectures. In Washington, D.C., during the William Howard Taft administration, the police commissioner introduced her to the Senate. In Baltimore, the former secretary of the Navy presided and introduced Alice. While traveling, audiences were large, often crowding auditoriums. Much space and support were given to her and her platform by local newspapers.

Amazingly, the City of Los Angeles did *not* pay for anything for Alice's trips and other expenditures while promoting Los Angeles' new policewomen activities. Officer Wells "forfeited [her] salary with accompanying pension rights through leaves of absence for a total of two years...Her salary was then used for emergency policewomen from the waiting list." One interesting note is that the mayor of Troy, NY, was so impressed with Officer Wells and the favored publicity she gave Los Angeles, that he said he wished his city could have a policewoman tomorrow.

By 1916, policewomen had been appointed in about 20 states and other countries. Those listed were New York, Chicago, Boston, Detroit, Washington, D.C., San Francisco, London, Toronto, Melbourne and Shanghai, and many other places continued this procedure over the years. Prior to that year, Alice Stebbins Wells organized the International Association of Policewomen, where she was president for five years. She found it interesting that women police officers in other large communities had moved up the corporate ladder, but not in the LAPD. In 1917, Alice was able to convince UCLA to conduct police training classes for women during the summer sessions. This opportunity was therefore the first university to have a policewoman on its faculty.

In 1934, Officer Alice Stebbins Wells became a sergeant. She retired in 1940 but continued as an official speaker for LAPD. She passed away Aug. 16, 1957, at 84.

I should note that there is some small dispute about whether or not she in fact was first. An article by researcher Larry Harnisch in the Los Angeles Times, dated Aug. 19, 2007, documents evidence that perhaps she was not first in the country. While the evidence against her claim is not conclusive, it is worth mentioning.

Before closing, I would like to note an interesting little item I heard, but could not find a reference for. I was told that when Alice Stebbins Wells joined the City of Los Angeles Police Department, she had to make her own uniform!

The second policewoman in the LAPD was appointed in 1912. Her name was Rachel Shatto, at that time. And the story continues.



Then-Mayor George Alexander (left) and Police Chief Charles Sebastian at the time of Policewoman Alice Stebbins Wells' tenure with the LAPD.

AIRPORTS

DC-Bound?

Airport Police Asst. Chief Erroll Southers is nominated by President Obama to head TSA agency.



Airport Police Asst. Chief Erroll Southers.

Story and photo courtesy Sgt. George G. Jarvis, President, Los Angeles Airport Police Supervisors Association

In September, Airport Police Asst. Chief Erroll Southers was nominated by President Barack Obama to head Homeland Security's Transportation Security Administration (TSA). Southers and two other Airport Police Sergeants traveled to Washington, D.C., for the position's confirmation hearings, held Oct. 15. At press time, the confirmation process has not concluded.

Airport Police Sergeants Tarek Azmy and William Handley attended the confirmation

hearings and were recognized for their endorsement of Asst. Chief Southers, and commended by Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D-West Virginia) for their hard work in making LAX one of the safest airports in the world.

In collaboration with the Deputy Director of Law Enforcement Jim Butts, Chief of Police George Centeno, Assistant Chief Frank Fabrega, and Assistant Chief Bill Thompson, Assistant Chief Southers has worked diligently on improving the image of the Airport Police and streamlining operations to provide a world-class law enforcement agency, prepared for emergency situations.

Assistant Chief Southers shared his experience and technical expertise to develop training programs and improve communications with all facets of the law enforcement community. As a result, Airport Police has an increased awareness of counterterrorism methods and improved tactical responses.

Southers also serves as the Associate Director at the Center for Risk and Economic Analysis of Terrorism Events at USC. Previously, he was Deputy Director of Homeland Security for the state of California, and was a special agent with the FBI.

Congratulations to Asst. Chief Southers on this nomination.



Flanking Asst. Chief Erroll Southers (center) are Sgts. Tarek Azmy (left) and William Handley.

LAFD

Fire Station 4 Opens

Downtown facility has official opening ceremony.

Fire Station 4, near Little Tokyo downtown, celebrated a grand opening event Oct. 17. This multifaceted project opened for service Dec. 2, 2008. The in-service date for the new Fire Department Dispatch Center next door has yet to be scheduled at press time.

Ground was broken for the Fire Station and dispatch center in 2006.

Fire Station 4 replaces an inefficient 58-year-old facility that could not adequately address seismic safety, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, electrical, plumbing, Building Code, ADA, fire protection and separate gender accommodation issues.

Fire Station 4's service district has evolved into a densely populated residential, business, recreation and transportation hub that demands expanded service capabilities, and the current site was too small to accommodate a replace-

ment Standard Fire/Paramedic Station. The district population and emergency response activity for Fire Station 4 is expected to increase significantly in just this decade.

New Fire Station 4 will be an efficient and appealing long-term asset for all who live, work, visit and travel through Little Tokyo, the Civic Center, Chinatown, Olvera Street and Union Station. The new Fire Station is alongside a new Fire Department Dispatch Center, Department Operations Center and City Emergency Operations Center that were built concurrently. These synergistic multi-role emergency response and support facilities bring convenience and efficiency to a diverse and essential workforce that looks forward to not only serving, but being active in the community.

Congratulations to the LAFD on the completion of another fine fire station.



Fire Station 4, near Little Tokyo.

This Month at the

Club Store



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

TICKETS



Try the Club's E-ticket system! Buy your tickets to Disneyland, SeaWorld and Aquarium of the Pacific, and have them delivered to your email box. It's that simple! Go to www.CityEmployeesClub.com



MERCHANDISE SPECIALS



Shop at the Club Store for all your holiday needs!

United Agencies APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE

GET A FREE QUOTE ON AUTO AND HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE

Dec. 4

Patty Pulido, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Dec. 11

Norma Angulo, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Note: The Club Store will be closed Dec. 25 for Christmas and Jan. 1 for New Year's Day.

There will be no United Insurance rep Dec. 18 due to the Club's office holiday lunch.

Your United Agencies Reps:



Norma Angulo, Personal Insurance Agent



Rosa Calderon, Personal Insurance Agent



Suzanne Eggli, Personal Insurance Mgr



Patty Pulido, Personal Insurance Agent



Rose Rangel, Personal Insurance Agent



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TOASTMASTERS

Anniversary Open House

City of Angels Toastmasters Club hosts an anniversary open house.

Story and photos by Carmen Steward, Fire and Police Pensions

More than 50 people attended the City of Angels Toastmasters Club held an open house Oct. 20 in City Hall South's first floor Conference Room. The City of Angels club used the open house, which noted the club's 31st anniversary, to showcase its programs, gain visibility and encourage membership. Guest presenter Irene Key gave an excellent speech titled "Book Covers Lost." This spunky City retiree addressed the attendees.

Guests were invited to participate in the Table Topics portion of the meeting, which involves answering spontaneous questions in a two-minute, thought-out speech. Heinz Roesner, Senior Storekeeper, General Services, let participants choose a fortune cookie and answer the question of how the fortune cookie's message corresponded to their life.

Toastmasters International helps to develop and promote members' speaking and leadership

skills. If you're interested in becoming a better presenter, overcoming nervousness while speaking to a group, then Toastmasters International is the team for you. Visit the City of Angels meeting each Tuesday, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Room 103, City Hall South. Contact Club President Suki Lagman, (213) 473-7060, for further information.



At the open house, from left: Toastmasters Club President Suki Lagman, General Services; Division D Governor Ron Code; and Toastmasters Club Immediate Past President Dely Villanueva.



City of Angels Toastmasters Club members at the open house included, from left: Novella Jordan, Public Works; Cheryl Robinson, Retired, ITA; Sandra Humphries, Public Works; Toastmasters Club President Suki Lagman, General Services; Carmen Steward, Fire and Police Pensions; Williana Johnson, LAPD; and Heinz Roesner, General Services.

LAPD

Charlie Beck,
Chief of Police,
LAPD.



New LAPD Chief

Charlie Beck, former Deputy Chief, appointed Chief of Police, LAPD.

Chief Beck now oversees the third largest police department in the United States, managing 10,000 sworn officers, 3,000 civilian employees, encompassing an area of 473 square miles, a population of approximately 3.8 million people, and an annual budget that exceeds \$1 billion. Major components of current LAPD strategy, according to a prepared statement, include the mitigation of crime, the reduction of gang violence, the containment of terrorism, and the continuation of the reforms that brought the department into compliance with the Consent Decree.

Chief Beck was born in Long Beach, in 1953 and attended Cal State/Long Beach. He was appointed to the LAPD in March 1977 after serving two years with the Los Angeles Police Reserve Corps. In June 1984, he was promoted to Sergeant, to Lieutenant in April 1993, to Captain in July 1999, and Commander in April 2005. In August 2006, he achieved the rank of Deputy Chief, the same rank his father, a retired Los Angeles Police Officer, had attained.

As an officer, Chief Beck's patrol assignments have included Rampart, Southeast, Pacific and Hollywood Areas. As a sergeant, his assignments included Harbor and Southwest Patrol, South Bureau C.R.A.S.H. and Internal Affairs Division. Upon being promoted to captain, he was initially assigned to Southeast Division followed by terms as the commanding officer of Juvenile Division, Central Area and finally Rampart Area. As a Commander, he was the Assistant to the Director, Office of Operations. Upon his promotion to Deputy Chief, he assumed command of Operations—South Bureau. Chief Beck went on to become

Chief of Detectives, where he implemented innovative, far ranging and visionary changes to the Detective Bureau.

Chief Beck is known for his ability to forge traditional policing methods, community outreach programs, tempered with the input of diverse stakeholders to form enduring crime abatement programs. During Chief Beck's tenure as Central Area's Commanding Officer, he formulated the original Safer Cities Initiative. He was charged with reforming the beleaguered Rampart Area in the aftermath of the Rafael Perez scandal.

While Commanding Officer of Rampart Area, Chief Beck also formed an alliance of community and political groups to reclaim MacArthur Park for the citizens of Los Angeles. This effort involved the support and funding from a diverse group of public and private entities. This included the City Attorney, the Mayor's Office, the Local Council Office, the United States Forest Department, Rec of Parks, the Central American Resource Center, multiple businesses and the general public.

Another change enacted by Chief Beck was the melding of Gang Operations Support Division and Narcotics Division into Gang and Narcotics Division. This new Division facilitates the efficient targeting and dismantling of narcotics trafficking and violence by gangs and effectively undermines the gang's ability to perpetuate as an ongoing criminal enterprise.

Chief Beck is married with three children. Two of Chief Beck's children are LAPD Officers.

Congratulations, Chief Beck, from the City Employees Club!

REST INSURED



BY JEFF GELINEAU

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



'Tis the Season For House Fires

One of the saddest news stories of the year always comes up about this time – someone's home burns to the ground during the holiday season.

Here are some safety tips for surviving this holiday season without having to call your insurance agent.

First, let's deal with the Christmas tree. Even though everyone knows they can catch fire, you never think it is going to happen to yours. Every year, Christmas tree fires cause more than \$990 million in damage, claim more than 400 lives, and injure almost 2,000.

Here are some tips on preventing Christmas tree fires:

- Pick a winner! Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches. If the tree has been freshly cut, the needle should not break. The trunk should be sticky to the touch. Old trees can be identified by bouncing the tree trunk on the ground – if a lot of needles fall off, the tree has been sitting around too long, has dried out, and is a safety hazard.
- Hug your tree! Don't place your tree near a heating vent or a fireplace. Heat dries out a tree very quickly. Don't smoke near the tree. Dropping or flicking ashes on the tree can spell trouble. Keep your tree stand filled with water at all times.
- Know when to say when. The biggest mistake people make is leaving their tree up for too long. Do not leave a tree up for more than two weeks!
- Time to decorate the tree! Use only nonflammable decorations. Make sure that what you are putting on the tree is flame-retardant or nonflammable. If you are using an artificial tree, make sure it is also flame-retardant. Never put candles on any tree.
- Time to say goodbye! Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or a wood-burning stove. Sure, it sounds like a good idea, but it can burn so fast and quickly that it might cause a problem. When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly. Recycle it, don't burn it.

Test your lights first. Inspect your holiday lights every year before putting them up (either on your house or on your tree). Look for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked light bulb sockets and excessive kinking. When you are assured that the lights are good, use restraint! Don't overload your electrical outlets. Never link together more than three strands of lights. Periodically check your wires and cords. They should not be warm!

Another major source of fires in the winter is the improper use of heaters.

Here's a quick checklist of things to watch out for with your heater:

- Have your heater inspected to make sure that it is in good working condition.
- If you use a kerosene heater, be sure it has an emergency shutoff in the event that the heater is tipped over.
- Always properly vent your room when using a kerosene or propane heater.
- Never use any other type of fuel than what is recommended for that heater.
- If you use a fireplace, be sure to keep a glass or metal screen in front of the opening.
- Have your chimney inspected for creosote buildup.
- Keep flammable materials away from your fireplace.
- Be sure your fire is out when you go to sleep.

There's no greater feeling than being inside your warm house with your family on a cold winter night. But there is also no worse feeling than standing outside in your pajamas watching your house burn to ground. Be careful this time of year!

Feel free to call our agency if you have any questions about what we can do for you, would like to know what it would cost to buy your insurance through us, or would like a question answered on any type of insurance.

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

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PUBLIC WORKS

Sewer Milestone Reached

Public Works notes the halfway point of a settlement agreement.

Public Works held a ceremony Oct. 22 to mark the halfway point of its wastewater Collection System Settlement Agreement (CSSA), and recognize the 77 percent decrease in sewer spills since 2000. The event acknowledged the hard work of City staff and partners who have worked together to achieve the goals set forth in the CSSA, which include protecting Los Angeles neighborhoods and improving water quality by reducing sanitary sewer overflows and controlling odors. Certificates of Appreciation were distributed to Bureau of Sanitation Wastewater Collection Systems Division workers. Other groups involved include members of the Board of Public Works; Bureau of Sanitation; Bureau of Engineering; Bureau of Contract Administration; City Attorney; United States Environmental Protection Agency - Region IX; Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board; Santa Monica Baykeeper; and community members.



Some of the many groups involved in the milestone celebration include representatives of the Board of Public Works; Public Works/Sanitation; Public Works/Engineering; Public Works/Contract Administration; City Attorney; United States Environmental Protection Agency - Region IX; Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board; Santa Monica Baykeeper; and community members.

Newsbriefs

DON'T DUMP ON L.A.:

The City held a press conference Nov. 19 to report on progress of "Don't Dump on L.A.," the City's two-year-old illegal dumping prevention campaign and pilot program. The program targets severely impacted sections of South Los Angeles and Wilmington. The campaign stresses the City's \$1,000 reward to citizens who report acts of illegal dumping that lead to the arrest and conviction of offenders.

EnvironmentLA received a California Integrated Waste Management Board grant on behalf of the City to combat illegal dumping and fund the campaign, which has three main components: cleanup of chronic, illegal dumping sites; additional surveillance of known problem areas; and community outreach for prevention. Illegal dumping cleanup efforts cost the City about \$12 million annually.

The press conference was held at the intersection of 87th and Flower Streets in Council District 8.

Scheduled to attend were Councilmembers Bernard C. Parks and Jan Perry, Club Member; Mary Clare Molitor, Senior Assistant City Attorney, Chief, Safe Neighborhoods Division; Sheila Kuehl, Board Member, California Integrated Waste Management Board; Commander Andrew J. Smith, Assistant Commanding Officer, LAPD Operations-South Bureau; Cynthia Ruiz, President, Board of Public Works; Enrique Zaldivar, Executive Director, Public Works/Sanitation; and Gary Harris, Chief Investigator, Public Works/Street Services. Information: Public Works/Sanitation Public Affairs office, (213) 978-0333.

LAPD YOUTH CENTER:

Councilmember Greig Smith helped cut the ribbon on the new LAPD Devonshire PALS Youth Center Oct. 25 in Northridge. "Seeing this state-of-the-art youth center completed and opening its doors to the youths in our community who need this resource has been one of my most gratifying moments," Smith said. "My special thanks goes to my Chief of Staff, Mitch Englander, and my Chief Legislative Deputy, John Lee, whose tireless work and excellent working relationships with Devonshire PALS (Police Activity League Supporters), community members, donors, City Departments and the LAPD helped make this excellent youth center a reality. My special thanks and congratulations also go out to Lorraine New, Greg Baker, Stan Bryant, the entire PALS Board, the volunteers and LAPD Officers who work on the PALS, Explorer and Jeopardy programs, and the many donors and supporters who made this new youth center possible."

The PALS Center will offer a wide variety of after-school mentoring, sports, computer education, leadership, and other activities that will help at-risk youths in that neighborhood stay on track to do well in school, build self-confidence, and avoid crime, gangs and drugs.

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W-165 George Moreno

**6th Annual Motorcycle
Christmas Toy Run**
Sunday, December 6, 2009

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**Trophies for
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**With a special invitation to all Classic Cars!!
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**Bring a new unwrapped toy to the starting location of your choice.
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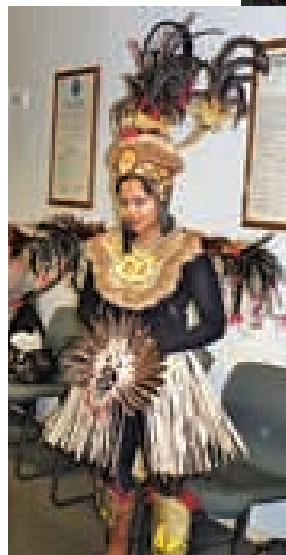
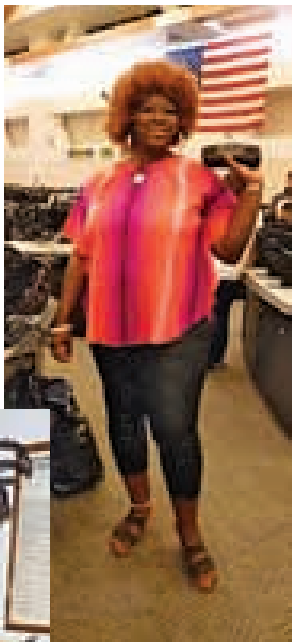
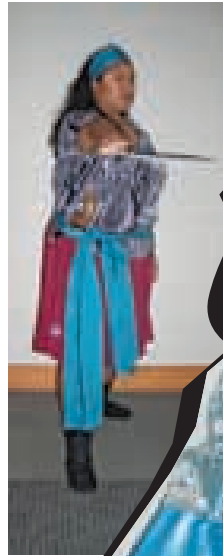
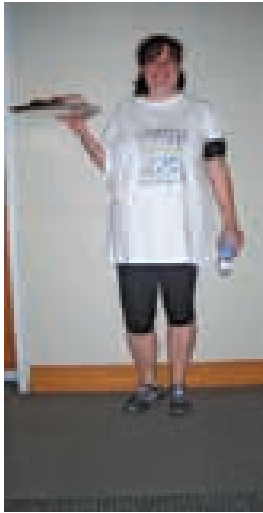
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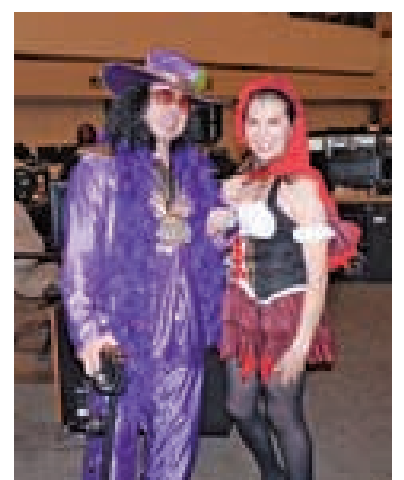
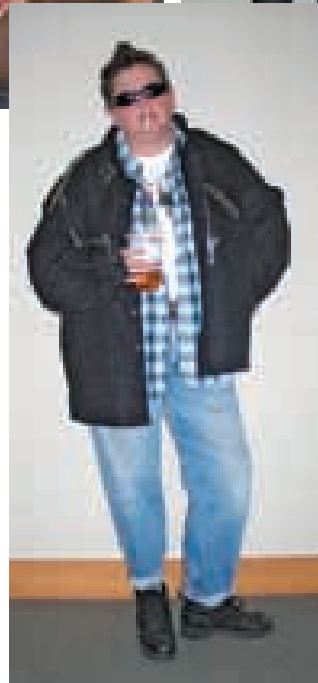
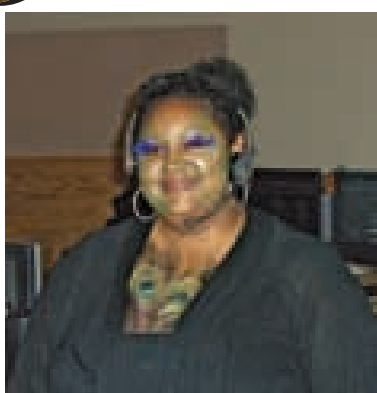
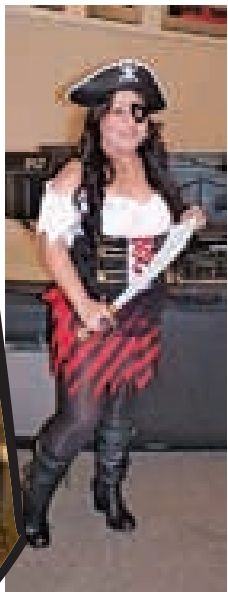
A 9-1-1 HALLOWEEN

LAPD Communications Division had fun on Halloween.



The LAPD Communications Division held its annual Halloween dress-up party in the office. Here are the scary, uh, spooky results!

Thanks to Jean Sarfaty, LAPD Communications and Club Rep, for the info!



LAPD

A 9-1-1 Halloween

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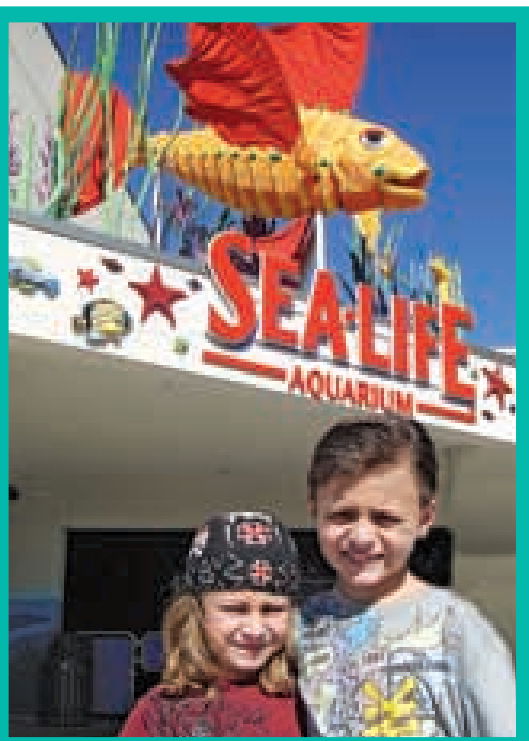
Angel's

Be
Alive!Angel Gomez,
Director of
Member
Services

LEGOLAND's



Angel and Aden inside an aquarium bubble.



Aden and Angel outside the Sea Life Aquarium.

Hello again!

This month, we travel to Carlsbad, as I wanted to see the New Sea Life Aquarium at Legoland.

I was very impressed with the New Sea Life Aquarium and all the exhibits (at least those that were available). The staff and everyone involved were very informed and willing to answer any questions. My kids loved it!

When you buy your tickets at the Club Store, I recommend paying the additional \$9 for the park hopper to Legoland. It is well worth the visit.

The Sea Life Aquarium at the Legoland California Resort immerses guests in an interactive, educational and fun aquarium experience while increasing awareness of the importance of safeguarding the sea and its inhabitants.

It's a 36,000-square-foot two-story structure with 36 displays. It holds more than 250,000 gallons of water.

The aquarium is the 29th Sea Life Aquarium to open in the world. They operate in nine different countries on two continents.

A statue of Poseidon in the "Lost City of Atlantis"

stands ten feet tall and weighs 1,700 pounds. Overall, the aquarium has more than 72 new Lego models made of tens of thousands of bricks, and more than 4,000 individual sea creatures.

All of the freshwater fish living in the aquarium can be found in California lakes and streams, and the coldwater marine animals are all native to the California coastline.

Other aquarium features:

- **Lost City of Atlantis:** a 200,000-gallon ocean display featuring sharks, rays and tropical creatures swimming amongst a Lego excavation, as well as a 35-foot-long acrylic tunnel allowing guests to explore the "lost city" without ever getting wet.
- **Discovery Zone Touch Pool:** a hands-on exhibit offering guests the opportunity to interact with marine life experts, touch tropical species and take a special 360-degree look at the lives of sea creatures.
- **Quiz Trail:** Kids can study a trail of 10 interactive question-and-answer panels found throughout the Aquarium and receive a special prize at the end of their visit for correct responses.

Carlsbad, CA

Sea Life Aquarium



Darth Vader and Angel.



Darth Vader and Aden.

■ Ocean Journey Cafe: This is a family market-style restaurant featuring food supplied locally from California with simple dishes made from scratch.

If you ask the staff, they will tell you when the next feeding is for specific fish, and that is very cool to see.

And let's not forget Legoland; the park is out of this world. They have so many things to do. Get your tickets with the great Club discount at the Club Store or online.

COST AND RECEPTION HINT: Wow! Here is the deal: The regular price to Legoland is \$69, but the Club Member price is only \$43.25

BUT WAIT THERE'S MORE: If you purchase the Park Hopper ticket, the regular Price is \$79.95, but the Club Member price is only \$52.25 This way, you can visit both parks the same day and get a second visit free within 90 days of the first visit.

The park is open five days a week and is closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Visit the Website and check for updated info.

www.legoland.com

My family and I really liked the Sea Life Aquarium. It reminded us of the Long Beach Aquarium, but it's not exactly the same.

**As always,
be safe and
Be Alive!
— Angel**

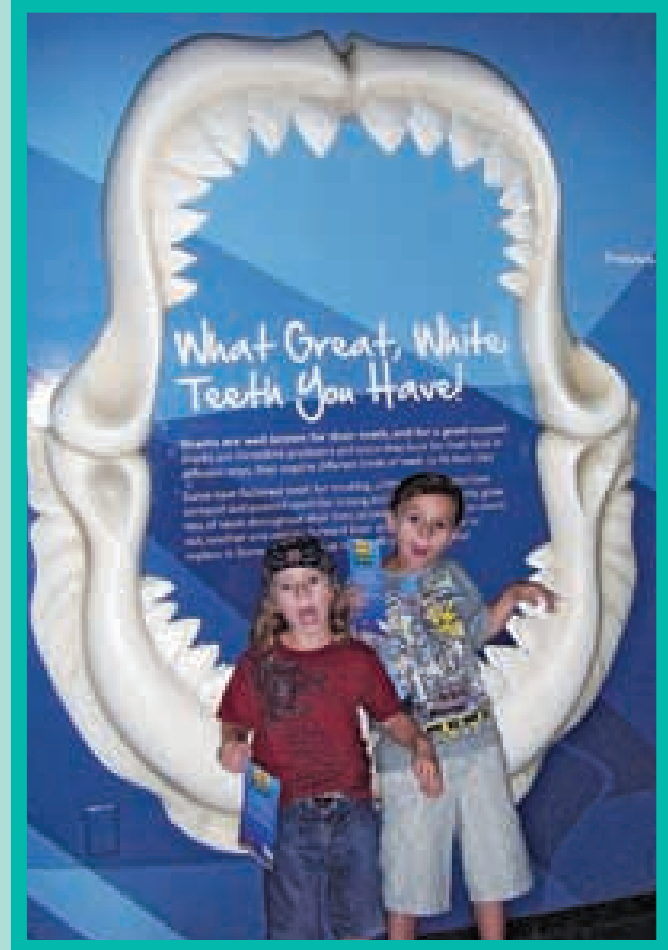


My new friend, the Skeleton Lego.

Directions:

Legoland's Sea Life Aquarium

Legoland California is just off Interstate 5 in Carlsbad, 30 minutes north of San Diego and one hour south of Anaheim.



Aden and Angel inside the mouth of a great white shark.



Aden and a sting ray.



Angel and Aden next the octopus exhibit.



Angel and his new friends, the Fish and Lobster.

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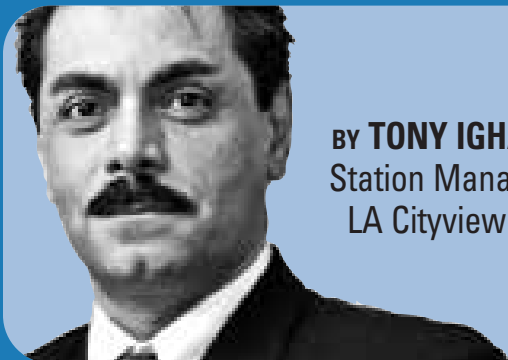
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Tuned In



BY TONY IGHANI
Station Manager,
LA Cityview 35



Blessings Amid Less For LA CityView 35

As we come to the close of another year filled with renewed hope, excitement and a new sense of possibilities, 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. May the New Year bring good health and prosperity to all.

The year just passing, 2009, has been an interesting year for **LA CityView 35**. Despite a 50 percent cut in our operating budget, **LA Cityview** managed to have a record-breaking year at the 2009 Los Angeles Emmy awards, with seven nominations and four wins, which matched and exceeded several larger stations in the Los Angeles market.

November also marked a significant milestone in **LA CityView's** history. It was 20 years ago that **LA CityView** first went on the air with the live coverage of the City's Council meeting. We are proud that in the past 20 years, **LA CityView 35** has provided live coverage to every single session of the Council meeting; that is approximately 140 meetings a year, totaling nearly 3,000 Council meetings covered.

Since our humble beginnings 20 years ago, we have had many important accomplishments, including hundreds of local and national awards, cutting-edge and innovative programming, creation of the City's first state-of-the-art studio facilities, and many more. These accomplishments are made much more meaningful knowing that our programming brings to our local communities vital and critical information that helps improve the quality of life for Angelinos.

I thank our loyal viewers and readers for their continued support. Have a happy and safe holiday season, and peace on earth.

Program highlights for December

14th Annual DWP Holiday Light Festival

Each year more than a half-million people visit the DWP Holiday Light Festival at Griffith Park, and this month on LA Cityview 35, you can go behind-the-scenes of the West's largest light festival without leaving your home.

We hope you'll be able to make it out to Griffith Park to see this awe-inspiring event for yourself. Before you go – or after you've seen it for yourself – we invite you to join hosts Patrick Rhody and Rasha Goel for this special, airing only on LA CityView 35!

Airs: Monday, Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m.; Thursdays, Dec. 17 and 31 at 11 a.m.; Thursday, Dec. 24 at 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Dec. 30 at 5:30 p.m.

CityWorks

This month's episode of "City Works" features reports on 2009 Kids Ocean Day; reusable bag giveaway on Earth Day; and a unique fashion show during the Zero Waste Citywide Conference.

Kids Ocean Day is an annual event held in numerous cities throughout the world, including Los Angeles, where

youths demonstrate their commitment to preserving the health of the ocean, and raise awareness on the harmful effects of litter. The event in Los Angeles was held at Dockweiler State Beach. More than 4,000 elementary schools students from 25 area schools along with parents, teachers, volunteers, non-profit organizations, public officials, administrators and teen celebrities came together for a beach cleanup and participate in aerial artwork.

As part of the City's goal to reach zero waste, a series of citywide conferences for stakeholders have taken place. At the fourth Zero Waste conference, a fashion show was put on by Haute Trash, in which all the outfits modeled were made out of recycled material.

Airs: Thursdays, Dec. 3 and 17 at 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Home Shopping Network

On the latest episode of "The Home Shopping Network," host Andrew Tarr talks to Officer AJ Navarrete of SmART – Animal Services' Small Animal Rescue Team – to find out how this small band of animal rescue mavericks swoops in to deliver our little friends from safety.

Wanna be a superhero in the eyes of a

pet? All you have to do is adopt one. Miki Shaler and Victoria Harrison of LA Animal Services will introduce Andrew (and you!) to some loveable little ones who are all shopping for a home. To meet them, just watch "The Home Shopping Network" Monday thru Friday at 5 p.m.

Inside the LAPD: Harbor Division

Have you ever wondered what it is like to police an area of the City that is home to one of the largest ports in the world? Join *Inside the LAPD* cameras as they take you on a tour of Harbor Division.

After years of waiting, a brand new community police station was finally opened to the public. Take a tour with *Inside the LAPD* host Mary Grady as she takes a look inside the new community room, and step into the jail and see what it's like to be detained. Go out on patrol with LAPD's finest and learn about some of the dangerous gangs in Harbor Area. This year marks the 100th anniversary of Harbor Division, so you won't want to miss this episode!

Airs: Thursday, Dec. 10 at 2 and 10 p.m., and Dec. 24 at 2 p.m.

Newsbriefs

ZOO TREATS RHINO:

The Los Angeles Zoo's Randa, a 40-year-old Indian rhinoceros, has successfully completed treatment for skin cancer using a breakthrough cancer treatment platform designed to deliver electronic, X-ray-based therapy directly to cancer sites with minimal radiation exposure to surrounding healthy tissue.

Randa was recently diagnosed with recurrent squamous cell carcinoma, a form of skin cancer, under her horn. To deliver Randa's treatment, Zoo veterinary staff worked closely with oncology surgeons and radiation oncologists from UCLA Medical Center, as well as scientists from Xoft, Inc., makers of a medical treatment system.



Randa is treated for her skin cancer at the L.A. Zoo.

Her treatments were in two sessions, or radiation fractions. Since the treatment does not use a radioactive isotope, it can be performed without the need for a lead-shielded room. This enabled the Zoo veterinarians and radiation oncologists from UCLA to remain with Randa during treatment, ensuring her safety and the accurate delivery of treatment.

"We are very happy with the outcome of Randa's cancer treatment and her recovery," said Dr. Leah Greer, Randa's primary veterinarian at the L.A. Zoo. "After the treatment sessions were completed, she quickly returned to her normal attitude; acting years younger and entertaining Zoo visitors.

"When you're talking about a 4,000-pound animal, you have to balance the safety of the animal and the safety of the Zoo staff with the logistics of the treatment. In Randa's case, we clearly wanted to eradicate the cancer, but we had to consider where the treatment could be performed and how long it would take. The ability to roll the fully functional cancer treatment system into Randa's habitat gave us the ability to provide quick, safe and accurate treatment. I don't know that we would have been able to reach such a positive prognosis without it, as there is no way we could have transported Randa to a traditional lead-shielded room for radiation treatment."

"We were extremely proud to work with the Zoo's veterinarians in the planning and treatment management of Randa," said Dr. Michael Steinberg, chair of the UCLA department of radiation oncology. "Although the coordination of care was very complex, the treatment delivery went very smoothly.

"We recently had incorporated this groundbreaking electronic brachytherapy treatment option for patients in our clinic at the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, and we were particularly gratified to bring its benefits of this technology to our colleagues at the L.A. Zoo."

"I am especially proud to be part of the team that performed this ground-breaking new technology on Randa," said Dr. Curtis Eng, Zoo chief veterinarian. "We are definitely seeing positive results post treatment and hope that it results in a permanent cure with no recurrence. This case is a perfect example of how tremendous the community support is for the L.A. Zoo, and I am especially thankful to all those involved in making this a successful procedure."

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



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LA Cityview 35!

Life's Important Moments

Share your moments!

Did you get married? Have a baby? (Yea!) Get a promotion? (Hooray!) Retire? (Ahhhh.) We want to hear from you. Share your news with the world! Send all notices and high resolution photos with the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com or send paper notices and print photos to: *Alive!*, 311 S. Spring St., Suite 1300, Los Angeles, CA 90013

New Members

Welcome New Members!

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

- Airports**
James Edwards Jr.
Angela Greene
Arturo Guevara
Robert Houston
Francisco Medina
Omar Muhammad
Sylvia Ruiz
Linda Willhite
- City Attorney**
Curtis Kiddre
Michael Ty
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Steven Kimble
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Katrina Vasquez
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Marc Bovasso
Joan Graves
Edgar Mercado
Nestor Ramos

In Memoriam

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

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Thomas Montry, Public Works, 8
Earl Mullen, DP, 31
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J.C. Persley, Airports, 30
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Graduations

Alive! is delighted to publish graduation photos of Club members and their children. Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Special Achievements

Have you or your children recently achieved something special? Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Births

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Quinceañera

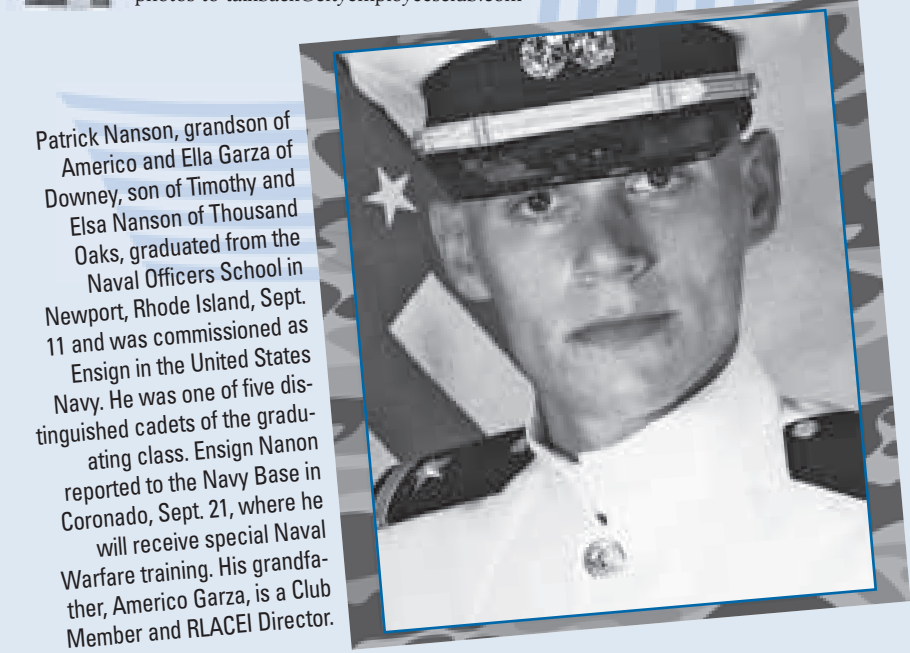
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NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS
Ernest Alamillo	-	DWP	-	Regina Fowler	Red. Coll. Truck Op.	Public Works	40
Darlene Allende	Clerk Typist	Library	22	Sandra Gibbs	Clerk Typist	Public Works	22
Corazon Bautista	-	DWP	-	Brian Gipson	Equip. Operator	Public Works	9
Ruth Baylosis	Sr. Clerk Typist	CAO	23	Richard Giron	Truck Operator	Public Works	38
Fredrick Bealey	Ref. Coll. Truck Operator	Public Works	34	Andrew Gonzales	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	34
Bernye Beckham-Dixon	Management Analyst	LAPD	30	Lucinda Gonzales	Sr. Gardener	Rec and Parks	25
Sharon Bennett	Chief Clerk	LAPD	37	Jose Gonzalez	Sr. Detention Officer	LAPD	30
Kirk Bible	Street Svcs. Supt.	Public Works	37	Jaime Granados	Custodian	Airports	30
Peter Bowden	Sr Build. Operating Engr.	Convention Center	10	Barbara Greaves	Legislative Analyst	City Clerk	27
Rodney Bray	Auto Body Bldr. Repairer	General Services	30	Evelyn Gross	Programmer Analyst	ITA	31
William Bright	Sr. Systems Analyst	Public Works	31	Gene Hamilton	Painter	Airports	21
Jessie Brown	Mgmt. Analyst	Airports	31	Maria Hernandez	Management Analyst	ITA	27
David Burton	Asst. City Attorney	City Attorney	5	Arlene Hoffman	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	38
Terry Burton	-	DWP	-	Peter Holquin	-	DWP	-
Roberto Canchola	Elevator Mechanic	Airports	31	Peter Hopkins	Automotive Supv.	LAPD	24
Robin Cannon	Systems Analyst	ITA	31	Stanley Horwitz	Sr. Street Light Engr.	Public Works	44
Timothy Carleton	-	DWP	-	Arden Hough	Equip. Mechanic	General Services	25
Ann Castillo	Sr. Clerk Typist	Airports	25	Mark Hronesh	-	DWP	-
Nancy Celis	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	32	Juanita Inton	Sr. Accountant	Public Works	21
Billie Chandler-Earls	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	27	Ronald Ip	Sr. Auditor	Airports	31
Maria Chavez	Pr. Clerk	CDD	33	Jimmie Irwin	Truck Operator	Public Works	27
Patsy Clark-Black	Cust. Supv.	Airports	31	Luis Ituarte	Art Instructor	Cultural Affairs	8
Dennis Clyde	Sr. Automotive Supv.	LAFD	21	Osgood Iwuh	Property Officer	LAPD	19
David Combs	Background Investigator	Personnel	10	Royal Jernigan	Heavy Duty Trick Oprtr	Public Works	27
George Cormany	Photographer	LAPD	19	Dorothy Jordan	Sr. Clerk Typist	City Clerk	7
Joann Corral	Exec. Admin. Asst.	Public Works	39	Michael Kirley	Librarian	Library	39
John Crawford	Build. Mech. Inspector	Building and Safety	19	Ray Klumb	-	DWP	-
Pamela Davenport	Management Analyst	LAPD	36	Carolyn Lindberg	Sr. Personnel Analyst	Public Works	22
Federico de la Rosa	Spec. Prog. Assistant	Rec and Parks	1	Paul Locher	-	DWP	-
Joan Diamond	-	Public Works	29	Jean Low	Secretary	Public Works	36
Colon Fabre	Sr. Civil Engr. Draft Tech.	Airports	21	Dan Lu	-	DWP	-
Jesse Favela	Ref. Coll. Truck Op.	Public Works	41	Patience Lyons	Sr. Personnel Analyst	Public Works	35
Fred Flemons	Equip. Operator	Public Works	34	Sonia Magno	Sr. Clerk Typist	Finance	28

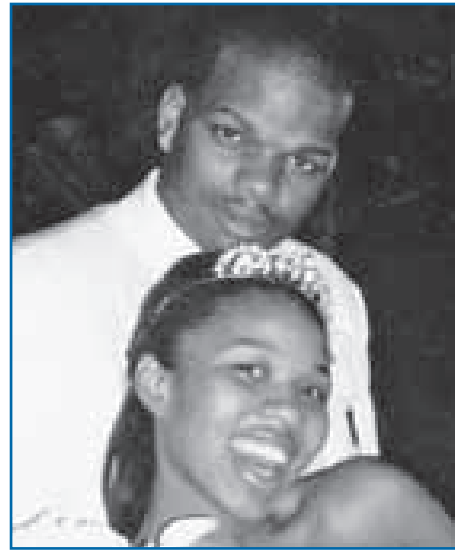
Military

Does someone in your extended family serve their country as a member of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard? Send us a photo – either formal or on duty, along with your name, City department and relationship to the subject. Send photos to *Alive!* in the Military, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 311 S. Spring St. Suite 1300, Los Angeles, CA 90013. Send digital photos to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

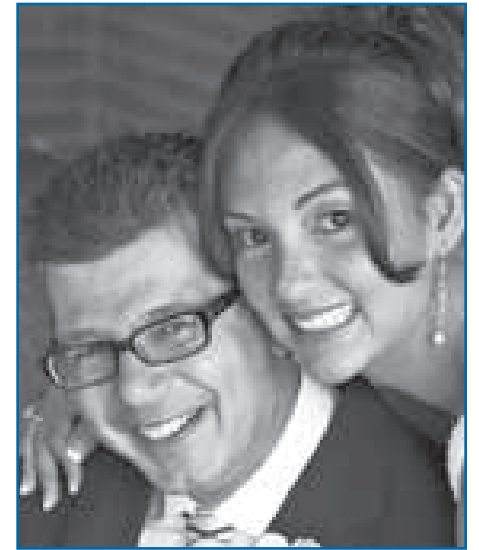


Patrick Nanson, grandson of Americo and Ella Garza of Downey, son of Timothy and Elsa Nanson of Thousand Oaks, graduated from the Naval Officers School in Newport, Rhode Island, Sept. 11 and was commissioned as Ensign in the United States Navy. He was one of five distinguished cadets of the graduating class. Ensign Nanson reported to the Navy Base in Coronado, Sept. 21, where he will receive special Naval Warfare training. His grandfather, Americo Garza, is a Club Member and RLACEI Director.

Weddings



Jalelia and JaVán Davis were married Oct. 23. Jalelia is the daughter of Sgt./Det. Eddie Solomon, LAPD, Devonshire Division, with 37 years of City service.



Rachel Marquez and Manny Mashhoud were married July 26 at their home in Glendale. Rachel is the daughter of Leonard Marquez, Building and Safety.

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Safeguard your loved ones! Life insurance is a great way to protect them. Purchasing term life insurance also makes you eligible for the Club's famous refund check...whatever we don't spend in claims and overhead, we return to the policyholders. Smart...well managed...and service-oriented.

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Include your spouse with Club Term Life Insurance.

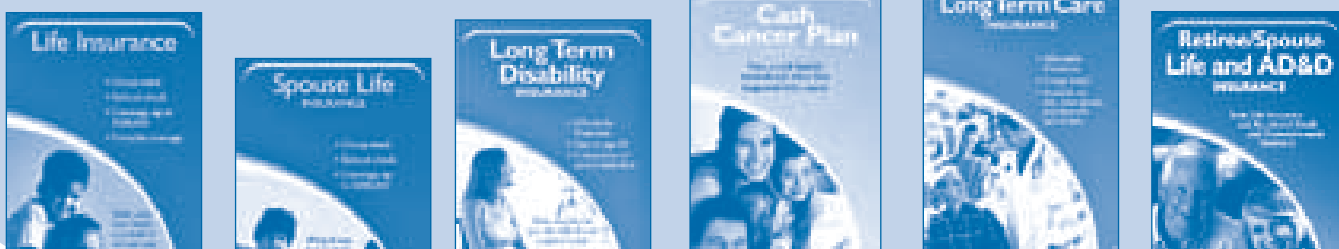
Long Term Disability Insurance
Protect yourself from career-ending traumas.

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

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

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

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



Your Counselor Can Help

Your Club Counselor will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the Club's insurance packages. Look on page 4 to find out which Counselor represents your department ...

or call (800) 464-0452.



Arlene Herrero



Irene Small



Angel Gomez

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Thomas Majewski	Civil Eng. Associate	Airports	32	Robert Sawyer	Safety Engineer	Public Works	22
Anastasia Mars	Clerk Typist	Library	23	Ralph Sellers Jr.	Sr. Communication Elec.	ITA	23
Donald McCall	Sr. Traffic Supv.	Transportation	31	Renita Shaw	Payroll Supervisor	LAPD	39
Robert McCready	Sr. Personnel Analyst	Building and Safety	34	Eric Shepherd	Correctional Nurse	Personnel	14
Marlene McKeon	-	DWP	-	Stephen Shen	Sheet Metal Worker	LAFD	23
Alicestine Miller	Sr. Security Officer	Airports	22	Virginia Stocks	Accounting Clerk	General Services	35
Frank Moldovan	Info. Systems Mgr.	ITA	37	Norah Sydney	-	DWP	-
Pedro Montelongo	Sr. Parking Attendant	General Services	35	Helen Tamayo	Management Analyst	Aging	34
Lee Moore	Management Analyst	LAPD	31	Wylie Tidwell Jr.	Truck Operator	Public Works	27
Patsy Newborn	Secretary	Airports	34	Asencion Trujillo	Special Prog. Asst.	Rec and Parks	4
Gary Nickels	Wastewater Trmt. Officer	LAPD	36	Kenneth Twomey	-	DWP	-
Graciela Odell	Sr. Detention Officer	LAPD	36	Roberta Tzimeas	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	21
Kenneth Oliver	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	38	Labeeb Uqdah	Locksmith	General Services	34
Vantiva Omsap	Sr. Clerk Typist	Finance	29	Barbara Vaccariello	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	32
Mei Ong	Management Analyst	Public Works	39	Ricardo Valencia	Lot Cleaning Supervisor	Public Works	30
Clarence Palmer	Sr. Rec. Dir.	Rec and Parks	36	Manuel Vasquez	-	DWP	-
Sharon Payne	Sr. Clerk Typist	Airports	37	Thomas Vercher	Graphics Designer	Library	19
Steve Perea	-	DWP	-	Greg Vergara	Dep. Chief Accountant	LAFD	23
Anthony Pietersz	-	DWP	-	Maureen Wade	Sr. Librarian	Library	36
Jordan Rackerby	Security Officer	Airports	34	Marilyn White	Pr. Rec. Supervisor	Rec and Parks	34
Mary Robinson	Cust. Supervisor	Airports	26	Bennie Williams	Maint. Constr. Helper	Public Works	10
James Rogers	Truck Operator	General Services	34	Velma Williams	Sr. Clerk Typist	CAO	35
Rose Rodriguez	SMS Payment Clerk	General Services	27	Guillermo Ybarra	Library Assistant	Library	34
Steve Rosenberg	Real Estate Officer	Harbor	22				
Imelda Rufino	Pr. Accountant	Controller	36				
Donald Sakamoto	Civil Eng. Associate	Public Works	40				

CLASSIFIED ADS *Alive!* Members Marketplace

New Ads This Month!

Apts For Rent: 1 & 2 bdrm/1 bth w/parking @ 2324 4th Ave, LA 90018 in Historical West Adams. 1 bdrm \$925, 2bdrm \$1200. Rodger @ (323) 833-2922. 1209

Houses for Rent: 2 BR/ 1 BA \$1200/mo, 1 BR/ 1 BA \$1100/mo, Highland Park near Occidental College. Jerry @ (323) 428-7719. 1209

Writing Desk: solid oak, 1 drawer, slide-out shelf, like new. 32W x 20D x 26H, \$40. Frances @ (310) 324-3117. 1209

All Occasions DJ! Are you seeking a great, affordable, DJ for your special event? \$ Is Tight but we still need to DANCE! DJLEWSIC@aol.com 1209

03 Honda TRX 90: New tires all around - Just serviced, great ATV for beginners, has Throttle Limiter. \$11,000 OBO. (323) 216-6877 1209

DRIVER: Luxury SUV available for all occasions. Affordable & comes with a DRIVER. Hurry, dates and times are going fast! LEWSIC@aol.com 1209

1949 Chevrolet Fleetline: 2 Door, no motor or transmission. Chopped top & most of bodywork done. Frame has been sanded & painted black. \$1700. Everett @ (818) 339-2092. 1209

Townhouse for Rent: City of Ontario, 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bth, attached garage w/large enclosed yard. A place to call home. Very clean and quaint. \$1,400/mo. Info @ (562) 322-6972. 1209

Autos / Motorcycles / Boats

For Sale: New Toyota rims 15x7 for \$350 and new tires 205-60 R15 for \$220 or both for \$530. Victor at (626) 919-3471. 1109

1997 Honda CR250: Great beginners bike, includes green sticker through Jun 2010. \$1,500. Call (661) 212-4425 or email colercarr@yahoo.com. 1109

2003 Kawasaki KX 100: Original owner, low hours, never raced. \$2,800. Call (661) 212-4425 or email colercarr@yahoo.com. 1109

1990 Ford Magnum 28 ft. RV: Good condition, \$10,000. Art @ (818) 472-0473. 1109

1994 Dodge Viper RT/10: Convertible, V-10, 450 hp, 460 torque, very fast, always garaged, 29,600 mls, Viper factory rebuilt engine at 8,982 miles, w/ all factory updates performed. New custom black paint w/ silver metallic stripes, new Michelin Pilot Sports tires. Original rims chromed & center-piece painted by artist. Cat-back exhaust. A/C, power steering, tilt & alarm, hard-top, soft-top & side windows, D.C. performance maintained, perfect condition. Matt @ (818) 448-9501. \$39,900 obo. 1109

1935 Ford 5 Window Coupe: All original, flathead motor and transmission, original dash gauges. Doesn't run. Needs full restoration. \$4000. Call Everett @ (818) 339-2092. Also have a 302 Ford and transmission that can be sold with the car. 1009

Black 2007 Road King: 4,500 miles, six speed, Quadzilla fairing, Air ride adjustable suspension, 518 Chubby bars, Magnum braided cables, passenger back rest. \$17,000. Call Gilbert @ (909) 714 4071. 1009

For sale: Set of 4 tires/rims for 2006-7 Dodge Charger. 10 spoke 19" 6000 miles, great shape. Rick @ (951) 217-2878. 909

1996 White Toyota: Avalon XLS- great condition - \$2450 (Diamond Bar). Call Robert (909) 348-7000. 909

Super Beetle 1971, 2 Dr, yellow, convertible. Disk brakes, McPherson Struts, does not have to be smogged, runs good. \$2495 or make offer. (818) 361-3444 or familyforbes@mac.com (Attn: Abe) 809

1994 Black Ford Probe; 52,000 miles; good condition; leather interior; moon roof; A/C; radio and single CD player; five speed; power steering, cruise control; new engine, transmission, clutch, tires and wheels! \$3,000 OBO. Contact: Valerie McCain (323) 757-0386 809

Furniture

Dining room set: Travertine marble and seats 6: OBO or if anyone can use it email godfth32@sbcglobal.net or Gaylynn Thomas at gaylynnt@msn.com 909

Handmade oak Loft Bed with Desk and Bookcase: 43" wide x 81" long. Birch drawers are dovetailed with sliders. Must see to appreciate. \$1200 OBO. Contact Nancy or Jim @ (818) 340-8059. 909

2 Leather Chairs: Brown, like new, asking \$450 for both, OBO. Call Carlos @ (310) 672-9026. 709

Thomasville Sofas, 2 matching, 7ft. each, clean, soft fabric, off-white, as new, \$600 for both. ggandaj@cox.net 509

Homes/Rentals/Land

Room For Rent - Large bedroom/closet. Own 3/4 bath. Laundry & parking. Close to Metro train, parks, mall. NO Pets/Smokers/Drugs. \$600/mo - Females only. Contact (562) 650-5078. 1109

For Rent - 3 bd/1 ba, remodeled kitchen, living room, dining room & bathroom, 1-car secured garage. Security gate, new carpet, tile, paint & fixtures. Back porch with w/d hookup. Very quiet. W. 108th street. Close to public transportation. Details @ (323) 606-2983. 1109

Beautiful **two-story condo**, centrally located in the city of Upland, quiet community, accessible freeway/public transportation. PLUS new paint & flooring, 2bd/2ba including den w/fireplace, private patio, dishwasher, microwave, w/d connection, attached garage, private patio, community swimming pool & jacuzzi - \$1450 mo. Ask about Move-In special. Contact (626) 367-8892 or (626) 392-4554. 1109

Quaint cottage-style **house for rent** outside of Chinatown, Civic Center/Academy. Avail 10-1-09. 2 bd/1 ba. Hrdwd floors, granite tile, skylights, etc. Fruit tree/patio area for outdoor dining. Min from Pas, Glen, 5/110/101 freeways. 3 units total. Inc w&d, and 1 gated parking space. 1-year lease. No animals. Credit check mandatory. \$1200 a month. (323) 919-1163. 1009

House for sale: St. George, Utah, 55+, 3bdr/2ba. w/ family rm., over 1700 sq.ft. & large enclosed garden rm., 2 car carport, tool shed, covered patio & window awnings. Close to shopping, restaurants, health care facilities & new hospital. Price includes land ownership. Low assoc. fees include club house, pool, spa, RV & Boat parking. \$125,000. OBO! Call - Linda / Jim (951) 505-9755 or Karen (435) 215-4813, cell - (435) 680-1129. 1009

Rosarito Beach Condo: 2 bdr/ 2 bath w/ private balcony overlooking beach & city. \$50 - 75, nightly rate. Very clean, safe and beautiful. Call John @ (626) 233-5509. 1009

Twentynine Palms Cabin. On 5 acres, Desert Getaway, great view of mountain & desert, 5 miles from nearest town: Only \$150/weekend. Call Rocky @ (626) 506-3799. 1009

House in Highland Park: near Occidental College, 2 BR/ 1 BA/ 2 car parking, \$1250 per month. Jerry (323) 428-7719 cell 909

For Rent: Nice 1 bed room/1 bath/1 parking apartment is available at 1832 S. Curson Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90019. Immediate occupancy available. \$1050 month. Contact: Jafar @ (213) 255-6371. 909

Room for Rent: 1 Bedroom with own bathroom. Access to kitchen and laundry. Dish Network provided in bedroom. \$550 and shared utilities. Located in Oxnard - Off 101 Freeway. Homeowner commutes 5 days a week to Los Angeles area. Call for more details (805) 231-1869. 809

For Rent: Nice apartment near Eagle Rock/Highland Park area. 4 units- 2 bed 1 bath, kitchen, dining room, living room, 1 car garage. Upstairs unit has new paint, carpet, Very quiet laundry facility. Call for more information (626) 643-9770 or (626) 641-5654. 809

House for Rent. Los Angeles. About 3 miles South of Southwest Police Division. 3 Bedrooms, 1 bathroom. Ceramic Floors in Kitchen and Dining room. New Paint Inside and Out. Call Edwards @ (323) 759-9106. 809

For Sale - Two buildable lots in Lake Elizabeth. Build your dream/vacation home. Lake & golf, 25 minutes from Valencia. Beautiful country living, \$35,000 and \$59,000. Terms available. Call Frances @ (805) 583-5321. 809

Room for rent, Sunland, \$600. Utilities included. Kitchen/laundry privileges. Private bath. Street parking. Non-smoker, quiet, and clean. No other pets. Move-in \$1000. Call (818) 400-7235. 709

Sgl. Family House for Rent: Burbank - 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bathroom, detached garage. Close to Media Area, private yard, \$2100 monthly. For appt call: Alex (818) 640-6212. 709

House for Rent: Van Nuys, 3 bdrm, 2 bth, 2 car garage; 1500 sq. ft., washer/dryer, ref/stove, dishwasher, fenced in back yard, near all schools. \$2,200. (818) 780-0647. 609

Palm Springs Condo for Rent. Close to shops, entertainment, restaurants and Spa & Casino Resort. 1 Bdrm 1 Bath, Beautiful gated community, 6 swimming pools, tennis court, green belt, park-like bbq areas. Call Martha (562) 301-2940. 509

Household Items

Stove & Refrigerator: white, 3 years old, Frigidaire brand, \$450.00. Call Curtis @ (323) 293-9320. 1009

Nordic Track AudioStrider 800 elliptical \$500. 18"-stride length. Interactive Audio CrossTrainer w/ iFit Workout Card technology. Entertainment port with MP3 input & built-in speakers. Includes clear equipment mat. Marisela @ (626) 358-5237 909

New Refrigerator, Kenmore, black, \$175. Great for travel or home usage. 2 ft high, 1 ft 7 inches wide and deep. 2.7 cu. Ft. interior w/ freezer. Norma at (818) 994-6695. 509

Cross-stitched Arts - Beautiful home décor, no frame, prices are negotiable. Call Nida & leave a message (909) 800-3207. 709

Miscellaneous

Doberman pups: purebred, tails & dewclaws. 1st shots, available on 10-27, 1 red male \$400, 1 male & 2 females \$375, no papers. (626) 915 7806. 1109

4 Cemetery plots for sale: Rose Hills, Asking \$18,000 or best offer. (323) 382-2405. 1009

Inglewood Park Cemetery - Double Capacity Crypt D-1092. Sanctuary of Sunset S.M.M. Tier-1. Retail price of \$10,095, I will sell for \$5,000. Call Edgar at (951) 243-7492 909

Cemetery Plot for sale: Inglewood Park, Lot 1 Single Grave C. Montcrest Vista Plot, appraised @ \$5200, asking \$4600. Please contact Valerie @ (323) 893-4061. 909

Melaleuca oil. Call Gilberto Barrera at (323) 695-3072. 809

Zippo lighter with Rams logo: like new in box. \$25 or best offer. Call Carlos (310) 672-9026. 709

2009 Oakland Raiders Turn Around Bus Trip. Come join other city employees at our annual trip to Oakland to see the Raiders take on the Philadelphia Eagles on October 18, 2009. Call Joe @ 909-519-8683 or email: raiderjo@roadrunner.com for more info. 609

2 Cemetery Plots for sale: Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills, Lot 713, Internment Spaces 1 & 2, Eternal Love, Recently Appraised @ \$5,400 each, asking \$4,500 each or better. Contact Alex at limobug@aol.com 609

Balloon Wrap Machine w/video instructions and equipment. For sale \$150. Call Nyra @ (310) 634-6768. 609

Horseback riding lessons, for kids 8-16 yrs. In Lake View Terrace & Agua Dulce areas. No exp. required. Very affordable. Sponsored by Blue Shadows Mounted Drill Team. Call Janet @ 818-731-3096. 209

Travel / Timeshare

Monterey Bay Timeshare for rent - \$850 for 6 nights, from July 25 - July 31, 2010. 2 Bdr: king in master, twins in 2nd bdr, queen murphy bed in living area & 2 baths. Max occupancy of 6. Cable tv, dvd, cd, gas fp, gas bbq, w&d, pools, plus more. Call Terry at (818) 769-3382; plz leave message. 1109

Escondido Timeshare for sale. Studio suite 1 Bdrm; sleeps 4 w/ full kitchen; overlooks 18 hole golf course. \$3,000. Brad @ (626) 297-2924. 1109

For Sale - Las Vegas Diamond Resort timeshare. 12,000 points to be used in any of the outstanding Diamond Resorts. Must Sell. Asking \$5,900 but price negotiable. Call Frances @ (805) 583-5321. 809

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WorldMark by Wyndham Timeshare in Las Vegas for sale. You will receive 12,000 points once the property is sold. Call Danella (323) 434-1715. 709

Las Vegas time share condo for sale. 2 bedroom and studio, once every year. Contact Dannie (310) 532-0976. 709

Cabo San Lucas timeshare for sale. Studio suite 1 BA; sleeps 4 w/ full kitchen; private balcony overlooks ocean. \$3,000. Please call Gil @ (323) 661-7947. 609

Cancun timeshare for rent. Only \$500 a week (Saturday to Saturday) anytime. Sleeps 4 with full kitchen, W/D, A/C CATV, VCR/DVD. Ice gallery member. Call Gina @ 818-265-5940 & leave msg. 709

Collectibles

Bobblehead Dolls: Dodgers Manny Ramirez or Matt Kemp bobbleheads. Brand new in box. \$30 - 35 each. Call John @ (626) 233-5509. 1009

Giant Star Trek Collection. 1,000's of items. Must sell as a whole. \$5,000 o.b.o. (310) 487-4557 or wrich1223@gmail.com for more info. 809

Silkstone Barbie Dolls: 2003 limited edition "A Model's Life" giftset. 2002 limited edition Maria "Therese." 2000 limited edition "Givencyh." Never out of box. Prices vary. Karen (213) 399-2182. 709

Various Beanie Babies from McDonald's \$2.00 - \$5.00 each. Call Greg (951) 235-3815. 709

Sports Memorabilia - All Sports and Non-Sports Cards. 25 Cents and Up, OBO. Greg (951) 235-3815. 709

NFL Ceramic Mugs/Tankards - 28 Teams, LA Rams, LA Raiders, Cowboys, Dolphins, etc. Past/Present NFL Teams, 5 3/8" Tall. (805) 338-1990. 709

ESTATE SERVICES - Appraisal or Liquidation of Fine Art, Collectibles and Coin & Stamp Collections. Call Michael (626) 592-2929. 709

I BUY SILVER & GOLD U.S. coin collections, large or small. Please call Michael (626) 592-2929. 709

Wanted

Vintage stereo/Radio equipment, Receivers. Marantz, Yamaha, etc. 1975 and older. Call (805) 300-2147 709

Wanted: Donation of sewing machines desperately needed for teen sewing class at Rancho Cienega Sports Complex. Call Lisa Jenkins (323) 290-3142. 309

Wanted: Your Childhood Barbie Dolls and Clothes. I collect dolls from 1959 - 1966 and pay top dollar! I will buy 1 - 1,000 dolls. Clothing, structures, cases. Anything vintage Barbie! Call Cheryl (818) 771-4835. 709

Wanted: YOUR TOY TRAINS, any age, any size. Call Mike (818)-831-0846. 709

Electronics/Computers

XBOX elite 120gb all accessories, Microsoft warranty seal intact \$225. Call or text (818) 399-7189, email for pic: miglan09@att.net. 1109

37" Sharp Analog TV with converter box. Excellent condition, \$350. Call (323) 227-8067 after 6:30 pm, Monday - Friday and after 9:00 am Saturday and Sunday. 809

Cooking with the Club

by Chef Robert Larios



Send Us Your Recipes!

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Holiday Pasta Salad

DIRECTIONS:



Gather all your ingredients.

So you've been asked to bring something to the holiday potluck and you don't want to bring the usual apple pie or the chips and dip from the market. A pasta salad is one route to take, even while there may be critics who say that it takes too long to prepare and it doesn't have the greatest flavor. I disagree with the critics, and I say that pasta salads are quick and easy to make and delicious, and they're great for large parties.

When a recipe calls for dicing ingredients, placing them in a large bowl, mixing them and then plating them to serve – that is culinary art at its best. The simplicity is miraculous, and the deliciousness that results is cosmic; but somehow it's all sitting in the kitchen.

This pasta salad is versatile, and the ingredients can be interchanged and substituted. If you don't like or don't have bowtie pasta, use rotini, penne or even macaroni. If you don't have red peppers, go ahead and use green peppers. If you don't have feta cheese, you can use other cheeses including cubed mozzarella or maybe Monterey Jack.

No matter which variation you use, the ingredients provide a festive presentation and the flavors are gifts to those being served. Happy Holidays!



Boil your pasta with a little salt and olive oil, and place in a strainer once it has cooked approximately 10 minutes. While your pasta is boiling, dice the cherry tomatoes, the peppers, chives, olives, Italian parsley and cilantro. Set aside.



Strain the pasta into a large bowl or pot. Place the other diced ingredients in the bowl or pot as well. Add a little more salt and pepper. Add the feta cheese, the artichoke hearts and the Italian dressing. Mix gently with a wooden spoon.

Holiday Pasta Salad

SERVES 8 TO 12

INGREDIENTS:

- 12 oz. feta cheese, crumbled
- 32 oz. bowtie pasta
- 1 medium red pepper
- 1 medium orange pepper
- 1 medium yellow pepper
- 16 cherry tomatoes
- 1/2 cup chives
- 1/4 cup Italian parsley
- 1 can (about 10) artichoke hearts
- 2 bottles Italian dressing
- 1/2 cup cilantro
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- Freshly cracked pepper and sea salt to taste

Cooking TIDBIT: *If you don't like Italian dressing, feel free to experiment with other types. Vinaigrettes usually work.*



Plate and serve!

[A Cook's Dictionary]

Feta Cheese:

This classic Greek cheese is traditionally made of sheep's or goat's milk, though today large commercial producers often make it with cow's milk. Because it's cured and stored in its own salty whey brine, feta is often referred to as pickled cheese. White, crumbly and rindless, feta is usually pressed into squared cakes.

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



Food Factoid: "Happy and successful cooking doesn't rely only on know-how; it comes from the heart." – Georges Blanc

REVIEWS BY FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS

ENTERTAINMENT

MOVIE REVIEWS

**A Serious Man**

Rated R

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

The latest from the writer-director duo, the Coen brothers, *A Serious Man* is a black comedy set in 1967. Larry Gopnik is a Midwestern professor whose life begins to fall apart as his wife prepares to leave him and his job security is nearly shattered. Gopnik's life is almost a parallel story of the biblical Job: Bad things happen without reason. The film is almost a tragic-comedy, and in the hands of the Coen brothers, almost funny, and almost worth seeing. It almost has characters to care about, and I almost liked it. Almost.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

**Law-Abiding Citizen**

Rated R

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This is an excellent film starring Gerard Butler as a home invasion victim who loses his wife and child in the attack. After the justice system fails him, and the prosecuting attorney, Jamie Foxx, strikes a deal with the defendant to keep his conviction rate up, the loving dad and husband takes matters into his own hands.

This movie has you rooting for the wrong side until Butler's character takes it too far. Action-packed and edge-of-your-seat exciting, this movie keeps its momentum from beginning

to end. With its twists and surprises, it takes you from a dad out to seek vengeance to a lawyer trying to outwit a trained assassin. There's a lot to look forward to in *Law-Abiding Citizen*, so don't wait for the DVD.

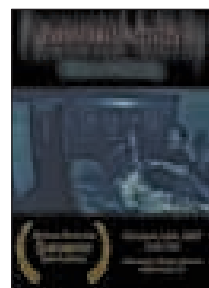
- Lisa Solis, DWP

Law-Abiding Citizen

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This movie involves a man whose family is brutally murdered during a home-invasion robbery. But wait, there's more! When the prosecutor offers one of the suspects a plea deal, Clyde Shelton (Gerard Butler) begins to plan his reign of terror on a less than judicial justice system. After ten years, he begins his attack on the system that failed him and his family. This movie has it all: action, suspense and the opportunity to figure out how the victim is undertaking his seemingly impossible assassinations from inside solitary confinement. When it becomes personal to the prosecutor Nick Rice (Jamie Foxx), when his family is threatened, it takes on a desperate race against time to figure out how Shelton is managing his attacks.

- Jean Sarfaty, LAPD

**Paranormal Activity**

Rated R

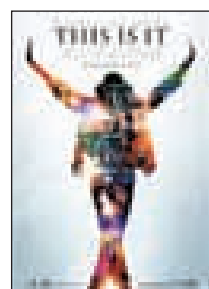
My Score: 1 (out of 5)

This movie's only characters are a boyfriend/girlfriend living in a home in San Diego, where the girlfriend is being stalked by some sort of ghostly presence. (There are few insignificant charac-

ters in the movie not even worth mentioning). Usually movies spend a bit of time setting up for the thrilling parts, but this entire movie was a prelude! And the climax? Six minutes of freaky stuff at the very end!

If you do insist on wasting money on this film, at least save yourself some time and just see the last six minutes. Want a good scary flick? Watch *The Exorcist* or *Nightmare on Elm Street!* Time would be better spent.

- Jean Sarfaty, LAPD

**This Is It**

Rated PG

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This film was originally intended to be for Michael Jackson's own private library, not for the public. But Kenny Ortega, choreographer and friend of Michael, was able to gain permission to make a combination concert/documentary of what was to be the upcoming *This Is It* tour. Beginning with the announcement of a planned tour, you see Michael making statements to the press, auditioning dancers, working with his music director and suggesting ideas for video clips that would be used during his concert. Somewhere in there they were able to put together performances during rehearsal with the combined video footage to give fans a glimpse of what Michael had in mind for this tour.

All I can say is you definitely walk away feeling like you would have loved to see this concert in all its spectacle and glory. You get to see just how mild-mannered and kind Michael really was to his crew, his friends, the musicians and his dancers. You see his sense of humor and the musical genius he truly was. It's awe-inspiring. It was in theatres only two weeks but you can get the DVD just in time for Christmas.

- Lisa Solis, DWP

**Saw VI**

Rated R

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Another episode in the *Saw* series begins with someone finding themselves trapped in yet another game. This movie focuses on the life of John Kramer and anyone associated with him just before his turn to violent lessons about life. With lots of flashbacks to the previous five *Saw* flicks, you get a glimpse of who he was before and why his work has led him to do what he does best. What I like most about the *Saw* series is at the end of the film, you are shocked to discover that your train of thought was used against you, and in *Saw VI* you are outsmarted by John yet again. But just when you think this one is going to end them all, they leave it open for *Saw VII*. It's a good movie, but I'd wait for the DVD. If you are a diehard fan (no pun intended), then go see it.

- Lisa Solis, CWP

**The Maid**

Unrated

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This movie is about the people and human need to be loved. The movie like its title, revolves around Raquel, the family maid employed by a wealthy family who loses touch with her social position with her employers. In her mind the family belongs to her; she goes to extraordinary lengths to sabotage all the other maids who are hired to help her; there were hilarious scenes of childish behavior. Raquel is very successful in keeping her possessions till she meets Lucy, the last maid who demonstrates such gusto for life that Raquel ends up emulating her, thus regaining reality. Live-in domestic work must be the hardest jobs around, to always stand from the outside looking in. The lead actress was superb.

- Lourdes Zaldivar, LAPD

**Coco Before Chanel**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

A biopic from France, *Coco Before Chanel* stars the sensational Audrey Tatou as Gabrielle (Coco) Chanel from a teenage orphan to a star in fashion design. Chronicling her tenacious climb to fame, the film is unsentimental in showing how with wit, guile, and a lot of talent, she charmed her way into French high society. Audrey Tatou is a brilliant actress who is also able to portray the self-absorbed Chanel's lack of morals as a logical outgrowth of her troubled youth.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

THEATRE: Mary Poppins

**Musical**

At the Ahmanson Theatre, through Feb. 7

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

No one could ever replace Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke, who starred in the original Disney movie. But the two lead performers in this stage musical, Ashley Brown and Gavin Lee, come close. At times Mr. Lee, the male lead, actually reminded me of Mr. Van Dyke; he was "spot on."

The story stays close to the movie but it includes some very good new material. I thought a couple of the musical numbers were spectacular.

Overall the show was supercalifragilisticexpialidocious, and I highly recommend it, especially if you have children.

- Gail Seltzer, DWP

**Couples Retreat**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This movie is a romantic comedy about one couple on the brink of divorce but which found therapy at a costly resort. To get there, they convince three friends and their spouses that it could be enjoyable and therapeutic for everyone while at the same time they get a group discount in a picture-perfect setting. Once there, all the couples start their own therapy adventure and realize that nobody's marriage is perfect. As each couple faces their own marital issues, they come around to realize why they fell in love to begin with.

The seriousness of the message about the foundations of marriage is balanced out with the humor of everyday married life with a family. A great cast of Vince Vaughn, Jason Bateman, Kristen Bell, Kristen Davis, Malin Akerman, Faizon Love and John Favreau make this a movie worth seeing.

- Lisa Solis, DWP

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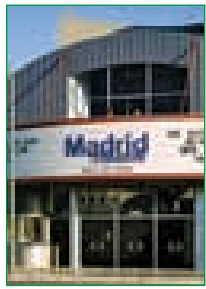
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Alive! Reviewers Get in the Spirit

What are some great books, shows and movies to watch to get into the holiday spirit? *Alive!* asked our reviewers – City Employees or retirees who send in their entertainment reviews most every month – for their recommendations.

Here are their suggestions. And thanks to all. Keep writing those reviews, 100 words or fewer!

Jean Sarfaty, LAPD



A Christmas Carol (theatre)

Madrid Theatre,
Canoga Park,
Dec. 18-20

The wonderful holiday story, *A Christmas Carol*, is being performed at The Madrid Theater, a local theater that seats 440 and enriches our neighborhood by keeping the arts alive and well in the San Fernando Valley. This performance includes a live four-piece orchestra and a professional cast. Tickets are \$15-\$30. Contact the box office at (818) 347-9938, or check out their Website at www.culturela.org/madridtheatre/.

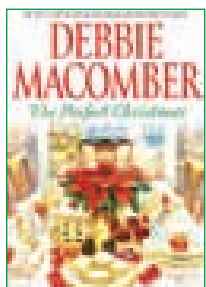


How the Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical (theatre)

Pantages Theater,
Through Jan. 3

Dr. Seuss' *How The Grinch Stole Christmas!* The Musical features the familiar songs, "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch" and "Welcome Christmas" from the original animated TV special. Max the Dog narrates, as the mean and scheming Grinch, whose heart is "two sizes too small," decides to steal Christmas away from holiday-loving Whos. Magnificent sets and costumes inspired by Dr. Seuss' original illustrations help transport audiences to the whimsical world of Whoville, while the music and book by Mel Marvin and Timothy Mason breathe new life into this timeless story of the true meaning of Christmas.

Linda Rorex, Personnel



The Perfect Christmas (book)

Debbie Macomber
Romance fiction,
240 pages
Mira Publishing

For Cassie Beaumont, it's meeting her perfect match #8212. Cassie, at 33, wants a husband and kids and consults with professional matchmaker, Simon Dodson, for help in finding her perfect match. Simon has Cassie complete three tasks before meeting her perfect match. The three tasks are all about Christmas: being a charity bell ringer; dressing up as Santa's elf at a children's party; and preparing a traditional turkey dinner for her neighbors. Despite a number of comical mishaps, Cassie does it all—and she's finally ready to meet her match. But just like the perfect Christmas gift, he turns out to be a wonderful surprise!

This is another great Christmas novel from romance novelist Debbie Macomber that you are sure to enjoy reading.



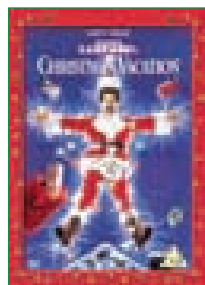
The Christmas List (book)

Richard Paul Evans
Fiction, 368 pages
Simon and Schuster

This is a story of real-estate mogul James Kier, who gets the chance to read his obituary—before he dies. What he discovers unnerves him, as the death notice portrays a ruthless, friendless man. James decides to make amends to the many people he's hurt over the years.

Richard Evans' newest Christmas novel was inspired on his paper he wrote as a seventh grader in his English class about writing his own obituary. This novel loosely based on Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* about transforming an obnoxious person into a man filled with warmth and joy. It's a great holiday read to lift your holiday spirits.

Gwen Lew, DWP



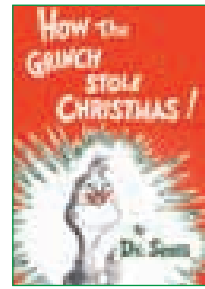
National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (dvd)

Rated PG-13

One of my favorite holiday movies is the 1989 *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*, starring Chevy Chase, from 1989. It's just a wonderful holiday family movie. This movie just goes to show how families can stick together.

I especially like the part when he is lighting up the house with all the outside lighting. It may not seem like much to what some people do nowadays, but I think this movie is just really funny to watch and to have a good laugh.

Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks



How the Grinch Stole Christmas (book)

Dr. Seuss
Family audiences,
pages vary per edition
Random House

The children's classic, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, by Dr. Seuss (Theodore Geisel), has been made into cartoons, musicals and movies, yet it is still one of my favorite stories to read aloud to young children. Yes, there is the theme of commercialization of the Christmas holiday, but it espouses the wonderful values of love and family. Nothing matches the wit, rhymes and language of the Dr. Seuss books.

First printed in 1957, the drawings are in pen and ink, with some red added.



The Giving Tree (book)

Shel Silverstein
Family fiction;
pages vary per edition
HarperCollins

First published in 1964, *The Giving Tree* is aimed at those pre-teens mature enough to appreciate the complicated themes of unconditional love and how we grow old. *The Giving Tree* has generated controversy through the years – it is not a simple-minded story – but parents will appreciate how the book can generate discussion with their children regarding relationships.

Chuck Beas, DWP



Die Hard (dvd)

Rated R

This is not your ordinary Christmas movie, but it takes place during the holidays and always gets me in the mood for Christmas. You are introduced to Officer John McClane (Bruce Willis), a New York cop going to visit his very successful wife in Los Angeles. He gets caught up in a high-stakes robbery designed to look like a terrorist attack.

What sets the mood for this movie is when McClane gets a ride in a limo, compliments of the Nakatomi Corp., from the airport. Argyle, a rookie driver, starts playing music and Willis asks him to play some Christmas music, and he says, "This is Christmas music!" It's a rap song about Santa and his reindeers on Christmas Eve.

This movie is packed with extreme action and a little humor to boot.

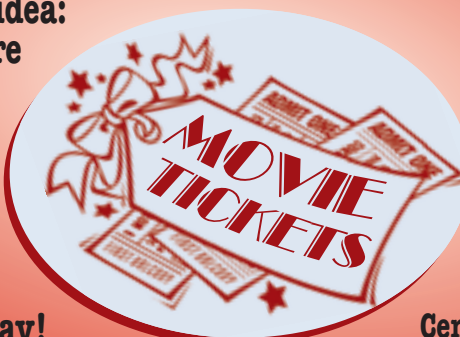


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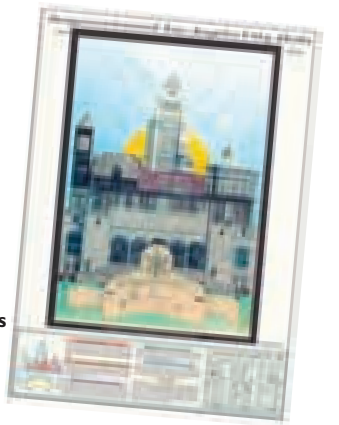


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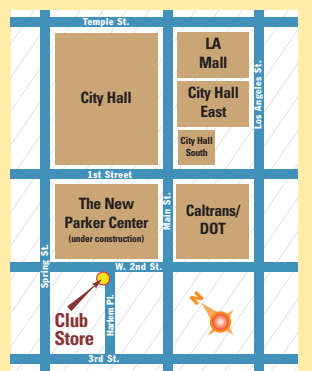
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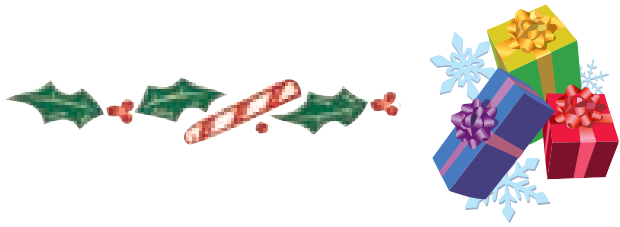
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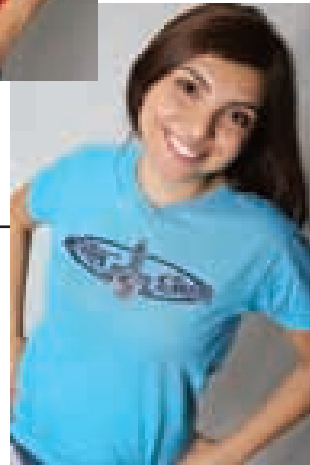
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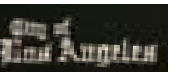


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Available Colors:
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Size: **2XL**

Available Colors:
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LA City "B-Label" Sweatshirt (with Depts.)

Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Member Price: **\$22** per shirt*

Available Colors: Black, Navy Blue

Size: **3XL** **\$23**

ITEM: #LAC-6000

Short Sleeve "Classic" T-shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL (all colors)**

Member Price: **\$12** per shirt*

Non-Member Price: \$25 per shirt

Available Colors: Blue Dusk, Charcoal, Chestnut, Forest Green, Indigo Blue, Leaf Green, Light Pink, Maroon, Olive, Orange, Royal Blue, Sport Gray, Texas Orange, White, Black, Navy Blue

White available with front pocket.

Front

Back

ITEM: #T1000

Navy & Black LIMITED

Sizes: **3XL** **\$13**
Size: **4XL** **\$14**

Available Colors: Blue Dusk, Charcoal, Forest Green, Indigo Blue, Royal Blue, Sport Gray, White, Black, Navy Blue

Available Colors: Indigo Blue, Sport Gray, Black, Navy Blue

*Plus tax and shipping

White available with front pocket.

New City LA-Hall Short Sleeve T-Shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Available Colors: Black, Blue Dusk, Navy Blue, Sport Gray, Tan, White, Forest Green, Charcoal, Red

Member Price: **\$8.50** per shirt*

Sizes: **3XL** **\$9.50**
Size: **4XL** **\$10.50**

Available Colors: Black, Navy Blue, Sport Gray

Front

ITEM: #CNI1000

Retired Employee T-Shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL 3XL**

Size: **3XL** **\$12.99**

Member Price: **\$11.99** per shirt*

Available Colors: Black, Navy Blue, White

Front

ITEM: #RCE3000

LA City Seal T-shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Member Price: **\$10** per shirt*

Available Colors: Cedar, Dark Heather, Metro Blue, Military Green, Sand, Sky Blue, Black, Navy Blue

Front

ITEM: #MOC51000

"Your City" T-Shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL 3XL**

Available Colors: Black, Navy Blue, Royal, White

Size: **3XL** **\$10.99**

Member Price: **\$9.99** per shirt*

ITEM: #YCYR11000

Long Sleeve "Classic" T-shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Available Colors: Charcoal, Dark Chocolate, Forest Green, Indigo Blue, Sport Gray, White

Member Price: **\$15** per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping

Size: **3XL** **\$16**
Size: **4XL** **\$17**

Available Colors: Dark Chocolate, Forest Green, Indigo Blue, Sport Gray, Black, Navy Blue, White

Back

ITEM: #T1500

Navy & Black LIMITED

Club Store

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DWP T-shirts

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

Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*



Available Colors:
 White Navy Blue



ITEM: #WTRSDE3000

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

Available Colors:

- Gray
- Maroon
- Charcoal
- Carolina Blue
- Sand
- Navy Blue
- Black

Member Price:
\$15
 per shirt*



Size: **3XL**

Member Price:
\$16

Available Color:
 Gray

ITEM: #T2500VP

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

Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue White

Member Price:
\$8.50
 per shirt*



ITEM: #T3000VP

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

Available Colors:

- Black
- Navy Blue
- Orange
- White

Member Price:
\$10
 per shirt*



Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue Orange White

White available with front pocket.

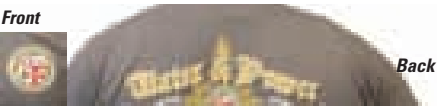
ITEM: #T2003VP

Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Available Colors:

- Blue Dusk
- Charcoal
- Orange
- Black
- Navy Blue
- White

White available with front pocket.



Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Available Colors:

- Navy Blue
- Orange
- White
- Black



ITEM: #T2001VP

Size: **3XL**

Member Price:
\$13

Available Colors:
 Blue Dusk Charcoal

Black Navy Blue

Size: **4XL**

Member Price:
\$14

Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue

Fleece Jackets

Men's Full Zip Polar Fleece with Embroidered City Seal

Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Member Price:
\$34.99
 per jacket*

Available Colors:

- Black
- Charcoal
- Khaki
- Navy Blue



ITEM: #CTY3000

Hooded Sweatshirt

City of LA Full-Zip Hooded Lightweight Sweatshirt

Sizes: **XS S M L XL XXL**

Member Price:
\$19.99
 per jacket*



Size: **3XL**

Member Price:
\$20.99

Available Color:

- Black



ITEM: #4613

City Jackets

LA City Seal Hooded Weather Resistant Jacket

Sizes: **L XL 2XL**

ITEM: #CITHOODJKT5000

Member Price:
\$39.99
 per jacket*

Available Colors:

- Black
- Navy Blue



City Executive Sueded Microfiber Jacket

Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Available Colors:

- Brown
- Indigo Blue
- Charcoal

Member Price:
\$45
 per jacket*



ITEM: #SUDJKT1000

*Plus tax and shipping

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Hats Hats Hats! High quality embroidered ball caps!

LA Hall Hat



#LHALLHT2000

Member Price:
\$8
per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:

- Navy Blue
- Olive
- Royal Blue
- Black

LA Hall Sun Hat

Sizes: L XL
Available Colors:
Olive Khaki



#BKTHLLHT1000

Member Price:
\$15
per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping

LA B-Label Hat



#BLHT1000

Available Colors:
Light Gray Navy Black

Member Price:
\$8
per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping

City Seal Ball Cap with Department Name



Transportation
NAVY: #H2003
BLACK: #H2004

Member Price:
\$10
per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping

Hats available for these departments:

Bureau of Sanitation
FOREST GREEN: #H1996
NAVY: #H1995
BLACK: #H1998

General Services
NAVY: #H1999
BLACK: #H2000

Harbor
NAVY: #H2005
BLACK: #H2006

Public Works
NAVY: #H2001
BLACK: #H2002

Recreation & Parks
NAVY: #H1993
BLACK: #H1992

Transportation
NAVY: #H2003
BLACK: #H2004

Water & Power
NAVY: #H1997
BLACK: #H1998

Retiree
BLACK: #H2007

Available Colors:

- Forest Green
- Navy
- Black



Bureau of Sanitation
FOREST GREEN: #H1996
NAVY: #H1995
BLACK: #H1998

DWP Ball Cap



DWP Hat
BLACK: #DPWH3000

Member Price:
\$8
per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping



DWP Hat
NAVY: #DPWH2000

City of LA Bucket Cap

Member Price:
\$15
per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:

- Black
- Navy
- White



ITEM: #4569

City Brushed Twill Visor



ITEM: #4567

Available Colors:

- Black
- Sky Blue
- Pink
- Hot Pink

Member Price:
\$9.99
per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping

City Seal Ball Cap with Script

ORANGE: #H1990
KHAKI: #H1991
BLACK: #H1613



Seal w/Script
NAVY: #H1989

Available Colors:

- Navy Blue
- Orange
- Khaki
- Black

Member Price:
\$8
per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping

City Seal Ball Cap

ORANGE: #H1661
KHAKI: #H1988
BLACK: #H1987



City Seal
NAVY: #H1628

Kid's T-shirts

"Official City Kid" Kid's T-shirt

Sizes: **XS S M L XL**

Available Colors:

- Green
- Black
- Royal Blue
- Red
- Pink

"Future City Employee" Kid's T-shirt

Sizes: **XS S M L XL**



ITEM: #KIDFUT1000



ITEM: #KIDOFF2000

Member Price:
\$8.99
per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping

For Baby

LA City Baby Onesies

Sizes: **6, 12, 18, 24 months**

Available Colors:

- Light Pink
- Sky Blue
- Light Yellow
- Green
- White

Member Price:
\$19.99
each*



ITEM: #BABY1000

City Wall Clocks



ITEM: #C8003

10" Diameter
Battery Operated
(AA)

Member Price:
\$12
per clock*



*Plus tax and shipping

ITEM: #WCWSPT3000

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City Umbrellas

Large City Umbrella

ITEM: #CTYUMB1000

Member Price:
\$19⁹⁹
each*

*Plus tax and shipping



Small Umbrella

ITEM: #SMUMB3000

Member Price:
\$14⁹⁹
each*

*Plus tax and shipping

Identification Holders

LA City Clear Badge Holder with City Seal



Member Price:
\$1³⁷
per badge*

ITEM: #CLRBGHLDR

Retractable Badge Holder



Comes with clear ID holder sleeve.

Member Price:
\$2⁴⁹
per badge*

ITEM: #RBH1000

City of LA Lanyard

Comes with clear ID holder sleeve.



Member Price:
\$4⁹⁹
per badge*

ITEM: #CTYLYRD1000

City Seal Key Chains

City Seal Key Chain – Silver

ITEM: #LAKC2000

Member Price:
\$5
per chain*



Club Discount Price!
(\$10 Retail)

City Seal Key Chain – Gold

ITEM: #LAKC001

City Seal Tie Bars

LA City Seal Tie Bar – Silver

ITEM: #001521

Member Price:
\$14⁹⁹
per bar*

NEW!

LA City Seal Tie Bar – Gold

ITEM: #001520

City Seal Mugs

Hot Beverage Mug

ITEM: #MGS1000

Member Price:
\$9⁹⁹
per mug*



Member Price:
\$12⁹⁹
per mug*

City of LA Travel Mug

ITEM: #CLAMG3000

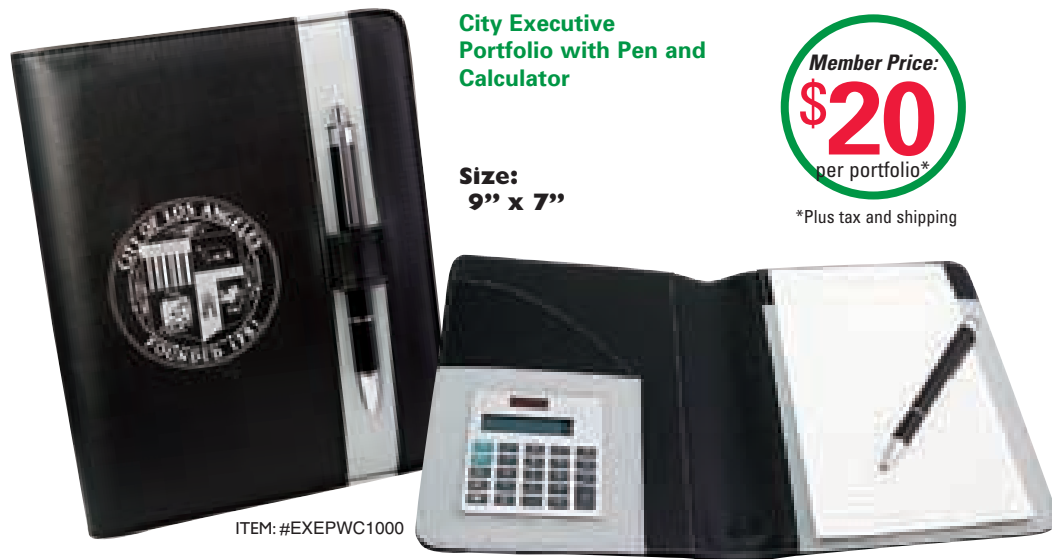
City Seal Office

City Executive Portfolio with Pen and Calculator

Size:
9" x 7"

Member Price:
\$20
per portfolio*

*Plus tax and shipping



ITEM: #EXEPWC1000

City of LA-Letter Size Portfolio w/ Calculator

Size:
13" x 10"

Member Price:
\$24⁹⁹
per portfolio*



ITEM: #4680

City Engraved Pen & Case

- Elegant electro-plated two-tone 24k gold plated and chrome silver pen with solid brass construction.
- "City of Los Angeles" is engraved on the pen.

Member Price:
\$19⁹⁹
per pen*



ITEM: #CLPEN3000

City Professional Bag

Available Colors:

Forest Green Black

Member Price:
\$25
per bag*



ITEM: #BAG1000

City of LA Expandable Computer Bag

Available Color:

Black

Member Price:
\$34⁹⁹
per bag*



ITEM: #PBCTYFCMPI000

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