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Joannie Mukai, Harbor Dept. pioneer and Club Board Member, helped recreate the City Employees Club in 2002. Her biography, tributes and photos begin on page 6.



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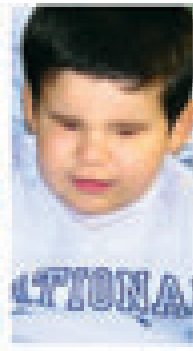
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** A Message From the CEO **

Soft Voice of True Leader Goes Silent

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

You might not have known **Joannie Mukai**, whom we're remembering in this month's *Alive!* But if you enjoy *Alive!*, if you believe in the Club and the way we serve you, then you certainly know of what she believed in.

Joannie sat on our board for many years. In 2002, when we decided to take our association in a whole new direction, turning it from LACEA into the City Employees Club, Joannie was one of our biggest supporters. And I will always be grateful for that. She saw our vision, and she wanted to be a part of it, all the way.

I remember how dedicated Joannie was to making the Club concept a complete success. From the word go, she became involved in every aspect.

She was a very soft-spoken person, but when it came to defending her employees at the Port, she became very animated and energized.

She loved her job at the Port, and she really connected to her employees. Joannie was a true pioneer, as you'll read about in the story, but she had a great relationship with those she worked for, and with. That's a real skill to that, and it came naturally to her.

Another thing that really impressed me – and influenced me – about Joannie was her dedication. She was early for every board meeting, and in my memory she never missed a single one. She was at every ClubFest, rain or shine. She often worked long days at the Port to make sure she got it right.

And she cared for her mom, for years and years. She was the best daughter a mother could ever ask for.



At ClubFest 2008: From left: Club Board Members Joannie Mukai and Rose Hyland with Club CEO John Hawkins.

We here at the Club are proud to rename our Club Scholarships after her – the Joannie Mukai Club Scholarship Program. We feel it's a great way to honor her legacy of hard work and dedication as foundations of success. (Thanks go to the Club's **Arlene Herrero** for the inspired idea of renaming them in Joannie's honor. And don't forget to turn in those applications by June 30.)

So, readers might not have known Joannie. But, through her exemplary service to the City and her strong belief in the Club, she was the very model of a great civil servant. So long, Joannie. And thanks for all you have done.

Maybe it's not so coincidental, since Joannie was so dedicated to her mom, that this issue also features the annual *Alive!* spotlight on Mother's Day. It always makes my heart warm to feel the awesome love on that page!

As we see a City in transition, we're seeing a lot of retirements. Here at *Alive!*, we want to cover as many retirement parties as we can, so make sure to let us know. (We're covering quite a few in this issue alone.) And also – you don't have to leave the Club just because you're leaving the City! Talk to **Tiffany Sy** (see her column on page 35) to find out how to keep all those great Club benefits flowing into your golden years.

Happy spring, everyone!

JOHN

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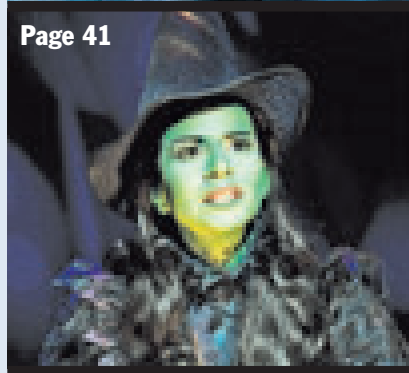
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**Cecilia Talbot,
Claims Manager**

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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— **Randi Johnson Osborne, March 2010**

The Club's claims service is "very helpful.

I had no idea what involvement Danny had with [the Club], and the Club was helpful and honest in letting me know what to expect."

— **Patricia Herrera, March 2010**

The Club's claims service worked "perfectly! The processing was extremely quick, and all representatives were very attentive and sympathetic. The high level of services and attention were extraordinary, and the Club has surpassed all my expectations. [The book, *The Fall of Freddie the*

Leaf,] was a very sweet and touching piece of literature. I will definitely keep it handy to re-read many times again."

— **Alice Petrossian, March 2010**

The Club's claims service is "very good and fast... [I] needed funds to pay for the funeral costs. Funds were available to me on time. Thank you. The book [The book, *The Fall of Freddie the Leaf,*] is very true; it made me feel comfort."

— **Lily Nageeb, March 2010**

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Long-term care claims paid this month:
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LETTERS To the Editor

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LETTERS OF THE MONTH

These Two Enjoyed Feature About the City's Mulcho Men

I drive by one of the free mulch centers about once a week, but I never knew just exactly what it was; but now I do! Thanks for the great article and the "enlightenment." I'm going to be sure to pick up some free mulch the next time I go by there. My gardenias are in great need of some new soil amendments. Oh, and I loved the headline for the story; "Thank You Very Mulch." It cracks me up every time I say it in my head.

– Todd Rather, General Services



Mulching in the City of Los Angeles? That's amazing! The City has its hands on all kinds of things and now compost. Those were great photos that were taken of the operation and a well-written article. That fellow, Paul Blount, sure is an expert in the area of composting and seems to have a tremendous focus and dedication for it. I had no idea there are nine sites where we all can pick up mulch. The whole process seems very scientific. I am very impressed.

– Lisa Adams, Rec and Parks

Legoland Stacks Up as Great For Coloring Contest Winner

I just want to thank you for the Legoland tickets we received for my son's artwork, which won your recent coloring contest for five-year-olds and younger.

Legoland is his favorite amusement park, but due to distance and ticket cost, we've been there only a couple of times. The four free tickets motivated us to go recently and, even though it was at the start of spring break, it was close enough to Alex's birthday to justify the celebration.

We had a great time and really enjoyed ourselves. Thanks again.

– Karl Guder, General Services

Hi Karl, glad to hear that your son, Alex, had a great time taking the family to Legoland. Alex might be interested in Legoland's new attraction, a water park! See page 27 for details. — Ed.

Compliments More Than Dribbling In For Club's New Hoops League

I went out to the Expo Center by the LA Coliseum to watch the first games of the Club Basketball League, and let me say I was amazed! The teams are serious about competing. There's a lot of energy in the gyms. Speaking about the gyms, they are beautiful and highly maintained by Recreation and Parks. Kudos to them for keeping that place beautiful.

– Rick Carlson, General Services

Representing Club Well at Events Is a Task That's Wholly Moses'

I just wanted to thank [Club Counselor] Eboné Moses for covering our retirement party April 9 [Convention Center]. Everyone who did not have the pleasure of knowing her [previously] was very happy to see her representing our great Club.

We look forward to more occasions like this one, as well as supporting our Club and benefiting from the great products and services it offers to all its members.

Thanks again!

– Luis Aguilar, Convention Center

Thanks Luis, it's our pleasure to cover as much of the news of City Employees as we can. Eboné – like all our Club staff members – celebrates the lives of City Employees. That's what we're here to do! And thanks for your strong support of the Club, too. — Ed.

Dave Finkle Keeps Saving Bucks With Club's Office Depot Discount

Among my purchases at Office Depot, I bought some ink cartridges for my printer and a few fluorescent light bulbs for the house. The total was \$68.78, but when they ran my credit card that I linked through the Club, it went down to \$48.16. I think I am living a dream! Thank you again, Club!

– Dave Finkle, Housing

QUESTION of the Month

– Collected by Rachael Brecher, Club Store Assistant Manager



Rachael at the Club Store asks 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's the best Mother's Day gift you've given or received?

 <p>"A scrapbook of all my mother's grandchildren." – Anna Sanchez, LAPD, 10 years of City service</p>	 <p>"I spent the day with her." – Victor Corella, LAPD, 30 years of City service</p>
 <p>"A digital camcorder." – Lori Lee, Personnel, 3 years of City service</p>	 <p>"My daughter's artwork from pre-school." – Brenda Salgado, LAPD, 9 years of City service</p>
 <p>"A trip to Australia." – Gary Tran, Finance, 3 years of City service</p>	 <p>"A television for my grandmother." – Damita Robinson, LAPD, 11 years of City service</p>
 <p>"Being blessed to have my mother." – Priscilla Perteet, Rec and Parks, 9 years of City service</p>	 <p>"A trip to Vegas for my mother." – Elenora Browne, LAPD, 28 years of City service</p>
 <p>"A gold necklace." – Wanda Tilley, Public Works, 17 years of City service</p>	 <p>"Flowers." – Charles Andrews, Transportation, 22 years of City service</p>

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May 14 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Patty Pulido	May 28 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Rosa Calderon

Note: The Club Store and Service Center will be closed Monday, May 31, for Memorial Day.

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HARBOR

In Memory of Joannie

Joannie Mukai was a pioneer with the Port and a great supporter and architect of the Club.



The Club is mourning the loss of Joannie Mukai, legendary City Employee and Club Insurance Board Member, who early on saw the power of what the Club could be and was instrumental in supporting the staff in its creation.

Yoshiko "Joannie" Mukai died March 27 in Los Angeles. She was 68.

Her death was "a shock to all of us," said John Hawkins, Club CEO. "In addition to the work she did during her great career with the Port, she loved the Club, and loved being a Club Member.

"She was more than a board member for us, she was a good friend and big supporter of ours. We will miss her very much."

Joannie was on the Club's Insurance Board – comprised of current and past City Employees – when the Los Angeles City Employees Association (LACEA) decided in 2002 to adopt a new all-inclusive customer service model. That's when the City Employees Club was born.

She worked tirelessly with Club staff to create the new concept in employee associations, and supported every big move the new Club made – creating a strong newspaper and then Website; opening a stand-alone store and service center downtown, closer to where Club Members work; instituting ClubFest, which she attended every year; and negotiating to become the first entity as far as we know to license the City seal.

"She was there for so many things we've done for our Club Members," said Brian Trent, Club Chief

Financial Officer. "She loved that we gave check refunds almost every year to those who have our Club life insurance product."

"The Club extends its deepest sympathy to Joannie's family and friends, and all those she touched," John Hawkins said. "Rest in peace."

The Board of Harbor Commissioners dedicated their meeting April 15 to her memory. A celebration of her life was held April 8 at Green Hills Memorial Park. She is survived by her sister, Yoshiye Mukai, and many loving relatives and friends.

THE CLUB SCHOLARSHIP ... IN HER HONOR

Club names its scholarship program after Joannie Mukai.

In the memory of the late Joannie Mukai, former Harbor pioneer and Club Insurance Board Member, the Club announces that it has renamed its long-running and popular Club Scholarship program the Joannie Mukai Club Scholarship Program.

"We feel it's a perfect way to honor all that

Joannie has done for the Club, and for City Employees," said John Hawkins, Club CEO, in announcing the renaming. "She believed in education and training, and she believed in preparing people for success. That's what the Club Scholarships are all about, and we're delighted to name them after her.

**JOANNIE MUKAI
CLUB SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM**

"Our Club Products Manager, Arlene Herrero, came up with the idea to name them after Joannie, and it's a perfect way to keep her memory alive."

Applications for the 2010 Joannie Mukai Club Scholarships are now available. See the story on page 13.

In Memory of Joannie



THE LIFE OF JOANNIE MUKAI

Joannie had been the Port's Director of Construction and Maintenance Division from 1992 until her retirement two years ago. She was one of the first female division heads in the Harbor Department.

Joannie had a more-than-40-year career with the City, working her way up from Clerk Typist. While working full-time, Joannie earned her Bachelor of science and Master of business administration degrees from Pepperdine University

She also received certificates in Engineering Management for Construction from UCLA, Seaport Management from USC, and Executive Management and Terminal Management from the American Association of Port Authorities. She was a member of the Society of Port Engineers and was a charter member of the Japanese-American National Museum.

For more than 20 years, and up until the time of her death, Joannie served on the Board of the Los Angeles City Employees Association and served on the LA Employees Association's Insurance Services board.

Joannie was known for her dedication to her work, coming to work at 5 a.m. and frequently putting in 12-hour days.

To show their respect and affection for Joannie, nearly 100 Harbor Department employees attended her funeral. At the conclusion of the ceremony, a procession of Construction and Maintenance Division vehicles drove slowly past her gravesite in tribute.

The Club thanks Robert Henry for his contributions to this article.



At the Harbor Perfect Attendance luncheon, 2005: From left: Pink Lit, Civil Engineering Associate, 18 years; Boyd Bostre, Architect, 28 years, Club Member; Joannie Mukai, Director of Construction & Maintenance, Club Board Member; and Ed Litle, Sr. Roofer, 9 years.



Receiving a team honor for recycling, 2006: Harbor, back row, from left: Russ Gallivan, Cecil Verdugo. Front: Shilpa Gupta and Joannie Mukai.



Joannie Mukai at a Harbor retirement party for Cliff Okamoto, 2006.



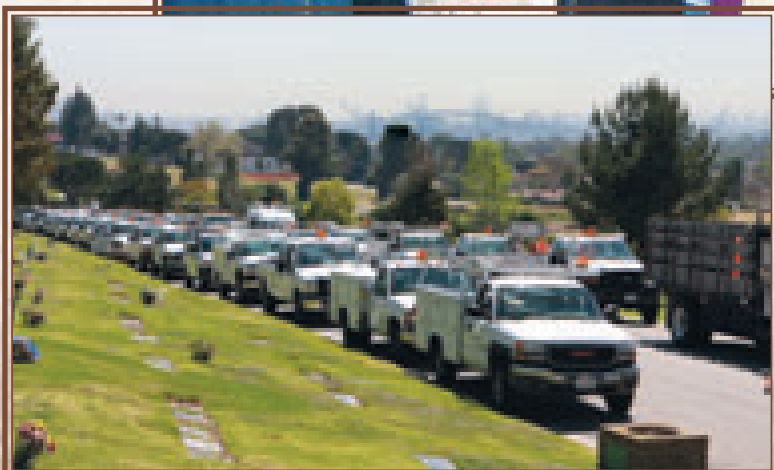
At Joannie's memorial service April 8.



At the Harbor retirement party for Cliff Okamoto, 2006: From left: Joannie Mukai, Director of Construction and Maintenance, Club Board Member; Cliff Okamoto, Retiree, Club Member; Dave Chrisman, Supervisor, Club Member; Clifford's wife, Beatrice; daughter, Sue; and son-in-law, Eric.



At Joannie's memorial service April 8.



At Joannie's memorial service April 8.

JOANNIE MUKAI

1941-2010

IN TRIBUTE

Upon hearing the news of Joannie's death, many Club Members and others who knew her sent their tributes to be printed in *Alive!* Here are their thoughts.

To a Dear Sister of Mine,

You may be gone from my sight but never my memories. Your presence in my life was indeed a gift to be held in my heart forever. Thank you for everything. I will miss you.

– Karen Mukai, sister of Yoshiko "Joannie" Mukai

Lost a Dear Friend

When I opened my e-mail last night I could not believe the news. I was very close to Joannie for the last 10 years, and her wisdom was a source of inspiration to me. She was always concerned for the wellbeing of others and, in particular, for the family. She looked after her mother with special care and later after her sister, who was ill.

I met Joannie at the Club when I first joined many years ago, and I always found her opinions full of wisdom and to the point. Joannie was the voice that kept us all calm during some of difficult issues at the Club; she was instrumental in the establishment of the Club and the *Alive!* newspaper, and she was always present at the annual ClubFest.

Joannie will be missed by all us at the Club, but in particular by me; I lost a dear friend.

– Rose Hyland, Club Insurance Services Board Member

Commitment to Family

I will always remember Joannie's smile, so warm and friendly. I especially admired her commitment to her family and The Club. Joannie attended every ClubFest, doing her part to celebrate with Club Members and their families, ensuring everyone had a good time. We are all saddened by Joannie's passing; however, we can take comfort in knowing that she will be forever "Alive!" in our hearts and memories. I am blessed and privileged to have been associated with such a fine woman. Joannie Mukai, you will be missed but never forgotten.

– David Muraoka, Chairman, Club Board

Wonderful, Kind

We were deeply saddened to hear about Joannie's passing. She was a wonderful, kind, caring, and thoughtful person. She never said negative about anybody. May she rest in peace.

– Bill and Ruby Christiansen

Consummate Professional

During my tenure at the Port of Los Angeles, I worked in the Construction and Maintenance Division. I first met Joannie Mukai in 1980, when she served as Administrative Assistant to Roy J. Cootes, Director of Port C&M. Subsequently, she was appointed Director of Construction and Maintenance, where I had the pleasure of being her secretary for the last 15 years of my career prior to retirement in 2007.

As the first female appointed to the largest division in the Port of Los Angeles, she prided herself in the positive image of her division by personally attending all meetings, functions and assemblies. The Port of Los Angeles and her job meant everything to Joannie; she would often forego vacations and personal time off in order to ensure projects and assignments were completed or progressed on schedule. Additionally, she believed and supported those traditions that promoted camaraderie and esprit d'corps, such as the annual C&M Christmas breakfast.

In spite of her busy workload and responsibilities, Joannie would remember and take the time to greet subordinates on their birthdays, baby and wedding showers and other accomplishments, as well as attend

perfect-attendance assemblies, secretary's day lunches, and funerals. To say that Joannie Mukai loved her job in Construction and Maintenance is an understatement. She devoted herself to the mission of the Port of Los Angeles until her last day prior to her retirement, and always spoke positively about it.

I am proud to say that I knew Joannie; I worked alongside her, and considered her a friend.

– Emma E. Gonzalez, Port Employee, Retired

Gracious and Generous

I was shocked and saddened by Joannie's passing. She was always gracious and generous with her time and thoughts, and she will be missed terribly. I won't forget the empathy she showed me as a newly appointed board member, which I'm sure she never thought twice about.

– Michael Leighton, General Services, Club Board Member

Dedicated City Worker

Joannie Mukai hired me in 1983. I worked with her for 25 years until the day she retired. She became a mentor and guided me on how to become the best City worker I can be. She was the most dedicated City worker, sometimes working 12-hour days, but still was able

direct the Construction and Maintenance Division to be one of the best and greatest places to work. She will be missed – the City lost one of the best.

– Holly Carlson, Accounting Clerk II, Construction and Maintenance, Port of Los Angeles

Highest Traditions of Public Service

I am deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Joannie Mukai. I have had the honor and privilege of knowing Joannie since the early 1970s, when she was Chief of Staff for Councilman Don Lorenzen and I was a new Administrative Analyst in the Office of the City Administrative Officer. She later came to the City Administrative Office as an Executive Secretary at the conclusion Councilman Lorenzen's term of office and moved on to the Port of Los Angeles as a Principal Administrative Assistant in Construction and Maintenance, later moving up to Director of that Division.

She was a great friend, accomplished colleague and an engaging "lunch buddy" for more than 30 years. It was my great pleasure to recommend Joannie to the Board of Control of the Los Angeles City Employees Club, where she served with distinction over a 20-year period. She was one of the very finest and most productive City



At the Harbor holiday party, 2004: From left: Joannie Mukai, Director of Port Construction & Maintenance, Club Board Member; Roy Cootes, Retired Director of Port Construction & Maintenance, Retired in 1992.



At the Harbor Perfect Attendance luncheon, 2006: From right, from left: George Ivcevic, Drafting Tech, Club Member; Dr. Paz Eilat, Western Medical; Laura Stange, Western Medical; Joannie Mukai, Construction & Maintenance Director, Club Board Member; and Frank Albers, Sr. Management Analyst II.



At ClubFest 2005: Club Board Members Rose Hyland and Joannie Mukai help out with the Club T-shirts.

JOANNIE MUKAI

1941-2010

*In
Memory of
Joannie*

*Joannie, you are going to be missed by so many people,
not only the staff of the City Employees Club but by all
the employees you mentored at the Port.*

**– John Hawkins, President & CEO,
City Employees Club**



At ClubFest 2008: From left: Club Board Members Joannie Mukai and Rose Hyland with Club CEO John Hawkins.

*Joannie will be missed by all us at the Club, but in particular by me;
I lost a dear friend.*

**– Rose Hyland,
Club Insurance Services Board Member**

Employees that I knew during my City career. Her legacy is exemplary of the very highest traditions of public service. I feel quite honored to have known and served with such a fine human being. The world is a better place for her personal and professional endeavors during the 40 years of her service to the City of Los Angeles.

**– David T. Peterson, former LACEA and LACEA
Insurance Services Board Member**

Impressed With Her Knowledge

I met with Joannie at lunch to interview her [for possible induction onto the LACEA Board], and I was very impressed with her knowledge and dedication and immediately thought, "A-ha, we need her." As you can see, everything worked out for the best. I remember how she would bring her mom to our retreats, and I always called her mom "Mother Mukai." Those were the days. I will always cherish Joannie's friendship and miss her.

**– Marilyn Holley,
Club Insurance Services Board Member**

Kind and Considerate

It was with a great sense of loss when I heard of Joannie's death. My heart is truly saddened. Joannie was more than just a wonderful person; she was always so kind and considerate, and we always welcomed seeing her at every opportunity.

Her passing will not only leave a void in our lives, but in the hearts of all those who knew her. She was a jewel among us, always giving us a shining example of caring, goodwill and kindness. She will forever remain within our hearts.

– Vas Singh, Club Board Member

Intensity, Constant Cheerfulness

I hired Joannie in January 1979 as an Administrative Asst. in the Construction and Maintenance Division at the Harbor Dept. She was in the midst of obtaining an MBA at Pepperdine University at night.

She quickly showed tremendous skills and knowledge, and she was promoted to Sr. Administrative Assistant and Principal Administrative Assistant. In 1981,

I promoted her to Assistant Director of Port Construction and Maintenance.

In 1992 when I retired as Director of Port Construction and Maintenance, the Division was staffed at that time with two Assistant Directors of Port Construction and Maintenance, one of which was Joannie. The Division at that time consisted of some 285 employees. Upon my retirement in July 1992, Joannie was appointed Director of the Division.

Sometime in 1993, the other Assistant resigned and left City service. For the remainder of Joannie's career, Port management failed to replace any of the Assistant positions. Joannie continued to work her usual 12-hour day without complaint or grievance.

During her tenure as the Director of the Division, she had to adjust to the management style of three different Executive Directors.

In my entire 31 years with the City, I have never seen someone with so much intensity, so much attention to detail, [and] so willing to assist and consul subordinate employees. And above all, [I remember] her constant cheerfulness in achieving the Division's prime mission, which is service to the Port's tenants while preserving the value of Port lands, facilities and equipment, valued in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

– Roy J. Cootes, Joannie's former supervisor

True Friend

The news of Joannie's passing was received with great shock and sadness. It was great pleasure for me to work with Joannie on both Boards of the Club for the past 18 years. Joannie will be greatly missed by all who knew her. The City family and Club have truly lost a valuable Board Member and a true friend.

**– Andrew J. Virzi Jr., DWP,
Club Insurance Services Board Member**

Joannie, you are going to be missed by so many people, not only the staff of the City Employees Club but by all the employees you mentored at the Port. Your dedication and relentless pursuit of giving back to City Employees was instrumental in the creation of what we now know as The Club. Personally, I'm really going to miss your early arrivals to our Board Meetings, where you and I were able to catch up on current events and City politics, not to mention all the fun we had at the Club's special events.

Thank you, Joannie, for giving me the best gift of all: eternal friendship.

**– John Hawkins, President & CEO,
City Employees Club**

Hearing the news about Joannie's passing was a shock that rocked me. It was only a few weeks before that I had seen Joannie, and she seemed her usual, vibrant self. And perhaps this is the way she wanted to have all of us remember her...vibrant. That is the word that comes to mind when I think of her as a person, as a Board Member and as City Employee. She commanded so much respect and did so without asking for it. She was at the same time very caring and dedicated to the betterment of the City of L.A. and most of all cared and wanted the best for City Employees. I proclaim that we celebrate her life and remember the impact she has made to the history of this great city and to the City Employees Club of Los Angeles.

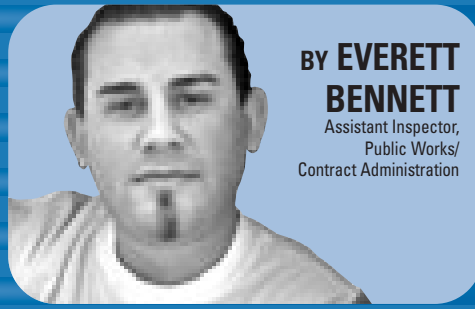
– Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations

Thanks for Tributes

I want to thank you all for the tributes for my sister. I am touched by everyone's love and kindness. Thank you.

– Karen Mukai, sister of Yoshiko "Joannie" Mukai

THE CAR CLUB



BY EVERETT BENNETT
Assistant Inspector,
Public Works/
Contract Administration

Old School Cool

David Rivera, Public Works, restored a '41 Chevy.



Over the past 100 years, Southern California has introduced and influenced things and people all around the globe. Aviators flew the skies overhead, making refinements to their aircrafts that changed travel. Moviemakers introduced the globe to the "blonde bombshell," and a group of beach boys out of Hawthorne painted a picture of beaches, surfboards and surfer girls. But one Southern California invention that has remained and grown is that of the lowrider. What started out in the predominantly Hispanic neighborhoods of Southern California has grown into a force that includes film, print, clothes and music. It is a lifestyle.

Probably the most recognizable car people pair with the term "lowrider" is the Chevrolet Impala, which has come to represent the style in the mainstream, but the true leaders of the lowrider world actually started 30 years before. The years of cars ranging from 1936 to 1954 are known as "bombs" and could be considered the godfather of the lowrider community. While the Impalas usually get the Dayton wheel treatment, hydraulics and loud stereos, bombs tend to be low-key and almost appear original. They usually sport rear fender skirts, hydraulics, cross bar hubcaps, whitewall tires and a mountain of accessories -- hat racks, umbrella holders,

fans, blinds in the rear window, a windshield visor, bumper guards and of course glass-pack mufflers. One such bomb is our feature this month.

David Rivera, a Street Services Investigator II, Public Works/Street Services, is the proud owner of a 1941 Chevrolet Special Deluxe. David and his Chevy were introduced five years ago when the car carried his now wife to the altar on their wedding day. Anyone can rent a limo on their wedding day, but it takes true style to be chauffeured in a beautifully restored classic car. Three years into his happy marriage, the 1941 Chevy that drove his wife into his life came up for sale, and he knew it belonged in their life. After driving the car home and taking a real close look at it, he decided to make a few changes.

Not too long after having the keys in his hands, David sent the Chevy to the sandblaster, which gave him a clean canvas to start on. After the sandblasting process was completed, an auto body specialist cut the rusted panels out and welded, filled, sanded and prepped this beauty for its reincarnation. When all was said and done, David's '41 Chevy was now black cherry pearl and gleamed liked it did when it was in the showroom. The paint was still warm from the buffing compound when David drove the car to the upholstery shop for

some inside magic. Tan and burgundy was the color scheme -- burgundy carpets and a tan corduroy cloth for the seats.

The next stage in the process of building the perfect "bomb" was the most challenging and expensive. Like I said before, accessories are the key, and locating them is most of the fun. Sure, you can buy aftermarket junk out of a catalog, but the true car guy spends hours on the Internet, on the phone and wandering swap meet aisles finding that special piece. Many green bills and aisles later, David had located all the pieces he envisioned on this beauty, including the stock hubcaps, a Fulton windshield visor, a tissue dispenser, a hat rack and a fan on the steering column to keep him cool. The ultimate find in his accessory quest were the chrome running boards, rarer than the car itself.

The car sits at a lowered stance but isn't as low as desired by David and his wife. An adjustable suspension is in its future, as well as many more happy miles on the 235 straight six motor, backed by the three-speed transmission. This car may not see sunlight every day, but when it does it is sure to shine like a star and demand attention from all who witness its presence. If you happen to be there, don't worry about not getting the opportunity for second look, because I am sure it will be cruising low and slow.

Newsbrief

ON THE BUS:

Transit ads publicizing the City's \$1,000 reward incentive to citizens who report incidences of illegal dumping, that lead to the arrest and conviction of offenders, debuted in April in South Los Angeles and San Pedro. "Sanitation Refuse Collections vehicles will display the ads though November, and MTA Buses and Transit Shelters through the first week in May," said Public Works Board President Cynthia Ruiz.

Transit advertising is the latest component in the "Don't Dump on LA" illegal dumping prevention campaign, targeting severely impacted sections of South Los Angeles and Wilmington. "We continue to urge citizens to call 3-1-1, the City's 24-hour, non emergency hotline, to report violators," Ruiz added. All calls are strictly confidential.

Illegal dumping cleanup efforts cost the City about \$12 million annually. Offenders can face misdemeanor or felony convictions. If convicted of a misdemeanor, an offender can receive a sentence of six months in jail or a fine of up to \$3,000, according to California State Penal Code section 374.4. A felony conviction can result in a fine of up to \$10,000 or three years in prison, according to State Penal Code 374.8. Los Angeles Municipal Code 66.25 documents the penalty as six months in jail or a fine of \$1,000, or both.

For the past five years, Public Works, City Attorney's Office and Environmental Affairs have worked cooperatively on a pilot program, including an ad campaign, to combat illegal dumping in severely impacted sections of Council Districts 8, 9 and 15.

Environmental Affairs received a \$500,000 California Integrated Waste Management Board grant on behalf of the City to fund the pilot program, which serves as a model from which an effective incentive and enforcement strategy will be developed citywide. Three main components are cleanup of chronic illegal dumping sites, increased surveillance of known problem areas, and public outreach for prevention.



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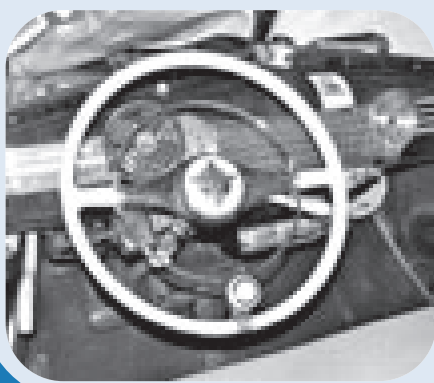
Radio ads on selected stations, in both English and Spanish language, ran last year, as did in-theater ads at Magic Johnson Theaters in the Crenshaw District. Websites and radio talk shows have featured the campaign, as well.

South Bureau Illegal Dumping Prevention Collaborative was formed early on to develop prevention strategies to combat the problem and prioritize problem locations. Public Works; City Attorney's Neighborhood Prosecutor Program; City Council Districts 8, 9 and 15; and LAPD Southeast, Southwest, 77th and Harbor Divisions are participating. The Building and Safety, Transportation, Housing, DWP and the LAPD South LA Area Senior Lead officers also are part of the collaborative.

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REST INSURED



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



Personal Liability Is Not Medical Payments

Let's get personal. Personal liability, that is.

Your homeowners policy contains two coverages that are very similar, so let's make sure that you understand them both.

Medical Payments vs. Personal Liability.

Medical payments coverage is probably the most misunderstood (and thereby underutilized) of the coverages on your homeowners policy, but also one of the most important. Medical payments coverage reimburses you for reasonable first aid and medical expenses for any guest who gets hurt at your house. Medical payments excludes yourself, your family or any other residents of your household, but is a great way to promote "good will" in the event of an accident and very often helps to avoid expensive lawsuits.

Typically, most homeowners policies include \$1,000 of medical payments coverage. Preferred homeowners policies for high-end homes often include up to \$5,000 of coverage. But, every policy allows you to increase the limit if you feel that it is not enough.

Personal liability coverage is similar, but a lot broader.

While medical payments coverage is "no fault" and will provide coverage regardless of the circumstances of the accident, to be covered by your personal liability coverage, you have to be found legally responsible for the damages. Typically with personal liability the damages were so severe that a lawsuit was filed, and you have been found liable.

Unlike medical payments that only cover bodily injury accidents, personal liability covers both bodily injury and property damage. You can be liable for damage to both people and things.

Unlike medical payments that protect you just while on your premises, your personal liability coverage travels with you wherever you go.

Unlike medical payments that provide no coverage for yourself or your family members, Personal liability extends to the actions of anyone in your family.

While medical payments are reimbursement coverage, personal liability is direct coverage. You should submit the claim to the insurance company, and they will hire an attorney to defend you. (As a bonus, the cost of the attorney is usually covered in addition to the amount of coverage you have, so hiring an attorney doesn't reduce your available limits.)

Most insurance policies come with \$300,000 of personal liability coverage. If your policy has less than this, you really should consider increasing it. Limits of \$500,000 and \$1 million are easily available.

Accidents do happen ... and there are plenty of attorneys who specialize in recovering for victims whenever they do. Litigation has become a fact of life. Anyone with assets should take steps to protect what they have taken so long to acquire.

Liability coverage pays when you are legally obligated for damages that occurred as the result of something that happened on your property. It also covers damages caused by your personal activities. This coverage would pay the claims as well as a lawyer to defend you in the event of a lawsuit. In addition to protection for claims and lawsuits arising out of non-auto incidents that occur at your premises, these policies often provide protection for incidents that occur off the premises.

Keep in mind that, unlike other coverage in your policy, liability insurance does not have a deductible. There is no amount that you must first pay before your insurer picks up the tab.

Feel free to call our agency if you have any questions about personal liability, or would like a homeowners insurance quote. Feel free to call us if you would like a question answered on any type of insurance.

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POLICE

Supporting Jim

City Employees celebrate with longtime LAPD officer Jim McDonnell as he's sworn in as new chief of Long Beach PD.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager

A number of City Employees were on hand as former longtime LAPD Officer/Assistant Chief Jim McDonnell, Club Member, took his new job as Chief of the Long Beach Police Dept.

Jim McDonnell was sworn in to his new position in Long Beach on March 13.

Congratulations, Jim! The Club wishes you much success in your position.



Chief James McDonnell, Long Beach Police Dept., Club Member; and Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager.



Previously, Jim McDonnell, longtime Club Member, was sworn in as the new Chief of the Long Beach Police Dept.



From left: Commander Sharon Papa, LAPD, Club Member; and Monica Harmon, LAPD supporter.



From left: Officer Ismael Flores, Port Police, Club Member; Regina Grant, Principal Clerk, Club Member; and Pete Demetriou, KFWB News.



From left: Terri McKinnon, Special Assistant; Erika Velazquez, North District Director; Councilwoman Janice Hahn, Club Member; Larry Forester, Long Beach Councilmember, Signal Hill; and Sergio Carrillo, Director of Public Affairs, Yellow Cab.



From left: Port Police Capt. Ralph Tracy; and Port Police Lt. Kevin McCloskey, Club Member.



Long Beach Police Chief Jim McDonnell conducts his first interview after being sworn in.



From left: Capt. Leon Nixon, Port Police, offers his congratulations to Chief James McDonnell, Long Beach Police Dept., Club Member.



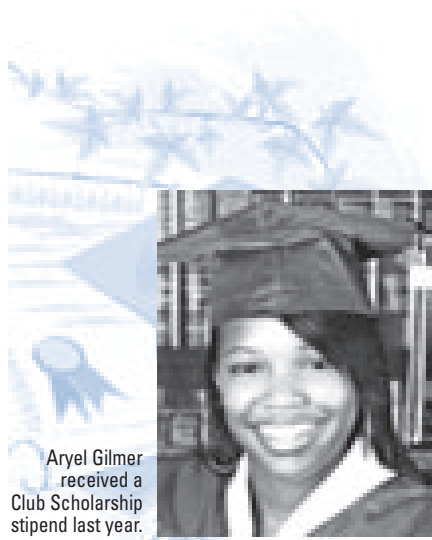
From left: Capt. Leon Nixon, Port Police; Capt. LaPonda Fitchpatrick, Airport Police; Commander Sharon Papa, LAPD, Club Member; Ellis Anthony, P3; and Chief Ronald Boyd, Port Police, Club Member.

THE CLUB

Mukai Club Scholarship Applications Available

Applications for Club Scholarship are available online and at the Club Store.

Deadline is noon, June 30, 2010.



Aryel Gilmer received a Club Scholarship stipend last year.

Pick up your application for the Joannie Mukai Memorial Club Scholarship at the Club Store, or download an application today! The Club has renamed its scholarship program after the late Club Board Member Joannie Mukai. (See cover story.)

The 2010 Mukai Club Scholarship Program, which expects to grant 10 awards, is now accepting applications.

All materials must be physically in the Club Store and Service Center downtown, 120 West 2nd Street by noon, June 30, 2010.

Ten college scholarships are available. Each recipient will receive a stipend of \$1,000.

Those eligible include Club Members, their spouses and their children who are in college or will be attending an accredited college or university in Fall 2010.

"We know that times are tough right now, and we want to do something special to meet the demand," said John Hawkins, Club CEO. "We expect to offer 10 awards."

"Every year, we're amazed at the quality of the applicants. We expect this year to be even better."

You can pick up an application at the Club Store and Service Center, 120 West 2nd Street downtown, or download an application at:

www.cityemployeesclub.com/scholar.asp

"We fully support the dedication of our Club families to taking care of the educational needs of themselves and their children," Hawkins continued. "We want to help them in every way possible. We look forward to giving back."

Eligibility requirements:

- All Club Members and their spouses, and children of Club members under the age 25, are eligible to apply. Club members must be in good standing.
- The successful candidate must attend an accredited four-year college or university full time in the fall semester 2010. Current high school seniors matriculating to a four-year school in Fall 2010 are eligible.

- Candidates will be judged for academic excellence, community service and financial need.
- Ten (10) scholarships are expected to be awarded, in equal amounts of \$1,000 (each).
- Deadline: Applications must be in the Club Store and Service Center, 120 West 2nd Street downtown, by noon June 30, 2010. All applications must be physically in the Club office at that time to be eligible. Sorry, but the Club is not responsible for delays in delivery.
- Decisions will be made by Club personnel and will be considered final.
- Club Store and Service Center address: 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Send questions to:
scholarship@cityemployeesclub.com

Newsbriefs

LAX ART EXHIBIT:

Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), in partnership with Cultural Affairs, announced a new exhibition, *Stranger's Luggage*, consisting of six eight-by-eight-foot vinyl reproductions of oil and encaustic paintings by Juanita Meneses, depicting hand-painted bags and their x-rayed contents on display at LAX until July 25.

Located in Terminal 3, in the baggage claim, for public view, the exhibition puts a playful spotlight on the experience of travel, and particularly on the selection of objects we feel compelled to carry while in transit. "The *Stranger's Luggage* series is an invitation to travelers to indulge in a moment of whimsy by exploring the interior of these colorful bags in the form of giant vinyl banners," said the Los Angeles-based artist.

Meneses' imagery reveals how objects can identify as well as aid us as we move through the transformative experience of travel. By removing these objects from their usual domestic context, Meneses' artworks provide an opportunity to contemplate conventional, personal objects as they travel through the public sphere.

The purpose of the Airport Arts Exhibition Program at LAX and LA/Ontario International Airport (ONT), is to educate and entertain the traveling public, while emphasizing a cultural experience highlighting what makes Los Angeles memorable and interesting. Exhibits may be historic, popular, artistic, or graphic design in nature and may arise from museums, fine art, archives, environment, or other fields. Exhibitions can be found on display in Terminals 1, 2, 3 and Tom Bradley International Terminal at LAX, and Terminals 2 and 4 at LA/Ontario.

BUILDING BRIDGES:

Public Works/Engineering and the Metropolitan Los Angeles branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers held the ninth annual Regional Bridge Building Contest March 23 in King Hall, Lecture Hall Two at Cal State LA.

The contest, developed by the International Bridge Building Committee in Chicago, encourages students to design, construct, and test the most efficient bridge within designated specifications. The Bureau of Engineering supplied basswood kits and technical presentations to assist Los Angeles high-school students in preparing for the contest. Trophies and prizes will be awarded in the categories of efficiency, structural design and aesthetics. The most efficient designs from the regional contest will advance to the 2010 International Bridge Building Contest in Philadelphia May 1.

"It is a privilege to be the lead agency for these technical competitions," said City Engineer Gary Lee Moore. "The bridge contest provides an excellent opportunity for aspiring engineers to apply their skills and knowledge."



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* American Cancer Society, Surveillance Research, 2004.

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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:

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Alfie is a six-year-old black/white, neutered, beagle mix. He is still active and very friendly. He loves other dogs and children, too! His owners moved so he is looking for a new family to love.

ID# A1088117 - Harbor Animal Care Center



molly

Molly is a two-year-old, spayed, black-with-brown-muzzle Chihuahua mix. She has a great personality. She loves other dogs and people, and you will not be able to resist her!

ID# A1095327 - Harbor Animal Care Center



cookie

Cookie is a tan two-year-old Chihuahua mix. Her owners moved and turned her in along with her sister. She was scared when she first got here, but thanks to the staff, she feels much better, and she is looking for a new home.

ID# A1103420 - Harbor Animal Care Center



deacon

Deacon is a one-year-old fuzzy, white rabbit who was found at a park. He is a calm bunny that loves scratches on his cheeks and head. He is also already litter-box trained and will make a great apartment roommate!

ID# A1089505 - Harbor Animal Care Center



garfield

Garfield is a one-year-old DSH orange cat. He is a very handsome guy who was left behind when his family moved. He loves to have his ears rubbed, and he is very affectionate.

ID# A1104036 - Harbor Animal Care Center



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HARBOR

It's the Harbor Cup

Port sponsors invitational college regatta.



Regatta action!



Regatta action!

Story by Capt. Michael Barnes, Harbor; Photos by Paul Krugman

The Port of Los Angeles sponsored the 2010 Invitational Intercollegiate Three-Day Regatta, held March 12 - 14. The California Maritime Academy of Vallejo was the regatta's inviting school, being hosted by the Los Angeles Yacht Club in San Pedro. During these days of cutbacks, layoffs and early retirements, it was refreshing to see the City and the Port supporting the bright youths of today and tomorrow's future maritime industry leaders. The Port did not spend any taxpayer dollars to promote or support this very worthy annual event.

Ten teams from universities and academies from throughout the United States came together to compete for the honor of winning the prestigious Port of Los Angeles Harbor Cup. The coed crews consisted of seven students in randomly assigned Catalina 37 sail-

boats chartered from the Long Beach Yacht Foundation. Ten university and academy racing teams competed in the regatta. Teams came from Cal Maritime; Maine Maritime; the U.S. Merchant Marine; the U.S. Coast Guard; the U.S. Navy; Cal State Channel Islands; Chapman University; the University of Hawaii; U.C. Davis; and USC.

The sailing competition consisted of eight races held over three days. Two days of racing took place approximately a half-mile offshore near Point Fermin, known locally as "Hurricane Gulch" for its brisk onshore breezes. Unfortunately, the weather forced one day of racing to be held inside the protective Los Angeles to Long Beach breakwater. After three days of exciting racing, USC managed to edge out Cal Maritime with points garnered during the last two races of the regatta to seize the three-foot-tall Deed of Gift Harbor Cup Perpetual Trophy for all their hard work and skills. Just as a matter of interest, this trophy is

nine inches taller than the America's Cup!

Gary Jobson, president of U.S. Sailing, was the guest speaker at Saturday night's dinner. Jobson is a former All-American collegiate sailor and was the tactician for Ted Turner's winning America's Cup entry.

Three Harbor Captains supplied assistance throughout this event. Capt. Jim Morgan, Chairman from the Los Angeles Yacht Club and the race event, provided logistic and technical support. He is also Director of the Harbor's Construction and Maintenance Division. Cptns. Michael Barnes and Anthony DiTucci, aboard the Port of Los Angeles' 65-foot yacht, *Angelina II*, acted as hosts to the visiting university and academy teams and supporters.

The participating sailing crews and supporters had a terrific time during this close-down-to-the-wire regatta competition. Everyone is looking forward with great gusto and excitement to participating in next year's 2011 Harbor Challenge Cup!



USC's sailing team won the Harbor Cup regatta.



Capt. Michael Barnes.



Capt. Jim Morgan, Chairman, Los Angeles Yacht Club.



Regatta action!

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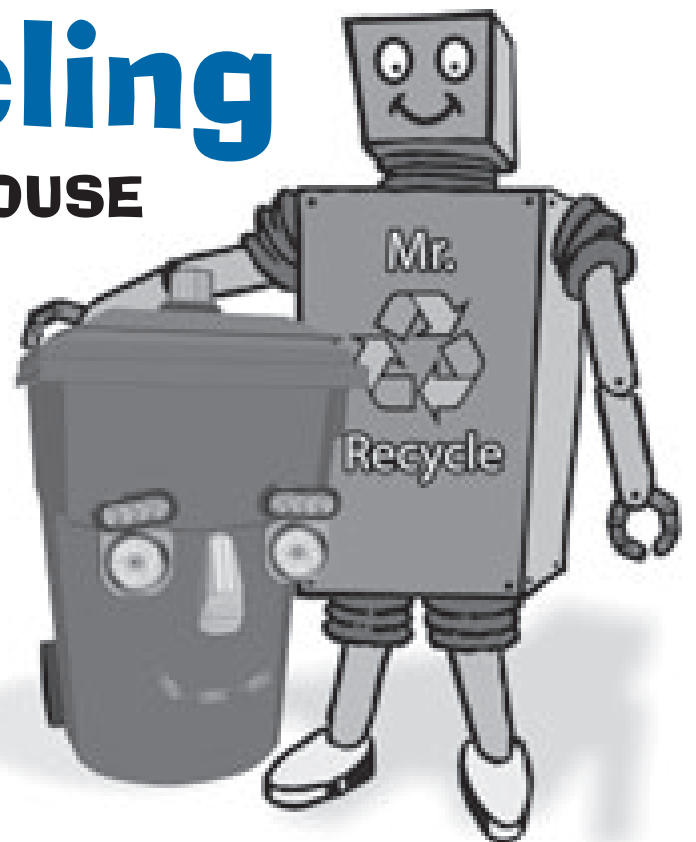
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Angel Gomez,
Director of
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Oak Canyon

Hello everybody!

This month, I wanted to stay south of Los Angeles, so I found this shady paradise right off the 91 Freeway. I liked the fact that the entire trail was covered with lots and lots of trees (Oak Forest). My youngest son, Aden, kept asking what would happen if he touched the poison oak along the trail. There are warnings posted everywhere, but don't worry -- just stay on the path, and you will be fine.

The restrooms are available right at the entrance and there are also many picnic tables for your lunch. Let's begin.

History

The Oak Canyon Nature Center is a 58-acre natural park nestled in the Anaheim Hills. A year-round stream meanders through the park, which consists of three adjoining canyons and four miles of hiking trails that traverse one of the few remaining areas of oak woodland and coastal sage scrub in the region. Native wildlife makes the canyon their home and is just waiting to be discovered. Also located on site is the John J. Collier Interpretive Center, a small museum with live animal and regional natural history exhibits.

The nature center is the perfect place for you to learn about the wonders of the natural world in a tranquil setting. The trails are ideal for those who are just stepping into the wilderness for the first time or for those more experienced trekkers who are seeking a short hike.

The trail also provides many small extensions to higher-level trails, which allow you to see flowers and cactus plants along the way.

The Trails

Here are descriptions of the trails to be found at the Oak Canyon Nature Center:

- The main road bisects the center of the canyon, offering hikers an open view. The road is level and accessible to both strollers and wheelchairs. Distance: 0.7 mi. Walk Time: 28 min.
- The Stream Trail meanders along the banks of the stream in dense oak woodland. The trail is mostly level and has plenty of shade. Distance: 0.3 mi. Walk Time: 12 min.
- The Heritage Trail is a paved self-guided trail, which identifies many of the native plants. Distance: 0.2 mi. Walk Time: 8 min.
- Tranquility Trail rises from the canyon bottom to the coastal sage scrub and oak woodland communities on the western hillsides of the park. The trail is hilly with intermittent shade. Distance: 0.3 mi. Walk Time: 15 min.
- Wren Way links the Tranquility Trail with Bluebird Lane. The trail follows the contour of the hillside along the southwestern corner of the canyon and receives full sun. It has a moderate grade in some areas. Distance: 0.2 mi. Walk Time: 10 min.
- Bluebird Lane and Loop follows the south rim

Highlights

Shrouded oak forest, serenaded by small stream, mostly shaded trail offers an escape on a sunny day.

HIKE DISTANCE: Two miles

HIKE TIME: One hour

DIFFICULTY: Easy

TRAIL SURFACE: Packed dirt and paved

SPECIAL NOTES: No pets, horses, or bicycles are allowed in the park, Watch out for poison oak!

through the dense oak woodland. The trail is mostly flat with partial shade, making it a pleasant hike for those who enjoy a longer excursion. Lane Distance: 0.3 mi. Loop Distance: 0.6 mi. Walk Time: 15-30 min.

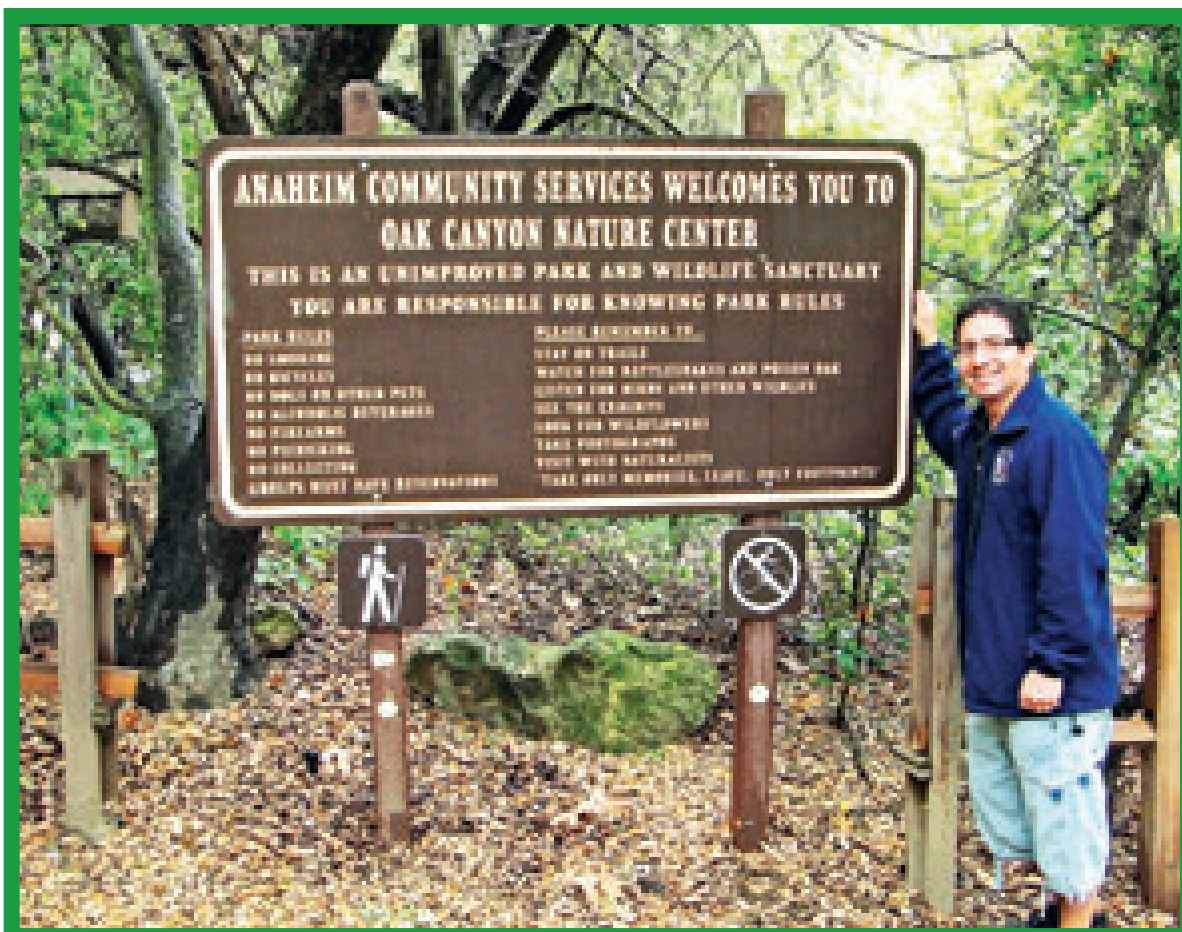
- Quail Trail links Roadrunner Ridge with Stream Trail. The short path takes the visitor from the coastal sage scrub community down to the dense oak woodland along the stream. Distance: 0.1 mi. Walk Time: 5-8 min.
- Roadrunner Ridge follows the northern boundary of Oak Canyon in a coastal sage scrub habitat. The trail begins at the top of Heritage Trail and climbs along the northern canyon. The path is challenging and receives full sun. Heritage Trail link Distance: 0.4 mi. Walk Time: 18 min. Back Canyon link Distance: 0.3 mi. Walk Time: 14 min.

The Hike

Let me tell you, I loved this short and sweet little trail. Almost every area was covered with trees along the way. If you travel up some of the trails, you will be overlooking all the oak trees that gave you shade along the path; you will see flowers and cacti, too. Your family will love it. Along the many trails, there are plenty of themed spots to stop and visit. The Silverado Canyon Mining spot was one stop we really liked. There is a sign with lots of history, so enjoy.

The self-guided plaques along Heritage Trail will help familiarize you with many of the local plants and animals. Visit the new Heritage Butterfly Garden – the butterfly sculptures in this garden are an outcome of the Butterfly Initiative. This garden is maintained to attract and benefit native butterflies by the ongoing support of numerous scouts and volunteers.

Children will enjoy the large scaled interpretive exhibits along the Heritage Trail just opposite the Interpretive Center. You can experience nature by crawling through a web and peer back out as though through the eyes of a funnel-web spider. Crawl through a fallen log to experience the protective space a log shelter can provide. Climb into an



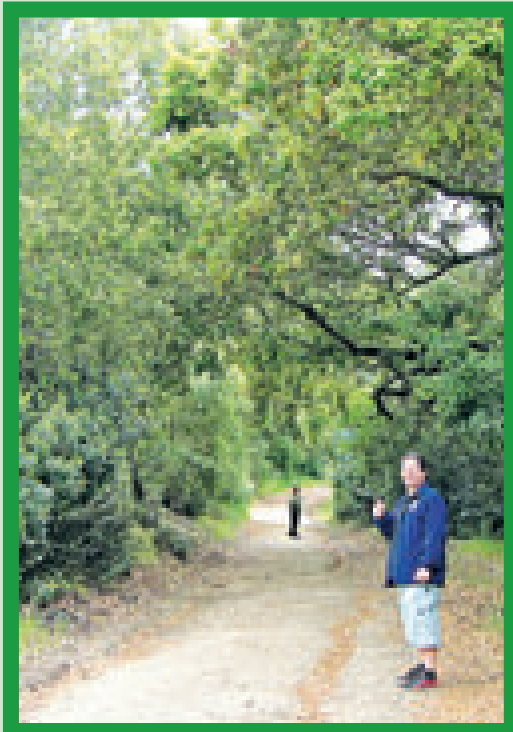
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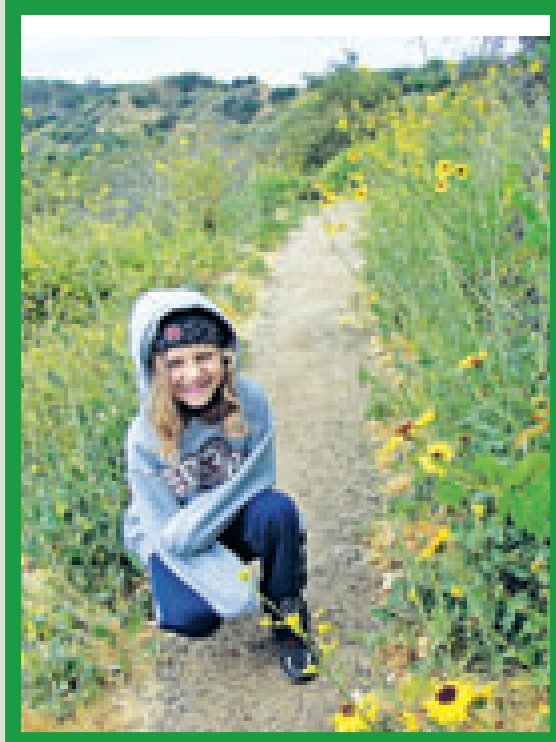
Nature Center



Angel Jr. and I inside a very empty eggshell.



Angel Jr. and I walk through the forest-rich trail. The shade makes it really nice.



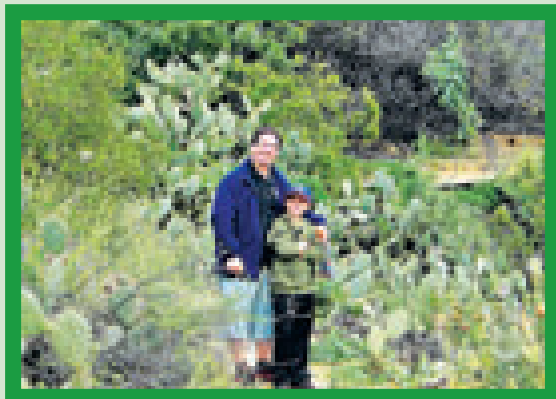
Aden takes a break next to the beautiful plant life along the way.



Angel Jr. got into the mining spirit.



The butterfly garden sculptures.



Angel Jr. and I stop in the middle of an area full of cactus along the path.

Send me your photos!
I would love to see your pictures! Send them to me at agomez@cityemployeesclub.com

empty eggshell to see where chicks spend the first part of their lives. Then, climb in and make yourself "at home" in a tortoise shell.

Stay on the trails! Trails keep you focused and allow the surrounding area to remain free of disturbance. Venturing off the trails can result in destruction of vulnerable habitat by trampling and soil erosion. Also, contact with poison oak may cause an unpleasant rash – another reason to stay on the trail.

If you should come in direct contact on your skin or indirect contact on your clothing, cleanse affected areas with soap and water as soon as possible. Rattlesnakes may be found in this area. They are important members of the natural community. If disturbed or cornered, they will defend themselves. Give them distance and respect.

Bring plenty of water and snacks, and maybe spend a little time going up different trails.

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

Directions

- From downtown Los Angeles, take the Golden State Freeway (I-5) south to the 91 Freeway east toward Riverside. Exit at Imperial Highway (CA-90) and head south to E. Nohl Ranch Road. Turn left, drive 1.7 miles and make a left onto Walnut Canyon Road. The park entrance is a half-mile ahead.

ADDRESS: 6700 E. Walnut Canyon Rd., Anaheim
PHONE: (714) 998-8380

Hours:

- Individuals and families are welcome seven days a week.
April – May: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
June – August: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sept. – Oct.: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Nov. – March: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day and President's Day.
- Note: Collecting, smoking, bicycles, and pets are not allowed. Group picnic tables are in the parking lot area, and picnicking is restricted within the park grounds.



*Do not touch this!
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Trail Sign



A bulletin board depicting some of the wildlife you may find on your hike.

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Change of Address?

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

Have News About Yourself?

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

Upcoming Events:

June 3: 32nd annual Golf Tournament, Almansor Golf Club, 630 S. Almansor St., Alhambra; 7:30 a.m.

Aug. 12: Annual Picnic, Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park; noon.

Oct. 7: Annual Corporation Meeting and Elections, Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr.; 1 p.m.

RLACEI:

RLACEI Is Analyzing New Healthcare Laws

President, Ed Harding reports:



Ed Harding

"At this writing, I just returned from our April 8 general meeting. We had about 100 in attendance even though LACERS had a group session on the same day and time as our meeting. We wish to thank LACERS for sending Lita Payne, newly appointed Assistant General Manager of the Retirement System, and Alex Rabrenovich, Chief Health Benefits Administration and his staff, to talk to us and answer questions from those present. They also brought with them 20 gift checks for door prizes. I also wish to thank Robert Larios from the City Employees Club for being at

our meeting and taking pictures for *Alive!* and bringing 15 expensive door prizes. Those who missed this meeting missed on a great lunch from Chris and Pitts BBQ and a lot of good information from LACERS and more than 55 great door prizes.

"In speaking with representatives of LACERS, they plan to make our Oct. 7 general meeting and possibly our picnic Aug. 12.

"Our next meeting will be our Golf Tournament on Thursday, June 3, at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course, with a 'shotgun start' at 7:30 a.m. In speaking with

Tom Stemmock, Chairman, he said that we had 84 golfers last year and expect 88, which about fills the restaurant at lunch.

"I will see most of you Aug. 12 at our picnic at the Grace Simons Lodge at Elysian Park. As I mentioned above, LACERS may make it a joint meeting.

"Also important to mention is that RLACEI supports Ken Spiker for LACERS' Board of Administration Commissioner, and urges you to vote for him on the May 2010 ballot. Keep in mind that the majority of the benefits that you, the retiree, enjoy now are due to Ken Spiker."

LACERS Update: Mary Beetz reports:



By Mary Beetz,
RLACEI
Publicity Chair

LACERS Health Plans and Health Care Legislation: "On March 23, President Barack Obama signed into law the Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act. The Act contains provisions that will be implemented over the next several years. A few provisions of the act will have an earlier impact on LACERS health plans. For example, beginning in January, retirees may cover their adult children up to age 26.

"LACERS and its health and welfare consultant, Towers Watson, will continue monitoring the new legislation and will conduct a detailed analysis of the short- and long-term impact on LACERS health

plans. LACERS will keep retirees informed as more information becomes available. Check the LACERS website (www.lacers.org) for future communications from LACERS and updates.

"Spring Wellness Workshop: *Bone Up On Your Health*: The next LACERS carrier-sponsored wellness workshop is entitled Bone Up On Your Health and will feature presentations on bone and joint health. LACERS will mail an invitation to retired members in early May. Attendance is by reservation only. Members should RSVP soon after receiving their invitations because these wellness workshops fill up quickly.

"California LACERS Members in Anthem Blue Cross Invited to a Pilot Program: Beginning in late April, Anthem Blue Cross will invite LACERS members who are California subscribers with chronic low-back pain to participate in their Low Back Pain Pilot Program. Anthem will select members based on an analysis of their medical and pharmacy claims. As part of the program, Anthem will send these members a personalized communication called a MyHealth Note, which describes treatment options, tools and resources that can inform them about the risks and benefits of various low back pain treatment."

RLACEI Website

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

Contact LACERS

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

The Best Years

ADVENTURES with HAL!



A view of Sorrento from the highway.



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

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• 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

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Their Life in Ruins

■ Hal and Co. continue their European cruise, this month stopping in Pompeii.

Evelyn and I took a 35-day trip with our cousins, Myrna and Don. The cruise included a self-guided week in Italy and then a 28-day cruise with ports in Italy, Croatia, Greece, Spain, Morocco and Portugal before an ocean crossing to Fort Lauderdale, Fla. This month, we pick up our travels in Naples, Italy, aboard our Holland-America (HAL) ship, the Oosterdam.

We awoke this morning docked in Naples, Italy, with clear skies and calm seas. The temperature was a little cool, but it felt good.

Naples is in the region of Campania in southern Italy, about two hours south of Rome. It sits on the coast on the northern edge of the Bay of Naples, one of the most beautiful bays in Italy. Its harbor is the most important port in southern Italy.

It is the third most populous city in Italy and the biggest city in southern Italy.

We had an all-day tour of Pompeii (17 miles southeast of Naples) and Sorrento. Our first stop was Sorrento, about an hour and a half drive in traffic. It is a small city in southern Italy with some 16,500 inhabitants, and it's a popular tourist destination about 20 miles from Naples.

The drive was very picturesque, and we had great views of the Bay of Naples, Capri and Sorrento. We were dropped off at a store that produces and sells inlaid boxes and furniture. Myrna priced an inlaid wooden box at the store for \$50 and found the same box in a store down the street for \$16. We walked around for an hour and bought a few souvenirs. Lunch was included in the tour. We had a group lunch in a lovely restaurant with glass greenhouse ceilings and walls. The greenery directly outside included beautiful, mature citrus trees laden with lemons and oranges. The area is known for its citrus and olives.

We continued to Pompeii, the highlight of the tour. Pompeii is Italy's most famous archaeological site. With an excavated area of 44 hectares (almost 109 acres), Pompeii is unique in the world. Discovered by chance during excavations for a canal in

the 16th century, the ruins of Pompeii were not recognized for what they were until further explorations in the 18th century. Scientific excavations started only at the end of the 19th century, but continued steadily until most of the ancient town was uncovered; the excavations are still ongoing today. Based on calculation of the city walls -- only partly excavated -- Pompeii covered an area of 66 hectares (163 acres). Originally an Etruscan and then a Samnite town, it was colonized by the Romans in 80 B.C. At the time of the Mt. Vesuvius eruption, which buried (and preserved) the town in 79 A.D., experts estimate the town counted about 35,000 inhabitants.

We had two hours to walk among the ruins. I was here 41 years ago, and it was still very impressive. We got an odd feeling walking the streets of this old city and seeing how it was 2,000 years ago. What was so amazing is that all of Pompeii was covered in ash, not lava. This is what allowed the buildings to survive. Most of the relics (plates, bowls, paintings, jewelry and amphora, etc.) have now been moved to the museum in Naples. Frescoes still survive on some of the plastered interior walls. The Roman architects planned a square city with a square in the middle. City buildings, temples and retail bordered this square. Homes, other shops (laundry, barber shop and other retailers) catering to daily needs were on streets off the main square. This included the red-light district. Needless to say, there was no electricity, so "red light" isn't exactly accurate. What the buildings did have was a carved marble plaque of a she-wolf. That was the symbol for the oldest profession. By the ruts in the street (paved in stone), there was a lot of chariot traffic there.

A piece of trivia: The distance between chariot wheels is 4 feet 8 inches, the same as modern trains.

The inhabitants of Pompeii also had water piped into homes and other buildings. Unfortunately the pipes were made of lead. Needless to say, the life expectancy

was not great, as lead poisoning greatly contributed to an early death.

On the ride back to the ship, we made a stop at a cameo factory, which only delayed us getting back to the ship. We were all pretty tired and ate in the Lido buffet. We saw the 9 p.m. show, which was Leo Ward doing his magic and comedy. He is very good; this guy could do Vegas.

The next day we were in Civitavecchia, the port for Rome. It is about two-and-a-half hours by car or bus, or 90 minutes by train to Rome. We decided not to go back to Rome but instead to visit Civitavecchia. That morning the weather was cool, in the mid-60s. A shuttle bus took us from the ship to the entrance of the port. There were four cruise ships in port that day, with a lot of visitors walking around. The port is guarded by Fort Michelangelo, which is now a naval office. Our first stop was the Archeological Museum, which houses artifacts from the fort. The highlight of our three-hour walk was the central market -- meats, fish, cheese, green grocery and a general flea market. It was very interesting. The locals shop every day, more out of custom than anything. The variety of fish was amazing; it included shellfish, calamari, squid and all varieties of fish. We continued our walk around the harbor area and saw lots of new construction going on. The weather turned a little dark, and we saw a few drops of rain. There was a large storm north of us, and we got a little of that weather. By early afternoon, the sun was shining again. We continued to have great weather.

The next day, Evelyn and I were to take the train to Pisa (only 15 miles away from Livorno -- the port for Florence).

Evelyn: You've heard of a wild goose chase -- well, Hal took me on a wild goose walk. He had a map of the Civitavecchia that showed some old ruins, and we must have walked two miles looking for them. It was still a great way to see the city and walk off breakfast.

We docked in Livorno, Italy, which is the port for Pisa and Florence, around 7



a.m. The weather that morning was cool, in the mid-50s, but with clear skies. Evelyn and I were going to Pisa, and Don and Myrna were staying in Livorno. The ship did not have a tour that covered just Pisa, so our plan was to take the train. The trains run every half-hour and take about 15 minutes to get to Pisa. During breakfast, we were told there was a tour bus from the Piazza Grande (where the shuttle bus from the ship stops) that we could take to Pisa. When we boarded the shuttle bus (5 round trip), we were told that for 20, we could take the tour bus to Pisa at 10 a.m. and return at 1 p.m. This would allow for two hours in Pisa for sightseeing. Even though it was more expensive than the train (5 round trip), the bus would be more convenient. We left at 10 a.m. with a full bus (there were six cruise ships in port that day) and arrived in Pisa in about 45 minutes. Pisa is a city in central Italy, on the right bank of the mouth of the Arno River. Pisa is known worldwide for its Leaning Tower, which is about a 15-minute walk from the bus terminal (the main parking area for the Leaning Tower of Pisa).

Evelyn: Hal had seen the Tower in 1968, but he did not remember how impressive the Tower,



The fish market in Civitavecchia.

together with the Duomo and Basilicas, are. The restoration has made them a thing of beauty. We enjoyed them as much as Rome and Pompeii.

We stayed about an hour and then did our shopping on the way back to the bus. Lining the route to the bus were rows of souvenir stands and lots of independent sales people selling handbags, fake watches, jewelry and just about most anything that says Pisa on it.

Our return bus was right on schedule, and we were back in Livorno and on the ship by 2 p.m., a very successful day.

For those interested in retail therapy, Lavonia is the last opportunity for shopping in Italy. The leather goods and shoes, porcelain, stationery and other paper products and other fine items were a joy. However, with the strong Euro and the weak dollar, buying isn't as much fun. (Since our trip the dollar has become much stronger). I will say that, according to all the fashions in the stores throughout Italy, violet is a big color this winter. That is the fashion flash so far.

Our last night on this leg was the last formal night for the first part of our cruise, and it was optional, whatever that means. The next day would be a full day at sea, and we docked in Barcelona, Spain, at 5 p.m. We found out that about 275 of the first passengers would be continuing on to Fort Lauderdale, so there would be a number of new people on board soon.

Next month, we start our visit to Spain.



Hal and Evelyn in Pompeii.



Hal and Evelyn in Pisa.



RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

Del Grubbs states: "I can't make the tournament this year. I had a fight with a sawhorse in my backyard, and the horse won. I went down on my backside, breaking my right hip. Recovering nicely and will soon be up-and-about again. Here is my small donation to help where needed. Thanks for all your work."

If you have news about yourself or other retirees that you would like to share, send it to Mary Beetz, 137 Westmont Dr., Alhambra, CA 91801, or email the news to: MBeetz4841@aol.com

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



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

This Memorial Day, at 3 p.m., consider taking a three-minute moment of silence for our men and women who have died, and for those who are still fighting to keep our country free.

Memorial Day is a United States federal holiday

observed on the last Monday of May (May 31 in 2010).



Roobik Gorjian, Club Member, Public Works, Retiree, 23 years.



Henry Starks, Club Member, Public Works/Street Services, Retiree, 40 years.



Janet and Thomas Tsuchiyama, Public Works, Retiree, 31 years of City service.



Leo Rosen, Club Member, Public Works/Engineering, Retiree, 32 years, with his wife, Norma.



Ed Harding, RLACEI President, with Robert Larios, the Club's Director of Operations.

RLACEI's Spring Meeting

■ Retirees Assn. hosts April gathering.

Story and photos by Brent Urban, Club Counselor

The Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) held its annual spring meeting April 8 at the Friendship Auditorium in Griffith Park. Approximately 100 people attended. The Club thanks everyone at RLACEI for inviting us to this fun annual gathering.



From Left: Icle David, Club Member, Public Works, Retiree, 29 years of City service; and Mr. Ondoy, Public Works, Retiree, 28 years.



John Hyde, Convention Center, Retiree, 32 years, and Nancy Hyde, Library, 11 years.



From left: Beverly Anderson, LAPD, Retiree, 34 years; Shirley Tan, Controller, Retiree, 33 years; Dorothy Tan, Controller, Retiree, 36 years; and Larry Tamashiro, guest.

32nd Annual Retirees Invitational Golf Tournament



The 32nd Annual Retired Los Angeles City Employees Invitational Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, June 3, 2010 at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course with a "Shotgun Start" at 7:30 a.m. The course is located at 630 South Almansor Street, Alhambra, CA 91801. Check-in is at 7:00 a.m. SOFT SPIKES MANDATORY!

- The tournament is open to retired and active employees and friends. The cost is \$65 for R.L.A.C.E.I., City Club and All City Employee Benefits Service Association members (\$75 for all others) and includes green fees, carts, prizes and lunch at the Almansor Court restaurant. Lunch only is \$25.
- Those interested in participating must complete the reservation form and mail it with their check payable to **"R.L.A.C.E.I." by May 20th** to: Tom Stemnock, Co-Chairman, 4040 Vineland Avenue, Suite 108, Studio City, CA 91604. For any questions, call either Chairman Tom Stemnock at (818) 487-6789 or Phil Skarkin at (818) 784-0130.

2010 Golf Tournament Reservation Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Amount Included \$ _____ \$65 for R.L.A.C.E.I. and City Employees Club Members. (\$75 for all others)

Luncheon: \$25

Make checks payable to R.L.A.C.E.I.

NOTICE: SOFT SPIKES MANDATORY!

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Member R.L.A.C.E.I. Member A.C.E.B.S.A. or City Club Guest

(check all that apply)

Name	Member R.L.A.C.E.I.	Member A.C.E.B.S.A. or City Club	Guest
1. _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Reservation deadline: Thursday, May 20th. Mail completed reservation form and check to:

Tom Stemnock, Chairman

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Congratulations, GRADUATES

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Send in a baby photo of your graduate, too, and we'll run the two pictures together! Have fun! (Thanks to Kasondra Evans, Personnel, for the great idea!)

Make sure you tell us:

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

Digital high resolution photos are preferred. Send them to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

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City Employees Club of Los Angeles
120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

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An Affair to Remember For a Lady We will never Forget

After over 35 years of service



Audrey is Retiring

Place: Radisson Hotel Culver City

Date: Saturday May 15, 2010

Time: 6 P.M. - 12 A.M.

Ticket price is \$45 with a dinner choice of Chicken or Beef Brisket

Deadline to purchase tickets is **May 5, 2010**

Contact Reyflindahl (Linda) Brown rbrown@lawa.org - (310) 215-4554 ex 3068
Marilyn Payne mpayne@lawa.org - (310)215-4554, ex 3066

CLUB SPORTS



News from Sports Leagues sponsored by the City Employees Club of Los Angeles • May 2010



HOOPING IT UP!

Club's Basketball League is open for business!

April 15th Games



Photos by Tom Hawkins

On April 15, the inaugural season of the Club's Basketball League got under way, with a slate of games, hot competition and good sportsmanship. The first game was played by the team known as Rice & Beans and the Rec and Parks Hoopers, with the Hoopers winning their first game of the young season.

It's the first league play for City Employees in more than 10 years.

This season, all Club Basketball League games take place at the Expo Center North and South gyms, 3980 S. Menlo Ave. Stop by and watch some great – and fun – competition! The Expo Center is next to the Coliseum and is one of the premier sports complexes in the City.

The Club encourages members to watch the games and cheer on the teams. The Sports Dude – Robert

Larios – is rumored to be giving out prizes to those cheering the loudest in the stands.

Here's a list of the team managers:

- Rec & Park Hoopers: Mychal Lynch, Rec and Parks
- Ones & Zeros: Jimmy Tse, ITA
- DOT Outlaws: Ron Haywood, Transportation
- Traffic Jam: Edward Yu, Transportation
- Rice & Beans: Wilson Wans
- LAX Ballers: George Pierce, Airports, and
- BLS Blue Dragons: Ben Lozano, Street Lighting

Come on out and see some great games! The first game of the evening start at 7 p.m. See ya there!

Club Basketball League 2010

Team Standings (as of April. 21, 2010)

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	FORFEITS	TOTAL POINTS
Rec & Park Hoopers	1	–	–	2
Ones & Zeros	1	–	–	2
Traffic Jam	1	–	–	2
Rice & Beans	–	1	–	0
LAX Ballers	–	1	–	0
Hydropower	–	1	–	0
BLS Blue Dragons*	–	–	–	–
Dot Outlaws*	–	–	–	–

* Game was postponed and will be played at a later date.

Game Scores

April 15, 2010

HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	LOCATION
Rice & Beans– 33	Rec and Parks Hoopers– 53	7 p.m. – North Gym
Ones and Zeros– 59	LAX Ballers– 42	8 p.m. – North Gym
Blue Dragons– *	DOT Outlaws– *	8 p.m. – South Gym
Hydropower– 33	Traffic Jam– 44	9 p.m. – South Gym

* Game was postponed and will be played at a later date.

Game Location

Expo Center, 3980 S. Menlo Ave., just south of downtown.



Basketball Game Schedule

Here's the upcoming schedule. Make plans to head on out. Show some support, and have a great time – for a reasonable price (free)!

GAME LOCATION: Expo Center, 3980 S. Menlo Ave., just south of downtown.

North Gym

May 6, 2010

7:00 p.m. Hydropower vs. Ones & Zeros
8:00 p.m. Dot Outlaws vs. LAX Ballers

May 13, 2010

7:00 p.m. Dot Outlaws vs. Hoopers
8:00 p.m. Rice & Beans vs. Hydropower

May 19, 2010

7:00 p.m. Traffic Jam vs. DOT Outlaws
8:00 p.m. Blue Dragons vs. Rice & Beans

May 27, 2010

7:00 p.m. LAX Ballers vs. Blue Dragons
8:00 p.m. Dot Outlaws vs. Hydropower

June 3, 2010

7:00 p.m. Traffic Jam vs. Hydropower
8:00 p.m. Dot Outlaws vs. Blue Dragons

June 10, 2010

7:00 p.m. Ones & Zeros vs. Dot Outlaws
8:00 p.m. Rice & Beans vs. LAX Ballers

June 17, 2010

7:00 p.m. Hydropower vs. Blue Dragons
8:00 p.m. Traffic Jam vs. Ones & Zeros

South Gym

May 6, 2010

8:00 p.m. Traffic Jam vs. Rice & Beans
9:00 p.m. Hoopers vs. Blue Dragons

May 13, 2010

8:00 p.m. Ones & Zeros vs. Blue Dragons
9:00 p.m. LAX Ballers vs. Traffic Jam

May 19, 2010

8:00 p.m. Hydropower vs. LAX Ballers
9:00 p.m. Hoopers vs. Ones & Zeros

May 27, 2010

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9:00 p.m. Traffic Jam vs. Hoopers

June 3, 2010

8:00 p.m. Hoopers vs. Rice & Beans
9:00 p.m. LAX Ballers vs. One & Zeros

June 10, 2010

8:00 p.m. Blue Dragons vs. Traffic Jam
9:00 p.m. Hydropower vs. Hoopers

June 17, 2010

8:00 p.m. Dot Outlaws vs. Rice & Beans
9:00 p.m. Hoopers vs. LAX Ballers

Play Offs

June 23, 2010

7:00 p.m. 4th Place vs. 1st Place
8:00 p.m. 3rd Place vs. 2nd Place
9:00 p.m. Winner of 8:00 p.m. vs. Winner of 7:00 p.m.

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Calling All City Softball Teams:

It's Club Softball Time Again!

Club is accepting applications for its Club Softball League.

With the Dodgers and Angels officially in action for the 2010 season, you know it's time to get organized for the 2010 Club Softball League Season!

Last year's first Club Softball League season was a huge hit, with ten teams battling it out for the Club Cup. The Guzzlers and the Hitmen won their division titles.

Get in on the fun for 2010! Fill in your applications now.

For 2010, the Club Softball League is expected to start one month early – that means June. So get those applications in! Applications are available at the Club Store and Service Center,

Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- All players must be Club Members in good standing, spouses of Club Members, or must have been part of the same City Employees team the year before the Club took over the league (2008)
- It's all in good fun!

- Parks/fields are still being determined.
- The Club is looking for City teams in the Harbor area! Speak up, and perhaps we'll be able to field a league division in the Harbor area.

See you on the diamond!



Seniors in a League of Their Own

Seniors – that's Club Members 50 and over – are you ready for your own Club Softball League?

The Club is interested in putting together a league of senior Club Members, age 50 and over. Interested? Let us know, and we'll gauge the interest and move forward: sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com



CLUB SPORTS



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



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Something to  Think About

“Productivity is never an accident. It is always the result of a commitment to excellence, intelligent planning and focused effort.”

– Paul Meyer, author

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

LAFD

Quake Drill 2010

Fire Dept. holds annual earthquake drill.

Photo by Juan Guerra

Los Angeles firefighters held their annual Earthquake drill April 19, simulating a magnitude-8 earthquake in hopes of honing their ability to respond to such a disaster.

The last time an earthquake near that strong struck in Los Angeles was in 1857, when the city was still a sparsely populated outpost.

"Our time is coming, and we must be ready to respond," Chief Millage Peaks was quoted as saying.

The 3.5-hour exercise was held at Fire Station 88 in Sherman Oaks, where a "disaster village" was set up, including an upside down Metrolink train, broken masonry from a collapsed freeway and debris piles.

The LAFD's Earthquake Emergency Plan, its Area Command and Tactical Area Command structures, the Department Operations Center Procedures and its specialized teams, including hazardous materials and Urban Search and Rescue, were all tested. Heavy equipment, rescue dogs and other emergency resources were all used as part of the exercise.



A staged rescue during the recent LAFD earthquake drill.

HARBOR

Plugging in the Future, Now

Port debuts its new small fleet of all-electric trucks, the first at any port.

On March 31, the Port introduced first production models of its demonstration fleet of all-electric cargo trucks. The electric trucks are the first at any port in the world.

The trucks originated as a demonstration project co-funded by the Port and the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD). A small fleet of these all-electric trucks are now

ready to be deployed to marine terminals for further testing. The heavy-duty electric short-haul trucks can pull a 60,000-pound cargo container at a top speed of more than 40 mph.

The trucks demonstrated in March were the first to roll off an assembly line in nearby Harbor City as a result of the Port's fleet order with manufacturer Balqon Corp.



Electric trucks are ready to haul cargo at the Port.

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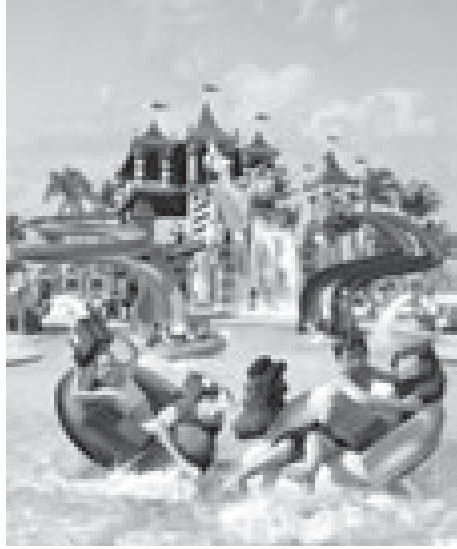


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CLUB BENEFIT

Get All Wet ... at Legoland!

Legoland Water Park opens in June. It's the newest Club ticket discount!



Legoland's new Water Park.

Starting in June, Legoland California Resort will feature the world's first and only Legoland Water Park. It promises to be splash-filled, interactive fun time for the entire family. The imagination really flows at the one-of-a-kind You-Build-a-Raft river, where everyone floats on their own custom-built Lego raft. The Water Park has six-person raft slides, single-person tube slides, body slides and hands-on toddler areas, so there's something for everyone.

Here are some fun facts about the new Legoland Water Park:

Grand opening: June

Size: 5.5 acres

Location: Legoland Water Park is at the north end of Legoland California, behind Fun Town. The entrance is between the Factory Tour and the Adventurer's Club.

Key Features:

- The centerpiece of the Water Park: a 45-foot-tall tower designed to immerse children in the creative world of Lego.
- The Build-a-Raft River: a lazy river where guests float on their own custom-built Lego raft.
- Several water slides, including a six-person raft slide and one-person tube slides as well as slides designed especially for toddlers.
- More than 20 Lego models, including giant Lego friends who splash or spray water on guests.
- A splash tower that will pour hundreds of gallons of water over kids standing beneath.
- A zoo-themed water play area for toddlers.
- Two sandy beach wading areas.
- Cabanas for families to rest and relax in.
- Retail shops and snack carts.



Legoland's new Water Park.

Admission:

Legoland Water Park is a \$10 upgrade from the standard Legoland California admission and is included in the price of Water Park Hopper tickets and Resort Hopper tickets. Water Park admission will also be included in Resort Memberships.

Call the Club Store for your Legoland Water Park tickets – with that famous Club discount – today!



Legoland's new Water Park.



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Newsbrief

DWP INTERIM GM:

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa nominated current First Deputy Mayor Austin Beutner to serve as interim general manager of the DWP and charged him with developing and executing reform initiatives to change the culture at DWP, clear out the bureaucracy and lead a new era of accountable management and transparency.

"Austin has already made great progress building a team at City Hall that changes our attitude toward business and job creation and I expect him to do nothing less as the interim general manager of the Department of Water and Power," Villaraigosa said.

As Beutner's first task, the mayor has directed him to immediately perform a top-to-bottom financial and operational review to lead a new era of accountable management and transparency at the department and immediately implement business- and ratepayer-friendly reforms.

"Austin is uniquely qualified to oversee a top-to-bottom review of the department. He will continue to serve as my First Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive for Economic and Business Policy. In his private sector career, Austin managed and advised dozens of large companies simultaneously, and I am confident he will be able to continue his work of creating jobs and making Los Angeles more business friendly while turning around the DWP."

Recently, Villaraigosa has emphasized the need to begin a new era of transparency, accountability and efficiency at the DWP. To that end, the mayor has asked Beutner and the Board of Commissioners to implement business- and ratepayer-friendly reforms that make the DWP more efficient, while keeping water and power rates as low as possible and investing in green energy and creating jobs for Los Angeles.

Mayor Villaraigosa also nominated businessman Eric Holoman to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners.

Holoman currently manages and directs Johnson Enterprises' day-to-day operations including strategy, finance and business development and oversees many of the organizations prestigious partnerships and will bring a unique financial perspective to the Commission.

Villaraigosa and Beutner will also continue the effort to find a permanent general manager who can bring the DWP into the 21st century in terms of both embracing the use of clean, green power and creating an efficient company by enlisting a top recruiting firm.

Beutner's nomination will be reviewed by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners. Upon approval, he will serve a six-month term.

Retirements *A heartfelt thank you to these City employees for their years of service.*

HARBOR

Goodbye, Margaret



Margaret Hernandez, Director of Small Business Enterprises, Harbor, Club Member.

Margaret Hernandez retires from the Port after 28 years of City service.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Product Manager

A celebration was held March 4 to honor the retirement of Margaret Hernandez, Director of Small Business Enterprises, and Club Member.

The party was held at the San Pedro Fish Market.

Here's a resolution presented to Margaret at the party:

"Whereas Margaret I. Hernandez is retiring after 28 years of dedicated service to the City of Los Angeles; and

"Whereas Ms. Hernandez earned her Bachelor's degree in anthropology from Stanford University, attended the School of Law at Santa Clara University, is a graduate of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) and CORO Leadership Programs and completed the Port of Los Angeles Management Academy; and

"Whereas Ms. Hernandez began her City career as a Clerk Typist in the Controller's Office in 1982; was promoted to the Harbor Department in 1983 before being promoted again to the Police Department in 1984; she returned to the Harbor Department in 1985, working her way up to the Director of Contracts and Purchasing in 2003, before becoming the Director of Small Business Enterprises in 2009; and

"Whereas Ms. Hernandez received special recognition in 1992 for singlehandedly translating the Main Channel community newsletter in a timely manner; and

"Whereas Ms. Hernandez received a Resolution from the Los Angeles Harbor Improvement Corporation in 1985 for her exceptional work as Administrative Assistant to the Chief Financial Office and the Assistant Treasurer; and

"Whereas Ms. Hernandez has a long history of being an excellent party planner, evidenced by a Commendation received in 1985 for 'serving as the chief catalyst for an unprecedented, successful Christmas celebration of the division;' and

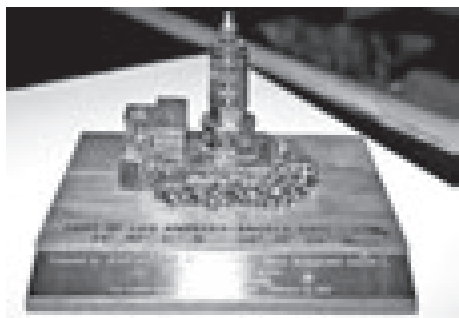
"Whereas Ms. Hernandez, throughout her career, consistently received glowing reviews from her supervisors, which acknowledged her strong administrative and leadership skills, her ability to work under a heavy workload and her initiative to go above and beyond; and

"Whereas Ms. Hernandez demonstrated her dedication to community engagement by serving on the Boards of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the South Bay, Fiesta Corazon del Puerto Organizing Committee, Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce, Port of Los Angeles High School, South Bay Latino Chamber of Commerce and Wilmington YMCA; and

"Whereas, from 2004 through 2006, Ms. Hernandez served as the Honorary Mayor of Wilmington; in 2004 was honored by being named Board Member of the Year of the South Bay Latino Chamber of Commerce; and in 1997 was recognized by the Wilmington YMCA as the Board Member of the Year: Now therefore be it

"Resolved, that the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners extends its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Ms. Margaret I. Hernandez for her outstanding service to the City and Port of Los Angeles, and extends to her and her family its best wishes for health and happiness in the years to come."

The Club congratulates Margaret on a great career, and wishes her well in the future. And the Club thanks Julie Wichmann-Huerta, Club Member, for her assistance.



The lighthouse awarded for Margaret's 28 years of service.



From left: Ricardo Hong, Harbor Area Director, Mayor's Office; Joeann Valle, Executive Director, Harbor City Harbor Gateway Chamber; and Rochelle Gonzalez, guest.



Petty Santos, MA II, Club Member, with her husband, Joaquin.



From left: Guests Seth Chavez, Priscilla Guadamuz and Diane Sallee.



Standing: Julie Wichmann-Huerta, Commission Admin. Officer, Club Member. Seated, from left: Marisela Caraballo, Legislative Rep; and Cecilia Moreno, Community Affairs Advocate, Club Member.



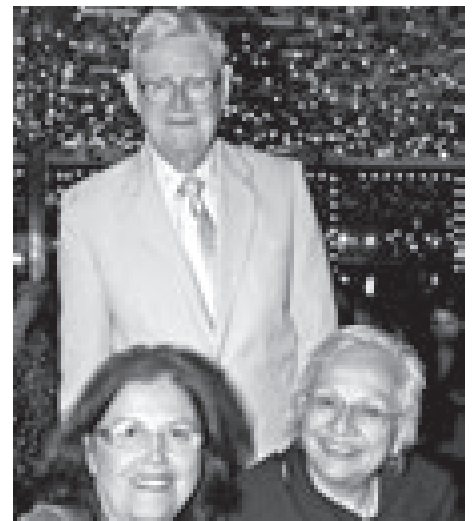
From left: Port Police Chief Ronald Boyd, Club Member; Bruce Seaton, Retired, Interim General Manager; and Sgt. Ken Huerta, Club Member.



Margaret Hernandez, Retiree, Club Member (third from left), with (from left) her husband, Leo Padilla; her daughter, Jacqueline; and her son, Gilbert.



From left: Margaret Hernandez, Retiree, Club Member; and Julie Wichmann-Huerta, Commission Admin. Officer, Club Member.



Back: John Holland, guest. Seated, from left: Guests Lupe Massey and Juanita Narango.



From left: Deidre Reyes, Sr. Admin Analyst, CAO; Ken Melendez, guest; Leticia Melendez, guest; and Irene Mendoza, Retired, Council District 15.



Andrew Benson, Harbor Special Events Coordinator, Club Member; and Amy Arnold, Data Management Analyst, Club Member.



From left: Sergio Rosales, MC Helper, Club Member; Rica Viola, Property Manager, Club Member; and Dennis Ogren, Retired Sr. MA II.



From left: Debra Grant, Retired Sr. MA II, Airports/LAX; and Susie Lamber, guest.



Back: Terrence Payne, guest. Seated, from left: Guests Diane Jackson, Teresa Wallette and Paulette Williams.



From left: Dorothy Randle, Business Development Manager, Mayor's Office; and Linda Smith, Executive Director LA MBQC.



Standing, from left: Guests Steve Faichney and Yolanda De La Torre. Seated: Daisy Ybarra, guest; Maria Ybarra, guest; and Bill Orton with State Sen. Rodarick Wright.

Retirements

A heartfelt thank you to these City employees for their years of service.



Margaret Hernandez, Retiree, Club Member; with James Acevedo, former Board Commissioner.



From left: Margaret Hernandez, Retiree, Club Member; and Tish Lorenzana, Director of HR, Club Member.



From left: Margaret Hernandez, Retiree, Club Member; Rica Viola, Property Manager, Club Member.



Margaret Hernandez, Retiree, Club Member; and Ricardo Hong, Mayor's Office.



From left: Yolanda Brown, EAA, Club Member; Faye Jones, Sr. PA 1, Club Member; and Dora McClendon, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member.



Standing, from left: Eileen Gray, Sr. Systems Analyst; Denise Galaz, Secretary, Club Member; and Donni Gray, MA II, Club Member. Seated: Beatriz Ramirez, Clerk Typist; Ana Peredia, Principal Clerk; and Phyllis Nino, Clerk Typist, Club Member.



From left: John Ek, guest; Bruce Seaton, Retired, Interim General Manager; and James Acevedo, former Board Commissioner.



From left: Susan Prichard, guest; and Olivia Fernandez, Port Advisory Committee.



From left: Jacqueline, daughter of Margaret Hernandez; Neatriz Herrera, guest (center), with Retiree Margaret Hernandez's children: Jacqueline (left) and Gilbert.



From left: Rudy Meza, Port Police Officer, Club Member; Sgt. Al Guerrero, Club Member, and his daughter, Kristine; and Ted Fernandez, MA II, Club Member.



Back: Susan Schaefer, Retired Sr. MA, Club Member. Seated, from left: Mary Solis, guest; and Linda Vigil, Systems Chief Wharfinger, Club Member.



Julie Wichmann-Huerta, Commission Admin. Officer, Club Member; and Bob Henry, Commission Executive Officer, Club Member.



Standing, from left: Lt. Dan Aleman, Retired, Club Member, with his wife, Wanda. Seated: Stacey Xenios, Admin. Assistant, Port Police; Pete Xenios, LAFD Engineer; and Sally Higman, guest.



From left: Daniel Villaneda, TC02, Finance; Amira, daughter; Daniel Aguilera, guest; and Nilza Serrano, guest.



Luis and Abbe Rosas, guests.



Maria Garcia, Labor Custodian, Club Member, and her husband, Fred.



From left: Gilbert Gallahar, guest; Michael Manio, guest; and Cecelia Railey, Purchasing, Harbor.



From left: Gil Flores, Retired, Landscape Architect; Mimi Gutierrez, Civil Engineering Associate II, Club Member; and Daryl Pan, Student Worker.



From left: Richard Lorenzana, Wharfinger; Tish Lorenzana, Director of HR, Club Member; and Bruce Seaton, Retired, Interim General Manager.



From left: Carol Wianecki, Property Manager II; Dave Chrisman, Carpenter Supervisor, Club Member; and Stella Catanzarite, Harbor, Deputy CDD.



From left: Veronica Soto, guest; Michael Bejarano, guest; and Rose Cote, Business Outreach Coordinator, Airports/LAX.

Retirements

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PUBLIC WORKS

So Long, Abe

Nasir 'Abe' Rasheed retires from Public Works/Accounting after 38 years of City service.

Story and photos courtesy Public Works

A party was held March 9 for Nasir "Abe" Rasheed, who retired from Public Works/Accounting after 38 years of City service. The party was held at Golden Coast Buffet in Alhambra.

Abe Rasheed retired as a Principal Accountant II/Division Manager of the General Accounting Division in the Board of Public Works, Office of Accounting.

He began his City career in 1972 when he joined the Department of Traffic, now Transportation, as an accountant.

In 1974, he was promoted to Administrative Assistant with the LAFD and, in 1977, he was promoted to Senior Accountant II with Rec and

Parks. While there, he was a member of its Affirmative Action Advisory Committee and its "E" Team.

In 1989, he was promoted to Public Works/Accounting, now the Office of Accounting, where he works today as a Principal Accountant II, serving as the General Accounting Division Manager.

In 1997, he was the recipient of a Productivity Award as a member of a team from Accounting, Sanitation, General Services and the Controller's Office, which implemented improved procedures for faster procurement and expedited payments to vendors at Hyperion.

During his service in the Bureau of Accounting, Abe served on the Affirmative Action Advisory Committee and various strategic planning committees, both at the department and bureau level.

He received a certificate for membership in the Department's 800 Club, signifying the accu-

mulation of at least 800 hours of unused sick time.

Frequently, Abe has volunteered to serve on interview panels for both Personnel and other governmental agencies.

Abe has also participated in ongoing professional development and received a certificate from the UCLA Leadership for the 21st Century program.

He is affiliated with a number of professional and employee organizations: A Past President of LAMAAA, the Los Angeles Municipal Accountants and Auditors Association, a professional association of City Accountants and Auditors; and a member of the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers, the Institute of Internal Auditors and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.

He has also been actively involved with the Los Angeles Federal Credit Union for the last 18 years. Currently, Abe is Secretary of the Credit Union's Supervisory Committee.



Abe holds a teaching credential for the Board of Public Works Executive Officer James Gibson presents Abe with his City Service Award certificate.

California Community colleges.

In his spare time, Abe enjoys photography. He is married and has two children and two grandchildren.

The Club congratulates Abe on his distinguished career. Special thanks go to Tommy Siu for his assistance in producing this article.



Abe with his wife and some of his staff. From left: Samitha Wijayarathne; Violeta Tan; Abe; Billie Domingo; Abe's wife, Suraiya; and Vince Diego.



Coworkers congratulate Abe on his retirement.



Abe is presented with his City Service Award. From left: Board of Public Works Commissioner Andrea Alarcon; Board of Public Works President Cynthia Ruiz; Abe and his wife, Suraiya; Board of Public Works Executive Officer James Gibson; and Board of Public Works Commissioner Paula Daniels.

PLANNING

Myra Moves On



From left: Myra Vines, Retiree, Club Member, with Tyna Hall, event organizer.

Myra Vines retires from Planning after 33 years of City service.

Story and photos by Eboné Moses, Club Counselor

A luncheon event was held to honor Myra Vines upon her retirement. The party was held March 11 at the Hop Li Seafood Restaurant downtown.

She retired as a Sr. Clerk Typist, Planning. Myra Vines' retirement was an extra-special event filled not only with co-workers, friends and family, but also with history. I learned that she played an instrumental role in the movement to reach fair pay and benefits for City Clerks in the 1970s.

Here's a resolution produced for her by her local union:

"Whereas, Myra Vines has served the union [ACEA Local 3090 AFSCME] as a steward, bargaining team member, vice president and chair of the Council 36 Women's Committee;

"Whereas, Myra Vines has worked in LACERS, the City Attorney's Office, and the Planning Department;

"Whereas, Myra Vines has served the union and the City with distinction from March 8, 1977 until March 11, 2010;

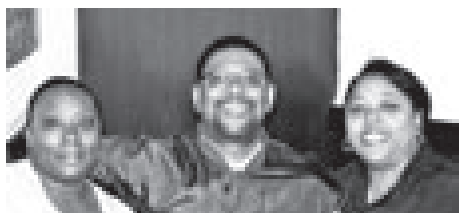
"Now, therefore be it resolved that, ACEA Local 3090 AFSCME wishes to congratulate Myra Vines for her years of service to the Union.

"Be it finally resolved that ACEA Local 3090 AFSCME, friends and family will come together to celebrate 33 years of dedicated service."

Congratulations on your retirement, Myra! And thanks to Tyna Hall for providing assistance in the production of this article.



Belinda Hill, Club Member; Alice Drisdell, Club Member; Etta Bonner, Club Member; and Olga Hudson.



From left: Gwen Cosby; Kevin Golden, Club Member; and Anita Bizzell, Club Member.



From left: Gloria Unterburger with Myra Vines, Retiree.



From left: Edna Tinsley, Club Member; Cherry Yap; and Carmencita Ty.



From left: Shielah Hurrell, Carmen H. Walker, Myra Vines and Kathy Peters.



Cheryl Parisi, Executive Director, Council 36, AFSCME.



Alice Goff, President, Local 3090, Clerical and Support Services, AFSCME.



Myra Vines, Retiree, Club Member, with Herman Van Buren, Club Member and the master of ceremonies for the event.



From left: Joey Vasquez; Andy Montealegre; Lateef Sholebo, Club Member; Janice Johnson, Club Member; Ron Maben; Kevin Jones, Club Member; Carl Morgan, Club Member; and Charlie Rausch.



Neda and Sterling Barnes.



From left: Maxine Hall, Club Member; Ronnie Hinds; and Mewland Watanabe, Club Member.



From left: Kevin and Keith Vines, sons and Ernest and Myra Vines; Ondria Leary, sister-in-law; Katrina Green and Thea Hall, granddaughters; and Carl Hill, family friend.

Retirements

A heartfelt thank you to these City employees for their years of service.

LAPD

Judy Takes Her Last Call



From left: Jennifer Cooke, Judy Ruiz, Jon Ruiz and Jessica Ruiz.

Judy Ruiz retires from 911 Operators/LAPD after 35 years of City service.

Story and photos by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager

After 35 years of City service, Judy Ruiz, PRS AIII, has retired. A reception was held March 30 in her honor at Odyssey Restaurant in Granada Hills.

She began her career as an RTO in June 1974, and was promoted to PRS III in July 2002. She is a big fan of the Dodgers, and scrap-booking is one of her hobbies.

Judy, the Club thanks you for all your years of City service and wish you well in the future. You will be missed.

And thanks to Jean Sarfaty for assisting us with this article.



From left: Michelle Willis, PSR III, Club Member; Judy Ruiz, retiree; and Megan Peer, PSR III, Club Member.



Judy Ruiz says her good-byes to friends and family.



Judy Ruiz and Stan Ludwick.



From left: Judy Ruiz and Capt. Regina Scott.



From left: Jean Sarfaty and Judy Ruiz.



From left: Charlene Johnson, PSR III, Club Member; Nalisia Bradford, PSR III, Club Member; Judy Ruiz, retiree; Beth Hicks, Senior PSR II; and Cheryl K. Fair, PSR III.



Judy Ruiz and Lt. Mike Yang.



From left: Sgt. Mark Chong; Judy Ruiz, retiree; Capt. Regina Scott; and Lt. Mike Yang.



Judy Ruiz and Tony, the event host.



From left: Judy Ruiz and Cathy Bushey, Club Member.



Judy Ruiz and Ted Steiner.



From left: Nicole Carr, PSR II, Club Member, with her husband, Randy; Judy Ruiz, retiree; and Pam Liske, PSR II.

BUILDING AND SAFETY

Ruby Retires



Ruby's family.

Ruby de Vera retires from Building and Safety after 14 years of City service.

Story by Cora Soriano, CDD

Friends, family and co-workers gathered April 9 to celebrate the retirement of Ruby de Vera, who retired from Building and Safety after 14 years of City service.

The dinner/dance, hosted by Cora Aragon Soriano, CDD and President, Los Angeles Filipino Association of City Employees (LAFACE), was held at the Sheraton downtown.

State Senator Carol Liu and Councilmembers Jose Huizar and Tom LaBonge presented Ruby with resolutions and certificates. Henry Tongson, Building and Safety, and Cora Aragon Soriano from LAFACE, presented Ruby with Certificates of Appreciation.

Ruby's family; friends from LAFACE, Kiwanis, Manila High School, FABAG, Filipino American Community of Eagle Rock, FilAm Democrats Caucus, City employees, and St. Dominic Church; and June Lagmay, City Clerk's Office, attended the event.

Entertainer Bernardo Bernardo, a former schoolmate of Ruby from Manila High School, entertained the guests with a variety of Filipino and English songs.

Ruby started her career in the City Feb. 12, 1996, when she was appointed as Field Deputy for the 14th District by Councilmember Richard Alatorre. She covered the area of Eagle Rock and, in a span of three and a half years, accomplished the restoration of the old Eagle Rock Library into the Eagle Rock Community Center;



From left: Cora Soriano, host, with Ruby de Vera and Bernardo Bernardo, entertainer.



Ruby de Vera and her husband, Andy.



Mr. L.A. Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Club Member, congratulates Ruby de Vera and presents her with his famous gift, a loaf of bread.



Ruby with Manila High School classmates.



Cora Soriano, LAFACE President, with Board Members' Certificate and gift presentation.



The presentation of a certificate from Building and Safety.

organized the Concerts in the Park and the Farmers Market; and produced other accomplishments that improved the community.

In 1999, Ruby joined the staff of Council District 13 as Community Advocate under Councilmember Jackie Goldberg and covered the areas of Glassell Park, Mt. Washington, Atwater Village and Elysian Valley. She helped create two monument signs with the help of the Chamber of Commerce. A sidewalk near the Mt. Washington School was made possible by Ruby's efforts for the safety of the students who walk to and from school.

She also organized the senior lunch program at Chevy Chase Recreation Center.

In 2001, Ruby worked as Office Manager for District 1 under Councilmember Ed Reyes and was placed in charge of the office administration. She later moved to the Demand Audit Section of the Controller's Office, and for the past two and a half years, she worked at Building & Safety.

Ruby's civic involvement includes:

- President of the Glassell Park Improvement Association
- President of the Northeast Democratic Club
- President of the Filipino American Business Association of Glendale
- President of the Pilipino American Community of Eagle Rock

- President of the Los Angeles Filipino Association of City Employees, and
- Founding President of the Filipino American Kiwanis Club of Glendale.

Ruby has also served on the following boards:

- Finance Council of the Archdiocese of LA
- The Glendale Adventist Medical Center
- The Right to Life League of Southern California, and
- The Pilipino American Los Angeles Democrats.

Ruby has received many awards, including:

- Woman of the Year of the 55th Assembly District
- Democrat of the Year of the 45th Assembly District, and
- Woman Making a Difference in the City of Los Angeles, Citizen of the Year of the Corregidor Lions Club, and Businesswoman of the Year for the tri-cities of Glendale, Burbank and Pasadena.

In addition, she has been recognized by the federal, state and local governments for her outstanding community service.

On retirement, Ruby plans to concentrate more time doing her community service.

Congratulations to Ruby from the Club!



LAFACE members with Building and Safety/Controller's staff.



Councilmember Jose Huizar and Ruby's Kiwanis and Democrat friends.

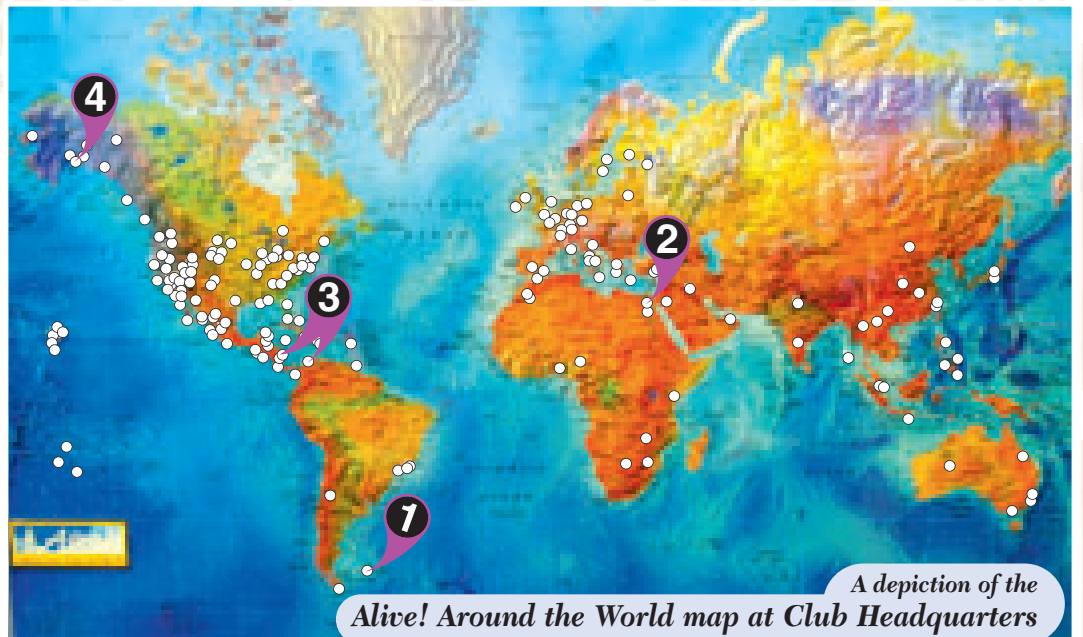
Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



1 Falkland Islands



"Here is a picture of the 'Invasion of the Falkland Islands' by the City of Los Angeles. It was taken during a trip around South America this spring."
 - Richard Wainer, Retired, Engineer



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

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2 Egypt



"The Pyramids are the greatest engineering feat of all time, before computers, before calculators, before slide rules, 2,600 years before Jesus Christ, and before my size 13 feet."
 "Here I am with the Great Pyramid and the Sphinx."
 - Richard Radmacher, Retired, DWP

3 Caribbean



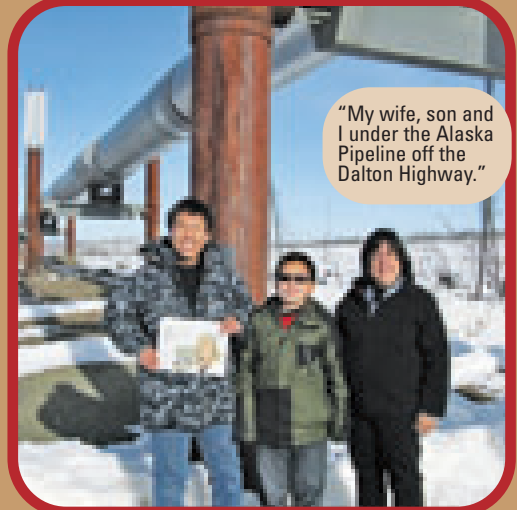
The Panama Canal, Gatun Locks.



Cartagena, Colombia.

"I recently returned from a Caribbean and Panama Cruise aboard Royal Caribbean's *Jewel of the Seas*. Many thanks! I retired in October, and I'm enjoying myself immensely."
 - Diana Medina, Club Member

4 Alaska



"My wife, son and I under the Alaska Pipeline off the Dalton Highway."



"My son and I in front of the mileage sign in Anchorage."

"My wife, son and I went on our first trip to Alaska during spring break earlier this month. Even though it is spring, in Alaska, April is still considered winter. We experienced our share of below-freezing temperatures and snow, but the trip was incredible."
 - Erwin Gee, LAPD

Happy Mother's Day

from The Club!





"Happy Mother's Day, Mom! You are a true blessing in my life. Thank you for all of your love, caring and support. I love you!"

- Lori Kwiatkowski, Retired, LAFD



"Happy Mother's Day, Mom, for the best mom in the world! Also, after 34 years, enjoy your retirement [she was a Clerk Typist with the City]! You definitely deserve it!"

- Stuart Saxon, Airport Police



"Mom, I love you very much. Happy Mother's Day! Thank you for everything!"

- Karen L. Heard, Airports



"I wish I could be with my mother on Mother's Day. I miss her so much. I miss her perfume, I miss her love and affection, I miss talking to her. I miss hugging her, and her hugging me. I will always love you, not just Mother's Day but every day of my life ... until I see you again. Save a spot for me in heaven. Love forever, Lori."

- Lori Griner



"Mom, thank you for being the most awesome mother a man could ask for. I hope I will be as good of a father as you were a mother. I love you!"

- Club CEO John Hawkins



"Mom, thank you for your love and support through the difficult and good times. I love you, Mom. Te quiero mucho."

- Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations

Carmen Larios, grandmother, with (from left) Jaime Cruz and Marcos Meza, nephews to Chef Larios.



"Mom, I love you and admire you for what you have done for us, your six children! I love you."

- Cecilia Talbot, Club Claims Manager



"Thank you for always being there for me, Mom. I love you a lot. Wishing you a Happy Mother's Day."

- Ismail Nanabawa

Newsbrief

TV PROGRAM HONORED:

The California Association of Public Information Officials (CAPIO) presented its Award of Merit to "City Works," Public Works' half-hour television magazine, in the 2010 CAPIO Excellence in Communications Awards competition. Presentation was made April 15 during the 29th Annual CAPIO Conference in the CAPIO Awards ceremony at the Fess Parker Doubletree Hotel in Santa Barbara.

CAPIO's "Excellence in Communication" awards recognize the most creative and effective efforts in the areas of communication and marketing campaigns, newsletter production, photography, special events, writing, Website development and video production. Nearly 200 entries statewide were submitted in the competition, 15 in the video production category.

"City Works" spotlights key personnel, projects and special programs of the various bureaus and divisions within Public Works. It showcases the hard work the men and women of the department do every day to improve the quality of life in Los Angeles. "We are honored to received this prestigious award from CAPIO, the statewide leader in governmental communications and information," said Public Works Board President Cynthia M. Ruiz. "It distinguishes 'City Works' among the very best video productions in the state.

"We are pleased to have CAPIO honor 'City Works' with its Award of Merit," said Executive Director Enrique Zaldivar, Public Works/Sanitation. "It is an outstanding production and very effective tool in helping us inform the public about our programs and the people who deliver quality and cost-effective services each day to the citizens of Los Angeles."

"City Works" is produced in partnership with LA City View Channel 35 and debuted in July 1999. Award-winning producer Kim P. Friedman produces the show. Previously aired episodes of "City Works" also are available online from the Channel 35 City at www.lacityview.org.



CENTURIONS FOOTBALL

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Hosted By Former NFL Great Rod Martin

FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2010

CALIFORNIA COUNTRY CLUB
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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Life's Important Moments

Share your moments!

Did you get married? Have a baby? (Yea!) Get a promotion? (Hooray!) Retire? (Ahhhh.) We want to hear from you. Share your news with the world! Send all notices and **high resolution photos** with the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com or send paper notices and print photos to: *Alive!*, 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

New Members

Welcome New Members!

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

- Airports**
Dorsey Martin
Edward Maslin
Ruben Samaniego
Luis Miguel Sayo
Karl Seiler
John Seiler Jr.
- Animal Services**
Victoria Castillo-Garcia
Christina Castro
Ruth Cazares
Mercedes Gray
Lenai Harris
Martha Lopez
Matthew Spease
- Building and Safety**
Jess Leyva
- City Clerk**
Marsha Eller
Roy Gaydowski
Juan Hernandez
- City Council**
Beiny Motto
- LAFD**
Greg Lewis
James Medley
Steven Normis
- Finance**
Renee Ramirez
- General Services**
Mikquel Jamerson
Arthur Martinez
Estela Santos
Al Williams
- Harbor**
James Acosta
David Armijo
Timothy Bradley
Omar Cuervas
Christopher Davis Jr.
- Housing**
Beatriz Garcia
Fabian Gonzalez
James Heiberg
- Lakia Jones
Scott Schafer
Manuel Vargas
- Convention Center**
Livier Garcia
- LACERS**
Renato Melo
- LAPD**
Meghan Aguilar
David Andrews
Ben Black
Troy Bybee
Danny Chao
Paul Corralejo
Elisa Escobar-Gomez
Jacqueline Franklin
Blair Grabiak
Juan Guerra
Richard Gutierrez
Michele Kestler
Ardon Manuel
Gerald McCarty
Gregory McKnight
Richard Mendoza
Elaine Morales
Stephen Saletros
Kenneth Sanchez
Federico Sicard
Ryan White
Thomas Wich
- Public Works**
PW-Engineering
Renee Curtis
Brian Kelly
Silvia Pena
PW-Sanitation
Jose Espiritu
Donald Hadden II
Ruben Samaniego Jr.
PW-Street Services
Michael Alvarado
Melvyn Cadoret
Raul Garcia
Johnathan Gyarmati
- Daniel Lawson
Danny McDaniels
Ralph Melendez
Milton Norwood
Rodrigo Perez
Alex Rodriguez
Rodney Smith
- Rec and Parks**
Marie Belgarde
Joshua Ceballos
Marjorie Dall
Gildardo Luna
Antonio Ramos
Hector Rivera
Carlos Rubio Jr.
- Transportation**
Peter Reynoso
Doris Weston
- DWP**
Stephen Biggerstaff
Gary Bolster
Efren Bugarin
Adelfa Chan
Donald Cresse
Dallas Gentry
Sheila Khoo
Richard Morales
Jose Pineda
John Puopolo
Marivic Reyes
Charis Velez
- Retired**
Odell Cole
Cherry Krastman
- Other**
Diego Aragon
Flora Chang
Joseph Eagen
Ronald Liberotti
Vincent Lopez
Ninfa Malabuyoc
Refugio Morones

In Memoriam

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

- Active**
Dasgupta, Suchitra, Planning, 21
Farhand, Ryan, LAPD, 2
Heflin, Paul, Rec and Parks, 24
Lundquist, John, DWP, 24
Macahilig, Cristina, Public Works, 30
Taylor, Flossie, DWP, 36
- Retired**
Alvord, Earl, DWP, 28
Aragon, Arturo, Harbor, 26
Arvizu, Alfredo, Airports, 23
Atwood, John, DWP, 37
Bacon, Kenneth, LAFD, 25
Baird, Lovie, Airports, 26
Baldwin, Franklin, DWP, 13
Banguguilan, Zenaida, Finance, 16
Bellot, David, Transportation, 30
Blandino, Jose, El Pueblo Hist. Mon., 16
Bogdanoff, John, Rec and Parks, 33
Burlson, John, DWP, 32
Carlisle, Melvin, DWP, 46
Curtis, Benjamin, DWP, 29
Davis, Herman, DWP, 32
Duran, Venancio, DWP, 15
Fichtenberg, Jack, DWP, 10
Gamore, John, DWP, 24
Gilliam, Dow, DWP, 34
Gilmore, Earl, DWP, 37
Gray, Donald, DWP, 28
Haas, Jean, LAPD, 20
Hall, Grover, Public Works, 31
Harmon, Curtis, Public Works, 31
Holman, Emanuel, DWP, 3
Hoover, Donald, DWP, 25
Hunt, Rohert, Rec and Parks, 28
Jeffrey, Joseph, DWP, 32
Johnson, William, Building and Safety, 31
Jones, Don, Public Works, 21
Kidder, Eugene, CAO, 29
- Krukow, Walter, Building and Safety, 34
Lara, Gabriel, Public Works, 26
Locey, Daryl, DWP, 30
Lopez, Joe, DWP, 31
Lynn, Alex, DWP, 17
Marcotte, Neal, DWP, 28
Martinez, Orestes, General Services, 10
McKee, Herbert, Public Works, 30
Menard, Ernest, DWP, 16
Mestes, Soilo, Public Works, 30
Mills, Robert, DWP, 31
Mitchell, Bessie, General Services, 24
Nelson, Roy, DWP, 33
Noonan, Matt, Rec and Parks, 30
Powell, Eddie, Public Works, 26
Price, William, DWP, 28
Pusztai, Joseph, DWP, 20
Quinn, Willie, Convention Center, 23
Ramirez, Antonio, General Services, 10
Razo, Stephen, Rec and Parks, 30
Redd, Edward, DWP, 29
Robbins, Lonzie, Public Works, 16
Rogers, Olsen, DWP, 28
Salinas, Jesus, Rec and Parks, 38
Scroggins, Benjamin, Transportation, 35
Shehorn, Karen, LAPD, 14
Snyder, Vernon, DWP, 27
Steels, Jane, DWP, 16
Stegall, Robert, Public Works, 19
Valenzuela, V.R., City Clerk, 30
Vasquez, Ignacio, Controller, 28
Verburg, Paul, DWP, 37
West, Roger, Transportation, 32
Wilkins, David, CAO, 34
Wight, James, Transportation, 31
Wittman, James, Rec and Parks, 31
Yamzon, Redenta, CDD, 17

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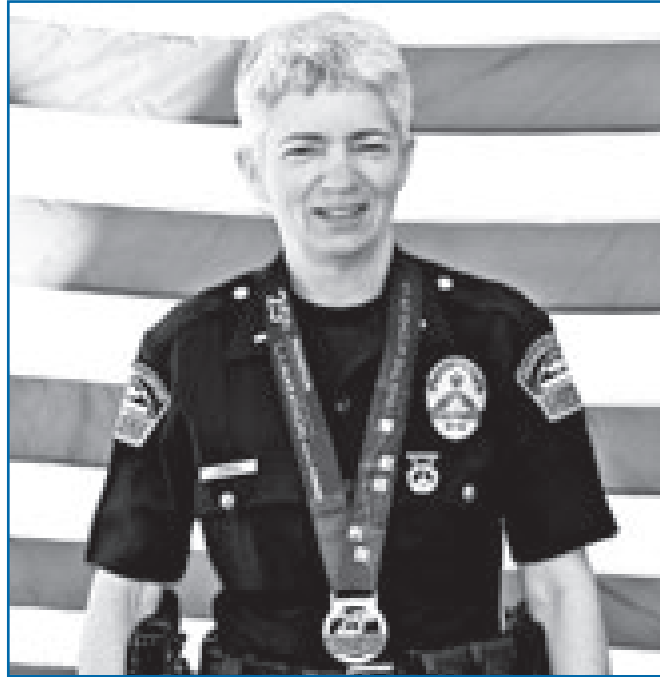
NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS
Acio, Nestor	Payroll Analyst	Controller	30	Barnes Thomas, Kay	Sr. Clerk Typist	Public Works	12
Acosta, James	-	DWP	-	Barragan, Alfonso	Maintenance Laborer	Public Works	33
Adami, Cyrous	Sr. Systems Analyst	Airports	30	Baylon, Victor	-	DWP	-
Adelman, Gary	Sr. Electrical Inspector	Public Works	26	Beck, Ronald	-	DWP	-
Agustin, Emmanuel	Elec. Engr. Assoc.	Building and Safety	32	Bernabe, Wilfredo	Management Analyst	LAPD	35
Alayu, Orlando	Sr. Gardener	Rec and Parks	35	Berry, Dorothy	Dep. City Attorney	City Attorney	31
Aldapa, Manuel	-	DWP	-	Black, Douglas	Painter Supervisor	Rec and Parks	30
Alexanian, Gary	Animal Care Tech.	Animal Services	37	Blue, Ronnie	-	DWP	-
Alipio, Elvira	Accounting Clerk	Transportation	32	Botros, Youssif	Accountant	Library	28
Allen Stallworth, Cheryl	Police Service Rep	LAPD	30	Boyce, Donald	Irrigation Specialist	Rec and Parks	34
Alleyne, Ellen	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAFD	35	Boyd, Donald	Tree Surgeon Asst.	Public Works	34
Alvarado Ford, Olivia	Tax Compliance Aide	Finance	31	Brown, Clyde	Maintenance Laborer	Airports	25
Alvarez, Gracie	Secretary	LAPD	28	Bui, Thi Duc	Geographic Info. Specialist	LAPD	26
Alvarez, Jesus	Maint. Const. Helper	Public Works	26	Burge, Jeri	Asst. City Attorney	City Attorney	30
Andre, John	-	DWP	-	Burgess, Patrick	-	DWP	-
Argott, Marie	Secretary	LAPD	39	Burns, David	-	DWP	-
Armida, Eloisa	Police Service Rep	LAPD	34	Calagday, Rodolfo	Build. Maint. Dist. Supv.	General Services	25
Arnucu, Andres	Sr. Gardener	Rec and Parks	24	Canez, Dolores	Sr. Clerk Typist	Harbor	38
Arreola, Jose	Tax Renewal Asst.	Finance	10	Cannon, Ronnie	Sr. Dup. Mach. Operator	General Services	32
Baker, Zella	Clerk Typist	LAPD	35	Carpenter, Robert	Sr. Rec. Dir.	Rec and Parks	35
Bamgboye, Dorothy	Rec Supervisor	Rec and Parks	40	Carrillo, Cornelio	Sr. Garage Attendant	LAFD	27
Baradi, Emilie Caylo	Transport. Eng. Assoc.	Transportation	26	Castro, Roberta	Exec. Admin. Assistant	ITA	38
Barbarena, Jorge	Street Services Worker	Public Works	29	Chambers, Jerome	Rec. Facility Director	Rec and Parks	25

Special Achievements



Lancaster Jets linebacker Aaron "Stone" Lino, #52, and safety Elijah Ward, #28, and their team went 12-0 to win the Golden League Youth Football Championship in Lancaster. This is their second championship in three years. They are the nephew and son (respectively) of L.T. Ward, Airports.

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



Congratulations, Kathy! Airport Police Lt. Kathy Green completed her second Los Angeles Marathon in March. Her time was 5:30:33, 26 minutes faster than her previous (first) L.A. Marathon.

Other Airport Police Officers who completed the L.A. Marathon included: Canine Officer Kendra Williams; Canine Officer Dan Keehne; and Canine Officer Efen Orlanes.

Congrats from the Club and the Airport Police on their successful runs!

Births



Samantha Riley Farell, born Feb. 9 to Sarah Farell, PSR III, Valley Communications Division, and Det. Corey Farell, LAPD Foothill Homicide Division.

Have a photo of a recent newborn? Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

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, 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Send digital photos to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Quinceañera

Have a photo of a recent quinceañera? Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Weddings

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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

Peace of Mind For Retirees

An Insurance Plan That Gives Back

BY TIFFANY SY
The Club's Peace of Mind Expert



Let me introduce this month's subject – the Club's Cash Cancer insurance product. And now let me tell you why it's such a good idea.

Have you ever purchased an item and never got to use it? So, it found its way to the storage bin safely hidden under your Christmas decorations deep in your garage. Did you ever plan on using it? Perhaps not anytime soon, or maybe never? Well, wouldn't it be wonderful if we could turn back the hands of time and skip that purchase? Or, what if we could shop for items with a return policy of 20 years? Most of you are sharp enough to know that really doesn't exist. If you do happen to know of a retailer that won't laugh in your face when you ask for a refund of an item purchased more than 20 years ago, please let me know!

Now, let's entertain the idea that there is a place out there that will allow you to return an item from the glitzy disco era. Imagine a plan that will serve its purpose ... and if it doesn't, it will give you all your money back in 20 years! Drum roll please: Allow me to introduce our Cash Cancer plan that will pay you a lump sum, non-taxable benefit of \$10,000 to \$50,000. The plan will pay upon first diagnosis of internal cancer or malignant melanoma. Now, let's imagine that you've purchased this plan and it covered your family for the past 20 years, and everyone is healthy and free of cancer (as they should be, right?). Here's the kicker: You get all your premium dollars back. Yep, everything you've paid to the insurance company to insure you for the past 20 years will be returned. And the icing on the cake is, say goodbye to pay-

ments and keep the plan for a lifetime! Wow!

You are automatically approved if you've never been diagnosed with cancer. It doesn't matter whether cancer is prevalent in your family history, nor does it matter if you are a smoker or work in an environment that exposes you to cancer-causing substances.

You have the option to apply for \$10,000 to \$50,000 per person in your family. Rates are locked in to the age at the time of application. So, what are you waiting for?

Sign up today!

Contact me at tsy@cityemployeesclub.com



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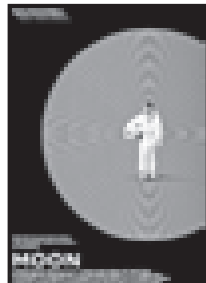
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Chavarria, Larry	Transp. Engineer Aide	Transportation	34	Mullis, Paul	City Planning Associate	Planning	37
Cheung, Yuen Kwong	Tree Surgeon Supervisor	Public Works	35	Nash, Gordon	Maint. Supv.	Airports	26
Chretien, Georgette	Special Prog. Asst.	Aging	9	Newsom, Larry	Painter Supv.	General Services	40
Chu, Fay	Asst. City Attorney	City Attorney	34	Nicholson, William	-	DWP	-
Claessens, Michael	Sr. Asst. City Attorney	City Attorney	35	Niebles, Olga	-	DWP	-
Comes, Imelda	-	DWP	-	Nix, David	Sr. Computer Operator	ITA	34
Colwes, Harold	Sr. Management Analyst	Airports	30	Nourjian, Marguerite	Sr. Data Process Tech.	ITA	26
Comfort, Sharla	Sr. Personnel Analyst	Library	31	Noyes, Helyne	-	DWP	-
Comfort, Victoria	Secretary	LAPD	36	O'Connor, Charles	-	DWP	-
Correa, Margaret	Secretary	LAPD	31	O'Connor, Maureen	Workers Comp. Claims Ast.	Personnel	28
Crisp, Raymond	Sr. Management Analyst	LAPD	32	Odell, Joyce	Cartographer	Planning	40
Crittenden, Robert	Custodian	General Services	35	Ojeda, Milton	Tax Auditor	Finance	11
Dade, Kathy	Management Analyst	LAFD	20	Olmstead, David	-	DWP	-
David, Luz	Sr. Fin. Clerk	Finance	32	Oviedo, Zelaida	Clerk Typist	LAPD	34
Davis, Stephen	Landscape Arch.	Public Works	16	Owens, Laurette	Secretary	Public Works	35
Deleon, Danilo	Build. Maint. Dist. Supv.	General Services	24	Padilla, Hector	Street Services Worker	Public Works	31
Del Pilar, Antonio	Pr. Accountant	Controller	33	Pan, Elias	Off. Engr. Tech.	Public Works	27
Diaz, John	Delivery Driver	Library	28	Parish, Susie	Custodian	Airports	35
Diaz, Thomas	-	DWP	-	Peterson, Charles	Materials Test Eng. Assc.	General Services	-
Di Primio, Debra	Exec. Admin. Asst. III	Public Works	35	Poma, Keith	-	DWP	-
Dong, Suli	Management Analyst	LAPD	21	Recio, Cherry	Sr. Clerk Typist	Housing	39
Doran, Linda Jean	Police Service Rep.	LAPD	32	Reitzel, Joan	Sr. Management Analyst	Rec and Parks	30
Ducret, Robert	Signal System Electrician	Transportation	20	Reyes, Armando	-	DWP	-
Ehlich, Martin	-	DWP	-	Riboni, Leo Richard	Stores Supervisor	General Services	33
Elam, Guy	Animal Control Officer	Animal Services	35	Riley, Allen	Garage Attendant	LAPD	37
Eldridge, Willie	Clerk Typist	Library	27	Robinson, Eric	Traffic Painter Sign Post	Transportation	31
Elliot, Margaret	-	DWP	-	Rocha, Victor	Maint. Laborer	LAPD	23
Engler, Frederick	Sr. Construction Estimator	Public Works	21	Rochester, William	Security Officer	Airports	25
Famatiga, Miguel	Storekeeper	General Services	35	Rodriguez, Catherine	Dep. City Attorney	City Attorney	32
Foon, Jeu	-	DWP	-	Rollins, Robin	Property Manager	Airports	31
Fry, Edgar	Park Maintenance Supv.	Rec and Parks	35	Rose, David	Painter	Airports	30
Gallagher, Robert	Geotechnical Engr.	Public Works	20	Rosita, Ana	-	DWP	-
Gallardo, Jennie	Legal Clerk	City Attorney	31	Ross, Lorena	Clerk Typist	Building and Safety	23
Gandela, Gandi	Database Architect	ITA	37	Rushton, Terrence	Wastewater Treat. Oper.	Public Works	36
Gardner, Eric	Animal Control Officer	Animal Services	28	Sabori, Jake	Sr. Gardener	Rec and Parks	35
Garofalow, Allan	Sr. Automotive Supv.	LAPD	26	Santos, Eleanor	Clerk Steno	LAPD	32
Gilder, Stephanie	Police Service Rep.	LAPD	38	Sarino, Ofelia	Workers Comp. Analyst	Personnel	15
Glenn, David	Sr. Automotive Supv.	LAPD	34	Saxon, Yoko	Sr. Clerk Typist	City Clerk	34
Gomez, Maria	Sr. Gardener	Rec and Parks	32	Scharlin Zinman, Roberta	Dep. City Attorney	City Attorney	34
Gonzalez, Gilbert	-	DWP	-	Seidenstucker, Paul	Survey Party Chief	Public Works	31
Gonzalez, Joaquin	Systems Analyst	Rec and Parks	34	Silva, Cynthia	Clerk Typist	Public Works	35
Gonzalez, Rebecca	Payroll Supervisor	Rec and Parks	30	Simpson, Donald	Refuse Coll. Truck Oper.	Public Works	24
Gray, Cameron	Sr. Build. Mech. Inspector	Building and Safety	34	Soliman, Abdelmonem	-	DWP	-
Guerrero, Jose	Management Analyst	CDD	36	Soto, Sylvia	Exec. Admin. Asst.	Airports	36
Guillemet, Carl	Title Examiner	City Clerk	30	Su, Wilson	-	DWP	-
Hale, Nancy	Secretary	LAPD	36	Tatsumi, Miles Sadao	Improv. Assessopr	Public Works	31
Hardies, Ernst	-	DWP	-	Thanteraphong, Pattoon	St. Lighting Engr. Assoc.	Public Works	32
Hassan, Salah	Civil Eng. Associate	Public Works	30	Thomas, William	Clerk Typist	Library	15
Hendrickson, Elbert	Library Asst.	Library	12	Thompson, Brenda	Reprographic Oper.	Public Works	41
Hollier-Shipp, Dominique	Sr. Manag. Analyst II	Public Works	29	Trone, Elaine Carole	Sr. Clerk Typist	City Clerk	30
Hong, Linda	Accounting Clerk	LACERS	28	Tucker, Sally	-	DWP	-
Huezo, Karen	Community Info Rep.	Public Works	22	Ulrich, June Lee	Sr. Management Analyst	Finance	37
Hughes, Paul	Lot Cleaning Supervisor	Public Works	34	Umil, Rolando	Mater. Testing Engr. Assc.	General Services	29
Jimenez-Scaggs, Elizabeth	-	DWP	-	Valdivia, Raul	Programmer/Analyst	ITA	33
Khalighi, Don	Civil Eng. Associate	Public Works	24	Viado, Zenaida	Fiscal Systems Spec.	Controller	25
Kohn, Lenora	Management Analyst	Housing	34	Wang, Joyce	Data Process Tech	ITA	35
Kullman, Judith	Witness Service Coord.	City Attorney	22	Washington, Mary	Payroll Supervisor	Fire/Police Pensions	44
Kwiatkowski, Lorraine	Management Analyst	LAFD	32	Westhoff, Christopher	Asst. City Attorney	City Attorney	35
Kyle, Arcola	-	DWP	-	Wiggins, Eldrigde	Electrical Craft Helper	Public Works	30
Landacre, Maryanne	Community Serv. Rep.	LAFD	33	Wong, Billy	-	DWP	-
Le, Quyen	Civil Eng. Associate	Public Works	31	Woo, Marie	Sr. Systems Analyst	Public Works	23
Lievanos, Lydia	Sr. Clerk Typst	LAPD	30	Yates, Gary	-	DWP	-
Lopez, Albert	Garage Attendant	LAPD	39	Youssef, Zuhdy	Sr. Industrial Hygenist	Personnel	29
Lu, Cindy	-	DWP	-	Zagala, George	Legal Secretary	City Attorney	33
Magaletta, William	Systems Programmer	ITA	35				
Magee, Charles	Clerk Typist	LAPD	34				
Martin, Linda	Clerk Typist	Public Works	30				
Martinez, Roberta	Sr. Clerk Typist	Public Works	30				
Moro, Bruno	Street Svcs. Supv.	Public Works	25				

REVIEWS BY FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS

ENTERTAINMENT

DVD Reviews

**Moon (2009)**

Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This one-actor drama stars Sam Rockwell as an astronaut nearing the end of his three-year contract who mans a lunar space station. What begins as a hopeful family reunion soon takes a dark and claustrophobic twist. This film pays homage to classics *2001: A Space Odyssey* and *Blade Runner*. It's suspenseful, dark and sad. I highly recommend it to science fiction fans.

– Erin Knight, Public Works

Desert Saints (2000)

Rated R

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

When Keifer Sutherland was just starting his nation-saving-hero role as Jack Bauer on "24," he made *Desert Saints*, about a hit man (Banks) on his way to Mexico. *Desert Saints* is an action-suspense thriller nearly as bloody and fun as "24," and much more graphic. Banks is on his way to do a job for the Latin American drug cartels, and meets Bennie, a woman leaving an abusive marriage. He attempts to recruit her, but she may have another purpose. This little-seen gem of a film is wonderful entertainment if you enjoy the genre, and for any fan of "24."

– Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

**Broken Embraces (2009)**

Rated R

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This is a film noir in color that contains many dark and surprising twists. The story examines the filmmaking process, and features a film that is re-edited

by a director who becomes blind. Visually stunning, this film is an excellent addition to Pedro Almodovar's growing list of masterpieces.

– Erin Knight, Public Works

Up in the Air (2009)

Rated R

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This film about the ostensibly depressing subject of a corporate headhunter who fires people for a living is actually quite funny in finding humor in a number of dark subjects. It's a light-hearted film about the current economy and some of the devastating effects it's having on people. The script is witty and never dull. I highly recommend it.

– Erin Knight, Public Works

The Damned United (2009)

Rated R

My Score: 1 (out of 5)

This story revolves around soccer coaching in England. I found it uninteresting and humorless. There are many scenes where the owner sits in the stands behind the coach, and makes expressive facial gestures. I didn't understand what they meant or how they fit in with the

drama, so I didn't really care about the owner/coach relationships portrayed here.

– Erin Knight, Public Works

**Hurricane Season (2008)**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

This film portrays a coach in hurricane-damaged New Orleans who tries to assemble a competitive basketball team out of the remaining players who have not moved and are willing to play for him. What saves this film from being a run-of-the-mill afterschool special is Forrest Whitaker's excellent performance as a dedicated coach, loving father and husband. That said, this is a predictable, feel-good story that has few surprises as well as some very bad acting. If you can get through that, it's a pretty good story.

– Erin Knight, Public Works

**\$9.99 (2008)**

Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This Claymation (animated) film is about a father and son who live together, but are in very different periods of their lives. The events they experience are intercut in a way that confuses the viewer: Is this happening to the son or the father? I liked that part of this film. The Claymation sex scenes, while unsuitable for children, are unique and hilarious. This is a sad and funny film that looks at the world through one family's experiences.

– Erin Knight, Public Works

The Hurt Locker (2009)

Rated R

My Score: 2 (out of 5)

The Hurt Locker does not live up to the hype surrounding it. I was disappointed in the one-dimensional characters and slow motion, overly dramatized special effects. There's nothing here I haven't seen before. The dizzying handheld camera gives the film an urgency that is not resolved. The intertitles -- counting down the days -- give false hope that the story is going to lead somewhere else, but it doesn't.

– Erin Knight, Public Works

The Hurt Locker**My Score: 5 (out of 5)**

In Iraq, it is soldier vernacular to speak of explosions as sending you to "the hurt locker."

Winner of six Oscars, including best picture in 2009, *The Hurt Locker* is a fascinating film about a bomb disposal unit in the Iraq War. Jeremy Renner plays Sgt. William James, a daredevil bomb disposal expert whose actions are nearly suicidal. Although not political, the film neither idealizes the Iraq war nor disparages our troop's efforts in that conflict. Because some of the war scenes are nightmarish and disturbing, caution is urged before viewing.

– Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

Book Reviews

Blood Vines

Erica Spindler

*Women's detective fiction, 352 pages,**St. Martin's Press***My Score: 5 (out of 5)**

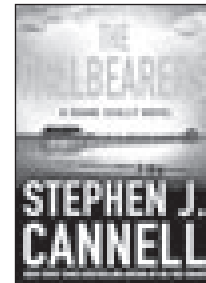
When an infant's remains are unearthed in the idyllic wine region of Sonoma, a Pandora's box is opened, and pieces of Alex Owen's life begin fitting together at last.

When Alexandra Clarkson starts having terrifying visions filled with blood and ceremonial images, she tries to find a rational explanation. But when Alex's mother, Patsy, commits suicide without leaving behind any information, Alex is left wondering: Could she be haunted by something from the childhood she doesn't remember?

Det. Daniel Reed was the last person to speak to Patsy. Called on to investigate the identity of a baby's remains unearthed in a Sonoma vineyard, Reed had picked up a trail that led him to Patsy. Now Reed and Alex both wonder if the cold bones could be her baby brother, Dylan, and Alex decides to accompany Reed back to Sonoma for the investigation.

This suspense thriller hidden with deep dark family secrets will keep you enticed until the very end.

– Linda Rorex, Personnel

**The Pallbearers**

Stephen J. Cannell

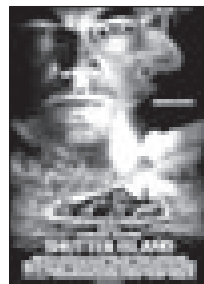
*Thriller fiction**312 pages**St. Martin's Press***My Score: 5 (out of 5)**

Abandoned by his parents as an infant, Shane Scully was reared in an orphanage, Huntington House. The only positive thing in his young life was the attention of the home's director, Walter "Pop" Dix. Shane is forced to revisit these memories when Pop is found dead. He leaves a message asking six specific people, all of whom attended Huntington House, to be his pallbearers, and Shane is one of the chosen. He and his fellow pallbearers don't believe it was a suicide. That leaves murder. The pallbearers embark on a dangerous odyssey in pursuit of justice for Pop, and for retribution against those responsible for his death.

The Pallbearers is a must-read for all Stephen J. Cannell fans, a page-grabber from the first page to the last.

– Linda Rorex, Personnel

MOVIE REVIEWS

**Shutter Island**

Rated R

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This psychological thriller had me on the edge of my seat from the opening shot. I was captivated by the plot twists and growing sense of paranoia. The film explores many subjects, including Nazi experiments, evil psychiatrists, violent men and torture. And none of it feels forced or thrown in. Leonardo DiCaprio shines in his finest role to date.

– Erin Knight, Public Works

The Ghost Writer

Rated PG-13

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Ewan McGregor is a ghostwriter hired to finish the memoirs of a former British prime minister. He uncovers secrets that may have caused the death of his predecessor and will put his own life in jeopardy.

The Ghost Writer is a political thriller by legally troubled director Roman Polanski. Despite Polanski's controversial life, this film (like his others) is totally watchable and entertaining. With Hitchcock-like twists (and film score), the viewer is swept up into the intrigue, never quite sure where it's going, until the breathtaking conclusion.

– Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

Theatre Reviews

Squabbles*Glendale Theatre Center (through May 15)**General audiences***My Score: 4 (out of 5)**

The Glendale Center Theatre presents the Marshall Kamp comedy, *Squabbles*, a tale of two single in-laws who move into a tiny two-bedroom apartment with their adult kids.

It's a delightful play that will move audiences of all ages to laugh. *Squabbles* is full of clever and witty one-liners, equating into a solid crowd-pleaser. This show is directed by Mario Digregorio, known for playing Ebenezer Scrooge in *A Christmas Carol* at GCT for decades.

Squabbles performs at the Glendale Center Theatre, 324 North Orange St., Glendale, through May 15.

– Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations

**Kooza (Cirque du Soleil)***Del Mar Fairgrounds**(show has closed)***My Score: 4 (out of 5)**

Kooza arrived in Del Mar and has been the talk in the break room for many in San Diego County.

There's a feeling of old and new, the modern and traditional, with this performance. The cast, wearing magnificent costumes, is impressive, from the clown to the contortionists, fearless tightrope walkers and a variety of gravity-defying daredevils to the simplicity of a flying kite. It is said that this show demonstrates the skill of carefully choreographed chaos, making for a well-made show. It was a delight to see genuinely funny clowns before and during the show.

– Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations

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Cooking with the Club

by Chef Robert Larios



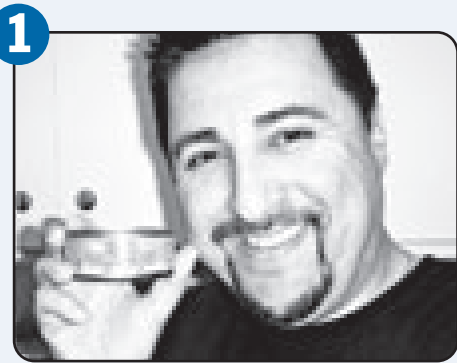
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Take Me Out to the Tuna

Here's an unusual recipe for your baseball dining.

DIRECTIONS:



1 Take your favorite canned tuna and drain oil or water from it after opening it.



2 Dice the green onions, celery and walnuts.



3 In a bowl, mix the green onions, celery and walnuts with the tuna, yogurt and sweet pickle relish. Add the sea salt and pepper along with the dried parsley.



4 Stuff the tuna salad into the pitas. Plate and serve.

I was researching baseball-related recipes, and I encountered dozens. Many of them were recipes utilized at ballparks. You can imagine how many hot dog recipes I found. But what caught my eye was a unique tuna salad recipe that called for the use of pita bread. I was impressed with the creativity in using yogurt and chopped walnuts.

The crunchiness of the walnuts and celery add greatly to the recipe in texture. You may use plain yogurt, but I like to use plain Greek yogurt. If you are still leery in using yogurt in making tuna salad, feel free to use traditional mayonnaise.

It's important to choose the right variety of canned tuna. There are several varieties such as albacore and yellow fin, as well as water- or oil-packed. I prefer water-packed tuna because I can drain it easily. Whatever variety you use, this is an easy and quick recipe that can be made for any occasion throughout the year as well as your ballpark picnic. Eat and enjoy!



Tuna a la Pita

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 (6 ounce) can tuna, drained and flaked
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced celery
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/4 cup plain yogurt
- 3 tablespoons sweet pickle relish
- 1 green onion, sliced
- 2 tablespoons dried parsley
- Sea salt and pepper to taste
- 2 (6 inch) pita breads, halved

MAKES 2 SERVINGS

Cooking TIDBIT:

Feel free to use plain Greek yogurt instead of plain yogurt. If you find it difficult to switch to yogurt from mayonnaise, stay with mayonnaise.



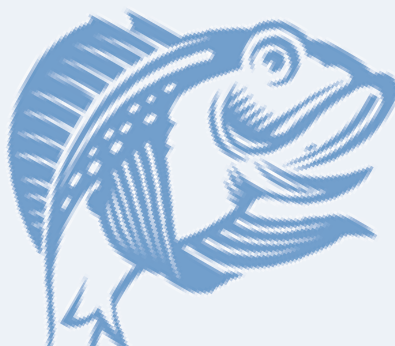
[A Cook's Dictionary]

Yogurt:

A dairy product that is the result of milk that has fermented and coagulated because it's been invaded by friendly bacteria. This can be accomplished naturally by keeping the milk at about 110 F for several hours. The end result is a creamy-textured yogurt with an astringent, slightly tart taste.

Yogurt making is thought to have been originated by nomadic Balkan tribes thousands of years ago, probably first by accident and then as a means of preserving milk.

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



6 Enjoy!



Food Factoid:

"The ripest peach is sometimes highest on the tree"

— Southern proverb

CLASSIFIED ADS *Alive!* Members Marketplace

New Ads This Month!



Bunk Beds: Full-Over-Full, \$600 obo. Solid wood w/natural-color finish. Includes Ortho mattresses. Separates into 2 full beds. Top bunk features safety rails on all sides & sturdy ladder for climbing into bed. Great shape, used for 1 month, in storage & requires assembly. Paid \$950. Eddy @ (714) 473-1094. 5/10

For Rent: Highland Park studio, Melrose Place style front garden area, 5 unit building, gated & secure, located near local transportation, market, stores, parks, schools, Gold Line, Pasadena, downtown LA, etc. \$550/month, Min 1 yr lease, no pets, app/credit check/docs required. (323) 919-1163. 5/10

1979 Olds Cutlass Super Brougham: (White) runs like new, professionally installed transmission. Asking \$3500. Eloy Mendoza @ (818) 429-6447. 5/10

For Rent: 1BD/1BA condo - S. Miraleste Dr. #85, San Pedro/Palos Verdes. Lg living room & mstr bdrm. Frig, stove, garbage disp. & dishwasher included. New paint, carpet & floors. Gated community w/1 car parking space. \$1,275/mo and \$1,300 deposit. No pets. (323) 807-5494. 5/10

Hospital bed mattress & pad: New, including bathroom accessories. \$1,200 obo. Norma or Leo @ (818) 994-6695. 5/10

Dining Room Set: Mission style, excell. condition, table w/ 2 leafs, 8 chairs. Still have plastic covering. \$695. Lisa @ (818) 406-1047. 5/10

For Rent: Studio, 1 Bath, NO PETS, unfurnished, completely remodeled, refrigerator & stove included. \$695 per month. 595 W. 8th Street, San Pedro. (310) 547-3844. 5/10

For Rent: Mid LA, near First & Alvarado, 1 BD unit in triplex property. Located near transportation, market, stores, hospital, schools, downtown LA, etc. \$850/month with garage. Min 1 yr lease, no pets, app/credit check/docs required. (323) 919-1163. 5/10

Furnished Mobil Home in Parker, AZ. Relax on the River, 14 x 70, 2 BD/2BA, golf cart, gated community, amenities. Move in condition. \$54,000. Alfonso @ (951) 845-0430. 5/10

For Rent: 2BD/1.25 BA, \$1400 month, 529 W. Doran St. Glendale. (626) 319-1211 or (818) 813-1287. Photos at www.picasaweb.google.com/jhsuapartment/GlendaleApartment# 5/10

Polygraphs: Discount to city employees, call for details. (818) 248-5600. 5/10

Clothing: Professional & casual, size 12 & 14, suits originally \$100+, only \$20 each! Your wardrobe can be complete in minutes for 1/5th the cost! (323) 919-1163. 5/10

Southwind Motorhome: Excellent condition, fully equipped, 26 footer. Sleeps 8. 7K obo. Joe @ (213) 280-2582 or Solomon1991@juno.com 5/10

Motorhome: 2005 32' Southwind, like new in & out w/2 slide outs, 2 Panasonic TVs, 2 CD's, full surround sound systems, DVD, satellite, Cable, 4 head VCR, 2 AC units, Atwalt levers, satellite disk on roof, 11K miles. Priced to sell \$65K. (951) 218-4414 5/10

For Lease w/Option to Buy: Medical Office, 1,089 sq. ft. 2707 E. Valley Blvd., West Covina. New building completed in 2008. \$2,000 month. Near 5 hospitals & freeways. Details & photos at www.nogalesplaza.wordpress.com/. (626) 319-1211 or (626) 297-2423. 5/10

For Rent: 2 Bdrms - NW L.A. - \$800 ea. 900 sq ft, furnshd guest qtrs. Shr 3/4 bath (no tub), ktchntt, hrdwd flrs, porch, yrd vu, cbl, wifi, spacious clts. Non-smkr. 10-15 mins frm Dwtwn Mucic Ctr, LA Live, Hlwd. Brbk. Susan @ (323) 344-9489. 5/10

Cemetery Plots: 2 plots Lupine Lawn, Rose Hills. Lot 2388, Sites 1 and 2. Retail \$9,075, selling \$8,000, including transfer fee. (928) 541-9366 or leebkableone.net. 5/10



1994 Dodge Viper RT/10: Rare Convertible Collectable, 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. 11/09



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. Gilbert @ (909) 714-4071. 10/09

Set of 4 tires/rims for 2006-7 Dodge Charger. 10 spoke 19" 6000 miles, great shape. Rick @ (951) 217-2878. 9/09

1996 White Toyota, Avalon XLS- great condition - \$2450 (Diamond Bar). Robert (909) 348-7000. 9/09

Cemetery Plots

2 Cemetery plots, Rose Hills, Garden of Gratitude. \$7,000. (626) 488-9206 1/10

4 Cemetery plots for sale Reduced!! Rose Hills, was \$4500, now \$3500. That's 4 plots @ \$3500 ea. (323) 382-2405. 10/09

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. Edgar at (951) 243-7492 9/09

Cemetery plot for sale: Inglewood Park, Lot 1 Single Grave C. Montcrest Vista Plot, appraised @ \$5200, asking \$4600. Valerie @ (323) 893-4061. 9/09

Electronics/Computers

TV Mitsubishi projection VS50, TradeMill, Bike for sale. \$300. Call (310) 994-3877 or jasnad@yahoo.com 4/10

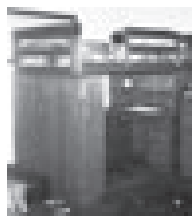
Poloroid 7" LCD TV widescreen, under cabinet w/ DVD-CD player AM/FM radio & remote. \$125. Regina @ (323) 754-8382. 2/10

XBOX elite 120gb all accessories, Microsoft warranty seal intact \$225. Call or text (818) 399-7189, email for pic: miglan09@att.net. 11/09

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 9/09



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. Nancy or Jim @ (818) 340-8059. 9/09

Homes/Rentals/Land

For Rent: 3BD/1.5 BA Townhouse, w/d hookup, access to pool & rec room, \$1250 mo. Sec 8 O.K. 3700 Mountain Ave #8C, San Bernardino, CA 92404. Mona @ (310) 344-7342. 3/10

For Rent: Downstairs unit in LA (4-units). 2 BD/1 BA, kitchen, living rm, dining rm, 1-car garage. New paint, carpet, newly remodeled kitchen & bath, new windows/fixtures. Very quiet, Leimert Park. Close to public transport. (310) 365-1868. 3/10

For Rent: 1 BR/ 1 BA house in Highland Park, nice view, no pets please, \$1100/month. Jerry @ (323) 428-7719 cell. 3/10

For Rent: Condo in San Pedro/Palos Verdes, 2BR/2 BA, large living room & master bedroom. Remodeled kitchen, w/frig, dishwasher, w/d included. 50 gallon water heater. Recognized schools, gated community with easy freeway access & 2 covered parking spaces. \$1795, sorry no pets! Call (310)350-0807, (310)755-8264, (310)521-0380. 3/10

For Rent: Room & private bath in newly redeveloped Gardena townhouse. Use of kitchen & washer/dryer inside unit. \$500/mo. incl. utilities. Chris @ (310) 916-2008. 2/10

House For Rent: Downey: 3/1 w/ stone & hardwood floors, granite kitchen counters. Nice landscape & gardener included. Inside laundry, rear yard & 2-car garage. Close to Metro train. Contact (562) 965-5268-(562) 650-5078. 2/10

For Rent: Nice 1 BDRM Apartment, West Side. Mr. Brown @ (323) 296-1547 1/10

For Rent: Shadow Hills, \$965. Very private area, 2 rooms w/ private bath in large house. Shared laundry, kitchen & storage. Utilities shared. Close to freeways. Excellent for walking and hiking, great trails. Call for more info. (818) 269-7069 1/10

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. 12/09

Houses for Rent: 2 BR/ 1 BA \$1200/mo, 1 BR/ 1 BA \$1100/mo, Highland Park near Occidental College. Jerry @ (323) 428-7719. 12/09

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. 12/09

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. 11/09

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. 11/09

2 parcels of Land (adjoining), San Jacinto County, Texas in Cape Royal subdivision. Interior lot, gated community, off shoreline of Lake Livingston. Nearby: golf, fishing, marina, lighted basketball & tennis courts. 0.1491 acres, priced for immediate sale, only \$750 each. Contact: cspicedj@yahoo.com 2/10

Household Items

"Natural Form" twin mattress w/firmness and temp. adjustments. Still in box. Retail for over \$1500. Perfect for person w/ back problems. \$1200 OBO. (626) 331-3547 or rth7738@yahoo.com 2/10



AFSI Circuit Breakers: Murray MP120AF Arc Fault 1 Pole 20 Amp. Fit most MFg Panels. 2008 NECA approved. Brand new in boxes. These normally sell for \$38 to \$40 each. 10 for sale at \$30 each. Kurt Kaufman at (805) 300-2147. 1/10

Stove & Refrigerator: white, 3 years old, Frigidaire brand, \$450.00. Curtis @ (323) 293-9320. 10/09

Miscellaneous

Platinum Ring w/band: all diamonds VS1, color F center Mosenit 3 cts, imported from Italy. One of a kind, appraised at \$9200. Call for details @ (909) 837-8235. 4/10

Horseback Riding Lessons: For kids ages 8-17. No exp. required. Very affordable. Locations in Lake View Terrace, Agua Dulce & Newberry Park. Sponsored by Blue Shadows Mounted Drill Team. Janet @ (818) 731-3096. www.blueshadows.org 4/10

Autumn haze **mink stole**, \$400 obo. Mary @ (626) 794-9066. 4/10

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Travel / Timeshare



Timeshare: Bali Hai Villas 3-BD/3-BA penthouse in Princeville, Kauai. July 11 - 18, 2010.

\$1500. Other luxury rentals available. Diane @ princeville2@yahoo.com. 4/10

Timeshare: Cancun, Mexico. Fiesta Americana, 2 BR, Silver Package. Earns 3500 pts annually. Feet from the sand, 5 minutes walk to town. Serious buyers contact (562) 447-3189. 4/10

Monterey Bay Timeshare - \$795 for 6 nights, from July 25 - July 31, 2010. 2 Bd: 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. Terry @ (818) 769-3382; plz leave message. 2/10

Escondido Timeshare for sale. Studio suite 1 Bdrm; sleeps 4 w/ full kitchen; overlooks 18 hole golf course. \$3,000. Brad @ (626) 297-2924. 11/09

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Sports Memorabilia - All Sports and Non-Sports Cards. 25 Cents and Up, OBO. Greg @ (951) 235-3815. 5/09

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

Wanted



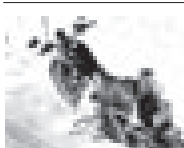
I purchase: Coins, Stamps, WWII Items, Hunting/ Pocket Knives, Trains, vintage tools, Fishing reels & lures, Almost anything old! Collections or single items. Michael @ (909) 592-4332 1/10

Vintage stereo/Radio equipment, Receivers. Marantz, Yamaha, etc. 1975 and older. Call (805) 300-2147 7/09

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! Cheryl @ (818) 771-4835.

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

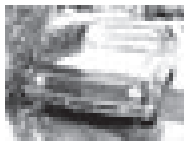
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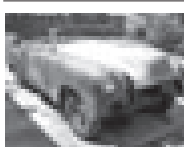
2006 Harley Davidson Sportster "883" Black, low miles, 1,200 miles. Great Condition. \$8,000 obo. Art @ (818) 899-4673. 4/10



1964 Dodge Custom 880, 2 door hardtop: Very rare car, only 3500 made, needs paint & tail-light lenses. 383 big block motor, 727 torque flight transmission. Runs awesome. Interior is clean & complete. \$6500. Everett @ (818) 339-2092. 4/10



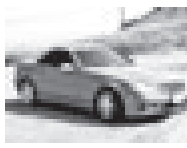
1969 Chevy Nova: One owner, 90,000 miles all receipts. \$5,100. Mike Aubin @ (310) 679-0665. 4/10



1949 Chevrolet Fleetline: 2 Door, no motor or transmission. Chopped top & most of bodywork done. Frame has been sanded & painted black. \$1000. Everett @ (818) 339-2092. 3/10

1999 FORD Police Interceptor CNG: Good condition, 62,000 miles. Clean title w/ carpool sticker, 26mpg, paid \$1.85 per gallon, \$6,700. Marcus @ (626) 297-0732. 3/10

1979 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme Brougham, white, runs great, professionally rebuilt transmission. 72,000 miles. \$4,000. Call (818) 899-4429. 3/10



2002 Mercedes SLK 320 w/Sport Package. Red hard-top convertible. Excellent condition.

Sheepskin seatcovers, MP3 player, Bose speakers, extras. 92,000 miles. \$10,999. Kent @ (310)384-4018. 2/10

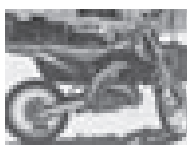


2005 Keystone Springdale Travel Trailer, excellent condition, 27 footer w/slide out, fully equipped kitchen, sleeps 5 to 6 people. 13K or best sensible offer. Fred @ (818) 331-5754. 2/10

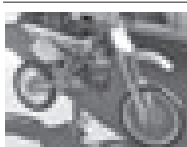
03 Honda TRX 90: New tires all around - Just serviced, great ATV for beginners, has Throttle Limiter. \$11,000 OBO. (323) 216-6877 12/09



New Toyota Rims: 15x7 for \$350 and new tires 205-60 R15 for \$220 or both for \$530. Victor @ (626) 919-3471. 11/09



1997 Honda CR250, Great beginners bike, includes green sticker through Jun 2010. \$1,500. Call (661) 212-4425 or email colercarr@yahoo.com. 11/09



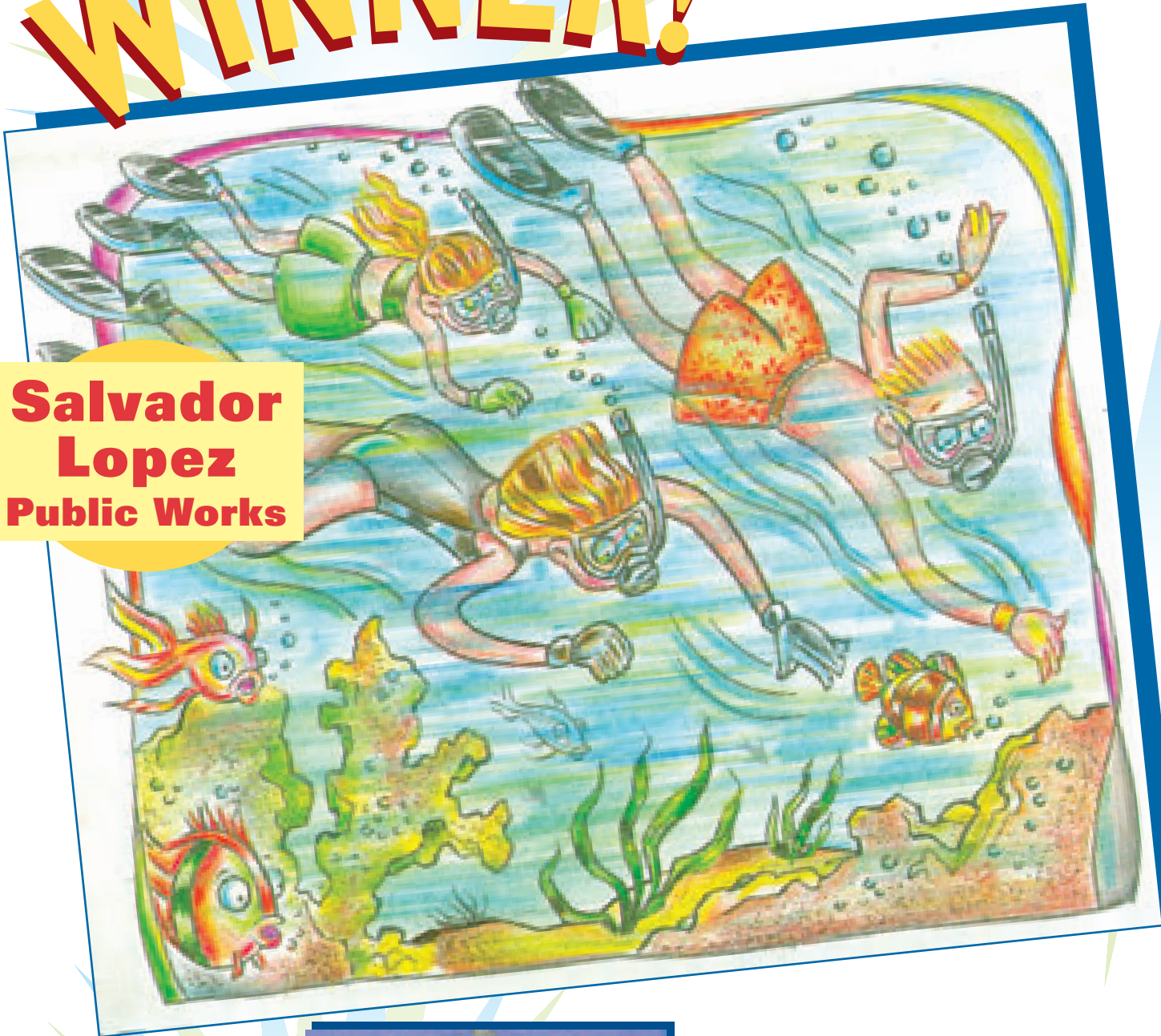
2003 Kawasaki KX 100, Original owner, low hours, never raced. \$2,800. Call (661) 212-4425 or email colercarr@yahoo.com. 11/09

1990 Ford Magnum 28 ft. RV. Good condition, \$10,000. Art @ (818) 472-0473. 11/09

GROWNUP COLORING CONTEST

Grownups Rule!

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Salvador Lopez
Public Works

Once again, the grownup Club Members have blown us away!

Alive! doesn't publish its Grownup Coloring Contest very often, but when we do, Club Members go above and beyond, and send us some amazing works of art.

Thanks for your contributions, and look forward to another Grownup Coloring Contest in the near future!

The winner receives a **\$100 Target Gift Card**

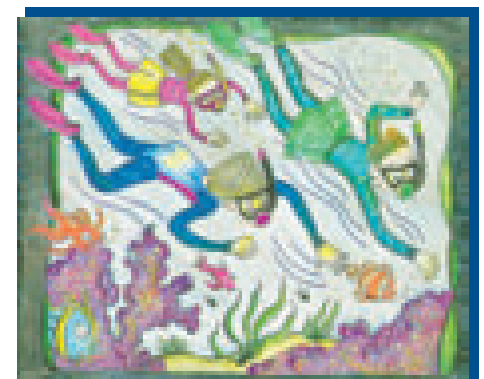
Runners Up:



Grace Gonzales,
Retired



Michelle Gross,
Rec and Parks



Victoria Lopez,
Rec and Parks

Honorable Mention

Glenn Y. Abellanosa	LAPD	Janelle A. Carpena	DWP	Sonia Weatherall	Rec and Parks
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Other Entries

Victor M. Aguilar	Rec and Parks	Eduardo Hernandez	Rec and Parks	Rosa E. Otzoy	Rec and Parks
J. Aki	Retired	Jay A. Hernandez	Transportation	Jennifer Quaterman	Rec and Parks
Jaime Arredondo	Airports	Frankie Hafner	Retired	Kreshell Ramey	DWP
Jorge Barajas	Public Works	Arlene Hoffman	Retired	Gwen Ramos	Public Works
Lisa M. Barajas	Building and Safety	Robert Horvath	Public Works	Patrick Rigney	Public Works
Denise Bell	Planning	Karen S. Kishita	Public Works	Miguel Rodriguez	Public Works
Latrease A. Bufford	LAPD	Hector Lara	Airports	Marilou Romney	LAPD
Sandra E. Castillo	Housing	Monica Lara	LAPD	Christine Tabirara	Building and Safety
Michael A. Chee	General Services	Olga Madrid	General Services	Vernon Tabirara	Public Works
Anthony De La Torre	Airports	Kimberly Martinez	LAPD	Pierra Vega	Building and Safety
Damon Dove	DWP	Amelia Marucut	CDD	Sara Vega	Housing
Russ Fischer	DWP	Phyllis Massey	Retired	Gracila Vera	Airports
Kimberly Gainer	LAPD	Jorge Mendez	DWP	Sandra Wallace	Public Works
Anthony Gordon	Rec and Parks	Tishandra Merriweather	T-Operator	Johnny Williams	Public Works
		Phillip. Orozco	DWP		

GENERAL SERVICES

From Piper Tech to The Land of Oz

Mandy Gonzalez, daughter of Club Member Paul Gonzalez, General Services, is the toast of Broadway in *Wicked*.

Club Members might want to pay attention to the performers at the City's Christmas parties. One might just grow up to win awards and electrify the Broadway stage in New York.

At a General Services Christmas party at Piper Tech in the early 1990s, Paul Gonzalez, Warehouse Worker, General Services, brought his young daughter, Mandy, in to sing selections from Disney's *The Little Mermaid*, accompanied by a karaoke machine.

That very same Mandy Gonzalez is now one of Broadway's brightest lights, having starred in five Broadway musicals, including the groundbreaking *In the Heights*. Before that, she won an Obie Award for *Eli's Coming*, her first performance Off-Broadway. Currently you can catch her playing Elphaba in the wickedly popular *Wicked*.

"I remember him waking up before dawn and kissing me goodbye while I was still half asleep," Mandy said from New York of her memories growing up in a City Employee household. "When we had a day off from school, we would go and meet him for lunch, and he would take us downtown. Every time we would drive by his work on the weekends, he would always point out the helicopters that were landing on top of the building. I remember thinking how amazing that was.

"And then, when I was older, I would drive out to pick my dad up for lunch by myself, and he would introduce me to all of his friends. He would show me around the buildings and tell me where all the different departments for the City were located. I would see all of the different City supplies and the old banged-up police cars. I was always proud to be at the place where my dad worked."



Mandy and her dad, Paul Gonzalez, General Services, Club Member.

Her appreciation of a City career wasn't all she got from Paul – she also got his musical ability.

"Yeah, I guess I was [musical] back in the '60s!" Paul says, laughing at the memory.

"People don't know this, but my dad has a beautiful singing voice," Mandy says. "He had a band in high school called The Enchantments, so my singing definitely comes from him. I remember when I first heard him sing. He really is an amazing talent.

"There wasn't a day that there wasn't music playing in my house," she continues. "I loved it. My dad loves the oldies. My mom was a huge Beatles fan, and my grandma loved old-fashioned musicals, so I had a wide assortment to be inspired by."

Paul and Robin Gonzalez could see pretty early on that they had something special in Mandy.



Mandy Gonzalez took over the role of Elphaba in *Wicked* March 23.

"Robin and I used to see her performances all the time when she was growing up," Paul says. "Mandy could pick up the dances and songs really easily. She could remember all the lines. It came natural to her.

"She was in *South Pacific* and *The Sound of Music* at Saugus High School. I've seen her shows on Broadway, and I'm going in a few weeks to see her in *Wicked*," Paul says.

Mandy credits her success to the dedication of her family.

"My dad has been so encouraging of me," Mandy says. "He has always encouraged me to follow my dreams and to find my own sense of happiness. He would drive me to my many lessons, auditions and shows. I would always see my dad standing in the back, smiling and tapping his head along to music. Whenever I see my dad at the end of a show, he is always smiling and proud."

"We are very proud of her," Paul says. "The only bad thing is that she's so far away."

Mandy feels the same about her dad's City career.

"I am extremely proud of my father for his City career," Mandy says. "I can't believe he has been there for 22 years! He is such a hard worker, and he makes me proud every day."



The Gonzalez family, from left: Mom, Robin; Mandy; and dad, Paul.



Mandy Gonzalez stands in front of the poster advertising *In the Heights*, in which she was part of the original cast.



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CLUB HEADQUARTERS



E-Tickets: Your Ticket to Convenience

Club Store and Service center now delivers Disneyland, SeaWorld and Aquarium of the Pacific tickets to your email. Take advantage!

As part of its dedication to great service to City Employees, the Club one year ago introduced an E-ticket system, to deliver your Disneyland, SeaWorld and Aquarium of the Pacific tickets right to your email box.

The test succeeded!
More Disneyland, SeaWorld and Aquarium of the Pacific tickets are delivered via email now outnumber those picked up physically at the Club Store, and those sent by U.S. Mail.

And there's no postage fee. The E-ticket system adds nothing to the Club's already low prices on tickets.



"We're working on bringing other events and attractions to the E-ticket system," said the Club's Ticket Gal, Rachael Brecher.

The Club is the only City association to offer the E-Ticket service to City Employees. You can't get this service anywhere else.

"People love our E-ticket system," the Ticket Gal said. "Everyone should take advantage of this great Club service."

Here's how to take advantage of the Club's E-ticket system:

- Order your tickets with the great Club discount as you normally would – by using the Club Store's Website; by calling the Club's Ticket Hotline; or by fax.
- Your Club ID number is required.
- For now, tickets to Disneyland, SeaWorld and Aquarium of the Pacific are eligible for the Club's E-ticket system. More attractions are expected to be added soon.
- Orders will be processed by the Club between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (excepting holidays).
- The Club will send your tickets to the email address of your choice.
- You print your tickets any time and from any computer you choose. Bring those tickets with you, and you're done.
- Did your tickets get destroyed, or did you forget them someplace? You can reprint them from the same email.

Newsbriefs

NEW LIBRARY HOURS:

Beginning last month, the Los Angeles Public Library will change service hours at the Central Library and all regional branch libraries and community branch libraries.

The Central Library will be open Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; and Fridays and Saturdays 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. The library will be closed Sundays and holidays.

The eight regional branch libraries will be open: Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon – 8 p.m.; Fridays, 1:30 – 5:30 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. The libraries will be closed Sunday and holidays.

The 64 community branch libraries will be open Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon – 8 p.m.; Fridays, 1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. The libraries will be closed Sundays and holidays.

The Library's Web-based resources are available 24 hours a day at www.lapl.org.

For more information about library locations and services visit www.lapl.org.

The change in service hours is needed to enable the library to adjust to recent staff reductions resulting from a Citywide early retirement program and a hiring freeze initiated by the City to reduce its budget deficit.

The new service hours were adopted by the Board of Library Commissioners, which sets policy for the Los Angeles Public Library, at the board's March 25 meeting. "We are committed to keeping our libraries open and providing access to their valuable services," states Commission President Tyree Wieder. "The City's financial deficit, unfortunately, has left us no alternative to reducing service hours. The City's financial situation presents great challenges, but the board will continue to work with our elected officials to ensure that the library operates efficiently and maximizes access to the library and its resources."

ZOO'S EARTH DAY:

The Los Angeles Zoo's Earth Day Expo 2010, themed *Celebrating California Wildlife*, featured education, conservation and recycling information in an interactive and fun earth-friendly environment. The two-day event, held April 17 and 18, included live broadcasts, music, KEARTH craft booths, a free 2010 Earth Day activity book, and plenty of earth-friendly exhibitors.

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John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins, Club CEO

WIN \$25 Walmart Card
 NEXT DEADLINE: **May 15**
 Happy Snapping!



"At Kings Camp, South Africa, taken with a Nikon D300 70-200 at F2.8."

- Robert Whitaker

John's comments: Robert, this is postcard perfect! Now, the only question is, are the people in the Jeep marveling at the rhinos or the photographer?



"My son and his cousins enjoy the first few raindrops of the year (December 2009). The excitement fizzled quickly after a few months of recurring downpours in Los Angeles. Kids get bored almost as quickly as they get distracted. The picture was taken in native black and white with the Canon S90."

- Dominique Daito

John's comments: Dominique, this is truly a wonderful photo – and your decision to enter it as a black and white made this the clear winner. You also captured the carefree joy of being a kid. Well done!



"Recently, my family and I visited Sea World in San Diego. Of course, we purchased our tickets through the friendly City Employees Club. I took many photos of this visit. Since I haven't sent any new material for the Picture Perfect contest for a while, I have decided to share some with you for the contest. Enjoy them."

- Robbie Horvath, Public Works

John's comments: Robbie, the swirling colors of pink, white and red really caught my eye. At first I wasn't sure what I was looking at, and then it hit me: flamingos! Thanks, Robbie, for this "color perfect" photo!

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:
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 City Employees Club of Los Angeles,
 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
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- 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.

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Send in your Father's Day tributes!

In our June issue, we'll print a photo of you and your dad (or just your dad)... and a two-or-three-sentence message of Happy Father's Day from you. Then you can take your copy of *Alive!* and show him what he means to you.

Photos can be either print or high resolution digital. But you have to act quickly, as our June issue is fast approaching.

So:


- Send in a print or digital photo of you and your dad (or just your dad).
Send digital photos to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com.
Send print photos to: Club Store and Service Center, 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles 90012.
- Include a message of Happy Father's Day (up to three sentences).
- Deadline: May 14.

City Employees: Pay tribute this Father's Day... with a photo and message of respect, honor and love, published in *Alive!*

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Attraction Tickets

	RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE
Adventure City		
Adult/Child <small>Expires 12/31/10.</small>	\$14.00	\$9.25
Aquarium of the Pacific		
Adult	\$23.95	\$17.00
Child (3-11) <small>Expires 11/30/10.</small>	\$13.95	\$9.95
Boomer's Family Fun Centers		
All Day Pass	\$21.00	\$15.50
Catalina		
Island Express-Round Trip Adult	\$66.50	\$55.50
Child	\$51.00	\$46.00
<small>Expires 12/31/10. Not Valid May 23-25, July 3-5, Sept 5-7.</small>		
Davey's Locker		
Whale Watching	Adult \$25.00	\$21.00
	Child \$20.00	\$17.00
Sportfishing - 1/2 Day	Adult \$36.00	\$30.00
	Child \$29.00	\$25.50
Sportfishing - Full Day	Adult \$65.00	\$56.00
	Child \$55.00	\$47.50
Disneyland/California Adventure		
1-Day Ticket	Adult \$72.00	\$68.50
	Child (3-9) \$62.00	\$60.50
<small>Expires 1/3/11. Blackout dates apply.</small>		
1-Day Park Hopper	Adult \$97.00	\$82.75
	Child (3-9) \$87.00	\$74.75
<small>Expires 1/3/11. Blackout dates apply.</small>		
2-Day Park Hopper	Adult \$151.00	\$128.00
	Child (3-9) \$131.00	\$110.00
<small>Expires 1/31/11. Blackout dates apply.</small>		
Annual Passport (SoCal Select)	\$169.00	\$161.50
<small>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 1/3/11. Valid 175 days.</small>		
Annual Passport (SoCal)	\$219.00	\$209.50
<small>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 1/3/11. Valid 220 days.</small>		
Deluxe Annual Passport	\$299.00	\$284.50
<small>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 1/3/11. Valid 315 days.</small>		
Annual Passport w/Parking	\$439.00	\$418.00
<small>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 1/3/11. No blackout dates.</small>		
K1 Speed Racing		
Admit one	\$24.95	\$17.50
<small>This pass entitles the owner to (1) 14 Lap race and a annual license for the day. Minimum height requirement 4'10".</small>		
Knott's Berry Farm		
Adult	\$50.95	\$27.50
Child (3-11) <small>Expires 12/31/10.</small>	\$30.95	\$20.00
LEGOLAND		
Legoland	Adult \$62.00	\$49.50
	Child (3-11) \$52.00	\$49.50
<small>Expires 12/31/10.</small>		
Resort Hopper	Adult \$72.00	\$60.50
	Child (3-11) \$62.00	\$60.50
<small>Expires 12/31/10. Pass includes admission to Legoland, Sea Life Aquarium and the new waterpark. Ticket comes with a second day free to all 3 attractions.</small>		

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Los Angeles Zoo		
Adult	\$13.00	\$10.00
Child (2-12) <small>No expiration.</small>	\$8.00	\$7.00
Madame Tussauds Wax Attraction		
Adult	\$25.00	\$17.50
Child (4-12) <small>Expires 12/31/10.</small>	\$18.00	\$11.50
Magic Mountain		
Adult	\$59.99	\$24.50
Child (under 48") <small>Expires 12/31/10.</small>	\$29.99	\$14.50
Medieval Times		
Adult	\$53.95	\$43.50
Child (0-12) <small>Not valid 12/30/10, 12/31/10.</small>	\$36.95	\$31.50
Mulligan's Family Fun Center		
All Day Pass	Adult/Child \$22.00	\$16.50
<small>Restrictions: Pass gives 1 Adult or Child unlimited use of Laser Tag, Miniature Golfing, Go-Karts/Speedway and the Rock Wall. This ticket is valid Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, major holidays and everyday during the summer. Attractions vary per location. Certain height, weight, restrictions may apply. This ticket is accepted at Mulligan Torrance, Murrieta, and Palmdale.</small>		
Gift Certificate	\$15.00	\$10.00
Pirates Dinner Adventure		
Adult	\$57.73	\$42.00
Child <small>Expires 11/30/10.</small>	\$38.57	\$32.00
Queen Mary		
Adult	\$27.00	\$19.99
Child (4-11)	\$23.00	\$10.25
San Diego Zoo		
Adult	\$37.00	\$31.50
Child (3-11)	\$27.00	\$22.50
Sea World San Diego		
Adult	\$65.00	\$50.00
Child (3-9) <small>Expires 12/31/10. Comes w/2nd day free.</small>	\$55.00	\$44.50
Speedzone		
Admit one <small>Includes use of all tracks and 1 round of miniature golf. Expires 6/30/10.</small>	\$38.50	\$25.00
Universal Studios		
3-Day Ticket	Adult \$68.00	\$59.00
	Child (under 48") \$59.00	\$59.00
<small>Expires 5/31/10, get 2 extra days.</small>		
Wild Animal Park		
Adult	\$37.00	\$31.50
Child (3-11)	\$27.00	\$22.50

Theatre Tickets

	RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE
AMC		
Restricted Tickets	\$12.00	\$6.00
Good Any Time	\$12.00	\$7.50
Small Popcorn	\$4.50	\$3.00
Small Drink	\$4.50	\$3.00
Movie Pack <small>Includes 2 Unrestricted Movie Passes, 2 Small Drink Concession and 1 small popcorn concession.</small>	\$35.00	\$24.00
The Bridge Cinema		
Restricted	\$14.00	\$9.00
Cinemark Theatres		
Restricted	\$10.75	\$5.50
Good Any Time	\$10.75	\$6.50
Harkins Movie Theatres		
Restricted	\$10.00	\$6.50
Good Any Time	\$10.00	\$7.75
Krikorian Theatres		
Good Any Time	\$11.00	\$6.50
Laemmle Theatres		
Good Any Time	\$10.00	\$6.00
Mann Theatres		
Good Any Time	\$11.00	\$7.50
Pacific Theatres		
Restricted	\$10.00	\$6.00
<small>\$2 surcharge for use at Grove, not valid at Arclight.</small>		
Gift Book <small>2 unrestricted admissions, 2 medium drinks, 1 large popcorn.</small>	\$40.00	\$27.00
Regal/Edwards Cinema/United Artists		
Restricted	\$10.00	\$6.50
Good Any Time	\$10.00	\$7.50

Hi! I'm Rachael, the Ticket Gal.

I'm always looking for great deals to offer our members! I'll see you at the Club Store!



Rachael Brecher,
The Ticket Gal
(800) 777-1744

Gift Certificates

	RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE		RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE
24 Hour Fitness			See's Candies		
Annual Pass	Adult \$533.97	\$199.00	Gift Certificate (1 lb.)	\$16.25	\$12.50

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Call the Club Store
(888) 777-1744

Visit the Club Store

The Club Store and Service Center
120 West 2nd Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
- downtown, between Spring and Main Streets

For Dash routes, go to:
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"Your City"
\$10 – \$11



Ladies' City Classic
\$10 – \$11

City Department

Other Departments:
Animal Services, BOSS, DOT, Harbor, LADBS, LAND, LAWA, GSO, ITT

\$12 – \$17 Available in long sleeve

Ladies' City Seal

\$8 – \$17 Available in V-Neck Collar

City Classic

\$12 – \$17 Available in long sleeve

Retired Employee

\$12 – \$13

City Girl "Retro"

\$10

City Girl "Classic"

\$10

DWP - Water

\$12 Available in long sleeve

DWP - Classic

\$12 – \$16 Available in long sleeve

DWP - Power

\$8.50 – \$12

City Seal

\$10 – \$12

City Hall

\$8.50 – \$14 Available in long sleeve

City Seal Tank Tops

\$8.99 Available for men and ladies

City "B-Label"

\$10 – \$23 Available in long sleeve

City Seal Bear

\$12
The bear's T-shirt is also available in green and blue.

Large Umbrella

\$19.99

Travel Mug

\$12.99

Accessories

Large Portfolio

\$24.99

Small Portfolio

\$20

Laptop Bag

\$34.99

Coffee Cup

\$9.99

Key Chain

\$5

Retractable Badge Holder

\$2.49

Lapel Pin

\$5

Tie Clip

\$14.99

Wall Clock (10")

\$12

City Seal Engraved Pen

\$19.99

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Hats

City Seal Visor \$9.99

City Hall Sun Hat \$15

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City Seal Department Ball Caps \$8

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City Seal Ball Cap \$8

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Men's - DWP Seal with Leather Band \$35

Men's - City Seal with Leather Band \$25

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City Seal Sueded Microfiber Jacket \$45 **Limited Stock!**

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New

TICKET GAL

Hey there Club Members!

My name is Rachael Brecher and I'm the New Ticket Gal!

We are all very sad to see Navin Cotton (Ticket Guy) leave to bigger and better things. Fear not, because I'm here to continue the excellent customer service we are famously known for.

If you've stopped by the store, I've probably helped you with some ticket orders or answered some of your questions over the phone.

If you want tickets, I'm the gal that can get them for you. We have some exciting new discount tickets coming this summer and we're thrilled to be sharing them with you!

Rachael Brecher



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