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Budget Woes Could Lead to Lost Pay, Layoffs

Budget might force City employees to take days off without pay – or outright layoffs – to help solve \$406 million budget shortfall.

MAYOR'S OFFICE — In his budget proposal for the next fiscal year, made public April 21, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa proposed to close a gaping \$406 million budget shortfall by eliminating 767 City jobs, some by layoffs, and raising fees on many City services. The proposal also calls for City employees to take a mandatory six days off, without pay, during the next budget year.

Police Officers, Fire Fighters and Sanitation workers would largely be exempt from the furloughs, and in some cases those departments might actually see an expansion of positions.

The budget must be approved by the City Council, and furloughs must be approved by unions. At *Alive!* press time, no decision had been made.

What do you think of the possible loss of jobs and pay? See the story on page 31, and send in your letters:
talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Scholarship Applications Are Available

Applications are now available for Club Scholarship 2008 program. They are available online only.



Brittany Groves, winner of last year's top Club Scholarship.

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — Applications are now available online for the Club's 2008 Scholarship Program. Five people will be rewarded for their academic achievement and given stipends.

"This is one of the great ways the Club celebrates the lives of City Employees," said Club CEO John Hawkins. The scholarship

is open to Club Members, spouses and their immediate families under the age of 25, for those who attend an accredited college, or will attend one next year.

A total of \$7,500 is available for the five Club Scholarships. First place is awarded \$3,500. Deadline is noon June 30, 2008; applications must physically be in the Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St. downtown, at that time.

"Go online and download the application," Hawkins said. "We look forward to your entries."

Applications can be downloaded at:
www.cityemployeesclub.com/scholar.asp

See the story and official rules on page 43.

The SNOW Surveyors

DWP hydrographers measure the snowpack in the Eastern Sierras each winter to know how much water there will be for lakes, fish ... and more than 3.5 million citizens of Los Angeles. Travel with *Alive!* on a snow expedition in Mammoth.



Get the full story starting on page 10.

From left: DWP Hydrographers Jason Olin and Dustin Taylor, and Lead Survey Supervisor Wade Taylor.

Alive! photo by Tom Hawkins



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Alive! celebrates

Mother's Day

with photos and messages
from lots of Club Members.

Catch their tributes on pages 46-47

* A Message From the CEO *

On Mothers Day, A Fable, Lesson

by John Hawkins President and CEO, The Club

Hi everyone! Happy Mother's Day!

Normally I go through and highlight all the great stories that we're bringing you this month - let me give a quick thanks to Wade and Dustin Taylor, Jason Olin and Chris Plakos of the DWP, for the Snow Surveyors story; and everyone, come on down to the new Club Store and Service Center!

But this month, I want to pass on a story about mothers I received in my email. If anyone can let me know who wrote this, I would appreciate it.

After 21 years of marriage, my wife wanted me to take another woman out to dinner and a movie.

My wife said, "I love you, but I know this other woman loves you and would love to spend some time with you."

The other woman that my wife wanted me to visit was my mother, who has been a widow for 19 years. The demands of my work and my three children had made it possible to visit her only occasionally.

That night I called to invite her to go out for dinner and a movie.

"What's wrong, are you well?" she asked. My mother is the type of woman who suspects that a late-night call or a surprise invitation is a sign of bad news.

"I thought that it would be pleasant to spend some time with you," I responded. "Just the two of us."

She thought about it for a moment, and then said, "I would like that very much."

That Friday after work, as I drove over to pick her up I was a bit nervous. When I arrived at her house, I noticed that she, too, seemed to be nervous about our date. She waited in the door with her coat on. She had curled her hair and was wearing the dress that she had worn to celebrate her last wedding anniversary.

She smiled from a face that was as radiant as an angel's.

"I told my friends that I was going to go out with my son, and they were impressed," she said as she got into the car.

"They can't wait to hear about our meeting."

We went to a restaurant that, although not elegant, was very nice and cozy. My mother took my arm as if she were the First Lady.

After we sat down, I had to read the menu. Her eyes could only read large print. Halfway through the entries, I lifted my eyes and saw Mother sitting there staring at me. A nostalgic smile was on her lips.

"It was I who used to have to read the menu when you were small," she said.

"Then it's time that you relax and let me return the favor," I responded.

During the dinner, we had an agreeable conversation -- nothing extraordinary, but we caught up on recent events of each other's life. We talked so much that we missed the movie.

As we arrived at her house later, she said, "I'll go out with you again, but only if you let me invite you." I agreed.

"How was your dinner date?" my wife asked when I got home.

"Very nice, much more so than I could have imagined," I answered.

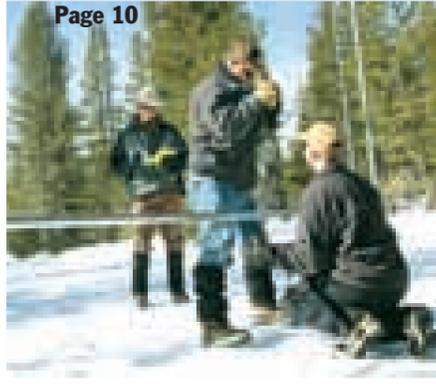
A few days later, my mother died of a massive heart attack. It happened so suddenly that I didn't have a chance to do anything for her.

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Great Service, When You're in Need



**Cecilia Talbot,
Claims Administrator**

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

Service From The Heart... When You Need It Most

Trust the Club's insurance and claims services when you need them the most.



The City Employees Club of Los Angeles
Celebrating the Lives of City Employees.

The Club has "helped me so much. Marla [Fisher, Club Claims Assistant] keeps in touch all the time. When she said that she will call me back, she called me back, and that is unusual. Her service was wonderful. I am very pleased with her service."

— Helen Funk, February 2008

The Club provides "excellent service. The people who were working on the case were very helpful and efficient. Thank you so much."

— Amy Chang, February 2008

"I evaluate your services as excellent. You receive a 10. I was completely at a loss as to how to transfer my husband's benefits into my name. Without your help and concern, I could not have made it. I will never be able to thank you enough."

— Vaudine Shaw, February 2008

Your Club Insurance Dollars at Work

**Total claims paid back to Club Members
So Far in 2008: \$958,598.12**

Claims paid:

Life insurance claims paid this month: **\$110,297**

Life insurance claims paid this year: **\$581,608**

Long-term disability claims paid this month: **\$85,802**

Long-term disability claims paid this year: **\$266,796**

Long-term care claims paid this month: **\$41,000**

Long-term care claims paid this year: **\$80,193**

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Cancer insurance claims paid this year: **\$30,000**

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

Need help? Find your Counselor

When contacting the Club, ask for the counselor that handles your department.



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Liz Montes
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Questions? We're here to help.

Call between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

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Meet the Club Team



John Hawkins
President & CEO



Brian G. Trent
Chief Financial Officer



Robert Larios
Director of Communications & Marketing



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"Ticket Guy"



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LETTERS To the Editor

Tell us what you think! talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Shoutout!

Hyperion Article Is Same Subject as Her New Book

I thoroughly enjoyed your article and accompanying photos about Hyperion. As you may recall, under the auspices of the Los Angeles Historical Society I received a grant from the John Randolph Haynes Foundation to write a history of the Los Angeles Sewer System. My book about the system, *Brown Acres: An Intimate History of the Los Angeles Sewers*, has been published by Angel City Press and is available at fine bookstores everywhere as well as at angelcitypress.com.

The Historical Society is sponsoring a book signing Sunday, May 4, at 2 p.m. in the Shohin building in the Japanese Gardens at the Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant in Van Nuys.

Warmest regards, Anna Sklar

Thanks for the note, Anna. *Alive!* readers might remember Anna from her guest columnist stint with *Alive!*'s "History Comes *Alive!*" column a few years ago.

Here are a few details of Anna's new book: "The complex and often alarming history of the Los Angeles city sewer system is

captured for the first time in Anna Sklar's *Brown Acres: An Intimate History of the Los Angeles Sewers*. With more than 50 photographs, diagrams and maps, *Brown Acres* is the first historical narrative that traces the history of the development of a major metropolitan sewer system from the 19th century to the present day – complete with the relationship between headstrong engineers, indifferent politicians and the reformers who sought to 'heal the bay' after a century of pollution and contamination. *Brown Acres* provides a unique look at the underground history of Los Angeles."

Anna has been a reporter for NPR's *All Things Considered*; KCET-TV's weekly news; a contributor to the *Los Angeles Times*, *The Nation*, *American City* and a variety of other publications, as well as the CBC and BBC, and the nationally syndicated radio program *Earth News Radio*. She has been a political writer for Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, and public information director of the Library Dept., Cultural Affairs and Public Works. — Ed.

Fuel, Budget Crises Create Need for More City Hybrids

To make the City of LA more Earth-friendly, why don't we convert all City vehicles into hybrids? I've seen some Sanitation yards with the hydrogen-fueled car, and I think we should get more of them.

— Brent Jones, Recreation and Parks

He Gets Pin for Service A Few Decades Later

I've been retired for over 10 years from the City. I've had great memories of the people I worked with, and those 31 years spent working were the best days of my life. It looks like the City believes that my first 10 years were my best years of service, since they mailed me a 10-year service pin. It's very nice, but I have a feeling I should have received a 30-year pin about 10 years ago. I'll take what recognition I can get.

— Jonathan Drake, Retired

Leave the Area for Awhile, And Lots of Things Change

While I've been out of the country the last few years, it seems that much as gone at City Hall. A new police headquarters is being constructed; there's a new Caltrans building across the street from the City Hall tower; the Mayor had a romantic interlude; the new and improved Griffith Observatory reopened; and we have the new Flyaway bus just to name a few things that I don't remember seeing before I left. What else am I missing?

— Gabriela

That's one of the reasons we publish *Alive!*, Gabriela. You can stay on top of all the City news that we can fit in, here in these pages. —Ed.

Alvin Blain's Rise, Success: Examples for City Employees

I want to send a few happy and congratulatory words to the retired General Manager of the Department of General Service, Alvin Blain. He has been an inspiration for all City Employees trying to move up the ladder. It's good to know that opportunity is there for the taking for all of us, no matter what our jobs are. I heard Mr. Blain started as a garage attendant like me. And he became the GM of an entire City Department! Wow! If we could all have the drive, luck and determination, then we would all be just like Mr. Blain.

— Gary Larkin, LAPD

New Club Store Will Be Much Easier to Get To

Boy, am I happy that the Club Store is moving closer to City Hall. I can now save on time and money getting to the new place on 120 W. Second St. I know just where you are because I have a dog and used to visit the old store there called Lofty Dog. Instead of 30 minutes on the DASH to your old location, it will take me only 10 minutes to walk over from City Hall. I know we're all excited at the fact that we can walk over to buy tickets. You're not increasing ticket prices because you have a new place, are you?

— Lydia Ferraro, City Attorney's Office.

Heck no, we're not raising ticket prices, Lydia. We have the best ticket prices in the City! We'll see you at the new Club Store and Service Center. —Ed.

QUESTION

of the Month

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

What is the name of the last book you read?

"*The Little Big Book for Grandmothers.*"

— Lupe Medina,
Club Staff, 11 years of service.



"*Hamlet.*"

— Reynaldo Brigil,
LAPD, 2.5 years of service.



"*Hannibal.*"

— Anthony Partido,
LAPD, 2 years of service.



"*The Civil Engineering Records Manual.*"

— Scott Gibson,
Public Works/Engineering, 3 years of service.



"*'The Color of Water,'* by James McBride."

— Tracy Beverly,
Sr. PSR1, Club Member



"*A biography of Frederick Douglass.*"

— Ivan Moore,
Vocational Worker, Club Member



"*The Bible.*"

— Leroy White,
Plumber, Club Member



"*Green Eggs and Ham.*"

— David Patron,
Plumber, Club Member



"*Hot Zone.*"

— Sergio Barragan,
Mechanical Helper, Club Member



"*Harry Potter.*"

— Salvador Lopez,
Gardener/Caretaker, Public Works (Hyperion),
Club Member



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

** A Message From
John Hawkins, Club CEO **

People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.

No. 5 in a series.
MAY 2008



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Meet George Martinez

HIS NEIGHBORHOOD:
Main Street, above City Hall Mall.

AGE:
50. Single.

BIRTHPLACE:
San Salvador, El Salvador.
Moved to Los Angeles 20 years ago.

EDUCATION:
Graduated from high school,
and spent three years in college.

FAMILY:
Two sisters, no brothers.

IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ONE THING, WHAT WOULD IT BE?
"I'm fine. I can't really think of anything I need."

LAST JOB:
Janitor (one year ago).

FAVORITE SPORT:
"I like all sports, but especially soccer."

FAVORITE FOOD:
"I like many foods, especially hamburgers, fries and Coke."

FAVORITE MOVIE:
Rambo.

FAVORITE ACTOR:
"I have many favorites."

FAVORITE TV SHOW:
"I used to watch late night music shows, but that was a while ago. Now I don't watch TV because I don't have one."

FAVORITE MUSIC?
Rock 'n' roll.

FAVORITE CANDY:
"Anything with sugar in it."

FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY:
"The parks."

ADVICE:
"It's hard to give advice when I'm homeless on the street, but I would tell people to worry less, be happy, and be content with yourself."

DATE WE MET GEORGE:
March 31, 2008

The Club gave George a \$25 McDonalds card and a blanket.



Some time later, I received an envelope with a copy of a restaurant receipt from the same place Mother and I had dined. An attached note said: "I paid this bill in advance. I wasn't sure that I could be there; but nevertheless, I paid for two plates - one for you and the other for your wife. You will never know what that night meant for me. I love you, Son."

At that moment, I understood the importance of saying "I love you" and giving our loved ones the time that they deserve.

Nothing in life is more important than your family. Give them the time they deserve, because these things cannot be put off till "some other time."

Somebody said it takes about six weeks to get back to normal after you've had a baby. Somebody doesn't know that once you're a mother, "normal" is history.

Somebody said you can't love the second child as much as you love the first. Somebody doesn't have two or more children.

Somebody said the hardest part of being a mother is labor and delivery. Somebody never watched her "baby" get on the bus for the first day of kindergarten. Or on a plane headed for military boot camp.

Somebody said a mother can't stop worrying after her child gets married. Somebody doesn't know that marriage adds a new son or daughter-in-law to a mother's heartstrings.

Somebody said a mother's job is done when her last child leaves home. Somebody never had grandchildren.

Somebody said your mother knows you love her, so you don't need to tell her. Somebody isn't a mother.

Pass this along to all the mothers in your life and to everyone who ever had a mother.

This isn't just about being a mother; it's about appreciating the people in your lives while you have them, no matter who that person is.

Watch your thoughts, they become words.

Watch your words, they become actions.

Watch your actions, they become habits.

Watch your habits, they become character.

Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny

Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

Worry looks around; sorry looks back; faith looks up.

Happy Mother's Day, Mom and Kelley. And to all you mothers out there, I salute you.

See you next month.

JOHN

(jhawkins@cityemployeesclub.com)

Who are the people you see every day?



Walk to the Club Store!

**The Club Store is now easier
to reach. As of May 1, the
Club Store has moved to
120 W. Second St., between
Spring and Main Streets.**

SEE THE STORY ON PAGE 8.



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CLUB STORE

Club Store and Service Center: Getting Ready for the Big Day

Beautiful old building – reflecting that the Club has been around for more than 80 years – gets modern refurbishment just in time for opening May 1. Stop by to see the handiwork!



The new Club Store and Service Center is at 120 W. Second St. downtown.



Pedestrians on Second Street might have seen these signs, telling of the new Club Store and Service Center.



From Left: John Hawkins, Club CEO, and Rod Barksdale of California Renovations polish the customer service counter to a beautiful shine.

The new Club Store and Service Center is open for business!

Club staff worked tirelessly through April getting the store just right for your needs.

Head over to the Club Store and Service Center for:

- The City's best ticket discounts
- Officially licensed City apparel and gear
- Club account services
- Just to say hi!

"The building dates from the early 1900s," said Club CEO John Hawkins. "It's just beautiful. We chose the materials to let the building's character come through.

"We've been around since 1928, so we wanted that to be reflected in the new space. You'll get the best of both worlds – great customer service that has passed the test of time, plus modern technology and apparel that's up-to-date.

"Stop by and relax for awhile in the new Club Store and Service Center. We're looking forward to seeing you!"

The Club Store and Service Center

**120 W. Second St.,
between Spring and Main Streets
(888) 777-1744**

The Club Store in the World Trade Center has permanently closed.



From top: Robert Larios, Club Director of Marketing and Communications; Navin Cotton, the Club's Ticket Guy; and John Hawkins, Club CEO, are hard at work getting the new Club Store and Service Center in order.

Haven House

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

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

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

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

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

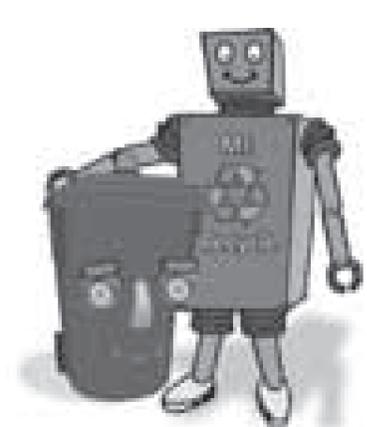
Our services include counseling services for women and children in residence and counseling for community clients who are not residents of the shelter.

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

PUBLIC WORKS

Sanitation's Open Houses

Dept. ready to host its award-winning receptions.



The Bureau of Sanitation invites children, families and residents of all Ages to join the fun and excitement to its free sixth annual open houses. To be featured are trash truck demonstrations, yard tours, educational games and prizes.

Each of the City's six sanitation yards, in Sun Valley, Northridge, Lincoln Heights/Cypress Park, South Los Angeles, San Pedro and West Los Angeles, will promote recycling fun while providing hands-on educational experiences and informational material on City programs.

The open houses are designed to display the City's recycling program, increase recycling awareness and improve access to City services delivered by the Bureau of Sanitation. Last year, more than 3,200 residents visited the open houses and more than 300 City employees volunteered their time to conduct the weekend events for the public.

Visitors will be treated to trash truck and equipment demonstrations in addition to yard tours and educational booths. Visitors of all ages will have an opportunity to meet the City's recycling mascots. The blue characters "Mr. Recycle" and "Robo Blue," will promote the cause of recycling to the next generation of residents by engaging the imagination of children. As a bonus, Million Trees L.A. will provide tree adoption opportunities and the Bureau of Sanitation will distribute free mulch from its green waste program.

For more information on 2008 Bureau of Sanitation Open Houses, please call (800) 773-2489 or visit www.lacity.org/SAN/. To learn more about the City moving toward "Zero Waste" and the future of solid waste management, please visit www.zerowaste.lacity.org.

Sanitation Open House dates, times and locations are:

- East Valley District Yard, 11050 Pendleton Street, Sun Valley Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.
- West Valley District Yard, 8840 Vanalden Avenue, Northridge Saturday, May 17, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.
- North Central District Yard, 452 N. San Fernando Road, Los Angeles Saturday, May 31, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.
- South Los Angeles District Yard, 786 S. Mission Road, Los Angeles Saturday, June 7, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.
- Harbor District Yard, 1400 N. Gaffey Street, San Pedro Saturday, June 21, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.
- West Los Angeles District Yard, 2027 Stoner Avenue, Los Angeles Saturday, June 28, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Send in your Father's Day tributes!

HIGH-FIVES FOR DAD!

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

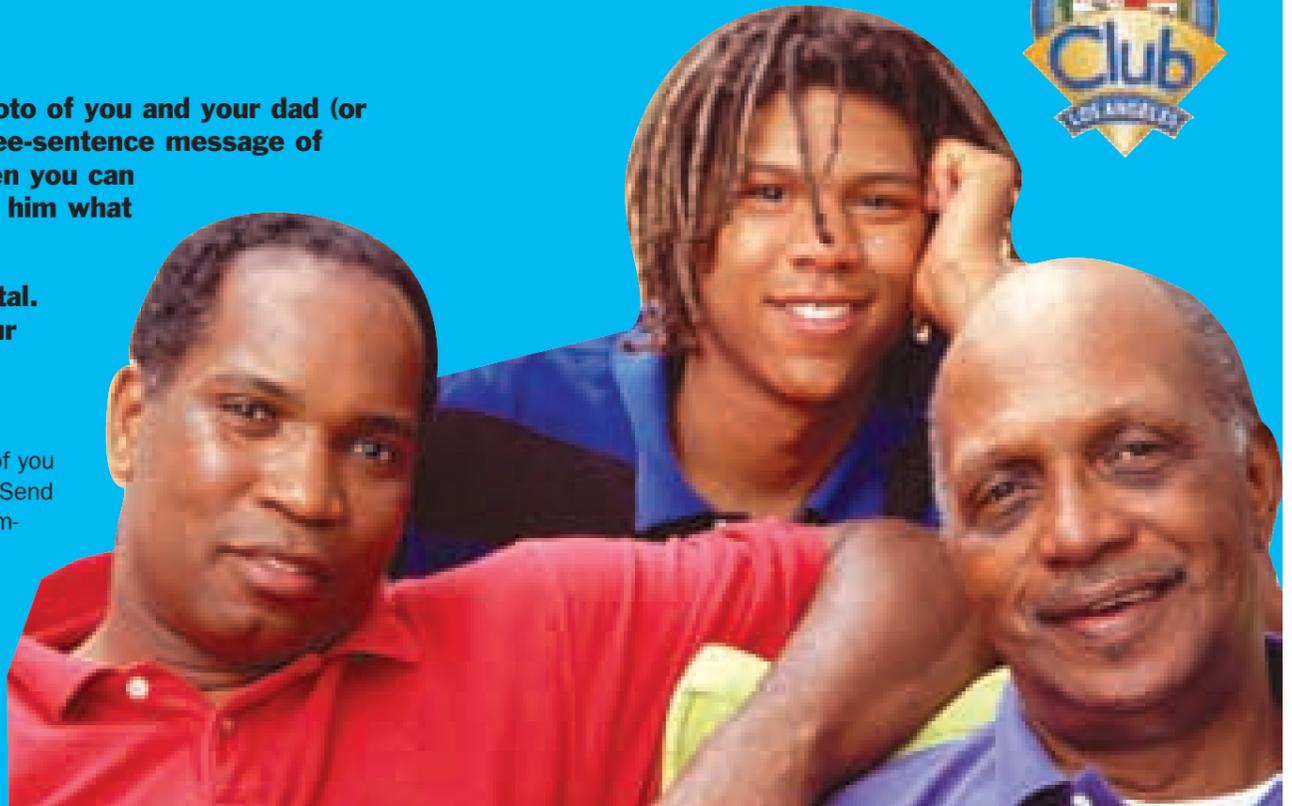


In our June issue, we'll print a photo of you and your dad (or just your dad)... and a two- or three-sentence message of Happy Father's Day from you. Then you can take your copy of *Alive!* and show him what he means to you.

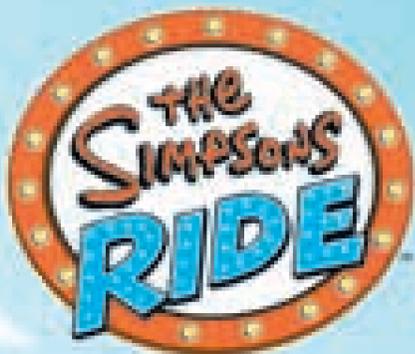
Photos can be either print or digital. But you have to act quickly, as our June issue is fast approaching.

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 City Employees Club, 350 S. Figueroa, Suite 700, Los Angeles 90012.
- Include a message of Happy Father's Day (up to three sentences).
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The Snow Surveyors carry their equipment to measure the Eastern Sierra snow pack.

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THE SNOW Surveyors



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Part of managing the water for Los Angeles means knowing how much to expect from Mother Nature. Hydrographers from the DWP set out on snow cat and foot to take measurements once a month during the winter. That way, DWP water managers can make better decisions.

Travel with *Alive!* on a snow expedition in Mammoth.

TURN THE PAGE FOR ALL THE DETAILS



Alive! photo by Tom Hawkins

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Meet the Snow Surveyors

Wade Taylor



Lead Surveyor Wade Taylor, who spent 10 years at Piper Tech and transferred to the Northern District in 1999, is the fourth generation Taylor to work in the DWP's Northern District, and the third generation to be a snow surveyor. His father, Ron, was a DWP Snow Surveyor, and his dad used to take him on snow surveys. "The easy ones," he said. His grandfather, Victor, also a surveyor, was the head of engineering for the Northern District. His great-grandfather, Homer, was surveying for the DWP in the 1920s, close to when the department started conducting snow surveys in the Northern District. "Homer was one of the original men who brought the surveying equipment in," Wade says.

Dustin Taylor



Field Surveyor Dustin Taylor, who is Wade Taylor's nephew, is the fifth generation of Taylors to work for the DWP in the Northern District. He grew up in Bishop and wanted to be a surveyor since at least high school. "In high school, I started thinking about how to get the right education and training to do this." He earned his Bachelor's degree in environmental science at Whittier College.

Jason Olin



Field Surveyor Jason Olin, who is not part of the Taylor surveying legacy, has his own family legacy to be proud of – his great-grandfather, an area rancher, performed snow surveys in the 1930s, on horseback and snowshoes, and also helped build the Los Angeles Aqueduct for the DWP. When he's not performing snow surveys, Jason, who has Bachelor's and Master's degrees in geology from Fresno State, collects, analyzes and records water data as a hydrographer on the Owens Lake dust mitigation project for the DWP.

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Photos by Tom Hawkins, Club Photographer

Alive! spends a late winter day trekking with DWP hydrographers, accomplishing the all-important task of measuring the rain and snow in the Eastern Sierras.

DWP — The instructions were clear:

"Be ready for any snow conditions, wearing snow pants, coat, boots, hat and gloves," advised Chris Plakos, the Club's DWP contact in Bishop. "I suggest they wear layers, because it can get warm and they may want to take layers off."

With that, Club CEO John Hawkins and Club Photographer Tom Hawkins met Wade Taylor, Lead Survey Supervisor, and Hydrographers Jason Olin and Dustin Taylor – the Snow Surveyors – at the Breakfast Club in Mammoth, filling up on "fuel" for their day of adventure in the Eastern Sierra snow pack.

Fun? Yes, but critically serious business, too. For, the rain and snow that the Snow Surveyors were to measure would determine major decisions about Owens Valley irrigation and operations, and how to best prepare for the City's drinking and sanitation needs for the year to come.

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The Plan



Several times each winter, DWP hydrographers trek far into the Eastern Sierra back country to survey the amount of snow that has fallen. They set out on skis, snowshoes or in over-snow-vehicles called "snow cats" to measure the snow depth and amount of water content in the snow at specific mountain locations, more appropriately known as snow courses.

The DWP has measured the same 12 courses located in four major watershed basins since the 1920s. The courses are located at varying elevations between 8,000 and 11,000 feet, and include the Cottonwood Lakes Basin, Big Pine Canyon, Rock Creek Canyon and the Mammoth Lakes Basin, where today's survey would take place. The sites were selected because they accurately represent overall snowpack and precipitation conditions at specific areas and elevations.

Preparations for snow surveys begin well before the snow falls. Big Pine and Cottonwood Canyon surveys require an overnight trip on skis and snowshoes, which means stashing sleeping and eating supplies in the back country. In September, DWP hydrographers load provisions onto mules, which are used to haul supplies to secluded cabins near the snow courses.

While in the back country, the hydrographers also perform maintenance work on the courses and calibrate snow sensor equipment.

DWP hydrographers typically do their first snow surveys at the end of January. Surveys are also done at the end of February and March.

The day's plan: The Snow Surveyors pack two snow cats (the snow terrain vehicles) for the day, and then tow them to the end of Old Mammoth Road to start the journey. They first drive the cats about a half hour up to Lake Mary, which is usually frozen solid and blanketed with snow, and take readings at the rain gauge near the east edge of the lake. The crews then drive the cats another hour to the Mammoth Pass snow course, located at an elevation of 9,300 feet. At that point, the crew takes careful and precise snow depth and water content readings around the snow pillow and along the 1,000-foot long snow course.

Then, with the readings in hand, the Snow Surveyors would get back in their cats and head home.

The snow cat is the best – and sometimes only – way through the snow to the snow pillows.



The snow cat is towed to the end of the road, and then unloaded.

Snow Surveys Provide Forecasting Data



Each winter, millions of people flock to the Eastern Sierra to enjoy the spectacular snow-covered mountains. The Eastern Sierra's abundant snowfall offers great downhill and cross-country skiing, snowboarding, snowmobiling, sledding and many other winter activities. As winter gives way to spring, the melting snow supplies vital water flows that fill the many creeks and lakes in the area. The creeks and lakes provide habitat for fish and other wildlife, while offering countless outdoor summer recreation opportunities for visitors and residents alike.

The Eastern Sierra snowpack plays a vital role as the primary water source for more than 3.5 million City residents. Approximately 50 percent of the City's water comes from Eastern Sierra surface water runoff. The rest of Los Angeles' water supply comes from the Colorado River, California's Central Valley and groundwater sources within the Los Angeles City limits.

Because Los Angeles relies upon the Eastern Sierra for much of its water, accurate snow measurements are vital to forecast each year's water supply. Each winter, DWP hydrographic crews provide the data needed for forecasting by conducting snow surveys. By actually measuring the depth of snow and amount of water content in the snow at specific locations over a period of many years, forecasters can accurately predict the amount of runoff each year.

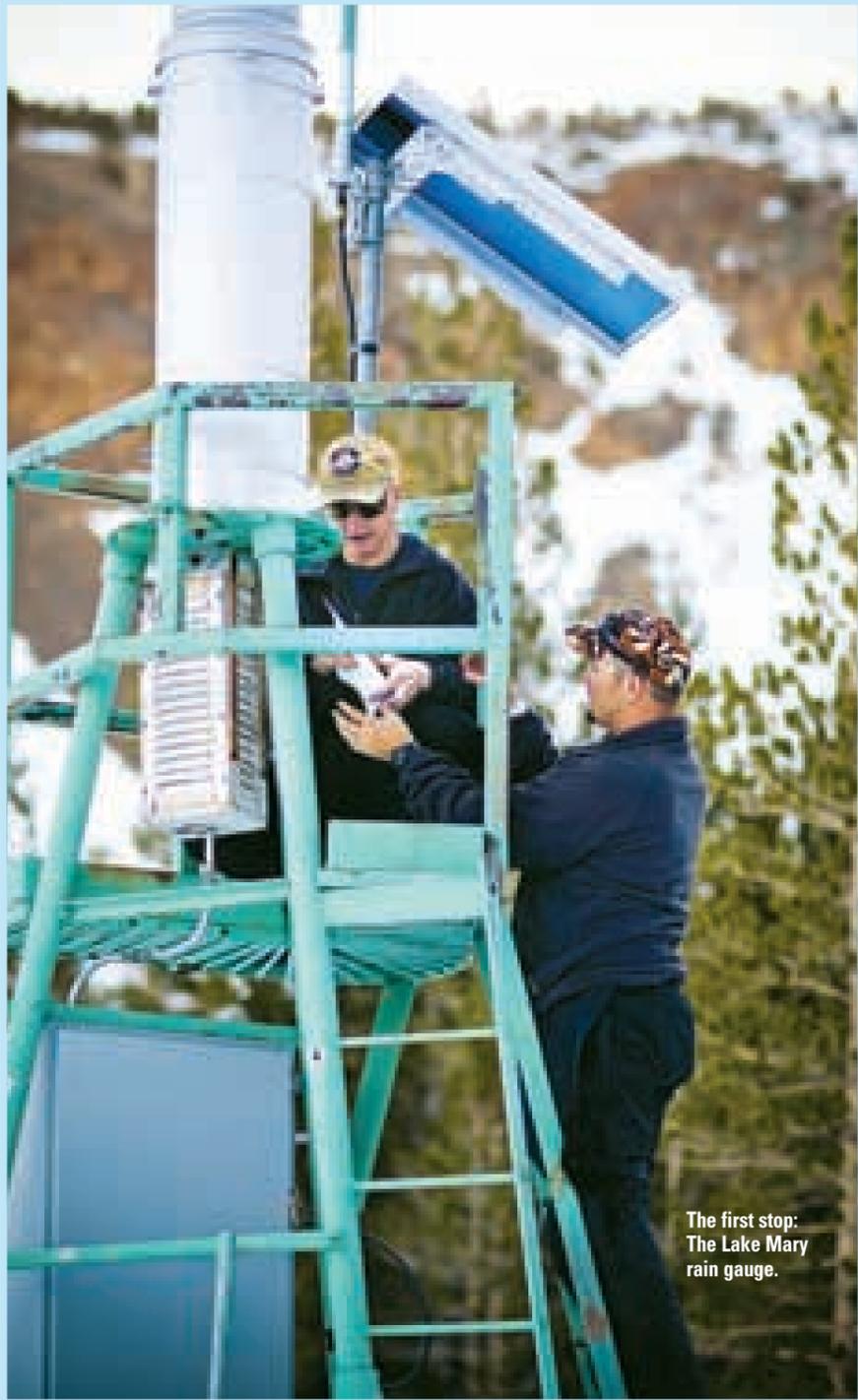
Many important decisions depend upon accurate water supply forecasting. The availability of water for irrigation needs, reservoir storage and operation, groundwater pumping levels, hydroelectric generation, maintenance programs, recreation availability and even the possible need for water rationing all rely on accurate water supply forecasting.



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The first step: The Lake Mary rain gauge.

But First: The Rain Gauge



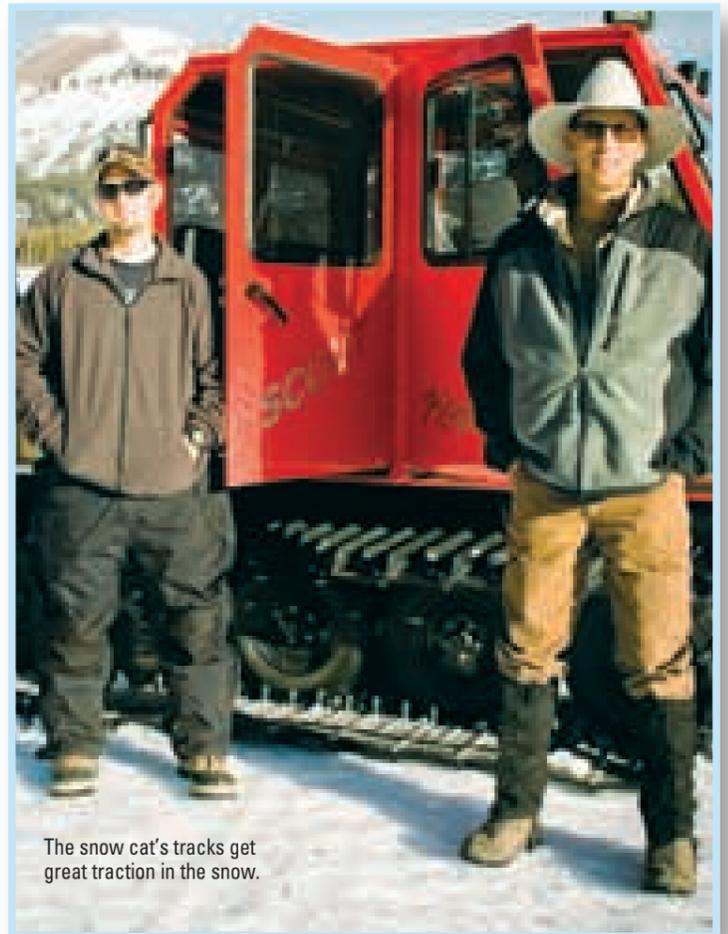
The first stop was the Lake Mary water store, where the Snow Surveyors took very precise readings.

The Lake Mary Rain Gauge measures precipitation from rain and snow, and also records high and low daily temperatures. Here, they took measurements, and then they changed the paper chart for the gauge.

There is also a solar-powered computer in this unit that sends daily readings back to the State Department of Water Resources where the data is accessible to the public as well as the LADWP (see <http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/queryDgroups?MO1&d=>).



The snow cat is the best way to get to the Lake Mary rain gauge.



The snow cat's tracks get great traction in the snow.



Into the Snow

After driving to the end of Old Mammoth Road, the crew parked the trucks and unloaded the snow cats, for the long trek up the Mammoth Pass, so they could measure the snow pack.

For safety reasons and because they often perform difficult work in severe conditions, snow surveyors travel in teams of two or three. All snow surveyors receive intensive training in snow sampling techniques, cross-country travel, avalanche safety, first aid and mountain survival.

Snow courses are marked using distinctive signs. A standard snow course is 1,000 feet long and has 10 measuring points. Hydrographers take a snow sample at each point and record snow depth and water content. These points are then averaged, and an overall water content is determined and recorded for that course.

Snow samples are collected by using a "snow sampling set" consisting of a series of stainless steel tubes about 1.5 inches in diameter and 30 inches long that can be screwed together.



The Eastern Sierras provide a dramatic backdrop for the Snow Surveyors.

THE SNOW Surveyors



How the Surveys Are Done



Here's how the Snow Surveyors measured the snow pack around the snow pillow. It's a very careful and controlled process, ensuring that the measurements are accurate and consistent:

1 Hydrographers screw together enough tubes to reach from several feet above the snow surface all the way down through the snowpack to the ground. The bottom tube has a sharpened steel cutter to slice through ice layers in the snowpack.



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The hydrographers weigh the long empty tubes that have been attached together to establish their base weight.

Then, the crew pushes the tubes down through the snowpack until they reach the ground surface. Graduations etched on the side of the tubes indicate the depth of the snow, which the hydrographers record.

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The tubes are then raised out of the snow. Slots cut into the tube allow the hydrographers to visually verify that all of the snow remained in the tubes as they were being raised.



How the Surveys Are Done

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They then check the bottom of the tubes for signs that ground level was actually reached, such as dirt, pine needles and other debris.



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The tubes and snow core are then weighed. The hydrographers then determine the snow water content by subtracting the weight of the empty tubes, and record the data. The first reading called out to the person writing down the information is the depth of snow in inches. The second reading called out is the core depth, and the third reading called out is the inches of water. This is determined by using the Mt. Rose Scale. The fourth measurement is the density number, which Wade calculated on a calculator.

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They then dump the snow core out of tubes and move to the next sample point. Depending on weather and snow conditions, up to three courses can normally be done each day.

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History of DWP Snow Surveys



Snow surveying, or the measuring snow depths to determine spring and summer water runoff, began in California's Sierra Nevada mountain range in 1906 with the work of Dr. James Church of the University of Nevada at Reno. Dr. Church began measuring snow on Mount Rose, just east of Lake Tahoe, to study the relationship between the amount of snow on the ground and runoff.

In 1910, the first permanent snow courses as we now know them were set up and measured in the Tahoe Basin. Hydrographers placed markers on the ground at specific locations and returned on a regular basis to measure the amount of snow at the site, and the water content in the snow.

Dr. Church's measurements helped put an end to battles between land owners surrounding Lake Tahoe and downstream water uses by predicting spring runoff so that water releases could be regulated to prevent both flooding and the waste of water. His pioneering work in snow hydrology continues to be the foundation for water supply forecasting today.

Hydrographers from the DWP visited Dr. Church in 1925 to learn his techniques. Taking what they had learned, DWP crews established snow courses and began regular snow surveys 1926 at four Eastern Sierra basins: Cottonwood Canyon, Big Pine Canyon, Rock Creek and

Mammoth Pass. Today, these four locations continue to provide valuable data used by DWP runoff forecasters.

In 1929 the California State Legislature, after seeking input from the major water providers in the state, enacted legislation that formed the California Cooperative Snow Survey Program. This established a coordinated and centralized snow survey program to provide information for water users across the state. By 1929 there were already 50 snow courses around the state being measured on a regular basis. Most of these courses were located in the Eastern Sierra and provided data for flow into Lake Tahoe and the Mono Lake and Owens River Basins. The CCSSP now has 40 members and measures more than 280 courses throughout California.

In the early years of snow surveying, hydrographers traveled to survey sites using a variety of methods including snowshoes, nine-foot wooden skis and even dogsled teams. More recent times have seen travel by snow-cats, snowmobiles, and even helicopters. However, hydrographers continue to rely on snowshoes and skis to get the job done. And the main part of the work still involves long days in conditions that vary from intense snowstorms to hot

sunshine and can even mean spending a night out in the back country.

Beginning in 1971 and continuing to the late 1980s, the DWP, in cooperation with the State of California, began developing a system to collect snow data from the back country without people having to visit far-off sites. Over the years a number of telemetry sites have been installed that now provide data that is updated automatically several times a day and relayed it to a central information collection location.

Mattress-sized "pillows" filled with an antifreeze-type liquid have been installed at snow survey sites. The weight of snow falling on the pillows displaces the liquid in the pillows, producing a data signal that is transmitted to the California Department of Water Resources in

Sacramento via telephone line, radio or even satellite. Data collected includes water content of the snowpack, temperature, wind and solar radiation. While the data is considered only preliminary until it is verified by hydrographers doing a snow survey, it is accessible over the Internet.

Although this system is still in the development stages, it provides valuable data used to determine trends in the snowpack. Tests are currently being conducted throughout the west with the hope of finding a more reliable instrument for monitoring water content in the snowpack. Until that time the backbone of the snow survey program remains the "snow surveyor," who measures the snow by hand, just like it was done almost 100 years ago.



The Snow Surveyors finish with their work.



After a hard morning's work, it's time to go home.

Special Thanks!

The Club thanks the Snow Surveyors – Wade Taylor, Jason Olin and Justin Taylor – and Chris Plakos, the DWP's public affairs representative (and the guy who always comes through for us) for their cooperation and assistance in producing this story.

PUBLIC WORKS

Redditt's Ready to Retire

Sharon Redditt, Club Member, retires after 35 years of City service.

Sharon Redditt enjoyed her recent retirement party, held at the Proud Bird Restaurant in Westchester.

Sharon began her 35-year career at the City as a Clerk Stenographer with of Building and Safety on July 17, 1972. She worked there until August 31, 1975. She then was promoted to Senior Clerk Stenographer at the Bureau of Accounting, Public Works.

She became an Executive Secretary in the same Bureau on July 16, 1981, and worked there until October 26, 1985. She became the Executive Secretary for the Public Works General Office on October 27, 1985, and remained there until September 11, 1993. She was promoted to Executive Administrative Assistant II at Airports



From left: Sharon Redditt and Rita Robinson, General Manager, Transportation, and Club Board Member.



The retirement event was held at the Proud Bird restaurant, and many of Sharon's colleagues from the Bureau of Contract Administration made the trip to salute her.

and worked there from Sept. 12, 1993, to Sept. 9, 1995. She came to the Bureau of Contract Administration on September 10, 1995, as Executive Administrative Assistant II and has been the Executive Administrative Assistant to the last four Inspectors of Public Works from C. Bernard Gilpin, Stanly J. Sysak, Brian Williams, and John L. Reamer Jr.

She is a number one Los Angeles Lakers fan, enjoys bowling and, in retirement, plans to join another bowling league and pursue substitute teaching for first- and second-grade students. In addition, she has planned a much-anticipated trip to Kenya next year.

Congratulations, Sharon!



Sharon Redditt and Larry Reynosa, Special Research and Investigation - Subcontractor Approval of the Bureau of Contract Administration.



Sharon Redditt and Russ Strazzella, Division Manager, Public Works/Contract Administration.

DWP

Lineman's Rodeo

City Employees are invited to watch the DWP Lineman's Rodeo, a fun event for the family.

City Employees are given a special invitation to watch the DWP linemen doing their thing during the annual DWP Lineman's Rodeo. The event is not open to the general public.

The event is set for 7:30 a.m. Saturday, May, 17, at the DWP Truesdale Facility, 11760 Truesdale St. in Sun Valley.

The DWP Linemen compete in a number of events. Winning teams will go to regional and possibly national competition.

The Journeyman skill events include:

- Pole climb
- Hurt man rescue
- Cross arm changeout
- Jumper installation
- Dead end changeout

Apprentice events include:

- Pole climb
- Hurt man rescue
- Secondary parallel
- Temporary service installation

Past activities for the family include a petting zoo, a climbing wall, face painting, jumpers and balloons. Food and drink is expected to be available.

The annual event usually lasts until about 1:30 p.m.



From past years, The events showcased safety techniques, skill, and the speed of power utility workers.

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by JEFF GELINEAU

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



Water Damage: Ready For That Rainy Day?



What is covered for water damage, and what isn't?

It's a reasonable question, but like everything else in insurance, the answer is: "It depends."

There is a lot of confusion about what types of water damage are covered under a homeowners' insurance policy. As with so many home insurance mold claims being denied, homeowners are left with a lot of questions. Let's take a look at what types of water damage are covered under home insurance policies and what to do if water damage happens to your home.

Homeowners' policies do not cover damages due to a flood, but they do cover other kinds of water damage. For example, they would generally pay for damage from rain coming through a hole in the roof or a broken window if the hole was caused by strong storm winds. On the other hand, if you have a hidden pipe leaking in your house and over time water damage occurs, that would not be covered.

It usually comes down to whether the water damage was caused by a covered peril, such as a storm... or if the water damage was due to you not keeping your house maintained. Review your home insurance policy or check with your agent now, before any damage occurs.

Regardless of how the water damage happened, it is important to take similar steps to remedy it. Never ignore indications of an obvious water problem in your home. You should immediately attempt to find and stop leaks at their source. When water leaks into your property, moisture can collect, allowing mold to develop. Mold can cause further damage to your property and can potentially cause health problems. The adverse health effects from mold exposure can range from runny noses, coughs, nosebleeds, congestion, and sinusitis to more serious upper respiratory ailments such as asthma or bronchitis. A lot of insurance companies are restricting mold damage, but some mold damage may be covered if it was caused by a covered peril. You should immediately report any water damage to your insurance agent.

If sudden water damage occurs to your property, such as with a storm, it is important to dry all wet areas and provide air circulation to assist in the drying process. Also, cover any areas with a tarp to prevent more water damage. Covering, drying and dehumidifying wet areas can help minimize the possibility that mold will accompany water damage. Always contact your insurance agent immediately to start the homeowners' insurance claims process.

What do you do if you find water damage that indicates leakage over a period of time? Unfortunately, mold may have already developed, and more than likely your claim would not be covered. In this case, attempting to clean up the mold may spread the mold spores, causing greater property damage or health problems. Mold can be dangerous to your health; mold testing and cleanup should be conducted by professionals as soon as mold is detected. Contact your insurance agent to see if any of your damage can be covered under your policy and contact a professional mold cleaning company.

Here's a list of seven possible losses. Guess which ones are covered?

1) The temperature drops below zero, causing your water pipes to freeze and burst. Your floor is now covered in six inches of water.

Are you covered? Yes, you are covered for water damage from burst pipes, but most policies won't cover you if you've left the house unoccupied and without heat.

2) Water leaks from your backyard pool, ruining your manicured lawn and flooding your living room.

Are you covered? The damages to your living room and your personal property in it are covered, but not the damage to your lawn.

3) Your washing machine overflows, flooding the laundry room.

Are you covered? Yes, but again, the extent to which you are covered depends on your insurer's view of the problem: Did you fail to maintain the washer properly?

4) A sewer backs up, flooding your house.

Are you covered? No. Standard policies don't cover it, and many specifically exclude damage from sewer backups. Special endorsements are available, at added cost, for sewers and drains.

5) During a heavy rainstorm, water leaks through your roof. The roof is damaged, as is furniture.

Are you covered? Somewhat. While you might not be reimbursed for roof repairs, because that's a house-maintenance issue, the water damage to your home is covered. The damage to your furniture is likely covered if you have the standard HO-3 homeowners policy, but not if you have the HO-1.

6) Your bathtub overflows.

Are you covered? Yes. You are covered even if the bathtub overflowed because you forgot to turn off the faucet.

7) A nearby lake or river overflows its banks, causing a flash flood in your living room.

Are you covered? No. Flood damage is not covered by homeowners insurance.

If you have any questions about what is covered and what is not, feel free to call any of our agents.

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Be safe and have fun!

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From left: Cathy Sauvao, P3; and Renee Minnick, P3.

77th St. Explorers Go Golfing

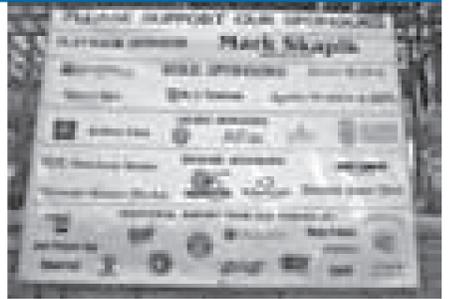
Explorers host fourth annual golf tournament.

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

The 77th Street Area Explorers held their fourth annual golf tournament March 20 at the Pacific Palms/Industry Hills Golf Course.

The City Employees Club was honored to be invited and be a sponsor of the tournament. Close to 200 golfers enjoyed the many activities available on the course. Players also received a sleeve of logo golf balls, compliments of City Employees Club. A reception and dinner followed after the tournament, where awards were handed out to the winners. The funds raised at the tournament allow the 77th Street Area Explorers to travel and compete in state, local and national competitions.

Thanks to Sgt. Peter Casey for his assistance.



Thank you to the many sponsors!



From Left: De La Rosa, P3 at the 77th; Canizales, P3; Dave Drew, P3 at Harbor; and Sgt. Jim Shray, West Traffic.



From left: Bruce Hagerty, Retired; and Eric Hagerty, P3 representing Use of Force.



From left: Sgt. Peter Casey, Club Member; Joe Sanchez, P2; Greg Garcia, P3; and Gil Garcia.



All the way from Pomona Police Department were, from left: Chuck Becker; Jose Larraga; Brian Hagerty; and Mike Lange.



Representing Sergeants at the 77th from left: Sgt. Moe Batts; Sgt. Frank Montolongo; Sgt. Art Duran, Club Member; and Sgt. James Lopez.



From left: Sgt. Mike Pytel; Tony Tejada, P3; Tom Bergren, P3; and Ed Pigao, P3.



From left: Det. II Peter Stone, FID, Club Member; Sgt. Ernie Soto, Central; Det. II John Wong, RHD; and Det. II Tim Lai, IAG.



From left: Nick Giordano, P2; Frank Giordano; Chris Giordano; and Lawrence Meyerowitz, P2.



From left: Jerry Delgado, P2; Mike Santos; Mike Ketchum; and Kasey Harris.



Representing 77th Crash, from left: Andrew Paredes, P3; Det. Carlos Gonzalez; and Art Talamante, P3.



From left: Shawn Patel; Jay Patel; Jeffrey Pelczar, P2; and Julio Martinez, P2.



From left: Sgt. Manny Santoya; Norm Santiago; and Tony Valencia.



From left: Greg Martin, P3; Adam Futami, P3; and Mike Menegio, guest.



From left: Sgt. Brad Hearn, North East; Frank Hearn; and Gilbert Pena.



From left: Albert Chavarria, P2; Dave Evis, P2; Jorge Martinez, P2; and Gabe Ruiz, P2.



From left: Gary Verge, P3+1; David Wren; Darryl Norwood, P3; and Juan Cruz, P3+1.



From left: Mike Martinez, P3; Eddie Amaral, P2; Sgt. Paul Rodriguez; and Chris Abernathy.



From left: Rob Coates, P2; Eva Coates, D2; and Michael Davies, guest.



From left: Ron Quinton, P2, Harbor; Sgt. George Gallegos, 77th; Sgt. Terry Fathauer; and David Braun, P2.



From left: Sal LaBarbera, Detective III; Kerri Potter, Detective III; and Chris Barling, Detective II.



From left: Teddy Hammond, Detective III; Keith Thomas, Detective III; and Cedric Randall.



From left: Rocky Sato, Detective II; John Villa, Detective II; Refugio Garza, P2; and Kevin Huff, Detective II.

HOUSING



Perla Veneracion

Goodbye, Perla

Perla Veneracion retires after 34 years of City service.

Story and photos by Rhod DeVera, Housing

Perla Veneracion, Director of Accounting, Housing, marked her retirement from 34 years of City service in a festive retirement party held Feb. 15 at the New Otani Hotel. The celebration was attended by more than 150 of her co-workers, friends, relatives and retirees. The event was hosted by Bill Lamb, Controller's Office. It was highlighted by awards and certificates of appreciation from Mercedes Marquez, General Manager, Housing; Shirley Tan, Controller's Office; Dorothy Tamashiro; and Yolly Huang, Los Angeles Municipal Accountants and Auditors Association.

There were also special numbers from Housing and the Controller's Office dance groups. Special messages were delivered by Lyndon Salvador, Financial Management Specialist, Controller's Office; and Mary Jane Aquino, Chief Accountant, Convention Center. A slide show was presented by Cris Salandanan.

DJ Gus Ortila provided the music for the night and led the crowd with a series of line-dancing numbers.

Perla started her City service as an Accountant with the LAPD in December 1973, and Public Works/Accounting in January 1976. She then was promoted as a Tax Auditor with the City Clerk. She started with the Controller's Office as a Senior Accountant in 1979 and promoted to Principal Accountant in 1986. She moved to the Convention Center as Chief Accountant II in April 2000 and was promoted as Departmental Chief Accountant IV with Housing in July 2005. Altogether, Perla had worked for the City from December 17, 1973, to March 1, 2008, for a total of 34 years. She had left a legacy of hard work and dedication. We congratulate her on her hard earned and well-deserved retirement.

Congratulations from the Club, Perla!



Housing employees lead line dancing (right to left): Helen Limtao; Teresa Campos; Lilibeth Co; and Susana Verdejo and her husband.



Housing/Accounting.



The Housing Accounting group.



Other well-wishers from the Controller's Office, Airports, and other departments.



Happy guests.



Perla Veneracion with, from left: Mercedes Marquez; Roberto Aldape; Roy Babazadeh; Greg Kung; and other well-wishers.



Guests from the Controller's Office, and others.



Some of Perla Veneracion's former co-workers from the Controller's Office.



Guests from Housing.



Guests from other City departments.



Housing Accounting staff.



Friends and family of Perla Veneracion.

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Blain's Goodbye Bash

Two events send former General Services General Manager and Club Member Alvin Blain out in style.



It takes three people to hold up Alvin's proclamation. He is assisted by Councilman Tony Cardenas and Alvin's wife, Lorna.



Is that Alvin getting arrested? All in good fun.



From left: Alvin Blain, General Manager, General Services, Club Member, was presented with a miniature sanitation trash truck by Public Works/Sanitation Director Enrique Zaldivar.



This is one of the two poster boards signed by well-wishers.



From left: Aram Salmasi, Mail Services Division Manager; Louis Murillo, Parking Manager; Terra Jones, Club Member; and Noel Cabrera, Labor Supervisor, Club Member.



Katie Blain, daughter of Alvin Blain, shares her memories of growing up.



Brent Blain, son of Alvin Blain, shares his stories of carpooling with his father.



From left: Martina White, Sr. Management Analyst, Construction Forces; Maria Pena, Sr. Clerk Typist, Construction Forces, Club Member; and Louisa Tan, Accounting Clerk II, Construction Forces, Club Member.



From left: Jacque Lorraine, Sr. Automotive Supervisor, Club Member; Natalie Jones, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member; and Richard Coulson, Equipment Superintendent, Club Member



Standing: Anthony R. De Clue, Assistant General Manager, General Services, Club Member. Seated: Toni Roberson, Sr. Clerk Typist; Bob Nito, General Automotive; and Dave Wilson, Equipment Superintendent.



From left: Katie Blain, Alvin's daughter; Councilman Tony Cardenas; Alvin Blain, General Manager, General Services, Club Member; his wife, Lorna; and his son, Brent.

Molden; Kenneth Moody; Lourdes Morales; Joi Oubre; Theresa Pina; Katherine Quinn; Angelica Rios; Marie Saroas; Natalie Valenzuela; and Maggie Yu.

The Club thanks Beverly Pleasant for her assistance.

Congratulations, Alvin. Much success and joy in your retirement (even if you'll be working again soon!).



Lorna, wife of Alvin Blain, thanks everyone for being a part of her extended family.



Master of Ceremonies Tony M. Royster, Interim General Manager, General Services, Club Member.



One of the many gifts presented to Alvin Blain.



Even Elvis Presley was "all shook up" to see Alvin retire.



From left: Chandra Mosley, Management Analyst II, Club Member; Omar Bazan, Retired; and Mike DeLeon, Retired Equipment Superintendent.



From left: Harold Cain, Retired Director, Fleet Services; Jerry Hamby, Retired, Fleet Services; Marsha Cain, Retired, Secretary; and Judy Hamby, Retired Sr. Clerk Typist.



Standing, from left: Walter Lee, Mechanical Engineer Associate; and Al Saulcedo, DWP. Seated: Richard Falt, Automotive; Paul Fadul, Automotive; John Gasca, Equipment Superintendent; and Willie Crutchfield, Tire Shop.

GENERAL SERVICES

Blain's Goodbye Bash

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Alvin Y. Blain, General Manager, General Services, Club Member, with his final remarks to his guests.



John Trevgoda, Director of Supplier and Customer Relations, brings out the cake to wish Alvin a happy birthday.



From left: Alvin Blain, General Manager, General Services, Club Member, and Councilman Dennis Zine, Club Member.



Beverly S. Pleasant, Executive Administrative Assistant III, Club Member.



From left: Alvin Blain, General Manager, General Services, Club Member, and Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member.



William A. Robertson, Director, Public Works/Street Services, Club Member, is "bunky."



From left: Marco Mejia, Clerk Typist; Michael Lim, Management Analyst; Angie Rios, Accounting Clerk II, Club Member; Jenny Wang, Management Analyst II; and Yoly Ortiz, Sr. Clerk Typist.



Special remarks were made by Rita L. Robinson, General Manager, Transportation, Club Board Member.



From left: Frank Meza, Sr. Management Analyst; Arthur W. Smith, Retired Electrician Supervisor; Bill Older, Construction Superintendent; and Michael Leighton, Director of Publishing Services, Club Board Member.



Welcome remarks from Anthony R. De Clue, Assistant General Manager, Club Member; and Leonard Walker, Director of Fleet Services and Staff, Club Member.



Alvin Blain, General Manager, General Services, Club Member, and Councilwoman Wendy Greuel.



From left: Alvin Blain, General Manager, General Services, Club Member; and William A. Robertson, Director, Public Works/Street Services, Club Member.



LAFD Deputy Chief Mario Rueda presents on behalf of the Fire Dept.



An Alvin Blain parody.



From left: John Mills, Retired Equipment Fleet Services Superintendent; Dave Marshall, Retired; David Bradfield, Retired; and Larry Smith, Equipment Specialist.



From left: Joyce Kawai, Sr. Personnel Analyst; Steve Potik, Building Superintendent; and Greg Lissow, Building Superintendent II, Convention Center.



Michael Leighton, Publishing Services Director, General Services, and Club Board Member, presents a gift on behalf of City Employees Club.



From left: Katie Blain, Alvin's daughter; Alvin Blain, General Manager, General Services, Club Member; his wife, Lorna; and his son, Brent.

Royster Named Interim GM

Tony Royster, longtime Assistant General Manager and Club Member, becomes Interim General Manager.

Tony M. Royster was appointed Interim General Manager, General Services, and City Purchasing Agent, effective April 1. The appointment was made by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. Royster replaces Alvin Blain, who retired.

Royster has 25 years of shared experience in the City's General Services Department and general services management in both the public and private sectors. From 2004 to the present he has served as the Assistant General Manager,

Administration and Building Support, General Services, serving as Acting General Manager as necessary, and directing the activities of eleven units in this section: Office of Public Safety; Budget and Finance; Accounting; Payroll; Personnel Services; Emergency Preparedness; Parking; Custodial; Mail; Recycling; and Special Events. He has helped develop the Department's annual budget of \$261 million; overseen accounting for \$500 million in expen-



Tony Royster, Interim General Manager, General Services.

ditures; and directed an operational staff of 1,300 employees and personnel activities for 3,000 employees.

Previous to this, Royster served as General Services' Chief Management Analyst from 2001 to 2004 and Director of Building Services from 1993 to 2001.

From 1985 to 1993, Royster was a District Manager for American Building Maintenance Industries in Los Angeles, managing 100 facilities for building maintenance and preventative maintenance, and Area Manager for Southeast Service Corporation in

Memphis, Tennessee, directing operations for building maintenance-related services for commercial and retail properties.

Royster has been awarded a number of achievement and service honors over the last dozen years, including the City of Los Angeles Productivity Awards for 1993, 1995, 1997, 1998, 2002 and 2006; the City of Los Angeles Career Service Award in 2001; the U.S. Conference of Mayors Recycling Awards in 1989 and 1999; and the International Professional Manager Association Distinguished Service Award in 1997.

Royster holds an educational specialist degree (ED.S.) in administration and supervision from Tennessee Technological University, and a Master's degree in administration and supervision from the University of Tennessee, where he also earned a Bachelor's degree in human services.

The Italians of Southern California

■ Story and photos courtesy Dr. Gloria Ricci Lothrop



The DeMateis and Bros. Winery, an early Italian-American winery near present-day Olvera Street.

Los Angeles is one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the world. More languages are spoken here than anywhere else. This month, I begin to introduce the histories of some ethnic groups from this area to you, my readers. This month's history is by Dr. Gloria Ricci Lothrop, a dedicated and knowledgeable historian who has devoted many years on focusing on a number of aspects of local history. But she has attained a highly singular identification as the indefatigable Southern California history teller of the Italians of Southern California. And it begins right now. I know you will enjoy her article as much as I did.

— Hynda

About The Author

Dr. Gloria Ricci Lothrop is Professor Emerita and formerly the W.P. Whitsett Chair in California History at California State University, Northridge. At Cal Poly Pomona, she was nominated for the Outstanding Professor Award and has also been honored by the California Historical Society. In 2002, the Italian government conferred upon her the rank of *Commendatore*. She has published extensively, having written seven books and many other publications.

In addition to teaching and research, Dr. Lothrop has been active as a consultant to Time Life Books, the National Endowment for the Humanities, Columbia Pictures and public and private television.

Dr. Lothrop earned a Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Immaculate Heart College and a Doctorate in American history from the University of Southern California.

Italian contact with Southern California's Native Americans occurred during the Spanish Colonial period. As early as 1702, Jesuit missionary and explorer, Fr. Eusebio Kino, SJ, first declared that California was not an island. Later in the century, Italian passengers aboard foreign ships wrote home, announcing that they had discovered the "new Italy." Among these was Dr. Paolo Emilio Botta, a physician serving as a naturalist aboard a French exploratory expedition. His observations published in the 1830s roused great European interest in California. As a result of such reports, as early as 1823, Giovanni Leandri became Los Angeles' first Italian landowner and shopkeeper. He was followed by Fr. Blas Rajo, pastor of the Plaza church near Olvera Street, and Genoese Giacomo Repetto, who laid claim to a portion of recently secularized mission lands.

To the north, the California gold rush was having a worldwide impact, attracting



Antonio Pelanconi, one of L.A.'s earliest Italian residents and vintners.

Italian pioneers among others, not only to the diggings but also to the business opportunities in growing San Francisco. They worked as shopkeepers, importers, hotel proprietors, scavengers, fishermen and farmers of the truck gardens that ringed

clustered in urban centers in the east, Italian immigrants to California were distinctly more adventurous as they undertook a far more costly journey, one whose distance discouraged any hope of return. Because of the cost of the trip, many had stopped for employment along the way, acquiring in addition to funds a basic knowledge of the language and the culture. As a result, when they arrived in Los Angeles, they were not in need of financial support. Instead, they embarked upon their far-ranging pursuit of land and wealth from San Pedro to Rancho Cucamonga to the San Fernando Valley. Forty-two percent soon purchased property. On their farm-lands, they introduced bell peppers and broccoli. They harvested the great schools of coastal sardines using their innovative nets, and then pioneered the use of olive oil in the canning process. In the lands east of Los Angeles, Secondo Guasti and a group of partners introduced the technique of dry land farming to hundreds of acres of vineyards, which one day would be known as the world's largest winery.

The great waves of immigration that swept over the United States in the 1870s and 1880s brought Italians as far west as California. Some settled around the Plaza, including Sacchi, the photographer; Mdme. Zuccha, who reigned over her restaurant; and the extended Piuma family, who owned a pharmacy. On the east side of the Plaza,

the town. As gold fever declined in intensity, some of these adventurers traveled southward to the vaunted "nuova Italia," now the pueblo of Los Angeles. They brought with them a unique cultural pattern that served them well as strangers in a new land. Unlike the immigrants who

extending from Olvera Street or Vine Street to the banks of the river, there were vineyards cultivated by Europeans, including Antonio Pelanconi and Giacomo Tononi. Other Italians applied their sartorial skills in the emerging garment industry a few blocks southward; a number of them particularly from Abruzzi became distinguished, making them tailors by appointment to the White House during a recent administration.

By the beginning of the 20th century, the Italian business community reached beyond the Plaza to North Broadway, extending from Bozzani's Bicycle Shop (and later, automobiles) to Basso Motors at Bishop's Road. Overlooking the district was St. Frances Cabrini's Regina Coeli Orphanage, which occupied the former J.W. Robinson estate. Arrayed along the side streets and main thoroughfare were Frumento's Vegetables, Dario's Delicatessen, Giacchino's Pastries, Pocino and Scavarda's Sausages, Torre and Casaretto Accountants and Travel Agency, and the offices of the Italian newspaper. After 1905, North Broadway was crowned by the Paris Inn, featuring Bert Rovere and his singing waiters — not far from Little Joe's Restaurant and Delicatessen and the relocated St. Peter's Church.

Earlier, St. Peter's Church had been on San Fernando or Main Street. Several blocks southward, the Italian Hall occupied the second floor of the Hammel Building. From 1907 through the early 1930s, it served as the headquarters of the Italian Mutual Benevolence Society (later the Garibaldina Society). It was also the site of wedding receptions, banquets and Saturday night dances presided over by Pete Pontrelli and his Orchestra. This center of the Italian community also served as the official point



The Bozzani Bros. bike and auto repair shop.

History Comes Alive!

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



Tales From the City Archives



A popular footrace, organized by the Italian Hall, 1917.



St. Peter's Italian Catholic Church in present-day Chinatown.

of departure for foot races to Lincoln Park and hotly contested bicycle competitions to Montebello and even Chino.

On summer weekends, the focus shifted to Montebello Stadium, once part of the Repetto ranch. After a picnic repast on lawns lined with cypresses, some men would launch an afternoon card game of briscola, while others would play bocce or compete in hurling heavy rounds of Parmesan cheese in *Il Tiro*. On nearby lawns, children competed in sack races, balancing acts and more. Not far away, the midway was lined with booths offering

games of skill and chance, as well as the opportunity to acquire the autograph from some notable Italian athlete. Soon Pontrelli would strike up the band in the spacious open-air pavilion, where couples circled the floor performing brisk two-steps or well-remembered dances from home.

Other activities were sponsored by the numerous organizations established in the 1920s. Although the United States had imposed a severe immigration quota in 1924, the community of Los Angeles Italians had doubled from the turn of the century and provided ready membership for the Elenora Duse literary society, the Dante Alighieri Society, the Dante Post of the American Legion and the Italian Woman's Club.

After 1922, memories of home were further kindled by an expanded consular corps that hosted members of the Italian colony of Southern California at receptions, teas, plays and even fencing competitions at the headquarters of the *Ex Combattenti* (Italian War Veterans) at their hillside facility on Lilac Terrace near Sunset Boulevard. In a variety of ways, the young, aristocratic vice-consuls

reminded Italian-Americans that according to Benito Mussolini, although that had emigrated, they remained Italian to the sixth generation. To reinforce this point, the staff presented travelogues, organized trips with the Italian Touring Club, and hosted the Italian team participating in the 1932 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. Italian language classes were offered at the site as well as a chain of satellite schools overseen by Dr. Angela Spadea.

With the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, the Department of Justice moved with dispatch to apprehend all residents noted on a poorly-conceived "A-List," which included many high-level academics, radio broadcasters, travel agents, writers and journalists. After being held at Terminal Island without legal representation, they were dispatched under heavy security for the duration to Fort Missoula, Mon. Others located in Military District One encompassing the Pacific Slope, especially residents of San Pedro, were relocated to other districts.

For the majority of Italian "enemy aliens," the wartime restrictions included a curfew, federal regulation of travel, and the surrender of all potential war materials, including flashlights and short-wave components in radios. The constraints continued until October 12, 1942, when Attorney General Anthony Biddle declared that Italians were enemies no more. The local Italian newspaper, *L'Italo Americano*, bore the jubilant headline: "*Siamo nemici non piu!*" (We are enemies no more.)

In postwar years, newcomers filled the breach in the local Italian colony which was shadowed by both partisan suspicion and resentment of the few who continued to speak the "enemy's language." Italian Americans joined in the inexorable movement to the West Coast. They were joined by a new type of immigrant, the Italian war bride. Both groups vainly struggled to find the cultural matrix of the Italian-American community of Southern California. To the effects of diffusion and assimilation had been added hostilities between region and class, and most of all, a deep hostility between factions who had favored the allies or the Axis.



A banquet in the Italian Hall, circa 1919.



The Italian Hall today, near Olvera Street.

Thanks to the intervention of the newly formed Federated Italo-Americans of Southern California, the Patrons of Italian Culture, and most prominently, the Scalabrini Fathers — who seized the initiative in establishing Casa Italiana, a focal point of the Italian-American community, rebuilding St. Peter's Church and constructing Villa Scalabrinu Retirement Home — a new period of growth was launched.

A final phase of the local Italian community's immigration history was launched as Italy enjoyed new economic prosperity starting in the 1960s and a cadre of prosperous business people, including representatives of international businesses headquartered in Italy, constituted a new wave. They, along with government employees, members of the filmmaking, fashion, and food purveying industries, have established a distinct enclave within the City and are as unfamiliar with the community's historical past, as longtime residents are unaware of the wealth of experience the newly arrived can make available to them.



An early Los Angeles Italian-American wedding.

ANIMAL SERVICES

Venice Pet Adoption

Animal Services teams up with national pet charity for pet adoption event on Venice Beach.



At the Animal Services mobile pet adoption event on Venice Beach April 6.

Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

On April 6, Animal Services held a mobile pet adoption on Venice Beach.

The event was in partnership with the North Shore Animal League America's Tour For Life 2008, a national initiative to save the lives of innocent animals.

A cooperative initiative with animal shelters across the country, Tour for Life, sponsored by Nestle Purina PetCare Company, aims to reinforce the importance and advantages of shelter adoptions.

Shelter dogs, cats, puppies and kittens were available for adoption on the Animal League's mobile adoption unit. In addition to finding loving homes for the animals, this event informed the public of the many educational and lifesaving services available to pet owners at Animal Services. There was pet care information as well as volunteer opportunities.

To learn more about Tour For Life and how you can help North Shore Animal League America, visit www.animal-league.org, call the special Tour For Life hotline, (800) 214-4308.



Even pop musician Maya gets in the mood during the pet adoption event.



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HARBOR

Port Police Poker

Port Police hold a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament to raise money for their Baker to Vegas team.



Jake Nielsen, ILWU, pictured with his winning cards.



Center: Officer Rosario Ferrara, event organizer, pictured with the "dealer dolls."



The City Employees Club sponsored two Port Police Officers, from left: Officer Robert Reynolds, Community Relations, Club Member; Brian Trent, CFO, City Employees Club of Los Angeles; and David Clements, Field Training Officer.



Are we having fun yet?!



Officer Dan Cobos, Club Member, and his wife, Carolyn.



Onlookers check out the action from the final table players, seated from left: Officer Rosario Ferrara; Lt. Rosa Reynoso; Jake Nielsen, ILWU; and Linda Trent, wife of Brian Trent, the Club's CFO.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

The Port Police raised funds for their Baker to Vegas team by hosting a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament March 20. It was held at the Cabrillo Marina Community Center.

The annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay was created and is produced by the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club (LAP-DRAAC). The Club is grateful for their leadership in this event.

Hundreds of teams now compete in the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay, which challenges teams of runners to race (on foot) from Baker, Calif., to Las Vegas.

More than 90 players came for good fun in the name of charity. Delicious barbecue was served, thanks to grill master Officer Brandon Anderson. Club Counselor Arlene Herrero and Club CFO Brian Trent were also on hand.

Winner Jake Nielsen took home a 42-inch Panasonic TV. Linda Trent, wife of Club's CFO Brian Trent, skillfully made her play as she took her seat on the winners' final game table for the grand prize.

The event raised more than \$600.

Thanks to Officer Rosario Ferrara, Mary Ramos, and Officer Alex Castillo.



Winner Jake Nielsen with the "dealer dolls."



From left: Anthony DiTucci, Captain of Angelina II; Officer Rudy Meza, Sea Marshal; and Officer Rudy Twardy with his dog, Imperial.



From Left: Daniel Wang, AIG; and Officer Ian Schunke, Club Member.



From left: Port Police Officer Tou Moua, Club Member; Sgt. Huerta; and Lt. Rosa Reynoso.



From left: Mimi Gutierrez, Club Member; and Jessica Bautista, Club Member.



Officer Bernard Anderson, Club Member, keeps everyone's tummy filled.



Baker to Vegas Team Captains, from left: Lt. Michael Kettlekamp; Brian Trent, the Club's CFO; and Officer Alex Castillo, Club Member.



From left: Tracy Espinosa, Accounting Clerk; and Rhonda Uyemura, Payroll Supervisor, Club Member, with her son, Ryan.



A look of shock from the Club's CFO, Brian Trent.



Seated, from left: William Ramirez, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Club Member; and Sr. Lead Officer Ian Schunke, Club Member.



From left: Lt. Rosa Reynoso; and Barbara Renteria, wife of Port Police Capt. Martin Renteria, Club Member.



From left: Ron and Mikki Mowrer, Dispatcher, Port Police, Club Member.



HOT CLUB OFFER!!

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VERSUS	DATE	SPECIAL NIGHT
New York Mets	Mon: 5/5	
ST. Louis Cardinals	Fri: 5/23	(Fireworks Night)
Chicago Cubs	Fri: 6/6	
Chicago White Sox	Thur: 6/26	
Florida Marlins	Sat: 7/12	(Fireworks Night)
Washington Nationals	Sun: 7/27	(Autograph Night)
Arizona Diamondbacks	Sun: 8/3	(Dodger Build-A-Bear Night)
Philadelphia Phillies	Thur: 8/14	
San Francisco Giants	Sun: 9/21	(Fan Appreciation Day)
San Diego Padres	Thur: 9/25	(Team Photo Calendar)

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LAPD

Central City Celebrates Officers

Central City Police Boosters hosts recognition event to thank Central LAPD force.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

Six Central Station employees, a Community Service Award, and a Booster Citizen of the Year were recognized at the annual Central City Police Boosters event March 4 at the Wilshire Grand Hotel.

Welcome remarks were made by Central City

Police Booster President Randall Ely. ABC7 anchorman Philip Palmer provided a history of Central Boosters and introduced special guests, Capt. Michelle Veenstra; Deputy Chief Sergio Diaz; Capt. Jodi Wakefield; Councilmembers Jose Huizar and Jan Perry; City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo; and Commander Andrew Smith. Keynote speaker was Daryl F. Gates, Retired Chief, LAPD.

Award recipients were:

- Civilian Employee of the Year: Senior Clerk Typist Andy Lam;
- Supervisor of the Year: Sgt. I Andy Mathes;
- Officer of the Year: Sr. Lead Officer III Angel Guerra;



From left: John Arredondo, Detective I, Club Member; with Grace and Angel Guerra, P3.

- Detective Supervisor of the Year: Det. II Elmer "E.T." Gibson;
- Detective of the Year: Det. I John Arredondo;
- Special Unit Officer of the Year: Police Officer II Raul Barron;
- Citizen Volunteer of the Year: Robert Taylor (Jewelry District);
- Community Service Award: Police Officer II Marie Kardiban; and
- President's Award: Vons Companies.

Congratulations to all those dedicated to public safety in the LAPD Central area.

Special thanks to Capt. Jodi Wakefield and Officer Marie Kardiban for their assistance.



From left: David Gee, Booster Board Director; Sgt. Mark Kardiban; and Sgt. Adrienne Legaspi.



From left: Tyler Fox, P2; Ramon Ortega, P2; Carlos Gonzalez, Detective I; and Rich Rogers, P2.



From left: Commander Andrew Smith, Club Member; and Thomas Hyde, First Vice President, Central City Police Boosters.



From left: Asheley Farmer; Dennis Neddleman, Booster Member; Paul Saeliu, Booster Member; Det. III Valerie Dufort, Internal Affairs; and Officer Marie Kardiban, Club Member.

CENTRAL AREA 2007 Specialized Unit Officer of the Year

Raul Barron, Police Officer II:

Police Officer II Raul Barron completed his probationary period at Central Area. Upon completion, he transferred to Safer Cities Initiative (SCI), Operations-Central Bureau. During 2007, Officer Barron took upon himself some of the most difficult to solve issues within SCI. Many times, officers would have large encampments at the same location, day in and day out. However, Officer Barron does not settle for this revolving-door syndrome. He goes out of his way to build a rapport with the homeless individuals, who live on Skid Row. Many times, he obtains shelter for them. He is creative in work efforts and shows compassion to the public on a daily basis.

Additionally, he has a positive working relationship with the Business Improvement Districts. Officer Barron is committed to one of the 20 Management Principles, "people working with Police." On one occasion, he had Central City East Association pressure wash the sidewalks within Toy Town. This was well received from the business community, and the homeless who sleep on these sidewalks. Without a doubt he understands "Community Policing" and "problem solving."

During the past year, Officer Barron was assigned to SCI Squad Two. This area includes Main to Maple Streets and Third to Ninth Streets. Of all the officers who have worked this area, no one knows the community members and crime trends better than he. Many of the people he serves know him as "Raul." Officer Barron takes great pride in knowing his area and is the standard of "Territorial Imperative." Several times during the year, he was called upon to be acting supervisor for SCI Squad Two. Not only does he know the neighborhood, but was accountable enough to take on additional responsibility without hesitation. Many of the newer officers would look to him for guidance and advice.

Officer Barron brings to work the same commitment that he shows to his wife and six children at home. He always comes to work with a mission in mind and, without a doubt, by the end of the day it has been accomplished. He constantly is looking for problems to solve. For an officer with less than five years on the Department, Officer Barron has leadership skills that are not often seen in such a young officer. He is truly a pleasure to supervise and work with.

CENTRAL CITY 2007 Detective of the Year

John Arredondo, Detective I:

Det. I John Arredondo is recognized as Central Area's 2007 Detective of the Year for his dedication, leadership, teamwork and contribution to Central Area's 21 percent crime reduction while assigned as an investigator on the Crimes Against Person Table.

Det. Arredondo is a dedicated, experienced investigator. He has a reputation for being approachable and helpful, especially to patrol officers looking for advice. He is a well-rounded investigator, having worked several tables.

Over the past year, Det. Arredondo carried one of the largest caseloads in the Division. He set a clearance rate of 66 percent and a filing rate of 41 percent; yet, he had a zero backlog.

Fellow detectives often seek out Det. Arredondo for advice and assistance on follow-ups. He has never shied away from a challenge, nor has he ever turned down a colleague. Indeed, Det. Arredondo went beyond the call of duty this year when he built a set of storage shelves for patrol officers to stow their kit bags, during roll calls.

Det. Arredondo is renowned for his ability to charm even the most difficult victim or witness. Regardless of the subject's demeanor, he is able to convey a sense of helpfulness and confidence.

Det. Arredondo is adept at planning investigative approaches for complicated cases. He is analytical, yet practical in his approach, and always thorough. In one case in particular, Det. Arredondo investigated the assault by three teenaged boys on a homeless man, who was sleeping on Skid Row. Following patrol officers arrest of two of the three juveniles, Det. Arredondo identified the third teen, convinced all three boys' parents to cooperate with a consent search of their sons' bedrooms, and obtained a confession from all three subjects. His efforts resulted in a felony petition against each teen. Key to the investigation was Det. Arredondo's careful and insightful examination of the subjects' cell phones, which contained video footage of several random attacks on homeless men citywide.

For these reasons, as well as his 19-year commitment to the LAPD, Central Area is proud to bestow upon Det. I John Arredondo the distinction and honor of being named Central Area's Detective of the Year for 2007.

CENTRAL AREA 2007 Civilian Employee of the Year

Andy Lam, Senior Clerk Typist:

Civilian Employee Andy Lam is recognized as the 2007 Central Area Civilian Employee of the Year. Mr. Lam is acknowledged for his dedication, teamwork and hard-working demeanor. During the selection process for this distinction, Mr. Lam truly stood out with his reputation as a person who can be counted on and entrusted to follow-through and complete complex projects. He has also interjected a fresh sense of rejuvenation among fellow employees that have worked around him. His laughter and sense of humor is contiguous and has made the working environment more enjoyable for Area personnel.

Mr. Lam served as a police officer since 2002, but due to a catastrophic injury he was unable to continue on in his chosen career path. However, in 2007 Central Area was fortunate to discover Mr. Lam's talent with his acceptance of a critical position in the Patrol Captain's Office. Mr. Lam has truly immersed himself into a pivotal role of support staff for both captains. His daily duties include the supervision of other civilian employees, reviewing critical documents, and composing the Daily Elected Officials Reports that are disseminated Citywide. Outside of the said duties, Mr. Lam is also responsible for compliance and tracking all patrol related projects to ensure conformity with the Consent Decree.

When off-duty, Mr. Lam is an avid tennis player and happily coaches tennis to young people. He is also a newlywed and a devoted son.

It is without doubt that Mr. Lam has earned this distinction.

CENTRAL AREA 2007 Citizen Volunteer of the Year

Robert C. Taylor:

Robert "Bob" Taylor started his career as a Security Guard in Downtown more than 15 years ago and has established many strong working relationships within the community and the Central Area Community Police Station. He immediately displayed a work ethic, which separated him for the rest. He has developed a reputation as a no-nonsense, take-care-of-business security professional and was among the first who assisted Los Angeles Police Department in organizing the Safer Streets Initiative, a Public Safety Program in the Jewelry District.

Bob became a Central Area Police Volunteer 14 years ago and has been working with the Central City Police Boosters in their Crime Prevention activities and youth programs. He has acted as the liaison with the Jewelry District in organizing toy drives, and raising funds for the underprivileged youth in the Downtown area. He is instrumental in making so many children smile during the holiday season.

Bob also serves as a member of Central's Community-Police Advisory Board and has dedicated himself to this committee by participating in countless police and community functions. Bob has always had a strong working relationship with Central Area Command Staff, Senior Lead, and Patrol Officers. He stays in communication with Central Area personnel and provides them with updates on his observations, which he has made in regards to concerns in the area.

Bob is a true inspiration on what volunteers can do for their community.

LAPD

Central City Celebrates Officers

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From left: Capt. Jodi Wakefield, Commanding Officer, Central Station, Club Member; Daryl F. Gates, Retired Chief, Los Angeles Police Department; Capt. Michelle Veenstra, Commanding Officer, Training Division; and Officer Marie Kardiban, Club Member.



From left: Laura Fasone, Volunteer; Nery Buenavid, Volunteer; Paul Kardiban, brother of Officer Marie Kardiban; and R.J. Kardiban, son of Officer Marie Kardiban.



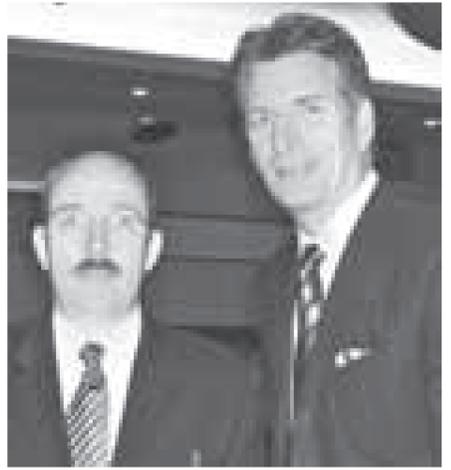
From left: Wilson Roth, Reserved Officer; Chaplain Ron Seidel; and Steve Whitelaw, P2.



From left: Councilman Jose Huizar; Deputy Chief Sergio Diaz, Club Member; and Fred Yadegar, President of Sibelle of California.



Representing the Gang Unit, from left: Gregg Fischer, P2; Lt. John McMahon; Chris Jarvis, P2; and Eddie Alvarez, P2.



From left: Randall Ely, Central City Police Boosters President; and ABC7 Anchorman Phillip Palmer.



From left: Glen Goote, LAPD Photographer; and Sean Foote, P2, South East.

CENTRAL AREA
2007 Sergeant of the Year

Andy Mathes, Sergeant I:

Sgt. I Andy Mathes is recognized as Central Area's 2007 Supervisor of the Year for his leadership, tenacity, and contribution to Central Area's 21 percent crime reduction, while assigned as the Officer in Charge of the Crime Suppression Detail (CSD).

Sgt. Mathes ably led the CSD's eight officers throughout the year, guiding and training them to identify crime trends and formulate responses to capture the criminals causing the crime spikes.

Sgt. Mathes was creative in finding ways to address crime problems. His unit conducted bait-car operations, surveillance, off-hours narcotics enforcement, served warrants, and worked up criminal profiles of career criminals.

Sgt. Mathes was resourceful in finding equipment and other tools for his officers. The unit regularly surprised everyone with its ability to do more with less.

Sgt. Mathes worked well with detectives, encouraging his officers to seek out Wanted Suspects and crime problems. He and his unit became a beneficial liaison between Detectives and Patrol operations. Sgt. Mathes' knowledge of Downtown was also an asset in recognizing crime trends early.

Under Sgt. Mathes' leadership, the CSD built a reputation for tenacity. This trait is reflected in one particular incident when the unit detained three out-of-state men Downtown. Through patience, knowledge of the law, and careful interrogation, the unit discovered these three men to be career criminals, armed with an array of weapons in their car. The unit's intervention undoubtedly prevented a large, violent crime spree in Skid Row or elsewhere.

For these reasons, as well as his 15-year commitment to the Los Angeles Police Department, Central Area is proud to bestow upon Sgt. I Andy Mathes the distinction and honor of being named Central Area's Supervisor of the Year for 2007.

CENTRAL AREA
2007 Officer of the Year

Angel Guerra, Police Officer III:

Police Officer III Angel Guerra is a 13-year veteran of the LAPD, who has been assigned to Central Area for the past 12 years and has been a Field Training Officer for seven years.

The Officer of the Year award is not taken lightly by police officers. In the eyes of their peers, the officer who is selected must be an officer who "fills big shoes." The individual must possess leadership and police skills of the highest caliber. He must be a hard working peer leader, one whom other officers look up to and follow as a role model. Officer Guerra fits this description, in all respects.

In furtherance of Central Area's Annual Work Plan and the Department's Community Policing Program, Officer Guerra has worked closely with his Senior Lead Officer in the identification of crime trends and the planning and implementation of problem solving strategies in his beat. He uses his available time for directed patrol to solve neighborhood problems, to make arrests, complete Field Interview Cards, and traffic enforcement. He has been commended on several occasions for his productivity. Officer Guerra's efforts in crime reduction have contributed to an improvement in the quality of life in the community and a strengthening of the positive relationship between the Department and the citizenry of the Central City Area.

Officer Guerra possesses a proven track record in Central Area. Officer Guerra realizes that, as a Field Training Officer, he has a significant impact on a young officer's attitudes, ethics, and values in carrying out the duties of a Los Angeles Police Officer, which will remain throughout their career. This attitude has made him favorite among probationary officers.

During this year, he performed his duties in an exemplary manner. He is a mature officer who uses sound judgment and common sense, and handles any situation with confidence. Officer Guerra has the ability to serve the Department and the community in the highest capacity, which makes him an ideal officer to work any patrol related assignment. This type of commitment and professionalism is what this Department's reputation was founded upon.

CENTRAL CITY
2007 Detective Supervisor of the Year

E.T. Gibson, Detective II:

Det. II E. T. Gibson is recognized as Central Area's 2007 Detective Supervisor of the Year for his dedication, leadership, teamwork, and contribution to Central Area's 21 percent crime reduction, while assigned as the Juvenile Coordinator and Acting Autos Table Coordinator for the Central Detective Division.

Det. Gibson readily accepted greater responsibility and double-duty during the year by filling in for the Detective III on the Auto Table during the coordinator's nine-month absence and overseeing all juvenile-related issues.

As the Juvenile Coordinator, Detective Gibson distinguished his Area and himself by maintaining one of the lowest backlogs in the Department for juvenile arrests and suspected-child-abuse reports (SCAR).

Det. Gibson kept his four juvenile officers focused, trained, and motivated to handle the scores of SCAR investigations reported by schools, doctors and social workers. He also coordinated the dozens of missing investigations, mostly reported about persons associated with Skid Row.

Det. Gibson carefully watched over the juvenile detention logs, ensuring no youth was kept in secure custody without proper cause, and that no youth was kept in the police station longer than allowed. Routine audits by the presiding judge always showed Central Area in compliance, which was a credit to Detective Gibson's efforts.

Det. Gibson performed his duties as the Juvenile Coordinator in addition to being a case-carrying investigator on the Auto Table. When the Table Coordinator was off for an extended time, Det. Gibson assumed the Table Coordinator's duties for nine months. Despite being down one investigator and supervising the juvenile officers, Det. Gibson kept the Auto Detectives focused on their caseloads. The Auto Table finished the year with a clearance rate above the City and Bureau's average, and with no backlog.

For these reasons, as well as his 26-year commitment to the LAPD, Central Area is proud to bestow upon Det. II E. T. Gibson the distinction and honor of being named Central Area's Detective Supervisor of the Year for 2007.

CENTRAL AREA
2007 Community Service Officer of the Year

Marie Kardiban:

Police Officer II Marie Kardiban has been assigned to Central's Community Relations Office. This position requires a great deal of maturity and responsibility, as it involves constant interaction with the public and children. Her ability to manage financial resources and organize high-profile events is all a demonstration of her unquestionable integrity and rock-solid reliability. She is on Central Area's Station Fund Committee as Treasurer, and the coordinator for Central City Booster Association, Volunteers, Crime Prevention and Community-Police Advisory Board; these positions require great trust and responsibility. Officer Kardiban's outstanding work ethic and integrity have continued to earn the confidence and respect of both Central Captains.

Without a doubt, Officer Kardiban is one of the Department's most capable and hardest working Community Relations Officers. Her ability to bring resources together and work with community and business members is simply unparalleled. She always puts the mission first and does not take "no" for an answer, when it comes to providing the community at large with quality service. This has served to facilitate a greater relationship between the LAPD and members of the public. Her dedication to Community Policing has served to channel the efforts of the Department, community, and the City toward the coordinated goal of improving the quality of life in the Downtown area.

Officer Kardiban is a highly productive, organized and a pro-active officer constantly sought out by her superiors to manage or plan Department sponsored community events. She has also used her outstanding organizational skills to plan and coordinate special divisional events, holiday parties, and fundraising tournaments. Without her involvement, these functions would not have been possible or nearly as successful. Additionally, Officer Kardiban was personally responsible for successfully organizing Central Area's 2007 "Officer Recognition Luncheon." This is a very critical event in Central, as it recognizes our finest officers, sergeants, detectives, and civilian personnel for outstanding work and job dedication. Officer Kardiban also plans and organizes the Annual Golf Tournament, ensuring a large and successful turnout each year. She has also assisted with what has now become an annual event at Christmas to Camp Pendleton and Balboa Naval Hospital to bring holiday cheer to young Marine and Navy families, as well as those personnel wounded in either Iraq or Afghanistan.

Her eagerness to jump in and help other Senior Lead and Community Relation Officers with their programs is indicative of her dedication to Community Policing and willingness to be a team player, ensuring the success of any program she works on.

HARBOR

From The Harbor

Free Harbor Tours: As part of World Trade Week, the Port of LA will be offering free hour-long tours of the Harbor.

The Port of Los Angeles will be offering free boat tours to the public on Saturday and Sunday, May 17 and 18, in celebration of World Trade Week 2008. The hour-long tours of the nation's number one container port will depart both days between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. from Ports O' Call Village, 1100 Nagoya Way in San Pedro, and Banning's Landing Community Center, 100 E. Water Street in Wilmington. The Port sponsors the free, fully-narrated tours each year to keep community members up to date about the latest Port developments, driving home the importance of international trade to everyday living.

Stroll the scenic Los Angeles Cruise Ship Promenade with its colorful public art, and the Harbor Boulevard Parkway with "story rope" narratives. Tour the World War II warship *S.S. Lane Victory*, docked at the Promenade, and visit the Los Angeles Maritime Museum at Sixth Street



The Port of LA.

and Sampson Avenue. Sightseers can enjoy free rides on the Waterfront Red Car Line to all these attractions. Afterward, enjoy the lunch at one of the many international restaurants in historic downtown San Pedro. Reservations are not required for the free boat tours, which will board on a first-come, first-served basis. Wheelchair access is available at each departure point. Information about the Port's World Trade Week Boat Tours program is available 24 hours a day on the Port's toll-free special events line at (800) 831-PORT or call (310) 732-3508 during normal business hours.

World Trade Week is a national, month-long program of tours, seminars and other events to educate the public about the significance of international trade to the local economy. For information about other local World Trade Week activities, call the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce at (213) 580-7569, or visit the official event Website at www.worldtradeweek.com.



The Port of LA.

Port of Los Angeles featured on the National Geographic Channel

Consumers nationwide got an in-depth look at the complex, water-borne supply chain that stocks America's store shelves and often runs through the Port of Los Angeles, the nation's largest container port. On April 6, the National Geographic Channel (NGC) premiered *America's Port*, a new eight-part weekly series that delivered an insider's view of the massive Port of Los Angeles complex and the intrepid individuals charged with keeping it running smoothly and securely 365 days a year.

While Los Angeles is known more for entertainment than global trade, 20 miles south of downtown L.A. is one the most important trade gateways in the world. It's a City within a city, brimming with a workforce of thousands and potential crises 'round the clock: longshoremen urgently offloading cargo; customs officials investigating suspicious containers; a port pilot circumnavigating busy and unpredictable waterways; police divers searching for missing persons; a counterterrorism chief inspecting target points — and a tireless woman at the helm of the Harbor Department.

"I think people will be amazed at the sheer magnitude of our operations," said Harbor Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D. "And I'm certain they will embrace the individual character, dedication and pride of the people who work here, as they get a solid sense of the inherent danger, security measures and daily pressures



The Port of LA.

of getting it right, every time." At the epicenter of the Port's whirlwind of activity, Dr. Knatz is the Port's first female executive director and has been credited with making environmentalism a top priority — pledging to curb the Port's air pollution from trucks, ships, locomotives and other equipment by at least 45 percent in five years as part of the San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan, L.A.'s unprecedented clean air initiative in collaboration with the neighboring Port of Long Beach.

America's Port provides an unblinking view of this vibrant and colorful nerve center for global trade. Episodes of *America's Port* took viewers behind the scenes of the port — from bomb squad deployment in a post-9/11 world, to capturing counterfeits and illicit drugs, to the massive "green growth" campaign focused on eliminating hundreds of tons of vessel, train and truck pollution. There were personal stories and candid accounts from those in the heart of the operations who have seen and done it all.

America's Port was produced for National Geographic Channel by Original Productions, the acclaimed producers of "Ice Road Truckers" and "Deadliest Catch."

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MAYOR'S OFFICE

Budget Woes: Will You Be Taking 6 Mandatory Days Off?

Mayor proposes budget that will eliminate 767 jobs; require six mandatory days off without pay; and hike fees for additional income. What are your thoughts?



In addressing a stark \$406 million budget shortfall, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa proposed an austere budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1 that would include the elimination 767 jobs, possible layoffs, mandatory days off without pay, and fee hikes on several City services. The proposal came in an announcement April 21. The proposal must be approved by the City Council. At *Alive!* press time, no action had been taken.

The furloughs as proposed would not extend to Police Officers, Firefighters, or Sanitation workers.

"There are some [employees] who would rather lay off more people and not share the pain across the workforce," the L.A. Times quotes Villaraigosa as saying. "We think it's better that everybody participates, that everybody shares the burden."

The Mayor had already announced plans to continue hiring 1,000 new police officers and raise the City's monthly trash fees from \$26 to \$36 for homeowners. The proposed budget calls for \$90 million in increases to trash, golf, parking, recreation and animal adoption fees.

A few departments would see budget increases, including Planning (7 percent), Transportation (7 percent); and Public Works/Street Services (3 percent).

What are your thoughts on the plans to solve the large budget shortfall? Tell us! talkback@cityemployeesclub.com.

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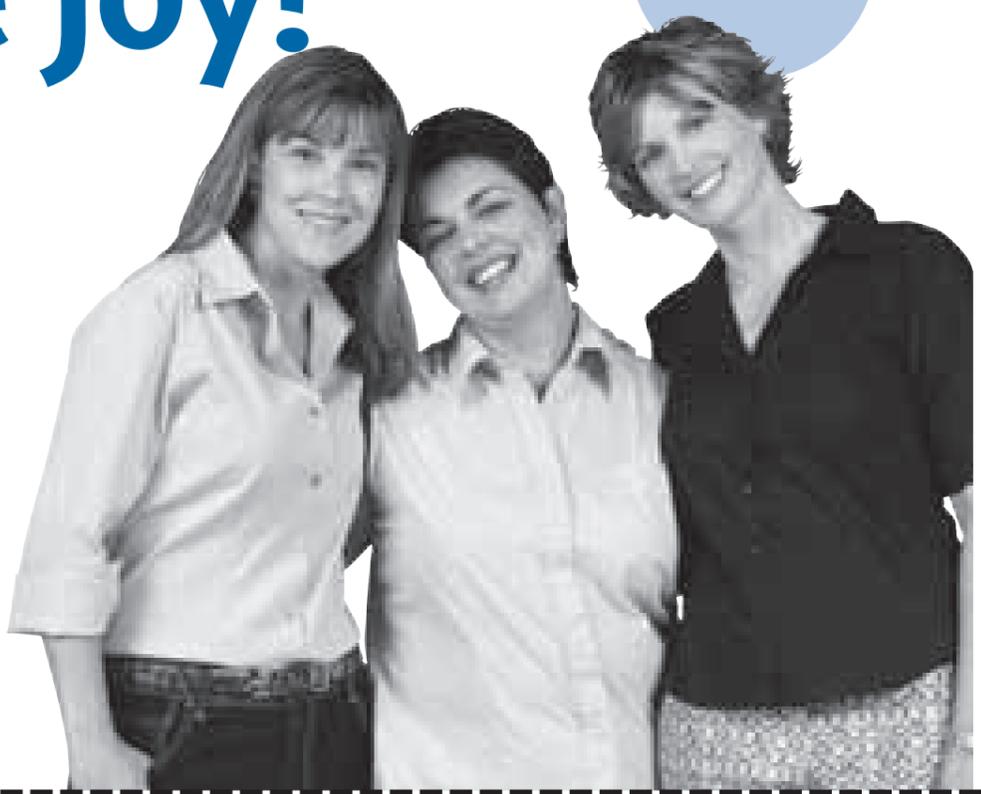
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Ed Harding, RLACEI President
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or via E-mail:
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Change of Address?

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 4: 30th annual Golf Classic at Alhambra Golf Course.
Aug. 7: Annual Picnic at 11:30 a.m. at Grace E. Simons Lodge.
Oct. 16: Annual Corp. Meeting and Elections at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center. Lunch at noon, meeting at 1 p.m.
Dec. 4: Christmas Party at noon at Grace E. Simons Lodge.

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

RLACEI:

Cost of Living Increase Should Be Three Percent



By Phil Skarin,
RLACEI Publicity Chair

President Ed Harding reports:



Ed Harding

"I am very sorry to report that Bob Wilkinson has resigned as Director and First Vice President due to health reasons. Bob is currently in the Brighton Gardens at White Oak Avenue and Devonshire Boulevard. Give him a phone call at (818) 366-9282. He will be happy to talk to you.

"Bob was a City Councilman during the 1960s. His district included the Northridge/Chatsworth areas. He did so much for his district that they named the Wilkinson Senior Center after him. It is at Van Alden and Nord.

"Board member Ken Spiker was elected First Vice President, replacing Wilkinson,

and Board Member Tom Stemnock was elected Second Vice President, replacing Ken Spiker.

"Michael P. Karsch was nominated by Ken Spiker as a Director to replace Wilkinson. The Board approved, by vote, his appointment to the Board and will serve until the next election, at which time the membership will decide if he should continue past Jan. 1.

"Michael Karsch was a Legislative Analyst with the City Council for 31 years. He coordinated the City's State legislative programs and lobbying efforts in Sacramento. He was also integrally involved on behalf of the City with advocacy groups such as the League of California Cities and the Southern California Association of Governments. He graduated from U.C. Berkeley in 1966 and received a Master's degree from the

University of Texas at El Paso in 1972. He served for more than four years in the Air Force as a Special Agent in the office of Special Investigations. Michael and his wife, Virginia, live in South Pasadena and have seven children and 10 grandchildren.

"I have appointed Michael to serve on the Legal and Legislative Committee, which Ken Spiker chairs. Jerry Bardwell and I also serve on this Committee.

"I will see many of you at our 30th annual Golf Classic at the Alhambra Golf Course Wed., June 4."

Legislative Update:



Ken Spiker

Ken Spiker reports that the annual cost of living adjustment is scheduled for the LACERS Board of Directors' approval.

The CPI (consumer price index) for the Los Angeles area came in at plus 3.3 percent. Those eligible retirees will receive a 3 percent payment increase effective July 1 and can add .3 percent to their accumulated banked benefit account. The Administrative Code 4.1040 requires the annual adjustment, but limits the increase to 3 percent per year. The bank can be used

to increase your benefit payments to 3 percent when the CPI is less than 3 percent.

Below are some examples of the banked benefits as of July 1:

Retirement Date Banked Benefits

- On or before 7/1/78
28.400 percent
- On or before 6/1/81
11.22 percent
- On or before 6/1/84
5.949 percent
- On or before 7/1/02
3.400 percent



The LACERS Board of Directors was to interview the applicant finalists for the Department's General Manager position on April 8. The three finalists are applying for the position since Robert Aguillo Jr. has submitted his resignation. I'm told all three are well-qualified candidates, and I'm sure whoever is selected can pick up where Mr. Aguillo left off.

RLACEI Website

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

Contact LACERS

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

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ADVENTURES with HAL!



Times Square.

By Hal Danowitz,
Secretary, RLACEI

Retiree Hotlines

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

City Employees Retirement System: (213) 473-7200

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

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

DWP Retirement Plan Office: (213) 367-1722

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A Week in New York Begins

Almost two years ago, Evelyn and I were invited to a wedding of one of my childhood friends in New York City. After we had purchased our airline tickets, the date of the wedding was changed, and we could not attend. These were non-refundable tickets, but we could use the face value, minus \$100 each. The new reservation had to be made within one year of the tickets' original purchase date, and the travel had to be within the next year. So last May I made reservations for us to fly to New York City on March 11 and return one week later. I picked this date because Evelyn was to retire at the end of February.

I used Hilton Hotel points to book a week at the Hilton New York (53rd and Avenue of Americas/Sixth Avenue). I figured that I had already paid for the airline tickets, so for the re-ticketing fee of \$200, we were getting a flight to NYC and one week stay at the Hilton. When our cousins, Don and Myrna, found out we were going, they decided to tag along.

Now, all of us have been to New York City a number of times and have seen most of the sights, but we had never stayed as long as a week. A week would let us enjoy the city at a slower pace than if you only had a couple of days.

We wanted to see a couple of Broadway shows and eat in some of the better restaurants. Evelyn wanted to visit the Culinary Institute of Art in Hyde Park (about 90 miles from Manhattan), and I wanted to visit West Point Military Academy (about 50 miles from Manhattan). After that, we would play it by ear. When I checked the calendar, I found out that the Monday before we would come home would be St. Patrick's Day, so we decided to see the parade. Evelyn wanted to visit with a girlfriend of hers, and I wanted to see my friend and his wife (they did get married).

Our flight on United Airlines from LAX left on time, and the service in business class was very good. We arrived at JFK pretty much on time and, after getting our luggage, we took a taxi into Manhattan. The taxi ride into the city is a fixed price of \$45 plus any toll, which normally adds another \$5. This price is also good for going to JFK from Manhattan.

When people say they are going to New

York City, they usually mean Manhattan, one of the five boroughs of the city. Manhattan is an island of 23 square miles with a population of 1.6 million. Compare this to the City of Los Angeles, with an area of 470 square miles and a population of 3.8 million, and you can see why Manhattan is one of the most densely populated areas in the United States.

Driving into Manhattan, you feel like you are in a canyon with large building completely surrounding you. The sidewalks are filled with people at all hours of the day and night. It is a city that never sleeps.

Our hotel was very busy. I forgot that this week would be the start of spring break and there were lots of high school student in town. After checking in to our room, I didn't like it because it did not have the king-size bed I had requested, and it was also smaller than the other rooms on the floor because it was by the stairwell, which took part of the room. I called the front desk and asked for a different room, which they did provide. Remember that if you have been confirmed for a specific type of room, the hotel has to honor your request or provide some type compensation. Our new room was fine and located on the 22nd floor.

Don and Myrna arrived at the hotel about an hour after we did, and we waited for them to go to dinner. After they arrived, we walked about five blocks toward Central Park and ate dinner at Mickey Mantle's Restaurant (42 Central Park South). It's a great place for a quick bite; the hamburgers are great and the place is filled with memorabilia of the New York Yankees and Mickey Mantle.

The weather during our stay was pretty good; during the day it was in the high 40s and at night in the high 30s. One day it got to almost 60, and on St. Patrick's Day it stayed in the low 30s most of the day. We had a little rain one day, and most of that was during the night. For the most part it wasn't too bad walking around.

There is a three hour time change, so sleeping the first

night was hit and miss, but every time I woke I could hear the noises of the city: horns honking, sirens, the beep-beep of trucks backing up and even the sound of people moving around the city. I thought about the sounds we heard in Africa and how each place has a sound that identifies it.

We met Don and Myrna in the lobby around 9 a.m., and we decided to walk to the Whitney Museum of American Art (75th and Madison Ave) about 20 blocks from our hotel. First I needed some breakfast and we started walking hoping to find a place. After a while we found a fast food restaurant in the city. There is no table service, but they do have tables where you can eat, and you order your food at a counter and then they bring it to the cashier where you pay. It is very orderly with everyone waiting in line, and the food



Hal and Evelyn in front of a pub.



Don, Myrna and Evelyn at the Whitney Museum.



was good and inexpensive.

The Whitney, as its names states, displays American artists, some of whom I liked and others of whom I did not – I'm of the old school, and like it when a tree looks like a tree and not a stick. It just so happens that we were at the Whitney during its biennial program, so we saw a lot of interesting and unusual works of art by emerging artists. The adult cost is \$15 and seniors get in for \$10. They wouldn't believe I was senior, so I had to show them my ID. The admission included an audio program that helps describe the various pieces of art.

We walked back to the hotel to get ready for dinner and the theater. We had pre-purchase tickets to *Is He Dead?*, a play by Mark Twain, and the musical *Gypsy*, and tonight was the play.

[A good place to find discount theatre tickets ahead of time is www.broadwaybox.com – Ed.]

We asked the concierge to make us dinner reservations at a restaurant close to the theater. She recommended Trattoria Dopo Teatro (125 W 44th Street), an Italian restaurant. The food and service were good, nothing special but good for a before-the-theater dinner. The curtain was 8 p.m., so we walked over to the theater a little after 7 p.m. Evelyn noticed that there were no people in front of the theater. I went inside and the box office told me the play closed two days earlier. I asked about my tickets, and they said I had already received a refund on my credit card.

We still wanted to see a show, so we walked over to Broadway and looked around for a theater. We found the Palace Theatre (Broadway and 47th Street), where *Legally Blonde – the Musical* was playing. I had seen the movie and it was cute, but I wasn't sure how a musical would play. We had run out of options and decided to take a chance. We were able to get good seats in the orchestra section and everyone really enjoyed the show. When it comes to Los Angeles, I intend to see it again.

We walked back to the hotel to get some sleep, because tomorrow we were driving to Hyde Park for the day.

When Evelyn decided to retire from work, I knew that we would be traveling more, so I brought a laptop computer to bring with us. I made sure that it was small enough to fit in my backpack. I loaded it with GPS software from Garmin, which I could use in a car. I also got a power strip that plugs into car power plug and lets me plug in the computer to 110-volt power. The software worked well except that it does not announce the names of the street, just that you will turn within a specific distance. You need two people to use it.

I was also able to use my computer in my room to check my e-mail and surf the Web. The hotel charges \$14.95 per day for a wireless connection, which I was willing to pay. When I turned on the computer I found at least five wireless networks that were unsecured, and I was able to sign on to one of them for free.

We'll pick up next month with our day trip to Hyde Park.



On the Move

Alive! catches up with Retirees who are active, involved ... Alive!

Ken Rents Room to the Finches

Ken Kochakji, regular contributor to the Best Years section, reports that he recently rented a room at his house – to a family of finches. As in birds.

"Ever since my wife hung that straw basket on the patio post a few years ago, the birds have been converging on the nest every spring. The birds are very social, and I've been taking pictures of them about five feet away through the kitchen window."

Good job on renting the space, Ken!



Room taken!



Room for rent.

Are you On the Move? Write to us and tell us what you're up to! It's even better if you send us a photo. We'll print what we can! talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Retirement

Retirement is just a bend in the river of life, exposing us to new horizons and challenges.

It is a reprieve from the grindstone period of our life.

It is a time for growing, a time to reach up beyond the clouds and view the heavens more clearly, a time to become in tune with the majesties of the Creator.

– Phil Skarin

RLACEI's Toll-Free Number

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

The number is: (800) 678-4145

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

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

RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

Anna Sklar, former information director for Public Works, has written a book titled *Brown Acres: An Intimate History of the Los Angeles Sewers*. She shines the light on the history of this important infrastructure.

Fred Frazier Jr. and his wife, Johnnie, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 26. Each year he travels to the Super Bowl and Kentucky Derby.

Raquel Barot took a 14-day tour from L.A. to Montreal and then continued on to Quebec. Then she cruised along the New England states.

Carl and Cindy Lundquist are active with the Culver City Senior Center. Carl continues on the staff of RVForum.net., which is one of the most active recreational vehicle forums on the Internet, with more than 12,000 members.

Lewis Nichols has worked in land surveying and has traveled to Italy and Kauai Island and to his son's graduation from UC Berkley Law School.

Peter See traveled to the Philippines for the wedding of a niece. He volunteers at Meals on Wheels.

David Talcott was elected president of the Laguna Woods Men's Golf Club. He will be a marshal at the U.S. Open at Torrey Pines.

Earl Rogers did sketches and other artwork for fellow employees. He wants them to know that he's now listed in "Who's Who in American Art." This should increase the value of his work.

Paul Beecroft moved to Oregon in 1996 and bought a house with an airplane hanger behind it for their Bonanza and a taxiway to the Independence Airport. He has flown his plane to Alaska, Nova Scotia, the Bahamas and throughout Mexico. He has been married to the same wonderful wife for 59 years. Wow!

Luci Torres continues as the caregiver for her 97-year-old mom. "I keep in touch with my good neighbors, Marsha Daidola and Angelo Incardona," she writes.

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.

Hal Danowitz asks you to visit our **Website** at rlacei@verizon.net to find the latest retirement news.

If you have news about yourself or other retirees that you'd like to share, contact Phil Skarin at 5301 Norwich Avenue., Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910 or call (800) 678-4145, ext. 709.



Jack Mathews.



Sam Hochberg.



Ben Reyes.



Bebe Jacobson, LAPD.



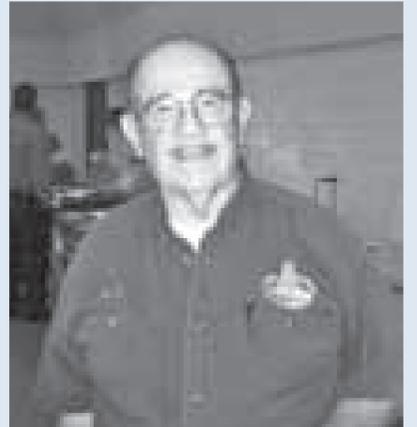
Bob Knox, Personnel.



A large showing graces the Van Nuys Senior Center.



Club Partner Jeff Chonis with The Equity Key Program; call him at (818) 728-9044 to unlock the equity in your home.



Ed Harding, President, RLACEI.



Shirley and Joe Govea.



Sylvester Warsaw Sr.



Mike and Cleone Vraibel.



Lillyan Candelaria.



Arnold and David Port.



Rene O'Malley and Wilma Rebbe.



Mariano Ondoy, Public Works/Accounting.



From left: Club CEO John Hawkins and Henry Starks.



Club Director of Communications and Marketing Robert Larios and Helmar Anderson.



Harry Warshawski.



Ken Kochajki.



Dennis Harding.

RLACEI's Spring Meeting

■ Retirees Assn. holds annual spring meeting.

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

RLACEI — The Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) held its spring meeting April 10 at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Citizens Center.

The food was good and the company even better.

At the helm was Ed Harding (and we swore we saw a parakeet on his shoulder) running the meeting with his usual flair. Ken Spiker, who still has the swagger of a Councilman, gave the membership an update on the City's retirement plan. Helen Salgado made her rounds amongst the membership, brightening up the place as she moved with her friendly and bubbly personality. Phil Skarin flexed his muscles just like the days at Venice Beach. Hal Danowitz (of *Adventures with Hal* fame) hit the stage, answering complicated medical coverage questions from the membership. As always, Jack Mathews attended with his giant smile and warm handshake. Even Ken Kochakji found time between marathons to attend.

Needless to say, the auditorium was full of good friends and happiness. Make sure you see all the pictures and don't miss the next event!

The new RLACEI Officers for 2008 are:

- Edward Harding, President
- Kenneth Spiker, First Vice President
- Thomas Stemnock, Second Vice President
- Jerry Bardwell, Treasurer, and
- Hal Danowitz, Secretary.



From left: Stephen Friedlander and Gus Papas.



The new RLACEI Board and support staff.

Retiree Question of the Month

Alive! asked retirees...

The Best Years



"Lincoln."
- Gus Papas



"Ronald Reagan."
- Lillyan Candelaria



"John F. Kennedy."
- Henry Starks



"Franklin D. Roosevelt."
- Mike Vraibel



"Harry Truman."
- Wilma Rebbe



"Harry Truman."
- Cleone Vraibel



"George Washington."
- Helmar Anderson



"Lincoln."
- Ben Reyes



"Franklin D. Roosevelt."
- Harry Warshawski

Who is the greatest president of all time?



"George Washington."
- Rene O'Malley



"Franklin D. Roosevelt."
- Arnold Port



"Ronald Reagan."
- Shirley Govea



"Franklin D. Roosevelt."
- Sam Hochberg



"John F. Kennedy."
- Jeff Chonis, Club Partner



"Harry Truman."
- Bebe Jacobsen



"Ronald Reagan."
- Dennis Harding



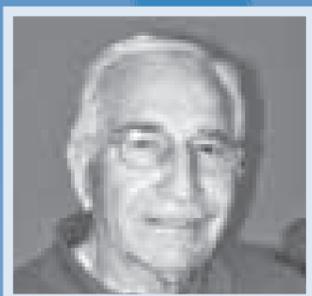
"John F. Kennedy."
- Sylvester Warsaw Sr.



"George Washington."
- Stephen Friedlander



"Harry Truman."
- David Port



"Ronald Reagan."
- Bob Knox



"Abraham Lincoln."
- Ken Kochakji



"George W. Bush."
- Mariano Ondoy



"Richard Nixon."
- Harris Yoneoka

LAFD

Firefighter Dies in Line of Duty

Firefighter Brent Lovrien, a 10-year veteran, dies after an explosion in Westchester. Engineer Anthony Guzman is injured.

Scene photo by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

On March 26, an explosion in a underground electrical vault killed LAFD Firefighter Brent Lovrien, a 10-year veteran, on duty at FS 95 in the LAX area. The explosion also injured Engineer Anthony Guzman, an 18-year veteran.

At 1:57 p.m., firefighters were summoned to investigate a "smell of smoke" inside an office supply store at 8540 S. Sepulveda Blvd. in the Westchester area of Los Angeles, not far from LAX.

LAFD Engine 5 arrived at 2:03 p.m. and reported an underground electrical vault explosion in front of the location, and that they would handle the situation.

At 2:16 p.m., Engine 5 reported a second underground electrical vault explosion and requested additional Fire Department resources for the new incident at 8800 S. Sepulveda Blvd.

At 2:23 p.m., LAFD dispatchers received a telephone call reporting a structure fire at the site of the second explosion.

Engine 5, already on scene, initially reported no evidence of fire. One minute later, they reported fire in a locked room, and to keep all resources responding.

Engine 95 arrived soon thereafter to investigate the source of the smoke in the locked room, an approximately seven-foot wide by four-foot-deep electrical/storage closet on the southeast, first floor corner of the two-story structure.

The crew of Engine 95 sought to access the locked room, which contained electric utility meters for the building, when a severe explosion occurred, causing injury to two firefighters and one civilian.

Firefighter Brent A. Lovrien, age 35, a 10-year veteran of the LAFD assigned to the "A" Platoon at Fire Station 95 since October 2005, died shortly after arrival at the Centinela Freeman Regional Medical Center, Marina Campus.

Engineer Anthony J. Guzman, age 48, an 18-year veteran of the LAFD assigned to the "A" Platoon at Fire Station 95 since February 2002, suffered multiple fractures and facial trauma. He was taken to the UCLA Medical Center in Westwood in serious but stable condition. Following surgery and post-operative care, Engineer Guzman was released from the hospital March 30.

The civilian was assessed at the scene and released.

As dictated by Fire Department policy, a formal and detailed multi-agency investigation

sought to determine the exact nature of the explosion, as well as the precise cause and manner of Firefighter Lovrien's death.

The following is a statement by Battalion Chief John Miller, Commanding Officer of the LAFD Arson/Counter-Terrorism Section:

"Based on our investigation, which included physical examination, numerous interviews, and the collection of physical evidence, has determined that the explosion at 8800 S. Sepulveda was the result of a fire that originated in the electrical vault located at the intersection of Sepulveda and La Tijera.

"Various witnesses reported smelling odors as early as 10 a.m. It is our opinion that the fire was a result of a ground fault in an electrical conduit that was feed out of the underground vault. This ground fault resulted in a fire within the vault, which pressurized the vault with unburned products of combustion. This material, traveled through the conduit transmission corridors, approximately 250 feet that caused the initial explosion at the underground electrical vault located in front of Staples. Witnesses report the access cover of the vault traveling upwards of 20 feet in the air.

"The resulting pressure from this explosion causes smoke to travel back down the corridors to the electrical vault at Sepulveda and La Tijera. During this time, smoke is traveling in all directions and follows the underground electrical conduit to the electrical room at 8800 Sepulveda. This combustible smoke accumulated in the confined area of the electrical room. When Firefighter Lovrien attempted entry into the room, a spark was generated when the composite blade of the rotary saw struck the locking mechanism of the door.

"There was no evidence of any fire, electrical problem, natural gas leak or incendiary devices found in the room. Investigators have concluded that unburned combustible gases, from a fire in the electrical vault located in the street at the front of the building, accumulated in the electrical room. These products of combustion reached its explosive limit and was ignited by a spark from the forcible entry attempts."

The men and women of the Los Angeles Fire Department remain deeply appreciative of the kindness and support of so many, and for the patience of Westchester residents and LAX travelers inconvenienced by our response and investigation.

The Club sends its condolences to the family and friends of Firefighter Lovrien on this tremendous loss.



Firefighter Brent Lovrien.



Engineer Anthony Guzman.



An LAFD helicopter leaves the scene of the blast that killed Firefighter Brent Lovrien.



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Ruben Pérez and Dr. Hortencia Quiroz, his sister from Arizona.

Ruben Retires

Ruben Pérez retires from Building and Safety after 35 years of City service.

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Communications and Marketing

A retirement party was held April 11 for Ruben Pérez at the Takami Sushi restaurant's Elevate Lounge.

Here is a resolution prepared for him at his retirement.

"Whereas, Ruben Pérez has completed 35 years of devoted service with the City of Los Angeles; and

"Whereas, Ruben Pérez began his City career on March 3, 1973, as a Maintenance Laborer with Public Works/Street Services; moved to the Bureau of Sanitation as a Truck Operator on Jan. 19, 1975; joined Building and Safety as an Assistant Inspector on Jan. 15, 1978; and was promoted to Building Mechanical Inspector in February 1981 and then to Senior Building Mechanical Inspector on April 23, 1985. On Feb. 9, 1988, he advanced to Principal Inspector, Housing, and then returned to Building and Safety in February 2000 as a Chief Inspector. Subsequently, he was promoted to Assistant Deputy Superintendent of Building II on July 23, 2003 and then to Deputy Superintendent of Building on April 8, 2007, the position from which he now retires after a lengthy and prominent career of service to the City of Los Angeles; and

"Whereas, Mr. Pérez's constructive attitude, affability, attention to details, and strong work ethic have made him a superb leader and manager of the Department's Code Enforcement Bureau and earned him the esteem of his peers, the regard of his superiors, and the appreciation of his subordinates; and

"Whereas, Mr. Pérez' public relations skills helped to build alliances, gain consensus, and defuse potentially volatile situations throughout the many communities he has served, even among those who stridently disagreed with City policies; and

"Whereas, Mr. Pérez has displayed superior initiative and thoughtfulness throughout his City career with his willingness to mentor staff, assist his co-workers and supervisors, and even develop inspection training programs on his own time and at his own expense; and

"Whereas, Mr. Pérez has repeatedly demonstrated an outstanding ability to take on and complete the most daunting workloads and responsibilities, properly manage controversial projects, effectively reform and streamline procedures, and increase productivity as demonstrated in the reduction of the backlogs of the Commission Office and Conservation Bureau (Conservation Bureau case backlogs dropped from over a year to just three weeks) for which he received the 2002 Serving Communities and People Award; and



Cynthia Pérez, Executive Administrative Assistant, Public Works/Sanitation; and her husband, Ruben Pérez, Assistant General Manager, Building and Safety.

"Whereas, Mr. Pérez has continuously and skillfully 'thought outside the box,' which culminated in his ability to quickly and successfully adapt to new and difficult situations, effectively respond to unforeseen crises and rapidly changing and dangerous situations, including the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, the 1992 Civil Disturbance, and the 1994 Northridge earthquake, all for which he received commendations; and

"Whereas, Mr. Pérez has shown a deep commitment to the safety of the residents of Los Angeles, including his important contributions to the City's Seismic Reinforcement Seminars and Earthquake Preparedness Fairs, for which he received Council and Mayoral commendations, respectively; and

"Whereas, Mr. Pérez contributed greatly to the successful development and implementation of the Department's mission-critical enterprise-wide Plan Check and Inspection System (PCIS), using his consensus-building skills as well as his knowledge of the codes and inspection policies and practices; and

"Whereas, Mr. Pérez made innovative and far-reaching contributions to the development and successful implementation of the Department's Code Enforcement Information System (CEIS), for which the Department received a 2004 Quality and Productivity Award; and

"Whereas, the outstanding leadership, innovative ideas, productivity and overall performance of Mr. Ruben Pérez have contributed greatly to the high achievements of Building and Safety and thereby made the City of Los Angeles a safer and more desirable place for residents, businesses and visitors, and have demonstrated the highest ideals of public service:

"Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Los Angeles, by adoption of this resolution, do hereby congratulate Ruben Pérez upon his retirement after 35 years of loyal service, commend and thank him for his dedication in providing the best service possible to the residents of the City of Los Angeles, and forthwith wish him many deservedly enjoyable years of retirement with his wife, Cynthia."

Congratulations, Ruben and Cynthia. Have a great retirement!



From left: Andres Lopez, friend of Ruben from college; Cynthia Pérez, Ruben's wife; and Karen Chapkaneh, Cynthia's sister.



From left: Ismael Hernandez, Housing Inspector, Housing, 2.5 years of service; and Lee Smith, Sr. Housing Inspector, Housing, 10 years of service.



From left: Marie Park, Sr. Systems Analyst, DWP, 17 years of service; Joann Troncale, Management Analyst II, Public Works/Street Services, 22 years of service; and Jeanne Ly, Systems Programmer, Building and Safety, 13 years of service.



Frank Bush, Building and Safety, Chief Inspector, 18.5 years of service.



From left: Marty Weight, Building and Safety, Sr. Building Inspector, 22 years of service, and his wife, Linda; and Stephen Reed, Building and Safety, Sr. Building Inspector, 8 years of service.



Reid Daub, Sr. Building Inspector, Building and Safety, 18 years of service; with his wife, Joan.



From left: Anastacio Gallegos, Complaints Housing Inspector, Housing, 6 years of service; and John Tompkins, Sr. Housing Inspector, Housing, 9 years of service.

Life's Important Moments

Share your moments!

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



New Members

Welcome New Members!

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

Airports

Maritza Barreiro
Rowena Borja
Cynthia Brown
Francisco Castaneda IV
Juan Francisco
Mark Guriel
Terrell Linzey
Phillip Pennington
Darren Popper
Joseph Ricksecker
Susan Smetana
Brian Wescott

Animal Services

Adan Prieto
Verna Riparip

Building and Safety

Alfonso Avila
Nick Daneni
Maria Diaz
William Mitchell

City Clerk

Celia Brugman

LAFD

Kristina Rivera
Tasha Muldrew

General Services

Victor Hernandez
Sergio Santos

Harbor

Sami Azmy
Rodney Barnes
Vanessa Bautista
Jane Becerra
Philip Carter
Rafael Diaz

Edwin Fletcher
Victor Guzman
Andres Herrera
Eddie Marsh
Guillermo Perez
Kevin Sun

Housing

Jim Blythe
Claudia Castillo
Angie Coello
Jaime Ramirez

ITA

Jarita Love

Library

Xochitl Ortiz-Garcia

Personnel

Sandra Jimenez

Planning

Mike Trockey

LAPD

Janice Austin
Janette Bagdriwicz
Christopher Bartlett
Timoiya Chennault
Debra Davis
Nikki Delgado
Paul Gonzalez
Nicole Hamilton
Shari Johnson
Manuel Melgoza
Amelia Ocon
Paul Ricchiazzi
Ashlye Roberts
Ella Tarrant-Tate

Public Works

Contract

Paul O'Carroll

Administration

Engineering

Hector Chavez
Willie Owens
Armand Pascua

Sanitation

Linda Brown
Monica Cuellar
Verna Forrest
Michael Kitley
Cynthia Matzumoto
Mohsen Moayedi

Street Lighting

Fernie Cabanillas
Jose Gonzalez
David Lopez Sr.
Daniel Thome
Jesse Torrez
Rochelle Williams

Street Services

Kirk Bible
William Bradley
Efren Garcia

Transportation

Ruben Garcia

Finance

Maria Victoria
Reodica

LACERS

Angelica Chavez
Susann Hernandez

DWP

Meron Ahadu
Timothy Batchelder
Romonia Bess-Crockett
Kareena Fray
Cecilia Hammond
Alexander Kyi
Sherri Oden
Deborah Rogers
Selena Tamayo

Retired

Bernice Jackson
Ethelynn Lowe

Other

Karlos Burciaga
Karama Carter
Alberto Colin
Gabriel Garcia
Arthur Gonzales
Roberto Lucas
Michael Matthews
Sharell Mayberry
Hugo Meza
Alberto Murillo
Daniel Pacheco
Michele Payan
Glenn Smith
Joshua Stone
Sunny Viets
Raquel Viramontes
Matt Wilson



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

Timothy Conkin, DWP, 26
Virginia Cook*, DWP, 18
Jim Anthony Wheeler, Rec and Parks, 9
Lindzy Williams, General Services, 20

Retired

Dorothy Abreau, DWP, 39
Rudolf Alfaro, Public Works, 16
Guy Bailey, DWP, 32
John Busby, Rec and Parks, 35
Hazle Calhoun, DWP, 33
Laurel Carter, DWP, 12
Ellsworth Cedar, DWP, 29
Edith Cramer, DWP, 11
Robert Combs, Public Works, 0
Archie Contreras, DWP, 26
Elliott Cox, Public Works, 29
Henry Davis, DWP, 28
Mario Dezaraga, General Services, 36
Jeanne Di Conti, City Attorney, 31
Leon Dougherty, DWP, 13
Theodore Elman, Library, 20
Beverly Everman, Treasurer, 31
Ruby Finch, DWP, 24
Hal Fitzgerald, Building and Safety, 25
Irene Gibbs, DWP, 38
Huey Gillyard, DWP, 29
Melvin Goldman, DWP, 36
F.D. Gonzalez, DWP, 33
Lowell Goss*, DWP, 25
Herman Grayson, DWP, 25
Eva Hanke, DWP, 15
Yoshito Haratani, Airports, 20
Arnold Hassoldt, DWP, 47
Dorothy Helfeld, Library, 15
James Holloman, LAPD, 11
Grace Iserman, DWP, 10
Joseph Jackson, Transportation, 32

Norman Kitahara, DWP, 12
Harvey Kitaoka, Public Works, 33
John Kozak, DWP, 26
William Kulzer, LAPD, 86
Leonard Leon, Building and Safety, 25
Leslie Lynch, DWP, 17
Elinor Marks, DWP, 21
Consuelo Martinez, DWP, 22
Susan Mattson, Social Service, 32
Donald McKay, DWP, 34
Margaret McMahon, City Clerk, 35
Tora Neal, DWP, 32
Richard Nelson, DWP, 26
Jasper Nolen, Public Works, 30
John Page, DWP, 28
Fred Perdue, DWP, 33
Robert Pery, Public Works, 32
John Phillips, Library, 25
Frank Preimesberger, Rec and Parks, 19
Herbert Price, Rec and Parks, 35
Marvin Price, DWP, 31
Bess Pruner, Controller, 27
Fred Quintanilla, DWP, 11
Lester Richmond, DWP, 27
Minor Robinson, Public Works, 30
Enrique Sanchez, DWP, 41
Bary Sciaini, Public Works, 7
LeRoy Shannon, DWP, 34
Ray Sharkey, Public Works, 11
Eunice Shoemaker, Transportation, 4
Rodolfo Sifuentes, Public Works, 11
George Simpkins, DWP, 40
David Skinner, DWP, 33
Tommy Stayton, Public Works, 31
Milan Stewart, DWP, 19
Garland Sutton, DWP, 31
Paul Thompson, DWP, 28
Virginia Thuesen, Building and Safety, 8

* Club Member



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Quinceañera

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Retirements

NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS
Florencio Alvarez	Build Repairer	Zoo	40	Curley Kinchen	Floor Finisher	Rec and Parks	27
Gary Anderson	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Richard Lieboff	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	31
Anton Arcata	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Joann Maciorowski	Sr. Traf. Supervisor	Transportation	29
Rudolph Armendariz*	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Gilbert Martinez	Equip. Operator	Rec and Parks	27
Raynee Banger	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Michael Mead	Ref. Coll. Truck Operator	Public Works	35
Harumi Barron*	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Scott Munson	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Sonya Bhudhikanok	Programmer/Analyst	ITA	26	Donald Norfleet	Motor Sweeper Operator	Public Works	34
Harvey Birch	Maint. and Constr. Helper	Harbor	18	Neil Olson	Director of Public Tran.	LAPD	26
Stephen Blucher	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Josephine Palacios	Sr. Data Process Tech.	ITA	38
Mary Bollman	Sr. Clerk Typist	General Services	12	Janice Reams	Sr. Clerk	Public Works	14
Michael Burrell	Sr. Gardener	Rec and Parks	24	Lorraine Reyes	Sr. Data Process Tech.	ITA	38
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Rodolfo Geronca	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Niki Tennant	Council Aide	Council	14
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Lester Jordan	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Robert Wilson	Infor. Systems Mgr.	ITA	38
Lillian Kawasaki	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed				

* Club Member

Births



Matthew Jesse Lopez, born Dec. 4 to Gaby and Chuy Lopez. Chuy is a Club Member and is with DWP.

Alive! is delighted to publish photos of Club members newborn babies. Have a photo of a recent newborn? Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Special Achievements



Elidia Haro recently celebrated her 80th birthday. Elidia is the proud mother of Christina Haro (DWP), Rosalio Haro (DWP), Irene Scaduto (Housing) and Gloria Nava. Congratulations, Elidia!

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

Weddings



A big Club congratulations to Mark Medina and Monica Cardenas, who were joined in Holy Matrimony March 1 and who honeymooned in Hawaii. Mark is the son of Red Medina, Construction Inspector, Public Works, and Lupe Medina, Club Staff Member.

Alive! is delighted to publish wedding photos of Club members. Have a photo of a recent wedding? 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, 350 S. Figueroa St. Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071. Send digital photos to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

"My sister, Hallie Day, is on active in the US Air Force. After recently being promoted to Captain, she was deployed to Iraq for a six-month tour. Here is a photo of her at her base in January. We're blessed to have her safe and back home now." – Anna Burton, Emergency Management Dept.



Weddings

Graduations



Nikisha Glenn graduated May 19 from Grinnell College in Iowa, with a degree in physics. She is enrolled in the Master's degree program for education and teacher's credentials at Pepperdine University this summer. She's the daughter of Paula Moss, Recreational Assistant, Rec and Parks.

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Arlene Herrero

Liz Montes

Howard Pompel

Walk to the Club Store!

**The Club Store is now easier
to reach. As of May 1, the
Club Store has moved to
120 W. Second St., between
Spring and Main Streets.**

SEE THE STORY ON PAGE 8.



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CLUB HEADQUARTERS

Club Scholarship Now Accepting Applications

Club Scholarship applications are available online only. Deadline is noon, June 30, 2008.

Download your Club Scholarship application today!

The 2008 Club Scholarship Program is now accepting applications. They are available online only.

All materials must be physically in the new Club Store and Service Center downtown, 120 W. Second St. Deadline is noon, June 30, 2008.

Five college scholarships are available. The top recipient will receive a stipend of \$3,500. Second place receives \$2,000. Third place receives \$1,000. Two additional awards will be given out for \$500 each.

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 2008.

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

Applications are available for download only. They will not be available at the Club office, the Club Store and Service Center, from Club Counselors, or through the mail. You can download the application materials by going to:

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."

"So go online, download the applications and turn them in. 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 2008. Current high school seniors matriculating to a four-year school in fall 2008 are eligible.
- Candidates will be judged for academic excellence, community service and financial need.
- Five (5) scholarships will be awarded, in amounts of \$3,500, \$2,000, \$1,000 and two for \$500 (each).
- Deadline for application: They must be in the Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St. downtown, by noon June 30, 2008. 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 W. Second St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Send questions to: scholarship@cityemployeesclub.com or visit www.cityemployeesclub.com/scholar.asp

PUBLIC WORKS

Street Lighting Luncheon

Bureau hosts employee appreciation luncheon.



From left: Tom Franklin, 2 years, Club Member; Robert Gonzalez, 1 year; Silva Torres, 15 years, Club Member; and Ramiro Munoz, 7 years, Club Member.



From left: Gabriel Cervantes, 6 years, Club Member; Daniel Thome, 8 years; Club Member; and Richard Enriquez, 7 years.

Story and photos by Liz Montes, Club Counselor

Public Works/Street Lighting hosted its quarterly luncheon in appreciation of their employees.

The lunch was held March 27.

Every quarter, staff volunteers their time to organize the event, and the entire department is invited to come together for the festivities. The luncheon gives the employees a time to network with their fellow co-workers.



From left: Robert Williams, 10 years of City service, Club Member; Orlando Usher, 7 years, Club Member; Mario Aguilar, 2 years, Club Member; Paula Daniels, Commissioner; and Ed Ebrahimian, Street Lighting Director, Club Member.

Graduates!

Congratulations!

Let the Club family celebrate with you ...
by putting your photo in *Alive!*

Club members: Have you had a family member graduate from elementary school ... high school ... or college this summer? Send us a photo, and we'll publish it in *Alive!*

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)



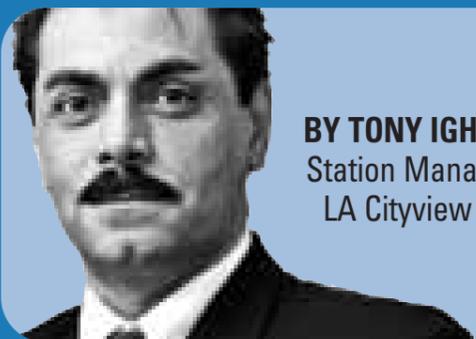
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If you have a paper print, send a duplicate (we prefer you not send the original) to:

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Print photos will be returned within two months after publication if you request it, and if you write your name and address on the back.

Tuned In



BY TONY IGHANI
Station Manager,
LA Cityview 35



Club Members Can Watch Budget Hearings

LA Cityview 35's expanded coverage of the Budget and Finance Committee hearings will begin in late April and continue into May. We will provide gavel-to-gavel broadcasts of the City's budget hearings for the 2008-09 fiscal year, live and replayed on the weekends. Coverage of the City's public meetings such as live Council coverage has been a longstanding hallmark of our programming lineup. In 2005, we commenced full coverage of City's five key City commission meetings, which include CRA, DWP, Airport, Police, and Harbor, and in 2008 the number of gavel-to-gavel coverage of City meetings has doubled those in 2005.

This year, we're pleased to announce that, in addition to the Budget hearings airing on Channel 35, the City Clerk will have the Budget meetings available on the Internet for on-demand viewing. Just visit www.lacity.org and follow the links to City Council Archive meetings.

Programming Highlights for May

Aging in LA

"Aging in LA" is an informative and stimulating magazine-style television program discussing important issues facing older adults and caregivers. Watch as Paul Petersen engages in frank discourse inspiring all of us to age well.

Life planning includes making decisions about the end of life. "Wills, Trusts and Probate" will give you basic, helpful information to protect your assets and control how your estate is divided. When you have to make these very personal decisions, learn how to make the right ones!

No matter what the reasons are, some people just are not ready to retire! Do you like working but despise your job? "Don't Retire, Rewire" makes changing careers or finding a job that you love easier. Find out where to begin.

"The Economics of Well-Being" looks at the California Elder Economic Security Standard, a measure of well-being that determines the income and supports needed for older adults to live modestly. Unlike the Federal Poverty Line, which describes poverty, the Elder Standard measures what it takes to maintain a basic level of economic self-sufficiency. Watch this segment and then call upon your legislator to take action!

The "Impact of Disasters" affect older adults disproportionately, especially those with chronic diseases or disabilities. For this reason, emergency managers need to recognize that this special-needs population must be a priority during and after disasters. Find out how one senior couple coped with the Malibu fires of November 2007.

The fastest-growing segment of health club members are -- you guessed it -- aged 55 and over. Doctors say they are seeing greater numbers of patients play-

ing sports into old age, and masters' events are increasingly popular. "Aging and Sports" highlights three amazing senior athletes who don't know how to slow down, but do know how important it is to compensate for changes in their aging bodies. Find out their secrets!

Airs: Thursdays at 8:30 p.m.

Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage Month Programming

May is Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage Month (APAHM), and in honor of the countless Asian and Pacific Islander Americans who've left their mark on our history, culture, and local communities, LA Cityview 35 will broadcast City-sponsored events and celebrations happening throughout the month, including opening festivities and presentations at City Hall, a poster contest and creative writing competition, and closing ceremonies scheduled for May 28.

Please visit our Website at www.lacityview.org to view our updated programming schedule.

Budget and Finance Committee Hearings

Annual Budget Deliberations that began on April 28 will continue through early May, tentatively concluding on Tuesday, May 13. Channel 35 will be providing gavel-to-gavel broadcast of this important City process live and replayed on the weekends.

Disability Forum

In the next series of "Disability Forum" programs, we will cover the waterfront, so to speak. Two of the upcoming shows will focus on compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act: One

program features Gordon Anthony, Kurt Hagen and Michele Vercoutare, discussing Los Angeles County's activities in this area; and the second program addresses accessible City sidewalks with William Robertson and Dennis Weber of Public Works/Street Services.

The other two shows will spotlight organizations that provide assistance to people with disabilities: Protection and Advocacy, Inc., which provides legal and other services and will be represented by Keith Sakimura and Mary Rios; and Asian Rehabilitation Services, which offers employment and training assistance and will be represented by Doreen Wong. Please join the growing number of viewers who are interested in what's happening in the disability community by tuning into "Disability Forum".

Airs: Thursdays at 9:30 p.m.

The River Report

With the City's River Revitalization Master Plan in place, the exciting redevelopment of the Los Angeles River will provide our communities with much-needed park space, trails, recreation, nature, neighborhood identity, jobs, community development, tourism, civic pride and much more.

In this new episode of "The River Report", host Brad Pomerance explores the factors that are influencing the revival of this long-ignored waterway, and takes a look at its historic bridges; the art along the waterway; and plastic recycling, which is helping to alleviate the pollution that threatens the health of the river and its wildlife.

Airs: Monday, May 19 at 11 a.m. and 10 p.m.; and Thursday, May 29, at 11 a.m.

Newsbrief

ENGINEERING AWARDS:

Public Works/Engineering has received numerous professional achievement awards for projects including the visionary Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan as well as the Santa Monica Boulevard Transit Parkway Project—the largest street improvement project in the City.

"We are very proud of the work we do on behalf of the residents of this City," said City Engineer Gary Lee Moore. "When we are recognized by our peers, that is just an added bonus."

The Southern California Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects awarded the Bureau of Engineering its Award of Excellence and Honor for the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan; while the American Institute of Architects (AIA) will recognize the Plan with its 2008 Institute Honor Award for Regional and Urban Design at its annual conference in Boston later this spring.

In May 2007, the Los Angeles City Council adopted the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan as the blueprint to guide creation of 32 miles of interconnected trails, parks, open spaces, recreational amenities, and riparian habitat corridors. The plan will restore respect to the long-neglected river as a natural heritage resource and bring nature back into the City through extensive connections into the surrounding urban neighborhoods. The plan was first conceived by the City Council's Ad Hoc Committee on the Los Angeles River, chaired by Councilman Ed P. Reyes. The DWP funded the plan, while Engineering produced it.

Moore recently joined Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34), Congressman Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Congressional staff, County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, and other officials on a helicopter tour of the River hosted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Congresswoman Roybal-Allard led efforts in the U. S. House of Representatives and worked with U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer to secure a \$25 million authorization last year for Los Angeles River projects.

The Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors of California (CELSOC) selected the Santa Monica Boulevard Transit Parkway Project to receive its Merit Award in CELSOC's 2008 Engineering Excellence Award. The project also received a 2008 Project Achievement Award from the Los Angeles Council of Engineers and Scientists (LACES) at its annual awards banquet this past February. The project involved the reconfiguration of two and a half miles of "Big" and "Little" Santa Monica Boulevards in West Los Angeles.

LACES also presented Engineering with Project Achievement Awards for the City of Los Angeles Air Operations Facilities at Van Nuys Airport project, the Nitrogen Removal program, the Public Works Building Construction project and the Construction Permits via the Internet project.

"The Bureau of Engineering is to be commended for their outstanding work and forward-thinking ideology with respect to greening and design," said Board of Public Works President Cynthia M. Ruiz.

Engineering is comprised of more than 1,100 engineers, architects, and surveyors and support staff with an annual operating budget of \$123 million.

For more information, visit www.lacity.org/bpw.

The Club Store has moved...

See page 8 for details.



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



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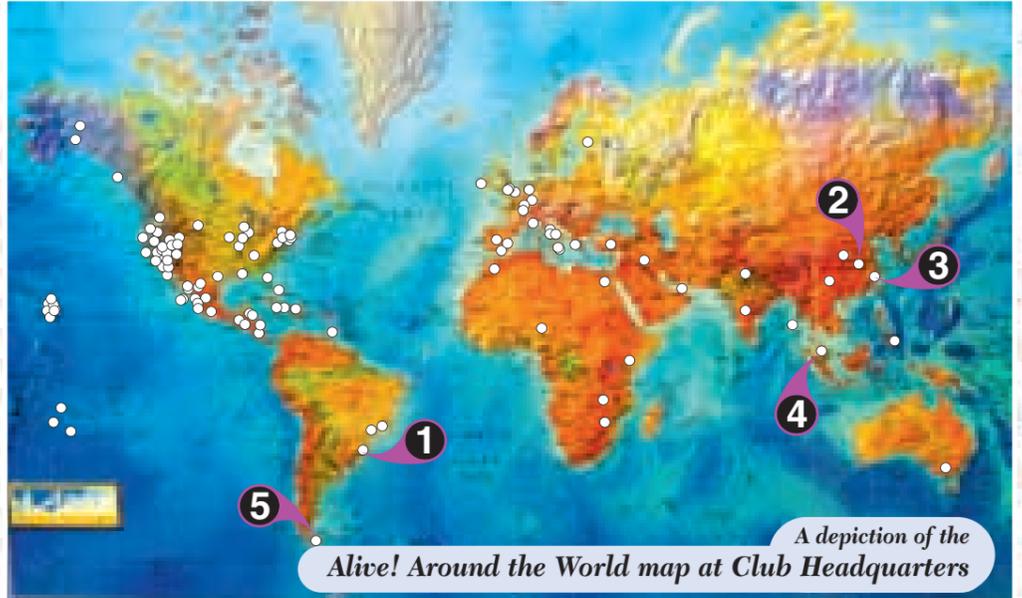


1 Brazil



"I recently went to Ubatuba, Brazil, for my brother's wedding, and I brought along a copy of *Alive!* The photos are of me on the beach at Ubatuba – by myself and with two young Brazilian women who also attended the wedding. Ubatuba is between on the coast between Rio and Sao Paulo."

- Gary Koteas, Club Member

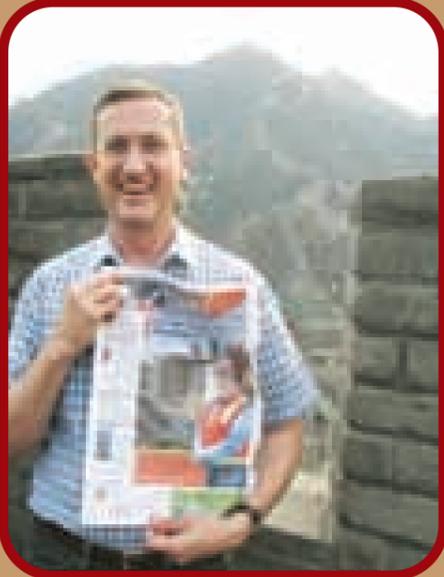


A depiction of the *Alive! Around the World* map at Club Headquarters

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2 China



"This photo was taken at the Great Wall outside of Beijing. Although I was there too early for the Olympics, it was still an interesting time to be in this fascinating country."

- Patrick Tomcheck, Airports

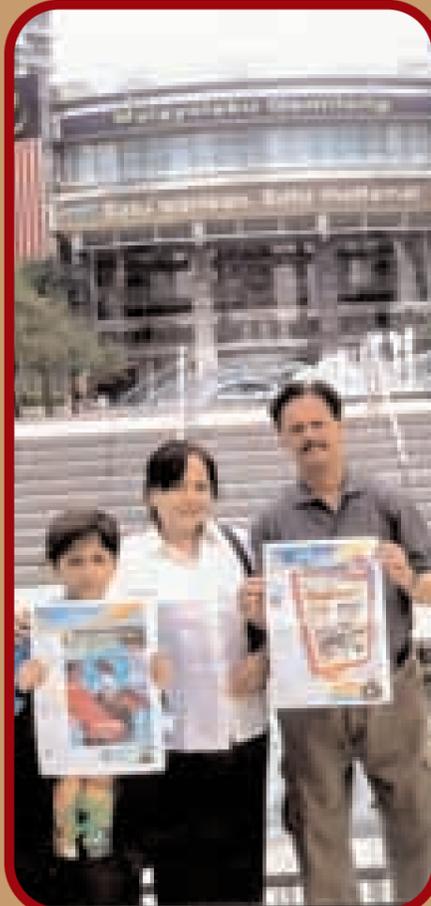
3 Vietnam

"In mid-March, my wife and I went to Vietnam to visit my father-in-law, who was in serious condition due to a couple nasty falls. From L.A., it took two plane changes and 19 hours in the air to see him in Da Nang. The presence of all 10 children gave him a tremendous emotional boost and helped him pull through the critical moment to a speedy recovery."

- Cuong Nguyen, ITA



4 Malaysia



"I went on vacation with my family in November and December 2007. We went to Malaysia, Singapore, Bangkok and Burma. These photos took place in front of the world's tallest twin towers [the Petronas Towers] in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. In these photos are myself, my wife, Zareena; and my youngest son, Salman."

- Ismail Nanabawa, Airports

5 Argentina

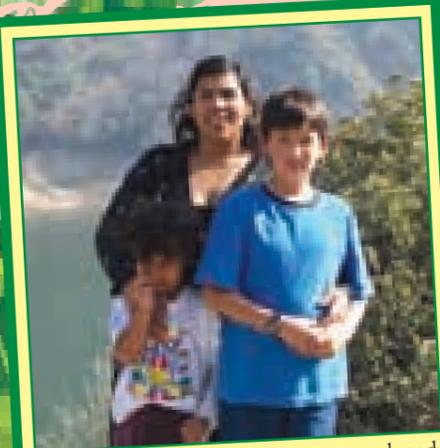
"We have traveled many places around the world, but we believe this is one trip many do not make. Burr! Feb. 19, we took a 16-day cruise from Buenos Aires to the Falkland Islands, cruising through the Antarctic Peninsula; the Antarctic Sound; Gerlache Strait; around Cape Horn; to Ushuaia (the "end of the world, Tierra del Fuego/Fin del Mundo); through the Beagle Channel to Punta Arenas, Chile; and on to Montevideo, Uruguay. A fantastic journey!"



"One picture is in Ushuaia, at the very end of Argentina, and across from the Antarctic Peninsula. The [other] picture is in front of the Stanley (Falkland Islands) newspaper."

- Frank Smith and Peggy Cliburn, DWP





Mommy darling, we love you so much and forever will. Happy Mother's Day, from your little ones.

- Maya and Koppany Horvath (children of Robbie Horvath, Hyperion)



Pictured are Mom and I on her visit to California. She's the mother of 11 children and I'm the baby girl. She's instilled in me to preserve and to always do better. We both look forward to our Sunday telephone talks; I can't imagine not talking to Mom. We're having a big 90th birthday celebration for her in Indianapolis April 26. Happy Birthday, Mom. I love ya!

- Donna Montgomery, Airport Police, LA/Ontario



Mom, I am so blessed to have you. You have always been loving, caring and very thoughtful. You are also a wonderful wife, mother-in-law and Oma. As we grow older, each day together becomes more precious than the one before. I love you, Mom.

- Frank Koster LAPD

Happy Mother's Day

to all the great mothers out there!

Here are the personal messages sent to **Alive!** by some very loving and grateful children who wanted to pay tribute to their Mom.



You are the BEST Mom in the world!! A great teacher, a world traveler and a lover of life. Thank you for setting such a great example.

- love, John



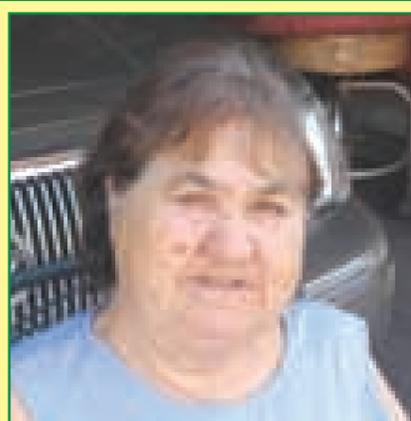
To my mother, the best mom in the world! (And I'm not just saying that because she really is!) Thank you for everything, Mom. I love you. Happy Mother's Day.

- Love you always, Eddie



Mom, Thank you for always being there for me and being my best friend. I thank you for all of our special moments. I want you to know that I love you very much, and every day is Mother's Day. Have a wonderful blessed day!

- Love, Robin Smith-Gregory, Transportation, Hollywood



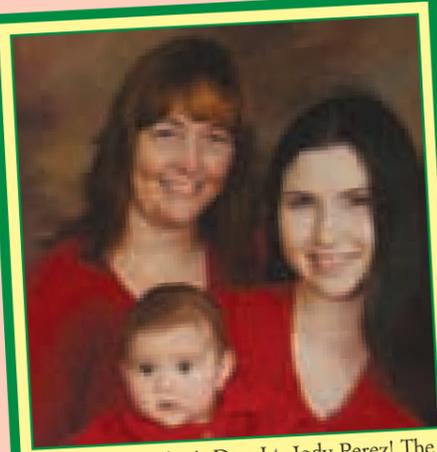
Mom, We are missing you on our first Mother's Day without you. You are always in our thoughts and in our hearts.

- Love, Debbie (DWP), Sandy, Tommy, Anna, Chris and Angie Ferrer



Happy Mother's Day to the most beautiful woman I know!

- Love, your son, Brandon. (Jody Perez, Transportation, is Brandon's mom)



Happy Mother's Day, Lt. Jody Perez! The greatest mom, daughter and gamma! We love you!



Happy Mother's Day, Mom. I just wanted to tell you that you are the most "wonderfulest" mom that anybody can ever have! I just thought that I should let you know so that the whole world can see. Love you so much!

- Your daughter, Michelle Mendoza



Happy Mother's Day Mom/Grandma (Mable Higgins)!

- All our love, Dwight, Vicki and DJ



Happy Mother's Day to the best mom, Elidia Haro. We all love you.

- Christina Haro (DWP), Rosalio Haro (DWP), Irene Scaduto (Housing) and Gloria Nava (Garvey School District)



Happy Mother's Day, Mom/Grandma (Phyllis Fields). We love you!

- Dwight, Vicki, and DJ

Happy Mother's Day!

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Keeping It All in the Family

■ **For this Mother's Day, Alive!**
focuses on mothers and their
children who work for the City.

Story by Yvonne Liu, Office of Finance; Photos
courtesy the subjects

We all have many reasons to thank our moms on Mother's Day. Some thank their moms every day for the career they have in the City. These City employees find that discussing their work with their moms relieves stress more with anyone else. Mom understands exactly what the trouble is because Mom works for the City, too.



Brenna Simmons and Liz Simmons.

Liz Simmons and Brenna Simmons

Custodial Service Attendant Elizabeth (Liz) Simmons started working at the Ontario Airport just days after the terminal expansion was completed in 1998. She signed up for the graveyard shift because this was the only way she could work full-time and drop off and pick up her children from school. Little did she know that joining the custodial staff at the Ontario Airport would start a family tradition.

Her eldest child, Brenna, started as a custodial service attendant in 2005. Leaving her last job as a secretary and DMV title clerk at a used car dealership, Brenna was ready to start working for a company where there was career growth.

At first Brenna didn't request to work at the Ontario Airport but was assigned there to fulfill the need of the department. Each custodial service attendant starts out as a vocational trainee, which means that Brenna was part of a vocational program with a probation period of two years. She said the long probation period was well worth it.

Liz works at Terminal 4, and Brenna works at Terminal 2. They often have lunch together since they both work the graveyard shift.

Brenna said her job is what exactly what she expected.

"I think I would work hard everywhere because of my mother," Brenna said. "She gave me my value system and the work ethics that I take everywhere I go."

Now that she is expecting her first baby in July, Brenna feels even closer to her mother, who had four children.

"My mom is my confidant," Brenna said.

Virginia Lit and Vicky Lit

Virginia Lit retired in July 2006 from Public Works/Engineering after 21-and-a-half years of service as a Structural Engineer. She worked first for Rec and Parks, then for the Building and Safety, 13 years for the Rec and Parks and finally at the Bureau of Engineering.

When her daughter, Vicky, looked for a full-time position, she thought, "Mom worked with the City for over 20 years. Sure, why can't I work there, too?"

Vicky started with the City in June 2006 as Clerk Typist. She was promoted frequently and quickly, most recently to Accountant in January with Airports.

"After college, when jobs were not easy to find in the downward economy, I remember envisioning the City as a place of plentiful opportunities," Vicky said. "During this frustrating time of job searching, Mom did not focus me on a job with the City, but instead, gave me the support and encouragement to find something that I will ultimately enjoy. After all, she had my health and wellbeing at heart. Fortunately, I found a job I enjoy and at the end of each day, [a job I can] smile about. Coincidentally, it is with the City."

Although Vicky has only worked for the City for 18 months, she hopes to carry the same commitment as Mom did for 20 years.

"I feel proud of her work and strong commitment with the City. I hope that I can put forth that same energy and charisma," Vicky concluded.

Sonia Romero-Fuentes and Erik Fuentes

Sonia Romero-Fuentes, Customer Service Representative since August 2000, works at the Valley Branch Floater, Customer Service Center, DWP.

Her son, Erik Fuentes, was 9 months old when she was hired by Community Development Department as a Clerk Typist in May 1988.

Erik's first job with the City was as a Police Student Worker in July 2005. Erik is now a Community Police Aide at Internal Affairs Group of LAPD's Administration Investigation Section in the Valley. He's been there for last four-and-a-half months.



Sonia Romero-Fuentes and Erik Fuentes.

Growing up and knowing that his mother worked for the City made Erik, now 20, look up to her, and he knew he wanted to follow in her footsteps.

"My mother always had a big influence in my life. I still remember when my mom took me to work on 'Bring Your [Child] to Work Day.' I had a blast and ever since I decided I want to work there like my mom!" he said.

Erik's mom has always taught him what sort of things he should do to get ahead in life; joining the City was the first thing.

"I extremely appreciate my mother and still look up to her and always will. She is my inspiration and I love her with all of my heart. I work harder every day and will work harder anywhere I am, that is one thing that my mother always told me, [which] is one of the most valuable advice I've received from my mother," Erik said.

Aida Quon and Irene Gudino

Irene Gudino serves the Administrative Services Division of the DWP as a Senior Clerk Typist. She started with the City at Building and Safety in 2002, fresh out of college.

Her parents, Wilken Quon and Aida Quon, who both work for the City, encouraged her to seek a career with the City. She was attending Pasadena City College and had not figured out what career path to take.

"There were so many things I was interested in doing, but I was sure that it had to be something with good benefits and allow me to have a family, just like my parents," Irene remembered.

Wilken Quon is a Senior Accountant II at Public Works. Aida Quon retired after 30 years of City service at the LAPD. She was a Management Analyst I during the last five years. Prior to that, she worked at Airports for about 20 years as a Senior Accountant I.

Now that Irene works for the City, has a family of her own with three little boys to support, she appreciate her parents even more. She realized how much thought they put into making their career with the City so that they can support her and her brothers by sending them to private schools. Irene finds herself wanting the same for her children.

"Mom's ability to juggle work and family life has encouraged me to work hard and find the balance for myself, my family, and for my career," Irene said.

Lupe Garcia and Michael Anthony Carrillo

Some City employees found their employment with the City following their mothers' footsteps. For Michael Carrillo, he led the way to his mother's employment with the City.

In March 2000, Michael Carrillo started with the City on a part-time basis working as a proctor for Personnel. On the weekends, he would give various City exams to new and promotional candidates including Detention Officer, Systems Analyst and Police Captain.

Before coming to the City at age 22, he worked many odd jobs that he didn't enjoy such as retail and security.

"Once I became employed by the City in 2000, I was exposed to more opportunities in life and was able to work my schedule around my evening classes for college," Michael said.

Last year, he graduated from California State University Los Angeles with a Bachelor's degree in television and film.

In 2002, he transferred to ITA to work in the then-newly established 3-1-1 Call Center. The Call Center operates on a 24-hour basis, answering non-emergency calls from City residents.

Michael thought his mother Lupe Garcia, who is always on time, has good verbal and communication skill and is a well-rounded people person, would be an asset to the City workforce. Her pleasant personality is contagious and can light up any workplace. He recommended her to apply to the City.

"[My mother] is an ideal employee for any City department," Michael said.

Nearly three years now, Lupe has worked as a Clerk Typist in the Call Center for the Bureau of Sanitation.

"Working in call centers brings lots of interaction between my mother and me," Michael said. "Since the 3-1-1 [Call Center] assists the Bureau of Sanitation with many of their services after hours, we now have something in common to bring home."

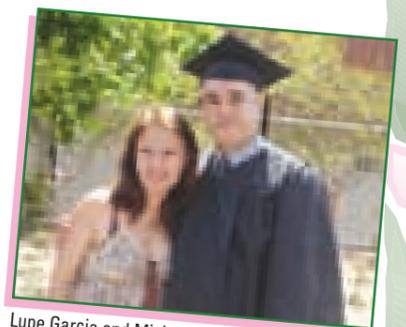
"During the day, my mom processed requests for bulky item pickup, while I would take over at night and handle the dead animal [pickup] requests. It may seem like we just answer the phone, but the experience on a daily basis will provide years of great conversation."

In fact, call centers in the City answer tens and thousands of resident inquiries, process requests for work, document complaints, and receive payments. One operator may answer anywhere from 50 to 80 calls per shift in this fast paced environment.

"The ability to interact with my mother here in the City has helped me create a tighter bond with her," he concluded.



Wilken, Irene and Aida Quon.



Lupe Garcia and Michael Anthony Carrillo.

Angel's Be Alive!



Angel Gomez,
Member Services
Manager



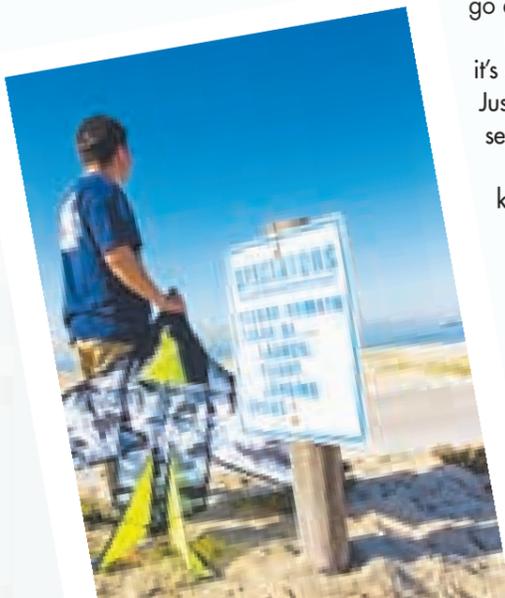
Let's Go

Hello again, everybody! Time to celebrate spring ... by flying a kite. C'mon, I know you want to. So go ahead!

Everyone has flown a kite, right? If you haven't, it's a great way to get outdoors and enjoy your day. Just find an open area and hope for a little wind. In seconds, you're a pilot sailing through the air.

But before you begin, what you will need? A kite, string, flying space and a little wind. Simple.

I chose Dockweiler State Beach, right across from all of our good Club Members at Hyperion, in Playa del Rey. There's plenty of parking (at least during the week), concessions, restrooms, the fantastic bike path ... everything you need to fly your kite. Even planes soaring overhead from LAX – true inspiration for true kite flyers! (And there's even a windsurfing landing at Dockweiler, to give you even more inspiration.)



Have you ever wondered where kites came from?

Well, the exact location is unknown, but it is believed that kites were flown in China over 2,000 years ago. The tale that is often told is of a Chinese farmer who tied a string to his hat to prevent it from blowing away by the strong wind, which was probably the first kite ever flown. In 200 B.C., Chinese General Han Hsin of the Han Dynasty used a kite to measure the distance that his army had to dig a tunnel to reach the city he wanted to attack.

In India, kiting is a part of a great social festival. In Japan, kites were flown to keep evil spirits away and were believed that they bring good luck in production of grain. Kiting is also believed to be one of the hobbies that made many people in Japan go crazy and forget about their work. There are many stories about how and where kites were flown, sometimes as a hobby, to carry messages, and sometimes for scientific experiments.

How to Fly a Kite

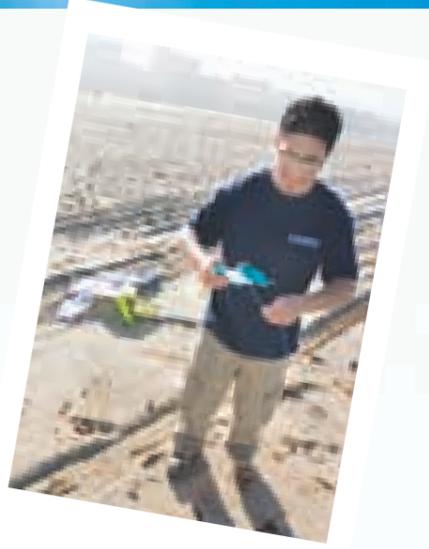
Hey, it's not hard. But here you go, anyway: Buy a kite at a local hobby shop or online – some grocery stores carry them this time of year, too (and you don't have to spend a lot) – and assemble it. Attach the string, and make sure you can grab strong hold of that string. Hold the kite in one hand and the string storage in the other, and stand with your back to the wind. Now, run backwards (or you can just stand there, if the wind is strong enough), and let out the string, a little bit more at a time, as the kite takes to the air. Soon, the kite will be flying, and you're having fun! But the higher the kite flies, the stronger you need to be, so don't be too adventurous.

Be careful at Dockweiler to not use the bike path for your kite flying. Bikes really whiz by, and it's dangerous and maybe even illegal to use the bike path for anything other than biking.

Safety

Kites are lots of fun, but they also need to be flown with a lot of care. People should always be aware of their surroundings and consider safety measures when flying a kite. Do not fly your kite next to any electric poles with wires going from one pole to another. They should not be flown where there are people walking by, the string can cause serious injuries. So, when you get your kite, take it to the beach or any park that has lots of open area.

Fly a Kite



Dockweiler History

Dockweiler State Beach is in Playa del Rey, between Imperial Highway on the south, and Culver Boulevard on the north. It's about three miles long.

Recently, the beach has been improved. General improvements of the completed capital beach project include replacement of four restroom buildings, an entry kiosk, refurbishment of the main-maintenance/life-guard facility, a concession building, a recreational (RV Park) with utilities upgrades, new phone lines, signage, landscaping and infiltration trenches to filter storm water runoff from the parking lots to the beach.

Up until the 1930s, the beach was known as the Moonstone Beach and was leased to the City of Los Angeles by the State in 1946. The name was changed to the Isidore B. Dockweiler Beach State Park in 1955. Isidore B. Dockweiler was a native son of California. He was the first graduate in 1887 of St. Vincents College. He served on the California State Parks Commission from 1939 to 1947. On May

24, 1955, the Men of Old St. Vincents placed a plaque at Isidore B. Dockweiler Beach State Park.

The 288-acre beach has been operated by the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors for the City of Los Angeles since 1976. In 1992, the Department of Beaches and Harbors completed the Dockweiler State Beach General Plan, and it was approved by the State Recreation and Parks Commission.

Dockweiler Facilities

Description: The beach features the 22-mile-long bike path, fire rings, picnic areas, swimming, surfing, volleyball, restrooms and showers.

Parking: 2080 spaces, 23 disabled.

Food: Food concession

Lifeguards: Lifeguards are on the beach during daylight hours.

General hours: 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Until next time, Be Alive! and have fun!



May Events

Reading Magic

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

Salute to Recreation Family Festival

- May 30 through June 1
- At Northridge Park, Reseda. Rec and Parks and Councilman (and Club Member) Greig Smith host the 25th Salute to Recreation Family Festival, with fireworks (Saturday night), an international marketplace and food booths, a beer garden, a silent auction, carnival rides and games, a mural competition, tennis tournaments, a skateboard competition, a daycamp fair, a children's area, inflatable's, a 50-plus dance, Hawaiian Village refreshment gardens, four stages of continuous entertainment, and more.
- Free admission; individual attractions might charge fees.
- Northridge Park, 10058 Reseda Blvd. Northridge.
- Information: <http://www.laparks.org/salute/>

Warner Grand Theatre

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

Lineman's Rodeo

- May 17
- City Employees are given a special invitation to watch the DWP lineman doing their thing during the annual DWP Lineman's Rodeo. The event is not open to the general public. The event is set for 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 17, at the DWP Truesdale Facility, 11760 Truesdale St. in Sun Valley.
- Information: www.lalinenarodeo.com

Ticket Guy Recommends:

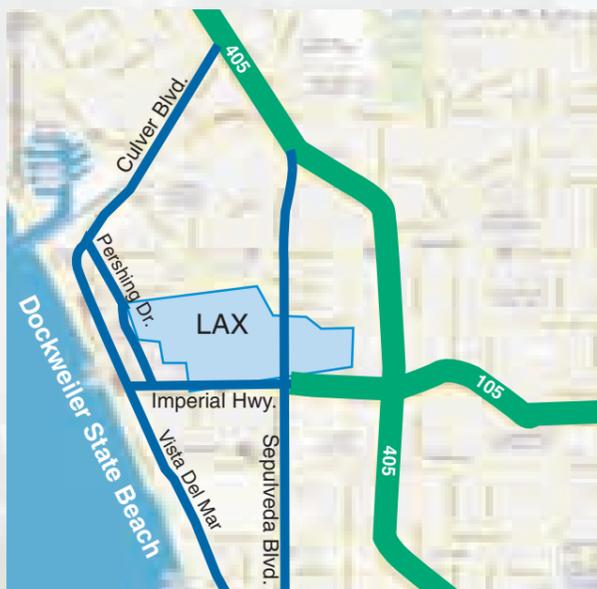


"Visit us at the New Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St., right across from the new Parker Center. You won't have a better time all month!"



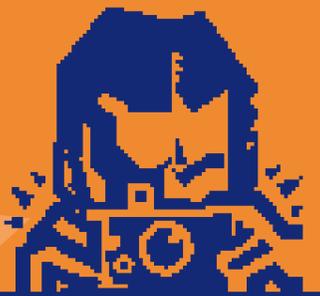
Directions to Dockweiler State Beach

Dockweiler State Beach is in Playa del Rey. Take any north-south freeway to the 105 Freeway, and head west. The 105 exits onto Imperial Highway, and the beach entrance is at the end of Imperial: 12001 Vista del Mar, Playa del Rey, CA 90293.





John's Picture Perfect Contest



WIN FIVE PRIZES
\$25 WalMart Card
NEXT DEADLINE: May 15
 Happy Snapping!

For May, we have four winners!

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

— **Todd Rother.**
 "This is a picture of a little unnamed waterfall just outside the town of Haines, Alaska."
John's comments: I've always wanted to take a photo like this but never found the right spot; thank you for this beautiful photo, Todd!

— **Holly Carlson, Harbor.**
 "This is my cousin, David Larriva, in Taji, Iraq. It's snowing! He's coming home, hopefully, in two months. This is his third tour. Support our troops!"
John's comments: Thanks, Holly, for this unique photo. And yes, whether you agree with the war or not, support the troops!

— **Kurt D. Garcia, Police Officer III, Emergency Operations Division, LAPD**
 "Here's a picture of a 'Spanish shawl,' a southern California invertebrate, taken April 6 at Santa Catalina Island's Black Rock. The water depth was 62 feet, with the water temperature at 54 degrees. It wasn't one of the best dive locations or conditions (only 15 feet of visibility), but I was able to capture this great picture! A nice trade off."
John's comments: Very nice, Kurt! It makes me want to get some Catalina tickets from the Ticket Guy!

— **John Edwards, Retired LAPD.**
 "I took this during a campout to Death Valley Sand Dunes."
John's comments: You took what could have been a rather plain shot and, by changing the angle, made it a very surreal one. Nice work, John!

Runners Up: Runners-up: **Stephanie Lazarus, Robbie Horvath, Stephanie Burkhart, Leticia Barnes, Mike Kutas, John Sousa and Russell Harris.**

RULES:

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

Cooking with the Club

by Chef Robert Larios



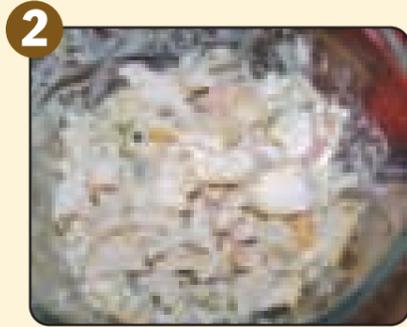
Send Us Your Recipes!

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

DIRECTIONS:



In a large bowl, add your diced ingredients, the crab, Dijon mustard, mayonnaise, sea salt, pepper, parsley, Worcestershire sauce and lemon.



I like the added texture of breadcrumbs, and I'm not worried about the size of the crumbs.



Pan-sear the jumbo scallops until slightly golden brown on medium heat. There's no need to cook thoroughly because they will be reheated in the oven.



Cut the tops of the tomatoes in a circular movement with a knife to hollow them out. Be sure not to cut all the way to the bottom.



Add the crab dressing into the tomatoes.



Pack one seared scallop into each tomato.



Add a few thin slices or grated amounts of Parmesan cheese.



Add more crab dressing.



To prevent burning while baking, use a cooking spray to coat the tops of the tomatoes. Place them in a 400° oven for 20 minutes. Care must be taken because overcooking will destroy the texture of the tomatoes and turn them into mush.



Add the cilantro; plate and serve as an appetizer.

Real Crab Makes the Difference



There's certainly a difference in texture and flavor between real and imitation crab. Frankly, I'm not all that sure what's in imitation crabmeat – but what's certain is that it doesn't taste real. Crab tends to be a seasonal product, and it's easy to know this when grocery stores don't have any fresh crab for purchase – they direct you the canned section. Another way you can tell is that restaurants delete their crab dishes for several months before soft shell crabs and crab legs reappear on the menu.

In this recipe, I use a simple crab dressing that seems to have the common set of ingredients, though it may seem unusual that I used Worcestershire sauce to accentuate the flavors in the dressing. I like the use of one jalapeño to add a spicy element to the dish, but you may add hot sauce as well – or not use any form of hot spice. It's entirely up to you.

When making the crab dressing, I suggest refrigerating it if it's going to be left in room temperature for more than five minutes. Crab and mayonnaise are highly perishable and can become harmful if attention to time and temperature is not taken.

By the way, the crab dressing made here is perfect as a sandwich if you have leftovers! Enjoy!

Roma Tomato-Stuffed Crab Dressing

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 pound crabmeat
- 5 Roma tomatoes
- 1/4 cup diced celery
- 1/4 cup diced red onion or scallion
- 1/2 cup diced carrot
- 1 diced jalapeño
- Sea salt and fresh cracked pepper, to taste
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1/4 mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon parsley
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 2 tablespoons breadcrumbs
- 5 jumbo-sized scallops
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- Parmesan cheese, to taste
- Cilantro, for garnish



Cooking Tidbit: It is strongly suggested that you select the largest of the Roma tomatoes as well as looking for those that have a flat bottom, or else you should place each crab-stuffed tomato into a cupcake baking pan.

[A Cook's Dictionary]

Parsley:

A slightly peppery, fresh-flavored herb commonly used as a flavoring and garnish. Though there are more than 30 varieties of this herb, the most popular are curly-leaf parsley and the more strongly flavored Italian or flat-leaf parsley. Parsley is an excellent source of vitamins A and C.

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



Life insurance:

How Much Is Enough?

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

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

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

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

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

Getting the coverage you need

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

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

What to look for in a plan

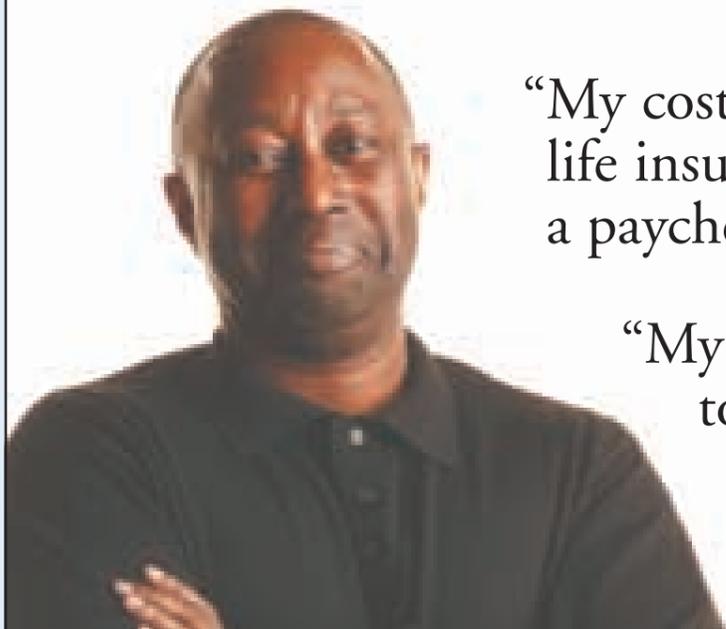
When evaluating term life insurance plans, here are some things to consider:

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

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

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

For active and retired City or DWP employees



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

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

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

Life Insurance from the Club is a smart, easy choice

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

7 EASY STEPS TO APPLY >>>

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

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

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

Summary of plan details

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

STEP 1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Choose the plan and indicate the benefit amount desired:

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

STEP 4. DESIGNATE YOUR BENEFICIARIES

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

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

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

AUTHORIZATION AND DECLARATION OF EACH PERSON GIVING A STATEMENT OF INSURABILITY

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

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

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

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

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

NEW POLICYHOLDERS: Club membership fees will be automatically deducted.

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

STEP 6. COMPLETE AND SIGN THE PAYROLL DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATION.

Payroll Deduction Authorization

Social Security #: _____ Name: _____ Department: _____

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

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

Sign Here

X

City/DWP Employee _____ Date _____

Federal Law P.L. 93-579 Section 7

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

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Code _____ Deduction _____

HARBOR

Harboring a New Logo

Port of LA introduces a new logo.

The Port of L.A. is starting off its second century with a new look.

The Harbor Dept.'s new logo was unveiled at an all-employee assembly in late February, and the Port is in the process of updating its logo in the literally hundreds of places it exists.

The new logo, developed by Julia Nagano and Arley Baker



within the Department, and Hamon and Associates as a consultant, shows a dynamic presence with a wave acting as the crossbar of the "A" in "LA." Because environmental issues are a priority for the Port, the Department has made this wave green to represent its commitment to being environmentally aware in all aspects of its business.



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Newsbrief

CLEAN WATER AWARENESS AWARD:

Public Works/Sanitation has been selected to receive two National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) National Environmental Achievement Awards in the category of public information and education. The NACWA awards are presented to the "Biosolids (Bio-slurry) Injection - Terminal Island Renewable Energy Project" and the "No Drugs Down the Drain" public education campaign.

"The National Environmental Achievement Awards demonstrate the City's commitment to shaping a better quality of life through proactive environmental stewardship," said Cynthia M. Ruiz, president of the Board of Public Works. "This national recognition highlights the City's commitment to operating our biosolids program in the public's interest. The program effectively utilizes our communication tools with our public engagements to uphold the national standards and practices that keep the public informed."

NACWA member agencies and individuals that have made outstanding contributions to the clean water community and environmental protection are recognized annually for this prestigious award.

"For more than 12 years, the City has maintained an environmentally sound biosolids program that meets and exceeds all enforceable local, state and federal regulations," said Enrique C. Zaldivar, Director, Sanitation. "The City's biosolids management program is nationally recognized and has received the highest achievement for biosolids management and environmental stewardship from the National Biosolids Partnership. We are honored by this NACWA recognition of the Terminal Island Renewable Energy Project also known as T.I.R.E."

Sanitation is recognized in a second award submitted by the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (LACSD). The "No Drugs Down the Drain" public education campaign, designed to alert residents of the problems and alternate disposal methods for unused, unwanted and expired medications, will receive a National Environmental Achievement Award for its excellence in public information and education. LACSD is joined by Public Works and Orange County Sanitation District in this recognition.

The awards will be presented at the NACWA Summer Conference and 38th Annual Meeting July 16 at the Hilton Anchorage in Anchorage, Alaska. The National Environmental Achievement Awards are sponsored by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies in Washington, D.C.

For more information on Sanitation's award-winning contributions to clean water, environmental protection and wastewater management, visit www.lacity.org/san. For information about the city's Biosolids Management System, visit www.lacity.org/san/biosolidsems.

Help fight women's cancer!



**TEAM LAPD at the
15th Annual Entertainment Industry Foundation**

Revlon Run/Walk 2008

May 10th



This year alone more than 178,400 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer, more than 22,400 will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer and more than 55,800 will be diagnosed with other women's cancers. More than 68,400 will lose their lives to these deadly diseases.

On Saturday, May 10th, under the Team name Team LAPD, LAPD officers, LAPD staff, family and friends will participate in the 15th Annual Entertainment Industry Foundation Revlon Run/Walk For Women to help fight women's cancers. Fifty LAPD Explorers have signed up to volunteer under Team LAPD to hand out medallions to those crossing the finish line. With specially designed Team LAPD T-shirts, Team LAPD will walk and run together among the crowd of thousands united in the fight to cure women's cancers.

Last year, through generous donations from friends and family of the 188 Team LAPD members, Team LAPD raised an outstanding \$11,000 toward finding a cure for cancer !!!

Join Team LAPD on May 10th as we continue the fight to find a cure. As a fellow Team LAPD member said, "We walk because we can't walk away."

For more information

on how to register to be a team member or make a donation to Team LAPD, contact Irene Gonzalez at (213) 473-9081 or Michelle Carr at (213) 473-9090 for more information.

Your Paycheck: It's All You've Got.

You and your family depend on your paycheck. Get injured, and you could be in trouble.

Protect your paycheck with the Club's Long-Term Disability Insurance.

- Did you know that the most common reason for a home foreclosure is a long-term disability?
- It makes no sense to risk your family's financial wellbeing. Protect it!
- The Club's Long-Term Disability Insurance protects your paycheck, whether your injury takes place on the job or off.

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Strong.**

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While you still can.

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(800) 464-0452**



CLASSIFIED ADS *Alive!* Members Marketplace

New Ads This Month!

FOR ADOPTION: 2 identical male neutered Cats, same litter, 2 years old, gray with black strips, white on neck, and green eyes. Owner moving, new place will not accept pets, need good home. Call 310-732-4707 or 562-989-4664 5/08

One Bedroom apartment - Downstairs unit. Washer/Dryer Hook-up. Ice maker connection. One car garage. Adams & Arlington Area (between 4th Avenue). \$900.00/per month. For inquiries on rental unit, please contact, Marcus McNeal at: (323)735-8085 or (213)610-9784. 5/08

House For Sale - Roseville, CA. Built 2000, 2158 sq. ft 3-4 5/08

bdrm/2 bath, 3 car garage, indr Indry, covered patio. 90 min from Lake Tahoe. (916)704-0088 5/08

For Rent- Lovely apartment in Inglewood (4-units). 1 bed/1 bath, kitchen, living room, dining room, 1-car garage. Downstairs unit. New paint, carpet, windows and fixtures. Very quiet. 82nd/Crenshaw. Close to public transportation. Call for more details (310) 365-1868. 5/08

House for Rent - 3 bd/2 ba, on 2 acres in Phelan, CA (High Desert), 40 min. to Ontario Arpt, near good schools and shopping ctr. \$1500 mo. + deposit. Email for details: mcp794@hotmail.com 5/08

Painting Equipment- Folding Shaffold \$500.00, Multitatic ladders \$70.00 ea., Extension ladders w/acc. 32 ft. \$200.00; 24ft \$100.00; 20ft.\$150.00, 16ft. Stinson plank \$250.00, 433 gram ultra airless \$500.00, Pressure washer \$500.00 5/08

Bug for Sale! 1971 Volkswagon 2door Bug, Convertible,\$3,200.Make Reservations to inspect on Saturday or Sunday. 818-356-0644 (FAX/Phone). Check Blue Book to verify this great deal! 5/08

House For Rent: Beautiful large 2 story in Victorville. Quiet neighborhood, near fishing lakes and shopping. Fully landscaped front + back with 2 waterfall ponds. Covered patio + balcony with nice view of the mountains. 4 bdrs/3 full baths/3 car garage. Lots of interior upgrades: custom paint, granite countertops, wood flooring and many more. Responsible persons need only inquire. \$2200 monthly includes yard maintenance. Call for more info 760-843-3793 or 760-217-9491 e-mail us for photos at robanddenice@verizon.net 5/08

For Sale - 3 bd/2 ba home in quiet, friendly rural community of Phelan, CA. \$325K Horse property on appx. 2.5 acres with coral type fence, gazebo, and store shed. Inside has open floor plan, tile floors, and wood burning fireplace. Close to schools and center of town with views of mountains and valleys. Easy access to Hwy 138 and I-15. Enjoy all 4 seasons here! For details/pictures go to: www.realtor.com/realestate/phelan-ca-92371-1097641420/ 5/08

Guitar Amplifier - Paid \$145.00, Still like new!!!! Asking 65.00 They are Over 100.00 on Ebay. 5/08

Apartment For Rent: Southwest LA, Large 2BD/1 BA - Triplex upstairs very clean. Built-in/gated/large bk yard/garage. 544 West 120th St., #3 Hoover/Figueroa. \$1250/mo. Call: (562)430-2694 5/08

2004 Toyota RAV4 -- Silver; 2WD; 45,890 miles; air; power windows, doors and mirrors; luggage rack. AM/FM stereo cassette and CD. Clean. \$14,500 or best reasonable offer. Call Al, Retired DWP (562)331-3222. 5/08

BMW 740i, year 2000, 132,500 miles: Leather, A/C, 14,000 O.B.O. 11/07

PLUMBING VAN FOR SALE!! '94 Ford Econoline 350, 1 ton. Complete with tools and hardware, ready for work! Call (661)263.7472, leave message. 11/07

For sale **2006 Yamaha 1100 Silverado motorcycle**, hardly used, two tone paint only 3100 miles, two leather saddle bags, crash guard, passing light, two helmets and a leather jacket. kept in the garage all the time. For sale \$9,000.00. Call Joe (818) 288-4269 or (805) 306-0684 or email me at buni_hon@yahoo.com for pictures. 11/07

1995 Cadillac Seville for sale. \$5900.00 or B/O 62,000 orig. miles. Rebuilt Trans, new plugs & wires, new water pump & a/c comp. Call (626) 641-1478 11/07

1992 Mercedes 300SE for Sale. Mint condition with 81K org miles. \$9500 obo. Contact Victor (310) 429-1432. 10/07

1989 Cadillac STS for sale - a very comfortable ride. Executive Black, less than 90Kmi. \$600 or make me an offer I can't refuse. For details leave a message at 310)967-5987, or call (310)763-2519 for appointment. 10/07

2002 Harley Davidson Road King: Accessories: S & S Super G Carb and Cam Kit, Beach Bars, Sampson Exhaust, Chrome Controls, Polished Wheels, Braided Lines, Mileage: In: 12,800, Out: 18,500, Price: \$13,500 Contact: Ruben Salas (213) 792-6158 8/07

1976 CHEVROLET C-10 TRUCK: Black, short bed, minor scratches and dents, running great. \$4,000 OBO. Sergio (323) 708-3410 8/07

91 Astro Bass Boat: 135 Merc, Trolling motor, in dash dept sounder, 17' Trailer, many extras to list. Serious buyers only. \$10,000.00- (661) 724-2461 Fax. (213) 626-0398 - Attn. Robert Cuellar 8/07

2003 Harley Davidson "ROAD KING CLASSIC" 25K Miles. This is the 100 Year Anniversary edition, Black with lots of chrome. 88 C.I.Motor/1450CC, Twin "RINE-HART" Pipes, Fuel Injected, Twin Cam Gear drive "Not Chain Driven" Harley Davidson Race tuner with Laptop Interface/Programmable Factory Alarm & new Rubber. Asking \$16,500.00 kkaufman001@roadrunner.com 8/07

2004 CHEVROLET IMPALA: 42,000 miles, burgundy, gray interior, chrome rims, salvage title, runs great, Contact Sergio 323-708-3410 8/07

1979 YAMAHA 750 SPECIAL- motorcycle. 32,000 original miles. Black Gold, Factory saddlebags, trunk, shield, custom seat. Mint condition. \$2,000.00 OBO (626) 333-5962 7/07

2005 Toyota Sienna LE, only 10,800 miles. All power. Good condition. \$19,900. Call Kathy at (626) 821-9180. 7/07

2004 TENT TRAILER, indoor/outdoor shower, toilet, A/C, heat, microwave, fridge, stove, cable ready, CD player, sink, sleeps 6 adults, gas BBQ. \$10,000 OBO contact: lorarobert@sbcglobal.net 7/07

1965 VW Bug primered, chrome rims, new carb & new gas tank \$1,300 obo, call 818-212-3144 6/07

Electronics/Computers

Digix Home Entertainment Theater. Includes subwoofer, 5 mini attachable speakers, wiring from speakers. Kind of difficult to wire, but if set up, the theater will work. \$100 - \$120. Steven J. Ramos, 323-566-4812. 4/08

Sprint (PCS) Vision Phone with leather case, lithium ion battery. Desktop recharger; hardly ever used. Activated once but had to turn the service off. Asking \$70. Steven J. Ramos, 323-566-4812. 4/08

Mamiya M645 1000S Camera with normal and wide angle lens plus grip holder. \$350. Call Leon at (310) 831-6652 4/08

Used **Panasonic PV-L750 camcorder** in excellent working condition, complete with carrying case. Asking \$400 OBO. Contact # (310) 408-6431 in Torrance. 6/07

Used **HP 5650 printer** in excellent working condition. Asking \$25. Complete with cables and software. Contact # (310) 408-6431 in Torrance. 6/07

Furniture

Twin sized Electric Hospital Bed - new, unused. (TVC Bed Series by Invacare). Selling for \$1,000 purchased for \$1,500. Call Lisa (323) 377-8201 or email me. Lisaaj79@yahoo.com 3/08

Electric Recliner Easy Chair: Like new, only used for one month. Great for person that has difficulty getting up from sitting. Beige \$350.00 Call: Bob (213)503-6262 2/08

Blue couch in excellent condition, purchased at Levitz. No stains and very comfy. \$250.00. Please call (323) 344-0767 or e-mail tracey@snh-cpa.com 2/08

Moving to smaller unit before retiring overseas. Everything must go. Make an offer & take it with you. Call Leslie Harbour (310)80-6397 for appointment. 11/07

Homes/Rentals/Land

PALM SPRINGS CONDO FOR RENT - Close to the village & Spa Resort Casino. 1 bedroom/1 bath, sleeps 5. Gated Community with 8 Swimming Pools & Spas. Tennis Court and Shuffleboard court. Call for Weekday & Weekend Rates. (562) 301-2940. 4/08

Marina Dunes/Monterey Bay Timeshare for seven nights. One week 10/18/08 - 10/25/08 for only \$975. Sleeps 6 max. King in master, 2 twins in 2nd Bedroom and Queen Murphy in LR. Full kitchen, Cable TV, VCR/DVD, Gas FP + BBQ, W&D, Outdoor Swimming Pool + more. No pets. No A/C. Call and leave a message for Terry at (818) 769-3382 4/08

For Rent - Apartment: residential neighborhood in Northeast Los Angeles. 2-bed/full bath, kitchen, living room, dining room and garage. Convenient to markets, public transportation, and freeways; \$1000 a month. Call (213) 952-0835 4/08

FOR RENT- Lovely apartment in Inglewood (Townhouse). 2 bed/1 bath, kitchen/stove/dishwasher, living room, dining room, 1-car garage/gated parking. Two story unit. New paint, carpet, windows and fixtures. Washer/Dryer in unit. Very quiet. Inglewood, CA on Cory Dr. Close to public transportation. Call for more details (310) 365-1868. 3/08

FOR RENT- Lovely apartment in Los Angeles, Leimert Park (4-unit complex). 2 beds/1 bath, kitchen/Granite countertops, living room, dining room, 1-car garage. New paint, carpet/hardwood & tiled floors, windows and fixtures. Washer/dryer hookup. Very quiet. Los Angeles, CA Leimert Park. Close to public transportation. Call for more details (310) 365-1868. 3/08

FOR RENT- Lovely apartment in Los Angeles (6 Units). 1 bed/1 bath, kitchen, living room, dining room, 1-car garage. New paint, carpet, windows and fixtures. Very quiet. Located in Leimert Park. Close to public transportation. Call for more details (310) 365-1868. 3/08

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Timeshare 4 Sale Las Vegas Club de Soleil 2 bedroom unit close to the strip Take over payments \$257.42. Call (661)718-2192 ask 4 Gina or Jackie. 3/08

Home for Rent: Thousand Oaks, 3 bedroom/2 bath, pool, A/C. Near all businesses/attractions. Fireplace. \$2,500/month. Pets negotiable. Inquiries: kkaufman001@roadrunner.com 3/08

FOR RENT- Lovely apartment in Inglewood (4-units). 1 bed/1 bath, kitchen, living room, dining room, 1-car garage. Downstairs unit. New paint, carpet, windows and fixtures. Very quiet. 82nd/Crenshaw. Close to public transportation. Call for more details (310) 365-1868. 2/08

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LAPD 1984 annual, call Steph 805-368-5295 or email siygen@aol.com. 5/08

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- Give us your score on a scale of 1 to 5. Use this format: *My Score: X (out of 5)*.
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MOVIE REVIEWS



21

Rated PG-13
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

I bet the majority of people will really enjoy this movie! [*Nice pun, Gail! - Ed.*] I sure did.

The story was based on a true story, which makes it even better. Although in a way it's like a fantasy,

because how many of us would love to go to a casino and win big? It's a great story. I would recommend the movie for teens and up.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

21

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Because I live in Vegas and one of my favorite games is 21, of course I just had to see the movie. I thought the movie was captivating and interesting. It's always great to see Kevin Spacey, and the rest of the cast was very good. I might think twice the next time I play.

— Patty Saucier, DWP, Retired



Nim's Island

Rated PG
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Nim Rusoe (Abigail Breslin) lives on a tropical island with her scientist father, Jack Rusoe (Gerard Butler). Nim communicates by e-mail with famous adventure writer Alex Rover (Jody Foster).

Nim lives on an island with Fred the Iguana and Selkie the Sea Lion. But Alexandra, the author of the Rover books, leads a reclusive life in the big city. When Nim's father goes missing from their island, a twist of fate brings her together with Alexandra. Now they must draw courage from their fictional hero, Alex Rover, and find strength in one another to conquer Nim's Island.

This is an adventure movie for the whole family to enjoy. It's based on the book by Wendy Orr.

— Linda Rorex, Personnel



Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who

Rated G
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

I took my five-year-old niece to see this movie, and we both really enjoyed it. It was a very nice adaptation of the book by Dr. Seuss. My niece is trying to talk

everyone in the family to taking her again because she can't stop talking about it. She rated the movie 5 out of 4!

— Patty Saucier, DWP, Retired



College Road Trip

Rated G
My Score: 3 (out of 5)

I was very surprised this was a "G" movie, especially since Martin Lawrence was starring in it. Lawrence plays a father with a daughter, (Raven-Symoné), who is going to college. He does not want

her to go far from home and tries to trick her into going to a local college. His tactics are rather funny, and I am sure some of you dads out there have done some of the same things. For those of you who have a daughter getting ready to go off to college, you should see this movie. It was

funny, but it has an important message.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD



Under the Same Moon

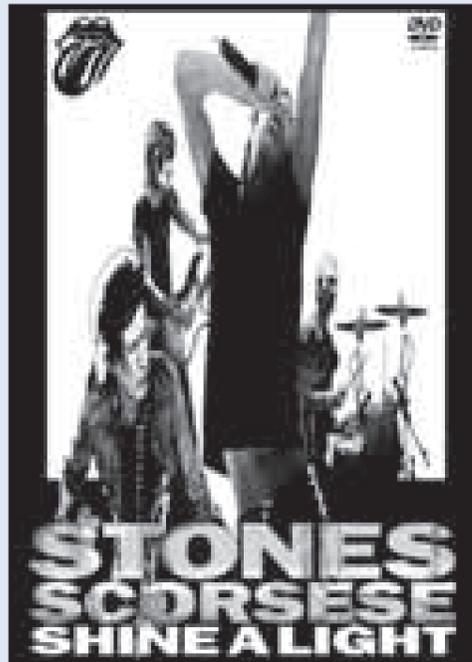
Rated PG-13
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Actress Kate Del Castillo puts a face on the millions of women immigrants who sacrifice their lives to support their families.

A single mother leaves behind her child with her sick mother while she works two jobs to support them. Her son is approaching his ninth birthday, and his wish is to have his mother back. Unexpectedly, the grandmother passes away; the very intelligent child decides to take the dangerous journey to find his mother. He meets a full range of characters, including a kind and cranky loner who reluctantly decides to let him tag along on the trek from Texas to Los Angeles. The duo is penniless, so they work odd jobs to survive.

— Lourdes Zaldivar, LAPD

Shine a Light



Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Rolling Stones fans will love this Martin Scorsese-directed film of their 2006 Beacon Theatre New York City concert. The I-MAX screen shows every wrinkle and crease on these "old guys," who still have great rock and roll chops. Mick Jagger and Keith Richards may look old, but they don't disappoint. Guests appearing are Jack White, Buddy Guy, and Christina Aguilera, yet the Stones themselves are the real stars. No longer the "bad boys of rock and roll," the Stones have become the "bad old men of rock." And that's good.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

DVD Reviews



The Pursuit of Happyness (2006)

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

Will Smith and his son, Jaden, were in this movie, playing father and son. This was a story about a man trying to support his wife and son, and he just could not get ahead. He

had put his life's saving into a medical machine and had to sell a certain number per week. When things were not going well for him, he took an internist job as a stockbroker for Dean Witter.

The movie was based on a true story, and it is probably one of Smith's best movies. The movie has a great message; it's definitely worth seeing.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

BOOK REVIEWS



I Am America (And So Can You!)

Stephen Colbert
Humor Fiction; Grand Central;
230 pages
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

From Stephen Colbert, the host of television's highest-rated [comedy] punditry show, *The Colbert Report*, comes the book to fill the other 23-and-a-half hours of your day. *I Am America (and So Can You!)* contains all of the opinions that Stephen doesn't have time to shoehorn into his nightly broadcast.

Always controversial and outspoken, Stephen addresses why Hollywood is destroying America by inches, why evolution is a fraud, and why the elderly should be harnessed to millstones.

You may not agree with everything Stephen says, but at the very least, you'll understand that your differing opinion is wrong.

I Am America (and So Can You!) showcases Stephen Colbert at his most eloquent and impassioned. He is an unrelenting fighter for the soul of America, and in this book he fights the good

fight for the traditional values that have served this country so well for so long.

— Linda Rorex, Personnel



Nim's Island

Wendy Orr (illustrations by Kerry Millard)
Children's Fiction;
Yearling; 125 pages
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Nim a modern-day Robinson Crusoe, living on a tropical island with Fred the Iguana and Selkie the Sea Lion. Her scientist father, Jack, sails off for a three-day adventure, leaving her alone on their island. One night when her father gets lost at sea, Nim sends a letter to her hero, Alex Rover, for help.

With the help of all her friends, and the famous adventure writer Alex Rover, Nim helps to rescue her father and save the island from being invaded by dreaded tourists from a cruise liner who would destroy the beauty of the island forever.

This is a wonderful adventure book to read to your mom or dad at bedtime or anytime.

— Vicky Rorex, daughter of Linda Rorex, Personnel

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Seal w/Script
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PRICE: \$10.00



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

DWP Hats



DWP Hat
#DPWH2000
NAVY
PRICE: \$8.00

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per hat*

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DWP Hat
#DPWH3000
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ITEM #BSTS

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City of LA Hall Silver Finish Pin
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*Tax included



DWP Decal, 3" Diameter
ITEM: #DECWVP1000 • PRICE: \$2.50*
*Tax included

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\$10 Each*



ITEM: #C8003

Size: 10" Diameter
Battery operated (AA)

*Plus tax and shipping

Historical Books

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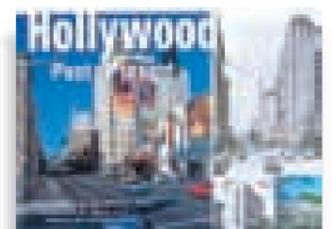
An excellent review of what these areas looked like in their humble beginnings compared to the present day. Photographs by the world famous George Ross Jezek.



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L.A. City T-shirts

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



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

Available Colors: Navy Blue, Black

Size: **3XL** \$13

Size: **4XL** \$14

ITEM: #NC1000

New City LA-Hall Short Sleeve T-Shirt
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Sizes: **3XL** \$9.50

Sizes: **4XL** \$10.50

Available Colors: Black, Sport Gray, Navy Blue

ITEM: #CN1000

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



Member Price: **\$10** per shirt*

Size: **3XL** \$13

ITEM: #LAC-5000

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



Member Price: **\$15** per shirt*

Available Colors: White, Sport Gray, Indigo Blue

Size: **3XL** \$16

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ITEM: #T1500

LA City "B-Label" Sweatshirt (with Depts.)
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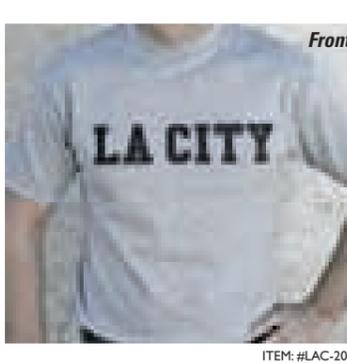
Member Price: **\$22** per shirt*

Size: **3XL** \$23

Available Colors: Navy Blue, Black

ITEM: #LAC-6000

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



Member Price: **\$5** per shirt*

Available Colors: Gray, Black, Navy Blue

ITEM: #LAC-2000

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



Member Price: **\$7** per shirt*

Available Colors: Black, Navy Blue

ITEM: #LAC-3000

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



Member Price: **\$8** per shirt*

Available Colors: Black, Navy Blue

ITEM: #LAC-4000

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



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

Non-Member Price: \$25 per shirt
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Available Colors: Texas Orange, Sport Gray, White, Leaf Green, Indigo Blue, Light Pink, Maroon, Blue Dusk, Orange, Olive

*White available with front pocket.

Sizes: **3XL** \$13

Sizes: **4XL** \$14

Available Colors: Indigo Blue, Sport Gray

ITEM: #T1000

L.A. City Polo Shirt

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



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

Available Colors: White, Black, Navy Blue, Pink

Close-up of Embroidery

ITEM: #PS1000

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



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

Available Colors: Black, Navy Blue

ITEM: #T3000VVP

DWP "Classic" Long Sleeve T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL** Size: **3XL**



Member Price: **\$15** per shirt*

Size: **3XL** \$16

*Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors: Gray

ITEM: #T2500VVP

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



Member Price: **\$10** per shirt*

Available Colors: White, Navy Blue, Black, Orange

ITEM: #T2002WVP



Member Price: **\$10** per shirt*

Available Colors: White*, Navy Blue, Black, Orange

*White available with front pocket.

ITEM: #T2003WVP

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



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

Available Colors: White, Navy Blue, Black, Orange

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

*White available with front pocket.

Available Colors: White*, Orange, Blue Dusk, Charcoal

Size: **3XL** \$13

AVAILABLE COLORS: Blue Dusk, Charcoal

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City Women's - LA Hall V-Neck T-Shirt
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Available Colors:



(On white shirt, emblem is pink)

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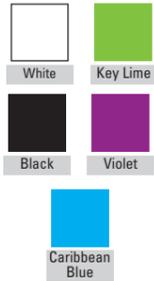
City Girl "Classic" T-shirt
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V-Neck Style Colors:



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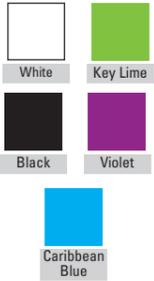
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Crew Neck Style Colors:



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PRICE: \$55.00*



Men's Large Seal, Leather Band
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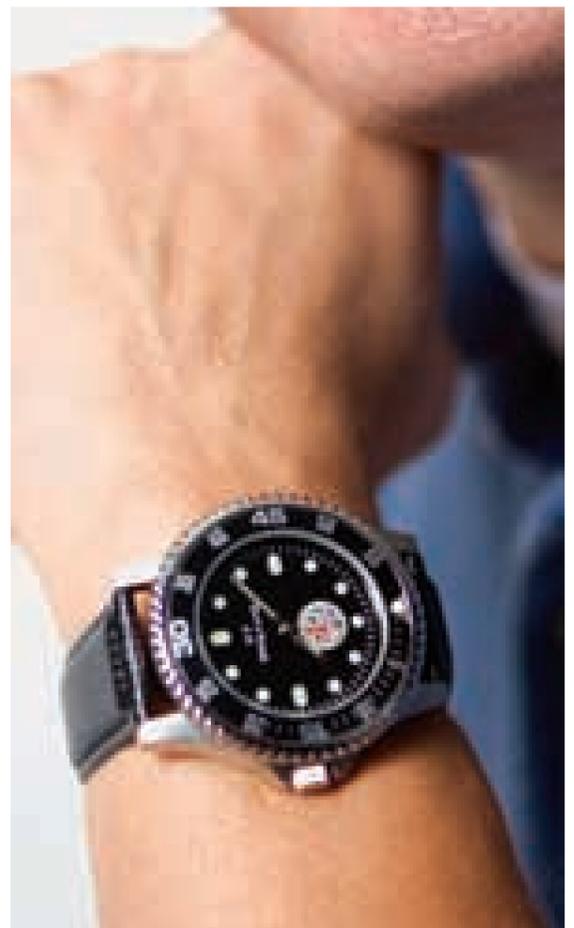
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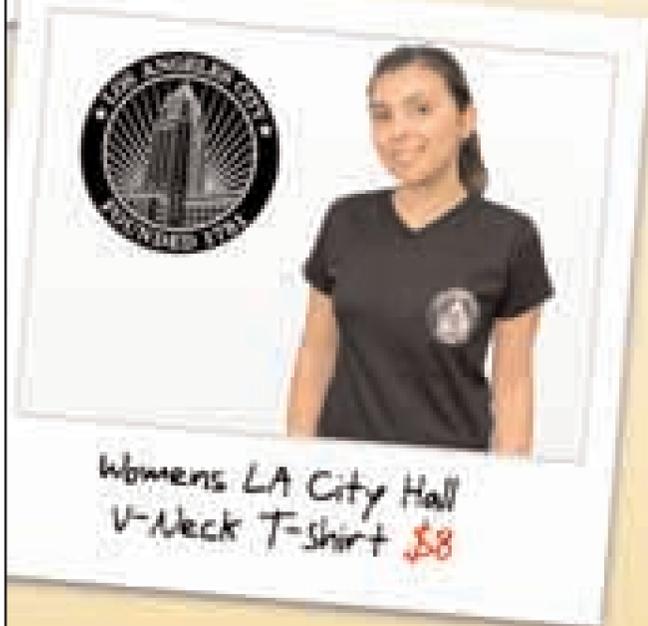
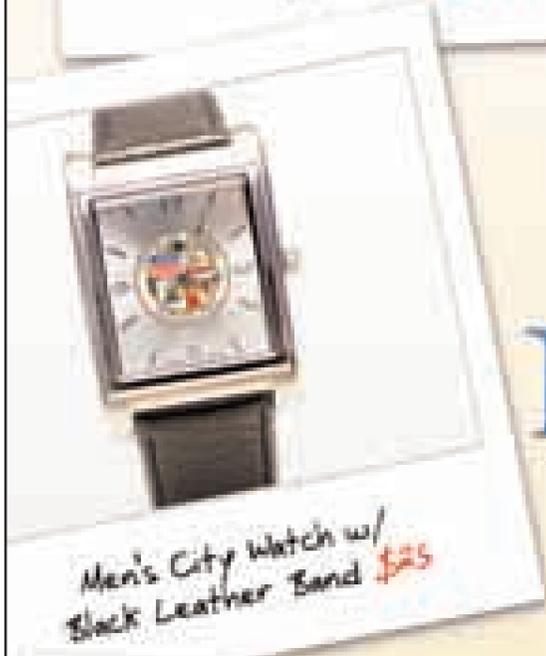
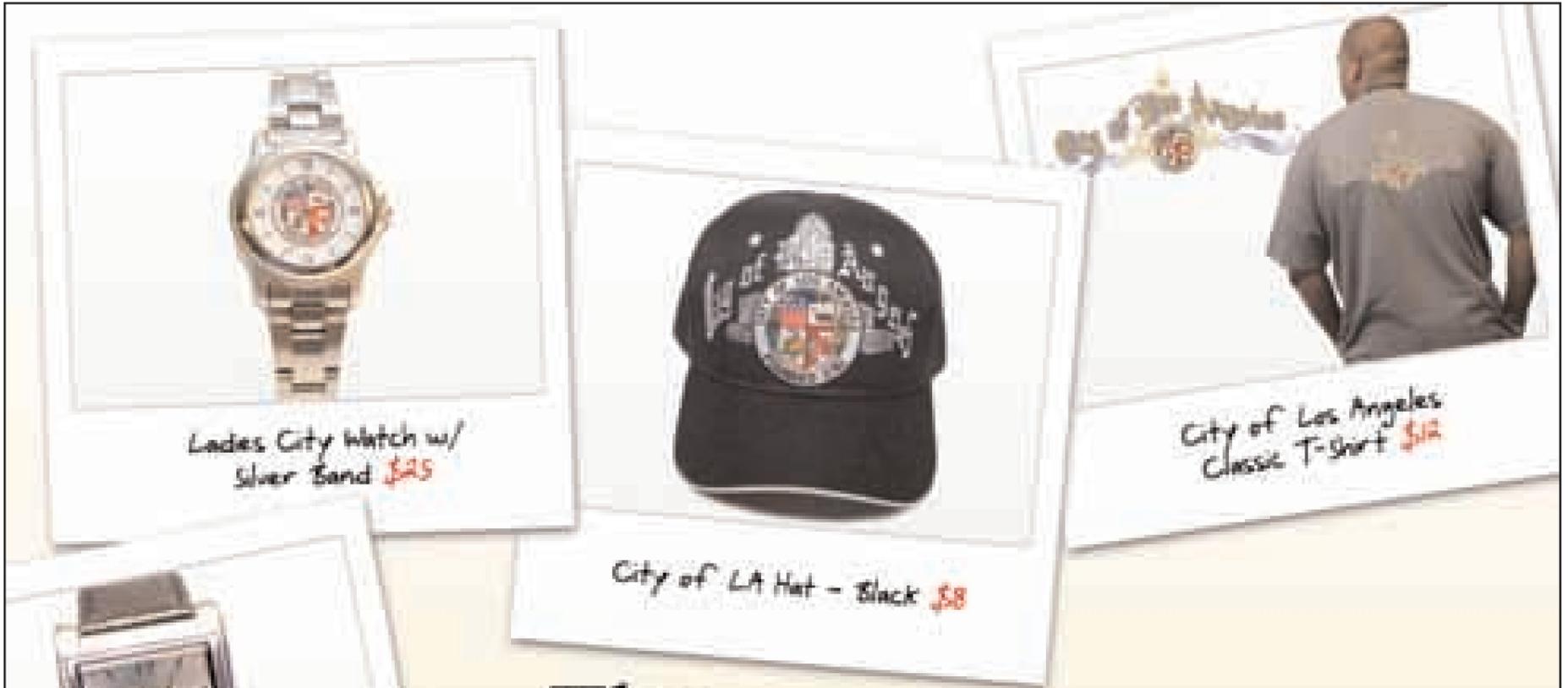
Ticket Guy
City Employees Club of Los Angeles
120 W. 2nd Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

PICK-UP

WE'VE MOVED TO:
The Club Store and Service Center
120 W. Second Street
Los Angeles, CA 90071
- downtown, between Spring and Main Streets

For Dash routes, go to:
www.ladottransit.com/dash/routes





The New Club Store & Member Service Center Has now **relocated** & is **OPEN!**

Different Location – Same Club Service you've come to know and expect since 1928. The only home of officially licensed City of Los Angeles Seal merchandise.

The Club Store formerly located at the World Trade Center at 350 South Figueroa St., #700, Los Angeles, CA 90071 has **CLOSED PERMANENTLY** for CLUB STORE business.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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New Location

STORE HOURS
MONDAY - FRIDAY
8:00AM - 4:30PM

Friday, May 23rd ONLY - Bring this AD into the New Club Store and receive a **FREE Club Hat & L.A. City Decal!**