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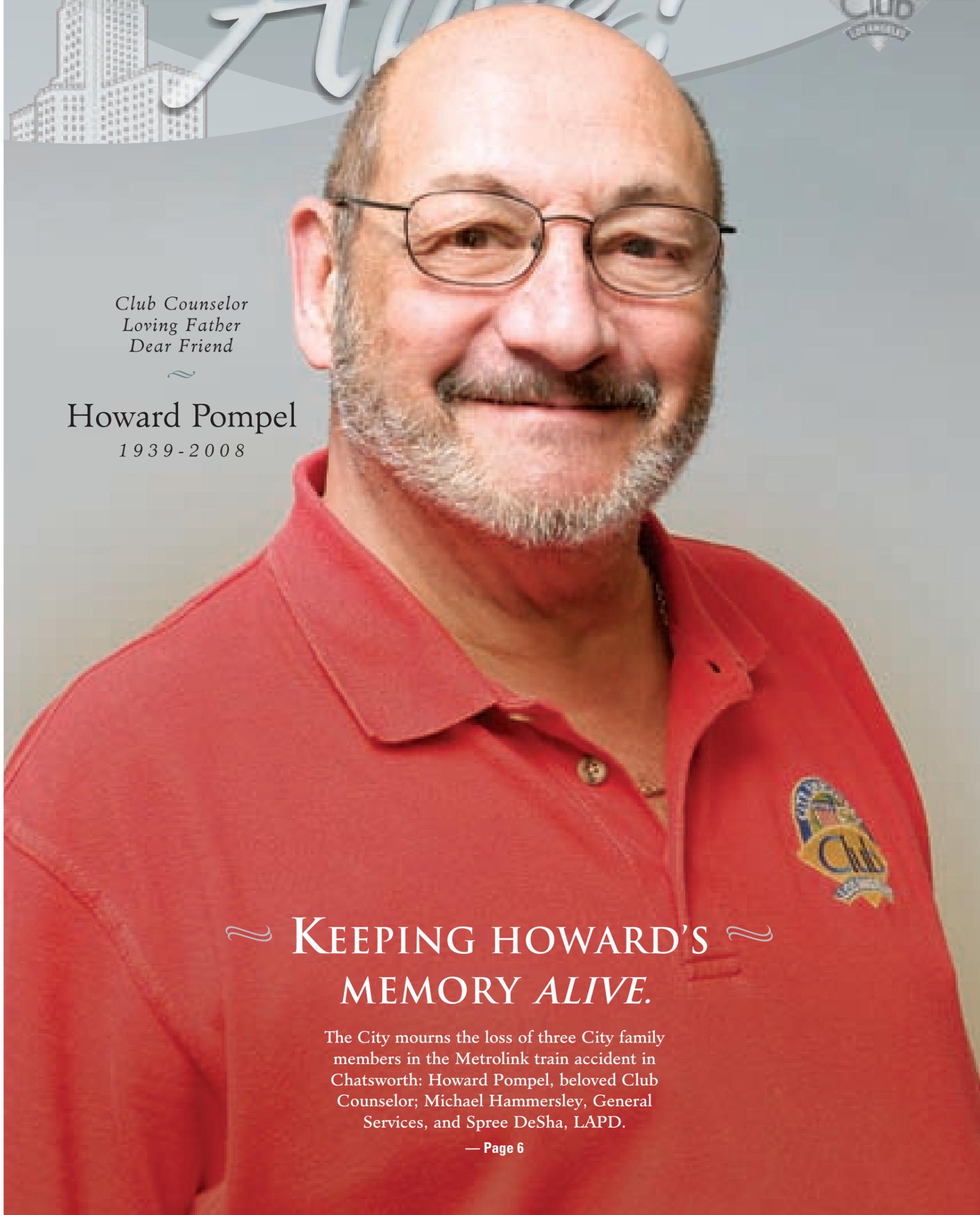


*Club Counselor
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Dear Friend*



Howard Pompel

1939-2008



KEEPING HOWARD'S MEMORY ALIVE.

The City mourns the loss of three City family members in the Metrolink train accident in Chatsworth: Howard Pompel, beloved Club Counselor; Michael Hammersley, General Services, and Spree DeSha, LAPD.

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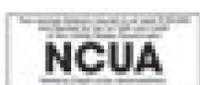
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** A Message From the CEO **

Howard Is Gone; His Spirit's Alive

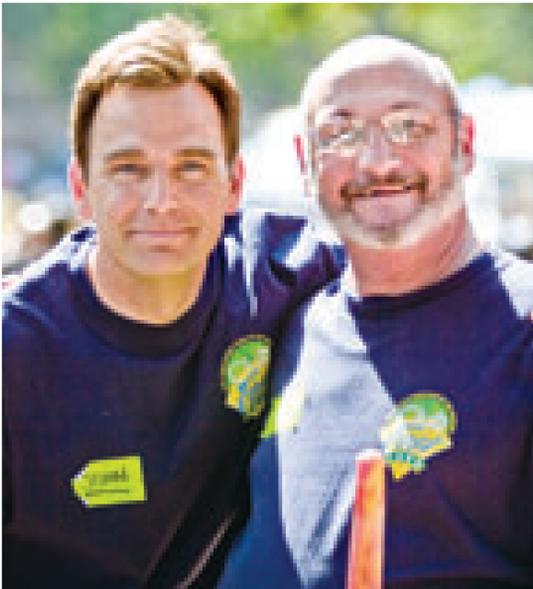
by John Hawkins
President and CEO, The Club

I first met Howard Pompel more than 10 years ago when I was working at an insurance brokerage in Canoga Park. At the time we were in dire need of qualified insurance agents who didn't recoil at the thought of making cold calls to prospective clients. We also needed agents who were optimistic and positive, and had can-do attitudes. I think I interviewed more than one hundred agents, and very few were meeting our criteria. And then I walked Howard with a beaming smile, the slight scent of a freshly smoked cigar, a firm handshake and his powerfully confident voice. I thought to myself, "Now this guy is a *real* insurance agent."

And sure enough, the first words out of his mouth were, "John, let me ring up your phone bill!" which was music to my ears, since everyone else feared the phone instead of embracing it. Well, needless to say, I hired him on the spot. In fact, eight years ago when I left that company to work for the Club, I stole him away, much to the chagrin of that company's president.

My son, Noah, first met Howard when Noah was just a year old. Noah may not remember that meeting, but I sure do. Howard got down to his level and talked to him like a friend. Over the next 10 years, Noah made countless trips to my office, and each time he spent time talking to Howard, with Howard talking to Noah just like old buddies would talk (and believe me, Howard *and* Noah could really talk!). Noah was greatly affected by Howard's passing, as they had a special bond.

Throughout our lives, we remember those special people who impacted us. I'm sure Howard will be one of those people in Noah's life.



John Hawkins and Howard Pompel sharing a good time at ClubFest 2003.

Howard was also there when my second son, Isaiah, was born. And Howard was Isaiah's buddy, just like he was Noah's. In contrast to Noah, Isaiah was more of a snacker than a talker, and he had a fond appreciation for the never-empty barrel of pretzels Howard kept on his desk.

And then there was my daughter, Hannah, or as Howard would affectionately call her, "Princess." Hannah and Howard got along very well, not only because Howard was like a big teddy bear but also because of Howard's extensive Beanie Babies collection. And the pretzels, of course.

Howard was the kind of employee you search for yet rarely find. He was an icon at the office, setting an example for everyone to follow. He knew how to treat Club Members, and we all learned from him.

It's still hard to believe Howard is gone. I keep hearing his voice bellow, "Hey, boss" every now and then as I'm walking from office to office; but I look and no one is there. And it makes me sad.

We miss you Howard. Thank you for giving the Club the gift of your presence.

—JOHN

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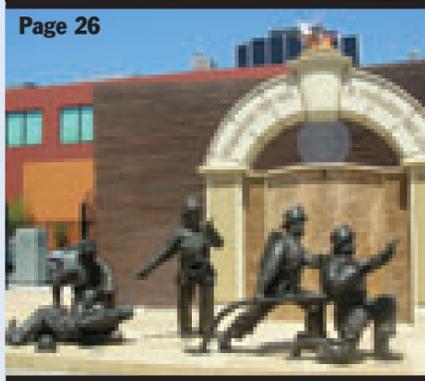
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Claims Administrator**

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that you all signed. I was surprised and very happy - thank you for your thoughtfulness. I will treasure this gift. Thank you so much."

— Judith S. Gillette, June 2008

Your service was "excellent. You sent out the forms out quickly, and followed up when necessary. [You were] there to

answer questions and easy to reach. Overall, the Club's claim service was a pleasure to deal with."

— Tracy Dailey, June 2008

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— Louis Bradford, June 2008

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Long-term care claims paid this year: **\$193,913.36**

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Cancer insurance claims paid this year: **\$125,000.00**

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John Hawkins
President & CEO



Brian G. Trent
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Robert Larios
Director of Operations



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LETTERS To the Editor

Tell us what you think! talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

He Appreciates the Way Howard Served Customers

Howard, I have never dealt with a rep that is as efficient as you. Your knowledge and promptness are second to none. Your word is gold. Every workplace should have a person like you.

It's been a pleasure dealing with you! Thanks again.

— Art Erman,
Club Member

Art, your letter came in just a week or two before Howard Pompel died in the Metrolink train accident in Chatsworth. I don't think he had a chance to see your letter, but be assured that Club Members like you thanked Howard every day, letting him know how appreciated he was. See the tribute to Howard that begins on page 6, and thanks for writing. — Ed.

New York Might Be No. 1, But They Don't Have *Alive!*

I just wanted to say thank you for putting out an awesome paper. I was visiting my friend in New York City two weeks ago. She works for their Parks Department, and I asked her about their City newspaper. I was shocked to hear that New York City doesn't have an employee paper! Imagine that! In fact, they don't even have a place to buy discount tickets! How sad yet how lucky we are as LA City Employees. So, thank for all you do Club!

— Manny,
Club Member for 14 years

You're welcome, Manny. In this regard, we're way ahead of the Big Apple. — Ed.

Alive! Helps Zuma Dogg See Life From a Different Angle

I have never seen pictures from *that* side of the rope/angle. Love it! Thanks for the coverage, even though I'm "sometimes annoying" (LOL!).

— Zuma Dogg,
frequent visitor to Council meetings

We presume Mr. Dogg wrote in after seeing his picture in our story about Club Member Tony Royster becoming the new General Manager of General Services. Glad to give you something to think about, Zuma! — Ed.

With Everyday Heroes, Photos Are Worth Thousands of Words

Wow! I loved your Everyday Heroes section. We don't get to see great shots of our Fireman doing their thing in the LA Times. I gotta say your paper just keeps getting better and better. Keep up the good work!

— Martha Lechliński,
Proud Club Member

This Readers Appreciates That Adventurer Hal Tells It Like It Is

Can you please let Hal "Adventures With Hal" Danowitz know that I loved his article on Cabo. He is always so informative and honest, it's like actually being there when he talks of his travels.

Thank you, and Hal!

— Todd Rishken,
DWP

Consider him thanked. — Ed.

Corrections

In the list of coloring contest winners we published last month, we listed the wrong name as the winner in the 8-10 age group. The correct winner was Marcelino Mendo, aged 8. So sorry, Marcelino! And congratulations!

QUESTION



of the Month

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

What was your favorite Olympic event?

"Swimming, Michael Phelps really made me interested in the event because I was never into watching. Hearing about his daily diet was really interesting."

— Marviana Jones,
Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member



"Women's all-around gymnastics."

— Sherry Cox,
Management Aide, Club Member



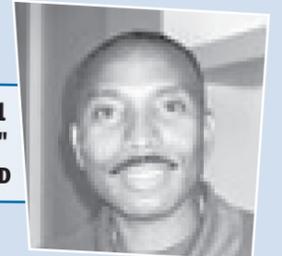
"The marathon."

— Jose Argueta Diaz,
Custodian



"Women's volleyball."

— Lupe Durazo,
Hearing Reporter, Club Member



"The men's Olympic basketball championship game."

— Officer Joe Johnson, LAPD



"Women's gymnastics."

— Jacquleen Dreben,
PSR II, Club Member



"Men's swimming."

— Luisa Goodwin,
PSR II, Club Member



"Track and field."

— Marty Ford,
PSR III, Club Member



"100-meter men's and women's track and field, especially the Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt."

— Sean Hector,
Sr. Security Officer, LAPD

SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE SECTION



A CITY

On Friday afternoon, Sept. 12, Metrolink train 111, heading northwest having just left the Chatsworth station, collided head-on with a Union Pacific freight train, killing 24 passengers and crew on site. One additional passenger died later at the hospital.

Among the deceased were Howard Pompel, 69, Member Services Counselor, City Employees Club; Michael Hammersley, 45, Mail Services Division, General Services; and Spree DeSha, 35, Police Officer III, LAPD.

Agencies representing Los Angeles City, Los Angeles County, Beverly Hills and Ventura County Fire Departments, the Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles County Sheriffs, CHP, Metrolink and Union Pacific Railroad, working under a Unified Command, responded to reports of a train derailment in Chatsworth.

The cause of the collision remains the focus of a formal National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) investigation. There were 24 confirmed fatalities on-scene and an additional 135 patients treated for a variety of injuries. In all, there were 40 patients suffering from critical injuries, 40 seriously injured patients and 50 people with minor injuries. Forty patients were flown by air ambulance to area hospitals throughout the county, utilizing all 12 trauma centers in the Los Angeles County area.

One Firefighter was taken to a local hospital in stable condition with heat-related symptoms and exhaustion. The Firefighter was treated and released from the hospital.

Please turn the page for much more on these three people for whom the City mourns.



SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE SECTION

Metrolink Tragedy Touches the City

MOURNS



Howard Pompel
Member Services Counselor
City Employees Club of Los Angeles



Michael Hammersley
Delivery Driver, Mail Services Division
General Services



Spree DeSha
Police Officer III
LAPD

The Metrolink train accident in Chatsworth cost the City family three lives, including one very near and dear to the hearts of the Club. In these pages, *Alive!* remembers all three ... tells the story of one who survived ... and recognizes the heroes who came to the rescue.

*Readers are invited to share their memories of Howard, Michael and Spree.
See page 15.*

Howard Pompel, the perfect Embodiment of the City Employees Club, died Friday, Sept. 12, in the Metrolink train accident in Chatsworth. He was 69.

He is survived by his wife, Beckie, children, grandchildren, other family members, and countless friends from the Club and the train he traveled every day to and from his home in Moorpark.

"I can't think of a better representative the Club could have ever had," said John Hawkins, Club CEO and friend. "The happiness, safety and peace of mind of all Club Members were very important to Howard. He was everything we are, wrapped up in one person. He was special, one of a kind. It's a great loss for everyone who knew him, and for the City."

Howard, born in Brooklyn, NY, began working for the Club in June 2001 as the Association's in-house Insurance Counselor and specialist in Long-Term Care, Life Insurance and Disability Insurance.

He had more than 35 years of experience in the insurance industry. Before coming to work for the Club, he worked for Answer Financial, and before that, for Blue Cross of California and the Monarch Life Insurance Co. He also spent time as an independent life insurance agent.

John Hawkins remembers hiring Howard to work at the Club.

"I walked Howard with a beaming smile, the slight scent of a freshly smoked cigar, a firm handshake and his powerfully confident voice," John Hawkins writes in this month's CEO Column (page 3). "I thought to myself, 'Now this guy is a *real* insurance agent.' I hired him on the spot."

Howard Pompel was a past member of the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce and was a current member of the Simi Valley Elks Club. He was a member and Ambassador of the Moorpark Chamber of Commerce and was a charter member of the Simi Sunrise Rotary Club.

"He was a loving individual, a loving husband, a loving grandfather," his widow, Beckie, said of her husband of 12 years. "He played Scrabble. We loved live theater and eating out."

Pauline Murano, daughter of a Club Member who recently passed away, received some paperwork and a sympathy card for her father. Signed by Howard on Sept. 12, the day he died, it might have been Howard's last piece of correspondence. "I want his family to know," Pauline wrote to the Club, "that Mr. Pompel spent his last day and probably every day helping people."

"He was so helpful and sympathetic."

"Our deepest sympathies go out to Beckie, his family and his friends," John Hawkins said. "We share their loss deeply. The Club will continue to thrive because of his leadership, his example and his friendship. But we will miss him terribly."

The Club invites everyone to contribute their memories. See page 15.



Howard Pompel at the party that launched the new City Employees Club in 2002.

*"Knowing Howard was a blessing;
working with him was an honor."*

– Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

Metrolink Tragedy Touches the City

HOWARD POMPEL

1939 - 2008

CLUB STAFFERS MOURN HOWARD

The Club staff, who worked with Howard every day, recall their co-worker and friend.

"I've been working for LACEA for the past six years, and Howard was very knowledgeable with insurance. He was never shy about sharing his 30 years of experience. My schedule usually calls for me to be out of the office, and when we finally have a chance to catch up, he would always ask, "How is Arlene doing?" I would always tell him that I am very busy, and his response was, "Busy is good because that gives us job security," then we would just laugh about it.

"Howard was a very caring person. He would love the games I would come up with for our holiday party, and would always tell me that he looks forward to my games. He loved his family, those whom he worked with and our members.

"My last memory of him was at our Sept. 8 monthly staff meeting, where he made us remember that we are not just employees working at the same company, but we are family. I was devastated to learn of the accident and just like I would have done for my own family member, I did my best to locate him. Everyday is a struggle; we're lost without him. Knowing him was a blessing; working with him was an honor."

- Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

"I remember when I met Howard -- it was my first day here at the Club and I was the lucky one who was going to share a cubicle with him! I was a little nervous, since this was going to be my first 'real' job straight out of college, but he made me feel so comfortable. He told me that this wasn't just a group of co-workers, that we were actually family, and that 'working here is like working at a county club,' and he was right! From that day on my relationship with Howie grew, and he became a new family

member to me. There were many conversations shared between us, most of them being his life stories. I believe those stories are what he cherished most because he told them with such vividness and enthusiasm, although at times we knew they were probably exaggerated a bit, and even if you had already heard the story once he would tell it again! After hearing his tales I would tell him, 'Wow Howie, you've lived a great life,' and he would just laugh.

"Howie was getting older, and so his aches and pains were becoming a daily complaint. But even through the pain he would always make sure he knew that you were okay. If it seemed like you were having a bad day he was always ready to listen or make you laugh. After moving to our new location, Howie was able to interact more with Club Members. His favorite part of the day was when he would give away our blue recyclable Club Store bag to the "25,000th" customer! He would get such a kick out of the reaction and excitement from

"The Club family has experienced a great loss. The affects of his passing will be felt for a very long time. We know that everyone who spent just one minute with him will remember his humor, wit and kindness. During the last eight years with the Club, he touched so many lives within the City of Los Angeles that we know his memory will live on for decades to come. "The Club is most thankful to everyone for their thoughts and support during these trying times."

- Summy Lam, IT Business Analyst



The Club gang at ClubFest 2003, bottom row, from left: Howard Pompel and John Hawkins. Top row, from left: Rose Hyland, Leigh Thompson, Alan Bound, Trinh Pham, Summy Lam, Beverly Haro, Jamie Bergantz and Bob Dow.

"He made everyone feel like family. He would always come over to my desk on his break and sit and just talk about everyday things. I think he had a cute nickname for everyone in our office. He always spoke highly of his family. Most anyone who knew him would agree that his eyes would light up whenever he talked about anything that had to do with live theatre or a favorite restaurant. I remember he would love the jellybeans that I had on my desk and he promised to replace them when ever it got 'low.' He shared his pretzels with me and raved about the delicious dinners that his wife Beckie prepared the night before. I'm never going to forget you Howard. I miss you."

- Marla Fisher, Claims Assistant

"Albeit our time together was short, a week to be exact, Howard has left a lasting impression on me. I learned very quickly that Howard is a genuinely caring and sincere person. He was very warm and welcoming on my first day. In fact, he was the very first person I spoke with in our break room that morning of our meeting.

"Howard was adamant about referring to our colleagues as 'family.' His exact words were, 'We're not a team, we're a family.' He continued on to describe how wonderful it was to work for the City Employees Club. His words gave me great comfort and inspiration. When I sat with Howard to interview him on his job responsibilities, he was very open to offering suggestions and advice on how I could succeed at my job. He gave me all the time I needed to answer my bombarding questions. Howard is a witty, charming, generous soul and he will be greatly missed. I am grateful I had the opportunity to meet such a wonderful man before his journey back to heaven."

- Tiffany Sy, Member Services Counselor

our members, and after they thanked him and they left he would ask me, "Do you think I made their day?" I would respond with, "I think so, Howser," and he would end with, "Good, I love doing that, I really do." That was the thing about Howie -- he was always loving and genuine, and those qualities are what make you feel so lucky to know someone that special. Every time I pass his desk I'll always remember his charm, laughter and love!

"Howie is someone who has left footprint on my heart. I love you, Howie!"

- Jessica Segura, Merchandise and Ticket Sales Coordinator

"Howard was my co-worker. He always made me smile whenever I heard him talk to our Club Members. He was so jovial and down to earth, and he always ended his phone calls with the slogan, "You know the rules around here, you can call me for anything, don't be shy." Then he would give that hearty warm laugh of his, and I would smile every time I heard that. It really made me proud to know that he was part of our team, representing City Employees Club.



During the Club's Toy Drive in 2005 were, from left, Angel Gomez, Howard Pompel, Sara Fama, Brian Trent, Jessica Segura and Ticket Guy (Navin Cotton).

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“He is and will be missed very, very much.”

CLUB STAFFERS MOURN HOWARD

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“Howard and I were the early birds at the City Club. We would always take a few minutes to catch up with each other every day. Our thing was to see how often we could make the other laugh! If I could make Howard laugh and have him say ‘You are sooo bad!’ my day was made!! Howard loved his family and especially those two beautiful little granddaughters. If you asked how they were, his face would light up like a full moon and he would just beam, and say they are adorable!

“Howie, my friend, I will miss our time and talks together, and you will live in my heart forever.”

- Katie Hesseltine, Application Coordinator

“Even now, days after his passing, one can see the scope of the lives he touched as the phone calls, emails, flowers and sympathy cards have poured in. Howard was a character unlike any other I’ve known. He was full of laughter with the kind of positive attitude that magnetized you to hang out with him all day long. He had stories about his life dating back to his birth. Frankly, I found it amazing that he knew all the events that went on hours after his birth. I always told him that he needed to write a book about the adventures of his wonderful life. The book would have been a national best-seller.

“I already miss his chuckle and two of his most common office phrase, ‘Now we’re cookin!’ and ‘Hey, boss!’ It was a genuine honor to have had the opportunity to work with him the last eight years.

“Farewell, Howard!”

- Robert Larios, Director of Operations

“Howard, I am missing you so much! I catch myself calling your name and turning on my swivel chair to ask you a question and you’re not there.

“I am going to miss sharing stories about our grandbabies and our family issues and events. I will always remember how you would always tell me, ‘Lu you’re such a mom!’

“I will never forget when you would hear a sad or unfortunate story about anyone, you would lift your arms and say, ‘Look Lu! Goosebumps don’t lie.’

“No matter what I asked, you always had an answer for me, weather checking on the origin of a word, insurance or just life itself. I was impressed on how knowledgeable you were on medical issues. You always made me feel so comfortable when giving me your opinion on any medical concern I had. I remember you would break it down to what I had and even knew what I should take. I always verified it with my own medical doctor and yes... you were always right! That’s how you earned the prestigious name of Dr. Pompel with the Medina family. On different occasions Red would tell me tomorrow when you go back to work, ask the Dr. what is the best remedy for a sore back, a side pain or night leg cramps. You always had an answer for him.

“I will never forget what you would say just before you left the office, in a strong almost singing voice. ‘I’m-a gonna leave you now!’

“Howie, rest in peace!”

“With a heavy heart.”

- Lu Medina, Administrative Services Representative

“I worked with Howard for eight years. He was always courteous and nice with everybody. Howard always said that at the City Employees Club of Los Angeles, we were not co-workers, but family. I felt him as a family member. He is and will be missed very, very much!”

- Cecilia Talbot, Claims Administrator

“I met Howard when I started working full time for LACEA. We became friends immediately. His wonderful sense of humor was infectious! We enjoyed talking to each other about all the little things that happened in our lives. He will always be missed.”

- Leigh Thompson, Controller

“I worked with Howard for over five years. He smiled everyday and always had a kind word. He called me ‘Kiddo.’ I’ll miss him and remember him fondly.”

- Michael Anderson, Information Technology Manager

“We send our condolences to the family and friends of Howard Pompel. His spirit was a big part of the daily life of the Club, and we share your grief at this time of sorrow.”

- The Club Board of Directors, and the LACEA Insurance Services Board of Directors

“Hey, John! It was as if I were the first and only person he had seen in weeks and weeks. Of course I wasn’t; he dealt with lots of people every single day. But every time I saw Howard, I was the most important person he had seen all day. When a person treats everyone that way, you know he’s special. And Howard was.

“Rest in peace, Howard. You’ve done more than your share to help Club Members live with peace of mind. Now it’s your turn.”

- John Burnes, Editor, Alive!

Howard with entertainer Charo.



Howard and a member of his family.



Howard's son, Cliff.

“He had more than 35 years of experience in the insurance industry. Before coming to work for the Club, he worked for Answer Financial, and before that, for Blue Cross of California and the Monarch Life Insurance Co. He also spent time as an independent life insurance agent.”



Howard's daughter and her family.

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HOWARD POMPEL

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OTHERS REMEMBER HOWARD

News of the death of Howard Pompel brought a wave of condolences from Club Members, former Club staffers, and others. Here are some of the notes that the Club has received by press time.

Want to leave your own note? See page 15.

Hand-written notes came from:

- Vitolina Gandolise, LAPD;
- Rudy Lopez;
- Diana Medina;
- Aram, Mail Services;
- Lilia, Library;
- Brian Choi;
- Sam Allan;
- Ying Wong;
- Rio Broussard;
- Ken Meyer, Office Depot; and
- many, many others

Flowers came from:

- Tom LaBonge, City Council,
- Diana Medina, Universal Studios;
- Lilya, China Bistro;
- LAFD Civilian Recognition Committee;
- Kathleen Solano;
- Victor Solano;
- Nina and Paul;
- All City Employee Benefit Services Association (ACEBSA)
- Nels Hansen; and
- many others.

Emails, Web postings and phone messages:

"We've lost a great soul and my heart aches very badly. I'm still in shock. My voice shrieked as I read, 'Howard Barry Pompel.' I called the Club number, 'Please tell me it's not our Mr. Pompel who died in the train accident.' 'Yes, it was,' said the receptionist. And there was silence. I've shed a few tears since yesterday -- sadly, it won't bring Mr. Pompel back.

"You'd think I have, but I've never met Mr. Howard Pompel in person -- just those few phone calls over the past seven years that I've been with the City. He has touched my life -- his promptness in returning calls, his warm, friendly way of doing business, his reassurance and ability to quickly put one's worries at ease, not just because he knew the business so well, but because he genuinely cared about people.

"Let's all embrace the qualities Mr. Pompel consistently showed us in our encounter with him; and let's make our daily encounter with one another be the best experience -- in memory of Mr. Howard Pompel.

"He'll truly be missed."

- BCC

"Thank you Howard for your service to us, City employees. We will always remember you."

- Cecilia, Community Development

"My heart goes out to all you at the Club and his family. There were a few times when Howard helped me, and it was always a pleasant experience. He was always very friendly and helpful. This is a horrible loss to the LACEA.

"My prayers are with the family."

- Carolina Murillo

"Conversations, endless
Loved good food.
Enjoyed Las Vegas.
Loved those horses.
A gambler at heart
I know you're at peace.
Regards,"

- Miss Jake

"I was very sad when I heard the news of Howard's passing. While I don't claim to have known Howard well, I do know that after meeting him on three separate occasions he was truly a special person. Each time I met him, Howard would quickly rise to his feet, extend an opened hand and a warm smile. His welcome always felt genuine and he made me feel part of 'The Club.' Howard will be missed, but when I think of The Club I will remember him fondly. Respectfully,"

- David Butterfield, AIG (U.S. Life/American General)

"I wanted to extend my condolences and sympathy to Howard's family and co-workers.

I'm a City Club member and Howard was always there to help me, always ready to serve with a friendly smile. Time would go by in between our conversations, but he always remembered me. What a great loss to the City of Los Angeles employees and the Club.

"Thank you."

- Debbie Megliorino

"When I saw the name of Howard Pompel on my TV screen as one of the victims who perished in the Metrolink disaster of Friday, September 12, 2008, I was stunned, shocked, in disbelief. Couldn't be, not our Howard; I was hoping it wasn't our Howard. I'd just spoken with him earlier in the week regarding life insurance.

"Howard was such a nice man. Very helpful; he was just a 'sweetheart' and had a great sense of humor. He will be missed by everyone who knew him.

"My deepest sympathy to the Pompel family and to everyone at The Club. This is such a tragedy. I just spoke with Howard last week. He was such a nice person, just an outstanding individual.

"Howard will be greatly missed."

- Diana Medina

"When you lose someone so senselessly and unexpectedly, many share in your sorrow. My last memory of Howard was a few days before his death, at the Club office. He congratulated my son, Vincent, for receiving a scholarship from the Club. He gave us two thumbs up and, with one of his big smiles, he wished us luck."

- Frank Frias, Club Member



Howard in an undated photo, but probably from the 1980s.

"I just heard the horrible news while calling your office today. I know you must be overwhelmed with his loss; what a dear friend and co-worker he was to everyone. I always called him Mr. Fabulous whenever he answered the phone, and I only wish everyone I deal with could be half as great as Howard.

"Please accept my sincere condolences to you and the entire staff."

- Jim Quinney, Caliwai Insurance Marketing

"Last year, Mr. Pompel helped me with my additional insurance. When I came in with my application, he was very patient and reassured me with all his answers to my questions. When I received my policy and cards and my name was not printed correctly, I emailed him to see if he could have it fixed. Along with two other members of the City Employees Club staff, they were able to fix the problem quickly and efficiently. Mr. Pompel even called me to let me know that he was working on it. I had my new cards very soon after this. It was very exceptional customer service from your entire staff, and I was very appreciative of it.

"Although this was my only interaction with Mr. Pompel, I am still very saddened to hear of this tragic loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of his loved ones."

- Anonymous

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"To all of you at the City Club:

"Our deepest sympathies to all of you. Myself, as well as my coworkers, had the opportunity to meet Howard when purchasing our movie tickets, etc. We all looked forward to his bright smile and positive demeanor. Again, our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time."

- Denise Rivera, LAPD

“He always brought a smile to my face when I spoke with him.”



Howard; his wife, Beckie; and other family members.

THE WISDOM OF HOWARD

Club Members and staff will always remember Howard's phrases, which rolled out of his deep baritone voice to amuse, inspire and delight. Here are just some of them:

“The perfect temperature for me is 72 degrees and slightly breezy.”

“One thing I'll never do again is get old, I promise!”

“Hey, Pretty-Face!”

“As my father use to say: Goosebumps don't lie.”

“Now we're cooking!”

“Hey Boss!”

“Outstanding!”

“Look at me...just thinking about sushi has me salivating!”

“You know the rule around here — don't be shy.”

OTHERS REMEMBER HOWARD

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“First and foremost, I would like to express my sincerest sympathy to you and your staff. Howard was a genuinely great person, and I will miss him.

“Word of his passing has affected me deeply.

“I'll always remember Howard as a kind, warm and friendly man. The first time we met, he made me feel like we had been friends forever. And whenever I called the office, he would always put a smile on my face. He will be missed.

“My heart goes out to Howard's family, and to the staff of the City Employees Club of Los Angeles.”

- **Kristina Payne, Account Manager AIG (U.S. Life/American General)**

“My heartfelt condolences to you and your staff. My prayers will be with all of you and the Pompel family. With sympathy.”

- **Lori Kwiatkowski, LAFD**

“We are truly sad to learn about the fate of one of your great co-workers, Mr. Howard Pompel. The Facility Division of the Los Angeles Convention Center wishes to express its most sincere condolences to you and to his family, to whom we extend our sympathies and prayers in this trying and painful time.

“Though nothing can ever replace the loss of a loved one, we would like you to take some comfort in knowing that we will always be grateful to Mr. Pompel for his great service to the members of the City Employees Club of Los Angeles.

- **Luis Aguilar, Convention Center**

“To the Family of Mr. Pompel,

“I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Pompel's passing. I did not know Mr. Pompel, however he touched me even in a short telephone conversation. My father passed away Aug. 30 and I called the City Employees Club to stop delivery of the Alive! newspaper. Mr. Pompel answered my call, assisted with discontinuing delivery and mentioned that my father had a life insurance policy I may want to follow up on. I recall that I was a little surprised because he was so helpful, and sympathetic.

“Yesterday, my mother received a sympathy card from Club members and today she received a signed letter from Mr. Pompel to discontinue the insurance deduction. The letter was dated Sept. 12. I called today to ask a question about filling out the form and the telephone message stated that Mr. Pompel had passed away in the Metrorail accident on Sept. 12. This news saddened me, but I want his family to know that Mr.

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Howard and his wife, Beckie.

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"I am so sorry to hear of Howard's passing. Even though I never met Howard in person, he always brought a smile to my face when I spoke with him. My prayers and thoughts are with all of you."

- Cathy Pomaski, AIG Benefit Solutions, Association Group Support

OTHERS REMEMBER HOWARD
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Pompel spent his last day and probably every day helping people."

- Pauline Murano

"The first time I met Howard, it was his first week or maybe even his first day on the job with the City Employees Club. Howard was very excited and eager to help, despite wearing a leather jacket soaked from the rain. Howard had a great attitude and shadowed John Hawkins' every move that day, a day that turned out to be the beginning of a great relationship between Howard and the employees of the City of Los Angeles. He will be missed."

- Arceo J. Ramos, DWP

"Thanks for always being patient and understanding with me when I conducted business with you! You will be truly missed and I want your family to know that I offer my condolences and I thank you for assisting me with all my needs and concerns!"

"Everytime I've visited your offices, there has been enough time in between visits for you to have changed the look and presence of your entrance area, through different posters, marketing materials, or even furniture. And just when things were feeling different and foreign, there appeared Howard, every time, a friendly beacon of welcoming light extending a firm handshake with an assuring smile, making me immediately feel back at home with friends that I hadn't seen in too long."

- Rick Vegh, AIG (U.S. Life/American General)

"I was reading the list of the victims of the Metrolink accident and was shocked to see Howard's name there. Howard has been helping me for years with my needs. He will be missed by so many within the family of the City of Los Angeles."

- Lendell Walker, Club Member

"I was devastated and saddened when I saw Howard Pompel's name among the coroner's list of the Metrolink crash victims. Howard was a wonderful person to know. It must be difficult at this time for everyone among your staff to have heard of the loss of a wonderful man. My thoughts and prayers go to you and his family."

- Terry Aguilar, Public Works/Engineering

"On behalf of the Board of Directors of the DWP Retirees' Association, we extend to your our deepest sympathy on the loss of Howard. We will keep him and all of you in our thoughts and prayers over the coming days."

- Dolores and Vince Foley, DWP Retirees Association

"We're gonna miss you, buddy! Take care!"

- Tommy Siu

"It only took one minute to know that Howard was a very kind person. Howard helped me with my insurance needs when I lost my husband, and he showed a lot of care even though he did not know me. I went to make some changes to my insurance about a month ago and I remember it like yesterday. He was so helpful and nice and joking. Having lost my husband just two years ago, I feel what his family is going through. If his family sees this message, please know in your hearts that Howard is in a better place and he is now resting. I didn't know him personally, but I could see he lived a happy life :) My heart goes out to Howard's family."

"God bless you, Howard and God bless your family."

- Yoly Ortiz, Club Member

"There are no words that can describe how I felt when I heard about the passing of Howard. I will always remember his delightful voice, great sense of humor and his friendly ways. Howard was the bit of sunshine we need every day. He will always be remembered as a unique and very special person and will be greatly missed."

"My sincerest sympathy to Howard's family, friends and co-workers at the City Employees Club of L.A."

- Jennie Aviles, AIG/American General, Policy Benefits

"I am so sorry to hear of Howard's passing. I really enjoyed his smiling face every morning that I passed by your office. He was always quick with a 'Good morning' and was always so friendly. I remember he would frequently compliment me on an outfit or hairstyle and make my day. He would make it a point to say 'hi' or just smile. I miss my DEA OPR family and having you guys as our neighbors. Howard was an icon in your office and I am so sorry for your loss."

"Please give my condolences to your office crew and to Howard's family. I will keep him and you all in my thoughts and prayers."

- Mary K. McElderry, ASAC I Los Angeles Field Division

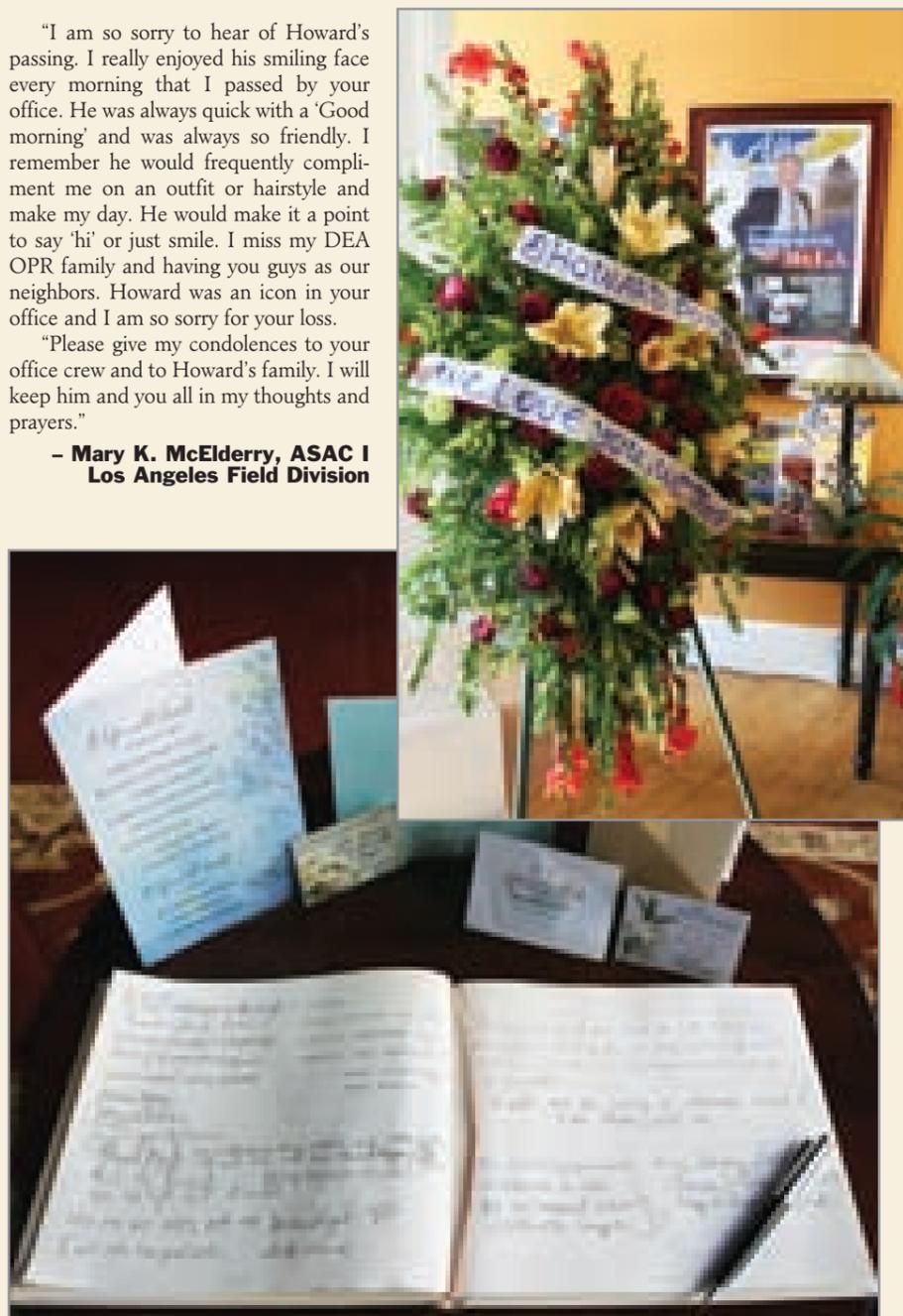
"I am with you and your sorrow right now. I wish I could be across this hallway and give you that needed hug. I myself feel bad and I was praying for all those people and hoping that no more bad news would hit so close to home. I don't know why but I had a gut feeling that someone in that fatal accident would be someone I knew. I am really in shock, really. I don't even have the words to soothe the pain because I am feeling it."

"But for now, Howie, as Jazmine called him, will definitely be in our prayers. May you rest in peace, Howard Pompel. Please give condolences to the family and all in your company, on our behalf."

- Connie

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News of the Metrolink train accident dominated the local media for days.



Since the first business day after the train accident, the friends and family of Howard Pompel have sent beautiful flowers and cards, and signed a memorial book at the Club Store and Service Center.



A memorial for Howard at the Club Store and Service Center.

"I worked for the City of Los Angeles for more than 40 years. Howard was the most kind, concerned and helpful City Employee I have ever come in contact with... We will miss him. May

God bless his family."

**- Jesse and LV Oliver,
posted on the Los Angeles Times Website**

FRIENDS REMEMBER HOWARD

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"I'm so, so sorry to hear about our Howard. I still cannot believe it. I didn't know he was riding the train always; I thought he was driving to work. Please give his family my condolences. I'm out words and don't know what to say.

"Please, if there is anything I can do or help, don't hesitate to call me."

- Elizabeth Silva, America's Choice, Inc. West Region Office

"To Brian Trent and everyone at City Employees Club, [I'm] so sorry to hear of Howard's death. I know this is hard for all of you."

- Danna McDonough, former CEO, LACEA

"With sympathy on the loss of Mr. Howard Pompel. We're thinking of you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you."

- ACEBSA staff

"Howard was really congenial, helpful and friendly. He was always so funny. I'll miss him very much, especially at the October ClubFest this year. My condolences to his family and the City Club."

- Rosemary Delgado, Retiree, ITA

"Howard always made it a point to spend time talking with L.A. City Employee Club members about a number of our concerns. He made you feel like a close family member. Howard was a true professional who cared a great deal."

- R. Barron, Club Member, posted on the Los Angeles Times Website

"Howard helped me to rectify a problem with a deduction from my check. His daughter went to school with my daughter Kelly. My family and I will miss him. His family is in our prayers! God Bless."

- Mark Zorick, DWP, posted on the Los Angeles Times Website

"I worked with Howard for three years and I always thought of him as my second grandfather. He was there when I needed advice, a hug and a laugh. He was a wonderful person with such a genuine heart. I will miss him."

- Michelle Moreno, former Club Events Guru and staff member, posted on the Los Angeles Times Website

"Recently I retired from the LAX Police Department. My wife and I spoke to Howard on many occasions regarding our insurance benefits. We spoke to him so often that we felt like he became our friend. I worked for the City of Los Angeles for more than 40 years. Howard was the most kind, concerned and helpful City Employee I have ever come in contact with. This year I told him I had seen his picture in the Alive! paper. He laughed. We sent him a Xmas card in 2007. Although we never met in person, my wife and I feel like we have lost a friend. We will miss him. May God bless his family."

- Jesse and LV Oliver, posted on the Los Angeles Times Website

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"My deepest sympathy to the Pompel family. Howard always had kind words for everyone and worked hard for the Club. He will be fondly remembered."

- Joannie Mukai, Club Board Member



"We never met Howard, but spoke to him on the phone for several years. My husband works for DWP and Howard was always so helpful to us, especially to me. I always had so many questions and he was so friendly to me. When I took my state insurance test, I called him for several questions and he helped me with answers. I was in shock when I saw his name today in the paper. It broke my heart to hear about his untimely death. We will pray for your family. God Bless your family. Again, we are very sorry for your loss."

- Donna and David Hernandez, DWP, posted on the Los Angeles Times Website

"I have been with the City of Los Angeles for five years. My kids and I would often stop by the LA City Employee Club when it was in the World Trade Center to purchase tickets for the movies, Disneyland, Raging Waters etc. When my son would visit from Colorado, I would have them in tow and they would be bouncing off the walls. Mr. Pompel was so helpful, even telling me where some of the best theaters were and telling me how to get the most from my discounts with the kids. He would always smile at my children and ask them if they were excited to be going to whatever point of destination we were headed off to. I will miss seeing him and miss his smile. My heart and prayers are with your family at this difficult time."

- Mary Jaco, Public Safety Officer, posted on the Los Angeles Times Website

"I'm very saddened to hear he is no longer with us. He was always so nice to everyone. I would go to the City Employees office and he'd always be there. I'm glad I was able to know him. Howard you'll be missed."

- Rosie, posted on the Los Angeles Times Website

"I am the spouse of a City Employee, and I signed on today to look up ticket information. It was such a shock to see that Howard was one of those lost in the Metrolink accident."

"I always do the ordering of tickets, merchandise, etc. for my husband. I knew Howard's face only from his photo in the monthly publication. However I had spoken to him many times over the phone with questions and requests for information."

"Each time he was so very helpful to me and patient when I called. I can recall the conversations and never once did he fail to make me smile or laugh."

"On behalf of my husband, Michael Kitley, East Valley Sanitation, and our family, we would like to extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends."

"I will miss his voice of kindness."

- Adrienne Kitley



Howard and his grandson Travis.

"Howard was like a grandpa to me and I miss him so much already. I remember Isaiah walking into his office for some pretzels and Howard would ask him how things were going. Howard was one of the greatest persons I ever met, and I miss him a ton. Whenever he would walk into a room everyone seemed happier, and I am sure everyone misses him. This is when in life you realize you should take every chance to see someone you love."

"I love you Howard."

- Noah Hawkins, 11, son of John Hawkins, Club CEO

"Howard was one of my favorite persons I've met in the Club. When I came to the Club the first time Howard gave me presents for the first two years. I miss Howard, and he was a very nice guy and I love him! Howard was one of the best persons I've met. To this loving memory of Howard I love him very, very much and I miss him very, very much. I've known Howard since I was very little. Howard is the best!"

"I love Howard."

- Isaiah Hawkins, 8, son of John Hawkins, Club CEO

"I logged on the Webpage today to purchase ClubFest tickets, and now learning of Howard's passing, I'm shocked it has brought tears to my eyes. I didn't know Howard, but I clearly recall just last month in August my little girls and I stopped by the new downtown Club Store location to purchase Disneyland tickets, and we were greeted by the warmest smile! It was Howard. Howard was a kind man who even joked with my girls."

"A great loss indeed. A warm smile like Howard's will never be forgotten. My sympathy and prayers go out to his family and friends. May he rest in peace."

- Franki Marie Becerra, Office of Senator Alex Padilla

"I wanted to thank you for all your thoughts and prayers. [Howard] was a truly wonderful man and will be missed terribly. He was a wonderful father, grandfather and friend, and will stay in our hearts forever."

- Barrie Winston, daughter of Howard Pompel

"I speak for myself and my sister, Anna Ingram, who is also a Club Member. The news of Howard's passing brought deep sadness and shock. On our many trips to the Club, Howard was also there with a smile on his face and was always going the extra mile to help, no matter if it was dealing with him over the phone or in person. That's one of the many reasons we enjoyed going over the Club and continue to do so."

"Howard will be missed but not forgotten."

- Angela Espino, Club Member

ADD YOUR COMMENTS & MEMORIES



Howard Pompel



Michael Hammersley



Spree DeSha

*Add Your Comments and Memories
Readers of Alive! are invited to add their comments, happy memories and reminiscences of Howard, Michael and Spree and condolences for their families and friends.*

Send your thoughts by email to:

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Or by regular mail to:

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A Poem for Michael

Chandra Mosley, Michael Hammersley's former supervisor in Mail Services, wrote this poem upon hearing the news of his death. —Ed.



YOUR SPIRIT LIVES ON!

Because of your warmth and caring demeanor
Your arrival brought smiles to our face

Because we all knew, when we saw you Mike,
Our help was already in place!

Your glowing face had meanings untold, this poem can't begin to describe
But for starters, you were a man of integrity,
With a generous heart you couldn't hide

The City of Los Angeles
has lost a family member ~ never, ever to be replaced!

We never heard an unkind word in anything you had to say
Instead, you gave us balance that makes us proud today
To know you were among us, and in our hearts you will always stay!

With closing thoughts,
few knew you were a major "Trekkie" fan
So, the Heavens above add another Star to a band of heavenly grace.

My friend, our lives will feel such a void as we process and accept what's true

But know that your spirit lives on and on in
Memory and in Truth!

— Chandra Mosley, Sept. 16, 2008



MICHAEL HAMMERSLEY, 45

Mail Services driver with perfect attendance record and a can-do attitude loved science fiction.

by Yvonne Liu, Office of Finance, with contributions from Melody McCormick and Aram Salmasi, General Services

More than 200 people gathered at the funeral services for Michael Sept. 17 at Reardon Simi Valley Mortuary. It was standing-room-only as friends, family and many City employees, sworn and civilian alike, arrived to the theme from *Star Wars*.

Michael died Sept. 12 in the Metrolink train accident in Chatsworth.

His funeral didn't feature a usual hymn like "Amazing Grace," but Michael Hammersley, 45, was not a usual City employee.

When a Senior Delivery Driver retired from the graveyard shift at General Services and no one wanted to pick it up, Mike volunteered for the job and stuck with it for five years.

When he finished up in the morning and if the team were short on drivers, Mike would volunteer to stay on for a couple of hours more without his supervisor even having to ask him.

Mike had not taken a sick day in the entire eight years of his City career.

"Mike was an awesome employee," said Chandra Mosley, former Chief of the Mail Services Division from April 2001 to September 2005.

That's why, when he didn't show up for work on Monday, Sept. 15th, Mike's fellow delivery drivers and other Mail Services staff were shocked by a new life without him.

As one of 15 Delivery Drivers with the Mail Services Division, General Services, located on the first floor of City Hall, Mike was part of the City's main outlet for collecting and delivering more than 15 million pieces of mail between City departments and between the City and its residents. The City depended on Mike daily for these vital communication services as he traveled to more than 40 different locations throughout the City, including numerous LAPD stations, Sanitation facilities, Animal Services, Council offices and Community Development.

Supervisor Delivery Driver III David Pongvarin remembered that Mike was always on time, dependable and reliable. For the last three years, David had supervised "Mikey Mike," as he was nick named fondly by all the drivers. "If anyone needed help to cover any part of a route, Mike would volunteer to cover any extra stops. If we needed a car to be dropped off at the garage [at Piper Tech], he would do it," David said.

Mike provided critical all-night mail delivery services to the LAPD. On route, he was the cheerful delivery driver that folks at the police stations looked forward to seeing. He shared his hobby—collecting trivia on science fiction — *Star Wars* and *Star Trek* — with the people he served and worked with.

David, who started with the City only five months before Mike, said, "Mike talked daily about science fiction. He would know a lot of information about the movies. He wasn't so interested in the movie stars, but he would know [the names of] the prop makers, special effects and all the backstage people, like make-up, costumes, weapons. He told me about his collectibles in storage, so I heard that he possessed a life-size replica of Han Solo from the film *The Empire Strikes Back*. I saw it for the first time at his funeral service," David said.

Mike's vacations were spent organizing his collectibles.

Delivery Driver II David Meraz has more than 15 years of City service with more than 10 years currently with General Services. He was an alternate supervisor for Mike and a fellow science fiction fan. Like Mike, he collected DVDs on obscure, older science fiction movies.

"Every Monday, Mike would bring me the Best Buy ads for

what's on sale with these movies, like the original *Blob*. He would know the release dates, who starred in it, location where it was filmed, and fine details that no one else would know. He was like a computer of sci-fi information," David Meraz said.

Mike was honored at the last Mail Services Appreciation Day in 2007 with an award for Perfect Attendance, as he had not missed a day of work in more than seven years. He was also honored for Exemplary Customer Service.

"[Mike] was an award-winning employee, always setting the standard of excellence by meeting deadlines," Chandra remembered. "He sent the notices out for LAFD and Bureau of Sanitation to constituents by deadline."

Late last year he decided it was time for a change, and so he came off of that shift in January 2008 and began working days instead.

"Mike never bragged about his awards," said Delivery Driver I Napoleon Fuller. "He was a real humble guy."

Napoleon, who has worked with him for five of his six years of City service, shared another interest with Mike. They were both avid fans of paranormal phenomena, and they eagerly talked about the television shows the next day after watching *TAPS The Atlantic Paranormal Society* or *Paranormal State*.

Along with Delivery Driver I Gus Cortes, they would share ghost stories and compare them. None of them has ever experienced a paranormal encounter first-hand.

"We wanted to investigate haunted houses and see if we can communicate with the ghosts," Napoleon remembered. "We heard that City Hall was haunted. This year, beginning of summer, the two of us went to the 24th floor of City Hall. They say that the eyes of one of the Mayor's pictures follow you around the room."

Napoleon described Mike's distinctive goodbye wave: "It would start by his hip, and he would shake his right hand a couple of times."

"That was hilarious!" he said.

David Pongvarin said, "The funeral service ended with the theme from *Indiana Jones*. It was fitting for Mike's [life]. Usually you leave a funeral service feeling depressed at the end. At Mike's funeral, it was uplifting. It was more like him as he was as a person."

Mike is survived by, among other family members, two younger brothers who are also City employees: Tim Hammersley, an Equipment Operator for Public Works/Street Services; and Thomas Hammersley, a Mechanic Helper, LAFD.



Aram Salmasi, Division Manager, Mail Services, awards Michael with an honor in this *Alive!* file photo.

Metrolink Tragedy Touches the City

SPREE DESHA, 35

Police Officer III had 34 commendations.

Spree DeSha, Police Officer III, was aboard the Metrolink train that crashed head on into a freight train in Chatsworth. Officer DeSha was killed on impact, leaving her family, friends and fellow Officers grieving her loss.

Officer DeSha was appointed to the LAPD Feb. 12, 2001. She worked a variety of assignments, but was most recently assigned to the Office of Operations as a Staff Researcher/Writer.

Officer DeSha spent most of her career working in patrol, training new police officers. She was well respected by her colleagues and supervisors alike. For the majority of the past three years, Officer DeSha worked out of North Hollywood Community Police Station. The men and woman who worked with her there have perhaps been hit hardest by her sudden loss. North Hollywood Patrol Captain, Sharyn Buck expressed

deep regret and sadness on behalf of the entire Division, "Officer DeSha was a model officer. She will be sorely missed by those of us who had the privilege to know and work with her."

"Officer DeSha was a model officer. She will be sorely missed..."

- Sharyn Buck, North Hollywood Patrol Captain

During her seven years of service, Officer DeSha received 34 commendations for performance and qualities that reflected her professionalism, attention to duty, productivity and ability to connect with the community in positive ways. During one rating period, her supervisor wrote, "She approached her new assignment with enthusiasm and anticipation...She is an extremely effective officer."

Her parents were to attend roll call at the North Hollywood Division Sept. 15 in her memory.

The Club sends condolences to the friends, family and co-workers of Police Officer Spree DeSha.



RICHARD MYLES

Survivor



TWICE A SURVIVOR

"It is times like this that we realize how fragile life is and how important family is to us."

- Cynthia Ruiz, President, Board of Public Works

Richard Myles, Public Works/Sanitation, survived the Metrolink accidents in Chatsworth and Glendale.

Friends, family and co-workers greeted Richard Myles as he was released from the Kaiser Sunset medical facility Sept. 18.

Myles was aboard Metrolink 111 that collided with a Union Pacific freight train Sept. 12, killing 25 people. He survived that accident.

He was also aboard the Metrolink train that collided with a passenger vehicle left on the tracks in Glendale January 2005. That accident killed 11 people.

Cynthia Ruiz, President, Board of Public Works, said: "Richard has been a stellar employee. It is times like this that we realize how fragile life is and how important family is to us. We as a Public Works family stand behind him and wish him a speedy recovery."

All Pictures Above: Richard Myles at his release from Kaiser Sunset medical facility Sept. 18.



EVERYDAY HEROES IN ACTION



Metrolink Tragedy Touches the City

THE METROLINK ACCIDENT PROVED THE BRAVERY OF CITY HEROES.



On that day, Sept. 12, 55 companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 30 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, one Heavy Rescue, one Urban Search and Rescue Unit, two Rehab Units, one Hazardous Materials Team, four helicopters, seven EMS Battalion Captains, eight Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, one Division Chief Officer Command Team, Foam Tenders 100 and 60, Emergency Air 1, the Heavy Equipment Company, and Emergency Lighting 72, 83 and 112, all under the direction of Dept. Chief Mario Rueda, responded to the accident in the Chatsworth area.

Agencies representing Los Angeles City, Los Angeles County, Beverly Hills and Ventura County Fire Departments, the Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles County Sheriffs, CHP, Metrolink and Union Pacific Railroad, worked under a Unified Command.

With a fire in evidence, Firefighters were faced with multiple responsibilities: fighting the immediate fire and extricating any surviving passengers from a multi-casualty incident and a potential Haz Mat problem. Firefighters initiated a swift attack on the fire with hand lines, quickly knocking down the fire. Their counterparts moved in to initiate an intense search for potential survivors and begin triaging the injured.

Saving More than 100

There were 135 patients treated for a variety of injuries. In all, there were 40 patients suffering from critical injuries, 40 seriously injured patients and 50 people with minor injuries. Forty patients were flown by air ambulance to area hospitals throughout the county, utilizing all 12 trauma centers in the Los Angeles County area.

One Firefighter was taken to a local hospital in stable condition with heat related symptoms and exhaustion. The Firefighter was treated and released from the hospital

Despite the painful loss of three who were so close to the City family, more than 100 survived the catastrophic Metrolink accident, in large part because of City Heroes like those in these photos.

Photos by Ryan Ling, firelinephoto.com



THOSE WHO DIDN'T SURVIVE

*Here's the list of those who did not survive the accident.
May they rest in peace.*

Christopher Aiken, 38, Thousand Oaks
 Dennis Arnold, 75, Camarillo
 Dean Brower, 51, Ventura
 Alan Buckley, 59, Simi Valley
 Yi Chao, 71, Simi Valley
 Spree DeSha, 35, Simi Valley
 Walter Fuller, 54, Simi Valley
 Ronald Grace, 55, Simi Valley
 Michael Hammersley, 45, Simi Valley
 Jacob Hefter, 18, Palmdale
 Chen-Wyuan Hsieh, 18, Newhall
 Ernest Kish, 47, Thousand Oaks
 Gregory Lintner, 48, Simi Valley
 Paul Long, 54, Moorpark
 Manuel Macias Jr., 31, Santa Paula
 Aida Magdaleno, 19, Camarillo
 Beverly Mosley, 57, Moorpark
 Charles Peck, 49, Salt Lake City
 Howard Pompel, 69, Moorpark
 Donna Remata, 49, Simi Valley
 Robert Sanchez, 46, La Crescenta
 Doyle Souser, 56, Camarillo
 Roger Spacey, 60, Simi Valley
 Maria Villalobos, 18, Moorpark
 Atul Vyas, 20, Simi Valley

PUBLIC WORKS

Bless Those Bikes

Sanitation's BOS Hogs club, plus motorcycles from other departments, get a blessing in Griffith Park.

Story courtesy BOS Hogs; Photos by Norman Tanada

The BOS (Brothers of Sanitation) Hogs, the motorcycle group of Public Works/Sanitation, held a Blessing of the Bikes event April 12 in Griffith Park. It was the second annual Blessing of the Bikes event.

By 9:30 a.m., there were 125 motorcycles of all makes and models. The Sanitation bikes came from seven yards -- the East Valley, West Valley, North Hollywood, West L.A., South L.A., Harbor and North Central, and even from headquarters downtown. Other departments participated, including the DWP, Public Works/Street Services and General Services.

As the bikes arrived, breakfast was served. Following breakfast, there was a gathering of the riders to welcome them all, followed right after by

a prayer of thanks and the blessing. Each bike and person was blessed with olive oil.

Following the blessing, the group rode out to the coast up PCH through Kanan Dune Canyon to the 101 into Calabasas at the Sage Brush Cantina.

The event was coordinated by Art Moreno, Jonathan Polk and Robert Sosa. Thanks also to Norman Tanada for the photos, and Elisha Douglas and Linda Wilson for the hot and tasty breakfast.



Some of the 125 bikes that participated in the Blessing of the Bikes event.



From the Sanitation West Los Angeles Yard.



Minister Jonathan Polk, Organizer Art Moreno and (on bike) Leo Martinez.



The bikes blessed, they're rolling to the lunch destination, led by Robert Sosa, Supervisor, North Central Yard.



Introduction.



Prayer led by Minister Jonathan Polk.



Prayer.



They're getting ready to have their bikes blessed.



Mounting of the bikes for the blessing.



One of the many couples in attendance.



Blessing of the first bike.



Gregory and Etta Carter on their own bikes.



One of many solo women rolling toward her destination.



Organizer Art Moreno.



Jimmy and Sylvia.



Art Moreno, Public Works/Sanitation; Glenn Calzada, Public Works/Street Services, and Angela Roman, Public Works/Sanitation.



A couple heads to their destination.



Couples ride their bikes after being blessed.



One of the last rolls out.

AIRPORTS

Safer Phones

Ontario upgrades its emergency phone system to keep passengers and employees safe.

By Keyoko Barner, LA/Ontario; Photos courtesy LA/Ontario

LA/Ontario International Airport's (ONT) Information Technology Section completed upgrades to its emergency call-down notification telephone system this summer. The upgrades allow accurate and timely notification when an airport incident occurs. The new system also notifies additional airport offices than the previous system.

"IT installed the \$100,000 system over a two-month period under schedule," said Tom Hoffman, a Communications Electrician at Ontario. "We continue to play a large role in ensuring the system works efficiently."

This system features a graphic display of the phones lines at Ontario and the City of Ontario so that the FAA and Safety Base can confirm receipt of the notifications. The system is tested twice daily.

"IT personnel are confident in the system and have done an exceptional job making sure everyone is comfortable using it," said Jess Romo, Airport Manager.



Lori Coleman, Senior Clerk Typist in the Ontario Airport Managers Office, listens during a check of the emergency telephone system.



Ontario Communications Electrician Tom Hoffman, left, observes the system monitor for correct operation while Ontario Airport Rescue and Firefighting Capt. Robert Helsom answers the roll call during a test of the emergency call-down notification telephone system. Fire captains and the FAA can use the display to confirm receipt of the emergency notifications.

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BY JEFF GELINEAU

Vice President of United Agencies,
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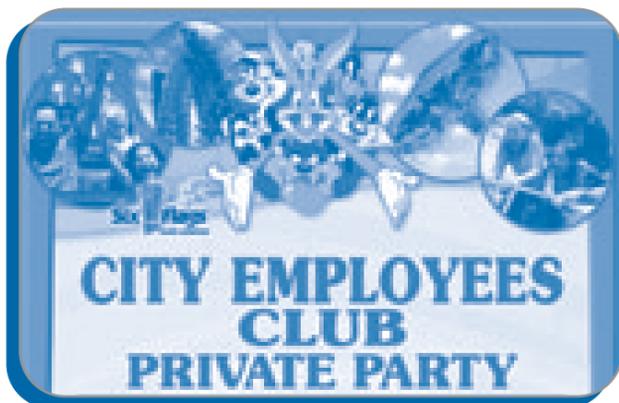
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Trivial Matters, Part 2

Los Angeles tidbits from the Los Angeles 20th-Century Trivia century through 1950.

Photos from the Security Pacific and Herald-Examiner photo collections, Los Angeles Public Library photo archives, Carolyn Cole, director.

Last month's article covered the trivia of the City of Los Angeles for the 19th century. My intention this month was to cover the entire 20th century, which became a problem due to the vast accumulation of information on such an enormous topic with so many facets of life.

One thing I have learned since my tenure as archivist for this magnificent City, is that it is a living, breathing, anthropomorphic animal, ever changing and growing. So this month I will limit my column to bits and pieces of the first half of the 20th century.

Again, I would like to thank the following sources for the trivia in this article: Larry Williams of Public Works, Contract Administration; *Los Angeles A to Z*, by Leonard and Dale Pitt; and another publication, *Los Angeles: A Chronological and Documentary History, 1542-1976*. I am truly appreciative.



Los Angeles Harbor, 1937.

Los Angeles 19th-Century Trivia



City Hall.

1928

- 1900: The population of Los Angeles was 102,479. A boosters campaign was instrumental in doubling that number in another ten years.
- 1901, Dec. 1: The initiative, referendum and recall were placed on the ballot for the first time.
- 1901: The market became glutted with crude oil. The price fell from \$1.80 a barrel to 15 cents a barrel.
- 1902: The Electric Theater, the first all-movie theater, was constructed on South Main Street.
- 1903: The Board of Education was elected at large on a nonpartisan basis as provided by the 1889 Charter.
- 1904: The City of Venice was founded. The area originally was called Ocean Park, but Abbot Kinney, a New Jersey entrepreneur, devoted himself to this area. He built canals and created a theme park known as "Venice of America." In 1927, the city of Venice became a part of the City of Los Angeles.
- 1905, Feb. 21: The San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad became the fourth transcontinental line in this area.
- 1905, July: The Los Angeles *Times* broke the story of the City's plan to obtain water from the Owens Valley.
- 1905, Sept. 7: In a special election, voters approved a bond issue of \$1.5 million for the Owens River Valley Project.
- 1906: The City annexed a shoestring strip of territory that was contiguous to the city of Wilmington. Since Wilmington was adjacent to San Pedro, this set the stage for the annexation of both to become part of the City of Los Angeles in 1909.
- ◎ 1907: The Board of Harbor Commissioners was created, marking the founding of the Port of Los Angeles.
- 1908: The original Phillippe's restaurant opens.
- 1909, March 10: Mayor Harper was removed from office by the nation's first recall movement. After 10,000 signatures were gathered, the Mayor resigned. The Council then elected W. D. Stephens to fill the vacancy. But on March 26 there was a special election, when George Alexander was elected, thus running the Southern Pacific machine out of the City.
- 1909: Los Angeles was the first major city in America to adopt a zoning ordinance that defined the differences of industrial and residential zones.
- 1910: An air meet held at Dominguez Field was one of the first aviation demonstrations held in the world.
- 1911: The Municipal Arts Department was formed. It was restructured and became the Cultural Affairs Department in 1980.
- 1912: Arroyo Seco was annexed to the City of Los Angeles.
- 1912: The Griffith Park Zoo opened. It was the City's second zoo and was largely inhabited by former circus animals.
- 1913, Jan. 1: The use of smudge pots began when a blizzard and frost caused much damage to orange orchards in Southern California.
- 1914: Ford Motor Company opened its first auto assembly plant in Southern California at Seventh and Santa Fe Streets to assemble Model Ts.
- ◎ 1914: The first municipal wharf was opened at the Port of Los Angeles.
- 1915: The City annexed San Fernando Valley, Palms and Bairdstown, adding some 215,000 acres to Los Angeles.
- 1915: The Public Utilities Board insisted that telephone companies either interchange service or lose their franchises.
- ◎ 1917: Grand Central Market opened. This market was on the site of the former "City of Paris," once the largest department store in the City of Los Angeles.
- 1917: The City annexed Huntington, Palisades, Owensmouth and West Coast.
- 1918: Many German citizens and "sympathizers" were interned in government camps.
- 1919, June: Prohibition was instituted in California. Los Angeles went dry following wild partying in local saloons.



The original hangar at LAX.

1930

- 1919: A 100-inch telescope was installed at Mount Wilson.
- 1919: UCLA began its rise as the State Normal School. In 1919, it moved to Vermont and Heliotrope Avenues, the site of the present Los Angeles City College.
- 1920, June 7: George E. Cryer was inaugurated Mayor and served until 1929. He was responsible for the increase of public ownership of City services.
- 1920: The City experienced a postwar building boom.



At the 1932 Olympics.

1932

- 1920, Dec. 8: Because of much immorality in the movies, Postmaster General of the United States, Will H. Hays, was asked by the movie industry to act as a censor. Results were the production of more inspiring and uplifting films.
- 1921: The Rose Bowl celebrated its first Easter sunrise service. This was before the Hollywood Bowl was built.
- ◎ 1922, June 5: Voters authorized \$5 million in bonds for a new City Hall.
- 1922: The Los Angeles Port was selected as one of the bases for the Pacific fleet, and Los Angeles became the home for 15,000 officers and civilians.
- 1924, April: The real estate boom collapsed as sellers outnumbered buyers, and, by 1925, subdivisions had given way to farming.
- 1924: The population of the City reached 1 million; 43,000 people were real estate agents.
- 1924, Spring: The building boom slowed as

History Comes Alive!

Tales From the City Archives

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



Grand Central Market.



Los Angeles Harbor, 1888.

banks tightened credit, but businesses continued to make gains.

- 1924: The City appropriated \$2.5 million for street improvements, and 150 miles of City streets were paved.
- 1925: The second Home-Rule Charter for the City of Los Angeles became a reality. Amended many, many times, it has remained active for 75 years.
- 1925: The Department of Building and Safety was established by the 1925 Charter.
- 1926: The name of the Auditor of the City, instituted in 1878, was changed to the Controller in the 1925 Charter.
- 1926: Watts becomes part of the City of Los Angeles.
- ◎ 1928, April 26: The new (current) City Hall was opened and occupied.
- 1928: The Los Angeles City Employees Association, better known now as the City Employees Club, is established.
- 1928: Fourteen new playgrounds were opened by the Department of Playgrounds.
- 1929, Oct. 16: Ordinance 65104 changed the name of 10th Street to Olympic Boulevard to commemorate the 10th Olympic Games coming to Los Angeles in 1932.
- 1929, Oct. 23: The first transcontinental flights from New York to Los Angeles began. The total flying time was 36 hours, including an overnight stop.
- 1930: Ordinance 66883 (N.S.) created the City's first transportation agency, called the Bureau of Street Traffic Engineering. The director of the Bureau reported to the Police Commission.
- ◎ 1930, June 7: Mines Field in Westchester was dedicated as the first City Airport in Los Angeles. Today it is known as Los Angeles International Airport.
- 1930: The Hays Office, officially became known as a Hollywood self-censorship agency in movie production.
- ◎ 1932, July: The Tenth Olympiad was held in Los Angeles.
- 1933, November: Frank A. Shaw was elected Mayor of the City.
- 1933: The City won its 20-year fight in which three transcontinental railroads were compelled to build a City railroad station. The victory was empty, because the railroads did not have the money to begin the construction.
- 1934, April 1: The Police Department began

use of radio equipment.

- 1935: The Harbor was dredged to 35 feet and the main channel was widened 1,000 feet by the U.S. government at a cost of \$12.5 million. The old San Pedro Bay became one of the leading harbors in the nation.
- 1937, May: Frank Shaw was re-elected as Mayor but was accused of corruption. He allegedly used relief funds to help keep himself in public office. He, along with his brother, Joseph, the Mayor's Secretary, were convicted of selling civil service positions. A recall election followed where Judge Fletcher Bowron became Mayor.
- 1937: The Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System was established under the exclusive management and control of a Board of Administration.
- 1938, Sept. 22: The City was bankrupt and City employees were paid in scrip.
- 1938: A special traffic study prompted passage of a new state law that created nonstop parkways, which would later be called freeways. The freeway complex was thus planned for Los Angeles.
- ◎ 1938: Judge Fletcher Bowron was elected Mayor by a recall coalition that overthrew Frank Shaw because of corruption.
- 1939, March 25: Joseph Shaw, brother and Secretary to the ex-Mayor, and an ex-Civil Service Commissioner McCormick were convicted of selling civil service positions.
- 1940: The population of the City was now 1,504,277.
- 1942: The Bureau of Inspection was made into a separate Bureau in the Department of Public Works. In 1952, the Bureau's name was changed to Contract Administration.
- 1942, April 23: Mayor Bowron voiced his disapproval of women wearing slacks to work.
- 1942, December: Japanese-American police employees were removed from their jobs and interned in relocation camps.
- 1943, July 26: Visibility in Los Angeles was less than three blocks. This was the first known time Los Angeles experienced smog. In



Fletcher Bowron.



Mayor Frank Shaw.

September of that year, a second smog attack occurred, and it was worse than the first.

- 1943: Racial tension flared when sailors from the Chavez Ravine Naval Base were attacked by teenage Mexican Americans in colorful and dramatic-looking clothing. This new racial war became known as the "Zoot Suit Riots." One hundred sailors invaded East Los Angeles in 20 taxicabs and beat up the young Mexican Americans.
- 1944: As a result of the racial riots of the previous year, the Board of Supervisors established the County Commission on Human Relations to investigate sources of racial tension in the area. It was the second commission of its kind in the country. Eventually the federal government decided to move all military bases away from Los Angeles.
- 1945, Oct. 16: The City, concerned about its future growth and development, approved a Master Development Plan.
- 1947, December: The Los Angeles County Air Pollution Control District was founded. One of its major concerns was reducing smog.
- ◎ 1947: Kenneth Hahn, age 27, became the youngest Councilperson in the City of Los Angeles at that time. Five years later, he became the youngest county supervisor, in 1952.
- 1947: The Community Relations Conference of Southern California was organized by church, labor and other similar groups.
- 1948: The City released 17 employees because they refused to sign loyalty pledges.
- 1949, June 2: Mayor Fletcher Bowron was re-elected Mayor.
- 1950: The population of the City was 1,970,358.
- 1950: Los Angeles became the first metropolis in the nation to remove wartime rent controls, thereby stimulating postwar building construction.
- 1950: One of the largest land developments in the country began 14 miles south of downtown Los Angeles. It was called Lakewood, and considered an instant city of 77,000 people. It began as a private land development on 3,375 acres of farmland. This community was to have 17,000 homes and a population of more than 70,000. When incorporated in 1954, it became the 17th largest city in the state. It was considered to be twice as large as the well-known Levittown of New York.



Kenneth Hahn.

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Oct. 3 Patty Pulido, 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Norma Angulo, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Oct. 23 Norma Angulo, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Oct. 9 Rosa Calderon, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Oct. 24 No appointments.
Oct. 10 Rosa Calderon, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Patty Pulido, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Oct. 30 Rosa Calderon, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Oct. 16 Patty Pulido, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Oct. 31 Patty Pulido, 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Norma Angulo, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

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Note: The Club Store and Service Center will be closed Monday, Sept. 1 for Labor Day.

CLUB HEADQUARTERS

Meet Your New Counselor

Tiffany Sy joined the Club Sept. 5 as a Member Services Counselor.

Meet Tiffany Sy, your newest Club Counselor.

"I look forward to meeting our members and learning more about their interesting job functions that supports the foundation of our City," she says. "I hope to be of great assistance and service in meeting their needs. The Club has so much to offer in enriching our lives, and I would love the opportunity to share that knowledge with our members."

Tiffany Sy was raised in Los Angeles and loves the diversity and cultures of our City. She is a graduate of California State University Los Angeles with a Bachelor's degree in psychology and has been a licensed life and disability insurance agent since 2001.

She values the confidence and peace of mind she can offer to Club members by offering protection to their families and assets. Tiffany came aboard to the City Employees Club of Los Angeles because the philosophy of "Celebrating the lives of City Employees" resonates with her. She believes in harmony and balance of family, work and fun.



Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor

She enjoys spending time with her family and pets at our local beaches and parks. She also likes to support our City's independent shops and restaurants.

Tiffany is out meeting Club Members and making presentations. Make sure to say hello!

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CLUB STORE

A Visit From the Neigh-bors



Visiting the Club Store and saying hello recently were members of the LAPD Mounted Police (from left) Rudy De Leon, P3+1, Club Member; The Club's Ticket Guy, Navin Cotton; and Ron Terraza, P3, Club Member. The Club Store and Service Center is at 120 W. Second St., downtown, across from the almost-completed new Parker Center.

LAFD

Memorial Grand Opening

LAFD Museum opens and dedicates its Fallen Firefighter Memorial.

Story and photos courtesy Frank Borden, Director of Operations, LAFD Historical Society

The LAFD Historical Society cut the ribbon and dedicated its Fallen Firefighter Memorial and held an open house Aug. 17.

The LAFD Fallen Firefighters Memorial has 254 names of members of the LAFD who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The Open House coincided with the Ribbon Cutting to invite the public in to see the Museum and Memorial. This event gave everyone an opportunity to see what has been accomplished since the Museum was opened in 2001. The Memorial has been under construction for four

years and so far has cost \$2.3 million, raised mainly through individual donations.

The 122-plus year history of the Los Angeles Fire Department has been one of the most inspiring and courageous on record. Yet, in the long history of the department, there has not been a place to remember and memorialize those members of the department who gave their lives so that others might live. Now, for the first time, there is.

The Fallen Firefighter Memorial is situated in the heart of Hollywood, just outside Old Fire Station 27 on Cahuenga Boulevard. The dramatic plaza is home to a memorial wall, listing the names of every known department member who died while on active duty.



The Memorial wall and statues. This is known as the "Wall of Honor," containing 254 names of LAFD members who gave their life in the line of duty since 1885.

In front of this wall, a series of bronze statues, each one carefully representing an LA firefighter is on display. The concept for these statues was designed by Los Angeles Fire Capt. Duane Golden.

The statues represent a fire company during an incident in the City. Two firefighters are involved in fire attack, while a fallen member is being attended to by another member. The Captain, responsible for his crew and the fire, is making a command decision relative to attacking the flames, while also providing care for the downed firefighter. Of special note, the firefighters are not wearing protective face pieces (as they normally would) so that you can see their faces and expressions.

The display can be viewed for an extended period of time. Its message seems to change, depending on the angle and point of view you take. From any angle, the teamwork, spirit, and family nature of the fire service is presented. These remarkable life-sized statues were developed and created in Minnesota for the Memorial Plaza by Honors for Excellence.

Please support the Fallen Firefighter Memorial in Los Angeles. Purchase a memorial paver and dedicate it to a family member, a friend, or a firefighter from anywhere around the world. The paver will be permanently placed in the memorial plaza in front of Fire Station 27 for all visitors to see and admire.

Check the website at: www.lafdmuseum.org for information on donating and upcoming events.



Wishire the Fire Dog performs a "Stop Drop and Roll" for his handler, LA City Firefighter Ryan Penrod.



The entrance to Memorial Plaza and Museum. The Museum and Memorial are at 1355 N. Cahuenga Blvd. in Hollywood.



Cutting the ribbon and opening the LAFD Fallen Firefighter Memorial was Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member, assisted by Councilmen Eric Garcetti and Dennis Zine. To Councilman LaBonge's right is Liz Bamattre, LAFDHS Memorial Committee member and wife of former Fire Chief Bill Bamattre.



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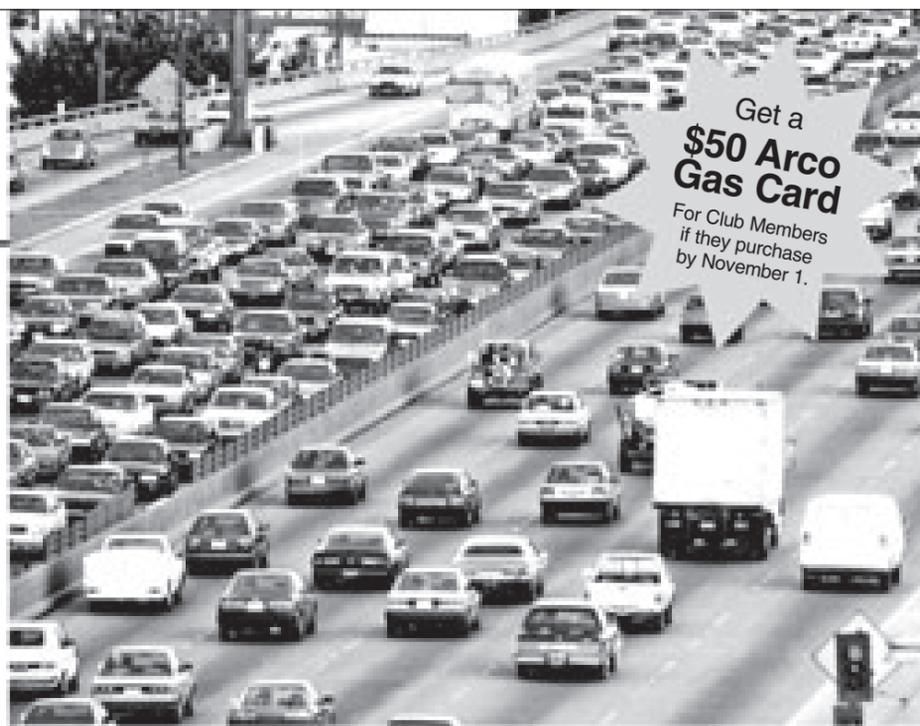
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ANIMAL SERVICES

Spay/Neuter: It's the Law

Spay or neuter your pet: It's the law. Enforcement begins Oct. 1.

On Feb. 12, the City Council approved a new law that requires all cats and dogs in the City to be spayed or neutered after the age of four months, with some specific exemptions allowed. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa signed this ordinance into law Feb. 26, making Los Angeles the national leader in efforts to humanely decrease the number of pets abandoned and euthanized each year.

If you live in the City, Animal Services has several programs to assist with the cost of the sterilization of your companion animal at participating veterinary hospitals. Please visit www.laan-imalservices.com for more information.



Newsbrief

LIBRARY'S

PERFORMING BOOKS:

Performing Books, the free performing arts series at downtown Central Library, will present "The Chinese Violin" by Madeleine Thein, at Central Library's Mark Taper Auditorium, 630 W. Fifth St., on Sat., Oct. 18. The program features Kelvin Han Yee, storyteller, Marisa Sorijja, violinist, and Yana Reznik, pianist, who will present the story of Lin Lin and her father whose move from China to California changes their lives forever. A Chinese violin helps to bridge the old world with the new. Half-hour shows are at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

The Performing Books series is designed to introduce children ages 4-10 to the performing arts through books, offering them and their families the unique opportunity to hear stories read by professional storytellers and to see and hear them brought to life by professional artists through song, dance, voice and instruments.

The Los Angeles Public Library presents the Performing Books series in collaboration with the Music Center and the *Los Angeles Times'* Reading by 9 program. Additional support is provided by the Library Foundation of Los Angeles.

The remaining programs are:

■ **Sat., Nov. 22**

Tubby the Tuba by Paul Tripp, Illustrated by Henry Cole. Chuck Koontz, Tuba; Alan Steinberger, Synthesizer; Peter Kors, Storyteller. In this beloved children's story, Tubby the Tuba is tired of just repeating oompah, oompah. Then he meets frog, and together they show the orchestra that tubas can play melodies as well as other instruments.

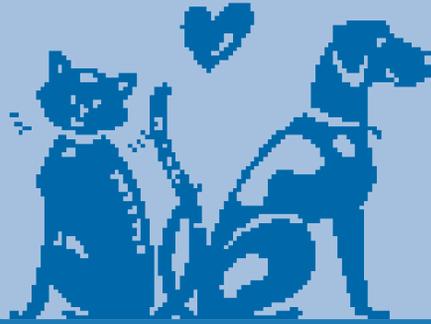
■ **Sat., Dec. 6**

The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams, Illustrated by David Jorgensen. Keith Berger, Mime Artist; Pogo Saito, Storyteller; Vivian Liu, Pianist. This children's classic about a toy rabbit is a story of loss and the transforming power of love.

Parking is available in the 524 S. Flower St. Garage for \$1 with library card validation. For more information, call (213) 228-7480 or visit www.lapl.org/kidspath.

the pet club

Your friend is waiting for you!



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

This Month's Pets For Adoption:



MARGE

Marge is a two-year-old spayed Tortie. She is a sweet young girl that was surrendered by her owners because they had to move. This inquisitive young lady is looking for a family that has just as much energy as she does!

ID# A0951431



BEBE

Bebe is a four-year-old neutered domestic shorthair cat that was surrendered by his owners when they moved. He is a quiet and reserved young man that likes to sit back and watch the action.

ID# A0958613



ROSIE

Rosie is an eight-month-old spayed rabbit. She would make a great addition to any home. She is litter-box trained, extremely sweet and ready to go!

ID # A0920536



SUGAR

Sugar is a sweet, 1.5-year-old female American Staffordshire terrier. She has been at the shelter since January and she needs a home! Sugar's only request is that she be the only dog.

ID # A0923887



SKIPPER

Skipper is a 10-year old male Labrador mix. He is an affectionate old man that loves to give hugs and kisses to his human friends! This water baby loves playtime in the pool and snuggles. He is a perfect Seniors-4-Seniors program candidate.

ID# A0958137

Meet your New Hope coordinator!

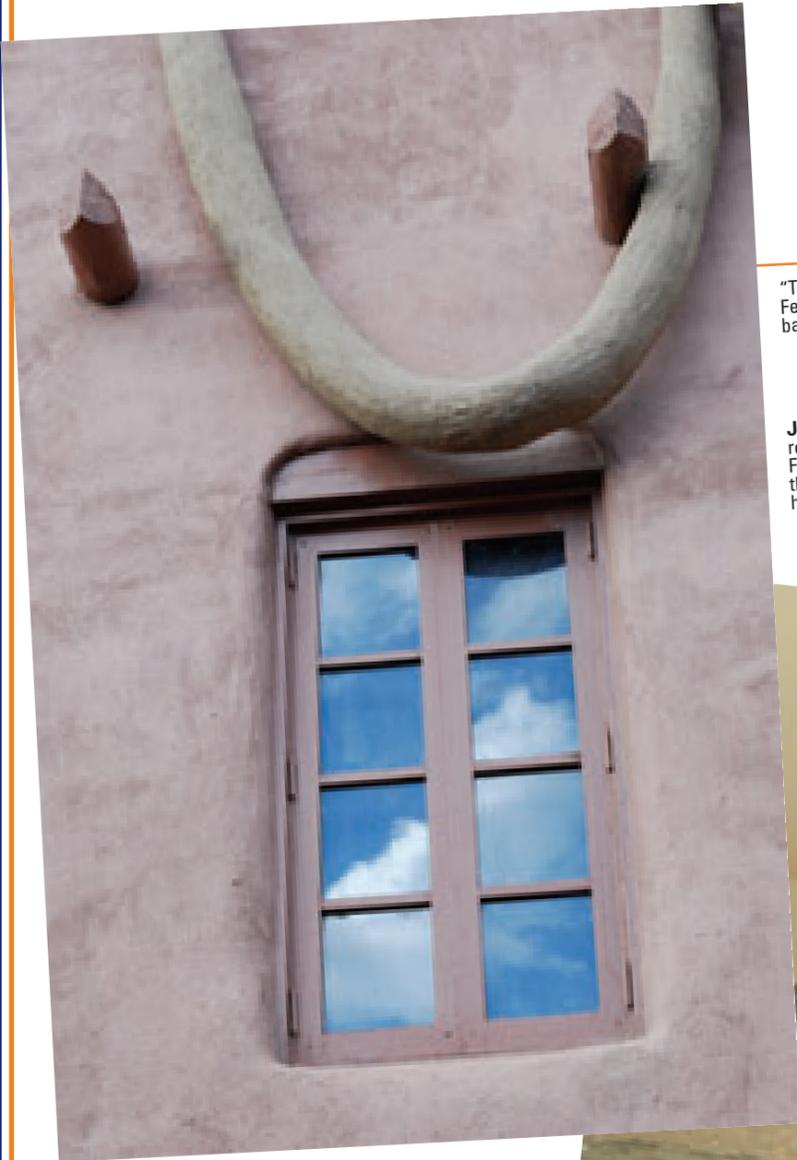


These animals are available for adoption at the West LA Animal Care Center, 11361 West Pico Blvd. in Los Angeles. Contact Samantha Westbrook, the New Hope/Baby Bottle Coordinator, at (213) 485-0494.





John's Picture Perfect Contest



"This photo was taken in Santa Fe, New Mexico, on our way back from Denver."

- Luis Aguilar, Convention Center

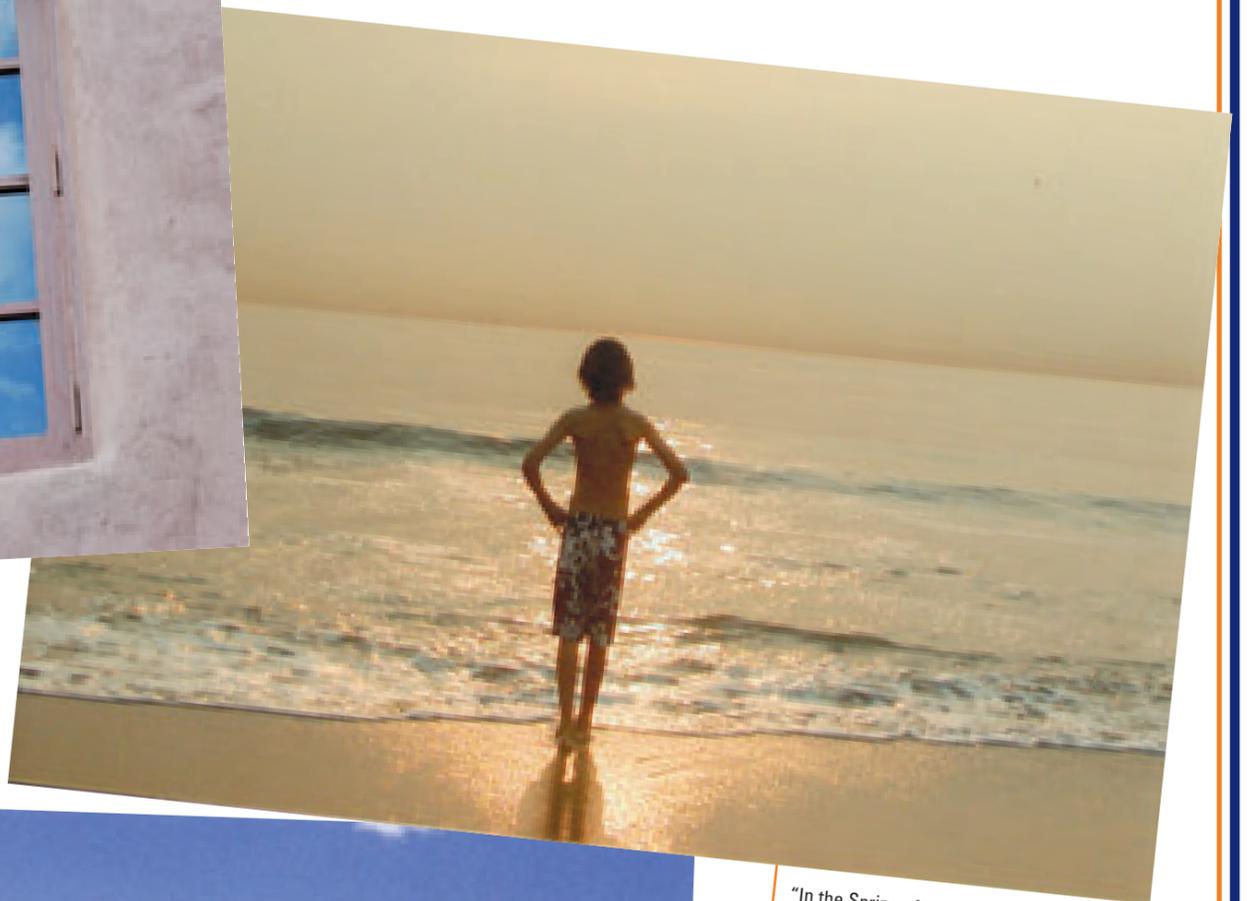
John's comments: Luis, I recently drove through Santa Fe looking for a shot just like this...but to no avail. You really have a good eye!

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Happy Snapping!

For October, we have three winners!

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



"In the Spring of this year I took my son, Drew, to Toes Beach in Playa del Rey. We had an unusually early hot streak in the weather. Unfortunately, the heat contributed to an outbreak of wildfires, particularly one in Malibu. The smoke and haze spread over the Santa Monica Bay, creating an ominous but beautiful sunset."

- Andrew Redfield, Animal Services

John's comments: Andrew, this is such a peaceful and relaxing photo, it almost has a sort of 1970s beach scene feel to it. Great shot, one for the wall at home!



"The Truth: I was at Burning Man out in the Nevada desert when I came upon this sign, an art installation. I loved this single word in the pristine desert landscape. I found the truth."

- Gary Glade, LAPD

John's comments: This is definitely a surreal photo, worthy of the "picture perfect" label. Nice job, Gary, although I'm not sure you'd catch me out in the middle of the desert anywhere near something that said "burning man." You're a brave photographer, Gary!

RULES:

- The contest is open to all Club members in good standing. Non-members are welcome to submit, but only Club members are eligible to win the monthly prize.
- If your photograph does not win, you are welcome to re-submit.
- Winners are chosen by Club staff. All decisions will be final.
- You must certify (if asked) that you indeed took the picture. No ringers!
- Photos can be submitted either on paper or digitally. Please don't send both.

- If you want your print photo returned, please write your name, address and phone number on the back of your photo.
- Photos can be of any subject matter: vacation, portraits, families, landscapes, still lifes, pets, etc. Subject matter must be appropriate for *Alive!*
- Paper prints can be mailed to: Picture Perfect Contest, *Alive!*, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 120 W. Second Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

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

HOUSING

Housing Picnic

Housing Department celebrated the summer and the 2008 Olympics at annual picnic.

Story by Edna Meraz, Housing; Photos by Robert Valdez, Victor Cedana and Edna Meraz, Housing

Housing celebrated the summer at its annual picnic Aug. 17 at Bishop's Canyon in Elysian Park. More than 200 Housing employees and guests participated in several fun activities throughout the day. Everyone looked fabulous wearing their Housing T-shirt that featured the



Some of the picnic committee members, from left: Edna Meraz, Anabell Luna and Irene Scaduto.

contest-winning design by Robert Lee of the Compliance Division.

All the kids had fun going for the gold in the Housing Kid Olympics. Special guest Charlene Waters, Airports, conducted the games, complete with opening and closing ceremonies. She gave out prizes and candies to the lucky kids. Their games were capped by awarding gold, silver and bronze medals to all the Olympians by Housing General Manager Mercedes Marquez.



LAHD employees enjoy the picnic.



The Housing Development Team.

The delicious desserts entered into the dessert contest were judged by Marlene Garza, Assistant General Manager; Sean Spear, Director of Housing; and Roxanne, wife of Stephen Cross of the Personnel Unit. The silver medal was awarded to Suzette Flynn, and Anna Ortega won the gold. Yummm!

Stephen Cross coordinated the softball tournament that consisted of four division teams. The Housing athletes endured the 90-degree heat, and are all winners for stepping out onto the field. The Housing Development team was awarded the bronze medal; the silver medal went to the Compliance Division team, and the Code Enforcement Division team took home the gold medal as champions of the 2008 softball tournament. Although not a medal winner, the Rent Division played an awesome first-round game. Assistant General Manager Roberto Aldape served as the umpire.

Expressions of glee were on the faces Georgina Tamayo, Silvia Viramontes, Robert Valdez, Mirna Urbina, Carmen Chavez, Beverly Mims and Gus Vindell. They were thrilled to be among the many door prize winners of City seal watches, See's Candy, and movie tickets donated by the City Employees Club.

Housing staff members on the picnic committee worked diligently to ensure the success of the picnic and enjoyed the thanks and appreciation of Housing staff. They are Lorena Gonzalez, Anabell Luna, Irene Scaduto, Crystal Armstrong, Dalila Luna, Elizabeth Garcia, Leo Padilla and committee chair Edna Meraz. It was a beautiful, hot-summer day enjoyed by all.



LAHD employees with their families.



Lorena Gonzalez of Rent Stabilization with her daughter, Ariana.



LAHD employees pose for a group photo.



Housing kids line up for prizes.

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Avoid Hazards That Happen In the Fall

By Jimmy Hill, Fire Marshal, LAFD

A recent U.S. Fire Administration's official report highlights the fact that nationwide on an annual basis, candles are responsible for an estimated 23,600 residential structure fires, cause 1,525 civilian injuries, 165 fatalities and \$390 million in direct property loss. More than one-third of these fires start in the bedroom.

Here are some tips to be safe this fall:

- Clean your rain gutter and make sure it is properly attached to the eaves.
- Check and clean your chimney and install a spark arrestor.
- Rake dead leaves and trees branches. Put them in an approved recyclable container.
- Check all your security bar release latches to make sure they work.
- Check window screens to make sure they work properly.
- Keep candles away from combustible materials.
- Place candles on a stable, heat-resistant surface.

In case of power outages:

- Never use candles as a night-light.
- Flashlights are safer sources of light than candles.
- Have a portable radio with extra batteries.
- Make sure your furnace/wall heater is working properly
- Check the pilot light and change the filter regularly. Repairs should be done by a qualified/licensed technician. If you smell gas, call 9-1-1.
- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet from combustibles. (In many cities, kerosene heaters are illegal to use).
- Check and replace electrical cords if they are frayed or worn out. Make sure the cord is UL-approved.
- Check dryer vents and clean out the lint trap.

Halloween Safety

- Always trick or treat with an adult.
- Only flame-retardant materials should be used for costumes.
- A mask can obstruct your view. Use facial make-up instead.
- Never stand next to a lighted pumpkin.
- Know stop, drop and roll (if you catch on fire).
- Make sure you only go to homes that are well lit.
- Do not put any decorations near flammable materials.
- Never allow children to light candles.

Change Clock, Change Battery

Daylight saving time ends later this year: Sunday, Nov. 2. So remember:

- When you change your clock, change your smoke alarm battery.
- Test your smoke alarm monthly to make sure it works.
- Make sure everyone knows what the smoke alarm sounds like.
- If you have a vision or hearing problem, you should get a special alarm.
- Have a fire drill. As part of the drill, test your smoke alarm.
- Have a meeting place outside your house.
- Do not forget to include your pets in your fire drills.

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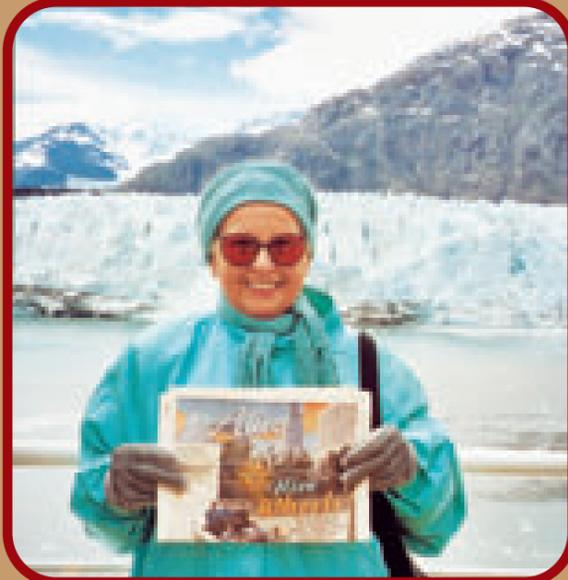
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Alaska

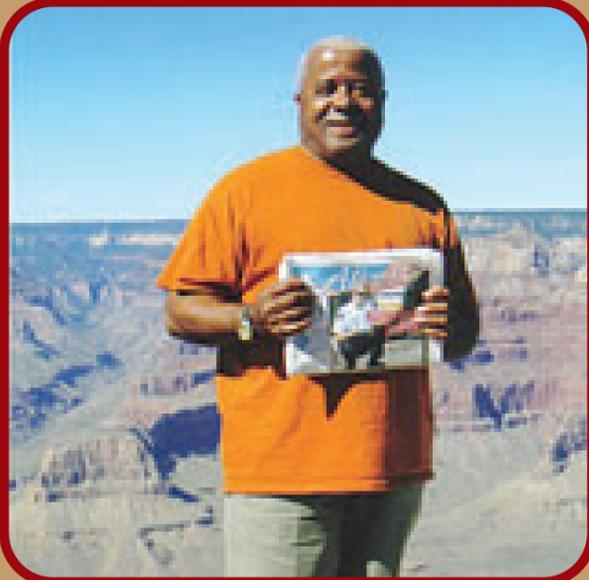


"This is the Margerie Glacier in Glacier Bay, Alaska. Another passenger used my camera and got this picture without other passengers. It wasn't easy, because it was crowded and difficult to get space alone on the railing of Deck 15 of the cruise ship. Even in July, it is cold and windy up there in Glacier Bay. *Alive!* almost blew me away."

- Frances Mooney, Retired LACERS

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Arizona

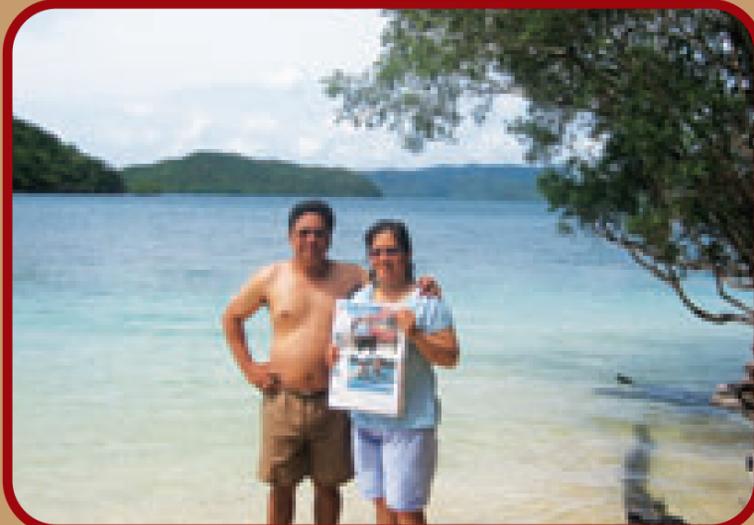


At the Grand Crayon, Arizona: "These family vacation picture captures the breath-taking background of God's match-less hands of nature."

- Mark Stewart, Transportation

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The Philippines



Norman (DWP) and Florian (LAPD) Faner in the Calamianes Islands, northern Palawan, the Philippines.

5

Canada



Standing in front of Niagara Falls, Canada, are Bridget, Gabriel and Grandmother Ofelia Lopez. Picture taken by (dad) Alex Lopez, DWP

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Australia



"Here are a couple of pictures from our trip to Australia. The first photo is my wife, Valerie, and I at the Great Barrier Reef. The second photo is, from left, my dad, Foster Howlett, retired DWP; Beverly Clark, LAPD; my mom, Lynette Howlett, Public Works/Engineering; Patrick Delahanty, Personnel; and me at Baron Falls near Cairns."

- James Howlett, Harbor

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Mexico



"How about a picture of me with *Alive!* in Cancun? My family and I were there from Aug 16 to Aug. 30. There was perfect weather, and a great time."

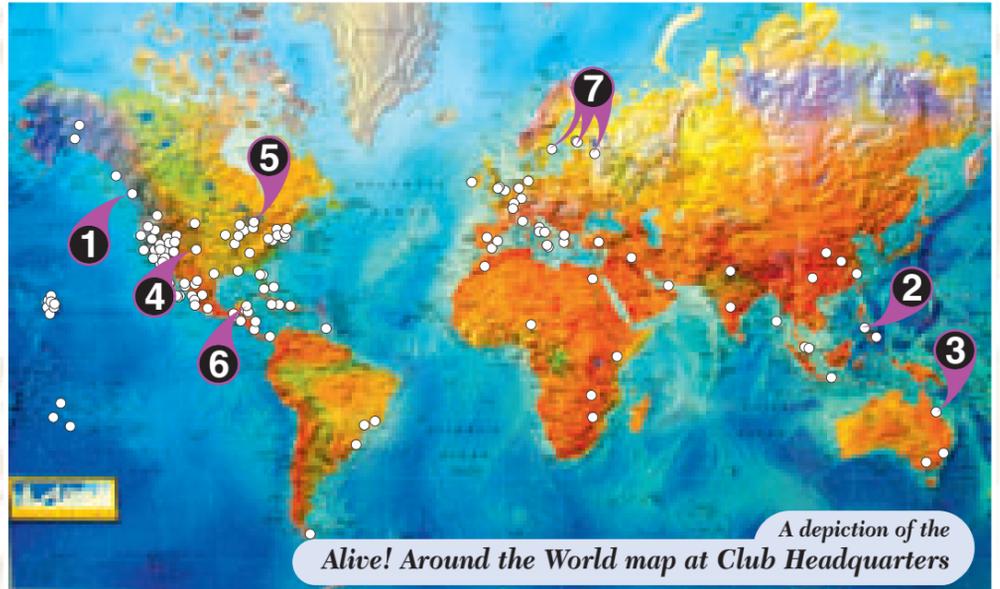
- Mark Barrera, General Services/Fleet Services

Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



Leticia's Big Adventure

"My husband and I, with some friends, took a Baltic Sea cruise on Princess Cruises *Crown Princess* Aug. 28 through Sept. 7, with the following itinerary: Copenhagen, Denmark; Stockholm, Sweden; Helsinki, Finland; St. Petersburg, Russia; Tallinn, Estonia; Gdansk (Gdynia), Poland; Oslo, Norway; and back to Copenhagen. I have other pictures, but unfortunately I left *Alive!* in one of the tour buses, and nobody returned it, even after I offered a prize of a Club T-shirt!"
- Leticia G Yapana, DWP



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

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7 Russia



"My husband, Nelson, and I at the Grand Cascade Fountain at Peterhof, often referred to as the Russian Versailles."



"Catherine Palace in St. Petersburg, a summer palace for the royals."



"Cruiser Aurora at the background, sunk in 1944 from the Russian-Japanese War. This is now a Museum at St Petersburg, Russia."



"Aleksandrovskaï Kolonna symbolizes Alexander I's victory over Napoleon's France. This is outside the Palace Square, a.k.a. the Alexander Column."

7 Sweden

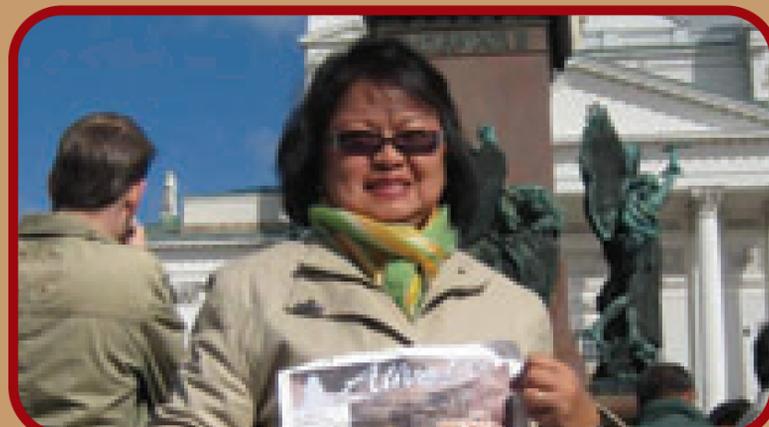


"Stockholm, Sweden; a city view from island of Sodermalm."



"The main square at Stockholm."

7 Finland



"Helsinki, Finland: Alexander II statue in mid-city."

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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.

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

Sign Here

X _____

City/DWP Employee

Date

I was referred by:

Last Name		First Name		MI
Address				
City			State	Zip
Work Phone ()			Club Member Number	

For Retired Club Members



The Best Years

City Retiree Associations:

DWP Retirees Association



Dolores Foley, President
Phone: (626) 445-7376
E-mail: vinmar@altrinet.com

Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association



Robin J. Welborn, President
Phone: (323) 283-4441
Fax: (626) 285-1461
E-mail: larfpa@pacbell.net or
9521 Las Tunas Dr. #4,
Temple City, CA 91780

Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



Ed Harding, RLACEI President
www.rlacei.com
Contact him: (800) 678-4145 Ext. 703
or via E-mail:
postmaster@rlacei.com

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:

Oct. 23: Annual Corporation Meeting and Elections, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., L.A. 00027. It's just east of Los Feliz Boulevard, Thomas Guide p594 C2.

Dec. 4: Christmas Party at noon at Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park Dr., Thomas Guide p 594 F6

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

RLACEI:

Apologies to Retirees Who Received Letter by Mistake



By Phil Skarin,
RLACEI Publicity Chair

President Ed Harding reports:



Ed Harding

"I apologize and LACERS apologizes to retirees who received a letter stating that they were not RLACEI members, but who were actually longstanding members.

"This long awaited mailing was intended to go to LACERS members who were not RLACEI members, inviting them to join RLACEI. More than one hundred of these mailings went to retirees who were already members. LACERS apologized and explained that they caught the mistake about halfway through the process and made sure that the remainder of the letters only went to non members of RLACEI."

Annual Corporation Meeting:

"Please note that the correct date for our Annual Corporation Meeting and Elections is Thurs., Oct. 23. There is *not* a meeting on Oct. 16 as was advertised earlier. Call our RSVP number for reservations. You may bring a guest."

"We are making changes! We'll be electing Directors for 2008-09-10. Coffee, cookies and a box lunch will be provided.

"Neil Ricci, Nominating Committee Chair, moved that Mary Beetz be appointed to the Board to fill a vacant Director position. It was approved. Ricci then reported that the following nominations will be made at the Oct. 23 Meeting: Ed Harding, Jerry

Bardwell, Jack Matthews, Helen Salgado, Many Beetz and Ken Spiker for two-year terms as Directors beginning Jan. 1, and Michael Karsch for a one-year term as Director beginning Jan. 1.

"The 2008 Corporation and Membership Meeting takes place at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 23 at the Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr. 90027."

Helen Salgado, Membership Chair, reports: "Our recent Membership Drive mailing to non-members was very successful. More than 500 responses have been received so far. We're looking forward to increasing our membership to more than 9,000 soon."

Legislative Update:



Ken Spiker

Ken Spiker, our elected Commissioner to the LACERS Board of Directors, reports that final contracts with LACERS Health and Welfare Program providers for 2009 will increase by \$4.4 million (6.1 percent) to \$76 million. This is well below the actuarial trend of plus 8.2 percent.

The LACERS Board of Directors has adopted the 2009 medical plan premiums, which will represent a 7.0 percent increase over 2008.

LACERS staff and the Benefits Committee has unanimously recommended to the Board a 2009 monthly medical plan premium subsidy of \$1,120. The current 2008 subsidy is \$1,022, thus a monthly increase of \$98.04.

The Los Angeles Administrative Code restricts the Board not to exceed the dollar increase in the Kaiser two-party non-Medicare plan premium. With the Boards approval, the subsidy recommend will match the maximum permit-

ted by law. The average monthly medical plan subsidy benefit will increase \$35.03 to \$490.56.

Payroll deduction and subsidy will depend upon years of service, number of dependents, Medicare status and plan selection.

RLACEI Website

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

Contact LACERS

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

The Best Years



The Gateway Arch at the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial National Park.



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
- Michael Karsch Ext. 704
- Jerry Bardwell Ext. 706
- Harold Danowitz Ext. 707
- Jack Mathews Ext. 712
- Helen Salgado (membership) Ext. 713
- Americo Garza Ext. 710
- Tom Stenmnock Ext. 708

DWP Retirement Plan Office: (213) 367-1722

RLACEI:

Officers for 2008

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

Committee Chairpersons for 2008

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

Directors

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



Meet Hal in St. Louis

■ Hal travels to the Gateway to the West.

One of our best friend's daughters was graduating from Washington University, and we were asked to attend. Wash. U, as it is known, is in St. Louis. Neither Evelyn nor I had spent any time in the St. Louis area, and we decided to go to the graduation and stay a few extra days to visit. The graduation was in the middle of May, a good time to visit the Midwest. The graduation was on Friday, so we flew out to St. Louis on Thursday and returned home on the next Tuesday. This gave us three full days to sightsee.

The wife of our friends was raised in St. Louis and still had a lot of family in the area. We stayed at the Hilton in Frontenac, which is in the western suburbs, about 10 miles from the airport.

As usual, I had our laptop with the GPS system, and I had also printed out directions from the airport to the hotel, a little like having both a belt and suspenders. I used the printed directions and made a wrong turn and finally had to fire up the laptop and use the GPS. This helped, but the main highway that we needed (Interstate 64) was closed for major rebuilding, and that was exactly where we needed to go. It took us almost an hour and a half to get to the hotel, when it should have been a 15-minute drive. You can believe that Evelyn was not a happy camper.

St. Louis is on the Mississippi River, just a few miles south of where the continent's other major waterway, the Missouri River, joins it. In 1703, Catholic priests established

a small mission just south of what is now St. Louis. French fur trappers founded the actual settlement in 1764 and named it for the French king and saint. The city was acquired from France in 1803 as part of the Louisiana Purchase and was incorporated as a town in 1809. The Lewis and Clark Expedition left the St. Louis area in May 1804, reached the Pacific Ocean in the summer of 1805, and returned on Sept. 23, 1806. Both Lewis and Clark lived in St. Louis after the expedition. After Missouri became a state in 1821, St. Louis was incorporated as a city in 1822. The 1904 World's Fair and 1904 Olympic Games were held in St. Louis. St. Louis is known as the "Gateway City," as it is seen as the dividing mark between the Eastern and Western United States.

The city proper, small in size, has a population of 350,000, but the metropolitan area has almost three million people, making it the 18th largest metropolitan area in the United States.

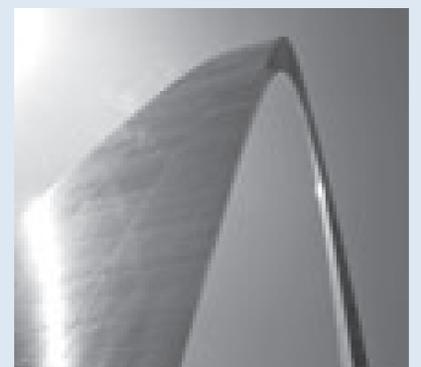
Thursday evening and Friday was taken up with graduation activities. We had dinner Thursday evening at the home of the aunt and uncle of the graduate, and Friday morning we attended the graduation ceremony and then a celebration dinner that evening.

Washington University in St. Louis is a private university, founded in 1853 and named for George Washington.

Saturday morning we started our sightseeing, and our first stop was the Gateway Arch. The 630-foot stainless steel arch is a memorial to St. Louis' role in the westward expansion of the United States from 1803 to 1890. The Arch is meant to form a symbolic gateway that frames the primary view of downtown from the Mississippi River. It stands on the site of the original fur-trading town that Lewis and Clark left from in 1804.

To get to the top of the Arch, you ride in a tram (a round pod, resembling a huge clothes dryer) that seats six very friendly people for about a five-minute ride to the top. If you don't like tight spaces, you might not want to take the ride. Once you get to the top you have a wonderful view of the surrounding area. The cost for the tram ride is \$10.

Beneath the Arch is the Museum of Westward Expansion, dedicated to the events touched off by Thomas Jefferson and the



The Gateway Arch.



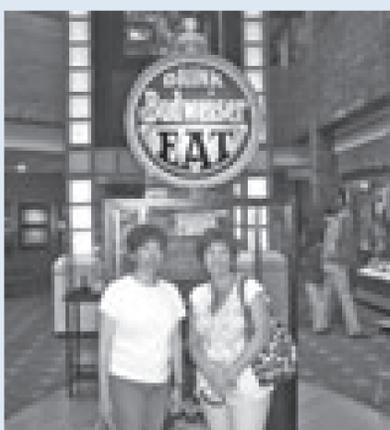
Evelyn waits to take the ride to the top of the Arch.



The pod that you ride to the top



Hal at the top of the Arch



Evelyn and Susan at the Anheuser-Busch brewery.

ADVENTURES with HAL!

Louisiana Purchase. I was very impressed with the displays in the museum, especially the series on the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Allow at least three hours to see both the Arch and the museum.

No trip to St. Louis would be complete without a visit to the Anheuser-Busch brewery. Budweiser, "The King of Beers," was born here in 1876, and forgoing a trip to its birthplace would be downright un-American. Free tours of the brewery run seven days a week, and after the tour, if you are of age, you get to sample a few of the brews.

Before we took the tour, we had lunch at the Sage Restaurant (1031 Lynch St.), just across the road from the brewery parking lot. I would recommend this as a combination lunch and then the tour.

Anheuser-Busch has a large presence in St. Louis. Everywhere you go you see the name, and the company has contributed a lot to the community. While we were there, the talk was about the pending takeover by InBev, an overseas company, and what effect it would have on the St. Louis area.

That evening we had dinner with the group at Lorenzo's Trattoria (1933 Edwards) on the Hill, the old Italian area. They serve great Italian food in a warm local ambiance.

Sunday, we decided to start our tour by going to an art fair across the Mississippi River, in Belleville, Ill. I plugged in the location in the GPS and off we went. Well, I entered "Bellevue" instead of Belleville, and we ended up in the opposite direction from our destination. We ended up at the Golden Eagle Ferry crossing, where there was no ferry. I thought I was in the movie *Deliverance*. We headed down a dirt road with water on both sides and stopped at the ferry dock. I turned around and got out of there as fast as I could. I finally figured out that I had put in the wrong name, but by then it was too late to go to the art fair. Again, Evelyn was not a happy camper.

I had read in one of the tourist magazines that that day was Lewis and Clark Heritage Day at Frontier Park in St. Charles. St. Charles is Missouri's largest historic district on the western bank of the Missouri River. This is where Lewis and Clark started out for parts unknown. In the park, there was an encampment set up, and people were dressed in costumes of the times, living as people did in 1803. The Main Street of St. Charles has a large collection of 19th-century buildings that house a number of retailers, restaurants and galleries.

Our last stop that day was the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site, 7400 Grant Rd. in south St. Louis County, adjacent to Anheuser-Busch's Grant's Farm. The Grant estate, White Haven, was acquired by Frederick Dent, who was Grant's father-in-law, in 1820. It was here that Grant met his wife, Julia, and they lived there prior to the Civil War. After the war they purchased it from Julia's father. Even after they settled in New York after Grant retired as President, they continued to return to White Haven. The park guides provide a short tour of the house. One of the questions most often asked is why it is called White Haven but painted green. Previous Dent family residences in England and Maryland were called "White Haven," so the familiar name carried over to this property. The Paris green color dates to the 1870s, and was quite popular during the era.

On the way back to the hotel, we stopped at the White Castle for one of their famous burgers. An event not to be repeated! [Hal, you were less than a mile from where I grew up! - Ed.]

When we woke on Monday morning, we discovered that it had rained during the night. As we expected to spend most of the day outdoors, we were a little concerned about the weather. Our luck was good: The day was very nice and rain helped cool the temperature.

Our first stop was the Missouri Botanical (Shaw's) Garden, which opened to the public in 1859. There are 79 acres of trees, formal gardens and conservatories. Open daily, Shaw's Garden costs \$8 for adults, and children 12 and under are free. There is a one-hour tram tour that gives you a great overview of the gardens. After the tour, we spent two



The St. Louis Zoo.



The main drag in St. Charles.



Hal in front of Grant's House.



Evelyn in St. Charles by the Missouri River.

more hours just walking through the various gardens. Normally this would not be on my tour agenda, but I would recommend this to all visitors to St. Louis.

We then headed over to Forest Park, one of the largest municipal parks in the United States. Forest Park covers 1,300 acres in the middle of St. Louis. It is home to the St. Louis Art Museum, the St. Louis Zoo, the St. Louis Science Center, The History Museum and the Jewel Box floral conservatory.

Friends told us to go to The Boathouse for lunch. It is on a large lake and, while you wait for a table, you can rent a paddleboat and get in some exercise before eating. After a good lunch, we visited the St. Louis Zoo.

The St. Louis Zoo has free admission and is open every day of year except for Christmas and New Year's Day. The zoo covers more than 90 acres and has more than 11,000 animals. We started our tour by taking a train ride (\$10) around the zoo and then walked around the different sections. This zoo is rated number one by the Zagat survey, and I can agree with that. (And admission is free.)

That closed out our trip to St. Louis, and I'm glad that we took the extra time to see the area. There is much history here that effects how the western part of the United States was developed and settled.

If you have any questions you can reach me at hdanowitz@verizon.net.



Evelyn at the Missouri Botanical (Shaw's) Garden.

RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

Nick Buckroff and his wife, Lillie, travelled to the Grand Canyon; Meteor Crater; Tombstone and Sedona, Ariz.; and the Old Town in Albuquerque; plus the casinos in Laughlin, Nev. Nick was Recreation Director.

Marsha Kawamoto has traveled to the Caribbean, Hawaii, Lake Tahoe and Disney World. She likes line dancing and performing at assisted living facilities. Her daughter is a doctor in Citrus Heights.

Carl Wiegand volunteers to prepare income tax returns for military personnel at the Los Angeles Air Force Base, El Segundo, every year. He retired from the Navy and Navy Reserve with 43 years of service. He also had a 43-year retirement credit when he retired from the City in 1999.

Charles McKeever volunteers with the Neighborhood Watch in Houston, Tex. to provide security for homes.

Edward and Amanda Hernandez belong to three RV clubs. They have traveled three times across the United States in the past five years in their diesel pusher motor home. They volunteer in RV campgrounds. They enjoy visiting small towns across America.

Dorothy Komarow turned 98 on Aug. 5. Send her a card to 3995 Overland Ave., Apt #222., Culver City, CA 90232-3722

Many members have written comments, including "You are all doing a great job." "I appreciate it." "Thank you for all your efforts." "I enjoy reading your column each month." "I love your Thought for the Day." These comments really make all of our efforts satisfying and constructive suggestions are also appreciated.

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Poetry Contest: The 14th annual Poetry Contest will be held this year. Poetry will be accepted in any style or subject that will be of interest to retirees. There will be separate categories for members and spouses and family members. Send your typed entries including your address, phone number and category by Nov. 1 to Phil Skarin at 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411. There will be valuable prizes.

If you have news about yourself or other retirees that you'd like to share send it to Phil Skarin, or call him on the Helpline.

On the Move

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



"After the run, I headed to Pheidippides Running Center to meet up with The Basin Blues Running Club and champion runner Rod Dixon for our annual running shoe program giveaway for cross country student athletes. Rod, a world-class cross-country champion himself, gave an inspiring speech to our young student athletes. We gave away 120 pairs of new running shoes to the cross-country teams of Reseda, Poly, Canoga Park, and Monroe High School."



Keeping Up With Ken

On Sept. 14, Ken Kochakji, Retired, Rec and Parks, competed in the Women's Health Cancer Run in Studio City. "I won a gold medal and first place in my age group."



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:

After the Olympics

*After the races are over,
After the cheering is done,
After the medals are all passed out,
And you're standing all alone.*

*What will you do for an encore?
What else can you do to win praise,
What hurdles are left to jump over,
What else do you have to prove?*

*In life you will find there are contests
That go on inside of you,
The struggle to rise above doubt and despair,
The battle for power and wealth.*

*So, gird up the muscles of conscience,
Keep the sinews of character strong,
Keep your eye on the goal at the end of the road
And not on the things that go wrong.*

— Phil Skarin

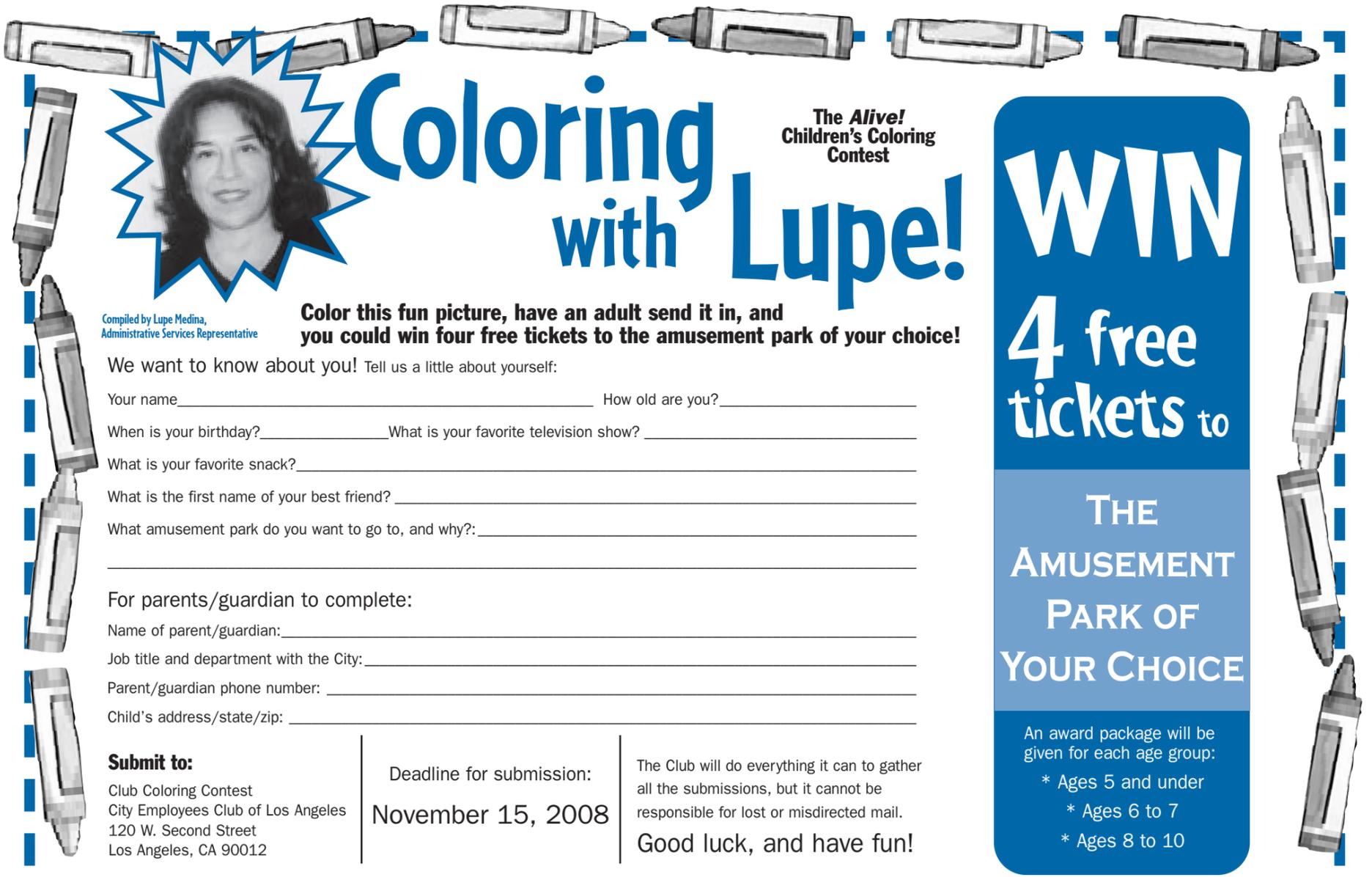
RLACEI's Toll-Free Number

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.

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| Harold Danowitz x707 | Michael Karsch x704 | Neil Ricci x714 |
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Coloring with Lupe!

The *Alive!* Children's Coloring Contest

WIN 4 free tickets to THE AMUSEMENT PARK OF YOUR CHOICE

An award package will be given for each age group:
 * Ages 5 and under
 * Ages 6 to 7
 * Ages 8 to 10

Compiled by Lupe Medina, Administrative Services Representative

Color this fun picture, have an adult send it in, and you could win four free tickets to the amusement park of your choice!

We want to know about you! Tell us a little about yourself:

Your name _____ How old are you? _____

When is your birthday? _____ What is your favorite television show? _____

What is your favorite snack? _____

What is the first name of your best friend? _____

What amusement park do you want to go to, and why?: _____

For parents/guardian to complete:

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Job title and department with the City: _____

Parent/guardian phone number: _____

Child's address/state/zip: _____

Submit to:
 Club Coloring Contest
 City Employees Club of Los Angeles
 120 W. Second Street
 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Deadline for submission:
November 15, 2008

The Club will do everything it can to gather all the submissions, but it cannot be responsible for lost or misdirected mail.
Good luck, and have fun!



HARBOR

Perfect Attendance

Harbor hosts luncheon for those with perfect attendance records.



Martin Chavez, Human Resources Development Manager, Club Member, welcomes Harbor employees to the 2008 Perfect Attendance Luncheon.



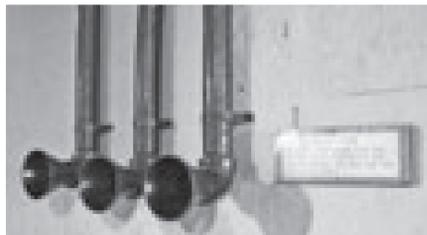
Steve Nelson talks about the Forth MacArthur Museum.



A vintage vehicle that was restored by Fort MacArthur Museum volunteers.



From left: Ronald Lin, Civil Engineering Associate; Angel Lim, Structural Engineering; and Peter Yin, Sr. Structural Engineer.



Speaking tubes that continue to work throughout the grounds.



From left: Stephen James, Maintenance Assistant; Rafael Diaz, Maintenance Assistant, Club Member; and Jose Melendez, Maintenance Assistant.



From left: Tom Yamamoto, K9 Officer; Lt. Rosa Reynoso; William Yoacham, K9 Officer; and Det. Michael Belo.



At left, Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor, with the ecstatic City Club Winners and Martin Chavez, Human Resources Development Manager.



From left: Maria Garcia, Custodian; Michael Russell, Financial Manager; and Ping Lit, Civil Engineering Associate.

Story by Martin Chavez, Human Resources Development Manager, Harbor; Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Director of Member Services

On May 13, Harbor recognized 155 employees who achieved perfect attendance during 2007. This year's luncheon event was held at the Fort MacArthur Museum in San Pedro near Angel's Gate Park.

Dagoberto Samiengo was recognized for accomplishing ten consecutive years of perfect attendance, and Norman Arikawa for 25 years. Both gentlemen received a \$500 check for their achievement.

Executive Director Geraldine Knatz shared her appreciation to the employees for their outstanding attendance record.

The City Employees Club provided raffle items of two Los Angeles Angels games, amusement park tickets, movie tickets, City Logo watches, and L.A. City T-shirts. The winners were: Charles Parsons, C&M; Angel Lim, Engineering; Shaun Shahrestani, Construction; Kris Bosnich, Wharfingers; Jason Ho, Engineering; Julie Huerta, Commission Office; LaJuan Kennedy, Wharfingers; Teresa Henkhaus, Construction; Ilesia Jones, Human Resources; Michael Galvin, Real Estate; Ron Lin, Engineering; Rosa Reynoso, Port Police; Holly Carlson, C&M; Kenneth Huerta, Port Police; Richard Joe, Engineering; and Michael Belo, Port Police. Western Medical Group donated an emergency first aid kit, awarded to Valeska Calero-Sorto, Accounting. Roy Benjamins, Engineering, won the emergency light set. Western Medical also provided Dodger game tickets, which were won by Ms. Calero-Sorto; Nathan Ewert, Port Police; and Ilesia Jones, Human Resources.

However the highlight of the luncheon was the drawing by Dr. Knatz for eight \$500 prizes. To qualify for the drawing, an employee could not have been absent from work more than 18 hours during 2007. Two-hundred and forty-seven employees qualified for the drawing, won by: Michael Sharp, C&M; Alberto Rosario, Port Police; Kevin Maggay, Environmental; Harry Wilson, Human Resources; Rickey Kirk, Graphics; Chris Grossi, Engineering; and Marcel Van Dijk and Norman Arikawa, Marketing Division. Harbor ensures every employee with perfect attendance leaves a winner, so each employee received a 1.5" LED digital photo key-chain.

Attendees had a great time relaxing on a great day under a gentle sun, a soft ocean breeze, exploring the Fort MacArthur Museum grounds and marveling at the history of the facility.

This article is reprinted from August, with the correct list of names. Alive! regrets the error, and congratulates all who were awarded. — Ed.



From left: Frank Albers, Sr. MA; Teresa Henkhaus, Principal Construction Inspector; Charles Smith, Mechanical Repair General Supervisor, Club Member; and Julie Huerta, Commission Chief Administrator, Club Member.



Martin Chavez, Human Resources Development Manager, Club Member, with Dr. Geraldine Knatz, Executive Director, Harbor, with the \$500 perfect attendance winners, from left: Martin Chavez, Human Resources, Club Member; Harry Wilson, Human Resources; Norman Arikawa, Marketing; Dr. Geraldine Knatz, Executive Director, Club Member; Marcel Van Dijk, Marketing; and Chris Grossi, Engineering.

Here are those honored at the event:

25 Years:

Norman Arikawa

18 Years:

Jo Ann Esparza
Alberto Rosario

14 Years:

Masa Morimoto
Julia Nagano

13 Years:

Dolores Canez
Martin D. Chavez
Ebrahim Khalvati
Shou Yu Shao

11 Years:

Rosa Reynoso
Shaun Shahrestani

10 Years:

Dagoberto Samaniego

9 Years:

Chris Bobo
Bent Christiansen

8 Years:

Holly Carlson
Rickey Kirk
Michael Rubino
Linda Vigil
Hak Ning Wong

7 Years:

Kenneth Huerta
Marion Mayse
Charles Smith

6 Years:

Regina Grant
LaJuan Kennedy
John Kostreulich
Frank Rendon
Mark Weisenberger
William Yoacham

5 Years:

Eric Caris
Barry O'Conner
Teresa Henkhaus
Steven Otera
Thomas Russell
4 Years
Frank Albers
Jack Clay
Paul Johansen
Carlos Rodriguez
Marcel Van Dijk
Harry Wilson

3 Years:

Ron Boyd
James Bozarth
Anthony DiTucci
Enedina Rodriguez
Rene Rodriguez
J. Michael Russell
Frank Scognamillo
John Short

2 Years:

Michael Barnes
Diane Boskovich
Molly Campbell
Alejandro Castillo
Danny Domingo
Jesse Gonzales
William Houser
Ilesia Jones
Patrick Lally
Fernando Martinez
Benjamin Small
Tracy Spinoso
William Stel
Laurie Strong
Lonnie Tang
Anthony Vann
Tom Yamamoto

1 Year:

Robel Afewerki
Ray Aliviado
Michael Alva
Kiyohiko Amano
Thomas Asuncion
Octavio Avila
Arley Baker
Steve Baker
Michael Belo
Roy Benjamins
Andrew Benson
Carmen Bognot
Kris Bosnich
Christopher Brincat
Valeska Calera-Sorta
Fernando Campos
Robert Corona
George Cummings
John Curry
Rafael Diaz
John Dwyer
Zoya Dyer
Manuel Esparza
Morgan Evans
Nathan Ewert
Ismael Flores
Michael Galvin
Maria Garcia
Gary Gardner

Charles Giles
Michael Graychik
Chris Grossi
Ron Groves
Minerva Gutierrez
Jason Ho
Julie Huerta
John Ibrahim
George Ivcevic
Stephen James
Bradley Jenkins
Richard Joe
John Joyce
Geraldine Knatz
Sue Lai
Jeffrey Lee
Angel Lim
Ronald Lin
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Zizhan Liu
Cheryle Louis
Leonard Mace
Emilio Macias
Kevin Maggay
Joseph Manlove
Dave Mathewson
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Peter Ouk
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Charles Parsons
Ana Peredia
David Porter
Carlos Quintana
Kirk Ramirez
Mary Ramos
Richard Rauhut
Michael Aubin
Brenda Richardson
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Sal Zambrano

HARBOR

Perfect Attendance

- Continued



Carmen Bognot, Architectural Associate IV, Club Member, checks out the photos of the Fort MacArthur Chapel.



From left: Frank Scanamillo, Painter; David Porter, MCH; and Gary McAngus, Sr. Painter, admire the many photos of the past.



Martin Chavez, Human Resources Development Manager, Club Member, shows off his first car. Actually, this was one of the many vehicles on display.



Norman Arikawa receives a \$500 check for achieving 25 years of perfect attendance.



Vintage World War I and II military vehicles restored by the Fort MacArthur volunteers.



Standing, from left: Steve Baker, Sr. PA; and Martin Chavez, Human Resources Development Manager, Club Member. Seated: Alex Carbajal, Clerk Typist, Club Member; Cynthia Jaime, Student Worker; Danette Nappi, Principal Clerk; and Andrew Benson, Harbor Special Events Coordinator.



Check out that shell!



From left: Western Medical Group Representatives Bob Teruel and Dr. Paz Eliat with winners Valeska Calero-Sorto, Accounting, Club Member, and Roy Benjamins, Engineering, Club Member.



Dagoberto Samiengo receives a \$500 check for achieving 10 years of perfect attendance.



Jacqueline Powell, Maintenance Assistant.



From left: Danny Domingo, Boat Captain; Raymond Maese, Deck Hand; Mark Weisengerger, Storekeeper II; Octavio Avila, Gardener Caretaker; and James Bozarth, Roofer, Club Member.

Life's Important Moments

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Everyone reads Life's Most Important Moments in **Alive!** Share your news... and send in a photo! Have you gotten married? Had a baby? Graduated? Has someone in your family had a quinceañera? Is a family member in the military? Send in a photo and a paragraph, telling us the details. We love to share your good news.

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- Weddings
- Babies
- Graduations
- Promotions
- Quinceañeras
- Special Achievements
- **Alive!** in the Military

Send digital photos (as high a resolution as you can send) to: moments@cityemployeesclub.com OR send paper photos (please don't send the only one you have!) to:

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New Members

Welcome New Members!

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

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| Airports
Jose Dioscoro Domingo
Melonie Hodge-Harrell
Ralph Jauregui
John Lopez
LaCresha Menifee
Mary Olmos

Animal Services
Sonja Glasgo
Bernard LaRue

City Attorney
Maria Garcia

Community
Development
Gabriela Zarate
Ya-Ling Hu

Convention Center
Robert Elam
Marguerite
Morehouse

Fire
Eva Bencomo
Maria Escobedo
Dana Gonzalez
Sandra Guerrero
John Smith III | Louis Torres
Lee Tsubaki-Hasegawa
Adrian Vasquez

General Services
Hubert Gomez
Straleshia Hampton

Harbor
Rebecca Alvarado
Johana Diaz
Ana Duarte
Ralph Edwards
Sonia Estevez
Michael Fluegal
Miguel Gauardo
Ervin Govic
Phillip Heem
John Legaspi
Eduardo Lopez
Nicholas Marbach
Rodolfo Meza
Dennis Mills
Joseph Naso
Carlo Oliveri
Anna Padilla
Charles Parsons
David Robles
Logan Rutherford-Braun | Housing
Monique McGriff
Mirna Urbina
Ted Ries

Personnel
Lupe Durazo
Irma Gonzalez
Retha Walker

Police
Joseph Alba
Chance Chavez
Vivian De Leon
Ralph Hernandez
Elaine Rios
Alfredo Vargas
Brandon Walthers
Mellonese Wharton

Public Works
Sanitation
Vijai Seeram
Byron Tate
Simboa Wright

Rec and Parks
Curtis Blevins
Stephanie Hadnot | Maritza Lukacs
Carlos Reyes
Brent Egland
Veronica Franco
Catalina Taylor

DWP
Margarita Carrillo
Celedonio Diaz Jr.
Joseph Najera
Henry Rodriguez

Retired Employees
Mary Day
Ella Miller
VernaMae Porter
Shelia Porter

Other
Jesus Aceves
Stacy Barron
William Cantey
Cheryl Doyen
Ryan Glowaski
Jason Hills
Leslie McKay-Maritn
Manuel Medina
Craig Miller
Felicia Terry |
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In Memoriam

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

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| Active

Arthur Aspiras, LAPD, 27

Richard Colfer, Airports, 16

Sallie Riley, Library, 3

Sondra Stiles, Public Works, 2

Charles Williams, Airports, 22

Retired

Maudie Abbott, City Clerk, 22

Martin Ange, Transportation, 21

Lilly Atwine, LAPD, 22

Cathy Bagnall, LAPD, 30

James Barry, DWP, 27

Odes Bodle, Rec and Parks, 28

Roger Bouffard, DWP, 29

Carl Branham, DWP, 29

Johnny Carpenter, Rec and Parks, 18

Daniel Carnahan, Housing, 21

Manuel Castruita, DWP, 34

Cinderetta Chavis, DWP, 17

Dan Coates, DWP, 36

Melvin Corth, DWP, 20

Roy Cowdrey, DWP, 25

Paul Denkins, Public Works, 30

John De La Cruz, DWP, 33

Carlos DePina, Rec and Parks, 26

Eugene Docter, DWP, 30

Melvin Dodd, General Services, 20

Andrew Garrett, Public Works, 20

Cleophus Gray, Rec and Parks, 26

Paul Holbrook, DWP, 31

Albert Huegin, City Clerk, 36

Ray Hughes, Animal Services, 35 | John Imbler, Rec and Parks, 29

Palestine Johnson, General Services, 19

William Jones, Not Disclosed, Not Disclosed

Albert Jue, Public Works, 26

Clifford Langland, DWP, 32

James Law, Public Works, 15

Maxine Luther, LAPD, 7

John Millette, DWP, 34

Thomas Morales, DWP, 29

Kenji Muramoto, DWP, 31

Paul Murray, DWP, 33

Robert Niccum, Public Works, 34

Thomas O'Connor, DWP, 13

Robert Orahood, Building and Safety, 22

Manuel Orona, DWP, 10

Edwin Phillips, Public Works, 12

Samuel Pollock, General Services, 30

Margaret Pope, DWP, 21

Francis Porter, General Services, 42

Harry Rehn, DWP, 28

Hisako Sasaki, DWP, 29

Victor Shoemaker, DWP, 27

Guy Seegall, General Services, 21

Walter Snyder, DWP, 32

Hans Sonderling, DWP, 29

Dallas Spaulding, General Services, 14

Burton Taylor, Personnel, 27

Leo Valko, City Clerk, 21

David Wang, DWP, 20

Robert Whalen, DWP, 31

Joe Williams, Public Works, 7 |
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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



PSSN Carlos A. Quiroz, U.S. Navy, is stationed in Jacksonville, Fla., on the *USS The Sullivans*, DDG 68. Proud father is Trinidad Carlos Quiroz, Club Member.

Retirements

NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS
Jack Alexander	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Russell Knox	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Robert Bastian	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Shirley Ko	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
William Beam	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Douglas Kuniyoshi	Garage Attendant	General Services	11
Andrew Benavidez	Ref. Coll. Truck Opr.	Public Works	20	Gordon Lee	Sr. Accountant	Public Works	34
Augusto Bolneo	Detention Officer	LAPD	22	Shu-Ren Liu	Custodial Serv. Attn.	General Services	19
Michael Buccat	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Ruben Martinez	Airport Police	Airports	37
Richard Bustos	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Darrell Mathis	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Michael Byrne	Equip. Specialist	General Services	25	Leroy May	Garage Attendant	LAPD	18
Theresa Cashner	Management Analyst	Harbor	31	Cuthberto Meza	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Robert Cummings	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Nelson Minoza	Sr. Auditor	Public Works	25
Freida Foran	Clerk	Airports	5	Ronald Morrison	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Edward Garren	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Sandra Peelen	City Atty. Admin. Asst.	City Attorney	32
Nathaniel Gilmore	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Frances Prevas	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Mary Goodale	Pr. Librarian	Library	35	April Richmond	Clerk Typist	LAPD	21
Mary House	Ast. City Attorney	City Attorney	17	Douglas Rill	Port Pilot	Harbor	21
Mark Johnstone	Arts Manager	Cultural Affairs	17	Daniel Rybicki	Occup. Psychologist	Personnel	10
Joseph Keller	Plumber	Public Works	21	James Schrein	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Donna Kerley	Legal Secretary	City Attorney	30	David Steffen	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed



Births



Kobe Del Real, born June 1 to Norma and Ernest Del Real. Ernest works at General Services Dispatch.



Jabari Chris Collier and twin Sumira, born Aug. 28 to Chris and Melisa Collier. Both parents work for Airports (LAX).



Sumira Collier.



Benicio Tyree Hall, born Aug. 25 to Phillip H. Hall, Transportation, and Fabiana Meneses-Hall. "We would like to thank the DOT Family for all of their support."

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



Graduations



Alex Maria graduated from the Police Academy Aug. 15 and is now a General Services Police Officer. Pictured, from left: FTO Christopher Garcia, General Services Police Drill Instructor assigned to the LAPD Police Academy; Miguel Maria, the graduate's brother; Alex Maria; Capt. Gerry Perez; Officer Kim Bendimez; and Officer Steve Wyno.

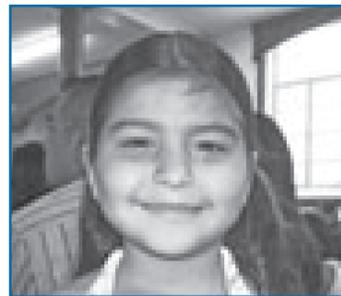
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Yoselin Crystal Pearce graduated from Walter Dexter Middle School. She plans to help build environmental awareness through saving trees, and to become a therapist after attending UCLA. Her father is Gilmore Pearce, Airports.



Special Achievements



Samantha Nicole Cervantes earned a Certificate of Completion Pre-Kinder. Their proud parents are Adriana Belmares, LAPD, and Angel Cervantes.



Kayla Marie Cervantes earned a Student of the Month Certificate, Perfect Attendance certificate and trophy, Math Wizard medal and a Word Wizard trophy and a Kindergarten Completion Certificate in 2007-08 school year.

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



Congratulations to LAPD Detention Officer John Meneses and Diana Diaz, who were married recently. In the photo (from left) are Deputy Chief Sergio Diaz, Club Member; Leticia Diaz; Diana Diaz; and Officer John Meneses, Club Member.

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Quinceañera

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

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

Your Counselor Can Help

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

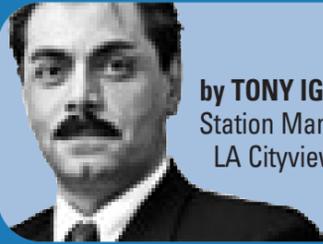


Arlene Herrero



Tiffany Sy

Tuned In



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



Three More Emmys For LA Cityview 35

LA Cityview 35 added two more golden statuettes to its collection of esteemed honors after scoring double wins at the 60th Los Angeles Area Emmy Awards ceremony, held Sept. 6 at the Television Academy's Leonard H. Goldenson Theatre. A third Emmy was awarded in the individual achievement for best non-news director to LA Cityview's visionary director, Robert Manciero. With Robert's two consecutive Emmys for best non-news director, LA CityView has a total of 15 Emmy wins attributed to its work.

The top honors went to "L.A. Roundtable" for *Outstanding Informational/Public Affairs Series (more than 50 percent studio-based)*, and "It's Cool to Vote," a PSA produced in partnership with the Office of the City Clerk, for *Outstanding Public Service Announcement*. Accepting the awards for Channel 35 were ITA Executive Officer Mark Wolf; Channel 35 Station Manager Tony Ighani; "L.A. Roundtable" producer Steve Miller; "L.A. Roundtable" co-producer and host Dave Bryan; and "It's Cool to Vote" producer Robert Manciero.

The 60th Los Angeles Area Emmy Awards Webcast can be viewed in its entirety at www.emmys.tv.

Highlights of Programming in October:

CommUNITY Day of Service

On July 19, more than 4,000 volunteers and community leaders gathered at more than 60 sites in central Los Angeles for a "CommUNITY Day of Service," sponsored by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Councilmembers Eric Garcetti, Ed Reyes, Tom LaBonge and Herb Wesson.

LA Cityview 35 was there to document this amazing day. Our cameras were all over Central L.A., as we followed Mayor Villaraigosa as he went from location to location, meeting with volunteers at sites like the Casa Libre Youth Shelter, the MacArthur Park Recreation Center and the Pico-Union Housing Corporation.

Airs: Monday, Oct. 6 and 20 at 11 a.m. and 10 p.m.

Inside the LAPD

Premiering this month are two new episodes of "Inside the LAPD," LA Cityview 35's weekly series that profiles the numerous divisions within our City's Police Department and the brave men and women who protect and serve our community.

"On Patrol with Pacific Division"

Join "Inside the LAPD" cameras on a tour of the Pacific Area Community Police Station and meet the men and women of the LAPD division that serves the communities of Venice, Oakwood, Mar Vista, Playa del Rey, Westchester, and one of the world's busiest airports, LAX.

Metropolitan Division

Grab your VIP pass and come along with "Inside the LAPD" on an exclusive tour of LAPD's Metropolitan Division. Get to know the men and women of this elite unit and learn about the important work they do to protect the residents of our City.

Each episode of "Inside the LAPD" is hosted by Mary Grady, Public

Information Director for the Los Angeles Police Department.

Airs: Thursdays at 2 and 10 p.m.

L.A. Roundtable

This month, LA Cityview 35 will broadcast two important and pressing new episodes of its Emmy Award-winning public affairs discussion series, "L.A. Roundtable." The roundtable discussions on these episodes will revolve around the Nov. 4 elections, and are sure to be eye-openers. The first episode will cover the presidential election from a uniquely Californian perspective, while the second will center on two controversial state ballot propositions: Prop. 8, which, if passed, will eliminate the right of same-sex couples to marry; and Prop. 11, which involves state legislative redistricting.

Hosted by KCAL9 political reporter Dave Bryan, "L.A. Roundtable" *Airs:* Mondays at 1:30 and 8 p.m., and Fridays at 1:30 and 9:30 p.m.

The Mayor's Annual Community Budget Day

On Sat., Oct. 11, LA Cityview 35 will present a live broadcast of Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's annual Community Budget Day, which will take place at City Council Chambers beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Airs: Sat., Oct. 11 at 8:30 a.m.

Women's Dialogue Series: Women in Business

In this rebroadcast of "Women's Dialogue Series: Women in Business," which originally aired live on Sept. 18, Los Angeles City Controller Laura Chick moderates a panel of six prominent women who bring their perspectives and expertise on the subject of women entrepreneurship.

Airs: Wed., Oct. 8 and 22 at 9:15 p.m. and Oct. 15 and 29 at 1:30 p.m.

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

LA Cityview 35 is the City of Los Angeles' Emmy-award winning government channel. Managed and operated by City employees, LA Cityview 35 serves Los Angeles by bringing government closer to their homes. With innovative and timely programming, citizens now can have an active voice in what happens in their local government.

Contact Tony with your questions: channel35@cityemployeesclub.com
Channel 35 Viewer Comment Hotline: (213) 473-3978

See you on LA Cityview 35!

LACECA

Latino Festival Coming Up

Latino employee organizations celebrate Latino Heritage Month Oct. 17.

The Los Angeles City Employees Chicano Association (LACECA), together with the Latin American Law Enforcement Association (LA LEY) and Los Bomberos (Latino City Firefighters), plan to host the 15th annual Fiesta Hall, in recognition of Latino Heritage Month on Friday, Oct. 17, at City Hall. The organizations

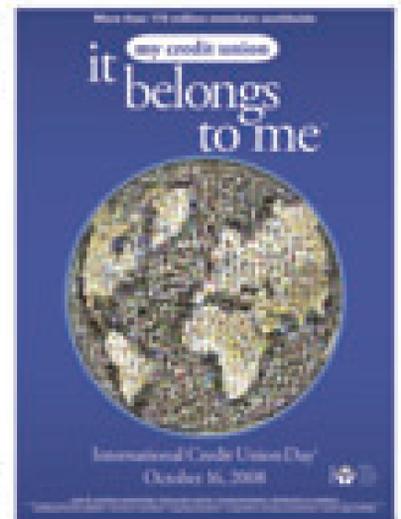
are proud to celebrate with entertainment, culture, and an art exhibit.

Members and their guests are invited to join the festivities. For information, contact LACECA at (213) 847-2229 or visit the Website at www.LACECA.org.



LACECA President Miguel Rangel (left) and First Vice President Leonor Garcia (right) with Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and recipient of the "2008 Spirit of LA." award, Dionicio Morales (seated), of the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation.

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201 N. Los Angeles St., Space 201
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Newsbrief

CLEAN WATER:

The City broke ground on its first clean water bond project Sept. 15.

Public Works officials and Councilman Bill Rosendahl, District 11, joined stakeholders of the Venice area at a groundbreaking ceremony for the Grand Boulevard Tree Wells project Sept. 15 at the corner of Abbot Kinney Boulevard and Rialto Avenue in Venice.

The Grand Boulevard Tree Wells, the first project fully funded by the voter-approved Proposition O (Prop O) clean water bond, will install bioretention filtration systems with saucer magnolia trees at seven different locations in Venice. Stormwater flow along Abbot Kinney Boulevard and Grand Boulevard will be diverted to the tree wells for treatment before entering the storm drain system, thereby reducing the pollution that flows to the ocean.

This is the second Green Street project implemented by Prop O.

Los Angeles City Engineer Gary Moore says, "The great thing about this project is that we add trees to this neighborhood and improve water quality at the same time."

Councilmember Rosendahl adds, "This is a great day for the City of Los Angeles and for all who enjoy the Santa Monica Bay. Not only will this project filter and clean the water that enters the Bay, but it will also continue to beautify the Venice community. This Prop O project is one of the hallmarks of the green movement, and I look forward for more to come."

Prop O was approved by City of Los Angeles voters in November 2004, authorizing \$500 million in general obligation bonds to be used by the City for multiple clean water/water quality improvement projects. Prop O projects will protect public health by cleaning up pollution in the City's water courses, as well as fund infrastructure improvements for flood protection, water quality protection, and water conservation. Projects will assist the City of Los Angeles in meeting Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDLs) goals, or goals related to the amount of pollution allowable in the City's water bodies. TMDLs are a part of the Federal Clean Water Act and are intended to improve water quality.

The Prop O Clean Water Bond program includes a total of 31 projects, and is led by the Bureau of Engineering in collaboration with the Bureau of Sanitation. The Bureau of Contract Administration will provide inspection services to ensure that the project is built according to contract plans and specifications. A Citizens Oversight Advisory Committee (COAC) and Administrative Oversight Committee are also involved to make sure that each Prop O dollar is spent towards water quality improvement projects.

For more information about Prop O program or the Grand Boulevard Tree Wells, please visit www.lapropo.org.



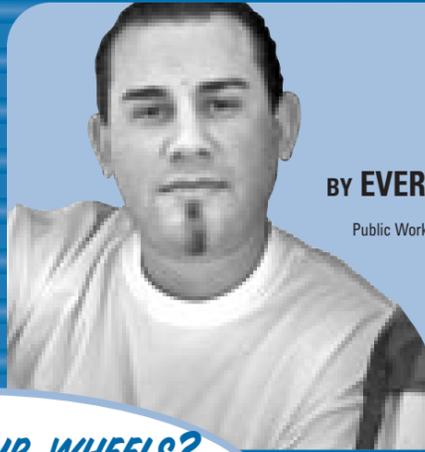
From left: Adel Hagekhalil, Bureau of Sanitation assistant director; Dr. Shelley Luce, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission; Adi Liberman, Prop O Citizens Oversight Advisory Committee; Councilman Bill Rosendahl, District 11; Paula A. Daniels, Board of Public Works commissioner

BOO AT THE ZOO:

The Los Angeles Zoo is transformed into themed areas for trick-or-treaters during Boo at the Zoo, an annual event. Activities include fun performers, pumpkin carving, treats, crafts, music and creepy crawlers for a not-so-scary weekend that is suitable for the entire family! The Zoo's animals will chomp and stomp pumpkin treats on both days.

Boo at the Zoo is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 25 and 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens is located in Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura (134) and Golden State (5) freeways. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$7 for children ages 2 to 12. This event is free with paid Zoo admission. The Zoo is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. For information, call (323) 644-4200 or visit the L. A. Zoo Web site at www.lazoo.org.

THE CAR CLUB



BY EVERETT BENNET
Assistant Inspector,
Public Works/Contract Administration

PROUD OF YOUR WHEELS?
SEND IN A PHOTO!
(SEE DETAILS AT BOTTOM)

Keeping It in the Family



**1964
CHEVROLET IMPALA,
OWNED BY GERMAIN MENDOZA,
SENIOR INSPECTOR, HOUSING**

I love cars with a story, whether it is the celebrity who owned it for a brief period or how it was handed down from generation to generation. Our feature this month has one of those great stories. Housing Senior Inspector Germain Mendoza used to ride to the market in his parents' 1964 Impala as a kid, not knowing that one day his dad would be handing him the keys. Well, in 1975 Germain was handed the keys to a 1964 Impala. The car came with only one catch: It didn't have an engine. Three years later, Germain acquired a 283-cubic-inch motor from his neighbor. The original three-speed Powerglide transmission was bolted up to the 283, and the car was soon driving Germain's wife and kids to the market.

After a few years of enjoying the Impala, Germain decided it was time to do a complete restoration to really emphasize the true beauty of the car. So, in 1987 the Impala was sanded down to the bare metal panels, the bodywork completed, and the car was sprayed in 1987 Chevrolet Corvette Red. Adding hydraulics to create a low-rider was considered, but cutting up such a good-looking original car stopped the torch before it was even lit. After the bodywork and paint were completed, Germain drove the car to Jaime's Upholstery in Van Nuys and had the seats and door panels covered in red cloth to help accentuate the red exterior. Germain kept the stock 14-inch wheels and hubcaps to keep with the original look. But before Germain was able

to cruise Van Nuys Boulevard, he needed to complete the project by adding a stereo to play his favorite oldies or my favorite singer, Johnny Cash. After thinking for lots of hours, three amplifiers, four 8-inch pile drivers, four 5.5-inch mid-ranges, and four tweeters were installed so the world and the police could hear him coming down the street. As a side note, Germain managed to blow one

of the 8-inch pile drivers while I was taking pictures of the car.

The Chevrolet Impala is probably one of the most well known American cars in history. They have been seen in countless TV shows and more recently many music videos. The popularity of these cars is worldwide and has made a lot of people extra money. I personally have seen collectors from Japan, New Zealand, Australia and Germany at some of the countless swap meets in Southern California, forking out more money for the cars than what they are really worth, and then shipping them back home. The cars might then be sold for close to double what they paid for them back here in the States.

Germain's Impala doesn't see as much road as he likes, but he said after he repaints it (the same color) he will put some more miles on it. I must say that

Germain did a great job on his restoration and I would be proud to own such a good-looking car.

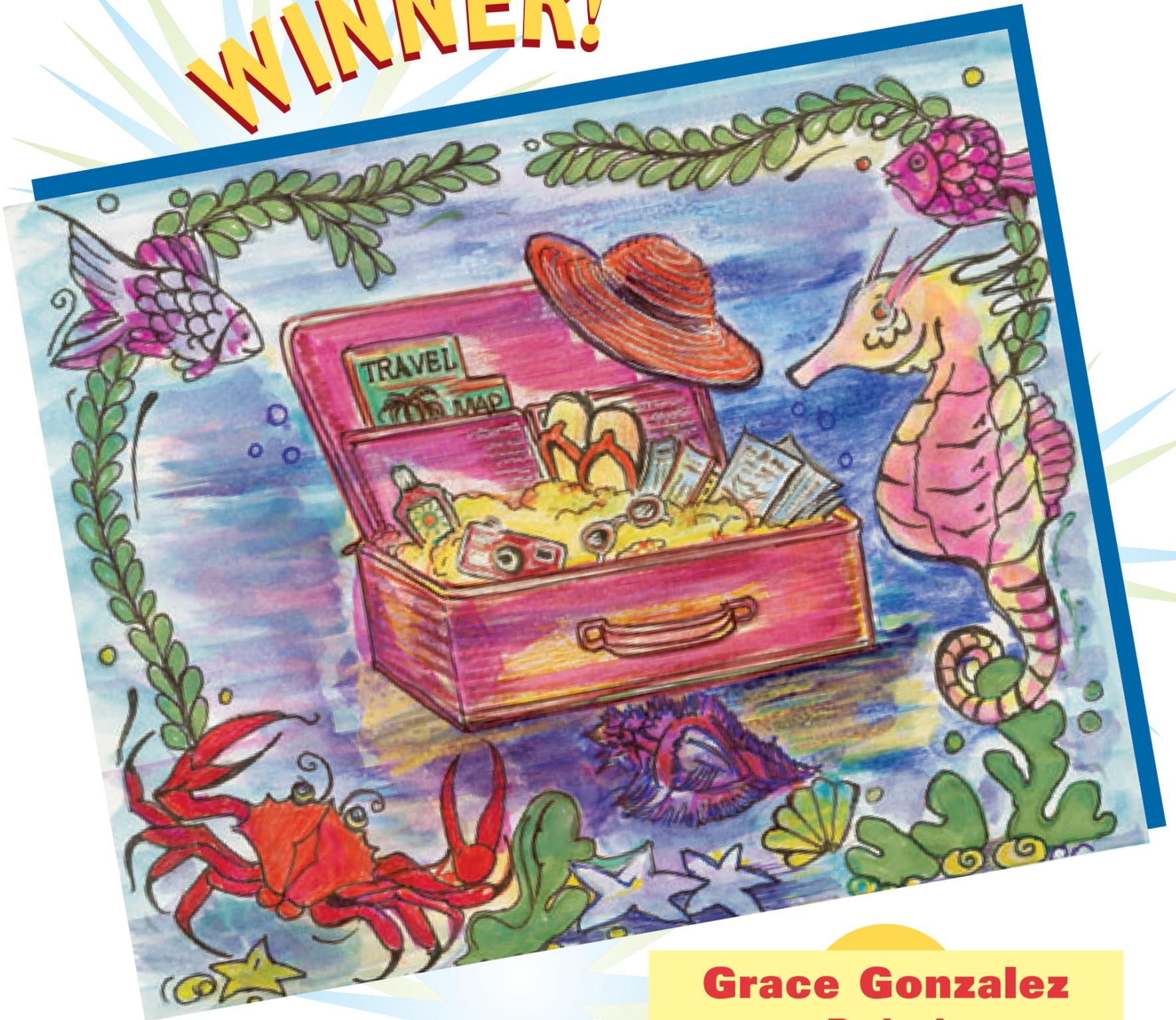


Send in a photo of you and your car, and we might publish it!

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



WINNER!



Grace Gonzalez Retired

Honorable Mention:

Maralito Mendavia	Sr. Bldg. Eng.
Myrna C. Diaz	Harbor
Daniel Tapia	DWP
Barbara Tomlinson	Retired
Christina N. Craig	LAPD
Victoria Lopez	Rec and Parks

Other Entries

Lisa M. Adams	Senior Clerk
Stephanie T-Bankhead	DWP
Carmen S. Bognot	Harbor
Julie Briones	City Attorney
Kissy Bryant	LAX
Lisa Burt	Harbor
Cathy Bushey	Retired
Marcela Casio	LARPC
Anthony De La Torre	Airports
Sergio Espinoza	DWP
John Foltz	DWP

Gloria Funches	LAPD
Gilbert Garcia	DWP
Bonnie Glade	LAPD
Gary Glade	LAPD
Lori Griner	DOT
John Harris Sr.	Airports/LAX
Eduardo Hernandez	Rec and Parks
Arlene Hoffman	LAPD
Robert I. Horvath	Public Works
Jose A. Jimenez	SACU
Christine Khov	Bldg. and Safety
Leticia Lopez	Rec and Parks
Olga Madrid	General Services
Noe Maldonado	General Services
Caroline O. Martinez	Public Works
Clemente G. Mendez	General Services
Jorge Mendez	Gardener
Alfredo Mendo	DWP
Adam R. Myers	Rec and Parks
Danny Nava	General Services

Guillerimo Nava	Rec and Parks
Lynda Ozuna	Finance
Bonifacio Prieto	Animal Services
Andrew Redfield	Animal Services
Rosie Reyes	Public Works
Marilou Romney	LAPD
Xanat Rosas	Housing
Kathleen C. Solano	Retired
John R. Sousa	Airport
Robert Stefanovich	Airports
Nee Truong	ITA
Gilbert Valencia	DWP
Hugo Verduzco	Truck Op II
Francois Verin	Personnel
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GROWNUP COLORING CONTEST

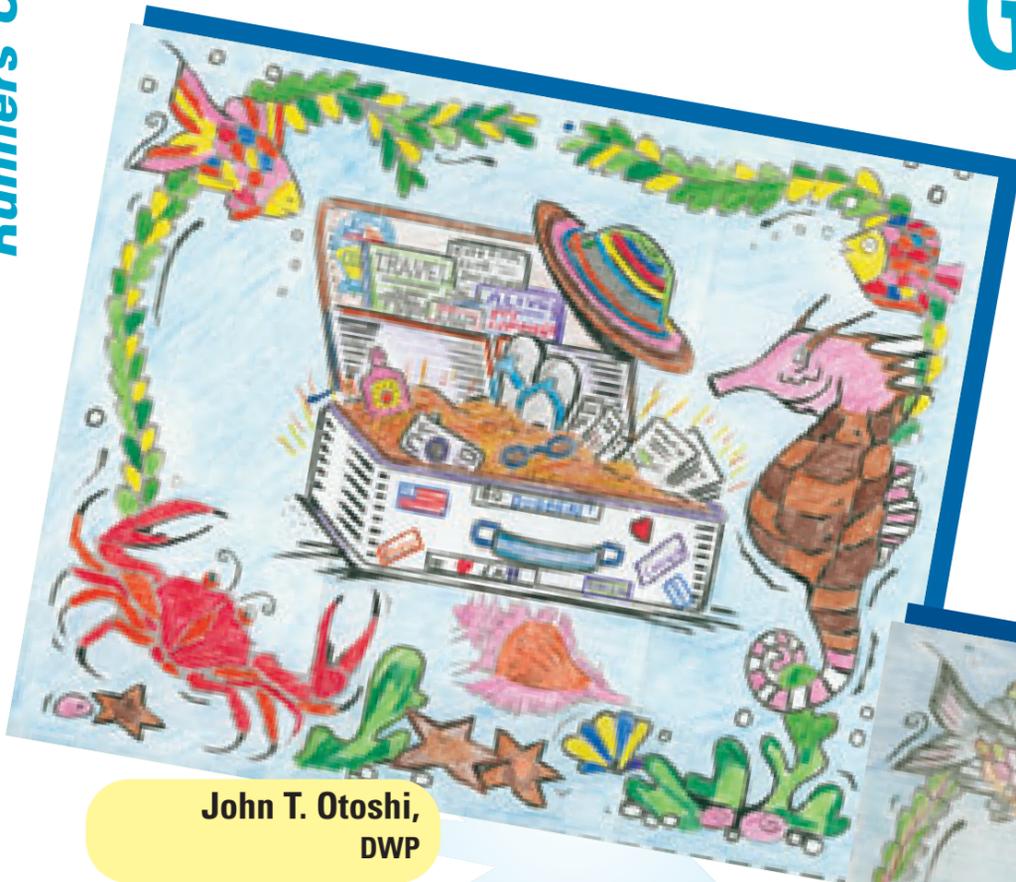
Grownups Rule!

Runners Up:

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

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

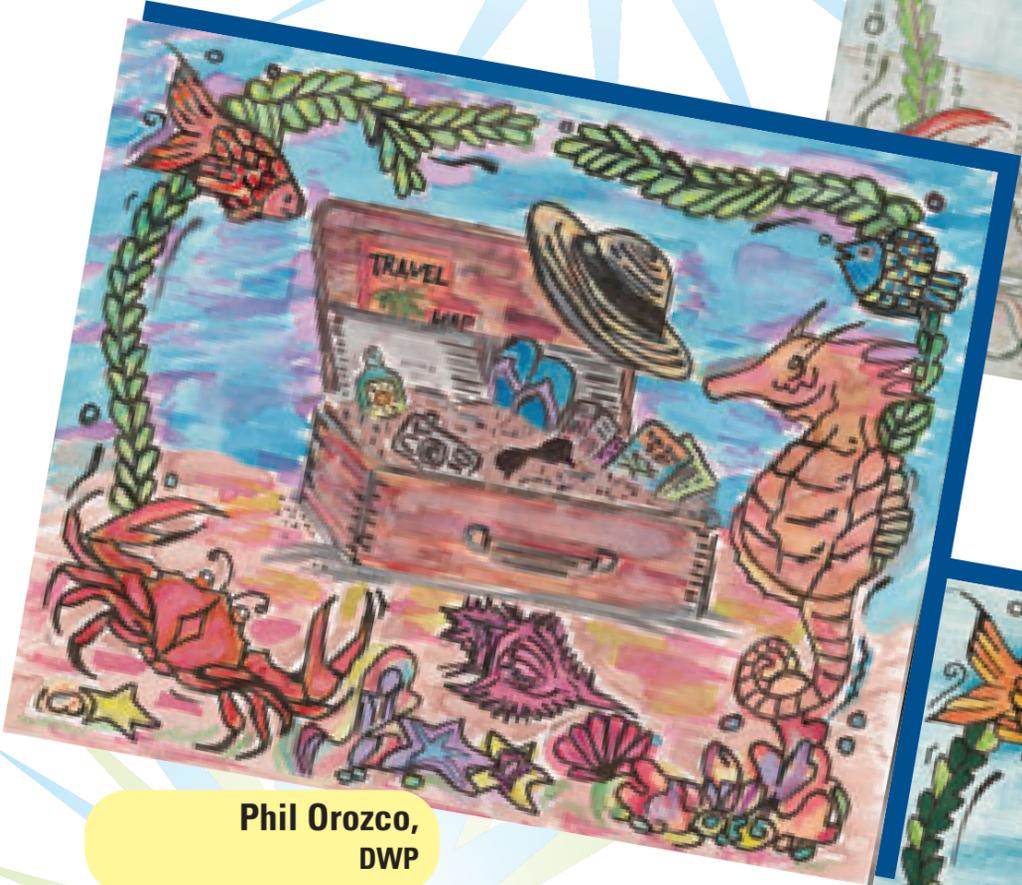
Thanks for your contributions, and look forward to another Grownup Coloring Contest in the near future!



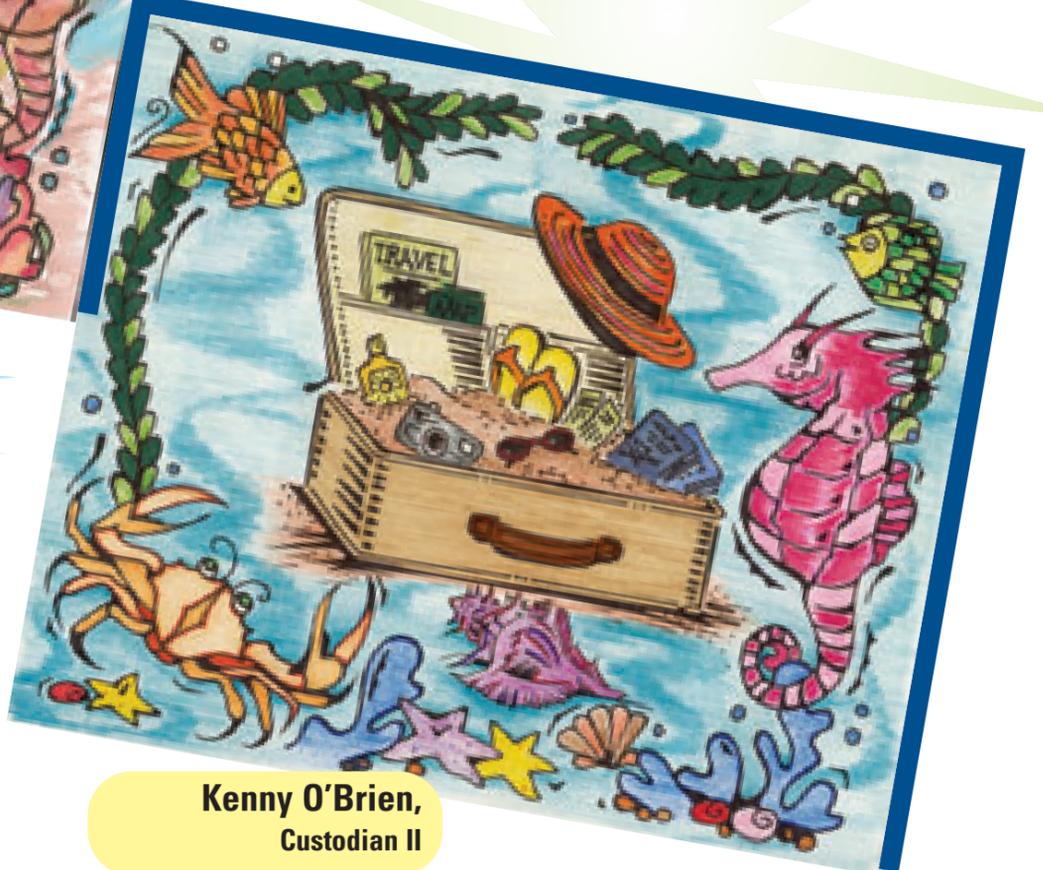
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DWP



Steve Gardner,
Airports/LAX



Phil Orozco,
DWP



Kenny O'Brien,
Custodian II

The winner receives a
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Runners-up receive a
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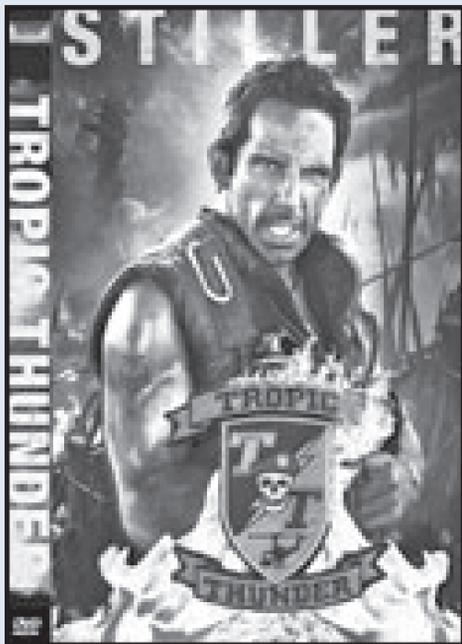
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REVIEWS BY FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS

ENTERTAINMENT

MOVIE REVIEWS

Tropic Thunder



Rated R
My Score: 5 (out of 5)
 Another send-up of Hollywood? Yes! *Tropic Thunder* is hilarious, scathing satire of everything Hollywood, with a wonderful cast of stars and movie icons often making fun at themselves. Ben Stiller wrote, directed and stars in this masterpiece of cinematic excess that begins with several of the funniest faux-trailers I've ever seen. The making of a Rambo-style war movie is mere backdrop to over-the-top-humor that rarely lets up. Unforgettable also are Robert Downey Jr. and Jack Black, whose special comedic brilliance will not be soon forgotten.

– Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

Tropic Thunder

My Score 3.5 (out of 5)
 This was an interesting movie. First, you must pay attention to the beginning of the movie, which you think are trailers to other movies. Then the movie starts with a war scene, but they are actually filming a movie about war. Throughout the movie they use scenes from other war movies: *Platoon* and *Apocalypse Now*. There are a lot of good actors, Ben Stiller, Robert Downey Jr., Jack Black, Nick Nolte, Tom Cruise and Matthew McConaughey. The movie is funny, and you have to pay attention to the characters that don't look like themselves. I do not recommend taking your children.

– Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD



Vicky Cristina Barcelona
Rated PG-13
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Woody Allen has written and directed another film that defies category. *VCB* stars Javier Bardem as a sensitive Barcelona artist and Penelope Cruz is his estranged, bi-polar, artist wife.

Woody's fans will recognize this film as his typical situational sex comedy/drama, albeit set in beautiful Spain. It also stars Rebecca Hall and Scarlett Johansson as two young Americans summering in Spain, who run into and have a fling with Bardem. I would recommend this movie only to diehard fans of Woody Allen who've been able to follow him from comedy to drama. All others: stay away.

– Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks



Babylon A.D.
Rated PG-13
My Score: 2 (out of 5)

This sort of sci-fi adventure was either poorly edited or poorly written or maybe both. Most likely you'll leave the theatre scratching your head wondering what it was all about and why it ended as it did. It's a typical Vin Diesel character with the same attitude and shoot-'em-up scenes. It also stars Michelle Yeoh as a guardian/protector of this mysterious girl, Melanie Thierry, whom Vin Diesel's character is paid to escort to New York. I won't even attempt to give a story line here because you may interpret it differently – that's how confusing this story is!

Wait for the DVD only if the extras contain a "making of" or anything that will help interpret the story.

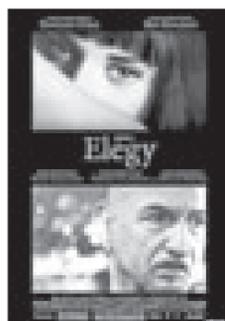
– Chuck Beas, DWP



Henry Poole is Here
Rated PG
My Score: 5 out of 5

Luke Wilson shines as Henry Poole, a guy who just moved to California to enjoy his backyard alone, without meddlesome neighbors poking around looking for signs of Jesus, or recording his private conversations. The nuanced and compelling performances by the three leads make this film into something special. I wanted to know more about each of them. It has a great soundtrack, too.

– Erin Knight, LAPD



Elegy
Rated R
My Score: 2 (out of 5)

With great acting and wonderful cinematography, *Elegy* lacks only one thing: an upbeat script. Based on the Phillip Roth novella, *The Dying Animal*, *Elegy* is a depressing and ultimately frustrating exercise in aging and kvetching about it. Ben Kingsley is professionally successful as a literature professor, but his personal life is an unholy mess. When he takes up with one of his students, the beautiful Penelope Cruz, one gets a brief moment of hope, only to be let down by the genius professor's ultimate stupidity. The film should be subtitled: *Buzzkill, The Movie!* Miss it if you can.

– Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks



BOOK REVIEWS



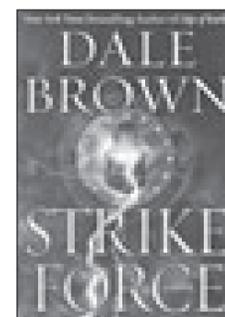
Too Big To Miss
 Sue Ann Jaffarian;
 Mystery/Comedy;
 324 pages; Writers Club Press

My Score: 5 (out of 5)
 Odelia Patience Grey is introduced as a plus-sized paralegal whose friend, Sophie, commits suicide. Or did she? Odelia, a member of Sophie's

Reality Check support group for large people, is the executor of Sophie's estate and uncovers evidence that the death was a homicide. Sophie's profitable business of Webcasting her sexcapades, and a hidden family, shocks Odelia and propels her into action. She becomes entangled in the investigation, juggling a demanding boss, a new love interest, a green cat, and numerous murder suspects who are never what they seem to be.

Although the Odelia Grey mysteries are humorous, Jaffarian uses them to expertly shed harsh light on the stereotypical misconceptions and mistreatment of large people, the disabled and minorities. Her comedic writing style compels you to laugh out loud as Odelia doesn't take herself too seriously while bumbling through the delightful whodunits.

– Carmen Y. Steward, Fire and Police Pensions



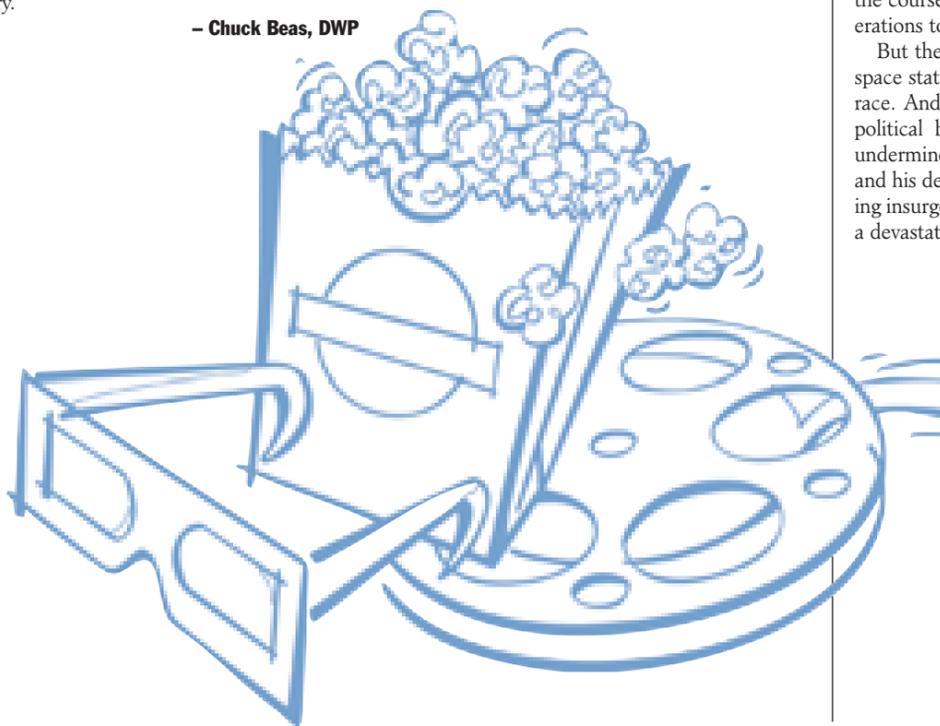
Strikeforce
 Dale Brown;
 Thriller Fiction;
 530 pages;
 Harper Collins Publishers

My Score: 5 (out of 5)
 From best-selling author Dale Brown comes a book straight out of today's headlines.

Rebel Iranian General Hesarak al-Kan Buzhazi is launching a coup that could destroy Iran's theocratic regime, and must turn to his old nemesis, U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. Patrick McLanahan, for help. On presidential authority, McLanahan sends a new, top-secret fleet of XR-A9 Black Stallion spaceplanes into space. The strike force, capable of virtually instantaneous global reach -- led by test pilot and astronaut Captain Hunter Noble -- could change the course of history in the Middle East for generations to come.

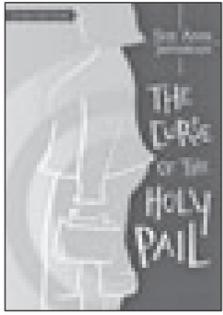
But the reactivation of America's first military space station has rekindled fears of a space arms race. And with McLanahan caught in a furious political battle with those secretly working to undermine his military initiative, it falls to Noble and his dedicated space engineers to halt a growing insurgency in Iran that threatens to erupt into a devastating worldwide jihad.

– Linda Rorex, Personnel



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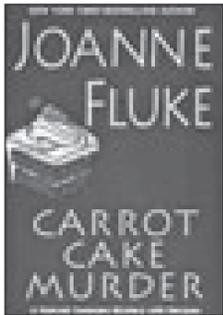
The Curse of the Holy Pail

Sue Ann Jaffarian; Mystery/Comedy; 374 pages; Writers Club Press

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Sue Ann Jaffarian brings back protagonist Odelia Grey in this fast-paced murder mystery when a lunchbox collector is killed and his prized lunchbox stolen. Odelia, the plus-sized paralegal, often finds herself twisted in local murder investigations, and this one is no exception because everyone believes she has the lunchbox. She chases the killer who is also chasing her. Odelia's friends, Zee, Seth, Greg, Dev, Wainwright and Seamus, are back to help her make sure she doesn't get in too much trouble.

— Carmen Y. Steward, Fire and Police Pensions



Carrot Cake Murder

Joanne Fluke; Women's Fiction; 288 pages; Kensington Publishing Corporation

My Score 5 (out of 5)

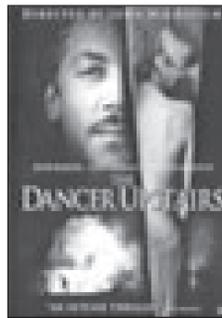
Filled with juicy scandal, delightfully eccentric characters and 21 yummy delicious recipes from Cream Cheese Frosting to Lemon Fluff Jell-O, bestseller Joanne Fluke's 10th Hannah Swenson mystery centers on a family reunion that turns deadly. Hannah's friend, Marge Beeseman, is thrilled when her brother, Gus Klein, who disappeared from Lake Eden, Minn., more than 30 years earlier, unexpectedly arrives. At the big family party, everyone wonders how the elegant well-dressed Gus heard about the reunion and why he came back. When Gus fails to show up the next morning for the group photo, Hannah finds his body on a pavilion floor with ants crawling around pieces of carrot cake nearby. Hannah's malcontented cat, Moishe, and flickers of romance with her devoted dentist and the no-less attentive police chief add spice to the subsequent murder investigation. The ending will leave you breathless and hungry for dessert.

This is a great novel to read while you are enjoying the desserts you made from the book.

— Linda Rorex, Personnel



DVD Reviews



The Dancer Upstairs (2002)

Rated R
My Score: 3.5 (out of 5)

The Academy Award winner from *No Country for Old Men*, Javier Bardem, is the main star in this movie, which marks the directorial debut of actor John Malcovich. Bardem plays a detective in a Latin American country trying to track down an anarchist. The anarchist has eluded capture for a long time. Bardem has a daughter who takes ballet lessons, and he starts to fall in love with her teacher, played by Laura Morante. As Bardem's search goes on for the anarchist, he eventually realizes Morante's character is involved with the anarchist. I really like the suspense and story of this movie. I recommend renting the DVD.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD



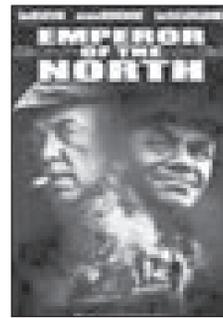
Brand Upon the Brain (2006)

Unrated
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This experimental, largely silent, black and white film about childhood memories and a lighthouse orphanage is captivating and suspenseful. The film is narrated by Isabella Rossellini. I enjoyed the low-tech effects in the film, particularly the "vile aerophone."

This film is visually stunning. I highly recommend it to any fans of experimental, science fiction, or silent cinema.

— Erin Knight, LAPD



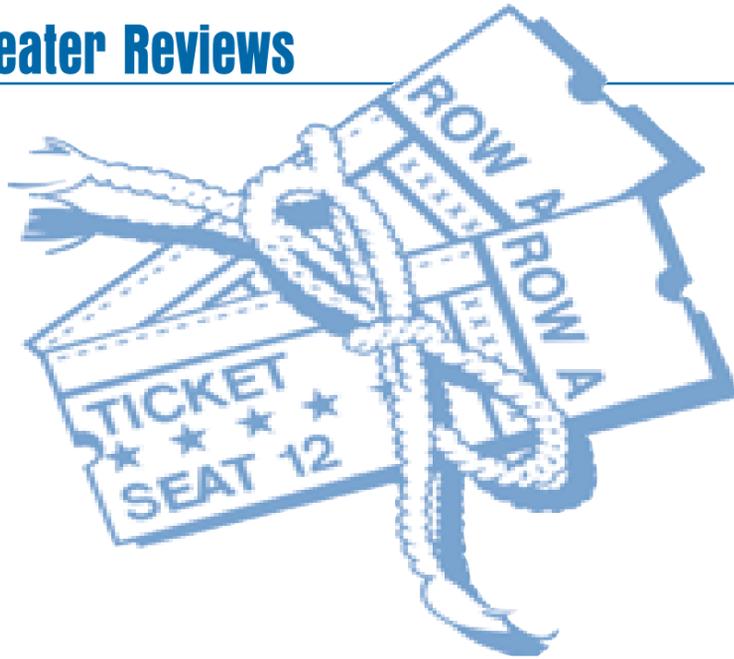
Emperor of the North Pole (1973)

Rated PG
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Lee Marvin stars as "A No. 1," a hobo who would rather defy authority, buck the system, ride train cars, and steal turkeys than do anything else in life. The drama comes when a young hobo-wannabe, Cigaret, tries to one-up A No. 1 by riding the same train cars. Enter Shack, the sadistic railroad man, and worthy adversary of both hobos, and this drama really comes to life. The filmmakers know their subject -- their accurate portrait of hobo life is remarkable. Plus, there's a breathtakingly suspenseful fight at the end (that employs no special effects) that had me rooting for antihero, A No. 1.

— Erin Knight, LAPD

Theater Reviews



It's the Housewives!

Musical
My Score: 4 (out of 5)
Playing at Whitefire Theatre, 13500 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks; Through Oct. 12

This is a very funny musical comedy with all original songs. Three housewives enter a PTA talent show and are hired to perform at a local business. From there, their career takes off.

The three lead singers are all excellent and incredibly talented. Some of the lyrics are laugh-out-loud funny. Some of my favorite songs were "Domestiphobia," "Erica, You Bitch," "It Sucks" and most especially "The Reynold's Rap." Seeing this show is very nice way to spend a couple hours. I really enjoyed this show and recommend it.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP



9 to 5 The Musical

My Score: 5 (out of 5)
Playing at The Ahmanson Theatre; Thru Oct. 19

Add this to my list of all-time favorites! I enjoyed every minute of this great production. First of all, the entire cast was incredible, especially the three leading ladies. Allison Janney (*The West Wing* and *Juno*) blew me away with her talent. She plays the Lilly Tomlin role.

This was the first time I have seen so many different sets in a live production; it was amazing. The choreography was excellent and flawless. Dolly Parton wrote every song, and each song was perfect and wonderful. I cannot imagine this not being a hit on Broadway. I'm going again!

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

Your Reviews



100 Words or Fewer

Here's how to submit your review. *Alive!* accepts entertainment reviews of 100 words or fewer. We might not print them all, especially if we receive multiple reviews for the same movie or DVD. Follow these rules:

You can be a reviewer! Have you just seen a great movie or DVD? Read a great book? Been to a great play or musical? Write a brief review. It's easy! See the instruction box.

- For movies: Make sure the movie is still in theatres. For DVDs and books, make sure they are generally available. For theatre shows: try to submit your review before the show closes.
- Have fun!
- Keep all reviews to 100 words or fewer, but try to write more than one or two sentences.
- Your own comments are more important than a long plot summary.
- Give us your score on a scale of 1 to 5. Use this format: *My Score: X (out of 5)*.
- Make sure you give us your name and City department (or retired).
- Submit your review to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com
- *Alive!* will send you a small but appropriate "thank you" if we publish your review.

Life insurance:

How Much Is Enough?

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

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

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

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

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

Getting the coverage you need

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

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

What to look for in a plan

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

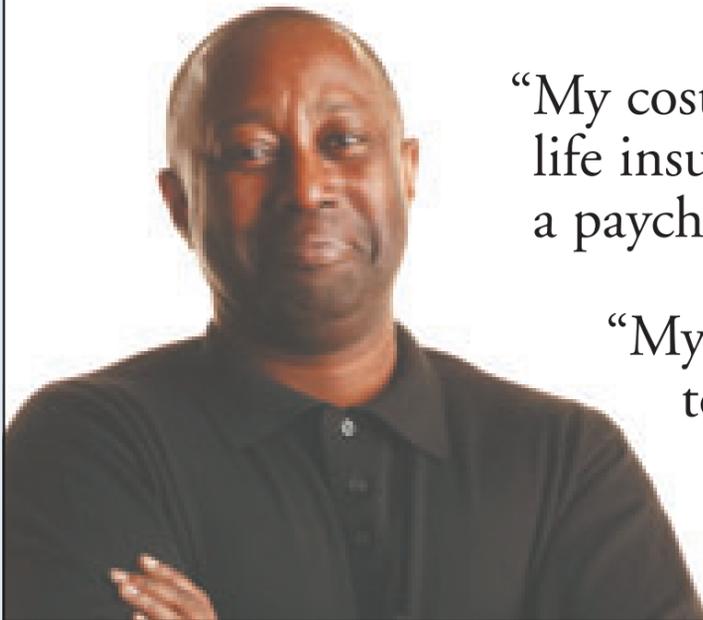
- **Can you get the amount you need to adequately protect your family?**
- **Can you also get coverage for your spouse?**
- **Will the premiums for the amount of coverage you want be easy for you to handle?**
- **Is it easy and convenient to apply for?**
- **Is the underwriting company highly rated and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

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

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

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For active and retired City or DWP employees



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

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

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

Life Insurance from the Club is a smart, easy choice

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Apply in minutes! Just complete and return the brief application at right to apply. >>>

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

Term Life Insurance premiums based on bi-weekly payroll deductions

Age	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
Under 30	\$2.75	\$5.50	\$11.00
30-34	3.00	6.00	12.00
35-39	3.75	7.50	15.00
40-44	5.25	10.50	21.00
45-49	7.75	15.50	31.00
50-54	12.75	25.50	51.00
55-59	21.50	43.00	86.00
60-64	30.75	61.50	123.00
65-69	55.00	110.00	220.00
70+	(Renewal only, \$10,000 benefit, \$12.50/month)		

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

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



Questions?
Call 1-800-464-0452

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coverage, or a claim for benefits is submitted to such a company, MIB, upon request, will supply such company with the information in its file.

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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.

Cut out the application, fold and mail it to:

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



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

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

STEP 1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

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

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

People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.

No. 10 in a series.
OCTOBER 2008



Meet Frances Dawson.

AGE: "59."

BIRTHPLACE: "East Los Angeles."

MARITAL STATUS: "Married." *{To Rico Dawson, in last month's Alive! – Ed.}*

FAMILY: "Nine brothers and five sisters."

FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY:
"When I was with my cousin at my grandma's, we sang on the cars."

MOVED TO THE CITY: "I've lived here all my life."

EDUCATION: "I stopped at eighth grade."

MILITARY: "No."

IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE? "To have a home and to see my children."

LAST JOB: "A cook in El Monte."

FAVORITE SPORTS: "Handball and tetherball."

RELIGION: "Catholic."

FAVORITE FOODS:
"Menudo and enchiladas."

FAVORITE MOVIE: "I love horror movies and detective movies."

FAVORITE ACTOR: "Kirk Douglas."

FAVORITE ACTRESS: "Britney Spears."

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Cheers."

FAVORITE MUSIC: "Oldies."

FAVORITE CANDY:
"Mars bars and Hershey bars."

WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "Sometimes I go to the New Image Shelter."

FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY:
"Flag Park."

ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Give to the homeless. We need more financial support, more money in general."

LAST BOOK READ: "The Bible."

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE WAR IN IRAQ? "Leave them alone; save lives here in the United States."

IF YOU WERE MAYOR, WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO HELP THE HOMELESS? "I would provide more humane shelter, and encourage more funding. The missions are not the solution."

The Club gave Frances a water bottle, three pairs of socks, a \$25 McDonalds gift certificate, \$20 cash and snacks.

The interview took place Aug. 19 at "Flag Park" at the County Administration Building, one block from City Hall.



Newsbrief

RECYCLING EDUCATION:

On Sept. 22, recycling was on the agenda at the start of the academic school year for more than 20 third-grade students at Justice Elementary School in West Hills on the western edge of the San Fernando Valley. The classroom received a 20-minute presentation on recycling knowledge, best practices, personal responsibility and the correct sorting of waste and recyclables for the black, green and blue bins. Nine classrooms of approximately 180 third-, fourth- and fifth-graders received the presentation as part of the Joint City of Los Angeles/Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Blue Bin Recycling Program.

"The City's engagements with teaching children about the importance of recycling are critical to their participation at school and at home in implementing recycling practices that help to protect the environment," said Cynthia M. Ruiz, president of the Board of Public Works. "We are extremely proud of our City and school partnerships that provide the opportunity to enhance and reinforce information that encourage recycling in our youth for the future."

The classroom presentations are made through the Joint City/LAUSD Blue Bin Recycling Program, which provides free curbside recycling by the City of Los Angeles and LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety to all LAUSD elementary schools within the borders of the city of Los Angeles. Since the program's inception in January 2006, more than 1,167 recycling and environmental stewardship presentations have been made to more than 31,000 students.



Bureau of Sanitation spokesperson Innocent Onyeka with the Joint City/LAUSD Blue Bin Recycling Program details the proper use of the black, blue and green containers and the correct sorting of recyclables and waste to more than twenty students at Justice Elementary School in the San Fernando Valley.

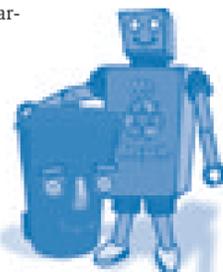
"Our partnership with LAUSD allows the city to teach children and engage schools with volunteer action through the practice of recycling and hands-on experience with source separation," said Enrique C. Zaldivar, director of the Bureau of Sanitation. "This program lays the groundwork to meet the goal of increasing the diversion of recyclables, conserving renewable resources and strengthening the foundation for future recycling efforts as our children grow into adulthood."

Currently, more than 440 LAUSD schools are participating in the blue bin recycling program. The Bureau of Sanitation estimates that the school district is saving approximately \$1.5 million annually through this recycling program by allowing the district to avoid disposal costs through the use of the city's recycling services.

"We want to express our deepest appreciation to all the administrators, teachers, parents and students that have implemented our program throughout the city. Many have demonstrated a personal commitment to the environmental movement," said Stevan Casares, program manager of the City of Los Angeles/LAUSD Blue Bin Recycling Program. "By championing our program, these schools are making a difference by creating a culture in which environmental stewardship becomes a way of life."

The Joint City/LAUSD Blue Bin Recycling Program encourages all LAUSD schools in the city of Los Angeles to learn about the benefits of engaging youth in recycling and participating in environmental stewardship.

All LAUSD schools participating in the joint program are eligible to compete for cash prizes in varying amounts totaling \$10,000 each year.



Who are the people you see every day?

Cooking with the Club

by Chef Robert Larios



Send Us Your Recipes!

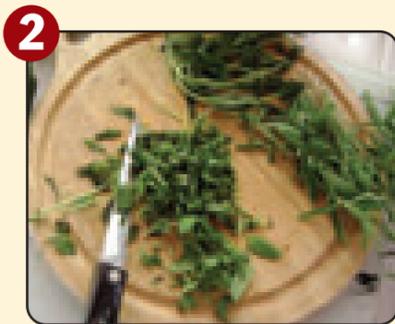
If you would like your recipe published in the next issue of *Alive!*, you may fax your recipes to (213) 620-0398 or e-mail us at talkback@cityemployeesclub.com.

Mirely's Chimichurri Marinade

DIRECTIONS:



1 Bring all ingredients together for washing, chopping and dicing.



2 Chop the fresh herbs and dice the jalapeños.



3 Bring out the chicken and cut as you like. I prefer to cut in half so that I get four chicken breast pieces.



4 Add the honey to the marinade and mix. It will look like this.



5 Add marinade to the chicken and place in the refrigerator for 20 minutes. Feel free to let the chicken marinate for several hours.



6 Place chicken on nonstick pan on medium high heat. Turn chicken over once the side is golden brown – this should take about three to five minutes each side.



7 Place chicken breasts on a baking sheet and bake for 20 minutes at 400 F.



8 Take out the chicken and combine it to make a great salad or sandwich, or make it part of fantastic dinner plate. Enjoy!

The last time I made this particular marinade, I remember storing a young bottle of balsamic vinegar. That bottle is now 11 years old, and I used it in this chicken recipe.

This is more than just a chicken recipe because the superstar in this recipe is the marinade, which has a combination of balsamic vinegar, extra virgin olive oil, garlic, honey, fresh herbs and jalapeños.

To get the greatest amount of flavor and deep richness, use fresh herbs. If you're unable to locate any fresh herbs, dry herbs are your next option – just remember to rub and mash the herbs to bring out the flavor and stored aromas. Traditionally, garlic is used in a marinade like this, but in this case it may be abnormal to use as much as I like to use. However, my belief is that you're the boss when adding ingredients, including how much to use. And since I'm the boss here, I like more garlic!

Of all the ingredients here, I consider honey to be key, as it helps to add a new dimension to the flavor as well as mellow out the hot sensations of the jalapeños. This marinade is universal, as it can be used on seafood and other meats. Experiment and have fun finding the flavors that will have you making this recipe and others for years to come, just as this one is for me.

Mirely's Chimichurri Marinade

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/4 cup fresh sage leaves, chopped
- 1/4 cup fresh rosemary, chopped
- 1/4 cup fresh thyme, chopped
- 1 to 1.5 head of garlic, diced
- 2 jalapeños, diced
- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon honey
- Pinch of sea salt and freshly cracked pepper
- 4 chicken breasts.



Cooking Tidbit: Any time you're preparing a protein product in a recipe such as chicken, beef, fish, etc., please take precautions to keep sanitized all surfaces with which the products come in contact. This includes cutting board, kitchen counter, etc. Always keep your products in the refrigerator until the moment you're ready to prepare them.

[A Cook's Dictionary]

Marinade:

A seasoned liquid in which foods such as meat, fish and vegetables are soaked (marinated) to absorb flavor and, in some instances, to be tenderized. Most marinades contain an acid (lemon juice, vinegar or wine) and herbs or spices. The acid ingredient is especially important for tough cuts of meat because it serves as a tenderizer. Because most marinades contain acid ingredients, the marinating should be done in a glass, ceramic or stainless-steel container, never in aluminum.

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

CLASSIFIED ADS *Alive!* Members Marketplace

New Ads This Month!

Condo 4 Sale, 3/3, fireplace, hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, central heating and air, 2 balconies, patio, and 2 car attached garage. Great location in Hawthorne. Near parks, schools, and shopping. Contact Denette Carolina at (323) 709-8961. 1008



2006 Lincoln Zephyr, black on black, chrome wheels, fully loaded, THX sound system, touch-screen GPS. \$21,500. Call Greg Hansen, 818-439-8595 1008



1993 Corvette, 40th Anniversary Edition, Fully Loaded, Green exterior, black interior, 110K miles, 332 hp, super clean, \$9,800 obo. Call Greg Hansen 818-439-8595 1008

Doberman puppies for sale, purebred, 9wks old, black & tan, tails & dewclaw & 1st shots done, 1 male 4 females. (626) 915-7806 \$350.00 1008

Home For Sale - Highland Park- Close To Downtown and Valley, 2 Bdrm, 1 3/4 Bath plus Den - View of Eagle Rock. \$430,000. 323-254-2123 Ask for Sue for showing. 1008

Exercise Equipment for sale: Abs Lounger II (New) \$50.00/obo; Jane Fonda (manual) Exercise Treadmill \$35.00/obo; Stationary Exercise Bike \$25.00/obo; Abs roller \$25.00/obo; Miscellaneous Exercise Equipment (excellent condition) \$5 to \$10.00/obo. Call Marie at 310-422-0075. 1008

House for Rent in Altadena: Freshly painted & cleaned home in wonderful cul-de-sac. Updated kitchen with granite counters, separate laundry area & an additional bonus room which can be used as a 4th bedroom. Manicured lawn with sprinklers, large backyard for entertaining & for dog lovers, specially fenced area where dogs have their own special space. \$2,300 per month. Call Barbara at (626) 375 3620. 1008

NoHo Condo for Sale Only \$265,000 - Toluca Terrace starter condo. Beautifully landscaped complex with palm trees, lush foliage, tranquil pool, spa, laundry facilities. Well lit 1st level home w/ open floor plan, lots of closet space, remodeled bathroom and 1 car detached garage & back door. Close to Universal Studios, the Metro Station, NOHO art district, shops and transportation. 6 months HOA fees will be paid as bonus to buyer. Call Barbara at (626) 375 3620 for info. 1008

Cemetery Plot - at Eden Memorial Park/Hillel Row 18, space 46, \$1200. Contact Eugene Rubin 702-658-3184 1008

2000 BMW K1200LT Motorcycle, 28,213 miles. Additional accessories, cargo trunk & luggage rack, ABS brakes, cruise control, engine cover, full fairings, hard case side bags, stereo system w/ 6 disc changer & electronic windshield, heated vests, helmets w/ communication systems, jackets, travel bag, and bike cover. Photo's on request. A steal at \$8,000. Kurt Kaufman 805-300-2147; Joy Kennedy 805-492-2078. 1008

MAUI CONDO: Available Feb 28-Mar 28, 2009. The condo is a 1 bedroom w/loft, has AC, sleeps 6, air conditioning and ocean view. \$1250 per week inclusive of all fees and taxes. The address is 3543 Lower Honaapiilani Highway, LaHaina, Maui, Hawaii, 96761. Photos upon request. Call Stephanie 805-368-5295. 1008



For sale **2006 Yamaha 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 \$7,999. Call Joe (818) 288-4269 or (805) 306-0684 or email me at buni_hon@yahoo.com for pictures. 1107

1995 Cadillac Seville for sale. \$5900 or B/O 62,000 orig. miles. Rebuilt Trans, new plugs & wires, new water pump & a/c comp. Call (626) 641-1478 1107

1992 Mercedes 300SE for Sale. Mint condition with 81K org miles. \$9500 obo. Contact Victor (310) 429-1432. 1107

1989 Cadillac STS for sale. 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. 1107



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 807

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. 408

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. 408

Mamiya M645 1000S Camera with normal and wide angle lens plus grip holder. \$350. Call Leon at (310) 831-6652 408

Used **Panasonic PV-L750 camcorder** in excellent working condition, complete with carrying case. Asking \$400 OBO. Contact # (310) 408-6431 in Torrance. 607

Used **HP 5650 printer** in excellent working condition. Asking \$25. Complete with cables and software. Contact # (310) 408-6431 in Torrance. 607

Furniture

Bar w/2 Free Stools (All Brand New). Elegant Elevated Glass Top, Dark Wood, locking cabinet: \$450. Call 310-529-0543. 908

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 208

Homes/Rentals/Land

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 908

Room for rent. Free Utilities. \$500 a month. Located in Harbor City off Lomita Blvd, adjacent to the Harbor Freeway. Call (310) 326-3922 from 9am to 9pm. 808

Room for rent in San Fernando. \$750 MO. Utilities Included. 3 Bdrm, 1 Ba, Den, Yard & Drwy. Share W/45 yr old male. Call: Ozzy (818) 312-5351 808

HIGHLAND PARK SINGLE STUDIO FOR RENT Very convenient location... Near Downtown, Chinatown, Pasadena, Glendale, Dodger Stadium, etc. Near local transportation, stores, markets, schools and parks. Includes one big room, kitchen, bathroom and closet. Has 2 entrances. Available now! \$600.00 a month, \$1350.00 to move in. 323-919-1163 708

FOR RENT: Lovely apartment in Los Angeles (5-units). 1 bed/1 bath, kitchen, living room, dining room, 1-car garage. Downstairs unit. New paint, carpet, windows and fixtures. Very quiet. Don Tomaso Dr. Close to public transportation. Call for more details (310) 365-1868. 608

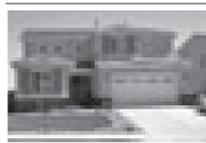
House for Rent. \$3000. 3 Bedroom, 2 bath home. Hardwood floors throughout. Kitchen with stainless steel appliances and granite countertops. Call 323-469-6480 608

Lone Pine House For Sale: 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath, Lg Den/Fireplace, Patio, Garage, Shed, \$230,000 (760) 872-4206 508

House For Sale: Roseville, CA. Built 2000, 2158 sq. ft. 3-4 bdrm/2 bath, 3 car garage, in dr Dry, covered patio. 90 min from Lake Tahoe. (916)704-0088 508

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. 508

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 508



House For Rent: Beautiful large 2 story in Victorville. Quiet neighborhood, fishing lakes & shopping. Landscaped front + back with 2 waterfall ponds. Covered patio + balcony with nice view of the mountains. 4 bdrs/ 3 full baths/3 car garage. Interior upgrades: custom paint, granite countertops, wood flooring and more. Responsible persons only inquire. \$2200 monthly includes yard maintenance. Call for more info 760-843-3793 or 760-217-9491 e-mail for photos at robandednic@verizon.net 508

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/realstate/phelan-ca-92371-1097641420/ 508

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 508



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. 408

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 408

FOR RENT: 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 info. (310) 365-1868. 308

FOR RENT: 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 info. (310) 365-1868. 308

FOR RENT: 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 info. (310) 365-1868. 308

House for Sale 3 Bedrooms 2 Baths, Large front/back yard, fenced, 2 on Lot Great starter, good area Foreclosure in Los Angeles, Call for Appt (323) 294-6552 308

Room for rent: Spacious Redondo Beach (safe and near beach) 2bd, 1bd, 2 car garage apt to share with female and two small dogs (Pomeranians). \$750+ Electrical/Month. (626) 840-0181 308

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. 308

Home for Rent: Thousand Oaks, 3 bedroom/2 bath, pool, A/C, Near all businesses/attractions. Fireplace. \$2,500/month. Pets negotiable. Inquiries: kkauffman001@roadrunner.com 308

FOR RENT: 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 info. (310) 365-1868. 208

Duplex for rent (upstairs) 3+1 quiet area near downtown across the street from Elysian Park. Rudy Godinez (323) 780-4804 Price: \$1400 208

Household Items

Used Telescope, \$200, Galileo-1000X135. Has tripod. Manual included. Call Earl @ (323) 292-7358. 807

Cross-stitched Arts - Beautiful home décor, no frame, prices are negotiable. Call Nida & leave a message (909) 800-3207. 807

Miscellaneous

Cemetery Plot For Sale. Located in Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills. Lot 3966, Sp#2 Bell of Peace. \$2700. Contact Douglas or Robie @ 714-828-2699 908

Chrome Rims - set 4, 16" Lug nuts & lock, Good Condition \$25.00 per rim. Call Irma at 818-326-1987 808

Campground Membership: Exchange my Silent Valley Club, Inc. in Banning for your Mountain Lakes Resort at Lytle Creek. My yearly dues paid up until October, 2008. Call (626) 965-1049-Diana. 608

Cemetery: 1 plot. at Ontario Cemetery. Section Evergreen. Lot 411, grave 6, \$1800. Can be converted to two plots. Ask for Silvia @ 661-297-0271. 608

Painting Equipment: Folding Scaffold \$500, Multitactic ladders \$70 each. Extension ladders w/acc. 32 ft. \$200; 24ft. \$100; 20ft. \$150; 16ft. Stinson plank \$250; 433 graco ultra airless \$500; Pressure washer \$500; Call 818-246-2704 608

FREE CLASSIFIED ADS FOR CLUB MEMBERS

MEMBERS: to place your free classified ad send us your information (25 total words maximum) including your name, item, description, price, phone number or e-mail address.

You can fax to (213)620 0598 or email to classifieds@cityemployeesclub.com We'll run your ad in the next available issue on a space available basis. Your ad may be edited for length or appropriateness.

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 508

Guitar Amplifier - Paid \$145.00. Still like new!!!! Asking 65.00 They are Over 100.00 on Ebay. 508

Power tool: professional sliding bed tile and brick saw with the water tank and pump. 10" diamond blade and powerful electric motor. \$250.00 OBO (310)766-4920 308

Man's 14kt Gold Ring: Center is a 1853 gold coin, surrounded by 18 tiny diamonds, with the emblem of Christ on the cross on each side; \$800.00 obo; Phone: 661-824-5231 or eris2001@sbcglobal.net 208

Cemetery: Four plots in one lot. 1,2,3 & 4. Forest Lawn, Covina Hills, Golden Dawn section. \$1300 each, or all 4 for \$5000. Call 951-845-1302, ask for Richard. 208

Chrome Rims - set of 4, 17" Universal 100 spoke wire wheels with low profile tires. Asking \$500. Call (818)339-5172 or e-mail ernestowicab@yahoo.com. Will negotiate or trade. 208

Travel / Timeshare

Vegas Timeshare for Rent on Tropicana Ave. One week from 10/5/08 - 10/12/08. Seven nights for only \$800. Sleeps 4 max. King in Mstr and Queen Murphy in LR. Full Kitchen, W&D, A/C, CATV, VCR/DVD PLYR, Outdoor Pool, Hot Tubs, Kiddie Pool, Exerc. Room, Rec Ctr, and shuttle service to "The Strip". Call Terry at (818) 769-3382. Lv Msg. 408

Grand Getaway Vacation Certificate. The trip is for 3 days, 2 nights at the Ramada Plaza Resort in Orlando/Ft. Lauderdale. The catch is: you have to buy a hotel room. \$45. Steven J. Ramos, 323-566-4812. 408

Cabo San Lucas Timeshare for Sale: Pueblo Bonita at Sunset Beach, 5 star resort, RCI membership, 1 bedroom, 2 bath, kitchen, sleeps 4-6. One week anytime, two weeks this year. Under priced at \$17,900. Call (760) 873-6425 or (760) 920-0032 807

BED AND BREAKFAST in Klamath Falls, Oregon. For the best view of the lake and the most competitive price, come stay with us when traveling through or visiting Klamath Falls. Call Jerry Klippness and Helen Hall, 2371 Lakeshore Dr., Klamath Falls, OR 97601, (541) 850-2586. 308

Collectibles

Various Beanie Babies from McDonald's \$2.00 - \$5.00 each. Call Greg (951) 235-3815. 1008

Sports Memorabilia - All Sports and Non-Sports Cards. 25 Cents and Up, OBO. Greg (951) 235-3815. 1008

NFL Ceramic Mugs/Tankards - 28 Teams, LA Rams, LA Raiders, Cowboys, Dolphins, etc. Past/Present NFL Teams, 5 3/8" Tall. (805) 338-1990. 1008

ESTATE SERVICES - Appraisal or Liquidation of Fine Art, Collectibles and Coin & Stamp Collections. Call Michael (626) 592-2929. 1008

I BUY SILVER & GOLD U.S. coin collections, large or small. Please call Michael (626) 592-2929. 1008

Wanted

Wanted: Reliable small transportation car. Late model VW bug is desired. Car needed to transport kids to little league games and church. Lancaster area. Call L.T. Ward (661) 949-1237 home or (661) 914-0607 Cell. Cell is best, if no answer please leave message. 808

LAPD 1984 annual, call Steph 805-368-5295 or email siygen@aol.com. 508

Wanted: Your Childhood Barbie Dolls and Clothes. I collect dolls from 1959 through 1966. I pay top dollar! I will buy one to 1,000 dolls. Clothing, structures, cases. Anything vintage Barbie! Call Cheryl (818) 771-4835. 1008

Wanted: YOUR TOY TRAINS, any age, any size. Call Mike (818)-831-0846. 1008

Autos / Motorcycles / Boats



1991 Camero RS for Sale. 139,000 miles. Overall in good condition. V8 w/ a 13 gallon gas tank. Rebuilt engine in 1997. Repainted in 1998 by dealer. New brakes, rear tires, new starter, new temp. gauge, sensor, radiator cap. AC ok - some noise. New Stereo. Ipod compatible. Runs well and a lot of power. Call Marianne @ 213-847-2582. 908



2001 Paramount Custom Motorcycle \$17,900.00 obo; 2006 Long Beach custom motorcycle show winner; custom paint- silver w/red flames outlined in BW; 2005 revtech engine; vance & hines exhaust; adjustable air ride rear suspension; crane race ignition; custom stretch fuel tank; engraved flame design handle bars & mandusa mirrors; wide blade lever sets; la pera leather seat; 3" york drive belt; folding pegs; nitros system w/ dual bottles. Kaufman 805 300-2147- Bobbi 818 281-6716 (owner) 908

2000 Benz for sale, dk blue, CLK 430, 2-door, 53,521 miles, \$18,500; navig. system & CD changer; check Blue book; Call (909) 348-7762 908

2002 Isuzu Axiom \$9,500 OBO ; Runs Great - Good Condition - No Accidents; 6 Cylinder / Brand New Transmission & Battery (2008); 6 Disc CD changer, AC, Tinted Windows; Leather Seats / Seats 5. Call Tania @ 805-231-1869 908



1994 Blue 4-Door Buick LaSabre Ltd. 106,000 original miles. Good condition, one-time owner with records; leather seats, heat & air included, tape player. Asking price \$2,800 obo. Please call Jimmy or Maxine at (323) 298-5274. 808

1987 Chevrolet, El Camino, 305 Engine - Auto 18" Iroc Wheels Stereo A/C Super clean on/out \$9,000 Call Ernest (909) 594-9486 808

1968 Chevy Nova 2-door sedan. No engine or transmission. Asking \$3,000. Cortez or Maurice, (323) 781-0329 or (323) 382-2405. 808



2001 Monaco Diplomat motor home, approx. 39,500 miles 38' diesel pusher with 6 speed Alison transmission, 2 slides, with 4 door deluxe refrigerator, Washer & dryer, Generator, Satellite dish with 2 TV's, VCR & DVD players. Well equipped and in good condition. Asking \$75,500 or make an offer. Call 951-767-1155. 808

1991 Jeep Cherokee, Sport 2 door, Burgandy, rebuilt computer, new fuel pump, sensors, muffler runs great. \$1300 obo call (310) 686-9050 or email Linda at LRichardson@lawa.org 808



BMW 740i, year 2000, 135,500, leather, navigation system, all electric, A/C. Price \$10,000 Not Negotiable. Call (818)795-5552. 708

Bug for Sale. 1971 Volkswagen 2 door Bug. Convertible. \$3,200. Has Struts. Make reservation to inspect on Saturday or Sunday. Check Blue Book to verify good deal. Call or Fax - (818)361-3444 608

1994 Chevy Corvette Coupe: Good condition, Burgundy. Collector's Dream. Fully Loaded, Auto, PWR everything, removable targa top, Beige Int. w/Leather Seats, CD/Cassette stereo. Only 82,090 miles. Wants to go fast! Beautiful car. \$12,500/O.B.O. Will consider all offers. Serious buyers only. Contact Jesse at (714) 618-4220. 608



1976 CHEVROLET C-10 TRUCK: Black, short bed, minor scratches and dents, running great, \$3,000 OBO. Sergio (323) 708-3410 807

1995 Rodeo Isuzu. Grey. AM/FM/Cassette. Good Condition. Asking \$4000 OBO. 323-316-3649. 608



Collector's Car: Only 1500 made! 1969 Ford Torino Convertible, White exterior, red interior, black soft top 351 Windsor engine, gorgeous rims \$22,000 or best offer (818)340-0137 308



2006 Harley Davidson Softtail For Sale: Special Custom - All Chrome, Z-Bar - Low Mileage (700 mi.) Asking \$16,000 OBO, Call (323) 697-4960 208



1998 Lexus GS 400: Good Condition, Clean Title, Navigation, 6-Disc CD Changer, Sun/Moonroof, Black/Black Leather Interior, Power Everything, Heated Seats, Climate Control, Traction Control, Private Party, \$8499, Serious callers (310) 480-8249 or email PJJLexus@yahoo.com 208



1998 MERCEDES E320, 2nd Owner... no major accidents, car in more than fair condition, black w/grey interior, chrome 18" rims w/new tires. A STEAL @ \$5,700.00 (Blue Book \$7,500), Call Kevin at (323) 251-0655 208



2002 LAND ROVER DISCOVERY SERIES II, 1 OWNER, No accidents, Gold w/Tan Interior, Vehicle in Excellent, Condition (Pampered), Premium Sound System, Power Everything, Leather, Dual Moon Roofs, Prem Wheels, and Tow Pkg. A Steal @ \$9,500.00!! (Blue Book \$11,500) Call Kevin at (323) 251-0655 208

PLUMBING VAN FOR SALE!! '94 Ford Econoline 350, 1 ton. Complete with tools and hardware, ready for work! Call (661)263-7472, leave message. 1107

Club Store



High quality embroidered ball caps!

City Seal Department Hats

Member Price:
\$10
per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping



Transportation
NAVY: #H2003
BLACK: #H2004



Bureau of Sanitation
FOREST GREEN: #H1996
NAVY: #H1995
BLACK: #H1998



Public Works
NAVY: #H2001
BLACK: #H2002



Retiree
BLACK: #H2007



Harbor
NAVY: #H2005
BLACK: #H2006



General Services
NAVY: #H1999
BLACK: #H2000



Water & Power
NAVY: #H1997
BLACK: #H1998



Recreation & Parks
NAVY: #H1993
BLACK: #H1992

City Seal Hats



Seal w/Script
NAVY: #H1989



Seal w/Script
KHAKE: #H1991



Seal w/Script
ORANGE: #H1990



Seal w/Script
BLACK: #H1613



Member Price:
\$8
per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping



City Seal
NAVY: #H1628



City Seal
BLACK: #H1987



City Seal
KHAKE: #H1988



City Seal
ORANGE: #H1661

DWP Hats



DWP Hat
NAVY: #DPWH2000

Member Price:
\$8
per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping



DWP Hat
BLACK: #DPWH3000

City Department Bears



DWP
ITEM #BDWP

General Services
ITEM #BGSD

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

Member Price:
\$20
per doll*

*Plus tax and shipping



Sanitation Department
ITEM #BBOS



Street Services
ITEM #BSTS



Department of Transportation
ITEM #BDOT

Club Store



The Club Store has moved to:
120 W. Second St.,
between Spring and Main Streets
The Club Store in the World Trade Center has closed.

Men's Watches with City Seal

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

*Plus tax and shipping



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



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



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



Special Price!

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



Men's Small Seal, Leather Band
ITEM: #VWL2601
PRICE: \$45.00*



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



Men's Large Seal, Leather Band
ITEM: #VWL2600
PRICE: \$45.00*



Special Price!

Men's Small DWP Seal, Stainless Steel Band
ITEM: #DWPVS2700
PRICE: \$55.00* **Now \$40**



Special Price!

Men's Small DWP Seal, Leather Band
ITEM: #DWPV3050
PRICE: \$45.00* **Now \$35**

Ladies' Watches with City Seal



Special Price!

Ladies' Watch, Two-tone gold and silver
ITEM: #WGSV1000
PRICE: \$50.00* **Now \$25**



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

City Seal Clock



10" Diameter Battery operated (AA)
ITEM: #C8003
\$12 Each* *Plus tax and shipping

City Seal Lapel Pins



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



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



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



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



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



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



Decals



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



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

City Seal Key Chain



City Seal Key Chain - Silver
ITEM: #LAKC2000



Club Discount Price!
(\$10 Retail)



City Seal Key Chain
ITEM: #LAKC001

Ladies' Watches with City Seal

Historical Books



Special Price!

Ladies' Watch, Two-tone gold and silver
ITEM: #WGSV1000
PRICE: \$50.00* **Now \$25**



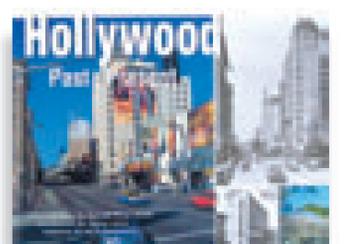
Ladies' Watch, Silver Band
ITEM: #WRF2000
PRICE: \$25.00*



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



*Plus tax and shipping



Hollywood Views of the Past & Present
ITEM: #B1659

Club Discount Price!
(\$32.95 Retail)

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

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(213) 617-1294

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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



Club Store



DWP T-shirts

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



Member Price: **\$15** per shirt*
 *Plus tax and shipping
 Available Colors:
 Black
 Gray
 Navy Blue
 Size: **3XL** \$16
 Size: **4XL** \$17

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



Member Price: **\$8.50** per shirt*
 Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue

ITEM: #T3000VVP

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



Member Price: **\$10** per shirt*
 Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue
 Orange White

ITEM: #T2002WVP



Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue
 Orange White
 White available with front pocket.

ITEM: #T2003VVP

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



Member Price: **\$12** per shirt*
 Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue
 Orange White

ITEM: #T2001VVP

Available Colors:

Blue Dusk Charcoal Orange Black Navy Blue White

White available with front pocket.



Size: **3XL** \$13
 Available Colors:
 Blue Dusk Charcoal
 Black Navy Blue
 Size: **4XL** \$14
 Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue

ITEM: #T2000VVP

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:
 Black Navy Blue
 Size: **3XL** \$13
 Size: **4XL** \$14

ITEM: #NC1000

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



Member Price: **\$8.50** per shirt*
 Available Colors:
 Black Blue Dusk Navy Blue
 Sport Gray Tan White
 Sizes: **3XL** \$9.50
 Sizes: **4XL** \$10.50
 Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue Sport Gray

ITEM: #CN1000

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



Member Price: **\$10** per shirt*
 Available Colors:
 Black
 Gray
 Navy Blue
 Size: **3XL** \$13

ITEM: #LAC-5000

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



Member Price: **\$5** per shirt*
 Available Colors:
 Black
 Gray
 Navy Blue

ITEM: #LAC-2000

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



Member Price: **\$22** per shirt*
 Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue
 Size: **3XL** \$23

ITEM: #LAC-6000

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



Member Price: **\$10** per shirt*
 Available Colors:
 Cedar Dark Heather
 Metro Blue Military Green

ITEM: #MOC1000

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



Member Price: **\$12** per shirt*
 Non-Member Price: \$25 per shirt
 *Plus tax and shipping
 Available Colors:
 Blue Dusk Charcoal Chestnut Forest Green Indigo Blue
 Leaf Green Light Pink Maroon Olive Orange
 Royal Sport Gray Texas Orange White
 Black Navy Blue
 White available with front pocket.



Size: **3XL** \$13
 Available Colors:
 Blue Dusk Charcoal Forest Green
 Indigo Blue Royal Sport Gray
 White Black Navy Blue
 White available with front pocket.
 Size: **4XL** \$14
 Available Colors:
 Indigo Blue Sport Gray
 Black Navy Blue

ITEM: #T1000

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

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



Member Price: **\$15** per shirt*
 *Plus tax and shipping
 Available Colors:
 Charcoal Dark Chocolate Forest Green Indigo Blue Sport Gray White
 Size: **3XL** \$16
 Available Colors:
 Dark Chocolate Forest Green Indigo Blue Sport Gray
 Size: **4XL** \$17
 Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue White

ITEM: #T1500

Club Store



The Club Store has moved to:
120 W. Second St.,
between Spring and Main Streets
The Club Store in the World Trade Center has closed.

Women's T-shirts



City Women's - LA Hall Full Color Seal T-Shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL**

Available Colors: **Crew Neck Style:**

Navy Blue

Available Colors: **V-Neck Style:**

Black

Member Price:
\$11
per shirt*

Size: **2XL**

Available Colors: **Crew Neck Style:**

Navy Blue

City Women's - LA Hall One Color Seal T-Shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL**

Available Colors: **V-Neck Style:**

Black

Heather Gray

White

On white shirt, emblem is pink

Member Price:
\$8
per shirt*



ITEM: #WFCS1000

ITEM: #S1000

TICKET GUY Tips for Visiting the Club Store:



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

City Bags

City Professional Bag



Available Color:

Black

Member Price:
\$25
per bag*

ITEM: #BAG1000

*Plus tax and shipping

City Jackets

City Windbreaker

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



Member Price:
\$32⁵⁰
per jacket*

ITEM: #JKT2000

Sizes: **3XL**

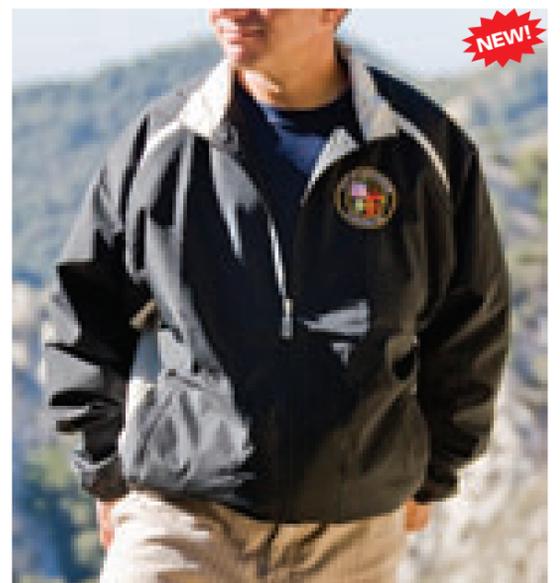
\$35⁵⁰

*Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:

Black with Gray Stripes

Gray with Black Stripes



NEW!

ITEM: #JKT1000

City Girl "Classic" T-shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL**



ITEM: #T-W1000

Member Price:
\$10
per shirt*

Available Colors: **Crew Neck Style:**

Cherry Heather Gray Hot Pink

Available Colors: **V-Neck Style:**

Black Caribbean Blue Key Lime

Violet White

City Girl "Retro" T-shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL**



ITEM: #T-W2000

L.A. City Polo Shirt

LA City Polo Shirt

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

Available Colors:

Black Navy Blue

Pink White

Member Price:
\$12
per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping

Close-up of Embroidery



Front

ITEM: #PS1000

City Seal Tank Tops

Women's

Sizes: **S M L XL**

Member Price:
\$7⁵⁰
per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:

Hot Pink White

On white shirt, emblem is pink



ITEM: #WTT2000

Men's

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

Member Price:
\$7⁵⁰
per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:

Heather Gray White



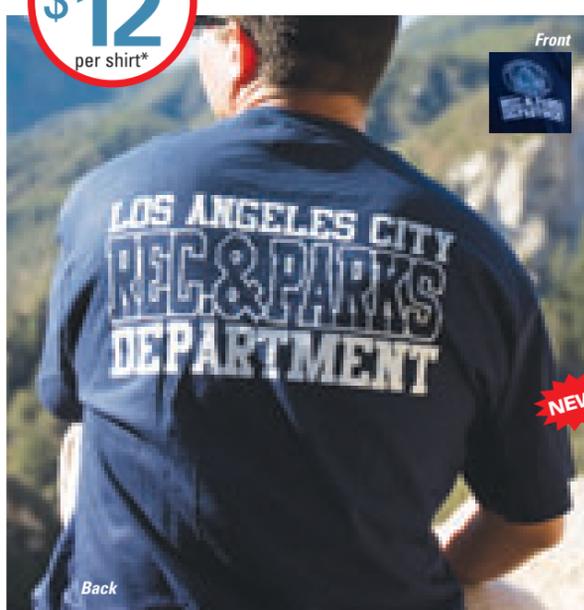
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City "Bold" Department Shirts

City "Bold" Department Shirts

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

Member Price:
\$12
per shirt*



*Plus tax and shipping

ITEM: #RECPKSLAC6000

Available Color:

Navy Blue

Size: **3XL** **\$13**

Size: **4XL** **\$14**



ITEM: #D.PW.LAC1000



ITEM: #HARBORLAC2000



ITEM: #D.O.TLAC3000



ITEM: #G.S.DLAC4000



ITEM: #L.A.WA.LAC5000

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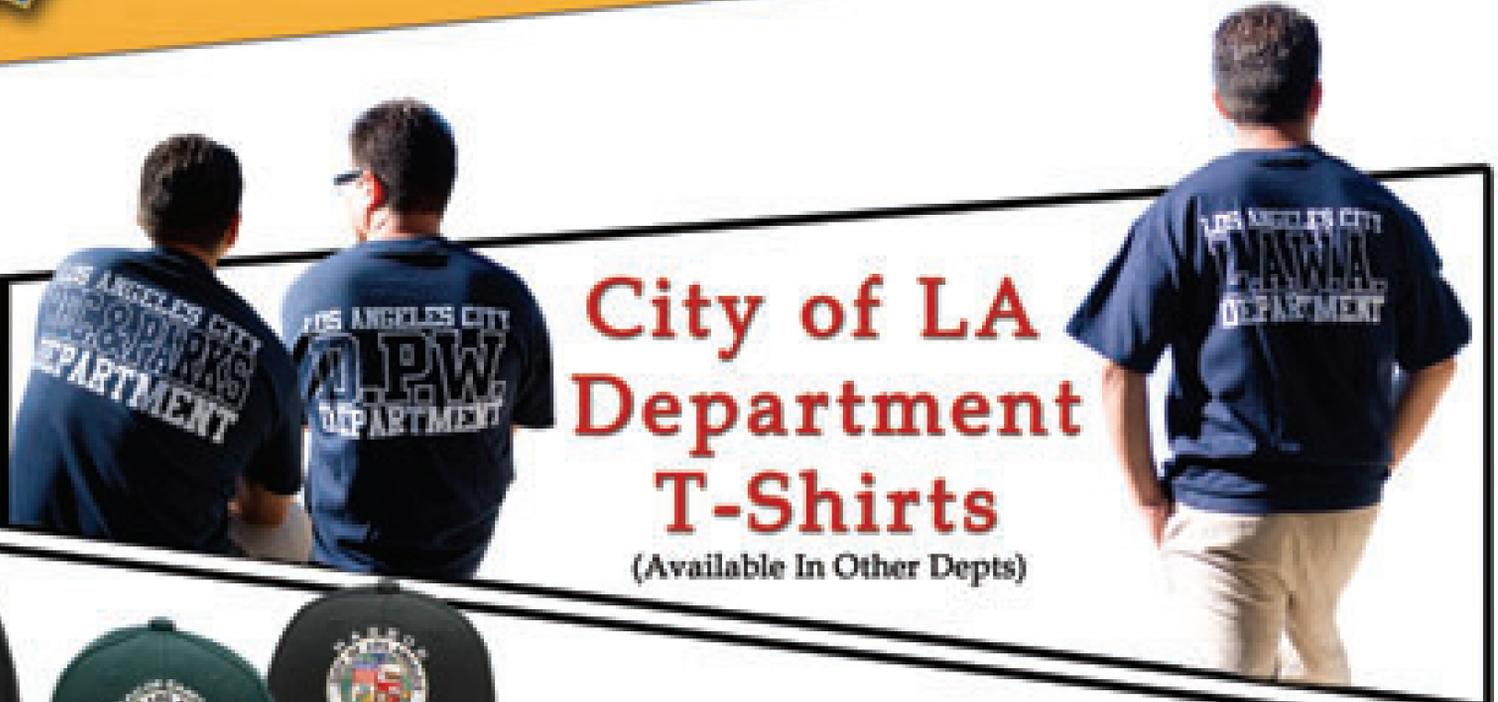
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