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Club to Help You Get Fit In New Year

Great new Club benefit: 24 Hour Fitness annual pass at over 50% off the regular price!

THE CLUB — Get fit in 2009! And the Club is here to help you!

The Club is going to help you keep that New Year's resolution and get in shape for the New Year. Introducing the Club's newest benefit: annual passes to 24 Hour Fitness for just \$199! That's a discount of **over 50% off** the 24 Hour Fitness' regular fee of \$533.97 annually. That's an amazing deal!

"Keeping City Employees healthy, happy and insured has always been what the Club's services have been about," said John Hawkins, Club CEO. "Robert Larios and The Ticket Guy really worked hard to get Club Members this great deal. I encourage everyone to take advantage of it; you owe it to yourself and your family."

The Club's price -- \$199 per year -- breaks down to \$16.67 per month. Purchase your 24 Hour Fitness annual pass at the Club Store online (www.cityemployeesclub.com) or at the Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second Ave., 90012 downtown.

Details of the Club's newest benefit are on page 43.

Alive! Looks Back On Best, Saddest Moments of 2008

How much do you remember of 2008? This month's special feature brings it all back.

THE CLUB — From the highest highs (the Club opened its fantastic new Club Store downtown) – to the lowest lows (the death of beloved Club colleague Howard Pompel) – 2008 was truly a memorable year at the Club.

And in true *Alive!* fashion, a special section in this month's paper helps you relive some of the bigger stories, and some of the great *Alive!* photos, too.

Do you remember going along with Mr. L.A., Councilman and Club Member Tom LaBonge, as he drove our reporters to the scene of a major fire? Or surveying the new growth at Griffith Park, in the aftermath of the devastating fires of 2007?

Or how about St. Baldrick's? Or another great ClubFest, taking place on about the most beautiful day possible?

And you can't forget about all the great locations all over the world where our Club Members snapped a photo of themselves, holding their copy of *Alive!*

It all starts on page 6. Happy New Year!



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* A Message From the CEO *

A 2009 Plan: Let's Get Fit

by John Hawkins
President and CEO, The Club

Happy New Year, Club Members!

And what better way to celebrate the new year than by giving yourself a gift – the gift of fitness?

If you're like me, you probably spent time getting great gifts for those who are really important to you. But how much did you spend on your own wellbeing and feeling good?

The Club is there for you, helping you take care of yourself by getting fit in 2009!

This month, the Club introduces our newest awesome benefit: passes to 24 Hour Fitness, at **over 50% off** the regular cost. Check out all the details in the front-page story and the big ad in this month's paper.

SPECIAL CLUB MEMBER BENEFIT

24 HOUR FITNESS
only \$199 for one year!

Sign up for an incredible deal – an annual pass to 24 Hour Fitness for just \$199! Through the Club Benefit, your one yearly payment amounts to just \$16.67 a month, when you purchase a year's pass. For more information, see page 43.

I have to give a shout-out to the Club's **Robert Larios** and **the Ticket Guy** for their hard work on making this newest benefit happen. But let me tell you this: Having hiked along with **Angel Gomez** on his super-cool "Be *Alive!*" a few times, huffing and puffing more than I should (especially up Mt. San Jacinto, whew), I decided to hit the gym and get back in shape. The holidays were no help – they are great for our souls, but tough on our beltlines! – but I'm back on my program. So all Club Members, let's get busy together, and get fit in 2009!

On another subject, I love the January issue for at least a couple of reasons. First is because of the recap of the City news from 2008. Sometimes we live a little too much day-to-day, and don't quite see the bigger picture. Well, this feature always does give me that perspective. I get to see tons of the great things that Club Members have done over the past year. Cool!

And then, truth be told, is one of my absolute faves – the year recap of "*Alive!* Around the World." I can't tell you how much this makes me smile! When I came up with this feature a few years ago, I had modest expectations. But I had a sneakin' suspicion you might find it fun. Well, who knew! You're keeping it awesome fun, beyond my wildest dreams. (And check out this month's regular "*Alive!* Around the World" – Antarctica! Under water! Wow!) Please be safe when you're taking your photos, but having said that, thanks for proving how imaginative you can be.

There are some tough roads ahead, with the City's tight budget looming. But through it all, we're one family – the City family. I'm proud of the Club, and I'm happy you are, too.

JOHN

(jhawkins@cityemployeesclub.com)



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Great Service, When You're in Need



**Cecilia Talbot,
Claims Administrator**

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

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

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Your claims service was "excellent. [Your staff was] very informative and knowledgeable. Once the medical info was received, the claim was handled quickly. Marla seemed to know just who I was each time I called."

— Sandra Johnson, Aug. 2008

Your claims service was "excellent! You are easily reached by phone and did the paperwork with speed and showed respect and consideration at this time."

— Eugenia Yancey, Aug. 2008

Your customer service was "excellent -- very professional, always available, immediately responsive, accurate, kind and understanding."

— Gary Maner, Aug. 2008

The Club has "excellent services. Everything was handled very professionally, and my family appreciated the sympathy card that was sent out to us in memory of my dear wife. It was a very nice touch to send the book [*The Fall of Freddie the Leaf*]. I was able to share it with my daughter and grandsons."

— Sam Olivo, May 2008

Your Club Insurance Dollars at Work

**Total claims paid back to Club Members
So Far in 2008: \$3,532,968.16**

Claims paid:

Life insurance claims paid this month:
\$300,736.82

Life insurance claims paid this year:
\$2,007,940.42

Long-term disability claims paid this month:
\$80,038.82

Long-term disability claims paid this year:
\$1,111,958.25

Long-term care claims paid this month:
\$35,062.50

Long-term care claims paid this year:
\$288,069.49

Cancer insurance claims paid this month:
\$0.00

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

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It pays when you buy your insurance through the Club!

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- Long-Term Disability
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- Legal Services



Meet the Club Team



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

Need help? Contact your Counselor:



2003 President's Award Recipient

Arlene Herrero
Senior Benefits Specialist –
Member Services Counselor

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Call between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.
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John Hawkins
President & CEO



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Chief Financial Officer



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Director of Operations



2006 President's Award Recipient

Navin Cotton
Vendor Relations Manager
"Ticket Guy"



Jessica Segura
Merchandise and Ticket Sales Coordinator



2004 President's Award Recipient

Cecilia Talbot
Claims Administrator



Angel Gomez
Director of Member Services



Lupe Medina
Administrative Services Representative



Marla Fisher
Claims Assistant



Leigh Thompson
Controller



Trinh Pham
Senior Accountant



Katie Hesseltnie
Application Coordinator



Michael Anderson
Information Technology Manager



2007 President's Award Recipient

Alan Bound
Information Technology Programmer



2005 President's Award Recipient

Summy Lam
Information Technology Business Analyst

CLUB Member Benefits

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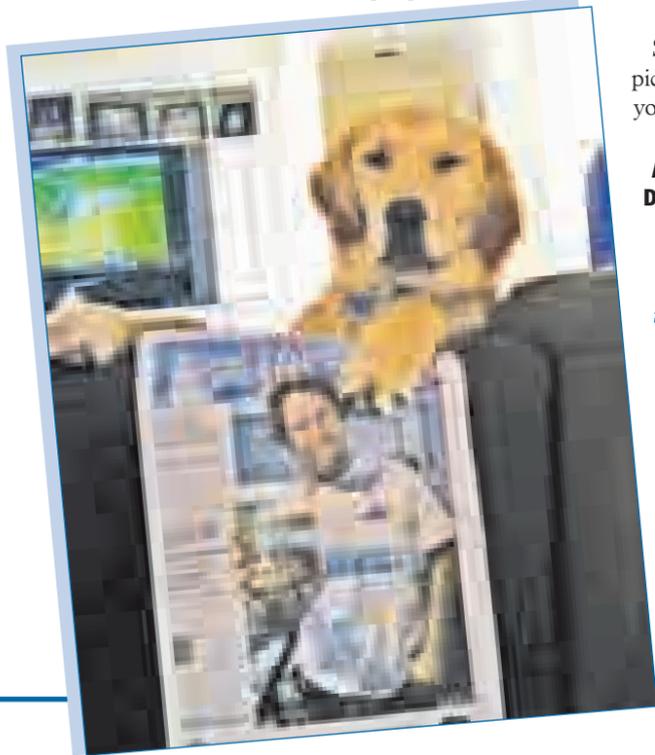
*Contact the Club for more details.

LETTERS To the Editor

Tell us what you think! talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

LETTER OF THE MONTH

Fetching *Alive!*, Sonny's a Breed Apart, Doggone It



See the attached picture, and see what you think!

— **Andrew Virzi,**
Assistant Controller,
DWP and Club Board
Member

*We love it, Andrew,
that's what we think!
We can also say that
we think your dog,
Sonny, has excellent
taste in newspapers!
Thanks for sending.
— Ed.*

Thanks to *Alive!* for Putting Library Exhibit on the Map

Dear *Alive!*: Kudos for the fine spread on the Map Exhibit "LA Unfolded" at Central Library in the November issue of *Alive!* Your crisp graphics of four of these maps made it almost as fun as being in the Getty Gallery where those beauties now hang until January 22. Nice work!

— **Glen Creason, Library, and Co-curator of "LA Unfolded"**

Hi Glen, congratulations on your excellent exhibit. And thanks to Charlene Klink, who keeps us informed of all the great happenings at the Library. —Ed.

Maria Stops at Club Store, Gets Twice the Good News

I stopped by The Club Store during lunch today to pick up some holiday gifts and was thrilled to find out my entry [*Alive!*'s "Picture Perfect" contest] was one of the four December winners! Thank you so much!

— **Maria Cruz, Office of the City Attorney**

*Sure thing, Maria! We can't guarantee that everyone who stops by the Club Store will win an *Alive!* contest, but we can say with assurance that all Club Members who stop by the Club Store and Service Center will get the best ticket discounts, and the best City merchandise, in the City! Who could ask for more! Thanks for writing, and keep sending in your contest entries. —Ed.*

'People We See' Feature Is Good Way to Raise Awareness

I really enjoy the column where you interview the homeless people downtown – it's very classy and a great way to put a name to the people we see as well as to give tangible assistance to them.

— **John T. Otoshi, DWP**

Hi John, thanks for the note. We feel it's the least we can do. —Ed.

Corrections

In the CEO Column on page three of the December issue, Rick Thorstensen's department was listed incorrectly. Rick works for General Services/Office of Public Safety.

Also, in the photo credit on page six of the December issue, the name of the photographer was incorrect. It was Juan Guerra, as was properly listed in the remainder of the spread.

Alive! regrets these errors and apologizes to Rick and Juan.

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's your New Year's resolution?



"Good health and getting a raise!"

— **Ignacio Castillo,**
Gardener/Caretaker, 24 years of service



"Retirement!"

— **Michael Holmes,**
Street Services Lot Cleaning Assistant Supervisor, 38 years



"Exercise more and become healthier."

— **Traci Stallings,**
Sr. Clerk Typist, Building and Safety, 14 years



"I don't have a New Year's resolution. Why wait till New Year's when you can do it today!"

— **Rafael Garcia,**
Traffic Officer, Transportation, 12 years



"Watch more movies with the movie tickets I buy from the Club Store ticket window!"

— **Daniel Ruiz,**
Neighborhood Empowerment, 8 years of service



"Stay employed during the Panic of 2008 and beyond!"

— **Martin Vargas,**
Public Works/Sanitation, 1 year of service



"Wishing for better politics in 2009!"

— **Lazaro Salcedo,**
Rec and Parks, 6 years of service



"Live right every day."

— **Wilson Quon,**
DWP, 19 years of service



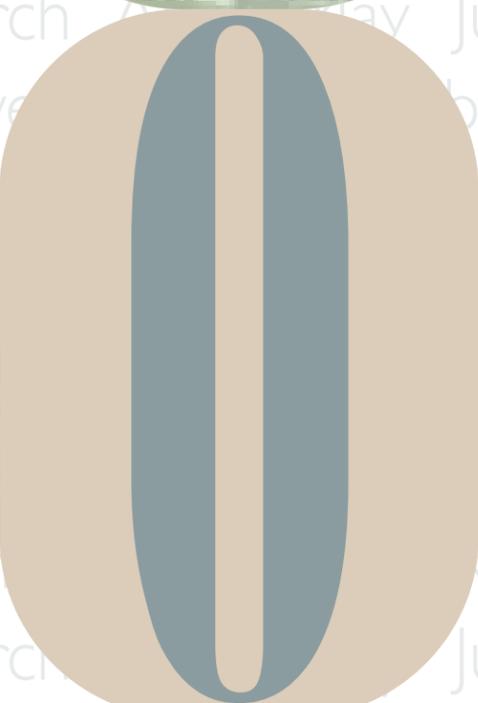
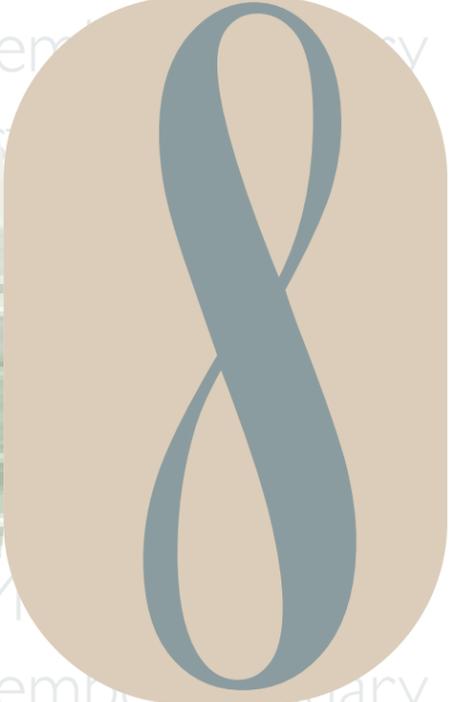
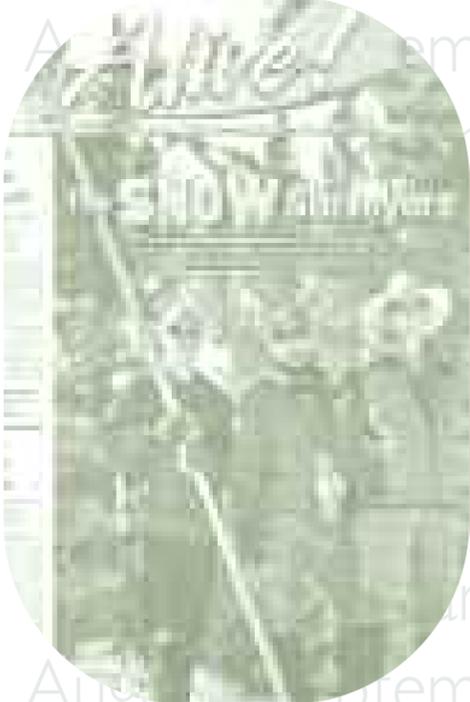
"Lose weight!"

— **Carlos Villegas,**
Public Works/Sanitation, 2 years of service



"I don't have one yet, so ask me next year about this time!"

— **Ron Terrazas,**
LAPD, 26 years of service



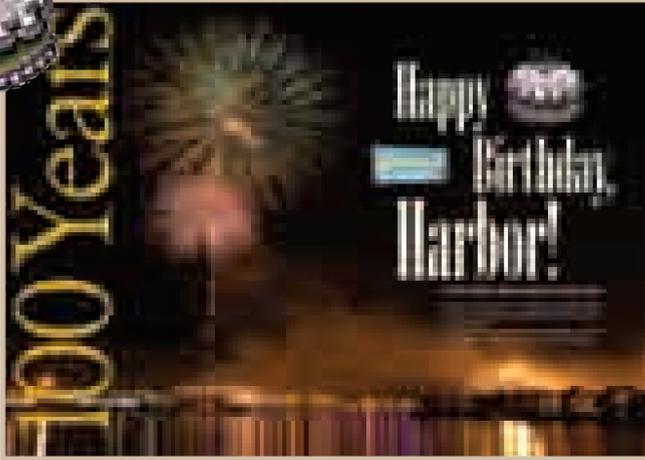
JANUARY



■ "People We See" starts



Happy Birthday, Harbor!



■ The Harbor throws itself a grand party.

Fun in the City!



■ It's an *Alive!* tradition - you have fun to kick off the holidays, and we publish the party pics!

Winner of the Mask contest was PSR III CT Feng, Club Member

The Year That Was *Alive!*

FEBRUARY



Teaching Kids to Renew



Youth participants in recent Rec and Parks camp programs enjoy using the new Compostable food service materials, which are environmentally friendly.

Parker Center Reborn



■ Crew from PW Admin. make sure the new Police Dept. building downtown is done right and on schedule.



Love and the City

Christina Najjar and John Craig, who met at the LAPD's 911 Valley Communications Center.



■ A special Valentine's Day look at seven couples who fell in love while working for the City.

■ As *Alive!* discovered, interviewing Councilman and Club Member Tom LaBonge means catching up with him first.



Catching the Wind

MARCH




■ DWP breaks ground on the largest city-owned wind farm in the United States.



2008

+ Summer in the City

■ Here, *Alive!* follows one class of recruits through eight days of physical training and testing, to become a City lifeguard.



A Librarian at the Library

■ Librarian and First Lady Laura Bush and her daughter, Jenna, visited the Central Library to read from their new children's book.



First Lady Laura Bush and daughter Jenna Bush Hager read from their book, *Read All About It*, in the Taper Auditorium at the Los Angeles Public Library.

JULY

2008



■ Marlene Greenfield, the woman with the longest active tenure of City service, has worked for the City for more than 58 years.

58 YEARS OF SERVICE & COUNTING

Perfect Attendance



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.

■ Harbor hosts luncheon for those with perfect attendance records.

AUGUST



■ Scholarship Program for 2008 nearly triples the awardees.



Club Honors 14 With Scholarships

Storyed Career Ends



■ City Librarian Fontayne Holmes retires from Los Angeles Public Library after 34 years of City service.

SEPTEMBER

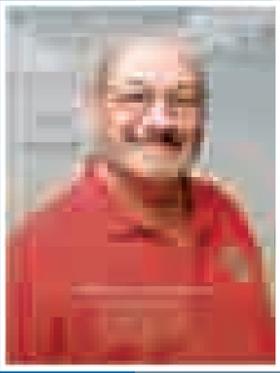


Parade of Tall Ships



■ The majestic Tall Ships returned to the Port of Los Angeles for the Festival of Sail LA 2008.

OCTOBER



Howard Pompel, the perfect embodiment of the City Employees Club, died Friday, Sept. 12, in the Metrolink train accident in Chatsworth.



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.



Detention Officers take part in Law Enforcement Torch Run to support Special Olympics.

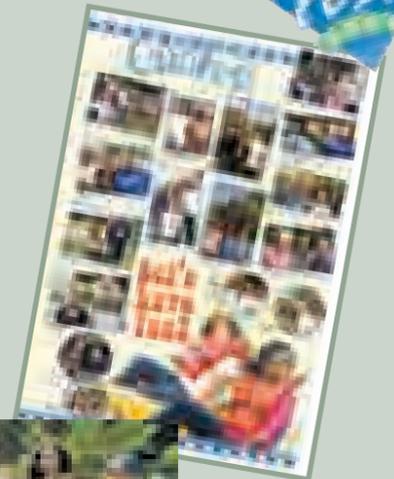


Carrying the Torch

The Year That Was Alive!

NOVEMBER

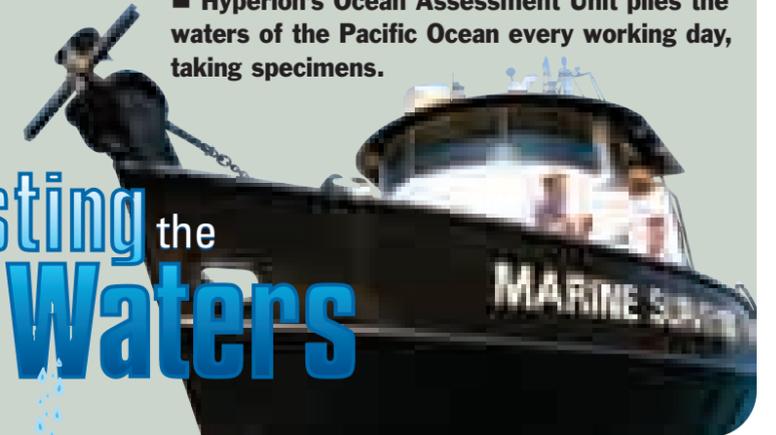
More than 1,300 Club Members enjoy the best ClubFest yet!



Wearing the Dodger hat on the far right is Martha Acosta, LAX Security Officer, with her family. In the center is Club Member Mayra Cisneros, LAX Security Officer, with her family.

Hyperion's Ocean Assessment Unit plies the waters of the Pacific Ocean every working day, taking specimens.

Testing the Waters



DECEMBER

CUSTODIAN APPRECIATION DAY



General Services hosts annual Custodian Appreciation Day.



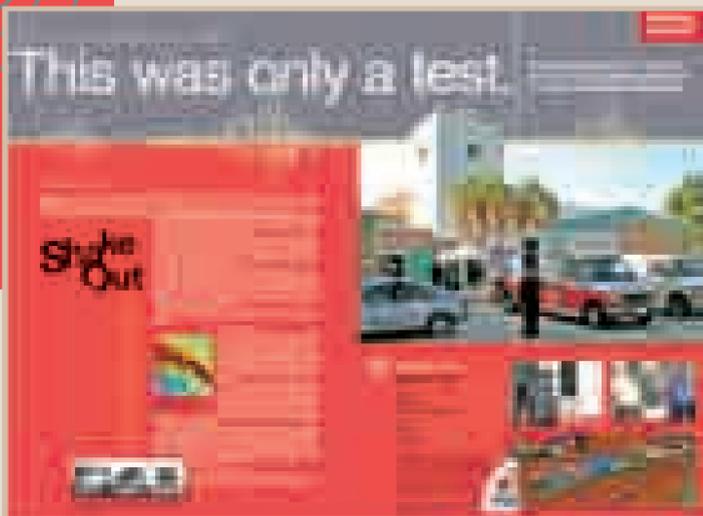
Presenting the Senior Custodian of the Year award, from left: Valerie Melloff, General Services Assistant General Manager and Club Member; South District award winner: Lucille Redmond, Club Member; Loretta Quenon, Director of Custodial Services, Club Member; Civic Center award winner: Walter Chambers; Central District award winner: Fely Maladaga; Renee Anderson, Local 721; LAPD award winner: James Booth, Club Member; Bob Schoonover, Local 721; North District award winner: Camilla Hill, Club Member; and Tony Royster, General Services General Manager, Club Member.

The Great

Shake Out

Magnitude 7.8

Throughout the City, nearly all departments took part in what was called the country's biggest earthquake simulation.



2008



*Special Holiday
Party Section*



*It's an annual *Alive!* tradition!*

Every year, City Departments put aside their hard work and come together for fun and socialization at their festive holiday parties.

And *Alive!* publishes as many of your party pics as we can.

Starting this month, we cover the City Parties. And we'll continue in the next months as the photos continue to trickle in.

Happy New Year!



The City Parties



From left: Frank Hsu, Erick Chang, Shawn Farzan and Tri Nguyen.



From left: Jensen Wu, Jenny Tsang, Marina Quinones, Nancy Avila and Ben Gaetos.

A Holiday Party, By Design

■ Bureau of Engineering's Architectural Division hosts its annual holiday luncheon.

Story and photos by Yvonne Liu, Office of Finance

PUBLIC WORKS — The Public Works/Bureau of Engineering's Architectural Division held its annual holiday party at the Almansor Court in Alhambra Dec. 17. The attendees included more than a dozen consultants working alongside City employees throughout the year.

If you think being a City employee carries no perks, Architectural Division employees paid \$25 per ticket, while consultants paid \$35.

Division Head Principal Architect Mahmood Karimzadeh opened the luncheon with his welcome remarks, praising the projects that the Division completed this year.

Senior managers offset the cost of the holiday luncheon for the employees by contributing \$50 to \$100 or more each. The remaining funds went to prizes including warm throws, a toaster, a blender and a coffee maker.

Management Analyst II Cynthia Shaw and Landscape Architect Steve Davis carried home the two top prizes: four-gigabyte MP3 players.

Everyone enjoyed the eight-course international buffet while listening to Steve Davis read aloud an especially entertaining version of the Christmas story, rewritten by Senior Clerk Typist Antoinette Barrios.

Some of the games included the paper dance. Prizes were given to the most innovative and the best dancer.

The highlight of the party was entertainment provided by The Safety Girls, a music group of college students. The four women have made many professional appearances in the last two years, including early December at the Pasadena Mayor's Holiday Party. Although each young woman has her own special accomplishments, Elene Perry, daughter of Architect

Hsiao-Ling Ting, is the key member that got them the gig at the Architectural Division party.

For more about the Safety Girls, go to www.thesafetygirls.com

"Being part of a team is what I enjoyed the most about my Division," said Hsiao-ling Ting, who has served as the Chair of the Holiday Luncheon Committee for the third consecutive year.

The other Committee Members were Antoinette Barrios, Nishith Dhandha, Ben Gaetos, Herbert Guevarra, Asatur Keymetlyan, Kevin Payne, Marina Quionez, Pradeep Ranade, Houshang Shahidi, Cynthia Shaw, Jenny Tsang, Yvonne Upton and Erick Villanueva.

For more about Bureau of Engineering, go to <http://boe.ci.la.ca.us/>



Bill Lee and Ajit Syan.



From left: Herbert Guevara and Paul Young.



From left: Greg Nuno, Joan Kaplan, Meliana Susanto, Nishith Dhandha and Rick Fisher.



From left: Vinh Ha, Steve Murata, Mai Tran, Jack Bornoff and Jennifer Lau.



Principal Architect Mahmood Karimzadeh makes his welcome remarks.



From left: Antoinette Barrios and baby Aidan.



From left: Houshang Shahidi, Massoud Tayyar, Frank Hsu, John McNeil and Erick Chang.

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The City Parties



From left: King Miranda, ECH, 7 years; Richard Sainz, ECH 5 years; Frank Ayala, Asst. Tree Lighting Electrician, 23 years, Club Member; and Daniel Thome, ECH asst, 8 years, Club Member.



From left: Rodney Chamberlain, ECH, 2 years, and Felipe Rodriguez, Supervisor I, 22 years, Club Member.



Jim Josephson, Electrician 15 years, and his wife, Juanita.

Lighting Up the Holidays

■ Street Lighting hosts its annual party.

Story and photos by Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor

PUBLIC WORKS — Public Works' Division of Street Lighting hosted its annual holiday party Dec. 18.

The party was held at Street Lighting's West District office on Santa Monica Boulevard.

The Club thanks Street Lighting for inviting us to the annual party.



From left: Chris Mossman, Supervisor, Street Services; and Kristina Briones, Accounting Clerk, 5 years.



From left: Jack Pettigrew, Electrician 17 years; David Dobens, Electrician 10 years, Club Member; and Oscar Reyna, Electrician 21 years, Club Member.



Al from Bureau of Street Services won the raffle. He won a stainless steel watch donated by the City Employees Club.



From left: Larry Spillman, Mech Helper, 21 years; and Evelyn Jones, Clerk Typist, 47 years.



The live entertainment.



Rosemarie Ostic, Management Assistant, 2 years, with her husband, Ernie, and her daughter, Heather.



From left: Carlos Gonzales, GSD Truck Operator, 37 years, Club Member; and Carl Bolton, Principal Supervisor, 24 years.

Party in the Valley

REC AND PARKS — The Valley Region Headquarters staff of Rec and Parks gathered Dec. 16 at the Odyssey Restaurant in Granada Hills for the office's annual Christmas party. Thanks to Lou Loomis, *Alive!* movie reviewer extraordinaire, for sending it to us.



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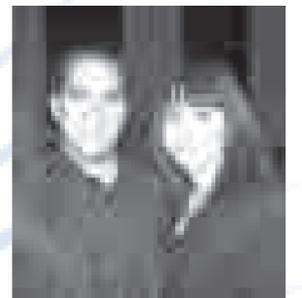
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The City Parties



Office of Public Safety hosts annual party.



Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Operations

GENERAL SERVICES — The General Services/Office of Public Safety threw its annual holiday party Dec. 19 in the Tom Bradley Room high atop City Hall.

The OPS would like Pitfire Pizza, which provided the party's food at especially low cost, so OPS could raise money for its other holiday event, providing charity for the children of its adopted school, Fletcher Drive Elementary School.

The OPS Holiday Committee included:

- Juli Kolb
- Officer Patricia Escalante
- Lydia Marquez
- Officer Claudio Barraza
- Chief David Aguirre
- Colette "CoCo" Wilbourne, and
- Enriqueta Espinoza.

The Club thanks Rick Thorstensen and Lydia Marquez, Management Analyst II, for providing information.



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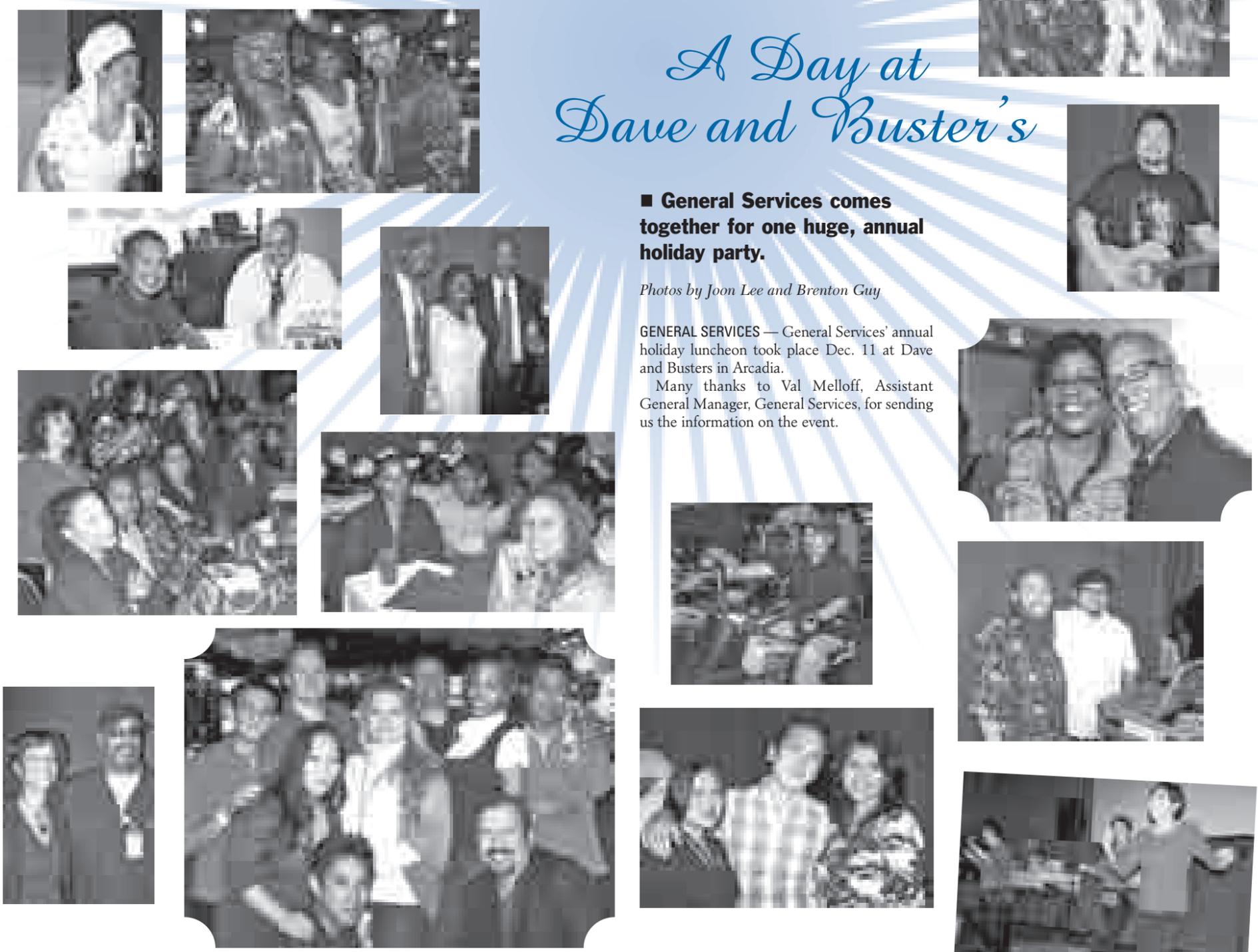
A Day at Dave and Buster's

■ **General Services comes together for one huge, annual holiday party.**

Photos by Joon Lee and Brenton Guy

GENERAL SERVICES — General Services' annual holiday luncheon took place Dec. 11 at Dave and Busters in Arcadia.

Many thanks to Val Melloff, Assistant General Manager, General Services, for sending us the information on the event.



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General Services - continued



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The City Parties



From left: Michael Lapid, Yo! Case Manager; Nancy Herrera, MA II Yo! Systems 25 years; and Richard Benbow, General Manager.



From left: Evangeline Carlos, Management Analyst II, 20 years, Club Member; and Leonor Palangio, Management Analyst II, 20 years.



Theresa Clemente, WDD, 15 years, Club Member; and Vicky Marinas, WDD, 9 years, Club Member.



Filipino dancers.



Filipino dancers.

CDD Has Filipino Holiday Touch

Story and photos by Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor

CDD — The Community Development Filipino Holiday Party took place Dec. 11 during lunchtime at 1200 W. Seventh St. downtown. Authentic and delicious Filipino food was served to hundreds of CDD employees and guests.

Also, a variety of choreographed performances was delivered by graceful Filipino dancers.



Corazon Soriano, Committee and Organizer of the Holiday Party, 22 years.



From left: Amelia Marucut, CDD Youth; and Richard Benbow, General Manager, CDD.



From left: Pam Williams, CEA II, Club Member; Lashontza Spates, Sr. Clerk Typist, 12 years, Club Member; and Marina Sanchez, Executive Assistant, 14 years.



From left: Jimmy Lee, Sr. Systems Analyst II, 18 years, Club Member; and Mimi Donlin, Sr Systems Analyst II, 27 years.



From left: Dennis Parks, WDD, 6 years; and Elliott Blue, WDD, 12 years.

Holiday Fare and Square

■ A 'Hollywood Squares'-type game highlights Personnel's annual luncheon.

Story by Yvonne Liu, Finance, with information and photos courtesy Bruce Whidden, Personnel

PERSONNEL — More than 230 employees of Personnel gathered at the Omni Los Angeles

Hotel Dec. 10 for the department's holiday party. Baritone Jansen Hodge, a Clerk Typist in the Public Safety Bureau, began the annual event, designed to foster fellowship and holiday cheer, by offering his rendition of two holiday favorites, "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" and "Sleigh Bells."

While guests feasted on an entrée choice of braised short ribs of beef or sage roasted breast of chicken, they listened attentively to their numbers to be called for door prizes. This year's



"Personnel Squares" host John Dunlop, Chief, Public Safety Bureau, and contestant Janeshia Robinson, Senior Personnel Analyst, Public Safety Bureau, play the game.



Baritone Jansen Hodge, a Clerk Typist in the Public Safety Bureau, offered two holiday selections, "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" and "Sleigh Bells."



Department senior managers gathered on stage to form the familiar tic-tac-toe in the Department's rendition of "The Personnel Squares." Led by center square Maggie Whelan, General Manager, one contestant from each table had the opportunity to come up and agree or disagree with the managers to win wonderful prizes. Pictured, from top left: Dru Ross, Safety Administrator; Beth Camarco, Workers' Compensation Division; Dave Noltemeyer, Chief, Workers' Compensation Division; Scott De Young, Chief, Examining Division; Maggie Whelan, General Manager; Raul Lemus, Chief, Employment Services; Phyllis Lynes, Assistant General Manager; Angie Chang, Assistant General Manager; and Gloria Sosa, Assistant General Manager.

master of ceremonies, John Dunlop, Chief of Public Safety Bureau, drew name after name out of a silver bucket to give away scores of coveted prizes including gift cards for Starbucks and Quiznos. To welcome the year 2009, the year analog TVs became history, Senior Personnel Analyst II Art Irigoyen of Equal Employment Opportunity Division won the grand prize of a 22" flat screen digital TV.

A highlight of the day was when senior managers gathered on stage to form the familiar tic-tac-toe in the department's rendition of "The Personnel Squares." Led by center square

Maggie Whelan, General Manager, one contestant from each table had the opportunity to come up and agree or disagree with the managers to win more wonderful prizes.

The event was supported by the Personnel Department Employee Benefits Association, a department organization that fundraises throughout the year to underwrite the price of the holiday party as well as hold other employee appreciation activities held within the department. This year, PDEPBA underwrote each ticket by \$13 to bring the ticket cost to each employee attending to just \$25 per ticket.

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Newsbrief

TOP PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS:

Four projects affiliated with the City of Los Angeles were named as top public works projects Dec. 4 as part of the Southern California Chapter of the American Public Works Association's (APWA) ninth annual Awards Luncheon. Twenty-nine projects were awarded.

Ceremonies took place at The Centre at Sycamore Plaza, Lakewood Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood.

"We honored our top leaders specifically for their roles in supporting our vital infrastructure and public works systems throughout Southern California," Cooper said. "We recognized select-

ed top projects as outstanding achievements in public works in this region."

The Chapter's annual awards and recognition ceremony aims to underscore the importance of public works in daily life and the efforts that public works professionals offer to provide a better quality of life for each citizen and community. APWA is the professional association of public works leaders throughout the United States and Canada. The Southern California Chapter covers Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties with branches in the Inland Empire, Coachella Valley and the High Desert.

Projects and Leaders:

City of La Canada Flintridge:

Slope Stability Investigation and Restoration at Earlmont Avenue between Jarvis Ave and Louise Dr.

City of Rosemead:

Garvey Avenue Bridge Reconstruction Streets and Transportation

City of Inglewood:

La Brea Avenue Pavement Reconstruction, Phase 1

City of Pasadena:

Arroyo Parkway Enhancement Project

City of Redondo Beach:

Bay Cities Regional Bikeway/North Redondo Beach Bikeway

City of Anaheim:

State College Blvd Median and Landscape Beautification Improvements, Phases I thru IV from SR-91 Freeway to Ball Road

City of La Palma:

Onsite Sodium Hypochlorite Generation systems at city Yard and Walker Well

City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Engineering:

Major Wastewater Capital Improvements in the City of Los Angeles

City of Norco:

Pike's Peak Park

City of Stanton:

Veteran's Memorial Park

City of Hesperia:

Hesperia Civic Plaza Park

Port of Los Angeles:

Knoll Hill Road and Park Improvement

City of San Juan Capistrano:

San Juan Capistrano City Hall Sustainability Project

County of Los Angeles Flood Control District:

Dominguez Gap Wetlands

City of San Juan Capistrano:

Emergency Sewer Trunk Line Replacement Project

City of Palmdale:

22nd Street East Storm Drain

City of Maywood:

Maywood Park Aquatic Center Pool Facilities

City of Mission Viejo:

Norman P Murray Community and Senior Center Expansion

City of Irvine:

Irvine Transportation Center Parking Structure

City of Burbank:

Community Services Building

City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation:

LAPD Rampart Area Police Station LEED GOLD

Los Angeles County, Department of Public Works:

LAC+USC Medical Center Replacement Project

City of Downey:

City of Downey Online Service Request System and GIS

City of Palmdale:

GIS Public Website

City of Irvine:

Public Works Environmental Programs Website

County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works:

Department of Public Works Annual Employee Recognition Awards Ceremony

City of Santa Monica:

Stay Safe, Stay Away

City of Glendale:

Public Works Department Open House

City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Board of Public Works:

Public Works High School Internship Program

City of Anaheim Top Young Leader of the Year:

Mark Vukojevic

City of La Palma Top Leader of the Year:

Ismile Noorbaksh, Retired Director of Public Works

LA County Board of Supervisors Legislator of the Year:

Don Knabe, Supervisor 4th District



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Holiday Happenings

REC AND PARKS

Don't Stop Skating

Downtown on Ice skates through Jan. 19.

The LA Kings Downtown on Ice continues its 11th season at Pershing Square every day through Jan. 19.

Admission price is \$6 (skate rental is \$2). Scheduled special events include:

- free youth hockey clinics
- a free concert series
- a free Winter Holiday Festival
- weekend Kids Zone interactive entertainment
- an outdoor Cityscape Art Gallery Exhibit
- and more.

Sponsors include Rec and Parks, the Los Angeles Kings and Councilmember Jan Perry (9th District).

Sometimes hailed as the Rockefeller Center of the west, the Pershing Square rink is framed by towering skyscrapers, trees and stunning historical landmarks.

Centrally located in the heart of the City of Angels, the facility is easily accessible by car, bus or rail. Rewarding commuters, a collaboration with Metro, Metrolink and Montebello Buslines allows riders to receive a \$1 skating session discount by showing a coupon available on all mass transit lines. The convenient stop at Pershing Square Station makes getting there easy. Underground discount parking is available with validation.

For more info and a detailed session schedule go to www.laparks.org or call (213) 847-4970.



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WINTER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2009
 12:00 PM - 10:00 PM
 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2009
 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2009
 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2009
 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

YOUTH HOCKEY CLINICS
 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

COMMUNITY CONCERTS
 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

WINTER HOLIDAY FESTIVAL
 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

HOLIDAY CONCERT & EVENT SCHEDULE

Holiday Happenings

CITY COUNCIL

Santa Goes Hollywood

Santa makes an early holiday appearance at the second annual Santa's Holiday Parade.

Santa's Hollywood Parade – which the City Council resuscitated last year, after the demise of the Hollywood Christmas Parade – arrived in the City Nov. 30 amid marching bands, City Employees and Hollywood types.

This year, a larger event – Hollywood Holiday – was built around the parade. The larger event included performances and family street festival called Winterfest.

Notable City Employees in the parade included Mr. L.A., Councilman and Club Member Tom LaBonge; City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo; and numerous personnel and equipment from the LAFD.

Winterfest, an all-day street festival, featured a free Radio Disney performance by Disney

Channel actress Demi Lovato. Ms. Lovato starred with the Jonas Brothers in Disney's *Camp Rock*, and her album, *Don't Forget*, debuted at number two on the Billboard 200 chart when it was released in September.

The Hollywood Santa Parade marked the 77th year of Santa parading down Hollywood Boulevard. Thousands of families lined the streets of Hollywood to take part in this Los Angeles tradition, which featured celebrities, marching bands from across the country, equestrian units, floats and Santa Claus.

"I'm excited that the City of Los Angeles was able to help continue the tradition of a parade in Hollywood and to bring a new family event to the Boulevard with Winterfest," said



The LAFD had a strong presence at the parade.



The LAFD's Fire Hogs rumbled down Hollywood Boulevard.

Council President Eric Garcetti.

"The Hollywood Santa Parade is a great holiday tradition that is truly about community," LaBonge said. "It's a chance for us to get together, to see our favorite stars, and to honor the

firefighters and others that make Hollywood such a special place and Los Angeles such a wonderful city."

The City was a major sponsor of the event.



City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo.



Mr. L.A., Councilman and Club Member Tom LaBonge and his family, ride in the Mayor's parade car, a 1950s-era Chrysler, that was featured in a 2007 cover story in *Alive!*



Santa takes part in his Hollywood Parade.

CITY ATTORNEY

Beary Christmas

City Attorney employers dress up bear dolls for the Salvation Army.

Story and photo courtesy Maria Cruz, City Attorney's Office

The City Attorney's Office participated in the Salvation Army's Holiday Bears program for the first time.

New paralegal Sonia Garcia, who has participated in the program at other locations for six years, got many of the rest of the Office interested in participating.

The City Attorney's Office received the bears "naked" from the Salvation Army. These particular dolls came from Whittier. The City Attorney's Office then dressed the bears and returned them to the Salvation Army, which was to give them away to families in need as Christmas gifts. Food baskets accompanied the bears to the families in need.

Some of the bears dressed by the City Attorney's Office carried a City theme.

The City Attorney's Office had a lot of fun doing the project, and hopes to get even more people interested in helping out next year.

Congratulations to the City Attorney's Office on this excellent charity event for the holidays.



Sonia Garcia of the City Attorney's Office poses with some of the bears dressed for charity by employees in the Office.

A CITY OF [PART 1 OF 2] THEATRES

By Marc Wanamaker

■ Noted theatre historian Marc Wanamaker is Hynda's guest columnist this month. Part two continues next month.



Los Angeles Theater, 1931.

It is not generally known, but Los Angeles was one of the largest theatre towns in the United States dating back to the 19th century. Beginning with legitimate stages and later cinema theatres, Los Angeles boasted more than several thousand theatres sprawling throughout the entire Los Angeles area by the 1920s. Every main street in every town had a theatre on it, and by the time movies came to Los Angeles there were even more built that were bigger and better.

Los Angeles had a grand legitimate theatre history since the mid-19th century as described by famed stage and film actor Hobart Bosworth, who worked in several of the downtown theatres in the 1880s and 1890s. Bosworth described the theatre world of Los Angeles as "surprisingly robust and patronized by thousands of residents who were knowledgeable about the plays and players." Los Angeles had its first semi-permanent stage, an open-air covered platform with a proscenium arch near the Plaza in 1848, but the most important theater to be built in Los Angeles was the 1,200-seat Ozro Childs Grand Opera House, built in 1884 on Main Street near First. From the mid-1880s, Los Angeles became a regular stop for touring theatrical companies, starring some of the world's most illustrious stars including Sarah Bernhardt, Maurice Barrymore, Lillian Russell, Anna Held and Lionel Barrymore, among many others.

When the movies came to Los Angeles in the form of a "phonograph and Kinetoscope Parlor," people began slowly to patronize the new type of entertainment, leading the way for the enlargement of the "parlor" theater into the *Nickelodeon* theatre.

Marc Wanamaker, owner of the Bison Archives in Los Angeles, works in many aspects of film production, exhibition and research and is a world expert-consultant in film history. He has graduate degrees from Cal State Northridge, UCLA and USC in Theatre Arts, music and history, and administrative experience with the American Film Institute. For the past five years, Marc has been teaching film history at UCLA Extension. He has written many books on such subjects as Los Angeles; Beverly Hills; Hollywood; Theatres of Los Angeles; and two upcoming volumes on Studio City and Westwood/UCLA. Marc is a member of the prestigious theatrical

Wanamaker family from Europe and the United States. I know you will enjoy this as much as I did, and we thank Marc for sharing his great knowledge.

— Hynda



Guest Columnist,
Marc Wanamaker



The Childs Grand Opera House, 1920.

History Comes Alive!

Tales From the City Archives



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

Thomas L. Tally of Waco, Tex., became the first local exhibitor when he opened his Phonograph and Kinetoscope Parlor in August 1896 at 311 S. Spring St. This open-front store contained six viewing machines. Soon, Tally acquired a Vitascope projector and renamed his establishment the Phonograph, Kinetoscope and Vitascope Parlor. With the proliferation of films being distributed to Los Angeles from the East Coast by the Edison Film Co., Tally opened the Electric Theater at 262 S. Main St. in 1902, the first real movie house, a sit-down theatre with 200 seats. The Philharmonic Auditorium opened in 1906, overlooking Pershing Square, and by 1915 theater owner William H. Clune took over the theater and began showing motion pictures there with D.W. Griffith's *The Birth of a Nation*. By 1919, downtown Los Angeles's Broadway had both Vaudeville and movie palaces, attracting thousands to see the films of the day.

Only a few of these early theatres exist today. Examples include the Cameo Theater, built in 1910, which was the oldest continuously running movie theater in Los Angeles when it closed in 1991, and the Clune's Broadway Theater, which opened in the same year. They became very popular theaters during the early 20th century. The Globe Theater, which opened in 1913, became a flea market. The Rialto theater opened in 1917 along with the Kinema on Grand Avenue. The Million Dollar Theater, showman Sid Grauman's first Los Angeles picture palace, opened in 1918.

With the coming of the 1920s, more movie palaces opened on Broadway, and they included grand theatres including The Loew's State Theater, which opened in 1921, and Grauman's Metropolitan Theatre in 1923. The Orpheum, which opened in 1926, was the Los Angeles showcase for the Orpheum Vaudeville circuit and a favorite venue for performers Will Rogers, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, and Jack Benny. The United Artists Theater was opened by Charlie Chaplin, Mary Pickford, Douglas Fairbanks and D.W. Griffith in 1927 in the "Hollywood-Gothic" style. The Mayan Theater on South Hill Street, which also opened in 1927 in a "Hollywood-Mayan" style, had been completely renovated into a nightclub in recent times. By 1931, the only other theater to open in downtown Los Angeles before the Great Depression was the French "Versailles"-style Los Angeles Theatre, which opened with the premiere of Charles Chaplin's *City Lights* in 1931.

At the same time that downtown Los Angeles theaters were being built since 1915, other parts of Los Angeles



Orpheum Theatre, Broadway, 1931.

were also building theaters to service their respective neighborhoods.

Examples of some of the more famous theaters in the greater Los Angeles area included the Wiltern Theatre, which opened in 1931 at Wilshire Boulevard and Western Avenue. This grand Art Deco theatre is still one of Los Angeles's greatest architectural treasures and attracts thousands of music lovers for varied musical shows and musical groups. Other midtown theaters designed in the more traditional Spanish-Italian style of architecture included the Belmont Theatre at 126 South Vermont Ave., which opened in 1926, and the Uptown Theatre at Western Avenue and Tenth Street (now Olympic Boulevard), which opened in 1925 with one of the largest electric signs on the West Coast. The Westlake Theatre on South Alvarado Street, built in 1926, had its neon sign recently restored and can be seen for miles around.

One of the more interesting architectural landmark theatres is the Forum, at 4050 West Pico Blvd. Architect Edward J. Borgmeyer designed in the grand style of ancient Rome. Opening in 1924 with D.W. Griffith's *America*, the theater today still exists as a church. Wilshire Boulevard, which became one of Los Angeles's longest thoroughfares, had become one of the city's concentrations of movie theatres. Some of the more prominent theaters included the Four Star at 5112 Wilshire Blvd. in the Art Deco style; the Fox Ritz Theatre, on the south-east corner of La Brea and Wilshire Boulevard; the Fox La Brea, built in 1932; the Larchmont Theatre, which opened in 1921; the El Rey the-



Million Dollar Theatre, Broadway, 1920.

atre, a 900-seat Art Deco jewel that opened in 1937 and still exists in the form of a nightclub today; and the Fairfax Theatre at Fairfax and Beverly Boulevard, which was transformed into a multiplex like many around the Los Angeles area during the 1980s and 1990s.

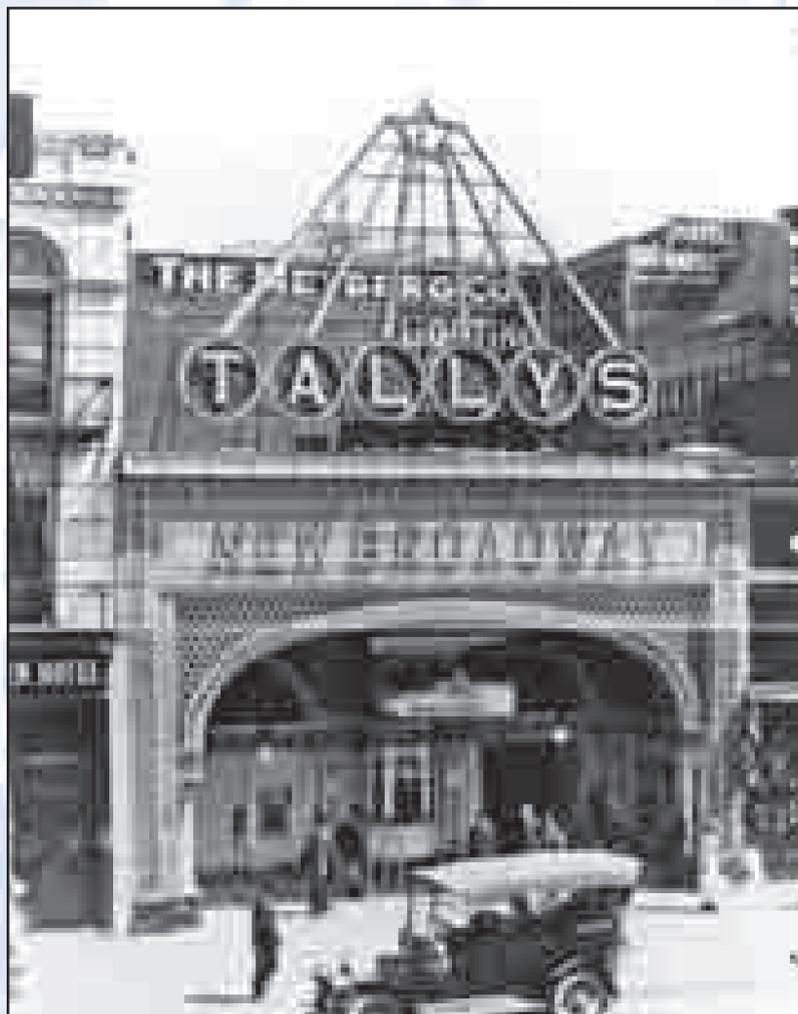
One of the greatest of the midtown theater landmarks was the Carthay Circle Theatre, which was once located at 6316 San Vicente Blvd. Opened in 1926 in the Spanish Revival style, its circular auditorium and 140-foot tower were unique among Los Angeles theatres. The interior was a tribute to the early years of California's history, featuring murals illustrating pioneer times. When the Carthay Circle Theatre opened, the *Los Angeles Times* proclaimed it "The Beacon light of amusement seekers." Since its original opening, the Carthay Circle was the site of many Hollywood premieres, including the West Coast premiere of *Gone With the Wind*.

NEXT MONTH:

The Theatres
of Hollywood,
Brentwood and
the Valley.

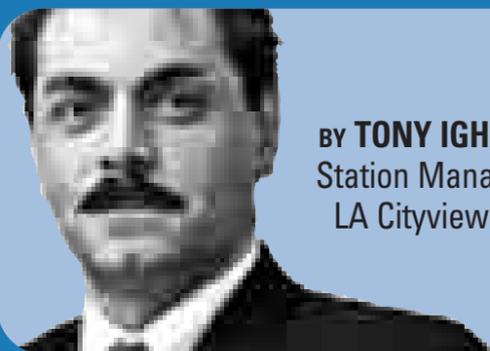


Wiltern Theater, Western and Wilshire Boulevards, 1932.



Tally's New Broadway Theater, Downtown L.A., 1909.

Tuned In



BY TONY IGHANI
Station Manager,
LA Cityview 35



Happy New Year!

I hope all readers of *Alive!* had an enjoyable holiday season and that 2009 will be a very prosperous year for all.

Last year, we launched our Internet live streaming and video on-demand. Since then, lots of new programs have been added to the library. Visit www.lacityview.org and check out the video on-demand library. As is true for many new Websites, ours is a work in progress, and we are excited about upcoming features to improve your online experience. We are always interested in viewer feedback, so let us know what you think and how we can better organize and enhance the site. Thank you and happy viewing/surfing.

Programming Highlights in January

Disability Forum

In the next series of *Disability Forum* shows, we will feature a fascinating variety of topics and guests.

For the third year, our camera and microphone toured the Department on Disability's Accessible City Expo, held in October at the Convention Center. Several exhibitors will be featured, along with remarks by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.

Two programs will spotlight well-respected agencies that provide services to segments of the disability community: the Greater Los Angeles Agency on Deafness (GLAD), and the Junior Blind of America (JBA). Key staff from both organizations will discuss what services are being provided to persons who are deaf or hard-of-hearing, and blind or visually impaired.

The final show will take another look at the activities of the City Commission on Disability with two of its members: Chair Sam Overton, and Member Louis Herrera. You'll learn what issues are important and how the Commission is addressing them.

Please join us each Thursday at 9:30 p.m.

L.A. Business Today

This month, veteran TV hosts Bob and Sharon Jimenez will be joined by experts in healthcare, banking, real estate and the nightclub industry in two new episodes of *LA Cityview 35's L.A. Business Today*.

The shows will feature in-field reporting and in-studio interviews with business leaders who will enlighten viewers about survival in today's tough economy.

Bob Jimenez talks to the chief of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce,

Gary Toebben, about how the Chamber is helping businesses stay alive in the recession. Meanwhile, Sharon Jimenez delves into President Barack Obama's new economic cabinet with "Joe the Banker," Joseph Lynyak of Veneable, Inc., and chases the story on real estate with Patrick Duffy, a veteran developer and popular blogger who helps people understand what's happening in his business.

Then, there's the nightlife! Bob goes out after dark with producer Jessica Jimenez to visit nightclub guru Mike Malin, who says business is still going strong even in the recession.

Checking the pulse on healthcare, one of the biggest business reform topics in the nation, Bob talks to non-profit healthcare leader Jim Mangia, CEO of St. John's Well Child and Family Center Clinics about how he is taking care of thousands of the city's poorest residents in South L.A.

Airs: Monday, Jan. 5 and 19 at 11 a.m. and 10 p.m.; Thursday, Jan. 15 and 29 at 11 a.m.

We Are L.A.!

A new year brings three new episodes of *We Are L.A.!* – a new series produced by *LA Cityview 35* and the City's Human Relations Commission (HRC), which made its debut last month. The series highlights HRC's work to build communities and enhance intergroup relations by facilitating dialogues between the various people and groups who reside in our great City. Each episode is hosted by Richard Montoya, an author, actor, writer and playwright who is a founding member of the well-known alternative theater company, Culture Clash.

Immigrant Integration and Civic Engagement – Los Angeles is the most diverse city in the world. Fifty percent of

our City's residents are foreign-born, and some 224 native languages and dialects are spoken here. Immigrants are integral to the fabric of the City, but their presence continues to be a subject of discussion and controversy. Panelists on this program discuss the work of the Korean Resource Center, Inquilinos Unidos, the UCLA Labor Center, and the Asian Pacific Legal Center, all members of the City HRC Immigration Advisory Board.

Human Relations in Education – The diversity of cultures in Los Angeles often leads to a lack of understanding, friction and even violence among various ethnicities and other groups in our schools. The Human Relations Commission is working on campuses to create a new culture of understanding and cooperation among students.

Immigrants and the Global Economy – The Los Angeles economy ranks third among world cities. Since we have the largest percentage of foreign-born residents of any city in the United States, it is important to take all of these factors into consideration as we discuss and enact policies and legislation, which may ultimately serve as models for other cities and for the nation at large.

Airs: Thursday, Jan. 8 and 22 at 11 a.m.; Monday, Jan. 12 and 26 at 11 a.m. and 10 p.m.

Your Police Commission

New episodes of **Your Police Commission** are now debuting showcasing some of the latest topics being addressed by the Police Commission, the five-member panel overseeing the LAPD. Executive Director Richard Tefank hosts these timely discussions of public safety topics that impact us all.

Airs: Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.

Newsbrief

INTERNET SAFETY FOR CHILDREN:

Los Angeles City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo, the City's chief prosecutor, recently joined with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) and the Salesian Boys and Girls Club to kick off the City of Los Angeles' Child Abuse and Internet Safety Awareness PSA Campaign. The campaign is designed to raise awareness, prevent child sexual exploitation, and promote Internet safety.

"As the City's chief prosecutor, I am constantly confronted with the horrific impact of child sexual abuse and the dangers of online predators," said City Attorney Delgadillo. "In LA County, the number of child abuse reports has soared to more than 160,000 annually. And as we all know, far too many abused kids grow up to become hardened criminals. It's not just the kids who suffer. Child abuse has a devastating impact upon our society as well."

Studies show that children who experience abuse and neglect are 59% more likely to be arrested as a juvenile, and childhood abuse and neglect increase the likelihood of adult criminal behavior by 28% and violent crime by 30 percent. More than 68 percent of adult male felons were victims of child abuse and neglect before the age of 12, with 64 percent experiencing physical abuse.

"It's clear that combating ongoing child sexual abuse is critical to protecting our kids, and preventing future crime," added City Attorney Delgadillo.

The new PSA campaign hopes to fight child sexual abuse and online sexual predators. Research indicates that 1 in 5 girls and 1 in 10 boys will be sexually victimized before they reach adulthood. Also, according to the latest online victimization research, about 1 in 7 youth online (10 to 17 years-old) received a sexual solicitation or approach over the Internet.

The new PSA campaign hopes to combat these often unrecognized and underreported issues, by increasing the visibility of available resources. The City Attorney's Office will begin distributing five compelling posters created by NCMEC that use compelling photos combined with powerful text and headlines that emphasize the need for action. City prosecutors will distribute these poster-size flyers to various community organizations, libraries, community centers and schools so that they can be seen by parents and members of the community throughout LA County.

"We commend City Attorney Delgadillo for drawing attention to the issue of child sexual exploitation," said Ernie Allen, NCMEC President and CEO. "We know that awareness is critical in our efforts to make children safer and we are grateful to partners like the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office who help us reach millions more with these potentially life saving messages. Through this campaign, the City Attorney's Office hopes to convey three main messages:

- Child sexual exploitation is a major problem.
- If you suspect child abuse or child sexual exploitation, report it to law enforcement.
- After you have reported the exploitation to law enforcement, it is very important to notify the NCMEC.

The NCMEC encourages the public to access prevention information and report these crimes against children through NCMEC's Hotline (1-800-843-5678) or online at www.cybertipline.com.

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



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City Teamwork Saves Puppies

Airports, Animal Services team up to save dogs from puppy mill plight, and put them up for adoption.

Ten purebred jet-setting "puppy mill" survivors were available for adoption from LA Animal Services Dec. 20, highlighting the need for domestic law enforcement officials to focus more attention on the horrors of the international "puppy mill" industry both in the United States and abroad. Puppy mills are factory-style dog-breeding operations that provide a non-stop supply of purebred puppies to a public with a seemingly insatiable appetite for them.

The plight of the five Yorkies and five Maltese puppies intercepted at LAX with falsified health documentation in June is a prime example of how the demand for purebreds has created a situation ripe for abuse. City Councilmember Tony Cardenas joined Ed Boks, General Manager of LA Animal Services and other local officials today at the East Valley Animal Care Center to unveil the puppies and discuss their significance in a context that touches not only on local pet overpopulation but also international trade and homeland security.

In June three shipments of puppy mill dogs flown into LAX from the Far East on Seoul, Korea-based Asiana Airlines were intercepted and confiscated by LA Animal Services and LA County Public Health officials. Ten dogs survived: five underage Yorkies and five eight-week-old Maltese puppies. However, accompanying health certificates falsely claimed they were four months old and ignored health issues present when they arrived.

"Federal Law requires imported puppies under three months old to be quarantined until one month after they receive their rabies vaccination, which means five months of age in California," said Ed Boks, LA Animal Services general manager. "Incorrect paperwork could lead to puppies not being quarantined or vac-

inated appropriately, placing other animals and humans potentially at risk. Combating these violations is labor-intensive and we need to fight for support at all levels of government to be able to do a more thorough job."

This enforcement action prompted the November formation of an unprecedented multi-agency animal cargo task force to conduct a three-week survey of incoming animals at LAX. The goal was to determine the volume, types and condition of animals entering the country via international air carriers. The Task Force, led by LA Animal Services and LA County Public Health, included the Los Angeles World Airports, U.S. Centers for Disease Control, U.S. Transportation Security Administration, plus local animal control agencies SEAACA, Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley, Inland Valley Humane Society, Long Beach Animal Control, Santa Ana Animal Control, Orange County Animal Care Services, Pasadena Humane Society, Riverside Animal Services, and SPCA-LA. The task force conducted 88 full inspections and chronicled dozens of additional shipments during the survey period.

"This task force is an outstanding example of interagency collaboration of a sort we strive for in all of our law enforcement efforts," said L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.

While complete results of the survey are still being compiled, preliminary findings demonstrated that puppy mills are not only a U.S. problem. Overseas commercial mass dog-breeding facilities that put profit above the welfare of dogs are attempting to flood the U.S. market even as domestic agencies work to increase shelter adoptions and fight pet overpopulation on the local front. Because the imported animals could carry disease or be used in outlandish smuggling schemes, these inspections also have both public health and homeland security implications. The survey found at least five shipments with falsified documentation, involving more than 35% of the dogs inspected during the three-week period.

The ten puppies rescued in June were available for adoption Dec. 20, with interest in them running high. In such cases, LA's Municipal Code Article 3, Section 53.11 currently requires that each one be made available through an auction if more than one party wants to adopt the animal.

These puppies are more fortunate than many puppy mill survivors. In the loving care of LA Animal Services for five months they have recovered from or avoided the typical diseases, injuries and behavioral issues that often manifest in puppy mill dogs unwittingly purchased from pet stores. However, the Department is still concerned that these survivors could develop other types of physical or behavioral issues as a result of improper breeding and poor living conditions during their formative first weeks of life.

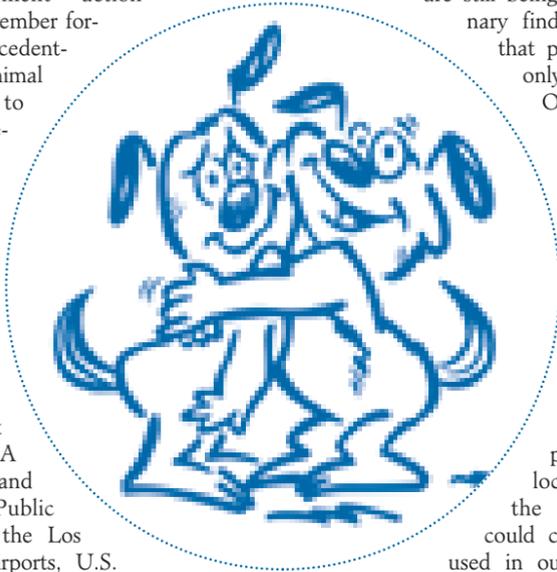
LA Animal Services is utilizing the City ordinance required adoption-auction process to help ensure that the new owner/guardians of these puppies will have sufficient financial means to afford the medical costs that are likely to be incurred over the lifetime of these animals.

Councilmember Tony Cardenas introduced the puppies to the public and the media at the East Valley Animal Care Center earlier last month.

"Puppy mills are inherently as inhumane an operation as one can imagine," Cardenas said. "While these puppies are popular with kids and families, they don't know what kind of treatment or inbreeding they've been subjected to. When you add the rigors and stresses of overseas transport to the mix, you're asking for serious problems. Animal Services is approaching this the right way, with the long-term welfare of the dogs in the forefront."

"The challenge is daunting," said Boks. "South Korea's Ministry of Environment recently reported it intends to categorize dogs as livestock to regulate the sanitation practices of large-scale dog breeders.

According to the ministry, there are about 720,000 dog farms in South Korea, raising some 2.3 million dogs as of December of 2005."



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A Very Generous Rumble

Annual Motorcycle Run delivers toys and donations to hospitalized children.



Santa's reindeers took the day off as DWP Employees – and members of two area motorcycle clubs – took on the duty of delivering toys to children in the L.A. County Harbor-UCLA Medical Center's pediatric ward.

The groups' fifth annual Motorcycle Toy Run took place Dec. 7. The DWP employees teamed up with members from the Sundowners Motorcycle Club from the San Fernando Valley, and the Our Gang Motorcycle Club.

Santa Claus, who bore a strong resemblance to Ray Reynoso, Toy Run Founder and DWP Heavy Duty Truck Operator, gathered everyone at Catch 21 Seafood Restaurant. Thanks to the City Council, Fifth Street was closed from Central Avenue to Gladys Avenue so the many motorcycles could line up on the street. At 8:25 a.m., the roar of engines could be heard from many blocks away.

As the riders got off their motorcycles, they walked to the west side of Catch 21's parking lot to sign waivers and drop off their toys. They also bought raffle tickets to raise money for Child Life Services. This program at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center helps the half-pint patients deal with their illnesses, and their parents and siblings cope with having a loved one in the hospital.

More than \$4,300 was raised as part of the raffle. The Club donated City watches for the raffle. Other contributors included: Austin Contracting and Associates; Bartels' Harley-Davidson; BJ's Restaurants, Inc.; Black Bike Wheels; Bubba Gump Shrimp Company Restaurant and Market; California Harley-Davidson/Buell; Catch 21 Seafood Restaurant; Claim Jumper Restaurants, LLC; Corbin Pacific Inc.; Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort Hotel and Casino; Elephant Bar Restaurant; EyeRide; Fuse Beverage LLC; Harley-Davidson/Buell of Glendale; Hollywood Chamber of Commerce; In-N-Out Burger; Islands; Johnny's Bar and Grill; Laidlaw's Harley-Davidson; Linens-n-Things; Los Angeles Harley-Davidson; Pirate's Dinner Adventure; Sectran Security, Inc.; Staples Center Foundation; The Westin Bonaventure Hotel and Suites; Utopia Optics, Inc.; Water and Power Community Credit Union; Wholesale Art and Frames; and Yard House.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing, Richard Pacheco – DWP Electrical Distribution Mechanic, showed his generous heart by donating a large portion of his winnings back to the cause. With that heart-felt gesture, everybody proceeded to his or her motorcycles and cars to begin the run. The LAPD Central Traffic Division pulled out the red carpet for the more than 200 riders. More than a dozen police officers, on motorcycles themselves, led the Toy Run participants from Central Avenue on Fifth Street all the way to the Harbor (110) freeway.

The "angels" watching over the riders were the LAPD Helicopter Unit personnel, who flew over the caravan of motorcycles and chirped the siren to let the riders know they were being watched over.

Once the riders arrived at the hospital, Cristie Suzukawa-Abo, the hospital's Director of Child Life Services, walked the children who were well enough to step outside to watch the riders and look at the motorcycles. She was touched by all



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the toys as well as the cash donation.

Two Kris Kringles deserve special recognition: Wisarn Petch, Communications Electrician, DWP, who not only devoted time and effort into making the Toy Run T-shirts and hats but also donated all the proceeds, totaling \$2,310 from the sale of these items; and Charles James of Austin Contracting and Associates, for the generous donation of \$1,000.

After arrival, a select few motorcycles were taken to the pediatric ward for the other children to see. The children were just as surprised when they saw the motorcycle exit the elevator onto their floor. One little boy was allowed to sit on the motorcycle.

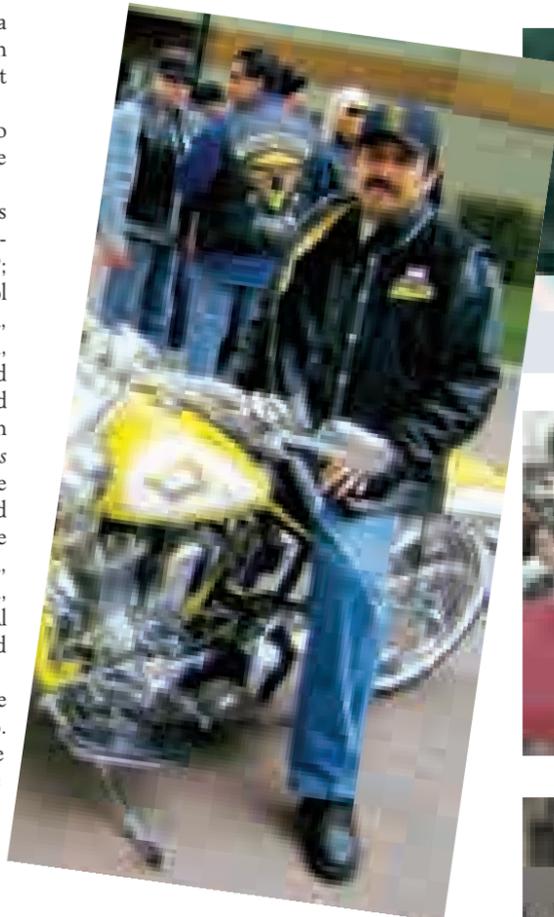
How do you make a biker guy cry? Have him deliver toys to a bedridden child connected to machines that appear to be as big if not bigger than the child is.

When all the toys were delivered, Santa Claus and his helpers returned to the North Pole. Mr. Herrera and his motorcycle rolled out first, followed by Santa Claus and his helpers.

After leaving the hospital, riders gathered to eat, relax, and talk about this amazing experience at the Ports O'Call Restaurant in San Pedro.

Santa Claus would like to give special thanks to all the sponsors; all the participants; the non-riding volunteers; Bronko Anderson, DWP; Nora Castaño, Los Angeles Unified School District; Gervaise Estrada, DWP; Janet Petch, Granada Hills High School; Harris Sutherland, DWP; the LAPD Central Traffic Division and Helicopter Unit; the City Council and Councilmember Jan Perry; American Legion Post #804; The Live Ride, the *Thunder Press Quick Throttle Motorcycle Magazine*; The Sundowners M.C. SFV; Our Gang M.C.; and last but not least, the 2008 Motorcycle Christmas Toy Run Committee: Greg Algorri, DWP, Ray Algorri, DWP, Brad Ditzel, DWP/Sundowners; Ruben Montoya; DWP, Al Ramirez of The Gas Company/Our Gang; and Ida Torres, DWP.

Next year's sixth annual Motorcycle Christmas Toy Run will be held Sunday, Dec. 6. Santa Claus invites all classic cars to join the motorcycles. Anyone wanting to volunteer time or have new ideas is welcomed to call Ray Reynoso, (562) 857-9888, or Ida Torres, (626) 298-5808.





Alive! AROUND THE WORLD IN 2008



Kirbati



Andrew Sincosky, Planning, Retired

***Alive!* has traveled around the world with Club Members!**

The dots on this map, which hangs at Club Headquarters, show all the location where the *Alive!* newspaper has been.



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

Hawaii



Jim and Kathie Dixon, Public Works/Sanitation, retired

Italy



C.T. Feng, Club Member

Mexico



Germain Mendoza, Housing

United Arab Emirates



Leticia G. Yapana, DWP

Panama



Anselmo Collins, DWP

Hawaii



Robert Aguirre, General Services/Fleet Services, and his wife, Barbara

Nicaragua



The wife of George Cormany, LAPD



Club Members went to so many places in 2008 that it's hard (and fun!) to keep up with you! But here's a recap of your travels.

To what great corners of the earth will you go to take your *Alive!* this year? We can't wait to see, so send in those photos!

Greece



Richard Wuerth, General Services

Hawaii



Christine Tabirara, LADBS

Philadelphia



Alive! editor John Burnes

Philippines



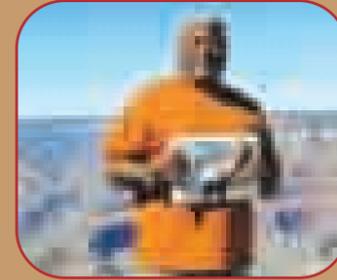
Norman (DWP) and Florian (LAPD) Faner

Brazil



Gary Koteas, Club Member

Arizona



Mark Stewart, Transportation

England



Dr. Ed Krupp, Griffith Observatory Director, at the International Date Line.

Argentina



Debbie Scanlon, City Attorney's Office

Italy



Annie Cortes, DWP

Bali



Lorean Soo Hoo, LAPD

California



James Howlett, Harbor

Maryland



Paul M. O'Carroll, Public Works/Contract Administration



Michigan



John Humphrey, Harbor

Germany



Mike Boyd, West Valley Sanitation

Florida



Carmen Y. Steward, Fire and Police Pensions

China



Michael Christensen, Deputy Executive Director, Development; Harbor

Brazil



Alex Lopez, DWP Central Yard

Utah



Michael Leighton, General Services, Club Board Member

Italy



Daniel Garcia, Harbor

Germany



Richard Radmacher, Retired, DWP

England



Russell Brown, Rec and Parks

Australia



James Howlett, Harbor, and his wife, Valerie

California



George Cormany, LAPD

Malaysia



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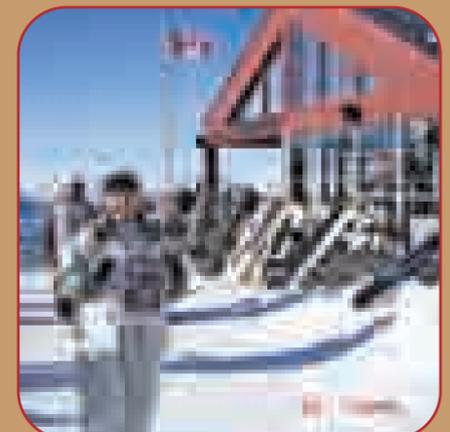
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Alessandra, the daughter of Renne Gardner, Housing

Canada



Yvette Sanchez-Owens, LAPD



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Mark Barrera, General Services/Fleet Services

Spain



Renate Siskind, DWP

China



Patrick Tomcheck, Airports

Australia



Mike Elling, LAPD

Mexico



Mike Boyd, Public Works/West Valley Sanitation

Greece



Cecil, DWP, and Sochi Reyes

Utah



Bob Hill, DWP

Vietnam



Cuong Nguyen, ITA

Florida



Sarah Farrell, LAPD

Argentina



Peggy Cliburn, DWP

Alaska



Frances Mooney, Retired LACERS

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Club CEO John Hawkins

Russia



Leticia G Yapana, DWP, and husband

New York



Kevin Chatman, DWP

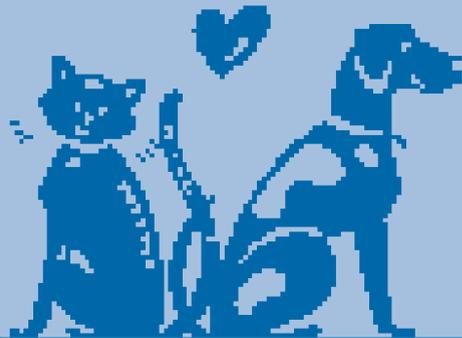
Australia



Simone McDade

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:



SONNY

Sonny is a beautiful one-year old male, brown and white amstaff mix with the most soulful eyes. He loves to run and needs lots of toys and walks.

ID#A0994943 – North Central Animal Care Center.



MAX

Max is a one-year, nine-month-old neutered male white and black terrier. He was surrendered by his owners because their landlord didn't allow dogs. He is very friendly and likes other dogs and cats!

ID#A0880392 – North Central Animal Care Center.



COCO

Coco is a one-year-old male seal point Siamese mix that was surrendered by his owner due to landlord reasons. He is a big love-bug and gets along well with other cats.

ID#A0998211 – North Central Animal Care Center.



cottontail

Cottontail is a gorgeous three-month-old female white and gray shorthaired rabbit. She is a little shy but she is a sweetie.

ID#A0997801 – North Central Animal Care Center.



cheddar

Cheddar is a six-month old male orange and white domestic shorthair. He loves to play with his cat friends or your fingers! He is a sweet mischievous boy that would love a home for the New Year.

ID#A0998819 – North Central Animal Care Center.

Meet Your New Hope coordinator!



These animals are available for adoption at the North Central Animal Care Center is located at 3201 Lacy Street, Los Angeles 90031. Contact Ana Hernandez at (213) 485-8855.

Newsbrief

OPERATION SAFETY NET:

What would it take to keep your dog from entering a shelter? That one question saved seven dogs from entering the South LA shelter the past two weeks in December. While that may not seem like a lot, it's a start.

The Safety Net Program was scheduled to roll out at the end of 2008, initially in just the South LA Animal Care Center. A sign and postcards will be available in the Center lobby to inform dog owners how they can keep their pet when they think they have run out of options. This is how the program works.

"Dog owners sometimes come into the South LA Center feeling forced to surrender their dog," said Councilmember Herb Wesson, "because they can't afford to feed, vaccinate, spay/neuter, treat a minor medical issue, get basic obedience training, or even pay for a \$15 dog license. With Safety Net, LA Animal Services staff and volunteers encourage the dog owner to take his beloved pet home, and call the Downtown Dog Rescue phone number on the postcard given to them. This is a wonderful example of a community working together to solve one of the most basic problems a family might face."

When the dog owner calls the Downtown Dog Rescue Hotline Phone Number a volunteer will return the call within 48 to help address the situation that brought the dog owner to the shelter.

"Often, 'the problem' is a combination of several issues, said Lori Weise, founder of Downtown Dog Rescue. "Most dogs need to be spayed or neutered, vaccinated, licensed, and training.

Monthly dog food deliveries are also a frequent request. These are not good reasons to give up a family member. Operation Safety Net is designed to help keep pets and families together."

"Safety Net is a collaboration with Downtown Dog Rescue, Karma Rescue, Paw'd Squad and LA Animal Services," said Ed Boks, general manager of LA Animal Services. "These three private organizations bring tremendous experience working with large breed dogs who are more frequently relinquished and euthanized at the shelter. We are thrilled to be working with them on this life saving program."

The program is not designed to help dogs surrendered because the owner is moving, or just doesn't have time for the dog; it is designed to help dog owners who want to keep their dog if only they had the resources. The program is modeled after Downtown Dog Rescue's successful 13 year-old Skid Row program to help homeless dog owners.

Visit: www.downtowndogrescue.org for more information.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT IN WATTS:

Councilwoman Janice Hahn, Dec. 10, approved an expansion of the Watts Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Project Area. The plan will greatly benefit the Watts area by allowing for much-needed improvements to the Jordan Downs housing complex, while also adding mixed-use development which would include community facilities and retail stores. The expansion would also enable the redevelopment of other public housing in the Watts area.

In April 2008, HACL A purchased the land adjacent to the Jordan Downs development, which is situated on Los Angeles county-owned property. The approved expansion takes full advantage of HACL A's acquisition, making it possible for the CRA and the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACL A) to pool their resources in order to revitalize the community.

"This is a very promising day for the Watts community. Not only will the neighborhood benefit from expanded and improved housing and services, but also from a much-needed economic boost."

The expansion, which will begin immediately and take eighteen months for completion, will also help increase potential tax revenue for the City of Los Angeles. This, in turn, will help to maximize economic development for the greater Watts area, leading to job creation and an improved economic engine.

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

CLUB HEADQUARTERS



E-Tickets: Your Ticket to Convenience

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

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

The test succeeded!

More Disneyland and SeaWorld tickets are delivered via email now outnumber those picked up physically at the Club Store, and those sent by U.S. Mail.

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



"We're working on bringing other events and attractions to the E-ticket system," said the Club's Ticket Guy, Navin Cotton.

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

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

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

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

Newsbrief

YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISM:

Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa, local elected officials, young environmental leaders, and teen celebrities welcomed an estimated 5,000 attendees to the 2008 Environmental Youth Conference Dec. 13, at the Los Angeles Convention Center, South Hall. The conference, themed "Get Your Green On," was hosted by the City of Los Angeles, and aimed to promote environmental awareness and responsibility in young Los Angeles residents through a high energy and interactive event that was "for the youth and by the youth."

Mayor Villaraigosa says, "By enlisting young people in this effort, we helped educate a new generation of environmentally aware Angelenos who, along with their future children and grandchildren, will enjoy the many fruits of a green Los Angeles. Our City's youth are the future of the green movement."

The Environmental Youth Conference presented numerous learning opportunities about green jobs, environmental issues and solutions. Event highlights included:

- Keynote speech by 14-year-old Alec Looz, the youngest *Inconvenient Truth* presenter trained by Al Gore.
- Workshops presented by youth that lead community projects focusing on urban forestry, water, recycling, and eco-consumption.
- Artist Alley that highlighted the work of local green teen artists that had environmentally-themed creations or that used recycled materials for art media.
- Meet and greet opportunities with green industry professionals such as tree surgeons, water quality experts, and scientists to encourage the youth to consider green careers.
- A green exhibit including LNG trash trucks and bio-diesel vehicles from MTV's *Pimp My Ride*.

Cynthia M. Ruiz, president of the Board of Public Works that oversaw the planning for the youth event, said, "Our second environmental youth conference was to be even bigger than last year's! We partnered with a lot of our informed and active youth environmentalists in the city to be our speakers, and be the ones to educate their peers about global warming. We witnessed the growth of an environmental youth movement here in Los Angeles."

The event's target audience was youth ages 12 to 21. It was held at the Los Angeles Convention Center, the City's premiere green facility recently gaining its Leadership for Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) from the United States Green Building Council. Sponsorships from private firms and local public agencies funded the event.

For more information about the 2008 Environmental Youth Conference, call Million Trees LA at (213) 473-9950 or visit www.milliontreesla.org.

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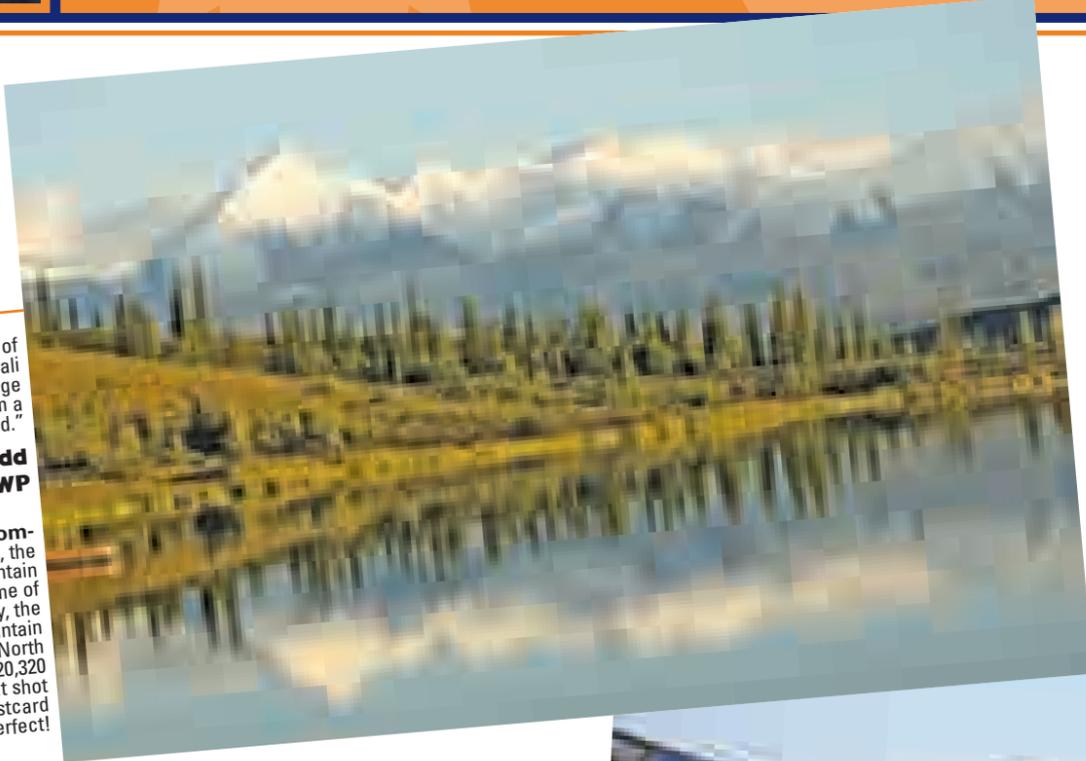
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John's Picture Perfect Contest



"This is a photo of the Denali Mountain Range [Alaska] from a reflection pond."

- **Todd Rother, DWP**

John's comments: Ahh, the Denali Mountain Range, home of Mt. McKinley, the highest mountain peak in North America (20,320 feet). A great shot Todd; postcard perfect!

"This photo was taken on a recent road trip to Northern California between Leggett and Fort Bragg. The sun shining through the Redwoods made this area look beautiful and very peaceful."

- **Letty Barnes, LAFD**

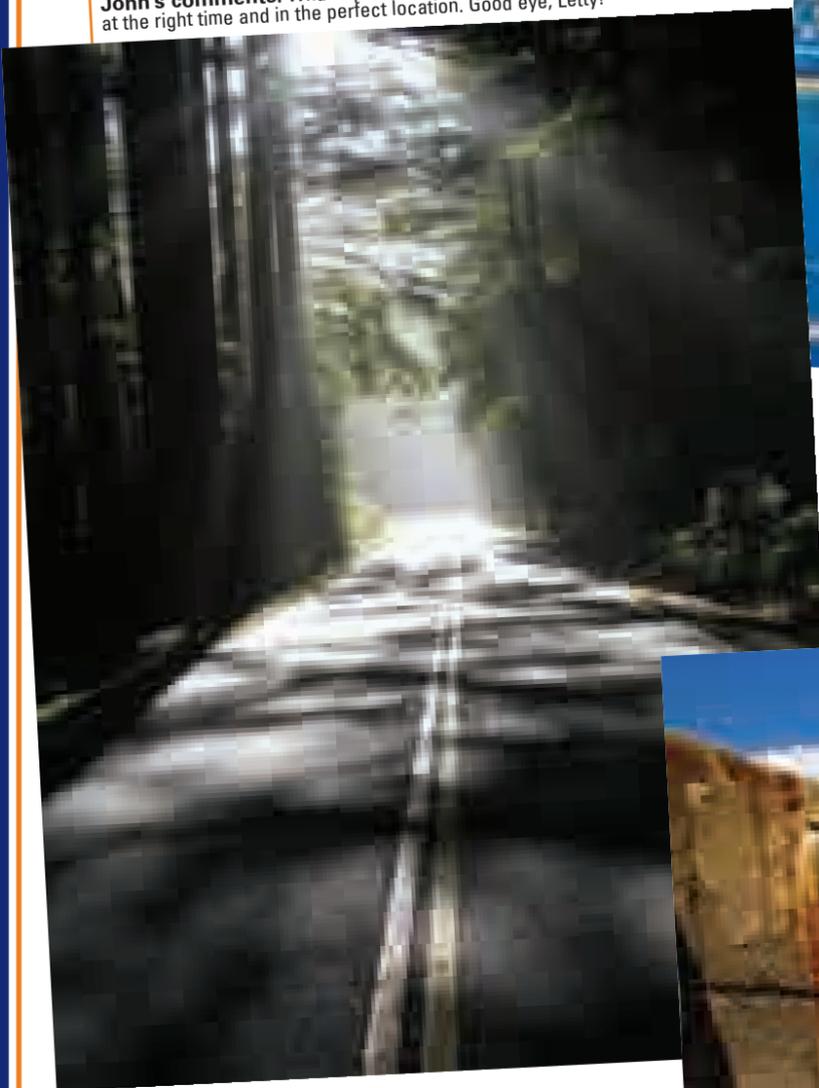
John's comments: What a perfect Northern California shot. You caught it at the right time and in the perfect location. Good eye, Letty!



"My daughter made me a bet last year that she could make honor roll both semesters, and if she did, she could spend the weekend at Seaworld for her birthday present July 5. This was during the Shamu show."

- **Chermaine Fontenette, East Valley truck operator**

John's comments: Chermaine, please let your daughter know I said, Congratulations on her making the honor roll for both semesters. And you make the honor roll for getting a perfect shot of everybody's buddy, Shamu! Nice job, Chermaine, in both raising your daughter and the use of your camera!



"This is a shot of the Step Pyramid of Sakkara, one of the oldest of Egypt's 110 pyramids at 4,000 years-plus, and the first to use limestone construction."

- **Brent Tuttle, Senior Construction Inspector**

John's comments: 4,000 years, that's pretty amazing. Sakkara also served as the burial ground for Kings of Memphis ... no, not for the "King of Rock 'n' Roll," but for ancient Egypt's "Memphis," which was the capital of ancient Egypt. Just a bit of trivia for this awesome photo!



Runners Up: Jose A. Gabon, DWP; Russell Harris, Public Works/Sanitation; Herman Wong, DWP; and Barbara Schosser

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!
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AIRPORTS

Ontario's Twins Turn 10

LA/Ontario celebrated the tenth anniversary of its twin terminals.

Story by Keyoko Barner, student intern, LA/Ontario

LA/Ontario International Airport marked the 10th anniversary of its twin terminals this fall. To commemorate the anniversary, Ontario hosted an open house in Terminal 2 and 4, where passengers were invited to view history boards and airport memorabilia. The airport also hosted an open house in the Administration Building (Terminal 1) for airport employees.

The last 10 years have seen many changes at Ontario, including:

- Completion of runway and taxiway improvements. The \$50 million Runway 26R/8L Reconstruction Project entailed reconstruction and lengthening of the runway. The \$20.2 million Taxiway N Westerly Extension Project included construction of a new 75-foot-wide concrete taxiway designed and constructed to be compatible with operation of new large aircraft.
- Upgrade of the airport's perimeter fencing and entrances. The \$14 million perimeter enhancements replaced existing airport perimeter fencing and constructed a concrete barrier base with chain link fence mounted on top. The project was designed to accommodate the future installation of intrusion detection and camera systems.
- The construction of a new Guardian Jet Center executive terminal, featuring state-of-the-

art conference rooms, pilots lounge, training room, sleep area, computerized flight planning facility, aviation fuel, flight catering and car rental desk.

- Construction of curbside and bus passenger canopies over areas not covered in the terminals' original construction.
- Installation of Wi-Fi wireless broadband access in the terminals and public areas.
- Development of a new 6,000-square-foot Ontario USO facility that can serve 20,000 active duty, reserve, and retired service members and their families each year. The facility is in Terminal 1, Ontario's former terminal.
- United Parcel Service began twice weekly cargo flights to China using Boeing 747 aircraft.

Congratulations to LA/Ontario's twin terminals!

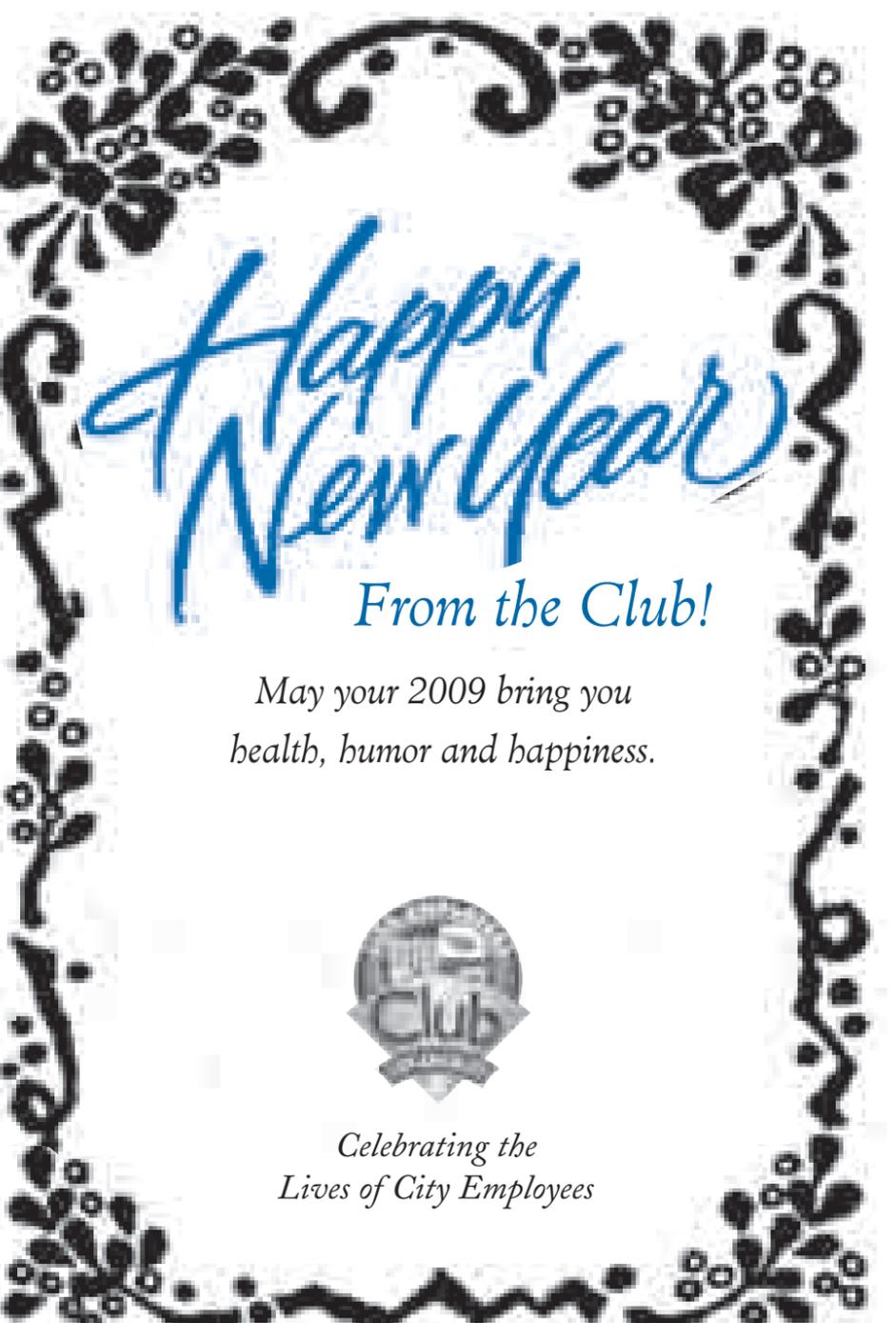


Airport employees (from left) Michael Garzon, Alecxih Lu, Michael Quiles and Diana Valencia view historical documents, photos and news clippings collected over the 10-year history of the terminals.



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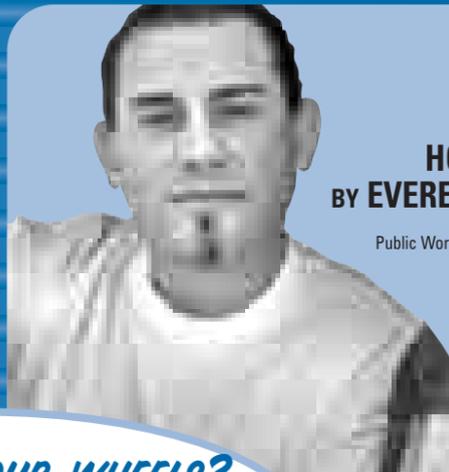
From the Club!

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THE CAR CLUB



HOSTED
BY **EVERETT BENNETT**
Assistant Inspector,
Public Works/Contract Administration

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(SEE DETAILS AT BOTTOM)

Wife's Ultimatum Leads To Restored '68 Eldorado

On a cold clear Valley morning, I found myself behind the wheel of a car I was falling in love with rather quickly. The more knobs I touched and the harder I stepped on the gas, the better we got along. It crossed my mind that instead of making the last right turn to return it to its rightful owner, I would keep going straight to my house. Then reality checked in and the thought that this car was restored and owned by one of LAPD's finest, I figured I wouldn't get very far. As I pulled back in the driveway, I felt a tear run down my cheek due to the sadness that I wasn't the proud owner of such a beautiful 1968 Cadillac Fleetwood Eldorado coupe.

Cadillacs have always stood for style, class and sophistication. Before every soccer mom in Southern California equipped herself with an Escalade to rule the highways, they had to cram all their kids into one of these sport luxury coupes with 375 horsepower. Personally, I would take this coupe over the Escalade.

Luis Aguilar, LAPD, acquired the car in 1998 from his friend's father, who took the car as payment for some plumbing work. It didn't take a whole lot of convincing or money for Luis to take ownership of the car. When I say not a lot of money, I mean \$125. Excuse me while I pick myself up off of the floor. After trailering the car home, Luis changed the valve cover gaskets, spark plugs, oil and all the other fluids. He turned the key and it fired right up! After driving it around the block a couple of times, he parked it and tinkered with it for almost a decade.

In early 2007, Luis' wife told him that he had to either restore the car or get rid of it. He said it wasn't a hard decision to make, so the next day the brake rotors and master cylinder were off of the car. After restoration, the car was then stopping on a dime and running excellently, so the next stop was probably one of the most important factors in the restoration process: bodywork. Sepulveda Auto Body was trusted with sanding, pulling, filling and prepping the body for the Jet Black paint. Painting a car black can be either a huge mistake or a great decision because every little ding you missed, scratches from sanding and "waves" in the bodywork from not block-sanding enough. Needless to say, Luis placed a lot of trust in the body shop to make his '68 as gorgeous in reality as it was in his dreams. Sepulveda Auto Body came through and helped bring its true beauty to the surface.

The last item on the agenda was the interior. With the surface of the car still wet from the paint process, Luis drove the car to Martin's Auto Upholstery in Canoga Park to tackle the interior. Matt, the owner, covered the seats and everything else in black vinyl and cloth. The interior and exterior really complement each other.



The last thing about this car that really makes it special is the fact it has a moon roof. It isn't factory, but it was driven straight from the dealership to California Sunroofs, where the moon roof was installed and made to retract into the body. Luis thinks it may be the only '68 with a moon roof. GM began offering the option of moon roofs in 1969.

This model car is based off of the Oldsmobile Toronado platform. For the most part it has the same bodylines and they are both front-wheel-drive vehicles. This was the third year that GM produced front-wheel-drive-cars, and even though you might think it wouldn't handle well, it's possible it would give a Honda Civic a run for its money.

I would like to thank Senior Lead Officer Luis Aguilar (Foothill Division) for his hospitality and allowing me to test-drive his beautiful Cadillac.



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

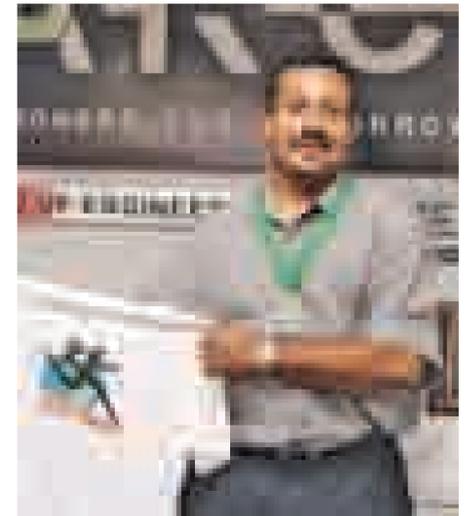
Send us your information, too – name, title and City department, a phone number (we won't print it) and a paragraph or two about why you love your car, what kind of car and year it is, and maybe some fun details of how you got it, how you restored it, etc. Send it all to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



PUBLIC WORKS

Run, John, Run

Engineering employee is on the fast track to fitness.



John McNeil holds the T-shirt he wore when he completed the City of Angels Half Marathon in December.

Story and photo by Ben Gaetos, Architectural Associate III, Public Works/Engineering

John McNeil, Architectural Associate II, Public Works/Engineering's Architectural Division, has come a long way in less than a year. The first time he ran three miles was just last spring. Now, he's running half-marathons.

The day after running three miles for the first time last spring, his legs and body were completely sore. He swore it would be impossible to finish the Pasadena Marathon/Half Marathon this past November.

John continued training with Club 26.2 at Marina Del Rey and gradually built up his endurance. The Pasadena Marathon was canceled due to poor air quality from the forest fires. John wasted no time and registered for the City of Angels Half Marathon in December.

Approximately 6,000 runners started from the Los Angeles Zoo to the finish at Downtown Civic Center. The course passed through scenic streets and landmarks of Griffith Park, Los Angeles River Bike Path, Hyperion Bridge, Silver Lake, Echo Park and the Second Street Tunnel before finishing near the Superior Court at Second Street and Broadway.

John's heart pounded loudly as soon as he saw the finish line within reach coming out from Second Street Tunnel.

The spirit of marathon is now infused in John's veins. The hard work paid off as John tackled the 13.1-mile distance in 3 hours and 14 minutes. He now has his first gold medal. We'll soon hear more about his adventures.

Congratulations, John! Keep going! And thanks to Ben Gaetos for sending in this inspirational story.
—Ed.

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Coloring with Lupe!

The *Alive!* Children's Coloring Contest

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:

February 15, 2009

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!

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



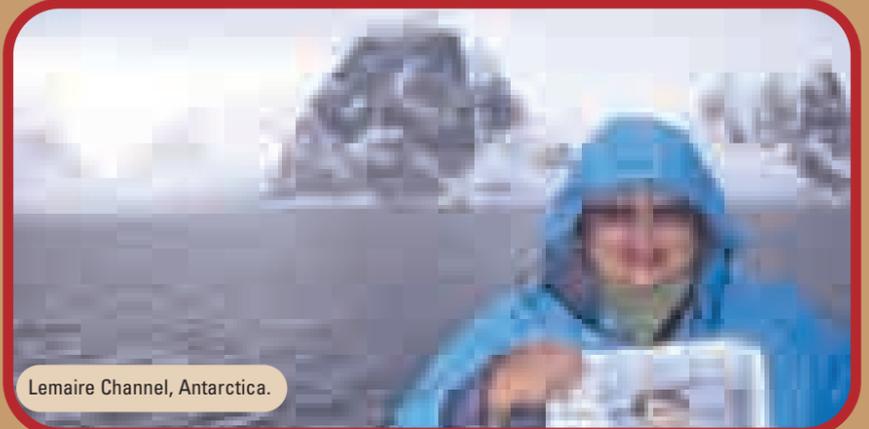


1 Alive! Goes to Antarctica!

Here are **Gina Enrile-Caguiat's** photos from her 13-day Antarctica Expedition aboard Hurtigruten's MS/FRAM. Gina works for **Public Works/Engineering**.



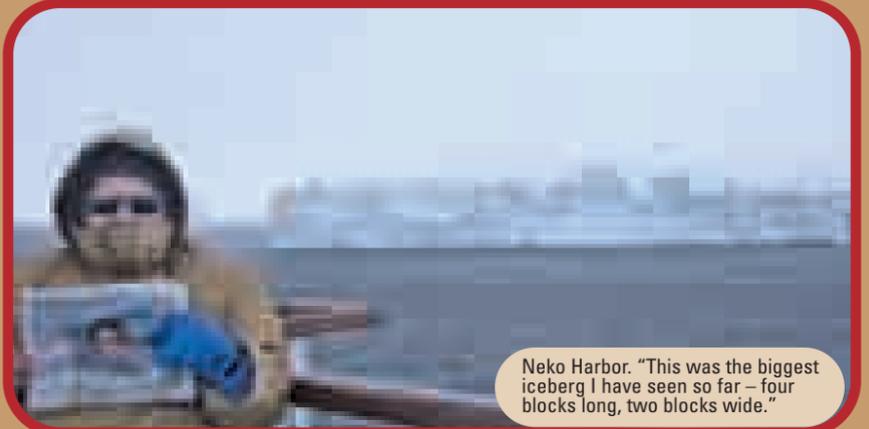
Ushuaia, Argentina, in front of the MS/FRAM.



Lemaire Channel, Antarctica.



Peterman Island, Antarctica, with gentoo penguins.



Neko Harbor. "This was the biggest iceberg I have seen so far – four blocks long, two blocks wide."

2 West Africa

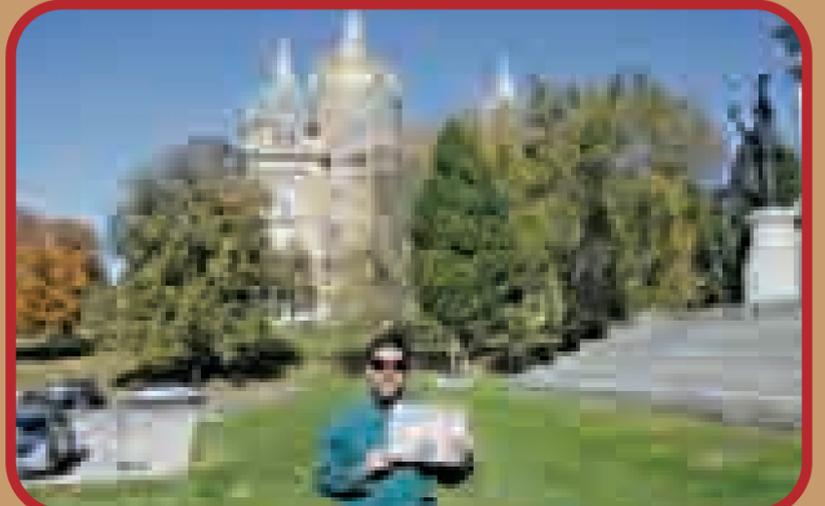


Joe Forson, DWP, in front of the University of Ghana, Legon, the oldest and largest University in Ghana, West Africa.

3 Arizona & Iowa



Here's **John Otoshi, DWP,** at the Grand Canyon and at the University of Iowa. "At the Grand Canyon, I ended up meeting someone from the DWP, who works at the Harbor Generating Station. Small world!"



Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



4 ... and Testing the Waters!

Here is **Efrain Gonzalez** "Testing the Waters" (as his issue of *Alive!* headlines) in the Cayman Islands. Efrain is a **Wastewater Manager I, Hyperion Treatment Division, Public Works/Engineering.**

"I had a lot of fun planning and taking these pictures," Efrain says. "I hope other people get a kick out of them. Also, as an added bonus, the person on the cover of the issue that I'm holding is my skiing buddy, Curtis Cash. His 15 minutes of fame continue for another month!"

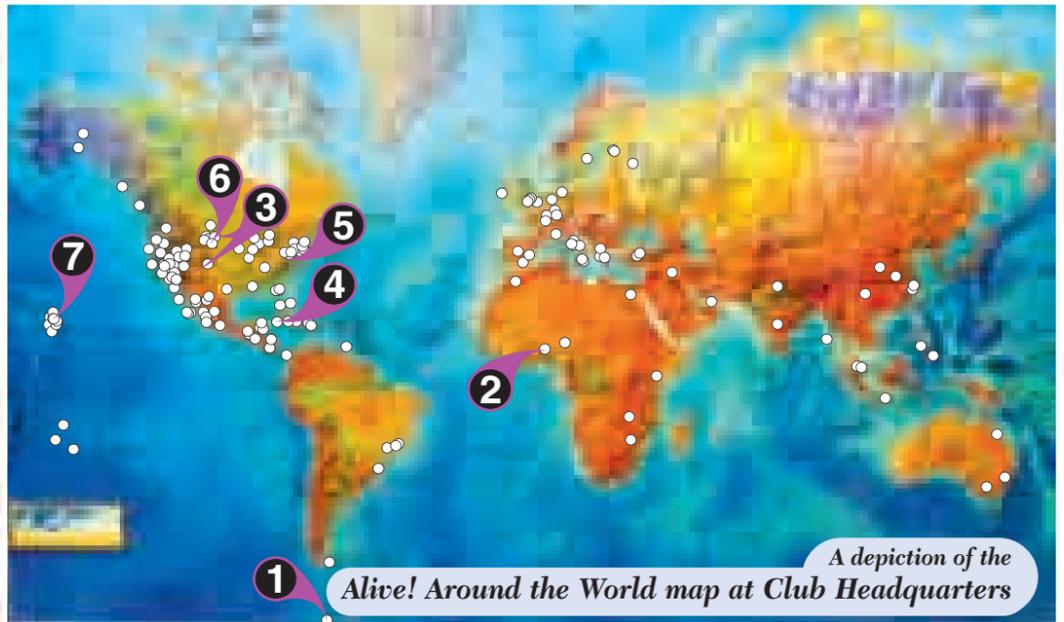
Efrain, these are amazing! Thanks for going through this amazing amount of work and sending in the photos.



Exploring the coral reef 60 feet below the surface, Grand Cayman.



Feeding the stingrays at Stingray City, Grand Cayman.



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

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6 Nebraska



Everett Bennett, Public Works/Contract Administration, and the Club's Car columnist, writes from the Midwest: "I went to Nebraska for a short summer vacation, and my parents' house is about 25 miles from the cabin where the song, 'Home on the Range,' was written. I went to see it, and I have the bad habit of going through people's mail, but I am glad I did. I just happened to find a copy of *Alive!* in their mailbox. The cabin is in Kansas about 15 miles south of the Nebraska border."

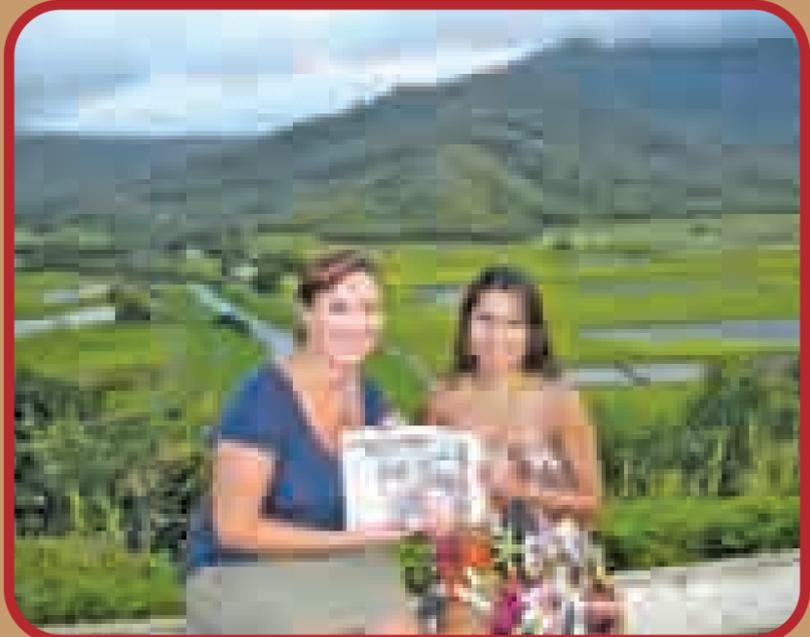
5 Washington, D.C.



"Here is a picture of my husband, **Rick Hill, Club Member,** in September on our trip to Washington, D.C. to attend an AARP convention and explore Washington, D.C. We were first-time visitors, and it was so exciting."

- Marilyn Hill

7 Hawaii



Here's a photo of **Jessica Bautista-Torres and Victoria Anaya, both Club Members and Harbor Department employees,** in Kauai.

Life insurance:

How Much Is Enough?

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

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

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

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

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

Getting the coverage you need

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

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

What to look for in a plan

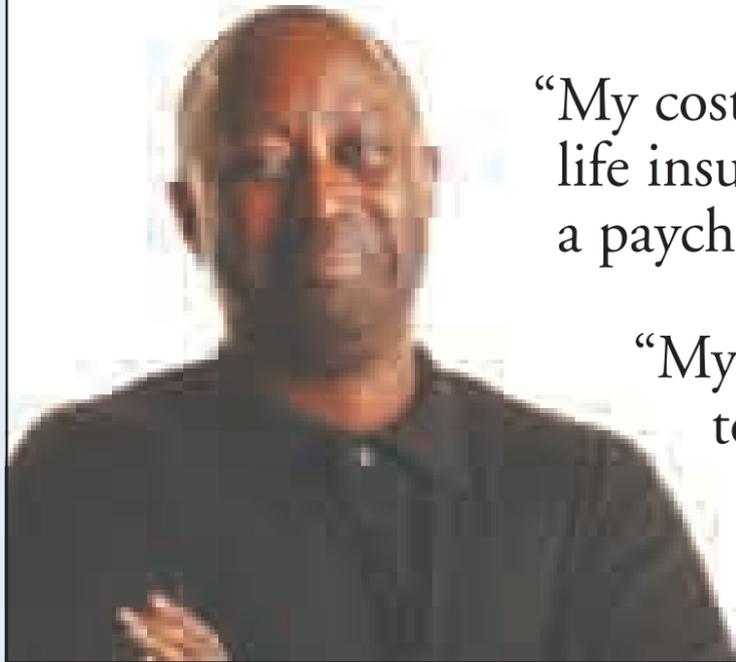
When evaluating term life insurance plans, here are some things to consider:

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

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

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

For active and retired City or DWP employees



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

“My advice? Take a minute to apply today.”

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

Life Insurance from the Club is a smart, easy choice

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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)		

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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:
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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.

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

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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

FILL OUT ONLY IF SPOUSE IS APPLYING FOR COVERAGE.

SPOUSE	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

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family plan covers spouse for 50% and children for 20%. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.

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Date:	Applicant's Signature: X
Date:	Spouse's Signature (if applying for insurance): X

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STEP 6. COMPLETE AND SIGN THE PAYROLL DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATION.

Payroll Deduction Authorization

Social Security #:	Name:	Department:
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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

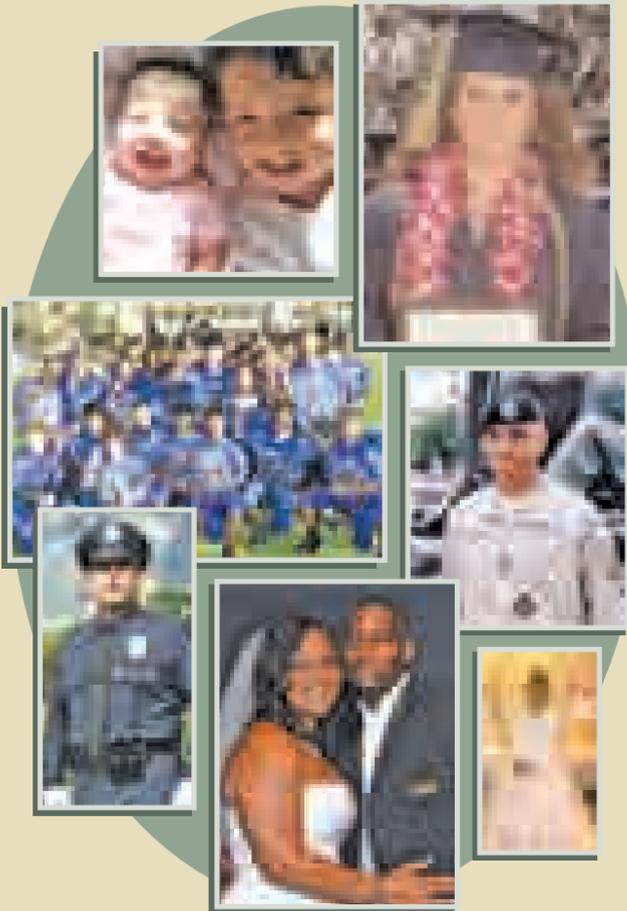
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 This law requires you be informed, when asked for your Social Security Number, that it must be provided for use in employment, personnel and payroll processes: Authority for requiring this information is based upon provision of the City's payroll and personnel candidate processing system operational prior to January 1, 1975 and applicable Federal Law.

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 Title of Referrer

 Address of Referrer

 City of Referrer

 State of Referrer

 Zip of Referrer

 Phone of Referrer

 Email of Referrer

 Date of Referral

Police Officer Recruitment Incentive Program (PORIP)

OPTIONAL

Signature Agreement: Please Print Candidate and Referrer Names in Order to Qualify

 Name of Candidate

 Name of Referrer

 Title of Referrer

 Address of Referrer

 City of Referrer

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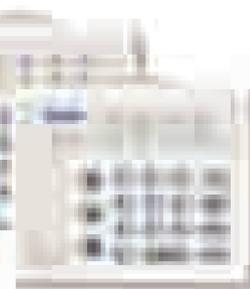
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Tight Budget Brings Cuts

Economic slowdown brings emergency midyear cuts to budget. Shortfall remains.

On Dec. 17, the City Council approved a package of midyear budget cuts totaling \$74 million to address current shortfalls caused largely by the national recession. The cuts are spread across many departments, but a gap of \$17 million remains unbalanced.

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa has pledged to not suspend his LAPD buildup plan.

The plan approved Dec. 17 was after much debate as to how to trim the budget deficit. The sale of some surplus City properties was taken out of the package, largely the cause for coming up \$17 million short of the cost-cutting goal, according to reports.

The cuts were spread among many departments, most notably Library, the Zoo, LAPD overtime and Personnel, and positions that have grown stagnant under a hiring freeze would not be filled, at least immediately.

The package also seeks to borrow millions to pay for lawsuit settlements.

But the package, such as it is, still does not yet incorporate widespread layoffs, furloughs or other drastic measures that could

affect large numbers of City Employees. But, at press time, the mayor was negotiating with

unions to implement a voluntary retirement plan. If the economy worsens, or other factors come into play that weaken the City's budget status, options like widespread layoffs or furloughs could come back into play.

December's emergency cuts are seen as temporary and not significantly addressing the City's longterm debt, expected to be more than \$400 million, according to reports. To ease that kind of debt, one City scenario estimates that approximately 4,000 jobs would have to be eliminated.

One plan by the mayor to cut salary budget would be to eliminate one-fifth of the 48 Emergency Medical Service fire captains who supervise the work of paramedics, according to reports. The department proposed achieving more savings by eliminating four city ambulances staffed by firefighters on overtime, the reports said. Those LAFD negotiations were expected to resume in early 2009.

Wanna be heard? What are your thoughts on the City's current budget woes? Drop us an email: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Winter Safety Tips

By Jimmy Hill,
Fire Marshal, LAFD

LAFD's Fire Marshal Jimmy Hill gives tips on staying safe during the interior heating season.

Fire Marshal Hill says: "Please remember that this is the raining season. We must be prepared for flooding, mudslides and power outages. Please help your family, neighbors and co-workers to learn how to survive the next disaster."

Space heaters:

- Keep space heaters at least three feet from all combustibles.

Fireplaces:

Before using your fireplace:

- Have your chimney checked by a qualified professional.
- Make sure your fireplace flue is in the open position.
- Make sure a fireplace screen is in front of the fireplace.
- Chimneys should have spark arrestors in place.
- Always allow fireplace ashes to cool down before disposing. Always use a metal container with a tight-fitting lid.
- Never burn trees or newspapers in the fireplace.
- Always dispose of your Christmas tree in the proper container.

Natural disasters:

- In case of power outages, have flashlights available. Do not use candles.
- Have sandbags, hand tools and plywood ready for use if you live or work in areas that are prone to flooding or mudslides, or had recent brush fires.

Furnaces:

- *Never* use your oven as a heating source.
- Do not use a hibachi, barbecue or camp stove indoors for heating or cooking.
- Make sure your furnace is working properly. If you smell gas, call 9-1-1.
- Change your furnace filter regularly. If you have any furnace repairs done, make sure they are done by a qualified/licensed technician.
- Have a carbon monoxide detector and smoke alarm in good working condition. Make sure to check the battery monthly.
- Call 9-1-1 if you have any of the following symptoms: headache, dizziness, mental confusion or flu-like symptoms. You might have carbon monoxide poisoning.

Vehicles:

- Remove your vehicle from the garage before warming the vehicle.

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BY JEFF GELINEAU

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



Saving Money on Comp and Collision

Many people are experiencing challenges with their expenses and are looking for ways to save money on their auto insurance. One of the big portions of the auto insurance premium is the comprehensive and collision coverages known of as "physical damage coverage." But before you remove this coverage, let's talk about it.

What is comp and collision?

Your auto insurance is basically broken in to two parts:

■ Liability coverages

■ Physical damage coverages

Liability protects you if you are held financially liable for either bodily injury or property damage. If you hit someone or something with your car and cause damage, you are responsible for that damage. Assuming you are found guilty, you have to pay for their medical expenses or repairs. This is your most important coverage, as the potential for loss is *huge!* If you hit a \$500,000 Rolls Royce or a bus full of people, you will want to have very high limits.

Physical damage coverage is for your own vehicle. You are covered for a collision with any object. Most commonly, this is another car, but it could be a tree, a deer or a garage door as well. Comprehensive coverage is better referred to as "other than collision." This covers you for anything, uh, other than a collision. Most commonly this covers you for the theft of your vehicle, but also includes things like a tree falling on it.

So, you want to save money and drop your comp and collision. What is the best time to do this? Most importantly, there is no right "time" to do this. It has to do with what we call your *threshold of pain*. Although it can be expensive, the coverage on your car is a very good deal, financially, for all of the things it covers. Your car (in most cases) will depreciate over time and at some point you will remove the comp and collision because it just isn't worth it. This is when you have to figure out your *threshold of pain*.

Here are the economics of it. First you need to determine what is the *actual cash value* of the car. What can the car be sold for? Or more importantly, what will the insurance company pay for the car? There is no sure fire way to get this "right," but there are some ways to get close. First, try looking up the value in an industry price index, like Kelley Blue Book (online at www.kbb.com) This will help you to determine the "neighborhood" of the price range it will fall into. Be honest about the condition of the car, and use the lower value; remember, we are talking about insurance companies here! Then you can try looking at one of the online *Auto Trader* companies to see if you can find the exact year, make, and model of your car and try to get as close to the same mileage as your car. This is an excellent way to help prove why you think your car is worth what you think it is worth.

Once you determine the value of the car then factor in the following:

■ Subtract your deductible, as that is the amount that will *not* be paid to you;

■ Subtract your comp and collision annual premium, because you have also paid that out of pocket.

The balance is how much your comp and collision coverage is worth to you!

Look at this example: The cash value of your car is \$2,000 and you have a \$500 deductible, and your comp and collision premium is \$358 every six months or \$716 per year. If you lose your car, you will benefit only \$784. Now this number is your *threshold of pain* number. What this means is, is the \$716 savings worth the chance of not getting \$784? Most people would say yes!

But consider another example: Your car is worth \$8,400, and you have a \$500 deductible with \$716 in premium. Is a potential \$7,184 loss worth the \$716 savings? Definitely not!

For some people who have not had a claim in 10 years, the calculation becomes even more complex. If you can save \$716 per year for the next 10 years, then you have saved \$7,160, and the *threshold of pain* increases.

Everyone's *threshold of pain* is different when it comes to money, so it is a very personal decision. It is your policy, your premium dollars you're paying, so make the best decision for what you are comfortable with. If there is a loan or lien on the car, the bank will most likely not allow removal of the comp or collision.

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

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

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City Retiree Associations:

DWP Retirees Association



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

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Robin J. Welborn, President
Phone: (323) 283-4441
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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:

April 9: General membership meeting at the Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr.

June 2: Retirees golf tournament at the Alhambra Municipal Gold Course.

RLACEI:

Budget Shortfall Could Affect City Employment



By Phil Skarin,
RLACEI Publicity Chair

President Ed Harding reports:



Ed Harding

"We had our annual Christmas party at the Grace E. Simons Lodge in Elysian Park Dec. 4. We filled the lodge. Chris & Pitts served barbecued beef and turkey sandwiches, cold slaw, fruit salad and carrot cake.

"We had a great raffle thanks to: LACERS, which furnished 20 ten-dollar bills; John Hawkins of the City Employees Club, who raffled off nine \$25 gift certificates and two City wristwatches; and RLACEI, which gave away 10 20-dollar bills and 10 boxes of See's Candy.

"I wish to thank LACERS for

allowing Assistant General Manger Tom Moutes to install our officers and for providing three experts to answer questions about our Health Plans.

"Thanks also to Ken Spiker and Associates for arranging for taxi service to help many up the hill to the lodge from the parking area. Beth Figuls, editor of *El Pueblo*, also attended.

"Lana Hayak and her assistant did a great job of entertaining us with Christmas songs. She is a lovely gal.

"Our next membership event will be on April 9, which will be our

first general membership meeting of 2009. It will be held again at the Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., just east of Los Feliz Boulevard. This place is so much nicer than the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center, where we used to meet.

"Phil Skarin informed me that our annual retirees golf tournament will again be at the Alhambra Municipal Gold Course in Alhambra Tuesday, June 2. Thanks to Phil and Tom Stemnock for putting on a great tournament every year."

Legislative Update:



Ken Spiker

Michael Karsch, filling in for Ken Spiker, reports: "Cities all over the nation are facing severe cutbacks due to falling sales tax revenue and other local tax decliners. The City of Los Angeles is facing a deficit of

\$110 million by the end of the current fiscal year, with a larger deficit likely for the upcoming fiscal year.

"The Mayor has asked all City departments to submit two budget proposals by Dec. 8, 2008, one that is flat with the current fiscal year, and another that shows a 6 percent or 9 percent reduction, depending on department size. The mayor has said this may result in layoffs, and he wants suggested strategies to encourage voluntary workforce reductions. This could mean furloughs or buy-

outs of employees who been on the payroll for a minimum number of years.

"The City of Sacramento is considering implementing a citywide buyout program for any employee with at least five years service. It would be voluntary and would be based on one week of pay for every year the employee has worked for Sacramento, the maximum payout being \$50,000. The Sacramento City Council was set to vote on this proposal Dec. 9, 2008. The unions are in agreement with the proposal. While neither of these issues in Los Angeles or Sacramento effect retirees in either city, these tight fiscal times will lead to review of ways to cut the budget in every corner of government.

"The City Council voted to put on the March 3, 2009, election ballot a charter amendment that will change the Fire and Police Pension System to allow their retirees to provide a pension for a surviving spouse who the member had married

after retirement.

"The member would take a reduction in their pension to fund this new benefit. If it passes, we will ask the Council to amend the Administrative Code to provide similar benefits to members of LACERS."

The 2008 Retirees Poetry Contest winners are (Members):

- *First place:* Frances A. Cota-Schulz
- *Second place:* Marcella Butler; and
- *Third place:* Micaela Alvarez.

All of the winners received cash prizes for very worthy efforts.

An information sheet titled "What to do upon the death of a Retired City Employee" is available by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to Phil Skarin, 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910.

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 Chicago skyline from the Navy Pier.

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
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DWP Retirement Plan Office: (213) 367-1722

RLACEI:

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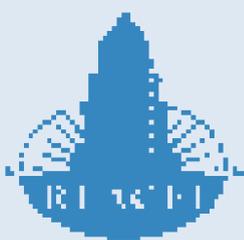
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Tom Stemnock and Phil Skarin, Golf
Tom Stemnock, Audit
Americo Garza, Picnic
Americo Garza, Holiday Party and Installation
Jack Mathews, Senior Citizens
Neil Ricci, Health
Neil Ricci, Nominating
Phil Skarin, Parliamentarian

Directors

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



Beef, Beer and Bugs

■ **Part 2: Hal and Evelyn continue their drive to Michigan for his 50th high school reunion.**

Evelyn and I took a three-week road trip on our way to my 50th high school reunion in Lansing, Mich. We took a more southern route on the way there and the northern route on the way home. So far we have traveled from Los Angeles to Arizona and New Mexico. During the trip, Evelyn and I kept a daily log, which we e-mailed to friends, and I have decided to share this log with you to tell the tale of our trip. We left off last month in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Day 3 – Sept. 19

Today we drove from Santa Fe to Oklahoma City, about 530 miles. We stopped only to get gas and for Evelyn to see the Cadillac Farm on the west side of Amarillo, Tex. The Cadillac Farm features 12 late 1950s/early '60s Cadillacs stuck in the ground, tail up. I first saw them in 1963 on my way to L.A. They are now covered with graffiti. People come to add graffiti, and we saw some "artists" while we were there.



The Cadillac Farm.

The weather has been very good – starting in Arizona it was hot, but since then it has been in the low 80s and we had only a little rain outside of Albuquerque.

To back up for a moment, on the drive to Santa Fe we ran into the motorcade of (then) Senator Barack Obama, but luckily it was on the other side of the interstate. There must have been 50 motorcycle cops escorting him. Talk about tying up traffic and wasting gas.

And, just as a point of information – you may have read about the government study on cows always pointing north when in the pastures. Well, in Texas and Oklahoma, the cows point every which way, mostly toward what they are eating. That study was more of our tax money at work. We will continue to update you on

the cow study as we travel.

Evelyn became a very efficient interstate driver. This took some work on my part, but I have knocked off the hard edges, and she is now thinking of coming out of retirement to become a long-haul trucker.

We had dinner at the Cattlemen's Café, the best steakhouse in Oklahoma City. It's in the stockyard area and has continually operated since 1910. It's a real slice of Oklahoma.



Hal and Evelyn at the Cattlemen's Café.

Before we left Oklahoma City, we did a little sightseeing.

Day 4 – Sept. 20

Evelyn wanted to go to the Alfred P. Murrah Building. She had been there after the bombing [perpetrated on April 19, 1995, for which Timothy McVeigh was convicted – Ed.], but before the Oklahoma City National Memorial was built. Evelyn said: "It's a very moving experience, with a reflecting pond and facing the pond a chair for each casualty of the explosion – organized by floor, with small chairs for the children. Take a hanky; it's very emotional."



Chairs at the Oklahoma City National Memorial.

On to Kansas City: The drive from Oklahoma City to Kansas City, Mo. is very



Oklahoma City National Memorial.

flat. We saw a lot of signs that warned us to "watch out for deer," but we didn't see any actual deer. We killed a million bugs on our windshield, but we never saw a sign about them.

We drove about 345 miles that day, and we were making good time until we hit a traffic jam just outside of Kansas City, which cost us about an hour. The car's GPS was finally able to find a way around the problem and got us to the Hilton in Independence, Mo., about 20 miles east of Kansas City. We stayed in Independence, as it is close to the Truman Library and home, which were destinations later in the week.

That evening we drove back into Kansas City to go to the Country Club Plaza's art festival. This is a three-day event, and there were a lot of people. We were able to find a free parking place after looking for a while. There were food stands, lots of entertainment and as many artist displaying (from all over the world) than I have seen in one place. We ate dinner from the food stands and walked around for about an hour, but it was too crowded for me.

Day 5 – Sept. 21

We drove back to Kansas City from Independence to visit the World War I Museum. It is built under the original Liberty Memorial (built in 1926), and the museum opened a couple of years ago. It has a very extensive collection of WWI items and is laid out well. After we finished with the museum, we took the elevator to the top of the monument, where you get a great view of Kansas City. We spent about two-and-a-half hours at the museum.

Our next stop was the Harry S Truman Presidential Library, back in

ADVENTURES with HAL!



Evelyn in front of the Truman Library in Independence, Mo.

Independence. The main part of the library is about Truman's presidential years, and the lower part is about his life. There is a replica of the Oval Office and also the actual gravesites of both Truman and his wife, Bess. On the way back to the hotel, we drove by Truman's home.

That night we had dinner with some



The Liberty Memorial in Kansas City.

friends from Kansas City. We ate at Jack Stack Barbecue. The dinner was good – not the best barbecue I've eaten, but a place I would return to if I lived in Kansas City. Evelyn and I both enjoyed the time with friends.

Day 6 – Sept. 22

We got on the road about 8:45 a.m. and drove straight through to Champaign, Ill., stopping only to refuel and eat the leftover ribs. We left the interstate and drove on US 54, a two-lane highway going through every small town between Kansas City and Champaign – but it was a change of pace and interesting to see small-town America. We covered 379 miles that day and arrived at the Hilton at 3:45 p.m.

We met my cousin and his wife for dinner.

Day 7 – Sept. 23

Last night we had dinner with my cousin and his wife and daughter. He is the son of my Uncle Hy, who was my father's youngest brother. My aunt and uncle took care of me while I attended the University of Toledo. They passed away a few years ago. Champaign is a collage town (University of Illinois), and it seems unaffected by the current economic problems.

It is a short drive to Chicago (two hours) and we took our time that morning. We were to be in Chicago for two days.

Evelyn called a cousin she has not seen since she was 11, and we had dinner with them that night in Niles, about a 30-minute drive from our hotel. I think they were suspicious when Evelyn called them, but they finally understood who she was. She wanted to give them a picture of them taken in 1955. We think they are in their 80s.

The drive to Chicago was an easy two

hours. Gas prices in Illinois were higher than home – more than \$4.10 per gallon for regular. It was 80 cents less in Missouri.

We stayed at the Seneca Hotel. We had a queen-size room, more like a small apartment with a full kitchen. The location was great – one block from west end of Michigan Avenue. We were next to the John Hancock building.

We checked in about 2 p.m. and took a long walk down Michigan Avenue, stopping at Starbucks for a snack.

We drove out to Niles to have dinner with Evelyn's cousins. Because of the traffic we gave ourselves an hour, and we needed it all because the GPS got confused due to all the new construction. This became apparent when I went through the same tollbooth twice. But we found the restaurant (Omega). When you walk in, the first things you see are many large display cases filled with pastries. The powdered sugar was a half-inch thick.

Dinner was going back to the 1950s – large portions of middle-American food – with some Greek and Jewish food thrown in for good measure. It was great meeting them, and I think they enjoyed it, too.

Okay: Why is it called it a king-size bed? Shouldn't it be a presidential-size in the United States and the queen-size should be vice-presidential-size or maybe

first lady-size? Just something to think about.

That morning we walked to the Navy Pier. The weather was wonderful – clear sky, temperature in the 80s and a little breeze off the lake to keep it cool. After the pier we walked to Millennium Park and had a beer.



Hal at the Navy Pier.



Evelyn in Millennium Park in Chicago.

Before dinner we met my cousin, Joel (he is the son of the cousin we had dinner with in Champaign) for a drink at the top of the John Hancock Tower. It afforded a beautiful view of the city, and we watched the



Hal and Evelyn at the Michigan state capital building.

lights come on. We then had dinner at Mike Ditka's – it was a short walk from our hotel. Evelyn and I split a tomahawk steak (30 ounces), and we still had too much food.

Day 8 – Sept. 25

Took our time that morning and left Chicago about 10:15 a.m. for the 230-mile drive to Lansing. On the way we stopped in Battle Creek, Mich., where I was born, and took a picture of my old house.

We stayed at the Marriott in East Lansing and had a great room, but they charged \$10 a day for Internet. Just outside of the hotel was a free Internet access site, which I attempted to use. So far everywhere we have been has offered free Internet. I'll hold out as long as I can. Good news – I was able to get on the East Lansing free site from our room.

We had dinner at an Irish pub a short walk from the hotel. East Lansing is a college town and the home of Michigan State University (the largest land grant college in the United States). The population is about 45,000, and I think there are many students.

Evelyn and I split a hamburger and shared a basket of fries. I think we have made a turn in life – this is the second meal we split in two days. But we each had our own beer. We decided to spend our saved money on dessert and found a Cold Stone Creamery – it was "make a wish day," and they were giving free ice cream for a donation if you wanted to. Saving money had nothing to do with dessert; Evelyn was going through ice cream withdrawal, and when she saw a familiar establishment, wild horses couldn't keep her away. Giving a donation to the Make a Wish Foundation and the small free portions made it all good.

Day 9 – Sept. 26

That day I gave Evelyn the tour of the Lansing area. We started with breakfast at Theio's. When we walked in they asked if we wanted smoking or non-smoking, but you couldn't tell the difference with all the second-hand smoke. But the breakfast wasn't bad and I didn't even have to split it with Evelyn.

Next we washed the car to get rid of all the dead bugs, and then we picked up our laundry, which we dropped off the night before.

We drove around Lansing and saw the apartment I grew up in; my elementary school, which is now a community center; and some of my old haunts.

I called my friend, Don, and we drove downtown. He walked us around the downtown area. I saw where my father had his shoe store (it's something else now), and the Mr. Peanut Store, which was next to it, is still there. We also walked to the Capital building and did a quick tour on the inside. We were to Don and his wife later.

The current population of Lansing is about 100,000, which is about 25,000 more than when I lived there in the 1950s. If you want to grow up in an idyllic small town, Lansing and East Lansing are it.

We also drove over to the west side of Lansing, which has some lovely homes along the Grand River. The trees were beginning to turn, and some already were a dazzling shade of gold. Later we walked around the Michigan State campus.

Evelyn said: "As a side note, having grown up in a large urban city (Los Angeles), I can see what a special childhood Hal must have had to grow up in such a small town. I can't say it was better, just different, and maybe a little more Norman Rockwell-like."

Next month I will pick up with the next stage of our trip.

RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

Alex Vidaurrazgya retired a year ago as Division Head of the Structural Engineering Division. He has a real estate brokers license.

Frank Bonoff works as a consultant for Public Works/Engineering writing manuals. He is also taking comedy improv workshops with the Groundings. It is a lot of fun but probably will not be a new career.

Brian Griffith took two trips to Maui and a trip to Las Vegas for the Consumer Electronics Show. He takes classes in film and computers at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Cal State Long Beach.

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

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

If you change your address, notify Helen Salgado at (800) 678-4145 x 713, or write to her at 8372 Arnett Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92647. Also notify LACERS, the Club, ACEBSA and LAFUCU.

Hal Danowitz asks you to visit our Website at www.rlacei.com to find the latest news. You can also e-mail us at rlacei@verizon.net. ("Please include "Are You Planning to Retire Soon")



The City Parties



The new RLACEI Board takes its oath of office from Tom Moutes, LACERS Assistant General Manager. New RLACEI Board Members are (from left): Michael Karsch, Ed Harding (President), Jerry Bardwell, Helen Salgado, Jack Mathews and Mary Beetz.



Entertaining on guitar and vocals was Lina Hayek, and on piano was Gayane Simonyan.



LACERS reps were in force as always. From left: Sarah Hill, Kristal Baldwin and Debra Fleming.



Evelyn Akerman, Public Works/Sanitation, 20 years of service.



RLACEI President Ed Harding.



Cathy and Ralph Burquist, Club Member. Ralph retired from General Services in 2004 after 13 years of service.



"The Good Guys" (from left) Americo Garza and Phil Skarin. Both are RLACEI Board Members



From left: Henry Starks, Retired from Street Services, 40 years of service; and Lorenzo Porter, Street Services, 35 years of service.



John Shadle, Retired from Building and Safety, 18 years of service.

A Retirees Holiday

■ Retirees Assn. hosts annual holiday party.

Story by Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations; Photos by Robert Larios and John Hawkins, Club CEO

RLACEI— The Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) held its annual swearing-in of new officers and holiday party Dec. 4 at the Grace E. Simons Lodge near Dodger Stadium.

The Club thanks the RLACEI leadership for inviting us to their annual festivities!



The "Friendliest Man in the City," Board Member Jack Mathews.



From left: Alvin Williams, Retired from the LAFD in 1987; Virginia Williams, Retired from the CAO Office in 1987; and Icle Davis, Retired in 1981 as a Chief, Public Works/Management Employees.



From left: Rosie Delgado, ITA, 33 years of service; and Barbara Williams, Fire and Police Pensions, 29 years of service.



Jose Montes Jr., Rec and Parks, and his mom, Juanita Montes. The late Jose Montes Sr. was Jose's dad and Juanita's husband, and worked for Sanitation until 1984.



From left: Joel Rosen; John Hawkins, Club CEO; and Norma Rosen.



Club Members Les and Sharren Iden. Les was our first contributor to the "Car Club" column in *Alive!* He retired in 2001 as an Assistant General Manager, General Services. Sharren also retired in 2001 as a Senior Management Analyst II, Public Works/Street Services. The Club looks forward to another "Car Club" feature from Les soon!

The City Parties



Bill and Nellie Deom, Mayor's Office, 31 years of service.



Helen Salgado and Ed Harding, having fun as usual!



Wayne Kudo, Club Member, retired from Public Works/Engineering in 2001.



Double trouble – (from left) Neil Ricci and Hal Danowitz. Hal, of course, writes *Alive!*'s "Adventures with Hal" column. Both Neil and Hal are RLACEI Board Members.



Marian and Robert Jacobs, Street Maintenance, 30 years of service.



Sam Hochberg, Retired from Convention Center, Superintendent of Shows, after 35 years of service.



Ben Reyes, a Club Member who retired from the Controller's Office in 2002, pictured with his good friend, Helmar Anderson.



From left: Hilda Husted and Ruth Gaynes. Ruth retired from Public Works in 1958, and Hilda is her friend.



Betty McMaster, ITA, 30 years of service.



From left: Armando Tapia, Public Works/Street Services, 31 years of service, with his wife, Alice.



The illustrious John Bagdanoff with his beautiful "fourth" daughter, Joanne Ortiz.



Alice Walder, RLACEI Board Resource Associate.



"The Ladies of the Board" -- (from left) Helen Salgado and Mary Beetz.



Julian and Rose Torres. Julian retired from Building and Safety in 1992 and is a Club Member.



Joe Govea, Building and Safety, 25 years of service.



Fred and Xenia Coleman. Fred retired from Police and Transportation in 1980 and is a Club Member.



From left: Martha Clegg, Retired from Library; Rosa Lee Herrera, Retired from the LAUSD; and Toni Alvarez, who is 94!



Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations, with Martha Harding, wife of RLACEI President Ed Harding.



From left: John Hawkins, Club CEO, and RLACEI President Ed Harding.

The Best Years

Retiree Question of the Month

Alive! asked retirees...

If you were given a roundtrip ticket to anywhere in the world, where would you go?



"Rome."
- Rose Torres



"Africa and Egypt, and then I'd head to South Africa."
- James Y.H. Smith



"Europe."
- Laura Ramirez



"Panama Canal."
- Wilma Rebbe



"On an African safari."
- Rene O'Malley



"New York."
- Quintel Webb



"Australia."
- Mary Beetz



"Europe."
- Robert Howard



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Second Chances

A runner, if he "jumps the gun," is given a second chance to start again. In life, we don't always get a second chance to correct mistakes, or undo wrongs,

- keep some unfulfilled promises
- seek forgiveness for wrongdoings
- resolve old grudges, or
- show more love to your neighbor.

Then, after cleaning up any of the leftovers, you can begin with a clean slate.

*Have a Happy New Year!
-Phil Skarin*



RLACEI's Toll-Free Number

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

The number is: (800) 678-4145

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

Edward Harding x703
Harold Danowitz x707
Phil Skarin x709

Jack Matthews x712
Michael Karsch x704
Jerry Bardwell x706
Tom Stenmck x708

Americo Garza x710
Neil Ricci x714
Helen Salgado x713

Don't gamble with your paycheck.

A serious injury could devastate your finances. Protect your paycheck with the Club's Long-Term Disability Insurance.

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Life's Important Moments

Share your moments!

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

New Members

Welcome New Members!

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

Airports

Mark Brooks
Jim Grimes
Derrick Smith
Connie Sorensen
Tim Sublett
Christopher Takai
Sa Lina Tasker
Howard Whitehead
Tom Wong

Animal Services

Heriberto Aparicio
M. Kim Brame
Ernie Gallegos Jr.
Miguel Gutierrez
Sheryl Perez
Vanessa Rodriguez
Eddie Sezate
Rebecca Summers
Chimeng Vang

City Council

George Magallanes

Harbor

Tracy Boehm
Yolanda Brown
Larry Duke
Ollie Grays
Francisco Nunez
Adrianna Ruvalcaba
Donald Smail

ITA

Lynette Reed

General Services

Edith Arnold
Pedro Chacon
Ersalyn Green
Valerie Melloff

Housing

Mazharul Islam
Hattie Walker

Library

Carolyn Cole

Personnel

Sergio Cruz

LAPD

Naomi Alexander
Cris Argonza
Virginia Arzen
Elizabeth Carrillo
Dina Diaz
Ernesto Escoto
Cynthia French
Maria Garcia
Sam Gong
Marlene Grundy
Noretos Hytzil
Ellen Kanda
Benjamin Krieger
Sandra Liddy
Stefanie Nash
Alora Perna
Cynthia Rodriguez
Elizabeth Romero
Isabel Rosas
Mariana Sanchez
Bonita Shaklin
Karen Solomon
Sandra Solorio-
Macias
Rene Swift-
McLaurin
Lorie Tubil
Lisa Udompruge-
Krueger
Leida Williams

PUBLIC WORKS

Contract Administration

Michael Smith

Engineering

Rita Diaz
Alan Lee
Edwin Miller
James Smith

Sanitation

Curtis Cash
Cecya De La Torre
John Grimm
Karen Higgins
Gary Valles

Street Services

Eric Oviedo
Edward Suquett

Rec and Parks

Renee Dalton
Vicente Gutierrez
Raymond Parker
Peter Sandoval

Transportation

Denise Martinez
Lavedia Williams

Finance

Yesenia Mendoza

DWP

Carlos Aldana
Raed Anani
Brandee Bereal
Dolores Corona
Shawn Davis
Kimberley Davis
Wyatte Evans
Marco Gallegos
Mae Gardner
Romeo Gerolaga
Raymond Harper
Gwendolyn
Hendricks
Oscar Hernandez
Carisa Massey
Jane McDonald
Eugene Onishi
Desiree Peoples
Frank Schardein
Doris Shelby
Nancy Skidgel
Capricia Woods

Retired

Romeo Gerolaga
Barbara Johnson-
Parker
Marii Nakagawa
Hermila O'Brien

Other

Cesarito Aben
Jameelah Al-Kawi
Martin Almanzi
Jaime Arevalo

Gilbert Beltran

ReneAnthony

Boyer

Trevor Burns

David Butterworth

Alexander Crow

Patrick Cruz

David DeVase

Michael Fowler

Allen Frederick

Mary Graves

Pasha Hampton

Valencia Harvey

John Hemphill

Shawn Kaul

Clayton Louie

Louel Luna

Joshua Martin

Alejo Medina Jr.

Denise Meighan-

Lawson

Bernabe Mendez

Christopher

Morales

Jimmy Natividad

Trang Nguyen

Richard Provencio

Jr.

Baruc Puentes

Stephen Randazzo

Celia Saldana

Irene Small

Dustin Smith

George Taylor

Paul Thang

John Trump

Genievre Tyler

John Wimberly Sr.

Ryan Yeager

In Memoriam

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

Active

Nelson Bowman, Transportation, 26
Wesley Collier, General Services, 12
Alejandro Datuin, Airports, 7
Eric Gyur, DWP, 20
John Hayes, Rec and Parks, 3
Margaret Hopwood, Convention Center, 4
Charles Johnson, Rec and Parks, 35
Elbert Johnson, Rec and Parks, 29
Jeffrey Orr, ITA, 23
Josephine Zoretich, Library, 7

Retired

Cresencio Abad, Personnel, 12
Cynthia Bache, DWP, 19
Helen Bailey, DWP, 26
Chester Bajak, DWP, 32
Julius Beacham, Public Works, 31
Raymond Buckner, DWP, 34
Sterling Buesch, Public Works, 35
Frank Cantu, DWP, 21
Romulo Carmona, DWP, 27
Barbara Carper, General Services, 17
Lawrence Dubal, DWP, 28
Joseph Ductor, Public Works, 36
Ralph Eaton, Rec and Parks, 13
Betty Eldridge, Council, 6
Y.J. Fujimara, DWP, 37
Kazuji Goya, Rec and Parks, 31
Jeffrey Hand, DWP, 32
James Hickman, General Services, 25
James Hollingshead, Public Works, 26

Arthur Hood, Transportation, 24
William Johnson, Public Works, 18
Robert Kelly, Transportation, 26
Susan Kim, Airports, 8
Gordon Landry, DWP, 34
William Langton, DWP, 32
James Lewis, DWP, 22
Gary Loomis, CAO, 33
Sparlin Lohse, DWP, 37
Andrew Macklin, DWP, 28
Alfred Margrave, DWP, 27
John Mirau, DWP, 20
Augustus Moore, Transportation, 24
Daniel Negra, DWP, 37
Hanne O'Dell, DWP, 15
Hollis Pifer, Rec and Parks, 30
Sylvester Pokorski, General Services, 17
Oran Robinson, General Services, 31
Lloyd Rushton, DWP, 30
Roberto Sanchez, Planning, 37
Phillip Schmidt, Building and Safety, 30
Ernesto Scott, LAFD, 21
Warren Sizoo, DWP, 11
Harold Squaires, DWP, 27
Raymond Taggart, DWP, 29
Jacqueline Tatum, Rec and Parks, 43
Willie Watts, Public Works, 30

Retirements

NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS
Stephen Agate,	Not Disclosed,	DWP,	Not Disclosed	Rudy Juarez,	Commun. Electrician Supv.,	ITA,	25
Steve Alaimo,	Build. Mech. Inspector,	Building and Safety,	30	Michael Kilpatrick,	Equipment Operator,	Public Works,	17
Aubrey Aleya,	Garage Attendant,	LAPD,	23	Robin McKinney,	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.,	Airports,	12
Mark Borish,	Special Prog. Asst.,	Rec and Parks,	18	Allen Lauren,	Survey Party Chief,	Public Works,	37
Kim Brinkley,	Animal Keeper,	Zoo,	26	John Loetterie,	Not Disclosed,	DWP,	Not Disclosed
Carol Broderick,	Equip. Mechanic,	General Services,	22	Chinh Luong,	Accounting Clerk,	Controller's,	11
Samuel Bucciarelli,	Not Disclosed,	DWP,	Not Disclosed	Freddie Metcalf Jr.,	Plumber,	Airports,	29
Vincent Campbell,	Personnel Director,	Airports,	34	Elena Minguillan,	Crime Intelligence Analyst,	LAPD,	28
Linda Casteel,	Clerk Typist,	Library,	38	F.A. Nevarez,	Ref. Coll. Truck Operator,	Public Works,	28
Carmen Contreras,	Programmer/Analyst,	ITA,	42	Manuel Orozco,	Not Disclosed,	DWP,	Not Disclosed
Antonio Dapo,	Build. Operating Engr.,	Airports,	21	Cheryl Power,	Not Disclosed,	DWP,	Not Disclosed
Dennis Darland,	Wastewater Tmt. Oper.,	Public Works,	29	Henry Romo,	Automotive Dispatcher,	LAPD,	30
Mahlon Driver,	Sr. Fire Sprinkler Insp.,	Building and Safety,	31	Phillip Rosado Jr.,	Building Inspector,	Building and Safety,	21
Wayne Durand,	Chief Inspector,	Housing,	31	William Ruiz,	Maint. and Const. Helper,	General Services,	20
Anita Estrella,	Librarian,	Library,	11	Castradell Scurry,	Clerk Typist,	Library,	8
Rafael Garcia,	Build. Repairer,	General Services,	22	Cynthia Shea,	Secretary,	LAPD,	19
Patricia Greenwood,	Traffic Officer,	Transportation,	24	Sidney Stewart,	Sr. Gardener,	Rec and Parks,	33
Robert Hanson,	Not Disclosed,	DWP,	Not Disclosed	Stephen Stewart,	Programmer/Analyst,	ITA,	22
Mary Hartley,	Sr. Clerk Typist,	Public Works,	17	John Todd,	Not Disclosed,	DWP,	Not Disclosed
Johnny Heredia,	Ref. Coll. Truck Operator,	Public Works,	26	Don Vincent,	Asst. City Atty.,	City Attorney,	27
Mabel Higa,	Sr. Clerk Typist,	LAPD,	12	Jane Voyles,	Librarian,	Library Dept.,	25
James Izumigawa,	Street Mt. Supv.,	Public Works,	19	Claudia Wrazel,	Dep. City Atty.,	City Attorney,	9
Jesus Jacinto,	Gardener Caretaker,	Public Works,	18				



Births



Emiliano, born Aug. 24 to Xanat Rosas, Housing. "We'll never see the world in the same way again. He is our new cute little bundle of joy!"



Carson Michael Lee White, born Sept. 26 to Tanisha Boyd, Traffic Officer II, Transportation, and Club Member.



Emma Lucia Valera, born: Dec. 1 to Lillian Valera, Utility Accountant, DWP, and Cesar Valera, Facility Director, Rec and Parks.

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



Special Achievements

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



Graduations

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



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



Weddings



Dan Hibma and Julie Moore, Oct. 18 at Lake Sherwood, Thousand Oaks. Dan works for the LAFD at Fire Station 20.

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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

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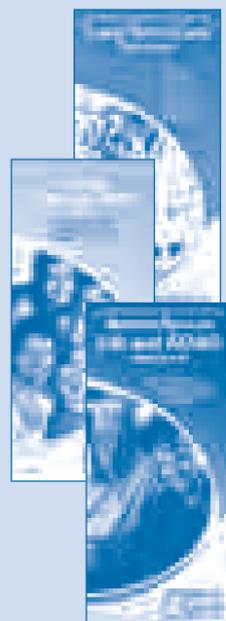
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Arlene Herrero



Tiffany Sy

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. 13 in a series.
JANUARY 2009



Meet Mario Gonzales.



AGE: "I'm 44 years old."

BIRTHPLACE: Los Angeles

MARITAL STATUS: "Single."

FAMILY: "I have one brother, but I haven't talked to him in 10 years. No sisters."

RELIGION: "I am a Catholic."

STRONGEST CHILDHOOD MEMORY: "When my house was robbed during Christmas time and all our presents were stolen."

EDUCATION: "I made it to ninth grade."

TROPHIES: "Nope."

MILITARY: "I was never in the military."

IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE? "To be happy."

FAVORITE FOOD: "I love Mexican food, especially *carne asada* and *carnitas burritos*."

FAVORITE MOVIE: "I love *Pretty Woman*."

FAVORITE ACTOR: "Richard Gere."

FAVORITE ACTRESS: "Julia Roberts and Goldie Hawn."

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "I love comedy, especially George Lopez."

FAVORITE MUSIC: "I love the oldies, from the '50s, '60s and '70s...and little bit of the '80s and '90s."

FAVORITE BOOK: "I've never read a book in my life."

FAVORITE CANDY: "I love chocolate."

WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "On the streets."

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY? "Right here!"

ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Be respectful, polite and courteous to people."

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE IRAQ WAR? "Do it right, or don't do it at all."

WHAT IS YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION? "To love as many beautiful women as I can."

The Club gave Mario a Club t-shirt, snacks, Club tote bag and \$20.

This interview took place Dec. 19.



Newsbrief

REUSABLE BAGS:

Public Works/Sanitation joins the regional environmental group Heal the Bay and a coalition of municipalities, environmental groups and businesses Dec. 15 to encourage Southland residents to move away from single use plastic or paper bags and consider using reusable bags when shopping.

"A Day Without a Bag" highlights a major environmental and educational event created to raise awareness of the ecological hazards and disposal costs of single-use bags that commonly litter streets, neighborhoods, waterways and oceans.

"A Day Without A Bag is a great opportunity to connect our personal shopping needs with our collective environmental challenges," said Cynthia M. Ruiz, president of the Board of Public Works. "Hands-on volunteer stewardship through the use of a reusable bag can have a huge impact on our local neighborhoods, communities and city. A million residents in the city not using a plastic or paper bag, just once a week, saves a million bags a week from entering the waste stream. It's a simple concept, but one with far reaching benefits over time on preventing litter, reducing waste, beautifying communities, and saving marine life."

Sanitation will staff and distribute reusable bags at four locations in the City targeting areas that maybe most impacted by the plastic bag ban or fee. The City Council voted in July to prevent the use of plastic carryout bags in city supermarkets and stores by July 2010. Should the state of California fail to impose a 25-cent fee on shopper's who request plastic bags before then, the city ban will go into effect.

Sanitation donated 1,500 reusable bags to Heal the Bay for distribution at approximately twenty other sites staffed by community based organizations in the City. The main City staffed locations are:

- Vons - 3461 W. Third St., Los Angeles, CA 90020 - (1,000 reusable bags donated by Vons and 500 provided by Sanitation)
- Food 4 Less (Ralphs) - 2750 E 1st St, Los Angeles, CA 90033 - (500 reusable bags donated by Food 4 Less and 500 provided by Sanitation)
- Food 4 Less (Ralphs) - 1820 W Slauson Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90047 - (500 reusable bags donated by Food 4 Less and 500 provided Sanitation)
- Panorama Mall near Walmart - Van Nuys Blvd. and Roscoe Blvd, Panorama City, CA 91402 (500 reusable bags provided by Sanitation)

For all City of Los Angeles locations and more information on "A Day Without A Bag," please visit Heal the Bay's Website at www.healthebay.org/nobagday.

About Board of Public Works

The five-commissioner Board of Public Works manages the Department of Public Works, the City's second largest municipal division focused on the essential needs of residents for a better quality of life and environmental protection. With a \$559 million operating budget, the department awards more than \$500 million in public service contracts annually that provide for the construction, renovation, and operation of public programs and services including: municipal buildings and treatment facilities; streets, street lights, and urban forest; bridges and sidewalks; sewers and storm drains; integrated solid waste management and recycling; graffiti removal and beautification grants.

The Board is committed to the delivery of quality customer service, to help neighborhoods thrive and benefit from healthier living and working environments. For more information, visit www.lacity.org/bpw.

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Who are the people you see every day?

REVIEWS BY FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS

ENTERTAINMENT

MOVIE REVIEWS

**Slumdog Millionaire**

Rated R

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

The underdog movie for the rest of us, *Slumdog Millionaire* tells of a poor Indian teenager, Jamal Malik, who has to prove to authorities that he is not cheating

on the Indian version of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" His tale of survival as an orphan in the slums of Mumbai is both harrowing and ennobling, while his fight to protect Latika, his love interest, has the audience cheering. Parts of this film will be difficult for the squeamish, but it is worth every squirm for what may be the film of the year. Don't miss this gem.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

**Cadillac Records**

Rated R

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

This movie is about the south Chicago blues sound and its major record label, Chess Records. It's the early 1950s, and Leonard Chess (Adrian Brody) is determined to make a

success of his new business. He discovers and makes famous the likes of Muddy Waters, Little Walter, Howlin' Wolf, Chuck Berry and Etta James. For those of us familiar with the early sound of rock, this film is a gem and a delight, despite sloppy filmmaking. Many talented stars (Beyoncé Knowles, for one) perform the music.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

**The Day the Earth Stood Still**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This sci-fi thriller stars Keanu Reeves as an emotionless alien in human form (perfect casting) who is tasked to stop us humans from destroying mother earth.

A welcome remake of the '50s original, this version had very good special effects, and the message back then now sounds so familiar, given our lowest-rated administration and the concerns of global warming. I hope this time we listen. Seeing it in IMAX is a must.

- Chuck Beas, DWP

**Four Christmases**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

This movie stars Vince Vaughn as Brad and Reese Witherspoon as Kate, a couple who seemed to be very happy together and successful in their careers. They share the same views on marriage and family; they make up whatever lies they can to not have to spend the Christmas holiday with the family. But this year things don't work out, so they have to go to each parent's home for Christmas day. (Both are from divorced families, thus the four Christmases).

This movie makes you realize how important family can be to you, even if it can be stressful at times. I recommend this for young couples and older.

- Gwen Lew, DWP

**Bolt**

Rated G

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Having the choice to see it in 3D or not, I of course chose to see the movie in 3D! Why wouldn't you? I think 3D special effects are amazing. Before *Bolt* starts, we are treated to a short

3D animation of Mater (from the movie *Cars*) in Tokyo (the voice of Larry, *The Cable Guy*). That is a nice bonus.

Bolt is an animation movie about a dog who thinks he has special powers. John Travolta is the voice of Bolt, and Miley Cyrus, from "Hannah Montana," is the voice of Penny, who works with and loves the dog. It is a cute story of how they get separated and how Bolt makes his way back to her.

The movie is for all ages.

- Gail Seltzer, DWP

**Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa**

Rated PG

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

I did not like this movie as much as the first one (see the DVD reviews). It was a continuation of when the animals were put on a ship after escaping the New

York Zoo. The crates the animals are in fall off their ship and then float to an island. Once out of their crates, the zoo animals run into the local animals. The animals on the island are leery of the zoo animals but soon realize they can be of use to them. The animation is good and the movie was funny. My two-year-old watched the entire movie and was mesmerized.

- Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

DVD Reviews

**Iron Man (2008)**

PG-13

My Score: 5 (out of 5)**"superhero" stars**

For fans of superhero movies, *Iron Man* is the DVD to own. This is a witty and well-told story enhanced by excellent direction (Jon Favreau), with wonderful over-the-

top acting by Robert Downey Jr. (Iron Man), Gwyneth Paltrow and Jeff Bridges. It's good versus evil, for sure, and there's plenty of great gadgets for the techno-freak, but Downey's Iron Man is a nonstop pleasure to watch. All superhero flicks ought to aspire to be this good.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

**There Will Be Blood (2007)**

Rated R

My score: 4 (out of 5)

Daniel Day Lewis gives an astonishing performance of a greedy oilman. The story revolves around the beginning of the oil boom in California.

The wildcat oilman adopts a boy to appeal to small landowners so that the will invest in his digs for oil. He becomes very successful and competes against established oil companies. As the movie progresses, the family on whose land he was drilling turned out to be controlled by an evil money-hungry pastor.

The movie has some very violent scenes but fully captures the combination of greed and perseverance in the pursuit of black gold.

- Lourdes Zaldivar, LAPD

**Madagascar (2005)**

Rated PG

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

I had not seen this movie at the theater, so I watched it before I saw *Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa*. The original movie is about a bunch of animals at the New

York Zoo. The animals are bored with zoo life and want to venture out of the zoo. After the animals escape, they end up in the train station, and then people realize they are animals that escaped from the zoo. The animals are then put in crates and shipped off.

I loved the animation, and it's always fun to guess the celebrity voices. Go rent it.

- Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

BOOK REVIEWS

**Twilight**

Stephenie Meyer
Young adult romance
fiction, 544 pages
Little Brown

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This novel is a love story about Isabella Swan, who moves from Phoenix, Ariz. to Forks, Wash. to live with her police father, Charlie Swan. Bella (short for Isabella) meets a young vampire, Edward Cullen, who appears to be 17 years old but is actually 103.

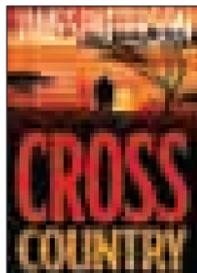
They meet at school and fall in love, even though they are from different worlds. Edward must battle between werewolves and vampires to save his beloved Bella from harm.

I highly recommend this book because all of my friends at school have all four of Stephenie Meyer's novels, and we've read each book at least twice. This is a must read for all teenagers.

(And I think Robert Pattinson who plays Edward Cullen in the movie is irresistible.)

- Vicky Rorex,

daughter of Linda Rorex, Personnel

**Cross Country**

James Patterson
Crime fiction,
416 pages
Little Brown

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Alex Cross's friend, Ellie Cox, and her family are murdered, and Alex must find the killer. Alex and his girlfriend, Brianna Stone, become entangled in the deadly Nigerian underworld of Washington, D.C., and discover an organized gang of teenager thugs headed by a powerful African warlord known as the Tiger. Just when the detectives think they're closing in on the elusive murderer, the Tiger disappears into thin air. Alex tracks him to Africa, where he finds himself at the mercy of corrupt government officials. Alex knows that he must go alone to find Ellie's killers.

I recommend this book, which continues the saga of Alex Cross's journeys, to all James Patterson fans.

- Linda Rorex, Personnel

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Your Reviews

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.



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- 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
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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.

Beef Roast, Slowly

DIRECTIONS:



1 Have your ingredients ready; wash, dry and peel carrots.



2 Dice onions, shallot, celery and carrots. Set aside.



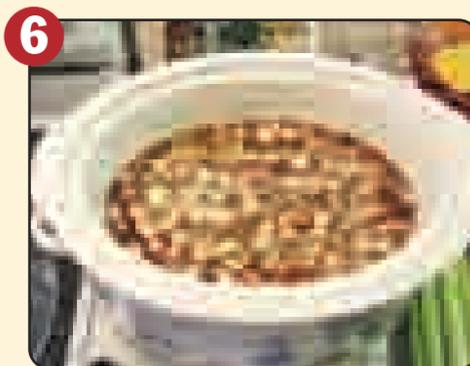
3 Rub sea salt, pepper and paprika onto the roast, and then place in the crock-pot.



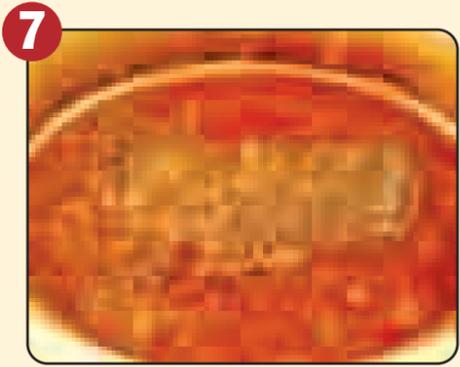
4 Add beef broth on sides of the roast, then add the red wine.



5 Cover with lid and cook on high for 8 to 12 hours. Yes! That long!



6 Add onions, shallot, celery and carrot at about the halfway point, about 4 to 6 hours into the cooking process.



7 It should begin to look like this, cooked fully through. The broth with vegetables should cook down.



8 At the end of the cooking process, take the roast and place on large plate. Be careful, as the roast will be very delicate and fall apart easily. This is what you're looking for. Now you're ready to use in sandwiches, tacos, burritos or as a side dish.

Often there are electrical appliances in the kitchen that get little use. There's an initial excitement of purchasing the appliance with dozens of ideas for dishes, but sadly the appliance soon finds its way into a kitchen cabinet instead of the kitchen counter or kitchen prepping table. This is often the case with crock-pots, at least with the kitchens owned by my family and friends.

Even so, I find crock-pots to be an appliance that can turn tough meats into tender and delicious dishes. All it takes is some patience and basic ingredients, and you have the making of a wonderful roast that can be used in a variety of ways. It can be shredded to make great shredded beef sandwiches as well as wonderful tacos – perfect as Super Bowl food. The use of carrots, onions, garlic and celery is critical, since they heighten the flavors. Of course you always have to at least season it with salt and pepper. In this recipe I used one of my most favorite spices, paprika. Paprika tends to have a sweet but slightly spicy flavor that goes well with meats. It also gives foods a darker appearance, which is more appealing in my opinion.

Feel free to use other roast meats, and when you do, the cooking times will vary with type and weight.

Happy New Year!

Crock-pot Beef Roast

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 lbs. tri tip roast
- 6 sticks celery
- 6 carrots
- 1 shallot
- 1 yellow onion
- 6 cloves garlic
- 1 quart beef broth
- 1 cup red wine
- Sea salt and pepper
- 1/2 cup of paprika



Cooking Tidbit: You may use other roasts types such as rib roast, tenderloin roast, pork loin roast, crown roast, etc..

[A Cook's Dictionary]

Crock-Pot:

The slow cooker, also called a Crock-pot: The slow cooker is an electric "casserole" that cooks food with low, steady moist heat. It's designed to cook food over a period of 8 to 12 hours. These appliances range in size from 1 to 6 quarts. Slow cookers can cook a dish while you're at work, and they don't heat up the kitchen. On the minus side is that some vegetables (like celery) can become mushy before they other ingredients are done.

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



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Premier Pro Series 36 inch Gas Range: stainless steel w/black cook top, 6 burners, broiler drawer, digital clock & timer, storage compartment. Additional 2 burner cast aluminum gridle accessory. Unit is in great working condition, \$800. Call Regina @ (323) 754-8382 or emailndrhenry@yahoo.com 109

Xbox 360 HHD 20 GB hard drive, excellent condition, wireless controller & all cables needed. Price \$180. Call (213) 330-5935. 109

Blue comfy **Recliner**, swivels and rocks. Like new, hardly used. Have no room for it. Call Frankie 818-340-3059 or email kitkatt7@socal.rr.com 109

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Wanted: House Trailer, RV or 5th Wheel. I have house guests in need of housing and I'm running out of room for them in my house. I need something to put on my property so that they can live there. Call Ivan Forbes @ (818) 361-3444. 109

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. 109

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

Furniture

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

Bluecouch 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

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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

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

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

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

FOR RENT HIGHLAND PARK SINGLE STUDIO, 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

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: Beautiful large 2 story in Victorville. Quiet neighborhood, fishing lakes & shopping. Landscaped 508

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 robanddenice@verizon.net 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



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House for Sale 3 Bedrooms 2 Baths, Large front/backyard, 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

Home for Rent: Thousand Oaks, 3 bedroom/2 bath, pool, A/C. Near all businesses/attractions. Fireplace. \$2,500/month. Pets negotiable. Inquiries: kkaufman001@roadrunner.com 308

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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 Shaffold \$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

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

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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

Travel / Timeshare

Cancun time-share for rent. Only \$500 a week (Saturday to Saturday) anytime. Sleeps 4 with full kitchen, W/D, A/C CATV, VCR/DVD. Ice gallery member. Call Gina @ 818-265-5940 & leave msg. 1108

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

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

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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

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Various Beanie Babies from McDonald's \$2.00 - \$5.00 each. Call Greg (951) 235-3815. 1108

Sports Memorabilia - All Sports and Non-Sports Cards. 25 Cents and Up, OBO. Greg (951) 235-3815. 1108

NFL Ceramic Mugs/Tankards - 28 Teams, LA Rams, LA Raiders, Cowboys, Dolphins, etc. Past/Present NFL Teams, 5/3" Tall. (805) 338-1990. 1108

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I BUY SILVER & GOLD U.S. coin collections, large or small. Please call Michael (626) 592-2929. 1108

Wanted

Room Mate wanted. Single female/carpooler, non-smoker. Family home, \$500 per month includes all utilities. Call Marta (562) 863-4545 or (562) 879-2028. 1108

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 - 1966 and pay top dollar! I will buy 1 - 1,000 dolls. Clothing, structures, cases. Anything vintage Barbie! Call Cheryl (818) 771-4835. 508

Wanted: YOUR TOY TRAINS, any age, any size. Call Mike (818)-831-0846. 508

Autos / Motorcycles / Boats

1995 Twin Seadoo Trailer for sale, or convert to an A.T.C. Trailer. \$500. Call (626) 964-7553. Ask for Gary. 1208

2003 Ford F350 Super Duty Dump Truck 5079 miles, AC, CD player. Runs great, good for small hauling jobs. Asking price \$17K or best offer. Ask for Kelvin at 562-833-9299. 1208

Red 2007 F150 Crew Cab, Like New. 24,000 Miles. Locking Bed Cover with Bed Liner. AM/FM CD Player with Sirius Radio, sheep skin seat covers, chrome tub grill, chrome running boards, tow package, A/C Cruise, Backup Sensors, Sliding Rear Window and Extended Warranty. Contact Ron @ 661-305-5976. 1208

2 PWC 1995 SeaDoo SPX and 2004 Waverunner FX1100 (1 hour on new motor) with Ziemann trailer w/box. \$4900 for all. John (661) 857-1396 or AOIC @ca.rr.com 1108

Palmer Twosome Model 24 Electric Tricycle Almost never used. Great for couple who no longer wants to drive a car. Fully equipped including Surrey Top, Package Carrier, RV Mirrors, Charger, all Owner Manuals. See (www.palmerind.com). Paid \$6,600. Asking \$5,500 or best offer. Call Elizabeth 562-947-7377 or cerobins@charter.net 1108

2004 BMW 325i - One owner. Premium & Sport Package, CD player, Sunroof. Only 35,000 miles, Very good condition. \$18,900 OBO. Call (818) 388-8066 1108

2006 Street Glide runs great 10k miles extended warranty till 2011. Garaged kept & covered. \$16900. John (661) 857-1396 or AOIC @ca.rr.com 1108

2006 Lincoln Zephyr, black on black, chrome wheels, fully loaded, THX sound system, touchscreen 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

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

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, 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

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, Burgundy, 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. 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

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 Softail 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 PjLexus@yahoo.com 208

1998 MERCEDES E320, 2nd Owner... no major accidents, car in more than fair condition, black/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

Electronics/Computers

Playstation 2, w/ memory card and three games. Scarface, NBA Live 07 and Greatest Hits SOCOM II U.S. Navy Seals. Comes w/ one Playstation 2 Controller. Asking \$140 to \$150. Call Steven (323) 566-4812 1108

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- 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.



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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: #VS2500
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: #DWPWS2700
PRICE: \$55.00* **Now \$40**



Special Price!

Men's Small DWP Seal, Leather Band
ITEM: #DWPWS3050
PRICE: \$45.00* **Now \$35**

Ladies' Watches with City Seal

Ladies' Watch, Leather Band
ITEM: #LWBRN4000
PRICE: \$25.00*



Ladies' Watch, Leather Band
ITEM: #LWBLK5000
PRICE: \$25.00*



Ladies' Watch, Two-tone gold and silver
ITEM: #VGSW1000
PRICE: \$50.00*
Now \$25

Special Price!



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



Writing Implement

"City of Los Angeles" Engraved Pen & Case

NEW!

Member Price:
\$19.99
per pen*



ITEM: #CLPEN3000

• Elegant electroplated two-tone 24k gold plated and chrome silver pen with solid brass construction.

• "City of Los Angeles" is engraved on the pen.

*Plus tax and shipping

Historical Books



Hollywood Views of the Past & Present
ITEM: #B1659



Los Angeles Views of the Past & Present
ITEM: #B1488



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

Club Discount Price!

(\$32.95 Retail)

Member Price:
\$25
per book*

*Plus tax and shipping

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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City Button Down Shirts

City Long Sleeve Button Down Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL 3XL**

Size: **3XL**
 Member Price: **\$28**

Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue White Khaki



Member Price:
\$25
 per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping

ITEM: #LSB1000

City Girl "Classic" T-shirt

City Girl "Classic" T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL**

Member Price:
\$10
 per shirt*

Available Colors:
 Crew Neck Style:
 Heather Gray Hot Pink
 Cherry



ITEM: #T-W1000

City Girl
 "Retro" T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL**

Available Colors:
 V-Neck Style:
 Black Caribbean Blue
 Violet White
 Key Lime



ITEM: #T-W2000

Women's Classic Seal Jacket

Women's Full Zip Polar Fleece w/ Embroidered City Seal
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Member Price:
\$30
 per jacket*

Available Colors:
 Black
 Stone
 Sky Blue



ITEM: #WMNFKJT: #1000

City "Bold" Department Shirts

City "Bold" Department Shirts
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

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

Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

Available Colors:
 Navy Blue



Front

Back

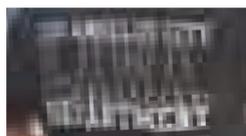
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ITEM: #D.PWLAC1000



ITEM: #HARBORLAC2000



ITEM: #L.A.WA.LAC5000

also available in:

White Green Red Sky Blue

ITEM: #G.S.DLAC4000

*Plus tax and shipping

Women's Classic Seal T-Shirt

Women's Classic Seal T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Size: **3XL** \$11
 Available Colors:
 Black White

Member Price:
\$10
 per shirt*

Available Colors:

Black Azalea Carolina Blue Royal
 Red Hot Pink White



ITEM: #WMNCLSC4000

Women's T-shirts

City Women's - LA Hall Full Color Seal T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL**

Member Price:
\$11
 per shirt*

Available Colors:
 Crew Neck Style:
 Navy Blue

Available Colors:
 V-Neck Style:
 Black

Size: **2XL**

Available Colors:
 Crew Neck Style:
 Navy Blue



ITEM: #WFCS1000

City Women's - LA Hall One Color Seal T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL**

Member Price:
\$8
 per shirt*

Available Colors:
 V-Neck Style:

Black
 Heather Gray
 White

On white shirt,
 emblem is pink



ITEM: #JS1000

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L.A. City Polo Shirt

LA City Polo Shirt
Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Member Price:
\$12
per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping

Close-up of Embroidery



Available Colors:

Black	Navy Blue
Pink	White

Front



ITEM: #PS1000

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
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Size: **3XL**

\$13

Size: **4XL**

\$14

Front



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
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Front



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

Back



ITEM: #LAC-5000

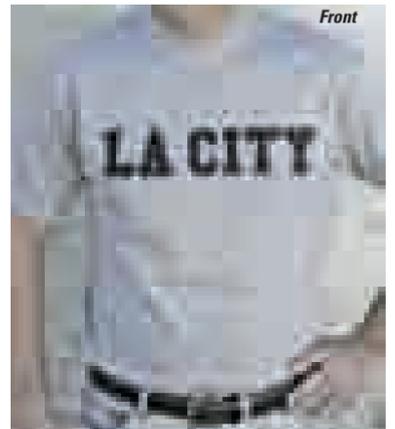
LA City "Alma Mater" T-shirt
Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Member Price:
\$5
per shirt*

Available Colors:

Black
Gray
Navy Blue

Front



ITEM: #LAC-2000

City Seal Tank Tops

Women's
Sizes: **S M L XL**

Available Colors:

Hot Pink
White

On white shirt, emblem is pink

Member Price:
\$7.50
per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping



ITEM: #WTT2000

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

Member Price:
\$22
per shirt*

Available Colors:

Black	Navy Blue
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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
Sand	Sky Blue

Front



ITEM: #MOCS1000

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	White available with front pocket.
Black	Navy Blue			



ITEM: #T1000

Sizes: **3XL** **\$13**

Available Colors:

Blue Dusk	Charcoal	Forest Green
Indigo Blue	Royal	Sport Gray
White	Black	Navy Blue

White available with front pocket.

Sizes: **4XL** **\$14**

Available Colors:

Indigo Blue	Sport Gray
Black	Navy Blue

LA City "Olde English" T-shirt
Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Member Price:
\$8
per shirt*

Available Colors:

Black	Navy Blue
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ITEM: #LAC-4000

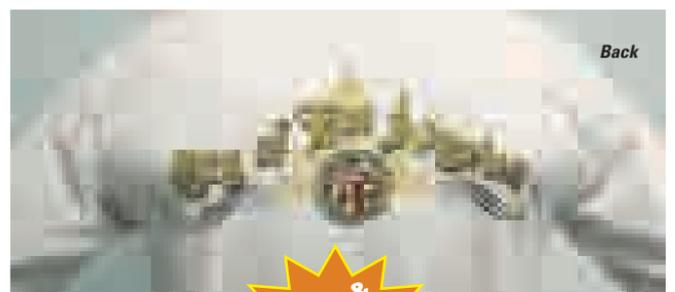
Long Sleeve "Classic" T-shirt
Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Member Price:
\$15
per shirt*

Available Colors:

Charcoal	Dark Chocolate	Forest Green	Indigo Blue	Sport Gray	White
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*Plus tax and shipping



ITEM: #T1500

Size: **3XL** **\$16**

Available Colors:

Dark Chocolate	Forest Green	Indigo Blue	Sport Gray
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Size: **4XL** **\$17**

Available Colors:

Black	Navy Blue	White
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Men's
Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Member Price:
\$7.50
per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:

Heather Gray
White



ITEM: #MTT3000

Navy & Black LIMITED

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DWP T-shirts

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

Member Price:
\$12
per shirt*



Available Colors:
White Navy Blue

ITEM: #WTRSDE3000

Kid's T-shirts

"Official City Kid"
Kid's T-shirt

Sizes: **XS S M L XL**

Available Colors:
Green
Red
Royal Blue

Member Price:
\$8.99
per shirt*



ITEM: #KIDOFF2000

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

Member Price:
\$15
per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping



Available Colors:
Gray Charcoal
Maroon Carolina Blue
Sand

Size: **3XL**

Member Price:
\$16

Available Color:
Gray

ITEM: #T2500WP

Navy & Black LIMITED

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

Member Price:
\$8.50
per shirt*

Available Colors:
Black Navy Blue White



ITEM: #T3000WP

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

Member Price:
\$10
per shirt*

Available Colors:
Black Navy Blue Orange White



ITEM: #T2002WP

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



ITEM: #T2003WP

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

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

Member Price:
\$12
per shirt*

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

Available Colors:
Navy Blue Orange White Black



ITEM: #T2000WP

Navy & Black LIMITED

Size: **3XL**
Available Colors:
Blue Dusk Charcoal
Black Navy Blue

Size: **4XL**
Available Colors:
Black Navy Blue



ITEM: #T2001WP

City Jackets

City Executive Sueded Microfiber Jacket
Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Member Price:
\$45
per jacket*

Available Colors:
Khaki
Light Gray

ITEM#: #SUDJKT1000

*Plus tax and shipping



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

Available Colors:
Black with Gray Stripes
Gray with Black Stripes

Member Price:
\$32.50
per jacket*

Size: **3XL**
Member Price:
\$35.50



ITEM: #JKT2000



ITEM: #JKT1000

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Hats Hats Hats! High quality embroidered ball caps!

City Seal Ball Cap with Department Name



Transportation
NAVY: #H2003
BLACK: #H2004

Member Price:
\$10
per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping



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

Hats available for these departments:

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

General Services
NAVY: #H1999
BLACK: #H2000

Harbor
NAVY: #H2005
BLACK: #H2006

Public Works
NAVY: #H2001
BLACK: #H2002

Recreation & Parks
NAVY: #H1993
BLACK: #H1992

Transportation
NAVY: #H2003
BLACK: #H2004

Water & Power
NAVY: #H1997
BLACK: #H1998

Retiree
BLACK: #H2007

Available Colors:



DWP Ball Cap



DWP Hat
BLACK: #DPWH3000

Member Price:
\$8
per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping



DWP Hat
NAVY: #DPWH2000

City Seal Ball Cap

NAVY: #H1628
ORANGE: #H1661
KHAKI: #H1988
BLACK: #H1987



City Seal

Member Price:
\$8
per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping



City Seal Ball Cap with Script

NAVY: #H1989
ORANGE: #H1990
KHAKI: #H1991
BLACK: #H1613



Seal w/Script
NAVY: #H1989

Member Price:
\$8
per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping



Seal w/Script
BLACK: #H1613

Available Colors:



City Seal Merchandise

City Executive Portfolio with Pen and Calculator

Size: 9" x 7"



ITEM: #EXEPWC1000

Member Price:
\$20
per portfolio*

*Plus tax and shipping



City Bags



City of LA Portfolio Deluxe Bag

ITEM: #DELBG1000

Member Price:
\$20
per bag*

*Plus tax and shipping

Available Color:

Black

City Professional Bag

ITEM: #BAG1000



Member Price:
\$25
per bag*

*Plus tax and shipping

Available Color:

Black

City Hot Beverage Mug

Member Price:
\$5
per mug*



*Plus tax and shipping

ITEM: #MGS1000

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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: #LPI 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



City Seal Key Chain
ITEM: #LAKC001

Member Price:
\$5
per chain*
*Plus tax and shipping

Club Discount Price!
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Member Price:
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per bear*
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Each custom made "City Bear" stands 10" tall and is dressed in meticulously detailed and accurate uniforms.
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ITEM #BDOT



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Available T-shirt Colors:

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- Green



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ITEM #TEBY1000

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Member Price:
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ITEM: #CB003



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Los Angeles, CA 90012

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